



The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

April 2026

Annual Tap Water Spring Cleaning is Underway

Arlington County's safe and dependable drinking water may taste and smell differently as the regional supply system undergoes its annual spring cleaning, which began on March 23 and runs through May 4.



Crews at the Washington Aqueduct, which is the source of Arlington County's water as well as surrounding jurisdictions, continue the temporary disinfectant switch from year-round chloramine to chlorine to ensure water mains remain clean and clear of any flow issues. The annual switch is part of a routine program to clean the pipes and maintain the safe drinking water system.

During the cleaning, Arlington's Water, Sewer, and Streets Bureau continually monitors the output for safe chlorine levels and conducts system-wide flushing to enhance water quality. This temporary cleaning often adds a new smell or taste to the tap water. If you prefer, just run the cold tap water for about five minutes, then use a water filter to allow water to sit in a container in the refrigerator to remove chlorine taste and odor.

Please note that water service will continue uninterrupted during this process. It may just smell or taste differently, but is still safe to drink thanks to the purification process.

Also during this time, water utility crews will systematically flush fire hydrants by opening them up to release stagnant water and allow fresh water to flow through the system. Crews operating hydrants in this manner are a normal part of this routine, a process repeated nearly every spring in Arlington and in communities across the nation.

Arlington's water distribution network is made up of more than 500 miles of pipes linked to homes, businesses, and schools.

For more information, call 703-228-5000.

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Latest News From the Board

The Fairlington Glen Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Here are some of the highlights.

APPROVED

Moved to approve a contract with Peter's Landscape, Inc. in the amount of \$661,500 (plus the cost of cedar gates) for patio fence replacement throughout the Glen.

Moved to adopt the following operating accounts to track and to budget EV charging station revenue and costs, and henceforth include these accounts, Account 40439 Charging Station Income and Account 65012 Charging Station Expense, into our monthly financial reports.

Moved to ratify the earlier unanimous email vote to approve 24 hours of bereavement leave and a gift for onsite staff member María Castro.

NOTES

Joshua Tracy and Melanie Borbon with STV, Inc. made a presentation to the Board on behalf of the City of Alexandria, which is proposing a mobility/pedestrian connectivity project for King Street near the Bradlee Shopping Center. The area, particularly along King Street and its border with Fairlington, is a priority for installing improved bicycle facilities and adding more sidewalks. The study area consists of the King Street corridor from N. Quaker Lane to just north of Menokin Drive. In order to proceed with this project, the City of Alexandria must get easements (either permanent or temporary) from the corresponding condo association, including Fairlington Glen. The Board needs to determine from legal counsel whether it can approve such an easement itself or whether our Master Deed will require approval from the entire community via vote. This project is still in the design phase. STV and the Board will continue to talk.

Fence Replacement Project Manager John Adams with Cardinal Management reported that the Board now has the four bids he has received. The contractors that bid are Peter's Landscape, Inc., Full Circle Property Solutions, Kolas Contracting, and Ploutis Contracting. The Treasurer added that he wants to see our specs included in the contract.

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:30pm. Details to access the virtual meeting will be announced closer to the date.

CAUTION / Beware SPAM Email Messages

We continue to see evidence of spam email messages that are trying to solicit gift cards and other valuables while pretending to be members of the Glen Board or management staff.

Board members or Glen volunteers will never ask you for such things. When in doubt, always check the email address of the sender (it may not be who it says it is). Or, consult with a Board member or our onsite manager before taking any action. It's always best to delete such suspicious messages without clicking on any links or even responding at all.

County Replaces Storm Water Pipes



Last month, an Arlington County contractor began storm water pipe repairs on S. Stafford Street and 36th Street S. in the Glen.

Work like this typically causes minimal aches and pains such as no parking in the work zones and minor traffic disruptions.

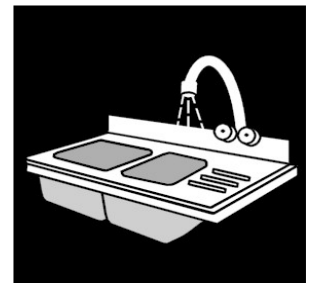
Flaggers were used to direct traffic around the work area.

There was one major hiccup that occurred when a sewer line was compromised during the project. The County had to perform an emergency water shut off, which was not preplanned.

Water service to the Glen was restored soon thereafter.

Sink Backups are Co-owner Responsibilities

As is the case with water supply pipes, water drainage lines (whether from the kitchen, bathroom, or laundry area) are unit components and are therefore the maintenance and repair responsibility of individual co-owners to the point where they exit through the underground sanitary sewer system beneath the basement floor slab.



