

# The Glen Echo

#### **Newsletter of Fairlington Glen**

February 2016

## Epic Storm Reaffirms Community Spirit

It started snowing in the early afternoon on Friday, January 22 and didn't stop until the late night hours of Saturday, January 23. The storm brought us two feet of snow and gusty winds. Officially it was the Blizzard of 2016, although some called it Snowzilla or Jonas. Regardless of its name, this epic snowstorm will go down in the record books as one of the all-time worst in our history. And yet from this mess came further proof that we live in a community that bands together to help each other in times of need.

When the sun rose on Sunday, January 24 it was clear there was a lot of work to be done in our neighborhood. It didn't take long for the digging out to begin. Our on-site crew of Nelson Ordoñez and Maria Castro arrived Sunday morning and began to assemble their team of workers. Meantime, NVM Contractors, our snow removal folks, fired up their Bobcat and started to plow out the courtyard parking lots.

At the same time, neighbors across the Glen donned their boots & gloves and grabbed their shovels to go to work. In my court nearly everyone was outside working together to somehow clear the mess. Every car in the court was cleared of snow, whether its owner was outside or not. Sidewalks, stoops, and walkways were shoveled. And meantime, the snow was piled high both in the grass and at either side of the court-yard entrance. Oh how the kids were in snow heaven once the work was done.

Neighbors helped neighbors dig out their cars parked on the street. Some provided coffee, water, and homemade pumpkin bread & Irish soda bread. And by the end of the day, one of my neighbors hosted us all for cookies and hot chocolate. I later heard similar stories from other courts.

We were all tired and frozen, but what a sense of accomplishment knowing that we all tackled the storm together. In the coming pages I will share some photos I took and some of the comments I received after the fact. Some of the comments came from our neighboring villages who were amazed at how quickly the Glen was cleared. All of this is a prime example of the great community we live in. It's a community made up of outstanding people, and we all stand proud to be residents of Fairlington Glen!

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#### SCENES FROM A SNOWY NIGHT IN THE GLEN



Yes, that's a car under all that snow! This car was plowed in and snow covered while parked on S. Stafford Street.



A picture that could have been taken in any court in Fairlington. This one from Court 12 just after the snow stopped.



Looking down S. 36th Street from the intersection with S. Taylor Street when only walkers traveled this road.



Tire tracks and footprints in the snow on S. Taylor Street with the Bradlee Shopping Center in the background.

# Storm Clean Up - Residents Offer Thanks



Court 12's Bob Wilson takes time to check on the Bobcat driver from NVM Contractors.

Cleaning up from the blizzard was no small task. It took the efforts of many to make our sidewalks & walkways clear and safe. Plus, it took our snow removal contractor, NVM Contractors, many hours in their Bobcat to work on our 16 parking lots. Imagine the challenge they had finding a place to pile all of the snow.

And of course, many grabbed a shovel and/or a brush and cleaned off their cars and parking spaces. It goes without saying that it was a community effort to clean up from two feet of snow.

In the days that followed, several residents shared their thanks through email messages to the Board president. A few of those thankful notes are shared here:

"Thanks to the Glen management, Nelson & Maria, the Bobcat driver, and whoever is responsible for ensuring quick snow removal. Nancy and I have been walking out all over North and South Fairlington, and the Glen is a standout. Not only

did the Glen get both court sidewalks, street sidewalks, and parking lots taken care of, but the Bobcat driver didn't leave huge piles to be shoveled out in front of cars. Great neighbor helping neighbor too. Tremendous Glen support and snow management. Thanks again." - David Atwood (Court 2)

"I would like to compliment the Fairlington Glen Board for the effective and efficient manner that the snow was removed from the public sidewalks adjacent to the Glen property. Please extend my thank you to the Glen Board for the planning and preparation they did to provide excellent snow removal service that was provided for not only the Glen residents, but also to other Fairlington residents who use the sidewalks adjacent to the Glen property." - A Fairlington Meadows resident

"Many thanks for these bulletins. Very thoughtful of you to address questions we all have on our minds." - Alex Wilde (Court 9)

"You have gone above and beyond keeping us all informed of closings, trash, snow removal, etc. Thank you. We appreciate the emails! We are doing well in Court 8, and the crews have done an outstanding job. Please pass this message along to the snow removal company." - Karen Hanley (Court 8)

"Nelson and Maria and their team did yeoman work as always. We are lucky to have to have them." - A Court 1 resident

### Landscape Committee News



In the middle of winter, there is not much news on landscaping projects. As this note is written, there are 53 days, 15 hours, 2 minutes, and 4 seconds (and counting) left until the beginning of spring!

