

# The Glen Echo

# **Newsletter of Fairlington Glen**

February 2013

# VOLUNTEER COURT REPS NEEDED

Fairlington Glen is made up of 16 courts, and each court has a different number of units. The smallest court has 12 homes and the largest has 36. But every court, regardless of size, has a court representative. Well, every court that is except for Courts 7 & 8, which are currently in need of a new volunteer.

The Court Representatives Group (CRG) has been around for a long time. In fact, when you moved into the Glen the first neighbor you probably met was your court rep, who serves an important role in conveying information to the court residents and transmitting concerns or other issues to the CRG or the Fairlington Glen Board of Directors.

CRG Chair Carol Goodloe said court reps have traditionally tried to survey their court and report maintenance requests to the Glen's on-site staff. In addition, court reps assist in landscape issues and the welcoming of new residents, both co-owners and renters.

Goodloe is also the Court 10 rep, and she said she maintains an e-mail list for her court's residents, which can be helpful, for example, when an emergency arises and there is a need to spread the word quickly.

The time demands on a court representative are minimal, but the rewards can be tremendous to both the volunteer and the residents.

The CRG is having its first meeting of 2013 on Tuesday, February 5 at 7pm at a location to be determined. Some members of the Board will join the CRG to distribute the updated 2013 welcome packages. And if you are a resident of Court 7 or Court 8 and you'd like to volunteer as a court rep, then you should attend too. For more info or to find out the meeting location, contact Carol Goodloe.

She can be reached at 703-379-7260 or at <u>cagoodloe@comcast.net</u>.

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# FAIRLINGTON GLEN'S ON-SITE STAFF



Our experienced maintenance staff understands the many issues faced by a 70-year-old community. Nelson Ordonez is nearing 17 years as a member of the Glen's staff, and Maria Castro follows closely behind at 14 years. They "know the bones" of the Glen and can quickly respond to problems and often prevent them from occurring.

Nelson and Maria initially served under the guidance of our facilities manager, Ricky Solares, who taught them many of the skills they bring to their work in the Glen. When Ricky retired in 2007, the Board found that Nelson and Maria's responsiveness to increased responsibility and their willingness to try new approaches made them a winning team.

Our team's productivity was enhanced in 2009 with the construction of a dramatically improved workshop. Those of us who remember the old work area marvel at the change. Productivity was also improved replacing or relining our 56 sanitary sewer laterals and continuing the long-term program of roof replacement. Sewer backups and leaky roofs are no longer the frequent emergencies they used to be.

Nelson and Maria provide a wide-range of services, including cleaning and inspecting the 23 "B" buildings (handled until 2006 by a part-time staffer), keeping gutters free of leaves, collecting trash from sidewalk cans, repointing brick stoops, repairing patio fences and gates, replacing roof slates, repairing and replacing court lights, and responding to resident questions and concerns. When it snows, they are here shoveling snow from our porches and sidewalks (sometimes with additional casual labor they hire) before many of us wake up. They were proud that in the 2010 Snowmageddon, the Glen was the first Fairlington community with clean sidewalks.

Nelson is originally from El Salvador and Maria from Mexico. When not at Fairlington Glen, Nelson spends time with his family—wife Ana Deisy Chevez and daughter Axa, who is 17 and in 11th grade. Maria's husband is Eligio, and they have two sons—David, who is now 26 and married, and Diego, who is 17 and in 11th grade. From soccer games to searching for college scholarships, Maria enjoys spending time with Diego.

When you see Nelson and Maria working in the Glen, tell them how much you appreciate their dedication and hard work. They are an important part of the quality of life in Fairlington Glen.

(Editor's note: Thanks to Margaret Windus for submitting this story and photo.)

