

THE GLENCANNON

A Newsletter for the Glencannon Community

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Common Grounds Signage

We are very fortunate to have such well maintained common grounds and sidewalks to enjoy in Glencannon. Leashing and cleaning up after our pets is not only the neighborly thing to do but is also required under Fairfax County law and our own rules and regulations.

In July we posted signs in support of these rules and – to our great dismay – they were vandalized. We have since replaced one sign and are in the process of addressing the other two and their accompanying posts.

These senseless acts cost us all in terms of community spirit, repair costs, and aesthetics. We hope that by repairing the signs, we will bring our community one step closer to creating an open space for all to enjoy.

Traffic Calming on Garrett Street Update

As many of you are aware, we have been working with Fairfax County over the past year to implement a traffic calming plan for Garrett Street. We're one step closer to putting the plan into effect. Over the next few weeks we will find a location for a community forum to present the traffic plan which includes a three-way stop sign at Gerken and a raised cross-walk by the lower entrance to the common grounds.

When we schedule a time for the meeting we will distribute flyers to everyone in Glencannon and the adjoining neighborhoods. Provided all goes well at the community meeting, ballots will be distributed for a vote.

Upcoming Social Events – Mark Your Calendars

The Glencannon community will host its own version of Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 27th starting in the late afternoon. Details will be provided closer to the date, but go ahead and plan on joining your neighbors for this fun event filled with good food and, of course, beer!

Also on the horizon is our Annual Glencannon Halloween Parade. We will have the parade on Saturday, November 1st in the late afternoon. Get your costumes ready!

Reminder to Put on Your Outdoor Lights

The days are already getting shorter and our community is getting darker, especially for the many walkers who stride along our streets. Please remember to start putting your front lights on earlier as we enter fall and winter so that our community is illuminated and friendly, instead of dark and scary. Glencannon has no street lights and so it is up to all of us to light up the darkness!

General Yard Maintenance Reminders

Some minor maintenance can improve the look and safety of the community with minimal effort. As part of your fall clean-up/fix-up routine consider the following:

- 1) Cut back limbs of trees and bushes which extend into the sidewalk
- 2) Cut the grass growing in cracks of sidewalks and blacktop areas near your home and spray with vegetation killer