

NEWS FROM THE GLEN

Newsletter of Glen Allen

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Bowie, Maryland

Summer 2003

Community Yard Sale

Yes, there will be a community yard sale this year. It will be held from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 9th. For those new to the community, it works like this. Each participating resident conducts his/her own sale outside his/her own house. Those living in courts or other more out-of-the-way parts of Glen Allen may want to pair up with a neighbor or friend in a more visible part of the community. That's it; no rules, no charge, the profits are all yours. There will be an ad placed in the Bowie Blade announcing the sale to bring out the customers. Anyone wishing to make and post signs near the entrances to the community should contact Yvette White on 301-390-9242 or e-mail her on whiteyc@glenallen.org.



District II Community Oriented Policing Reorganizing for the Summer

Although crime is down over the first half of 2003, Capt. Vincent Gay, Acting Commander, District II of the Prince George's Police Department, has a plan that he hopes will help keep it down. He is forming an enforcement team component within its Community Oriented Policing Unit. This team will be flexible enough to address requests from the community concerning traffic complaints, loitering, and quality of life issues such as abandoned vehicles, untagged vehicles, and roadside vendors. Plus, the enforcement team will enable him to assign a group of uniform officers to areas that are experiencing an increased level of criminal activity involving citizen robberies, breaking and enterings, and vehicle thefts.

The current complement of Community Oriented Policing Officers and one reassigned Patrol Officer will be divided into two groups to

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staff this initiative. The enforcement team will include one supervisor and three officers; the remaining seven officers will continue to work directly with their community representatives. Officers not assigned to the enforcement function will operate under a geographical region designation as opposed to assignment in a specific beat. Glen Allen is located in Region 1 (City of Bowie and Old Bowie). Working with us will be Cpl. G. Gray #2352 and Cpl. M. Rose # 1619. This initiative will run from July 1 through September 2, 2003. A review of its results will determine whether it will become a permanent part of the COPS program at District II. [In the first two weeks of the program, there have been 11 arrests, 36 tickets given out and 19 grams of marijuana recovered.]

The enforcement team can be reached at 301-390-2100.

Crime Stat Briefs

The number of auto thefts is increasing. In fact, auto theft is among the fastest rising crimes in the area right now, up 33% since last year. Here are a few facts that might help prevent its further increase:

- Juveniles steal many vehicles to joyride, so be aware of juveniles cruising neighborhoods late at night.
- 40% of stolen vehicles have the keys in the ignition when stolen. So don't leave the keys in the car when you have to step away from it.
- The use of quality anti-theft devices DOES deter car thieves.

Concerned About West Nile Virus?

People are concerned about the risk of infection from Mosquito bites, especially West Nile Virus. Mosquitoes become infected when they bite infected birds. After an incubation period of 10 days to 2 weeks, infected mosquitoes can pass the virus to humans or animals while biting them. The virus is injected during the bite where it multiplies and may cause illness. Although the City of Bowie is spraying for mosquitoes, here are some things you can do to further reduce your risk.

Avoiding Mosquito Bites

- Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn
- Wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors (if you can stand them in the heat)
- Use insect repellents when outdoors
- Use a fine-mesh screen on windows and doors
- Avoid mosquito-infested areas like marshes and wetlands

Getting Rid of Mosquitoes

- Flush birdbaths and containers under potted plants twice a week
- Properly dispose of used tires
- Clean roof gutters and downspouts
- Turn over wading pools, wheelbarrows, pails, trash can lids, and any other object that holds water, including items stored under decks and porches
- Repair dripping outdoor faucets
- Drain water from tarps and grill covers

Hospitality Committee Needs Help

If you have attended the annual Community Day festivities, been the recipient of a welcoming packet for new residents, or participated in the Community Yard Sale, you've been at the receiving end of Glen Allen's Hospitality Committee. Marilyn Louis has chaired this committee since its inception several years ago. However, she has decided to hang up her spurs this September, when the committee will be officially chair-less. If you are interested in chairing this committee, contact Sheri Korink of COMANCO (128@comancoinc.com or 301-261-6400, x128).