In the next couple of months you will get information on how to join the Red Reflector Club and how to participate in the Spring Landscape Walk-through and our Spring Clean Up & Planting Day.

One important goal for the new landscape committee is to keep residents informed and involved. With your help, the committee wants to have an additional emphasis on beautification of the Glen this year! Much more is to come.

# Empty, Rinse, Then Recycle

On a windy day last month, one of our residents was out for a walk and found several of the weekly recycling bins overturned by the wind and their contents spilled into the street. This Glen resident said it was no big deal to stop and pick up the bottles and containers and put them back, but he was struck by how many were partially filled with food.



Our trash/recycling contractor, Capitol Services of Virginia, asks that you:

- 1. Empty and rinse all food and liquids from plastics, aluminum, and metal cans; however, it is not necessary to remove the label.
- 2. Don't scrub your recycling donations clean, but please take the time to empty their contents before you toss them into the bin.

Neither Capitol nor the recycling center will clean these items for you, so as a result your food-filled recycling is just a wasted effort. <u>Food contamination can cause an ENTIRE batch of commingled recyclables to be rejected.</u>

Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

# **Executive Session Meeting Planned**

The Fairlington Glen Board of Directors announces a special executive session meeting on Monday, February 29, 2016.

The purpose of the meeting is to meet with a representative of our attorney's office, Rees Broome, to discuss a legal matter.

The meeting will begin at 7:00pm at the Fairlington Community Center.

# The Doors Of Fairlington Glen

From front doors to kitchen doors, this will teach you everything you need to know about doors in Fairlington Glen. And be sure to check out our newly updated info sheet on approved front door paint colors on the next page. The colors haven't been changed, but the form itself has been updated to make it easier to read.

**Exterior Door Painting (Blanket Variance)** - The Council paints all exterior doors on a four-year cycle concurrent with the overall painting of the courts. For 2016, Courts 13-16 will be in the Glen's next painting cycle. Co-owners may paint the exterior doors of the units if one of the approved standard colors is used (does not apply to B-Unit interior doors where the colors are determined by the Board as part



of the B-Unit decorating policy). Where units share a double entrance, the adjacent doors must be painted the same color and the affected neighbors are responsible for coming to an agreement on the common color. If you want to purchase any of the approved standard colors for your own use, the on-site staff can provide you with the appropriate information on the color mix - or see page 6 of this newsletter.

**Exterior Door Hardware (Blanket Variance)** - Exterior door knobs, knockers, and mail slot covers may be replaced providing they are brass and not of unusual form, size, or style (a colonial appearance is desirable). Lever door handles may replace traditional door knobs.

**<u>Kitchen Doors (Blanket Variance)</u>** - Kitchen doors may be replaced with full-view doors provided they are the same size as the existing door and conform to approved door colors. If changes to door size or location are proposed, then a standard variance request MUST be submitted.

**Storm/screen Doors (Blanket Variance)** - Co-owners may install or replace storm/screen doors on the exterior of their units if the following conditions are met:

- Maintenance of the storm/screen door shall be the responsibility of the co-owner.
   Failure to maintain the door in good repair will result in a request to remove or repair the door. If the co-owner does not honor the request, an agent of the Board will remove the door and the co-owner will be assessed.
- Storm/screen doors must be white and made of aluminum/vinyl/fiberglass and glass. Non-white doors existing as of February 1997 were grandfathered; however, when these doors are replaced, they must be replaced with a white aluminum/vinyl/fiberglass and glass storm/screen door.
- Co-owners in a double entrance are encouraged to select the same style of storm/ screen door.

