

# Wooded Glen, Section I Homeowners' Association, Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Wooded Glen, Section I Homeowners' Association Inc., has been scheduled for November 9th, 2010, at 8:00 p.m. in the White Oaks Elementary School, located at 6130 Shiplott Boulevard, Burke, Virginia 22015.

Elections will be held to fill two board member positions for two year terms (Nov 2010 – Nov 2012). If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please mention it to a current board member or neighbor who plans to attend. We are also looking for members of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) and Grounds Committee.

In addition to the elections, our agenda includes a discussion on the annual HOA assessment. A vote to increase the annual assessment from \$400.00 to \$450.00 per year is planned.

The meeting is open to all members of Homeowner Association and renters. Only Homeowners can vote. Homeowners who cannot make the meeting are asked to complete a proxy (located at the back of this newsletter). The proxy can be used for a quorum or for any other specific reason. We need 27 members to attend or complete a proxy. All proxies must be given to the Board President (Mr. Gary Van Horn) prior to the start of the annual meeting.

### HELP STOP SPEEDING

Are you sick of nearly getting run over while crossing the street? Now, you can make a difference! Join Al Graziano ([grazia@cox.net](mailto:grazia@cox.net)) in establishing a volunteer Wooded Glen Avenue Speed Trap. Teams of three are needed to take photographs, time speeders (100 feet) and record date/time/car color. Speeders (traveling more than 25 mph) will be reported to the

Fairfax County Police using their web site at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/CRS/>.

### GOODBYE NOTE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Friends, it is with a heavy heart that I had to tender my resignation at the last meeting of the HOA Board of Directors. I appreciated the opportunity to serve as the most recent President of the Board and to live in a great community. My family plans to build a new home and have thus sold our home on Wooded Glen.

Please know that all the members of the Board have selflessly given of their family time to work for a better neighborhood. To that end, one of our most recent decisions was to hire a private community inspection company to do third party inspections of the exterior (as visible from the street) of each house in our HOA community. In today's market, it is in the best interest of all owners to ensure the entire community is complying with its regulations and bylaws and looks its best to maintain our home values as much as possible. In the past people have felt uncomfortable having to confront their neighbors when they fail to properly maintain the exterior of their home. This contracted service will provide an impartial assessment for the Board to be able to take action and notify such homeowners of the maintenance concerns that are seen as violations of our HOA regulations and by-laws. Please support your community by keeping your home looking nice and in good repair. And if you receive a notice of potential concern or violation, take it in the good neighbor spirit it is intended and resolve the concern as quickly as possible.

As I mentioned, our Board members work for the benefit of the community as a whole and help bring you events like the annual family picnic, which was a great success this year. As with anything, many hands make light work. Please consider helping or

volunteering to support the HOA with its various efforts throughout the year. We have various committees, such as the hospitality committee and the architectural review board that can always use added assistance. Consider volunteering!

I know I found the HOA to be one of the rewarding parts of living on Wooded Glen.

Hope our paths cross again,  
Patricia Becker

### **HOME VALUE**

Your Wooded Glen Homeowner's Association Board is working to ensure our home values continue to increase. We are looking at several ways to make improvements to the overall appearance of our neighborhood. You can do your part to help us make our community even better. Here are a few things that will make a big difference:

Keep your front yard free of debris, newspapers and trash that may have accumulated along the curb. When you pick up your mail it's the perfect time to take a look around your yard.

Make needed repairs to your home or hire a reputable contractor to do the work. Don't forget to get approval for changes, in advance, through the Architectural Control Committee.

If you own a dog and go for a walk through the neighborhood, please pick up behind your pet. Take 2 plastic bags with you on every walk just to be sure you are prepared. Not only is it the law to pick up behind your pet but it can dramatically reduce the spread of disease. If you see someone not taking appropriate measures to pick up behind their pet, offer them a plastic bag – they'll get the hint.

Trim bushes and trees that may have been damaged by the winter weather. Also, trim any bushes that are encroaching on the sidewalk. We want to encourage kids to run and ride their bikes on the sidewalk – not the street.