Community Tidbits from Bill Aleshire

Public Services

- New traffic signal to be installed at Mitchellville Rd. and Harbor Way.
- For kids 16-18 years of age that have dropped out of school – the Freestate Academy has a FREE 22 weeks of mentoring and GED course work. Kids are drug tested. No one admitted on drugs, probation or parole. Call Bill Aleshire on 301-249-9490 for more information.
- Ballfield development project underway at Hopkins Park on Church Rd.
- Ballfield development project in final stages at Bogley Park on Rte. 197.

- Pedestrian Bridge opened to the public on July 3rd.
- Railroad Museum in Old Bowie has expanded hours – now open Wednesday to Sunday.

New Businesses to Open

- Haverty's Furniture Store at Gateway Plaza – late 2003
- Carabba's Italian Grill at Governor's Green by Archstone Apartments – by end of 2003
- Eckard Drug Store and Dry Clean Depot at the Marketplace – late 2003

Speeding In Glen Allen: A Proposal By Charlie Brown

Homeowners are concerned about the excessive speed of teenage drivers on Atlantis Drive and Apple Green Lane. One homeowner stated that Apple Green seems like a drag strip at times. Also, homeowners believe some of these young drivers live in Glen Allen. Even though this is a police matter, I believe that we can help in solving this problem. I'm proposing this process: report such speeders to me on secretary@glenallen.org or call Sheri Korink of COMANCO on 301-261-6400 x128. I am working with the proper authorities to try a process that would identify the young speeder to the proper homeowner. The desired result is corrective action in the home. Even though this proposal is targeted toward the teenage driver, all of us should monitor our speed. As a reminder to all of us to slow down, the radar display unit will continue to be seen in our community. Please share your thoughts with me on how we can address this problem.

Central County Coalition

The Central County Coalition is a loose gathering of homeowners associations, civic associations etc. from developments in South Bowie. These communities lie within an area bounded by Route 50, Leland Road, Church Road and the Patuxant River. By banding together the communities can have an effect on what is happening around us that will directly or indirectly affect our communities. The Coalition is still in the organizing stages and is just beginning the process of incorporation. Right now, Karen DeFazio is Glen Allen's representative in the group.

The Coalition's main focus will be on responsible growth. This does not mean, "We've got ours, now we're keeping everyone else out." Instead, the Coalition will work with the City of Bowie and Prince George's County planning boards to ensure that any new development seeking approval will adequately address issues of schools, roads, fire and police rather than allowing homes to be built with little or no thought given to these issues. The committees being set up include:

- Development Review, chaired by Iridia Hutchinson of The Manors at Collington Station
- Adequate Public Facilities (schools and roads), chaired by Richard Schroeder of the South Bowie Civic Association
- Public Safety (fire and police), chaired by Deirdre Trass of Collington Station
- Master Plan, chair, Vacant

If you are interested in participating in the organization or would just like more information on the Central County Coalition, contact Deirdre Trass (drt7800@att.net).

Cooking With Bob

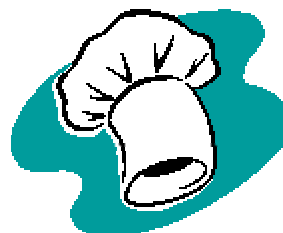
BEEF BARBEQUE

Ingredients:

- 4-6 lbs. boneless beef chuck roast (trimmed wt.)
- 3 large onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, chopped
- 4 T. brown sugar
- 4 T. vinegar
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 3 cups broth from meat
- 1 (24 oz.) bottle of ketchup

Boil meat until tender. Hint: cook under water in a slow cooker (crock pot) until the meat literally falls apart. Save 3 cups of broth. Let meat cool and shred by hand, carefully removing any fat or gristle.

Combine the brown sugar, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, meat broth and ketchup, bring to a boil, add the meat and simmer 1 hour.



Notice to E-mail Users In Glen Allen

The Glen Allen Homeowners' Association is offering free e-mail addresses in the glenallen.org domain. This glenallen.org address can be assigned to your current e-mail account and reassigned as necessary when you change ISPs (Internet Service Providers). For example, Bob and Sue Resident currently receive their e-mail through AOL as bobsue8345@aol.com. This address is non-intuitive and, if they decide to drop AOL and sign on with MSN, they would have to update their address with all their friends and associates. By using this forwarding service and selecting a name like bresident@glenallen.org or sue@glenallen.org, they can restore simplicity to their e-mail address, and if they change ISPs the only ones they need notify is us, their mail will continue to be forwarded to their new account. This is just an e-mail proxy; your existing e-mail address will still work.