# Fairlington Glen Approved Front Door Colors

				Benjamin Moore Paint #		
Dark Red	P22-4B (quart)		(quart)	PM-16 (country redwood)		
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	BB	0x	5.0000			
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	WH	0x	8.0000			
Forest Green		P24-4B (quart)		2047-10 (forest green)		
	OY	0x	1.5000			
2000	TG	2x	0.0000			
	RD	0x	11.0000			
	WH	0x	7.0000			
Pale Green		P24-2B (quart)		474 (mistletoe green)		
	OY	1x	3.5000			
100	BK	0x	15.7500			
	TG	0x	4.5000			
Light Brown		P22-2B (quart)		(shop fawn)		
A 1835	OY	0x	27.0000			
	RX	0x	5.0000			
1	BK	0x	13.0000			
Dark Brown		P24-4B	· - ·	HC-71 (hasbrouck brown)		
	OY	0x	11.0000			
The State of the S	RX	0x	16.5000			
	BK	1x	0.0000			
	WH	0x	22.0000			
Black		P24-4B	(quart)	PM-9 (black)		
	OY	0x	5.3750	1 W-9 (DIACK)		
5-1-11	BK	2x	3.0000			
	OG	0x	10.1250			
	WH	0x	12.5000			

All the colors are available at Potomac Paint in Bradlee Center

(see Exterior Door Painting on page 26 of the Glen Handbook)



Court 5's Carolyn Lathey, one of the members of the Glen's landscape committee.

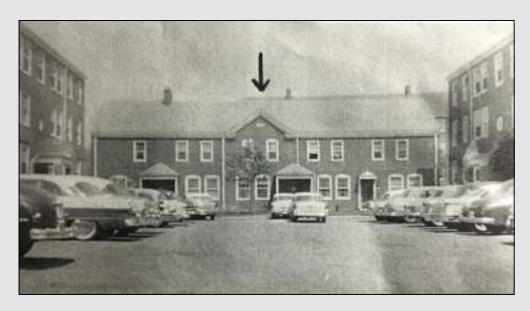
# THE GLEN 10 10 Q's & A's with Carolyn Lathey

Maybe you've seen their faces, but do you know their stories? Get to know your neighbors in the Glen each month through this feature we call the Glen 10.

- 1. Welcome! You and your husband Jon are relatively new co-owners in the Glen. What model do you own in Court 5? And where did you move from? "Jon & I moved here in June 2015 after a lifetime in upstate New York. We purchased a Clarendon end unit in Court 5."
- 2. Is it true that your parents and two older siblings lived in Fairlington during the 1940's when this was a rental property for Defense Department workers? Did you know that before you decided to move here or was this move merely a coincidence? "My father was a Lieutenant (Quartermaster Corps) in DC in 1944. He lived here with my mother and two older sisters ages 6 months and 3 years. We knew they lived in Arlington, but not exactly where until my sister visited us."
- 3. Do you have any idea where the original unit that your family rented is located within Fairlington? Have you been over to visit that address? "My sister sent me a black & white photograph of the unit from 1957 when my father and sisters visited. We believe it is 3065 S. Buchanan in Fairlington Villages." (See photo on next page.)
- **4.** Although she was very young when she lived here, what does your oldest sister recall about life in Fairlington during WWII? "My sister Kim remembers walking to the fire house with my mother, and there was a large open field nearby. Could that possibly be Shirley Highway? She also remembers walking down to the open basement to a communal garbage and laundry area."
- 5. Do you have any other photos of your family in Fairlington at that time that you can share with us? "Sadly, we have no pictures of the family when they lived here in 1944."
- 6. Now fast forward to the present. What do you think of life so far in the Glen? "Very happily settled!"

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- **7. What attracted you and your husband to our community?** "My daughter has a friend who lives locally. As young mothers, they often use the playground near the Community Center. Jon and I were impressed with the design and maintenance of South Fairlington as well as the historical significance of the community. We wanted to be within walking distance of stores and close proximity of our daughter and her family in Annandale."
- 8. Are you both retired? If so, what kind of work did you do and where were you employed? "Jon is a retired school psychologist and as a second career a retired reference librarian. I was a nurse for five years after college, then I retired after 20 years of employment in public and academic libraries."



This is 3065 S. Buchanan Street in Fairlington Villages - circa 1957. The building marked by the arrow is where Carolyn Lathey believes her family lived in 1944.

- **9. Thank you for being a volunteer on our landscape committee. Besides landscape, what other hobbies do you and your husband enjoy?** "I volunteer at the US Botanic Garden, practice yoga at Journey Yoga, and knit during non-gardening months. Jon is a docent at the Library of Congress, volunteers at Abingdon School, and belongs to the Fairlington Book Club. We both walk with Alexandria Walkers. And we always have time to enjoy our four grandchildren (ages 1 and 1/2 to 6)...the reason we moved here."
- 10. Coming from New York, what did you think of the blizzard and how the area reacts to snowy forecasts? Did you have enough milk, bread, and toilet paper to survive the storm? LOL! "The weathermen were right on target for Blizzard Jonas. The clean up in our court was timely and everyone pitched in to help. We left our snow shovels behind in New York! We had plenty of supplies, and it's an easy run to Safeway."

