

The Glencannon



A Newsletter for the Glencannon Community July 2017

A Special Thank You

Thank you so much to all who turned out to help with our annual Community Park Cleanup that took place on Saturday, May 20th. Our 19.5 acre private park is a beautiful aspect of our community, but it does require upkeep.

This year we accomplished quite a bit, including planting new trees and shrubs in the Playground area; cleaning up loose branches and debris along the pathways; and repainting the Glencannon sign (a special shout-out to Julia Bargo and Tom Bacigalupo who did a great job painting the sign), to name just a few accomplishments. In addition to our residents who came out to help, thanks also to the Boy Scouts who were on hand and provided outstanding support. For those who weren't able to make it this year, we look forward to seeing you next spring for the 2018 annual cleanup!

Welcome and Farewell

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Greg and Dina Reed who recently moved in to 10002 Garrett Street, and also to Jon Zhang and Melody Yazdani who moved in to 10025 Lochness Court. We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

We also say 'Auf Wiedersehen' to Angie and Erik Granholm who will be moving in August after 43 years in Glencannon. Best wishes to you always. You'll stay close though, since Nils and Sahar Granholm and their two children will be moving in...we look forward to welcoming them to the neighborhood later this summer.

Glencannon Directory

The 2017 Glencannon Directory will be distributed to homeowners in early July. We apologize for the delay in getting this out to you this year. Since we're not able to leave it in your mailbox due to US Postal Service restrictions, please look for it in or around your front door. If, for some reason, you haven't received your copy by the end of the month, please inform a member of the Board or send an email to glencannonhoa@gmail.com.

Difficult Run Repair Update

Fairfax County's Difficult Run Force Main Rehabilitation Project has been repairing, and in some spots replacing, sections of a 5-mile 36" force (pressure vs. gravity) sewer line that terminates at the Colvin Run Pumping Station. Signs of this activity have been present in recent months both upstream and downstream from the Glencannon HOA common area with such work targeted for completion at the end of June.

Although Miss Utility made markings in the Glencannon HOA common area near the Lawyers North bridge in early May, a Fairfax project official indicated that such markings went beyond the termination point of repairs that would be needed.

Further, the project official subsequently stated that a recent pressure test was successful, and that he did not anticipate any need for repairs to the section of the force main sewer line running through the Glencannon HOA common area.

Friendly Reminders

General Yard Maintenance

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

- Cut back tree limbs and bushes that extend onto the sidewalk
- Cut the grass growing in sidewalk cracks and blacktop areas near your home, and spray with vegetation killer

Also, please remember that trash and yard waste material should only be placed by the curb in front of your house the night before or the morning of the scheduled pickup. (For yard waste, that is Wednesday mornings in our community.)

Local News of Interest

You may want to check your credit card and bank accounts if you've been to the Exxon Gas Station at 395 Maple Avenue East recently. Credit card skimming devices were found on two gas pumps at the Exxon.

Vienna Police estimate the devices have been there between Monday June 12 at noon and Wednesday, June 14 at 2:32 p.m. Police continue to investigate.

Skimming devices are attached to machines that have card readers. The device collects financial information, including PIN numbers, when an individual slides a card through the reader. The incident comes after a skimming device was found at an Exxon Gas Station at 8021 Leesburg Pike in Tysons in late May.

Need to Shred Documents? Fairfax County regularly sponsors free shredding events throughout the county. Shredding events start at 8 a.m. and conclude at 12 p.m. Upcoming events include:

July 22 – Westfield High School, Chantilly
August 19 – Springhill Elementary, Mclean

Did You Know ...The Vienna 4th of July festivities kick-off at Yeonas Park (1319 Ross Drive, SW). Music begins at 7:15, and the day culminates with a fireworks display beginning at dark (approximately 9:30 PM). Seating for the fireworks display is primarily at Yeonas Park; though limited seating is available near the playground at Southside Park. Check the Vienna website for more information:

<https://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=894>

Other Vienna Happenings

On July 29, Vienna will host its second annual water park-themed extravaganza from 1-3 p.m. on the Town Green. An array of slides, sprinklers, water guns, moon bounces, fountains, and other water games will sprawl across the Town Green, making for a make-shift water park. In addition, kids can get a snow cone and join in on a dance party on stage.

You will get wet! Be sure to pack towels, sunscreen, and sunglasses.

Planning Ahead

As we languish in the heat and humidity of summer it may be difficult to think ahead to autumn, though it will be here before we know it. If you have any interest in helping out this fall with our community's annual 'Octoberfest/ Halloween' soiree, please send an email to: glencannonhoa@gmail.com. We always need volunteers and welcome your participation!

Derecho Storm 5 Years Later

On June 29, 2012, many of us experienced and then woke up the next day to no power, spotty cellphone service, 9-1-1 problems, downed trees and a host of other complications as the result of a derecho storm.

Overnight and into the early morning hours of Saturday, June 30, Fairfax County and the

National Capital Region learned first-hand what a derecho storm could do to our community.

Not only did the storm cause havoc when it hit, but many suffered through extreme heat without electricity for several days after.

We All Need to Be Prepared

As we reflect on our experiences from that time, it reminds all of us that **we need to be prepared for any type of emergency or weather event.**

During widespread events such as the derecho, government alone can't respond immediately across a county that's 400 square miles. We all need to take time to be prepared.

As we officially enter the summer season, which can bring extreme heat and severe thunderstorms, here's an initial plan of action to prepare for the next weather event:

1. Buy flashlights and extra batteries so you're ready if you lose power. You may also want to consider purchasing a generator in case you lose electricity for extended periods. Do NOT plan to use candles as they pose a fire hazard. Do NOT use a generator inside your house.
2. [Sign up for emergency alerts](#), including severe weather alerts that can be delivered to you by email and text.
3. Become [digitally prepared](#), including thinking about power supply for your smartphones, tips to conserve batteries and more.
4. [Text-to-911](#) is now available in Fairfax County. Know how and when to use it.
5. Put together a plan. "Planning" may not seem important or perhaps you think it's too hard to do. Start with the [Ready NOVA Emergency Preparedness Planner](#), a free, online tool that makes it easy to put together an emergency plan for your family.

6. Have cash on hand; if power is lost for an extended period of time, then you can only use cash to purchase things like gas for your car.
7. Have plans to check on neighbors who may need help, such as people who are homebound or elderly.
8. Get involved and get trained. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program prepares residents to safely help themselves, their families and their communities during major emergencies where first responders are delayed. [Learn more about Fairfax County CERT](#) and get ready to help.

Fairfax County Government learned many important lessons since the derecho, and we are more prepared now to provide support to our community in a weather crisis. Our public safety, emergency services and critical county agencies have consistently held exercises and are trained for emergencies like this.

We remember the derecho, but look ahead to ensure we're all doing our parts to prepare for the next emergency in our community.