Fixing drainage problems, especially from sinks, sometimes requires cooperation between two adjoining co-owners, whose lines are in the wall that separates the units, with ownership extending to the center line. Drain lines may converge to a single line in the wall, requiring a plumber to access the line from one or both units. This is true whether the units are in a B-building or are two townhouses whose kitchens back to each other. In a B-building, of course, fixing sink back ups often requires the cooperation and shared expense of four co-owners/residents.

Always refer to the Chart of Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Responsibilities contained in the Appendix of the Glen Handbook (June 11, 2024) on pages 71-73.

Important - Caring for our Aging Sewer System

We need the help of all residents in caring for our aging sewer system, which was built during the 1940's and has handled newly added bathrooms and garbage disposals since condo conversion in the 1970's. In 2009, Fairlington Glen completed a major project to replace or reline its sewer laterals. Nonetheless, they still need to be treated with care, as the original lines are terra cotta.



Units in each building share a single sewer lateral to the County sewer line. It is important to remember that everything water borne in a building, whether from sink, bathtub, washing machines, or toilets, exits the building through this single lateral. That means that we all need to be careful what we put down our garbage disposals and in our toilets. If something gets clogged up before it can get to the main lateral, the unit in each building with the low basement (sometimes referred to as a “high ceiling” or the “low unit”) is most likely to experience the backup overflow. If waste continues to enter the system, it can sometimes cause an overflow in other units.

The rule of thumb in Fairlington is “less is more” when using a garbage disposal. Please use your disposal only for bits of food left when working at the sink. Our plumbing systems were not originally designed for garbage disposals, and were retrofitted in the 1970's onto a system built during WWII. In particular, please do not put **celery, onions, pulpy fruits, grease, pasta, rice, coffee grounds, corn husks, potato peels, shrimp shells, bones, caulk, paint or anything substantial** down the garbage disposal. Flush the disposal with cold water even after turning it off to assure that waste gets through the system.

Please keep **FOG - fats, oils, and grease** - out of the pipes.

The rule on toilets is that only human waste and toilet tissue should go into the toilet. Please do not put **tampons, sanitary napkins, condoms, large wads of toilet paper, disposable diapers, adult & baby wipes, napkins, tissues, paper towels, newspaper, dental floss or pet waste and litter** into the toilet.

Please be sure your guests, babysitters, and contractors are aware of this important information. And don't be afraid to tell new neighbors about this practice.

One of the great things about Fairlington Glen is that we have trash pickup six days a week, and on holidays except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Please be a good neighbor and put the waste noted above in **bold letters** into your daily trash rather than in our fragile sewer system.

Plan Now for Summer Swim Lessons



The start of the summer pool season will be here before you know it, and that's why we want you and your family to be ready.

Parents are reminded about summer swim lessons for kids, which are organized by Molly Haines of the Glen Pool Committee. The cost for one 30-minute lesson per week is \$35 each plus a small contribution toward liability insurance for the instructors.

If you're interested or you'd like to find out more, please email Molly at mollypatrician@gmail.com.

THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN UNTIL THE POOL OPENS FOR THE SUMMER ON SATURDAY, MAY 23.

LIFEGUARDS

Wanted for Summer Employment

Atlantic Pool Service, Inc. is looking for Lifeguards to work this summer in the Fairlington Glen community.

We are one of the highest paying pool companies in the Northern Virginia Area.

For applications and information regarding discounted certification, please call

Atlantic Pool Service, Inc.

