

THE GLENCANNON

A Newsletter for the Glencannon Community

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Welcome New Residents!

We would like to extend a warm Glencannon welcome to our newest neighbors: Kristen and Carlos Peterson who live at 10003 Garrett Street; and Adriana Galvão, Matt Neuman and their two sons who recently moved into 2232 Gerken Ave.

Additionally, we would like to congratulate Glencannon Board President Gene Donohue and his wife Bettina on the birth of their son, Nicolas, who arrived March 11, 2008.

Glencannon Summer Socials

Please mark your calendars for a series of upcoming social events in the community. We would like to host a “Summer Social” on the second Friday of each of the summer months as a way to get to know more neighbors. The dates will be June 13th, July 11th and August 8th beginning at 5:00 p.m. These will be casual gatherings held in a different cul-de-sac of our community each time, and we encourage everyone to bring a chair, some refreshments and if you have children, some ride-on toys. More information about these Summer Socials will be provided the week before each event. Go ahead and save the dates!

Stream Bed Information Session and Work Party

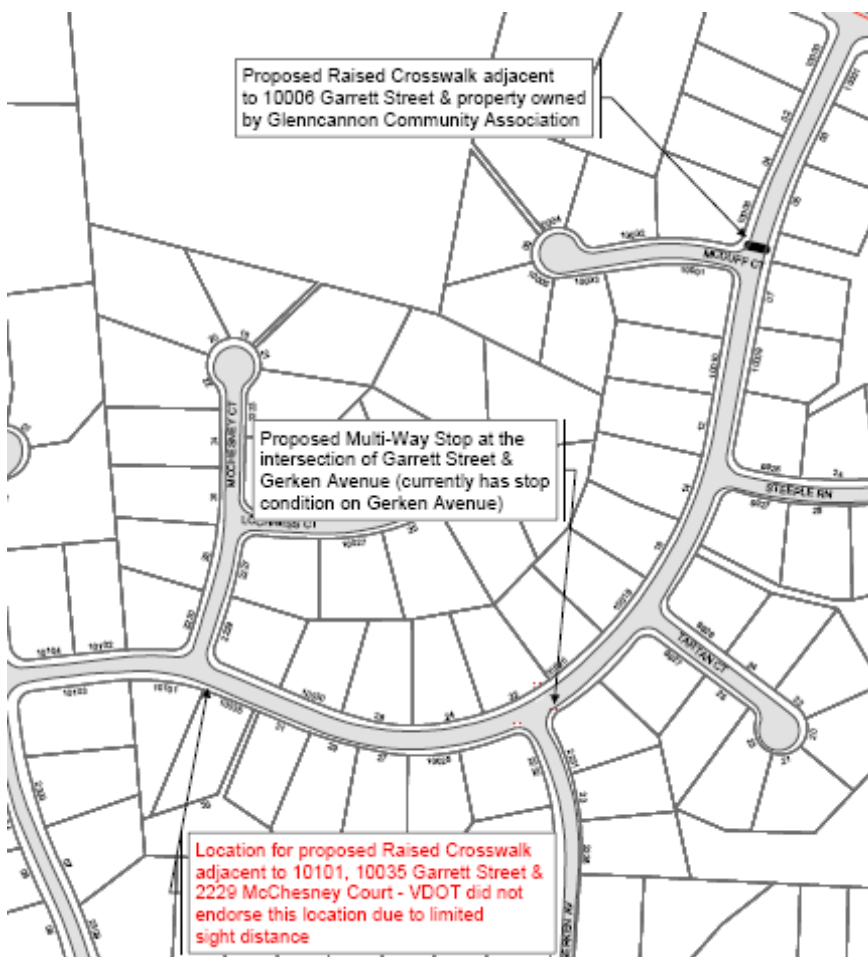
This is a reminder that on Saturday, June 14 starting at 9:00 a.m., a representative of the Virginia Department of Forestry will be in the Glencannon park to discuss helpful and harmful plant species living there, and how to control the harmful ones. At the same time, a work party will install some erosion controls in the stream bed under the Forestry representative’s supervision.

We hope you can attend the information session, the work party, or both. We will meet at the lower park entrance (opposite McDuff Court) and proceed to the installation site along the stream bed. For the work party, please wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, boots and bring work gloves. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Loftus by phone 703-938-4720 or by email loftuspt@cox.net

Traffic Calming Update

In April, our traffic calming committee met with members from Fairfax County to review various traffic calming options for Garrett Street. The available options for us included devices such as multi-way stop signs, speed humps, speed tables, and raised crosswalks. After reviewing the options, the committee submitted a proposal for a raised crosswalk at the entrance to the lower park, another at the top of Garrett right before McChesney Court, and a multi-way stop at the intersection of Garrett and Gerken. Virginia DOT and representatives from Fairfax County conducted a site visit and approved the raised crosswalk by the park entrance and the multi-way stop sign. However, they did not approve the raised crosswalk at the top of Garrett due to limited sight distance.

In the coming weeks, we will be working with Fairfax County to schedule a community meeting to discuss the traffic calming plan in an open forum. After the meeting, the county will distribute voting ballots for residents within Glencannon and the adjoining area on Trott and Garrett to vote on the plan.



Spring Clean Up of the Park – Thank You to Our Volunteers!

Many thanks to the homeowners who came out for the spring clean up of the park and common grounds in April. We had a large crowd out to beautify our park. No Limit Tree Service was contracted to provide a truck, chipper and two man crew to help with removal of debris. Three other men were hired through Prestige Landscaping to assist in the clean up this year, removing dead trees and limbs. These trees were chipped and the chips scattered in the park. We hire these crews to assist with the kind of work that might be unsafe for volunteers to tackle. Dead trees near the pathways and those bordering homes are removed if they pose a safety hazard.

This kind of clean up involving homeowners and paid helpers is done in the spring and fall primarily for the safety of homeowners near the park and for those who use the park. The removal of trash from the creek and surrounding areas is part of the stewardship of this beautiful property. Thank you again to all who helped!

Prestige Landscaping

Many of you may be aware our community has used the services of Prestige Landscaping for many years to maintain our common grounds. Over 80% of our budget goes to common grounds maintenance. To help offset our Association's costs Prestige has graciously offered to make a small donation for each new lawn maintenance client within Glencannon. You may contact Prestige at (703) 449-6026.

Yard Debris Removal

With the onset of warmer weather, the board would like to remind residents about yard waste and debris removal. Yard waste is picked up on Wednesdays in our community from March-December. Please use the following guidelines:

- Grass clippings, leaves and twigs may be placed in paper bags, clear plastic bags or in personal containers and should be set at the curb on the day of pick up. Yard waste should not be placed in dark plastic bags.
- Brush and limbs must be cut to 4-foot lengths, bundled (arm-full size) with rope or twine, and should not exceed 50 lbs. Tree limbs larger than 6 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length will not be collected.
- Collection is limited to 20 bags, bundles or containers of yard debris per scheduled pick up day.
- Customers with more than 20 bags or bundles can call your service company to arrange for a special pick up.

Homeowner Access to Board Meetings

The Glencannon Homeowners' Association Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30. Any homeowner who wants to meet with the Board to present a proposal or concern should call the president to be put on the agenda and should present the topic to be discussed in writing at least one week in advance. The presentation time will be limited to ten minutes for each topic. Any matter which will have significant impact on the community will be presented to the community to determine the broader views before a decision is made.