

The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

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YAHOO!! COMMUNITY NEWS

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Reminder: Landscape Walk to plan Fall work. Meet at the Stafford Circle at Sam Saturday August 11 We invite you to join fairlington_glen@yahoogroups.com. This newly established web-based group will help us disseminate community information in a timely fashion between monthly newsletters. This community bulletin board is for residents and those interested in the activities and concerns of Fairlington Glen Condominium Association. Contact Alison Trimble at alisont@comcast.net or (703) 931-7096 if you have any questions about this group list or have difficulty signing up. You may remove your email at any time from the list.

Another community information resource is located at the **fairlington.org website** hosted by the Fairlington Historical Society. This site contains back issues of Glen newsletters, as well as Board meeting minutes, a copy of the community handbook and other handy documents.

Also, each of the Glen's 16 courts has a Court Representative. Check last month's Glen Echo for a current listing of membership. (If you no longer have last month's newsletter, you may either search the fairlington.org site on-line or a copy is posted on the **new** Pool House bulletin board.)

Below is a reminder of how to contact our community manager and staff.

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	703-820-9567	703-569-5797 X 5010
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GLEN WATER SHUT-OFF PROCESS

Fairlington Glen has 17 water meters, typically associated with a single court. Plumbing repairs, such as replacing the main water cutoff valve in your home, may require shut off of the main water valve to your entire court. The process for doing so is on pp. 7-8 of "Did You Know?" and is reviewed here.

Arlington County must handle the shut off. They're responsible for the meter and valve and are skilled at handling the process. They respond to calls 24/7 and must be called by a representative of the condo. This process was formerly handled by Ricky Solares and will now be handled by María Castro and Nelson Ordoñez. Please call them at 703-820-9567 a week in advance of the work, if possible, though that is not always needed. Take them a check for \$25, payable to Fairlington Glen, as that is what the County charges us for each shut off. Please

schedule the work between 9 and 3 so that your neighbors can get off to work and our staff is still here to call the County for water turn on at completion of work.

TAX RELIEF AND HOMEOWNER GRANTS

If you are 65 or older, or under age 65 but totally disabled (unable to be gainfully employed), you may be eligible for exemption, partial exemption and/or deferral of Arlington County real estate taxes. The level of relief depends on a combination of your income and assets, and is a tiered program. If the combined gross income of all owners and relatives living in the home is \$95,515 or less, you may qualify for a partial exemption (25%) if your assets (excluding your home and one vehicle) are less than \$540,000. Greater levels of exemption are available at lower levels of income. The final deadline for filing an application is **August 15**.

A companion program is the Homeowner Grant Program, which is not limited by age. This program provides grants of \$600 with a supplement of \$75 for each dependent, with an income limit of \$77,407 and asset limit of \$340,000. These assets, however, in addition to excluding your home and one vehicle, also exclude assets in formal retirement vehicles such as IRAs. Thus, you may be over the limit for tax relief but still qualify for a Homeowner Grant. The deadline for Homeowner Grant applications is **December 31**.

If you would like more information on these programs, please call Glen resident Margaret Windus at 703-379-1718. You may also call Arlington County Agency on Aging representative Lori Hughes at 703-228-1734 on Tax Relief or 703-228-1350 on the Homeowner Grant Program.



COUNTY STREET PAVING UPDATE



Below is a note from Arlington County to the Board outlining the process and timeline for street paving along Stafford, Utah, 35th and 36th Streets to repair damage done during the recently completed water main replacement project.

"Paving will not start in Fairlington area probably until second week of August. Please watch out for temporary "NO PARKING" signs" which will be posted 48 hrs in advance of displayed restrictive times and dates. It will take contractor 2 days to mill out the top layer of the old asphalt and 1 day for utility crew to adjust the manhole top and water valves and 2 days for the paving crew to lay the top asphalt back."



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