(703) 941-1000

or visit our website at www.atlanticpoolservice.net

Lifeguard certifications are not required at time of hire



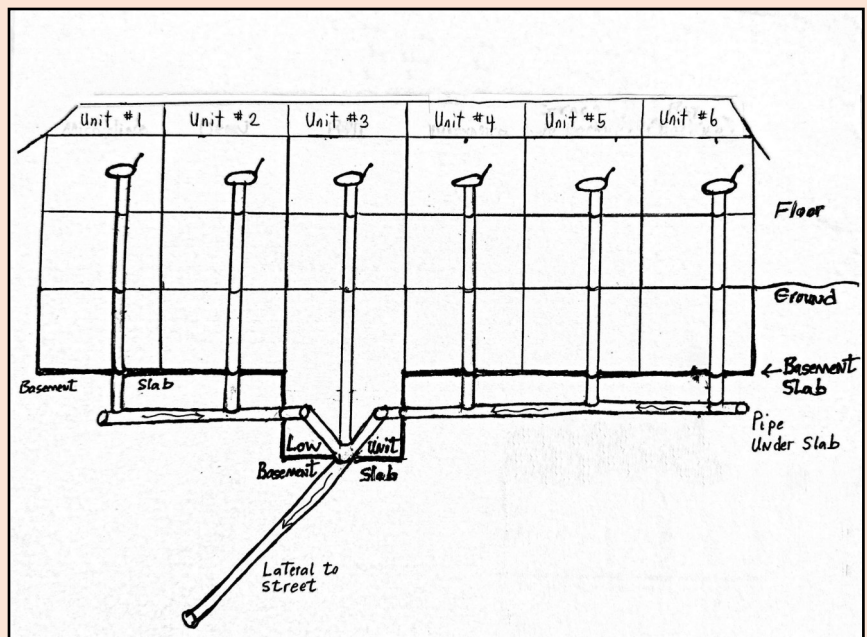
The Lowdown on the Low Unit

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The Glen has 56 (one per building) low units. If you own one, perhaps the real estate agent sold you on the fact that there are higher ceilings in the basement. The ceilings are only higher because the floor is lower. And below that basement slab is a single pipe containing everything water borne from each unit as it converges to enter the sewer lateral to the Arlington County sewer line. Now you know!

Most people don't think about what lies below the ground or under our homes when buying or renting in Fairlington. However, it's important to know what's there and how it works. Nobody in the Glen has a better understanding than Glen Treasurer Maynard Dixon, who is an original co-owner. His fellow Board members have sometimes called him the drain/pipe guru.

Perhaps you'll get a better sense of what is being discussed by studying the diagram to the right that Maynard drew up a few years ago to help Board members and residents in Court 16 navigate through a nasty backup. In this diagram, Unit #3 is the low unit.



Professional Landscapers Beautify the Glen

Maintaining common areas in the Glen is one of the Board's most basic responsibilities. To fulfill that, the Board has contracted with Shenandoah Landscape Services, Inc. to be our professional landscaping company to help beautify & maintain the landscape of our neighborhood.



It takes more than a green thumb to maintain attractive and functional landscaping. Our contractor employs a professional staff and trained labor crews to help keep the Glen and its curb appeal looking great. Landscaping is very important to the community's quality of life, its image, its value, and even its resale value. In fact, it's a long-term investment in our community. Maintaining it can be expensive, but it's well worth it.

Below, you will see a list of the general calendar of services offered by Shenandoah Landscape Services to the Glen in 2026. If you'll spend a few moments glancing at the info below, then you'll have a better appreciation for what our contract provides to us on an annual basis.

General Calendar of Services

Spring (March-May) - The season begins with spring cleanup, which includes removal of winter debris, edging of beds, and preparation of landscaped areas. Mulch installation follows to enhance appearance and support plant health. Turf care also begins with fertilizers to help build turf roots and accommodate the overall appearance of the property.

Late Spring through Fall (April-October) - Routine maintenance will be in full operation, including mowing, trimming, edging, and general cleanup during each visit. Shrub pruning will begin in May and continue throughout the growing season, with timing adjusted based on plant growth and site conditions. Additional plant care will be performed as needed to maintain the overall appearance of the community.

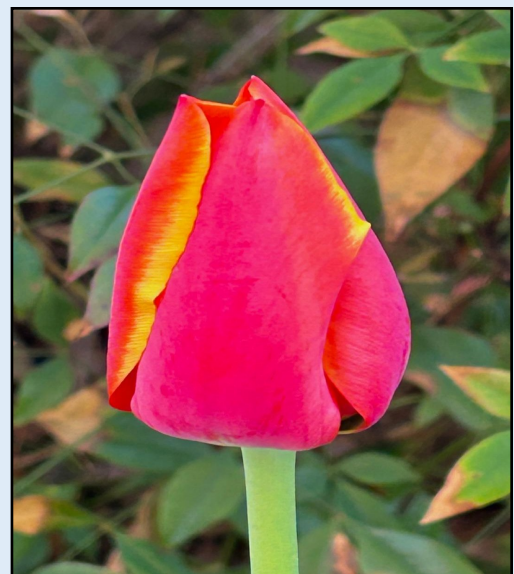
Summer (June-August) - Continued mowing and maintenance services, along with monitoring of turf and plant health. Adjustments will be made as needed based on weather conditions.

Fall (September-November) - Services will include aeration and overseeding to promote healthy turf, along with leaf removal as trees begin to shed. (November for leaf removal to begin.) These services are essential to preparing the landscape for winter months and supporting long-term lawn health. Also, turf fertilization will be paramount for the fall as this application supports root development over the wintertime for the turf grass.