### SAY NO TO CRIME IN THE GLEN

Everyone wants a safe place to call home, and it's up to everyone to pitch in and help keep crime rates down in the Glen. Thankfully, taking a few simple steps can go a long way in keeping theft, vandalism, and other felonies and misdemeanors out of the neighborhood.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS. And not just the neighbors in your court, but also the neighbors from all parts of the Glen. At the very least, you'll get a better idea of who actually lives (and in turn, who belongs) here. Talking with



your neighbors and your court rep will also give you the chance to find out if they have noticed any crimes or suspicious activity recently. Tell your neighbors it doesn't hurt to be on the look-out.

LEAVE THE LIGHT ON. A good way to deter felons from breaking into your home is to make sure your front porch and patio lights stay on all night, even when you're out of town. Not only does it signal that someone's home, but it also makes it harder for vandals to hide among the shadows. If you're worried that you'll either forget to turn the lights on at night or off in the morning, you can purchase an inexpensive timer that will automatically do that for you everyday. Also, if you see any court lights that are blinking or burned out, please notify your court rep and e-mail our on-site staff.

LOCK UP. If you want to keep unwanted guests out, don't make your home inviting. Even when you're around, it's best to keep all gates and doors locked at all times. It's also a good idea to keep your windows closed and locked when possible, especially on the ground floor.

PUT ON YOUR WALKING SHOES. Taking a stroll around the Glen isn't just good exercise. You can casually patrol the community for anything suspicious or unusual. And when more residents regularly walk the Glen, it can help scare off the potential hooligans who are afraid of getting caught in the act.

CLEAN IT UP. Picking up litter not only makes the community look better, but also sends the message that our residents are diligent about keeping the neighborhood a respectable place to live. Simply discard litter in one of the many sidewalk trash cans. A clean community can help discourage troublemakers from hanging around the neighborhood and encourage more responsible and involved folks to move here.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. If you notice a crime or any suspicious activity, please call the Arlington County Police Department immediately. Call 911 for emergencies and otherwise contact the ACPD on their non-emergency line at 703-558-2222.

Let's all strive to keep the Glen a safe and happy place to call home!



## SPRING LANDSCAPE WALK-THROUGH

The spring landscape walk-through in the Glen is set for Saturday, March 23 at 9:00am. Meet in the Stafford Circle and join our landscape committee and our landscape contractor for a walk through the community reviewing the plantings in our common areas. There is a form with more information found on page 5 of this newsletter. If you want to request that something be changed, such as the removal of an existing shrub or tree, the planting of a new shrub or tree or

the trimming of a shrub away from windows, then you MUST complete the request form and submit it by March 16. Only items that are requested in advance will be considered. Please note that a request doesn't always mean that the work will be approved and completed.

# RED REFLECTORS REMINDER

The mulched beds surrounding our homes area actually common area property and are maintained by the Glen's landscaping contractor, Environmental Enhancements (EE). However, residents who prefer to maintain their flower beds themselves must place a red reflector in the bed to notify the contractor to skip that area. You must renew your red reflector status each year, though. If you want EE to omit your flower beds in 2013, please submit the form found on page 6 of this newsletter by March 16.

Like the form requesting landscaping changes, the red reflector form is also found on our website at <a href="www.fairlington.org/glenindex.htm">www.fairlington.org/glenindex.htm</a>. Either form can be e-mailed to Corey Love, the Glen's landscape committee chair, at <a href="GlenLandscaping@gmail.com">GlenLandscaping@gmail.com</a>.

# JOIN THE GLEN'S YAHOO GROUP

To join the Fairlington Glen Yahoo Community Group, go to www.yahoo.com and click on "groups." In the search box, enter "Fairlington Glen" and this should bring up the Glen Yahoo Group. Click on the group name and that will send you to the home page. Look for the "Join This Group" tab in the upper right corner, click it, and then enter your Yahoo ID or create one. Once you use or create an ID, a message will be sent to the moderator of the group in order to confirm membership. The Glen group is only open to members of the Glen community. If for any reason you are unable to sign in or choose not to create a Yahoo ID, contact Alison Burns Trimble at 703-931-7096 or at <a href="mailto:alisont@comcast.net">alisont@comcast.net</a>.