You must meet these conditions to take part in this service:

1. You must be a resident of Glen Allen
2. You must already have an e-mail account with an ISP
3. You have paid and are current on your annual assessment

If you meet these conditions and are interested in establishing an account, send a request to ga-email@digimark.net. Include your name, street address, current e-mail address and your first and second choices for your forwarding service address. You will be notified when your account is created. Available addresses are first come, first served, with up to 5 addresses per home.

Gary and Robin Goldberg and Digital Marketing, Inc are offering this service. Gary and Robin are 6-year residents of Glen Allen

and Gary operates Digital Marketing, an Internet systems and networks management consultancy, from their home. Depending on the success of this effort, other services may be added. One idea that Gary is interested in is the development of a wireless neighborhood area network (NAN) for Internet access. A NAN, as an alternative to DSL and cable Internet access, can have some significant advantages and is a hot topic in the Internet world. If you would like to know more or want to participate in the qualification and planning for this possibility, contact Gary at og@digimark.net.

**Glen Allen
Community
Yard Sale**

August 9, 2003

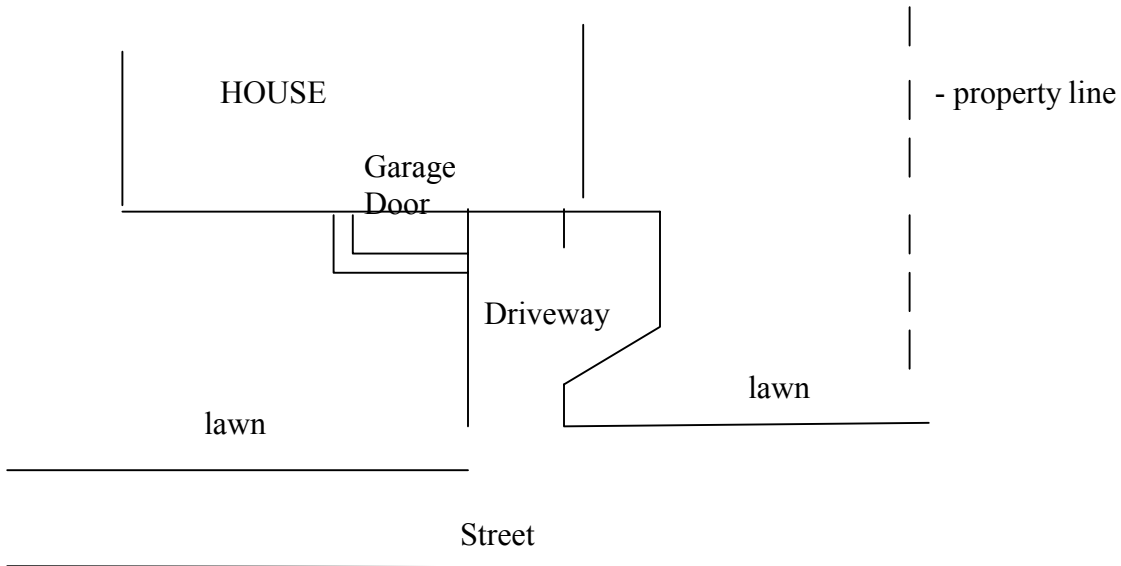
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Watch for Advertisements
in the Bowie Blade**

SURVEY ON WIDENED DRIVEWAYS

By Charlie Brown

The Architectural Committee reviews proposed external changes to the homeowner's property through the use of the Architectural Guidelines. However, I have received a couple of inquiries concerning the addition of the parking area in front of the home. The proposal is to add an asphalt or concrete rectangle next to the driveway to park one vehicle. This situation is not specifically addressed in the guidelines. A similar situation in Fairfax County has created many heated discussions. Some homes replaced the front lawns with parking spaces. I don't foresee this extreme in this community (it would not be approved); however, some driveways can accommodate a maximum of two vehicles. Appearance is a concern of us all. A possible scenario is drawn below. Please respond to secretary@glennallen.org or call Sheri Korink of COMANCO on 301-261-6400, x128. Thanks.



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