Winter (December-February) - Maintenance services are reduced during this period. Crews will focus on seasonal needs such as storm cleanup and monitoring of the property as conditions allow.

Signs of Spring and Easter

Glen photographer Mary Bley shows us signs of spring and Easter as seen through her lens.



Share Your Stories of September 11 with FHS



The Fairlington Historical Society (FHS) is launching an oral history project to mark the 25th anniversary of the September 11 attacks on America.

The Society is seeking Fairlington residents who were living in the community on that day and are willing to share their memories and experiences. Volunteers will be invited to participate in an oral recording and/or provide a written account.

These stories will be preserved on the FHS website for future generations.

Interviews are being conducted this month. Residents interested in participating are asked to contact secretary@fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

Technology Help Offered to County's 55+

Supported by a grant from Arlington County, the Alliance for Arlington Senior Programs (AASP) is now offering free technology help desk sessions at four Arlington 55+ Centers.

Bring your laptop, cell phone, or other digital device and get assistance from a trained professional with apps, removing computer viruses or malware, storing pictures & files, and other technology-related questions.



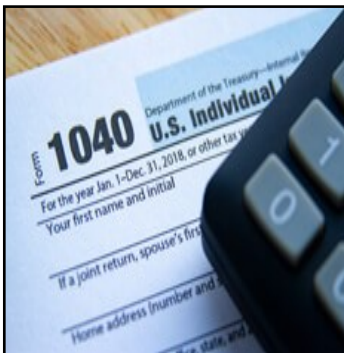
Each appointment lasts 30 minutes, and you must sign up for a session in advance. To register, email 55plus@arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-4769.

Sessions are offered at the following 55+ centers:

Walter Reed - Mondays noon-2:00pm / Langston-Brown - Thursdays 10:00am-noon

Arlington Mill - Thursdays 1:00-3:00pm / Lubber Run - Fridays 1:00-3:00pm

Time to File Your Taxes



It's income tax season, and if you haven't already filed your federal and/or state tax returns yet, please remember that the 2026 deadline to file federal returns for 2025 is April 15.

If you can't file by the due date of your return, you can request an automatic 6-month extension of time to file, but you should pay any owed taxes to avoid possible penalties.

The deadline for Virginia returns is May 1.

Farmers Market to Open Next Month

Our popular neighborhood farmers market will be opening for another season on Sunday, May 3 from 9:00am to 1:00pm on the back patio of the Fairlington Community Center, located at 3308 S. Stafford Street.

The 2026 Fairlington Farmers Market, which has been in operation since 2014, will be open every Sunday through November 22 and will feature many of your favorite vendors and some new ones.



This is a locally-operated farmers market, meaning all of the vendors harvest, bake, and create their own food products within 125 miles of Fairlington.



Throughout the season, the farmers market hosts free special events for families and folks of all ages.

As you know, parking is a premium, especially on Sundays. That's why we encourage Glen residents to walk to the market, if possible.

You're invited to meet your Fairlington neighbors and make new memories every Sunday during the season at the Fairlington Farmers Market.



Just a sample of the fresh produce available at the farmers market.



This says it all!



More samples of the fresh produce available at the farmers market.

Virginia's Special Election is April 21

Voters will head to the polls to vote on a proposed state Constitutional Amendment on Tuesday, April 21.

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to temporarily adopt new congressional districts to restore fairness in the upcoming elections, while ensuring that Virginia's standard redistricting process resumes for all future redistricting after the 2030 Census?

Polls in Virginia will be open from 6:00am to 7:00pm on April 21. The polling place for Fairlington voters is the Fairlington Community Center, located at 3308 S. Stafford Street.

You are reminded to bring an acceptable form of identification with you to vote. Most people show their Virginia driver's license.

Early voting is already underway. See information below.



Early Voting Hours
April 21 Special Election

2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 320

March 6 - April 17
Monday - Friday.....9am - 5pm

April 11 & April 18
Saturday.....9am - 5pm

Extended Hours: April 14 & April 16
Tuesday & Thursday.....9am - 7pm

Visit vote.arlingtonva.gov for what's on the ballot & additional Early Voting locations.

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I VOTED! ARLINGTON

I VOTED! Arlington ABSENTEE

The poster features a hand holding two circular "I VOTED!" stickers. One sticker is blue with a white outline and the text "I VOTED! ARLINGTON". The other is blue with a white outline and the text "I VOTED! Arlington ABSENTEE". The hand has pink nail polish on the thumb and index finger, and a gold ring on the ring finger.

Fairlington Glen Contact List (April 2026)

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EMERGENCY NUMBER (after business hours and on weekends and holidays) 703-569-5797

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

April 2026

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May 2026

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