## The Glen Echo

### **Newsletter of Fairlington Glen**

#### March 2013

## HOW MUCH WATER DOES MY COURT USE?

Total water usage in the Glen has leveled off at about 16.3 million gallons per year after gradually falling from about 20 million gallons per year in the earlier part of our 21 years of data. This reduction resulted from positive conservation practices by Fairlington Glen residents and also by non-resident owners when they installed low-water-use toilets and washing machines. Thank you for your contributions to this excellent record. It helped moderate water bills even when Arlington County raised rates dramatically to pay for the new water treatment facility on Glebe Road.

To get those millions down to something more understandable, we have converted a recent quarter to average gallons used **per unit per day**. The Glen average is 126 gallons per unit per day. We thought you might like to know how water usage in your court stacks up against water usage in other courts.

Court 1—103	Court 5—116	Court 9—134	Court 13-272
Court 2—128	Court 6—125	Court 10-106	Court 14-92
Court 3—96	Court 7 (1/2) - 158	Court 11—142	Court 15 (1/2) - 159
Court 4—112	Court 8 (+ 1/2 C7) -	Court 12-89	Court 15 (1/2) - 93
	132		Court 16-84

Usage in Court 13 has risen significantly in the past two years. Residents in all courts may want to check for slow leaks or drips, which can cause substantial amounts of water to be lost. The 2013 operating budget estimates water costs of \$209,000, or nearly a quarter of total operating costs. You can keep that number down by following the water-saving tips provided in last month's Glen Echo. Thanks for helping!

(Editor's note: Thanks to Margaret Windus for contributing this article based on data provided by Bill Worsley, who tracks our water usage each quarter.).

The *Glen Echo* is published monthly. Our editor is always looking for ideas or input. If you have something to put in the newsletter, please e-mail Jay Yianilos at jasonyianilos@yahoo.com. The *Glen Echo* is published online on the Glen's web site, at <u>http://www.fairlington.org/glennewsletters.htm</u>

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## RECYCLING REVISITED

Neighbors in Fairlington Glen do an outstanding job of trash recycling on a weekly basis. Last year in the Glen Echo, recycling do's and don'ts were highlighted. It's worth recycling that valuable info again on the next two pages so that everyone understands what gets recycled and where it gets placed.

First and foremost is to understand that in Fairlington Glen we do NOT follow the same recycling guidelines of Arlington County. The county does not pick up our trash, so instead we follow guidelines established by our trash contractor, Capitol Services.

Secondly, you're asked to use common sense when it comes to placing your items out for recycling. For example, on a very windy day don't put paper and cardboard out. Please wait until the morning of pickup in order to minimize the amount of paper that ends up blowing throughout the neighborhood.







Here's a quick look at what gets recycled and where it gets placed for pickup:

<u>MIXED PAPER</u>—includes newspaper, magazines, inserts, office paper, brochures and other glossy paper, paper bags, self-adhesive paper, Post-it notes, paper & hardcover books, catalogs, cereal & food boxes, telephone books, envelopes (with & without windows), and "junk mail."

<u>CARDBOARD</u>—includes corrugated cardboard, pizza boxes, and <u>flattened</u> cardboard boxes.

## ALL MIXED PAPER AND CARDBOARD SHOULD BE PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE RECYCLING BINS. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!

<u>COMMINGLES</u>—includes aluminum cans, metal food cans, glass bottles & jars, milk & juice cartons, plastic bottles & jugs (#1-7), wide-mouth plastic containers, aluminum foil & aluminum trays, clam shell containers, empty aerosol cans, wire hangers, rigid plastic, yogurt cups, and plastic bags.

#### ALL COMMINGLES AND ONLY COMMINGLES SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE RE-CYCLING BINS. PLEASE EMPTY AND RINSE ALL FOOD AND LIQUID FROM PLASTICS, ALUMINUM BEVERAGE, AND OTHER METAL CANS. REMOVING LA-BELS IS NOT NECESSARY.

Do not recycle paper plates, napkins & other items contaminated with food, plastic food trays, light bulbs, mirrors, Styrofoam, window glass, ceramics batteries, pottery, and cookware (pots & pans).

Capitol Services will take all suitable materials placed in proper recycling bins to a recycling recovery center.

