

The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

January 2014

New Year, New Board Member

Happy New Year, Neighbors! The Fairlington Glen Board of Directors begins 2014 with the challenge of appointing a new Board member.

Keith June, who has served as our Vice President and was just re-elected to the Board for a new three-year term last November, submitted his resignation on December 17, 2013. Keith serves in the US Army, and he has been deployed to Afghanistan for a year. As he explained to me when this possibility arose at the beginning of December, he thought his deployment days were over. But his name landed on a short list for deployment, and that became a reality. Keith has been selected by the Army to fill a critical and senior position in Afghanistan.

He shared the news with the Board in an email on December 11, 2013 and attended his last Board meeting on December 12, 2013. At that time, the Board began discussions on how best to handle the situation. With Keith due to be deployed in Afghanistan for all of 2014, he agreed it was best to resign. That was a tough decision for Keith because I know he enjoyed serving on the Board. We certainly hope that upon his safe return to Fairlington Glen that he'll once again want to be involved as a volunteer.

According to our Bylaws in Article IV, Section 6, "Vacancies in the Board of Directors caused by any reason other than the removal of a Director by a vote of the Council shall be filled by vote of the majority of the remaining Directors, even though they may constitute less than a quorum; and each person so appointed shall be a Director until a successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the Council. Such elected successor shall fill the remainder of the term of the original director position that was vacated."

Therefore, at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14, the Board will vote to appoint a replacement who will serve on the Board until our Annual Meeting in November. At that time, the remaining two years on Keith's term will be up for election.

Jay Yianilos / Board President

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IS THE GLEN REALLY 70 YEARS OLD?

To some, 70 is the new 60, or even 50. But Fairlington Glen really is 70 years old, having been built during World War II as housing for workers at the Pentagon. She sometimes feels her age. What does that mean to you? It means that a big focus of our Board is on repair and replacement of "infrastructure." It also means that more than one third of our monthly condo fees goes to "Reserves" that are set aside to keep that infrastructure in good condition so as to maintain our investment in our homes and community.



Workers for the roofing contractor replace a slate roof on S. Stafford Street as part of our roof replacement program.

What is this infrastructure that we need to keep in good condition? It is the roofs, gutters and down-spouts, masonry, window wells and shutters outside of our individual homes; the hallways, carpet, and light fixtures in our multi-owner residences; the fences around our patios, recreational areas, and perimeter; and the sewer lines going from our homes to the county sewer system. It is also the pavement, curbs, and gutters for our parking lots; the pool and maintenance complex; our tennis and basketball courts plus the tot lot; and the carriage lights and signage in each court. All of these infrastructure items are renovated and replaced over time from the part of our condo fees set aside for "Reserves."

Restoration Engineering, Inc. (REI), the Glen's engineering consultant, has completed a study that evaluates the status of our infrastructure and estimates future costs to keep it in good condition. Look for that study on our website later this month, and follow along in future newsletter issues as we highlight the most significant infrastructure topics. Stay tuned...

(The first in a series of articles on Glen infrastructure by Margaret Windus)

JOIN THE GLEN'S YAHOO GROUP

A common question asked throughout the year is "How do I join the Glen's Yahoo group/listserve?" The answer is simple. 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 alisont@comcast.net.

2014 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Held the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Fairlington Community Center

(unless otherwise approved by the Board)



January 14 July 8

February 11 August 12

March 11 September 9

April 8 October 14

May 13 November 11

June 10 December 9

STREET PARKING: KNOW THE LAWS

Be aware and pay close attention to ALL parking signs posted on the streets of Fairlington Glen. The Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) will continue to ticket violators. Parking on our streets is limited, but the signs are posted for safety purposes and are meant to be obeyed.

A sign with a "P" that's been circled and has a slash through it and an arrow underneath indicates "no parking from here to corner." No parking is allowed from the sign and continues in the direction of the arrow.

Do not park near a fire hydrant. You must leave 20 feet on either side of the fire hydrant clear.

Do not park so that any part of your car obstructs a crosswalk.

Watch for yellow curbs, which indicate a fire lane. Parking against a fire lane is never allowed.

If you spot a vehicle parked in violation of the law, please don't be afraid to call the ACPD's non-emergency number at 703-558-2222 to report it.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING DATES

Our trash contractor, Capitol Services, will collect live Christmas trees on only five days this month. Please do not put your tree out with your regular trash. Instead, take your tree to the curb near the entrance of your court where recycling is normally collected. Tree pick ups will take place on the following mornings:

Thursday, January 2

Tuesday, January 7

Thursday, January 9

Tuesday, January 14

Thursday, January 16



Rejuvenation Pruning Coming To Courts 1-5

This year we will begin a new 3-year cycle of shrub reduction and rejuvenation pruning throughout the Glen. Courts 1-5 are next on the pruning rotation, and Courts 6-11 and Courts 12-16 are scheduled for 2015 and 2016, respectively. Courts 1-5 were last pruned in 2010.

Beginning mid to late January, our landscape contractor, Environmental Enhancements (EE), will be significantly pruning back selected bushes in Courts 1-5. Among the shrubs to be pruned are the euonymus, Japanese hollies and yews that have become overgrown since the last round of significant pruning. Rejuvenation pruning involves cutting the shrub to a height of 13 to 20 inches above ground level. This process improves plant health by allowing air and sunlight to reach further into the plant to stimulate new growth. Be aware, the immediate impact of rejuvenation pruning is drastic—the plant will look unsightly until it leafs out in April/May. However, by the end of the summer you will see more vigorous growth and the plants will be healthier over the long term.

IMPORTANT: If you have a red reflector within your common area, no work will be done at your unit. If you would like this work to be done, please remove the reflector for now and replace it after pruning has occurred.

