

The Glencannon



A Newsletter for the Glencannon Community October 2017

Mark Your Calendars!

Glencannon Annual Halloween Event

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 28th 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 Ct. (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 Steeple Run...then let the party begin! The Steeple Run 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 week. *Please* take a moment to RSVP and let us know if you will or won't be able to attend, which will 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!



Vienna Halloween Parade

One of Vienna's most popular community events, the Halloween parade will be held on Wednesday, October 25th on Maple Avenue at 7:00 PM. In addition to marching bands, floats, and other entries, children are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov 5th 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!

AND...Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Calling Any 'Records Management' Experts

The Glencannon HOA currently has about two boxes of documentation that need to be organized. We've identified some guidelines regarding what types of documents the HOA needs to keep, but we need some assistance in going through the material. If you have any expertise in document management or any interest in participating in this activity, please send an email to glencannonhoa@gmail.com or contact a Board member directly. We really appreciate any and all help with this task.

A Special Thank You

The Glencannon Association sends a special thank you to Noreen Linnemann for the beautiful plantings we've all enjoyed at the entrance to the community. The colorful flowers serve as a wonderful focal point for our neighborhood and make a great impression on all who pass by. Thanks again Noreen!

5 Ways to Add “Curb Appeal” Value to Your Home

1. Wash Up—Power wash the exterior to remove dirt build-up and other debris. Clean off the roof and gutters, and don't forget the windows. Wash them inside and out to keep natural light flowing freely throughout your home's interior.
2. Outside Updates—Re-stain the deck or reseal the patio, if needed. Make sure fencing is in good condition.
3. Prune and Trim—Highlight your yard by pruning all trees and plants. Keep the lawn mowed and weed the garden beds.
4. Attention to Detail—Keep your front door looking fresh with a new coat of paint or consider replacing the door, if necessary. Make sure house numbers stand out and the doorbell works. Don't forget the mailbox. It should be upright, secure and aesthetically pleasing.
5. Pop of Color—Add interest with a new doormat or plant some seasonal bright flowers. Choose colors that complement your home's exterior.

Bagging Yard Waste in Plastic is NOT Fantastic

Instead of collecting yard waste in plastic bags, consider using reusable containers, paper bags, and bundling branches. Using plastic bags for collection of yard waste is not a sustainable or cost effective practice.

An estimated 20 percent of yard waste is lost because it clings to the plastic bags that must be disposed of as waste. When breaking open the bags, small pieces of plastic make their way into the compost, compromising quality and resulting in reduced revenues. While paper bags may cost a little more than plastic bags, their use reduces overall environmental impacts and processing costs. Using paper bags or reusable containers instead of plastic is a win-win for the facilities that manage our yard waste and those who ultimately use these products to improve the health of soil and the look of their yards.

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

Local Farmers Markets

Summer may be over, but you can still take advantage of local farmers markets and the fresh goods they have to offer. The Vienna Farmers Market is only open until October 28th; however, there are a number of other markets in the area that remain open longer, including: **Reston** (11900 Lawyers Rd, St. John Neumann Catholic Church); Wednesdays 3:00-7:00; open through mid-November. **Oakton** (2854 Hunter Mill Rd, Unity of Fairfax Church); Saturdays 10:00-2:00; open year round.

For a complete list of Farmers Markets in the area, check out the following web site: <http://www.funinfairfaxva.com/northern-virginia-farmers-markets-2017/>

Other Vienna Happenings

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual Open House from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, October 14th, at the fire station on 400 Center St South. All members of the community are invited to attend this fun-filled, educational day. There will be activities for children of all ages, fire prevention education for kids and adults, games, prizes, a moon bounce, and food. --- Do you know two ways out of your bedroom or home? In the event of a life-threatening emergency, every second counts! The primary exit may not always be available, and it's important to know how to escape safely. A recent survey conducted by NFPA revealed that nearly half of all Americans have not developed a home fire escape plan. Of those that have, one-quarter have never practiced it. These and other findings prompted the official theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign: “Every Second Counts - Plan Two Ways Out”.

Did You Know...The 10th Annual Vienna Oktoberfest will take place on Saturday, October 7th, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Church Street. Admission is free. Check out the following link for more information: <https://www.viennaoktoberfest.org/>