



# THE GLENCANNON



A Newsletter for the Glencannon Community

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## **Welcome New Neighbors!**

Since our last newsletter we have had two more families move into the neighborhood. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Gary and Kelly Colyar and their two children who live at 2233 Gerken Avenue. Also, we welcome the DeLacy family who moved into 9925 Tartan Court. Shannon and Chris have four young children.

A new Glencannon Directory will be published and delivered to residents in January.

## **Garrett Street Traffic Calming Plan Approved by 82% of Residents**

Balloting on the Garrett Street traffic calming plan began on November 1<sup>st</sup> and continued until the end of November. The tallies have been compiled by Fairfax County – 72% of the issued ballots responded; of those residents who responded, 82% indicated approval of the traffic calming plan. Fairfax County has not yet provided a date for installing the stop sign at Garrett and Gerken and the raised crosswalk by the main entrance to the park.

Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who have worked on this project for nearly 20 months, including: the Blankenships, Katherine Brown, Janine Bruhn, David Custer, the Donohues, the Gialleonardos, Tom Loftus, John Metz, and Ron Schmiedekamp.

## **Upcoming Glencannon Annual Meeting and Call for Volunteers**

The Annual Glencannon Homeowners Association Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Flint Hill Elementary School cafeteria. An important agenda item for this event we will be to elect the new Board Members for the coming year. Please consider volunteering your time to serve on this important board. Generally the board meets once a month for an hour. If interested, please contact a current board member or email the association at [GlencannonHOA@gmail.com](mailto:GlencannonHOA@gmail.com) Thank you!

## **Tree Revetment Project Update**

On Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, five volunteers finished the erosion control experiment in the stream bed of the common grounds. Al Condes joined veterans Gene Donohue, Ron Schmiedekamp, Mark Schraml and Tom Loftus to install four more leftover Christmas

trees along the highly eroded stream bank. The particular area of focus for this project is near the metal bench that sits by the lower paved path. Next Spring, we will evaluate whether those controls have been effective in reducing or reversing erosion and tree loss. Thanks to all who have expressed interest in this project!



### **Winter Sidewalk Snow Removal**

Wintertime is here again and so is the likelihood of snow. Please remember to be neighborly and clear snow off the sidewalk in front of your home so that all pedestrians, especially school children, may walk safely. If needed, many landscaping services, including Prestige, provide sidewalk snow removal services.

### **Just in from the North Pole...**

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department has once again been selected by the North Pole to escort Santa Claus around the Vienna area this coming weekend. Jolly Old Saint Nick will be riding around town in the VVFD's 1946 Maxim fire engine. The Glencannon neighborhood and surrounding area is slated to be visited on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Just listen for the sirens and music then grab your camera and head to the closest street corner for a good view!

***On behalf of the Glencannon Board, HAPPY HOLIDAYS to  
you and your family!***