

The Glencannon



A Newsletter for the Glencannon Community January 2018

Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Meeting

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 2018 Glencannon annual meeting, scheduled for **Monday, March 12th, at 7:30 PM** at the Flint Hill Elementary School cafeteria. Topics important to our community will be discussed at the meeting and your attendance is critical.

Please make a point to carve out some time for this once a year event. Let's strive to have a quorum at this year's meeting!

Update on Trail Maintenance

As many of you are aware, the trails in our common area were very much in need of repair. This fall the Board approved Gossom & Costello Paving, Inc., as the contractor to perform the trail maintenance. To date, G&C has completed the following repairs:

- Removed and replaced the deteriorating portions of the upper and lower trails
- Added a 1 ½ to 2 inch layer of asphalt over the entire length of the upper trail

The cost of repairs totaled \$14,320. In anticipation of these repairs, we increased our reserves over the last 2 to 3 years to ensure funding for this large expense when incurred. Additional repair work is being planned for the spring, including dealing with the cracks in the lower trail and sealing both the upper and lower trails. Maintaining our trails is vital to both the safety and overall positive appearance of our community.

To submit information or questions regarding any topic in this newsletter, please send them to the HOA Board at glencannonhoa@gmail.com

Glencannon Directory

Please take a moment to check your contact information that is listed in the current Glencannon directory. Within the next few months we will be publishing the 2018 edition, and want to be sure we have accurate resident information. If you have any updates to your telephone number or email address, please send them to glencannonhoa@gmail.com

Nominees for the New Board

Nominees for the new Board are scheduled to be voted upon at the annual meeting in March. 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! If you're interested in serving on the Board, please send us an email or contact a current Board member directly.

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 help not only plow drivers, but also your neighbors as they try and navigate dangerous road conditions. And, though few of us love shoveling snow, it is important. A few places to consider shoveling include:

- The sidewalk in front of your home (and perhaps your neighbor's if they're unable to shovel)
- Fire hydrants
- Storm drains

Thermal Cameras on Loan at Library Branches



If you have a library card, you could start saving on your monthly cooling and heating bills. Thermal cameras are on loan through the Fairfax County Public Library. These cameras, which attach to your smartphone, allow you to see hot and cold spots in your home that aren't visible to the naked eye. You'll be able to see your way to savings by finding air leaks and poor insulation. These easily fixable problems may be costing you. On average, \$200 to \$400 per year could be going to waste as a result of drafty doors, windows or other air leaks, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

The cameras are available through a partnership with the library and Energy Action Fairfax, a program to help homeowners save money, cut energy use, and reduce their carbon footprint.

The cameras are easy to use, and work with many versions of popular smartphones. The cameras can also take spot temperature measurements and show results in a variety of color palates.

Put a camera on hold today and it will be delivered to the library branch of your choice. Go to the library catalog and search for "thermal camera." A total of eight cameras are available to loan for this free program.

For more information on reserving a thermal camera, check out the following website:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/see-your-way-to-savings-with-thermal-cameras-on-loan-at-library-branches/>

Did You Know... A Vienna native will be among the athletes representing Team USA in the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics in South Korea. Hockey star Garrett Roe was among the players announced New Year's Day at the NHL Winter Classic in New York City. Good luck Garrett!

As the holiday decorations come down and the cold winter months settle in, many people continue to go hungry in our community. For many local, nonprofit food pantries, this is the time of year where donations drop to one of their lowest points. To help address this need, Fairfax County annually hosts the 'Stuff the Bus' food drive program. This collaborative program, now in its eighth year, is a partnership among Fairfax County Government, local grocery stores, and nonprofit food pantries to restock the shelves. The Vienna Giant on Maple Avenue will be accepting donations for 'Stuff the Bus' on **Saturday, February 24th** from 9:30 to 4:30. Please mark your calendar and consider dropping off some food items for those less fortunate in our community.

Hate Going To The DMV? Read On...

We've all probably experienced waiting in long lines at the Department of Motor Vehicles. Sometimes it's unavoidable, but you may be able to bypass some wait time by trying out one of DMV's mobile customer service centers.

DMV 2 Go are handicapped-accessible full service offices that provide all DMV transactions, including applying for and renewing driver's licenses and ID cards and Virginia's new veterans ID card. Thanks to partnerships with other government agencies, customers may also purchase certified copies of Virginia vital records including birth, marriage, divorce, and death certificates, obtain E-ZPass transponders and apply for hunting and fishing licenses.

DMV 2 Go will be at the Fairfax Government Center on January 31st. Check out the calendar for a complete list of locations: <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/#csc/mcs/calendar.asp>