

# NEWS FROM THE GLEN

**Newsletter of Glen Allen**  
www.glenallen.org  
**Spring 2017**

## **Annual Meeting June 13, 7:00**

Glen Allen's Annual Meeting will be held on **June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at All Saints Lutheran Church** at the corner of Mt. Oak Road and Route 301. This meeting is your opportunity to meet with other homeowners, hear reports of what is happening in the community and elect officers. Representatives of at least 10% of the homes in the community must attend for the meeting to count; that's about 40 homes that must be represented.

The meeting and election should not take long. This year Al Curley's term is up. Al is currently our at-large member of the HOA Board. ProCom has sent an official notice of the meeting and a nomination form in case you would like to place other names in nomination. If you plan to nominate someone for an open slot on the Board, please be sure that person is willing to serve if elected.

A proxy is also included in the official notification. If you can't attend the meeting, please give a completed proxy to one of the

Board members or mail it to Toni Sponheimer at ProCom, 400 Serendipity Dr., Millersville, MD 21108 or fax it to 410-721-4854. Your proxy could ensure that the meeting and election can be officially held.

## **Spring Inspections in Progress**

The initial inspections have been made and the results have been mailed. The re-inspections will be done June 26-29, so if you were dinged you have until then to correct the issue(s). If you have a problem, a hardship or just a contractor who can't do the work by that time, please call Toni Sponheimer of ProCom (301-261-0777 x105, [tsponheimer@procomgt.com](mailto:tsponheimer@procomgt.com)) to request an extension. Fine hearing notices will be sent out in August and hearings will be held September 12.

**Reminder:** if you are planning any exterior modifications (other than a quick repair) to your home, please submit an Architectural Change Request before beginning the work.

# Is Soliciting or Peddling Legal in Glen Allen?

The answer is yes (with a license) and yes (with a license). The City of Bowie code for Peddler, Solicitor is in section 18. The code is divided into definition, license and exceptions. Part of the definition of peddler, solicitor states: “..any person who goes from house to house to vend, sell, introduce, promote or describe any service , product or thing of value.....” (the definition is a paragraph long). When a person performs those actions that are not stated within the exceptions, they must obtain a license from the City of Bowie.

**Exceptions** - This code shall not apply to:

- \* Persons who take orders for or make delivery of newspapers, milk, ice, fuel, bakery goods or other dairy or bakery perishable food products
- \* Persons selling such articles as may be produced, caught, or raised by them.
- \* Persons selling Christmas trees, cards, greens, holly, and wreaths.
- \* Fraternal, religious, charitable, patriotic, educational, benevolent, or civic organizations approved as such by the City Manager.

If you observe someone peddling or soliciting who should have a license and doesn't, notify the police department at 240-544-5700.

[This article is a repeat from the Fall 2015 Newsletter.]

# Dear Fellow Homeowners...

One of the Board's commitments to you is to keep assessments low as well as to limit the number of delinquent accounts as best we can. In addition to our procedure of turning these accounts over to the attorney, we continue to take seriously fiduciary responsibility to all of you.

With the change in the assessment due dates this year we knew that it would take some getting used to. In fact, the Board was encouraged that so many people called thinking they had missed sending in their assessments. To me as the Treasurer, that meant people are paying attention to the annual pleas to pay on time. They do not want to be on the dreaded delinquent list and get hit with the exorbitant fees after the accounts are turned over to the attorney. When an account is turned over to the attorney the bill immediately exceeds \$500. Any rebuttals or debates beyond this point exacerbates things by keeping the meter running.

Again, I hope that everyone recognizes that we have a collection policy with attorney involvement. We believe the policy is fair and reasonable in an effort to look out for the best interest of the entire community.

Your Treasurer,

Cary Hithon

# Theft From Auto Prevention Tips

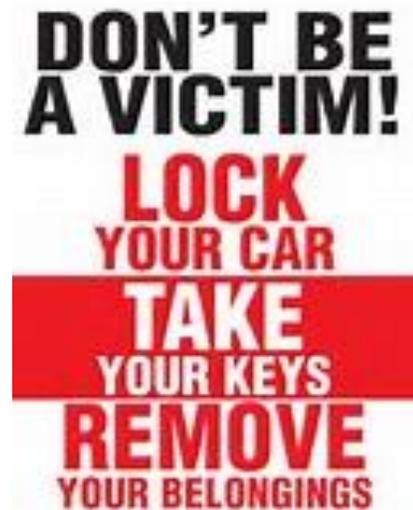
**Corporal John Wood from Prince George's County Police Department**

Good Afternoon, recently there have been some thefts from autos reported. Please also look out for your neighbors, if you see something suspicious please call the non-emergency number 240-544-5700, and if there is an emergency dial 911. Here are some tips on how to prevent such thefts.