Court No.	House No.

# FAIRLINGTON GLEN LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE WALK-THRU Request for changes in common area landscaping

Requests for Spring must be received by March 16, 2013

This is a request for the Condo Association to fund and perform the following:
remove an existing shrub or tree
significantly trim a shrub away from windows
plant a new shrub or tree
This is a request to landscape and plant an area <u>at my own expense.</u>
This is a request to make any other change
Please describe your request and explain the location(s):
Are any other units impacted by the requested changes?
Name of Resident(s): (check if co-owner or tenant
Address:Court #
Phone Number: E-mail:

Please return your completed form to the Glen Landscape Committee c/o Corey Love, 3551 S. Stafford St., #B1 (Court 2) or by email to: GlenLandscaping@gmail.com

### FAIRLINGTON GLEN REQUEST FOR LANDSCAPING WAIVER

#### Requests should be received by March 16, 2013

The mulched beds surrounding our homes are common property and are maintained by the landscaping contractor. However, some residents prefer to maintain their common front or side beds themselves. In that case the resident should submit this form annually and place a red reflector in the common area bed.

	This form must be com	pleted each year	– it does not carry	over from y	year to year!
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The responsible party:

Will install a red reflector in the bed.

Will weed, feed, water, prune, and deadhead the flower bed regularly.

Will not install any invasive plants including but not limited to English Ivy.

Will comply with Glen policies in using any pesticides.

Will mulch with materials similar to those used by the Glen contractor.

Understands that the Glen Board of Directors reserves the right to assume responsibility for improperly maintained beds.

#### PLEASE PRINT

Name of Resident(s):		Co-owner/Tenant
		(circle one)
Address:	Court #	
Phone Number:	Email:	

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# INDOOR WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Did you know that you can reduce your indoor water consumption by 20 to 40% without purchasing expensive equipment? It's true, and reducing water can mean substantial savings to the Glen. The following suggestions will help you get in the habit of saving water:

#### Kitchen

- Run automatic dishwashers only with a full load.
- When washing dishes in the sink keep a large bowl of water for rinsing rather than running water continuously.
- Keep a container of water in the refrigerator for cold drinks. If you have to run your tap while waiting for cold water, collect the running water in a pitcher for later use.



#### **Bathroom**

- Conventional toilets use about five to seven gallons of water per flush. Water used for each flush can be reduced by placing two half-gallon plastic bottles filled with water in the tank.
- Install a low-flow aerator on your showerhead and sink. These devices can be purchased at a hardware store and are easy to install. They reduce flow to approximately three gallons per minute instead of the usual five to 10 in a shower. And of course, take shorter showers.
- Turn off tap water while brushing your teeth or shaving.

Remember, when you use less water, you are also using less energy. Monthly water bills continue to be a large part of the Glen's increasing monthly costs. If we all do our part, then we can save energy and money for our community.

# IMPORTANT GLEN NOTES

- 1. The Board is happy to report that former Board member Margaret Windus has been appointed as the Glen's archivist.
- 2. Don't forget that minutes from all monthly Board meetings are posted on our website. If you can't make the meeting, you will certainly know what was discussed, what was voted on, and what projects are being worked on in the Glen. Go to <a href="https://www.fairlington.org/glenindex.htm">www.fairlington.org/glenindex.htm</a>.
- 3. When new residents move into our community, the court rep is responsible for welcoming them to the Glen and providing them with an information folder known as the Welcome Package. And now Arlington County has its own Welcome Kit to offer new residents, both co-owners and renters. The Arlington Welcome Kit is a free resource that includes an online portal and a printable guide packed with information on how to sign up for County services. Find out more at <a href="https://www.arlingtonva.us">www.arlingtonva.us</a> and search "welcome."

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# February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# March 2013

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10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12  Board  Meeting 7p  @FCC	13	14	15	16 Landscape Forms Due
17	18	19	Spring V	21	22	Spring Land- scape Walk- through @9am
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31 Happy Easter!						

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