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What's Inside

Now that we're deep into the holiday season, it is easy to lay aside community newsletters unread. It may be easy, but probably not wise. This issue covers such topics of interest as:

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- Covenant issues (Will we tow or won't we?) (page 3)
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So settle yourself in a nice easy chair and read on...

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Pilot Program May Bring Better Police Service to Bowie

by Karen DeFazio

In January 2004 the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) program will be disbanded. Although the COPS program will no longer exist per se, all of District II is being restructured to mimic the program. This new organization is being patterned after successful programs in Fairfax County, the District and Chicago. Instead of having regular police officers and COPS officers, all will now be COPS officers. District II is being split into 5 Community Service Areas (Bowie is in CSA 1); a Lieutenant will head each CSA. Under the Lieutenant will be 2 or 3 shifts, each headed by a Sergeant.

This will allow better allocation of manpower. For Bowie, this means that it will be served by 17 police officers, NOT counting the 6 contract officers. These 17 will be the ones who answer your calls for service. The hope is that they will

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be better able to serve you since they will know the area, the people, and their special needs or problems. They are the ones who will be responsible for setting up radar, doing surveillance, and participating in undercover missions. The Lieutenants will be team leaders responsible for coordinating community meetings and handling complaints.

This new program in District II is a pilot for Prince George's County. If it is successful, the entire police department will be reorganizing. This new organization will affect patrol officers only; the investigative units (detectives, narcotics, etc) will not be affected.



Crime Stat Briefs By Charlie Brown

The October yearly comparison report indicated that the number of stolen autos exceeds last year's number by 355 and continues to be a major problem within the Bowie district (District II). There were five more homicides this year compared to last year and commercial burglaries were twenty-one more than last year. Residential robberies were one more than last year. The remaining Part One crimes (rape, theft, carjacking, etc.) are below last year's figures. However, total violent crime in District II decreased 3%. Total property crime only decreased .9% due to the increase in auto thefts. Therefore, total crime in the Bowie district only decreased .4%. Our community continues to enjoy the absence of a Part One crime problem. Let's continue to be aware of our surroundings and unknown persons who may cruise our neighborhoods.

Glen Allen Finances By Cary Hithon



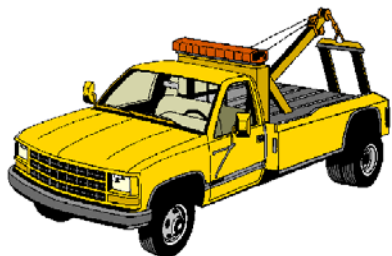
Hello from the treasurer. It's that time of the year again, not only for our Holiday Season expenditures and preparations for tax filings but also time to pay our annual Glen Allen Homeowners assessments. I mentioned at the last few annual meetings that we were in fairly good financial shape and that is why our assessments are not going up this year. Well, I say that with a few caveats. The first is we lowered some of our budgeted numbers to balance our total expenses with our projected total income (not rocket science). This is a risk we're willing to take. The second caveat is that we are a little concerned about the lack of income due to many fellow homeowners being delinquent. I say a little concerned because we're puzzled as to why people are apparently willing to incur late charges and huge attorney fees before they feel compelled to pay, which is unfortunate and in many cases shouldn't be necessary. We recognize, however, that some fall on hard times and there's not a lot anyone can do about those situations.

So, I ask everyone to help us maintain a sound financial picture because we are not interested in raising assessments. I hazard a guess that many of you, like me, feel our local and state municipalities tax us enough for things we have no control over. However we do have some control over what happens in Glen Allen; let's all work hard to keep it that way.

Covenant Corner

By Yvette White

THEY WOULDN'T TOW; WOULD THEY?



The Board of Directors of Glen Allen is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the covenants, which was agreed to by every owner when a lot was purchased in our harmonious community. As part of that responsibility there are several remedies that can be utilized to maintain our harmonious community, such as towing. Below are those covenants that give the Board such authority.

Article II, Property Rights, Section 1 (d): The right of the Association acting through the Board of Directors to adopt and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and individual lots which shall include the right to impose fines for the violation thereof up to \$10.00 per day for each violation with a limit of \$200.00 per violation. Any such fine shall be considered as an additional assessment and enforceable as such pursuant to Article IV hereof.

Article VII, Use Restrictions, Section 5, Vehicle Restrictions: Our covenants do not allow, except if parked within a garage, junk vehicles, boats, unlicensed or inoperable motor vehicles, trailers, camp trucks, tractor-trailers, house trailer, or other similar machinery, nor the repair or extraordinary maintenance to vehicles. (This

is not an exhaustive list; please check the covenants for other descriptions).

Article VII, Use Restrictions, Section 18, Enforcement – Right to Remove or Correct Violations: In the event of any attempted violation or violation of the aforementioned use restrictions, without the approval of the Board, the Board has the right through its agents and employees to enter upon such lot and take such steps as may be necessary to remove, terminate, or abate such violation and the costs may be assessed against the lot. (Please refer to covenants for a detailed explanation).

Requests To The Community – Results By Charlie Brown

Survey Results for Widened Driveway Arc Requests

In the last issue of our newsletter, I presented to the community for comment concerning the handling of requests for the widening of the driveway. This issue is not specifically covered in the Architectural Guidelines and the committee's decision for a situation like this should consider the values of the community. Two homeowners responded to the survey. Both disapproved such a change. I thank these homeowners for their involvement concerning our community; their comments were thorough and insightful.

Speeding in Glen Allen

In the last issue of our newsletter, I briefly spoke about vehicles exceeding the speed limit within our community and the allegations that our youth are the major culprits. I set forth a possible solution to this problem that would involve homeowner interaction. I requested your comments concerning this problem. I did not receive any. Therefore, no further action will be done on the community interaction proposal.

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Committee Chairperson Needed

The Hospitality Committee is in search of a new chairperson. Marilyn Louis has chaired this committee since its inception several years ago. However, she feels she has done her part and would like to hang up her spurs. The Hospitality Committees projects include giving a welcoming packet to new residents and planning the Community Yard Sale (basically setting a date, advertising it in several Bowie Newspapers, and putting up a few signs a few days before).

The HOA Board and the community thank Marilyn for her service to Glen Allen.

If you are interested in chairing this committee, contact Sheri Korink of COMANCO (128@comancoinc.com or 301-261-6400, x128).



Cooking With Bob

Bruschetta Chicken

Ingredients:

½	Cup All-Purpose Flour
2	Eggs (lightly beaten)
4	Chicken Breasts (boneless, skinless, approx. 1 lb)
¼	Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese
¼	Cup Dry Bread Crumbs (seasoned)
1	Tablespoon Butter (melted)
5	Roma Tomatoes (chopped)
1	Teaspoon Dried Basil
1	Teaspoon Garlic (minced)
1	Tablespoon Olive Oil
½	Teaspoon Salt
¼	Teaspoon Pepper

Place flour and eggs in separate shallow bowls. Trim any excess fat from chicken breasts. Combine Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs and melted butter. Place in third shallow bowl. Dip chicken in flour coating both sides, then in eggs. Hold up chicken with a fork and let some of the egg drain off. Then dip in bread crumb mixture coating both sides well. Place in a greased 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking dish. Sprinkle any remaining bread crumb mixture over the chicken. Loosely cover the baking dish with foil, bake at 375 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes, depending on how thick the chicken is. Remove foil cover and bake 10 minutes or so until top is browned. Meanwhile, combine chopped tomatoes, basil, garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper in a bowl. When chicken is browned, spoon tomato mixture over top of the chicken. Return to the oven for 5 minutes or until tomato mixture is heated through.

Bob DeFazio



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