- Ensure all your doors are locked and windows are closed, even if you plan on being gone for “just a second”
- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle, in plain sight or hidden; lock them in your glove box or trunk (GPS, electronics, money, purse, wallet, etc...)
- Park in well-lit areas, leave porch lights on, and install Motion Detector Lighting
- If you wake up in the middle of the night, take a look out the window for suspicious activity
- Install an alarm system with sensors that link to your tires to detect any tampering or movement to make it harder for thieves to remove the tires from the vehicle
- Don't leave a trace: empty duffle bags, book bags, gym bags, boxes, cords hanging out of consoles, etc... that can be assumed is holding something of value

- Don't leave spare keys in your vehicle, especially those to your vehicle or home
  - Engrave any property as a safe measure so if it's recovered it can easily be identified
  - Thieves like easy targets, so target harden your vehicle
  - Thieves look for items they can sell for profit or use for themselves, eliminate their chances to gain any goods
- Install cameras that face your driveway or in front of your home where you park

Remember it only takes a few seconds for a theft to be committed.



# Cooking With Bob

## Pesto–Spiced Nuts

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups Pecan halves  
2 cups Slivered almonds  
3T Olive oil  
1 ½ oz. package of KNORR Pesto sauce mix  
Fresh basil and garlic (optional)

Combine oil and pesto mix and spread over the nuts in a jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 13-15 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes, until nuts are roasted. Mix nuts with finely chopped basil and garlic (optional). Cool on paper towels and store in Zip-Loc bags.

## HOA Contacts

### ProCom, Inc.

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### HOA Board of Directors

Karen DeFazio, President: 301-249-7463  
Charles Brown, Vice President: 301-351-1396  
Cary Hithon, Treasurer: 301-218-1956  
Vicki Martin-Smith, Secretary: 301-218-9624  
Al Curley, At-Large: 301-218-1239

### City Council Member, District 4

Isaac Trough: 301-262-6200

### Committees and Chairs

**Architectural Review**, Charles Brown  
**Grounds and Maintenance**, Joe Brust  
**Hospitality**, Vicki Martin-Smith  
**Newsletter**, Karen and Bob DeFazio  
**Website**: [www.glenallen.org](http://www.glenallen.org)

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### **WANTED:**

*Fun, Energetic, Committed  
Team Players to join the  
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE!*

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

*A love for your Glen Allen  
Community and a desire to  
help plan events that would  
benefit all ages of our  
community.*

### **IF INTERESTED, CONTACT:**

*Vicki Martin-Smith via email,  
[vicki.martinsmith@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.martinsmith@gmail.com)  
By May 31<sup>st</sup>.*

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# Crime Stats for Glen Allen & Surroundings

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0
Commercial Robbery	0	1	0
Residential Robbery	1	0	0
Citizen Robbery	1	0	3
Carjackings	0	0	0
Assaults	2	2	3
Commercial Burglary	1	0	0
Residential Burglary	3	0	1
Theft from Auto	4	2	9
Other Thefts	15	10	20
Stolen Vehicles	0	1	1

PGPD data for Beat E1.

# Crime Statistics For Glen Allen Only

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Accident	0/0	0/0	0/0
Break & Enter	2/0	1/0	1/0
Check Auto/Person	1/0	1/0	0/0
Fight or Dispute	1/0	0/0	0/0
CDS (Drugs)	2/0	0/0	0/0
Domestic Violence	1/1	0/0	0/0
Theft	1/0	0/0	0/0
Theft from Auto	0/0	0/0	0/0
Vandalism	0/0	0/0	0/0
Gunshot/Shooting	0/0	0/0	0/0
Other Call Type	4/1	1/0	0/0
Burglar Alarm	7/0	2/0	3/0

Bowie Police Dept. Data: # Calls / # Reports Written, Burglar Alarm: # Dispatched / # Reports Written

# Please Note

There have been some complaints about dog walkers in Glen Allen. Please pick up after your dog. To do otherwise is against both the Bowie City Code (Chapter 4, Section 4-17) and Glen Allen's Declaration of Covenants (Offensive Activity), plus it's just un-neighborly. Sooner or later, pet waste left on the ground will find its way into our storm drains and rivers, adding to their pollution.

NO EXCUSES, pick it up if it is:

- Where people will walk (e.g. a sidewalk or the paved portion of the bike path)
- In front of, in the driveway or walkway of, or in the yard of a residence other than your own.

Don't bag it and drop it, either; take it home and dispose of it.

Another complaint is about off-leash dogs. Some dogs are exceptionally well-behaved and often walk beautifully beside their walkers without a leash. However, that is illegal; Bowie does have an ordinance requiring that dogs be leashed. Some people are scared or wary of dogs, a squirrel may scamper by, another dog can send a challenge – it doesn't take much and all heck can break loose. Let's keep everyone, including dogs and squirrels, safe. Keep 'em leashed.

Your neighbors will thank you!