Retrieve your trash containers and recycling bins promptly on the day that pickup occurs. Store

your trash container along the side of your house, out of view or inside the garage.

Together we can make our community an even better place to live and be proud of. Thank you for doing your part.

### **STREET PAVING**

A recent audit of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) identified \$1.45B in transportation funding that was available for deployment but not utilized to address outstanding highway construction and maintenance needs. Now is the time to write your representative to request that Wooded Glen Ave be paved.

The HOA has already prepared a draft letter for you to submit to Mr. Akers. If we get 30 homeowners to send letter in, we might have a chance to get some of these excess funds spent on our street.

Please click on this [link](#) and send your letter today!

### **PIPE STEM PARKING**

A reminder to everyone that the two pipe-stem drives in our subdivision are private property. Parking on those drives is prohibited. Emergency vehicles and trash/recycle pick up vehicles may not be able to reach homes on the pipestem when cars are parked there (since they are only 16 feet wide). Thank you for keeping these drives free of parked cars.

### **SELLING YOUR HOME**

When selling your home you (or your Realtor) will need to request an HOA packet from the board. The cost is \$150.00 (check payable to Wooded Glen Section 1 HOA) and once payment is received, the packet will be prepared. The packet will be available for pick-up within 10 days from payment receipt. The HOA packet includes a variety of information for the new homeowners, such as the Association's Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, budget, notice of current or pending architectural violations, and architectural guidelines.

## **HOW TO CHANGE THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR HOUSE**

Does the color of your house need a change? Do you wish you had a back deck or yard fence or do you want to change the one you have? Do you have a tree that needs to be removed? If so, then you have to request approval of the exterior change of your house from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). The Wooded Glen guidelines state: *“Applications shall be submitted to the Committee in an original plus five copies or electronically at [acc@woodedglenhoa.org](mailto:acc@woodedglenhoa.org). Applications shall contain detailed drawings of changes to be made. Such drawings shall clearly indicate the location of existing structures, and property boundary lines.”*

The approval process is fairly simple; use the [form](#) located on our website at or write a letter explaining exactly what you want to do, add a drawing, and if painting is involved, submit a sample of the color(s). Then e-mail the request or deliver the original request and 5 copies to the Chairperson of the ACC, Mr. Walt Zimmers. He will circulate your request to the other members of the ACC and get back to you within a few weeks. Written approval of changes, additions or improvements to your home is a requirement of our Homeowners Association. To review the requirements in detail, see the link to the [Architectural Guidelines](#) on our web site at <http://woodedglenhoa.org/>.

## **REMINDERS**

With the end of summer it is important to ensure that your house is duly prepared for the coming months. A maintenance check carried out in summer or at the beginning of fall will have you better prepared for this fall and winter.

Have you inspected and cleaned the rain gutters?

Have you cleaned off your roof and gutters and checked for any loose or missing shingles or siding?

Have you checked ducts, filters, attic and the basement, and cleaned them as these are pests breeding spots?

If you have a deck, have you checked the deck for loose nails or pieces of wood, or rotting wood?

Have you checked your plot for leaning and falling or dead trees?

Have you replaced any fused bulbs on the external lights? And do not forget to adjust the auto switch (on and off times) of the external lights.

## **WOODED GLEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION CONTACTS**

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# Proxy for Meeting of the Wooded Glen Homeowners' Association

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**If you are unable to attend, please sign and give this proxy to any one of the following board members:**

**PROXY:** I hereby appoint the following persons, or any of them, as my proxy for this "special meeting" (strike any names you desire not to exercise your proxy),

**President:** Gary Van Horn, 703 440-1014, 9446 Wooded Glen Ave

**Vice President:** Joao Salomao, 703 455-6044, 9461 Wooded Glen Ave

**Treasurer:** Al Graziano, 703 455-3447, 9422 Wooded Glen Ave

**Secretary:** Giao Phan, 703 455-9132, 9409 Wooded Glen Ave

**Ast Secretary:** Patrick McLean, 703 455-3158, 9438 Wooded Glen Ave

and I give him/her/them the following instructions (circle one):

**To vote me "present" for quorum or Vote on matters of business being conducted**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_