The editor is always looking for interesting Glen residents to feature each month in the Glen 10. If you have a friend or neighbor that you'd like to nominate for a future interview, please send their name and contact info to jasonyjanilos@yahoo.com.

#### 3rd ANNUAL FAIRLINGTON 5K

Mark your calendar now and start training for the 3rd Annual Fairlington 5K Run & Walk on Saturday, April 23.

This family-friendly event will be hosted by Abingdon Elementary School and the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) to promote health and physical fitness AND to bring the community together for a good cause, which is to raise money and awareness for Ellie McGinn and Abingdon Elementary.



Ellie is a second-grade student at Abingdon and a Fairlington Arbor resident who was diagnosed with a rare degenerative brain and spinal cord mitochondrial disease for which there is no known cure. Last year, there were more than 600 participants who helped raise \$22,000 for the Cure For Ellie Fund and for Abingdon Elementary.

Plus, a silent auction on April 15 will help to raise funds.

Take part in the 1-Mile Fun Run or 5K (3.1 miles) through Fairlington. Part of the 5K course even comes through the Glen. Registration rates are \$35 for adults, \$20 for kids 10-16, \$15 for children 6 to 9, and FREE for children under 5.

You'll find more details at www.fairlington5K.com.

#### FAIRLINGTON HOME IMPROVEMENT EXPO



The first-ever Fairlington Home Improvement Expo is coming to the Fairlington Community Center (FCC) on Saturday, March 5 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This free event for residents and their visitors will offer those the chance to seek advice from remodeling contractors who have a great deal of experience working in Fairlington.

Whether you're planning to remodel your entire house or simply update the kitchen or bathrooms, the expo will cover it all. Meet with the experts to even discuss patio work, HVAC replacement, window replacement and electrical upgrades.

Seminars in the adjacent FCC classrooms will cover remodeling and upgrades.

Look for a seminar schedule in the March issue of the All Fairlington Bulletin.

Thanks to the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) for putting together such a wonderful event.

#### ARLINGTON DMV OFFICE TO REMAIN OPEN



The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), which previously announced that its office at 4150 S. Four Mile Run Drive in Arlington will be closing in the spring and moving to Fairfax County, has changed its mind

The DMV office in South Arlington will remain open after all. The DMV has renewed its lease at this address and was released from its lease at 6345 Columbia Pike in Falls Church in the Barcroft Plaza where they planned to move.

The initial plan was not well received in Arlington, so the changed plan is a welcome one.

#### IMPORTANT INFO DURING STORMY WEATHER

#### **Arlington County Closings and Cancellations**

Public Schools - 866-322-4APS (4277)

Recreation Classes / Sports (Fields & Leagues) - 703-228-4715

#### **State Roads**

VDOT - 511 or 1-800-367-7623

Or complete an online work request at www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp

#### **Local Streets**

Arlington County - 703-228-6485

(During a storm, and for a period thereafter, you may hear a recorded message)

#### **Local Transit Updates**

Arlington Transit (ART) - 703-228-RIDE (7433)

Or visit <u>www.arlingtontransit.com</u>

#### **Downed Power Lines**

Dominion Power - 888-DOM-HELP (366-4357)

#### **Downed Trees**

Hazardous trees and branches blocking Arlington County streets - 703-558-2222

Trees or branches near or on power lines call Dominion Power - 888-DOM HELP

Fallen trees on private property that aren't on power lines are the property owner's responsibility

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NOTE: The Glen does not retain contractors for, or allow staff to undertake, repairs that are a co-owner responsibility under its Bylaws, absent emergency where the co-owner is unable to act (disabled, out-of-town, etc.).

# February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Landscape Meeting - 7pm/FCC	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting - 6:45p/FCC	10	11	12	13
14  HAPSIV VALENTINES	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	Board Meets In Executive Session - 7p/ FCC					
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# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Landscape Meeting - 7pm/FCC	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Board Meeting - 6:45p/FCC	9	10	11	12
Daylight Saving Time Begins	14	15	16	17 Happy St Paintite Day	18	19
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