Any questions or concerns about this project can be directed to the Glen Landscaping Committee at qlenlandscaping@gmail.com.



Extensive rejuvenation

This photo gives an excellent example of the amount of plant material removed during rejuvenation pruning.



Court 4's Liz Hutcheson with one of the many products she designs and sells.

THE GLEN 10 10 Q's & A's with Liz Hutcheson

Get to know your neighbors in the Glen each month through this feature we call the Glen 10. It's 10 questions and 10 answers with a Glen resident, and this month it's Liz Hutcheson from Court 4.

1. Where are you originally from and what brought you

to Arlington? - "I am originally from the Midwest. My family moved back and forth between there and the DC Metropolitan area until I was in junior high school when we landed in Northern Virginia. I worked at the National Gallery of Art for many years, so when I decided to buy a house in Virginia, Arlington was a logical choice in terms of the commute."

- 2. You've lived in Court 4 for several years. What year did you buy in the Glen and what model do you own? "I bought my Clarendon unit in September 2001."
- **3. What attracted you to Fairlington in the first place?** "The location. It is a quick commute to just about anywhere I need to go for my business, and I love being able to walk to Shirlington, the Post Office, gym, bank, grocery store, etc."
- **4. What are some of your favorite things about living in Fairlington Glen?** "The historical aspect of our community, how well maintained it is, and being able to enjoy local parks like Fort Ward and nearby Old Town Alexandria and Del Ray. I also like that there are people of all ages."
- **5. For someone who is a new co-owner or a new resident of our community, what advice can you offer them?** "Enjoy being part of the great variety of people in the Glen who contribute to it being a nice and very interesting place to live." (continued on page 6)

- 6. Please tell us a little about your background, specifically where did you go to school and what did you study? "I went to William & Mary where I studied French and Fine Arts, including studies at the Centre Intensif de Français in Montpellier, France. After college, I took courses in oil painting, watercolor, and digital media at the Corcoran College of Art and Design."
- 7. You're a very talented small business owner. What's the name of your business and what kinds of products do you offer? "Thank you for saying that. My company is Fast Snail® Creative Greetings & Design. I am a fine artist, illustrator, and designer. I sell greeting cards and stationery, prints, and housewares with my original artwork on them. Every design begins as a hand drawn image. I love inky lines, color, and pattern and use a variety of materials to achieve those effects. My specialties include different spins on DC's monuments (both arty and humorous) and the three stars and two stripes of the flag of the District of Columbia. The Eiffel Tower and French themes, abstract images, and last but not least, snails and other creatures crocodiles, camels, and penguins are popular too. I also do a variety of custom design projects for corporate and individual clients from large-scale prints to special invitations."
- 8. The name Fast Snail® is quite interesting. What's the story behind it? "I have drawn my Fast Snail® logo for as long as I can remember. I am a bit like the snail, slowly and steadily moving forward. It is a fun name and an added bonus is that people love to share their favorite snail jokes with me."
- **9. This is your chance for a free plug. Where can someone find out more about Fast Snail® and your products?** "My website, <u>www.fastsnail.com</u>, is the best starting point for learning more about Fast Snail® and my products. It includes a press page with links to Fast Snail® features in *Southern Living*, the *Washington Post*, the *City Paper*, The Washington Post *Express* and the *Washington Flyer*. There are also listings of shops in DC, MD, and VA that carry my work and of special events and sales that I participate in throughout the year."
- 10. When you're not working, what are some of your favorite things to do in and around the area? "Spend time with friends and family, check out art galleries, museums, go to the movies, theater, and dance performances, read, hike, and run."

(Editor's Note: If you know someone that should be featured in the Glen 10, please let us know.)

TOT LOT COMMITTEE NOW FORMING



Megan Pickersgill of Court 10 has volunteered to chair a Tot Lot Committee whose purpose will be to make suggestions to the Board regarding equipment and/or features that should or should not be part of a future Tot Lot. The Board in turn will take the committee's findings to a contractor who can assess our Tot Lot's footprint and give us price quotes on new equipment that will fit our space.

We're looking for parents whose children regularly play at our tot lot to volunteer for the committee. Please contact Megan at meganopickersgill@gmail.com.

COURT REP STILL NEEDED

Speaking of volunteers, the fine folks in Court 3 are currently without a Court Rep. Long-time rep Hal Vorhies has retired from the position. There must be someone in Court 3 who is willing to step forward and volunteer their time to assist the court's residents. Those interested should contact Carol Goodloe, chair of the Court Representatives Group (CRG) at cgoodloe@comcast.net.

A CRG member's primary role is to take care of his/her court and welcome new residents. CRG members occasionally inspect their courts for maintenance problems and violations of Glen rules. They may sometimes poll court residents about landscape matters or help to distribute flyers. To be able to answer questions from court residents, they should study the Bylaws and the Handbook. A few times a year, they may be asked to attend meetings scheduled by the CRG chair. By serving the community in these ways, CRG members help to maintain property values and to keep small problems from getting bigger.

In other CRG news, Eric Hansen has volunteered to serve as the alternate Court Rep in Court 2. Eric will work with Thora Stanwood, the court's new rep who returned to the post this month following David Atwood's retirement. Court 2 residents can reach Eric at erichansen@comcast.net.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

As we learned last month when a nearby water main break affected our water service in the Glen, Arlington County has a Water & Sewer Emergency Hotline number that's operational 24/7. That number is 703-228-6555.

Here are other important numbers that you should program into your phone:

Arlington County Police (non-emergency): 703-558-2222

A-1 Towing Service: 703-416-0710

Dominion Virginia Power: 1-888-667-3000

Xfinity/Comcast (Arlington/Alexandria office): 703-823-3000



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January 2014

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