

THE GLENCANNON

A Newsletter for the Glencannon Community

September 2007

President, Ron Schmiedekamp – Vice President, Gene Donohue – Treasurer, Dave Blankenship – Secretary, Katherine Brown – Member-at-Large, Libby Baylies – Ex-Officio, Charley Ferrara

Welcome New Neighbors!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to John and Jan Metz and their three sons who moved into 2231 Gerken Avenue over the summer. We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

In other news, Glencannon bid a fond farewell to three families over the summer: the Lambs at 2231 Gerken Avenue, the Marcantuonos at 10003 Garrett Street, and the Hantons who had been renting 10025 Garrett Street.

Updated Glencannon Website

We are pleased to announce that the updated Glencannon website is now available at www.glencannon.info. Following up on the hard work of Quentin Taylor several years ago, the updated web site has a sleek new design and includes many new features. Key features include:

- Glencannon Board member contact information
- Committee member information
- Resident Information including
 - By-Laws
 - Covenants
 - Rules & Regulations
- Newsletter and Annual Meeting minutes archive
- Calendar of Events - including 'Evite' style invitations & RSVPs for events
- Photos section
- Area Information and Neighborhood Services
- Search functionality

Please go to www.glencannon.info and check out the updated community website. If you have comments or questions, please contact Dave Blankenship at daveblankenship@verizon.net.



The Social Scene

Thank you to everyone who came out in the hot sun to enjoy our family cookout on July 7th. It was wonderful to see so many faces. The moon bounce stayed occupied by the little ones for the duration of the party while the adults enjoyed burgers, hotdogs and all the delicious food provided by neighbors. Special thanks to Eric Brown for tending the grill, to the social committee for their organizational help and to the Benkers for providing wonderful shade with their maple tree!

Mark your calendars for the **Annual Halloween Parade and Cookout Saturday, October 27th** starting at 4:00. More details will come closer to the date. It's guaranteed to be a spooky good time!



Glencannon Board Member Change

Due to personal work demands, Board member Dennis West resigned from the position of Vice President of the Board in August. Remaining Board members elected Gene Donohue as West's replacement. Many thanks to Dennis West for his service to the Board, and to Gene Donohue for his willingness to assume the responsibilities of this office.

Update on Traffic Study/Calming for Garrett Street

Gene Donohue, the new Vice President of the Association Board has agreed to chair the committee on Traffic Calming. He has submitted the names of those listed below to serve as members of this committee and canvassers for the traffic study which has been authorized through our County Supervisor Catherine Hudgins:

- Dave Blankenship
- Kerry Blankenship
- Janine Bruhn
- David Custer
- Bettina Donohue
- Gene Donohue
- Phil Dion
- Sim Gialleonardo
- Chris Giavis
- Tom Loftus
- Ron Schmiedekamp

Supervisor Hudgins has acknowledged receipt of the request for this study, dated July 25, 2007 and the list of canvassers. On Sept 12, Ron Schmiedekamp spoke with a representative from Supervisor Hudgins' office who stated that the Traffic Control Study has been approved and we should receive the documentation no later than September 21, 2007 so that the canvassing can begin. Doug Hansen, the County Residential Traffic Administration Program Manager, is our point of contact for this request. If you have any questions or comments about this process, call or email Gene. Updates on this matter will be reported in future newsletters.

Community Annual Meeting – Mark your Calendars

The Annual Glencannon Homeowner Association meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., March 12, 2008 at the Flint Hill Elementary school cafeteria. The main agenda items for this meeting will be the election of new Association Board members, the approval of the Association budget for the coming year, and the presentation of Committee Reports.

If you are interested in serving on the Association Board for 2008-2009 or want to nominate someone you feel would be willing and able to serve, please email or call a current Board member. You can make use of our new website to find the historical record of those in the community who have served as Board members in the past.

Minutes from the 2007 Annual Meeting are posted on the website and are available for Homeowners' review prior to the upcoming meeting. Hard copies of those minutes will be available for those who do not have e-mail. This will allow us to dispense with the reading of the minutes at the meeting, but any questions or comments about the minutes can be addressed to the former Association President Charles Ferrara prior to the March meeting.

Ballots will be made available on the website three weeks prior to the Annual meeting along with the proposed budget, and these documents will be made available in printed copy to those who do not have e-mail.

Please consider serving on the Association Board and join your neighbors on March 12th for this once a year business meeting.

Communications Committee

The following residents have agreed to serve on the Communications Committee for the Board: Dave Blankenship, Carmody Bornemann, Katherine Brown, Joe Hall, Jim Parker, and Doug Strait. They have already been hard at work over the past several months updating our website and making sure important community information gets to you quickly. Thank you!

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

General Yard Maintenance Reminders

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:

- 1) Cut back limbs of trees and bushes which extend into the sidewalk
- 2) Cut the grass growing in cracks of sidewalks and blacktop areas near your home and spray with vegetation killer

Does Your Home Have Curb Appeal?

Real Estate agents will tell you that the first impression of a home is the outside maintenance as viewed from the street and the care of the lawn. We may have no intention of selling our homes, but we do want the community home values to stay high. Give your home a fall review to see how the driveway, roof, walkway and other features reflect your care. Check out your yard to be sure it is groomed to frame your home in the best possible way. You may wish to cut back overgrown shrubs, edge the sidewalks, remove weeds and generally maintain your lawn to assure that your home has curb appeal. We have at least one home for sale in our community and the look of the whole community may affect the value for each home. Check out the website www.Zillow.com to see how your home is currently valued.

Annual Fall Cleanup in the Park

It's that time of year again when we ask for volunteers in the community to pitch in with the fall maintenance in our beautiful park!

So please save the date of **Nov. 3rd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** (rain date of Nov. 10th) and come help us clear brush, pull vines, pick up trash and whack weeds! Bring your garden gear (gloves, pruning sheers, and noisy "toys") and dress for the weather. We always have a good time and it is a great way to meet one another!

If you are unable to participate we are always appreciative of donations of hot coffee, cold drinks and yummy snacks that can be deposited on the picnic table near the playground.

We hope to see some new faces attend this year!!! And of course the "old" faces are always welcome!



**Special Thank You: the Garrett Street entrance to our park got a facelift thanks to the generosity of the Linnemanns and the Dangelmaiers who graciously donated and planted the beautiful barrels at either side of the park entrance.
It's wonderful to have neighbors like you! Thank you!**

Community Yard Sale?

At least one neighbor has approached the Board about having a yard sale this fall. Please contact Katherine Brown (secretary@glencannon.info or 703-938-2028) if you are interested in a community yard sale on Saturday, October 20th to be held in each participating neighbor's yard. If we have positive responses from enough families, we will proceed with this date and make plans for some advertising.