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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GLENCANNON COMMUNITY January 2015

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. As we enter the New Year, please be sure to mark your calendars for the 2015 annual meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th, at 7:30 PM at the Flint Hill Elementary School cafeteria.

Update on the Governing Documents Project

The Board has been actively engaged in assessing what needs to be done to bring the governing documents of the Association into better compliance with current Virginia and Fairfax County laws and regulations. Since May 2014 the Board has been working with outside counsel to assist in this process.

Progress has been steady, but slower than hoped. Board members have constraints on their ability to devote the time needed to do a major rewrite of the documents, and there is considerable expense associated with having outside counsel do all this for us. As a result, the Board has taken a prioritized list of recommended actions from counsel and drafted amendments to selected portions of the Association governing documents deemed appropriate for Glencannon. The proposed amendments were sent to you via email yesterday. Please take time to review the documents and make comments by Monday, February 9th. This will ensure that we are able to conduct a vote at the annual Association meeting on March 18, 2015.

Glencannon Directory

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Nominees for the New Board

Nominees for the new Board is scheduled to be voted upon at the next annual meeting in March 2015. Please consider actively participating in your community by volunteering to serve on the Glencannon Board of Directors. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and to better understand the key issues facing our community. And it is only a one-year commitment!

We ask that residents submit their names to serve on the Board, or to support any of the suggested community and volunteer projects, to the Glencannon email:

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Street Parking in Inclement Weather

Please remember that icy/snowy conditions make for treacherous driving. **Please** park vehicles in your driveway during these times. This will not only help plow drivers, but also your neighbors as they try and navigate dangerous road conditions.

Emergency Preparedness

A Glencannon homeowner has approached the Board with a request to mobilize our community to better prepare us all for emergency situations. He cited an important program offered by the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management entitled, "Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)."

The CERT program prepares regular citizens to safely help themselves, their families, and their communities during major emergencies where first responders are delayed.

During the 8-week CERT training, experienced instructors from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and CERT volunteers teach disaster response skills, such as fire suppression, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. In hands-on training, classroom learning, and realistic exercises, CERTs learn how to prepare for disasters, and if one occurs, what to do until professional first responders arrive.

While the Board is not sufficiently staffed nor does it have adequate resources to be an active participant in all the programs available, the Board does recommend that our homeowners simply check the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management website periodically to gain valuable insights into steps to take for emergency preparedness.

For more information regarding Emergency Preparedness, including excellent winter tips, please refer to the following newsletter:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/outreach/newsletter/outreach-newsletter-december2014.pdf>

Welcome New Neighbors!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to John and Debbie Kipps and their three sons who moved in this fall to 9924 Steeple Run, and also to William Pearce who moved in to 10027 Lochness Court. We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

A Special Thank You

We had a great turn out for the community 'Fall Fling' in October; it was a beautiful evening and a great chance to catch up with neighbors. A very special 'thank you' goes out to Katherine Brown and Shannon Delacy for all their hard

work in making the event such a success. Thanks again!

Volunteerism in the Community

For years residents of Glencannon have associated volunteerism with the annual Glencannon Park cleanup events. But it is more about gathering our communal strengths to better serve our entire community for worthwhile activities. For example, if several homeowners were to attend the Emergency Preparedness CERT training, perhaps, they could form the core group to deliver an abbreviated training program to the community or serve as a resource to have some questions answered before residents reach out to Fairfax County for guidance.

Also, we have a number of young people in our community of high school age who are often looking for community service opportunities to earn needed volunteer credit hours for high school graduation and college applications.

We do expect to issue a call for volunteer labor to help with aspects of the Watershed Restoration Project undertaken 2 years ago in Glencannon Park. Any of our younger residents who might have Boy or Girl Scout experience, 4H training, etc., can be especially helpful in assisting with this project. We will also be looking to have adult volunteers available to direct various work tasks for any park-related work activities. Please note that the Board is not envisioning that this effort is a substitute for the routine landscape maintenance which is contracted out annually.

The **most immediate need for volunteers** is for nominees for the new Board scheduled to be voted upon at the next annual meeting.