

The Glencannon



Fall Fling Festivities!

Featuring the Annual Halloween Parade Come One, Come All!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 25th and plan on attending our annual fall gathering, featuring the Halloween parade. This is a community event for *all residents*.

The parade starts at 4:30 on Garrett Street at McChesney Court (where parade participants should start gathering at 4:15). The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department will be on-hand to lead the parade, which will proceed down Garrett Street to Tartan Court...then let the party begin! The Tartan Court cul-de-sac will be the site for the festivities, including food and drinks for all (BYOB for the adults-only variety) as well as popcorn and a movie for the kids.

Look for an on-line invitation due to arrive in your email box within the next few days.

Please take a moment to RSVP and let us know if you will or won't be able to attend, which will greatly help us finalize plans for the event. Thanks to all who have helped in the planning so far, but we're always in need of volunteers. If you'd like to help out, please call Robin Forest (703-938-8123).

Hope to see you there!



Welcome and Farewell...We would like to extend a warm welcome to the Ni family who moved in over the summer to 10024 Garrett Street. We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood. And a fond farewell to Phyllis and Tony Provenzano, and also Ann Withrow who, after many years in Glencannon, will soon be leaving our community. Best wishes to you always!

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

Community Update

Animal and Homeowner Safety

This summer Glencannon experienced two dog biting incidents along the access paths to the park. The matters are now considered closed by the Fairfax County Animal Control Department.

Everyone is reminded that when you are walking pets around the community and in the common areas to keep them leashed. Also, we recommend that you avoid approaching unleashed animals that you may encounter in your travels in and around the community. Ask owners who may be with unleashed animals to observe our leashing practices when in our community.

Reminders

Fairfax County Ordinances provide that:

- No dog shall run unrestricted; and
- The owner or custodian of any dog shall be responsible for the removal of excreta deposited by such dog on the property of another, including public places.

So please do the neighborly thing and, in the process, you will be obeying the law.

Call the Fairfax County non-emergency dispatch number at 703-691-2131 to report:

- Dog bites
- Animal cruelty or neglect
- Sick or injured wildlife
- Human exposure (encounters with potentially rabid wildlife)

Glencannon Governing Documents and Legal Review

The last two annual Glencannon Community meetings held in March of 2012 & 2013 included discussion of the need for a legal review of the community governing documents [Covenants & Bylaws] and Architectural Guidelines to ascertain any need to update them to comply with Virginia and Fairfax County law and regulations.

Early this summer the Board met with attorneys from the firm Mercer Trigiani and began the process of a formal review. They advised the Board that:

“a well-written, state-of-the-art set of governing documents provides members with structure, certainty, and order in their day-to-day Association-related activities. This structure, certainty, and order is intended to increase the value, desirability, and attractiveness of the separate interests of the members, as well as the Association generally.”

Their initial findings are that there are several areas where the documents are not in compliance with current law or regulations and do not reflect recent court decision outcomes. The Board is working with Mercer Trigiani to bring the documents into compliance in the most economical manner possible. Once the drafting process is complete and before our next annual meeting, we hope to communicate to the community the changes being made. Once the community is informed of the changes and any questions are addressed, we can proceed to a vote by the homeowners.

Please remember that the time, effort and resources being expended to update the Glencannon governing documents are designed to enhance the value of all our properties and make everyone's life in this community as enjoyable as possible.

Did You Know...

Vienna has its own cable channel, called the Town of Vienna Community Network (TVCN). You can catch it on Cox (channel 27) and Verizon FIOS (channel 38).

Friendly Reminders General Yard Maintenance

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:

- 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

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, rather than dark and scary. Glencannon has no street lights so it is up to all of us to light up the darkness!

Homeowner Access to Board Meetings

The Glencannon Homeowner's Association Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Any homeowner who wants to meet with the Board to present a proposal or concern should call the president or send an email to the HOA Board to be put on the agenda, and should present the topic to be discussed in writing at least one week in advance of the meeting. Any matter that will have significant impact on the community will be presented to community homeowners to solicit other views and opinions before any decisions are made.

Local News of Interest

Fairfax County is home to 8 of the top 10 public high schools in Virginia, according to the U.S. News and World Report's 2014 Best High Schools rankings—including Vienna's own James Madison High School, which ranked 3rd in Virginia and 93rd nationally.