## MORE IMPORTANT RECYCLING NOTES

- Food contamination can cause an entire batch of commingled recyclables to be rejected by the recovery center.
- It is ok to carry bottles out in plastic bags and put them directly in the bins because they are both acceptable as commingles. However, plastic bags should not be used for newspapers or other mixed paper. Instead, place newspaper and other mixed paper in paper bags and place them on the ground next to, but not inside, the bins.
- Empty beer cans and soda cans should not be placed back into the cardboard boxes that they came in and left outside the bins. The cans should be placed in the bins and the cardboard box should be left outside the bin with other mixed paper and cardboard items.
- Please take the time to flatten all cardboard boxes.
- Monitors, TV's, and other electronic equipment should not be placed out on recycle day, for regular trash pickup, or on bulk pickup days. These items contain toxic materials and should be taken to the county disposal plant off South Glebe Road on Saturdays for proper recycling. Please call 703-228-6820 for more information. Plus, look to a future issue of the Glen Echo to address this even further.
- Construction debris must be disposed of by the contractor or the co-owner.

## TRASH TALK

It is important to note that ALL of the areas outside patio fences are common ground, and this includes the beds in front of and beside individual units. Trash bags and other items are never to be left on common ground. Please do yourself and your neighbors a favor and pick up after your own self. Bags of trash or patio clippings, toys, grills, chairs & other furniture, bicycles and other sporting equipment, and even baby carriages & strollers are not to be left out. The greens and



walkways in front of and around the units and the entranceways to the units shall not be obstructed so as to impede entrance to and exit from any unit.

In a related note, children and adults are encouraged to play in designated recreational areas. Activities having the potential to damage property, landscaping, grass, automobiles, fences, or buildings are forbidden.



## SPRING LANDSCAPE WALK-THROUGH

The groundhog called for an early spring this year, and in the Glen the landscape committee is ready with plans for the annual spring landscape walk-through this month. Meet at 9am on Saturday, March 23 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. 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 found on page 5 of this newsletter or on our website 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 REFLECTOR APPLICATIONS DUE**

The mulched beds surrounding our homes are 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 <u>www.fairlington.org/glenindex.htm</u>. Either form can be e-mailed to Corey Love, the Glen's landscape committee chair, at <u>GlenLandscaping@gmail.com</u>.

### ARLINGTON TOWN HALL MEETING

The Arlington County Board invites all residents to join them at the upcoming Neighborhood Streetcar Town Hall meeting. Board members will discuss and answer questions about the vision and community process that led to the Board's decision to build streetcar lines along Columbia Pike and the Route 1 corridor, between Crystal City and Pentagon City.

This meeting will be Wednesday, March 27 from 6:45 to 9pm at the Kenmore Middle School auditorium, located at 200 S. Carlin Springs Road.



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 at my own expense.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 )
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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: <u>GlenLandscaping@gmail.com</u>

#### 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 completed each year - it does not carry over from year to year!

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:	

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: <u>GlenLandscaping@gmail.com</u>

## WHY SCOOP THE POOP?

In Fairlington Glen, pet owners (or their agents) MUST clean up after their dogs at all times. Dog waste should be deposited within your trash bag or placed in bags and deposited in trash cans located throughout the Glen.

Besides being a nuisance, uncollected dog waste is a serious problem for our association. Next time you're tempted to leave your dog's droppings on the lawn, please remember these facts:



• The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is becoming aggressive about enforcing the Clean Water Act. Uncollected dog waste could wash into a storm sewer and therefore get into our streams and rivers. Our association could be fined if this happens.

• Uncollected dog waste may lead to a special assessment. If fined by the EPA, the association could face a potential special assessment that would be levied against all members—not just dog owners.

• The appearance and quality of the common areas are known to affect home sales, both prices and amount of time for the sale.

- The more residents complain about dog waste, then the more time the property manager must spend on enforcement rather than better serving the association.
- Uncollected dog waste spreads disease and attracts rodents who feed on pet waste.

## FAIRLINGTON GLEN BY THE NUMBERS

Fairlington Glen consists of 352 townhouse and apartment units.

The Glen is spread out over 24 acres.

Units are organized into 56 buildings.

There are 16 courts.

There are 4 tennis courts in the Glen.

We have 1 basketball court and 1 tot lot.

Plus, we have 1 outstanding swimming pool and maintenance facility.



#### Fairlington Glen Contact List (March 2013)

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## **March 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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	20 Spring	21	22	23 Spring Land- scape Walk- through @9am
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31 Happy Easter!						

# April 2013

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