

# THE GLENCANNON

A Newsletter for the Glencannon Community

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## **Park Clean Up – Thank You!**

Once again, many thanks to all the folks who showed up for the two day park clean up in April. Among the “regulars”, we also had some new faces (and muscles!) and your participation was much appreciated. We really accomplished a lot!

A few dead trees were removed, many dead limbs were trimmed, vines were cut and pulled from trees and shrubs, lots of brush was pulled from the areas abutting the walkways which was then chipped and spread on the forest floor. The stream was cleaned of trash and some debris. And we all enjoyed the goodies provided by Carol Macomber, Carmody Bornemann and Charlotte Brisach to help sustain us!

The park looks great and we encourage everyone to take a summer evening stroll through this wonderful community asset!

However, in spite of all the manpower, there remains more to clean up, and each storm only adds to the list. The Board has now discussed the prospect of hiring crews to come in a few times a year to do the actual cleanups since many of us who regularly participate are taking longer and longer to recover from these events! Please feel free to share your ideas or comments on this suggestion with the Board.

## **Park Committee Formed**

The Common Areas Committee, fondly known as the “Park Committee”, was formed and held their first meeting. Members of the Committee are Libby Baylies (Board member), Noreen Linnemann (elected Chairman of the Committee), Tom Loftus, Jane Schmiedekamp, Al Condes, and Quentin Taylor.

The Committee has been charged by the Board with the task of creating a 3-5 year plan for the common areas, which will entail identifying the needs of these areas and estimating timeframes and costs for maintenance and improvements. They will present a report to the Board in February 2008. This information will then be used by the Board for budgeting purposes. Community members are encouraged to contact any of these members with questions, ideas or concerns.

## **New Committees**

In addition to the Park Committee, we extend a big thank you to the following neighbors who have volunteered to serve on Glencannon’s other committees:

**Architecture Committee** - Ron Tharrington, Jim Owen, Barbara Stewart, and Dennis West (board participant)

**Social Committee** - Charlotte Brisach, Janine Bruhn, Pamela Dion, Melissa Mannino, and Katherine Brown (board participant)

### **New Telephone Directory Delivered**

The new telephone directory was placed in homeowners' mailboxes on June 5, 2007. In the future this document will be labeled *The Glencannon Directory* because it includes more information than just telephone numbers. We have included e-mail addresses as well as home addresses and a map of the community with house numbers. If you have any changes which need to be made to your information in the directory, please contact Carmody Bornemann at [cgbornemann@cox.net](mailto:cgbornemann@cox.net) or call her at 703-281-1710. If you are selling your home, please give the directory to the new owner and ask them to update their information with Carmody.

### **Real Estate Sales Packet**

Any homeowner who sells a Glencannon home is required to provide Association documentation to the buyer. A packet of this information is available from the Glencannon Board. The packet includes the following:

- 1) Letter of information to support the real estate sale, including status of Association dues payment.
- 2) Articles of Incorporation
- 3) By-Laws
- 4) Amended and Consolidated Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions
- 5) Rules and Regulations
- 6) Financial Statement for the Association

All homeowners should have been provided items 2, 3, 4 and 5 when they purchased their home in Glencannon. If any homeowner has misplaced these documents and would like new copies, please contact Ron Schmiedekamp. A copying fee of \$3 will be charged. The Board recommends that all homeowners review these documents when information is needed about remodeling, fences, restrictions on activities within the Community, etc.

### **The Glencannon Website Update**

The Glencannon Board has been actively working on a project to update the Glencannon Community website. We developed a Statement of Work to which four vendors submitted bids. The Board has selected a vendor and completed the contracting process. The updated website is expected to be complete in 6-8 weeks. Our selected vendor will also perform the ongoing website maintenance for a very reasonable annual rate.

***But we need your help with some items!*** The website will include sections for Neighborhood Services and Community Photos. We are requesting that Glencannon residents submit digital photos of Community events that we can put up on the new site. Likewise, if you have Neighborhood Services that you would like to have listed, please submit them as well. Neighborhood Services can include:

- Neighborhood teenagers listing services such as babysitting, pet walking, lawn mowing, etc
- Favorite local handyman or other service providers

Any photos or neighborhood services can be submitted to Dave Blankenship at [daveblankenship@hotmail.com](mailto:daveblankenship@hotmail.com) by July 7 to be included in the initial launch of the new website.

### **Social Activities with the Children**

With summer upon us and the children home from school, many parents are looking for some fun activities. If you are interested in getting the young children together for a playgroup in the neighborhood, or if you have other ideas for summer fun in the community, please contact Katherine Brown: [kmlower@hotmail.com](mailto:kmlower@hotmail.com) or 703-938-2028

**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. Board meetings are open to homeowners even if a presentation is not planned but the president should be given advance notice from those who plan to attend to assure that seating space is adequate.

**Mark Your Calendars...**



The Association will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and non-alcoholic beverages. We ask that those interested in attending help by bringing a side dish, chips, dessert or beer. Please let Katherine Brown know if you plan to attend: [kmlowder@hotmail.com](mailto:kmlowder@hotmail.com) or 703-938-2028 (Also, if you have a portable

gas grill you would be willing to bring or would like to help in any other capacity, let Katherine know as well) We look forward to a fun evening with our neighbors and hope to see you there!