

Wooded Glen, Section I Homeowners' Association, Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The annual meeting of the Wooded Glen, Section I Homeowners' Association Inc., took place Thursday, November 6, 2014.

The elections filled two Board member positions for two-year terms (Nov 2014 – Nov 2016). Mr. Roger Kang and Mr. Michael McCrory graciously volunteered and were nominated and elected to fill the two vacancies. In addition, Mr. Al Graziano volunteered to continue on as the Association's treasurer.

Following the Annual meeting, the new board members convened and the following individuals were voted into the following offices:

President: Tom Clark
Vice President: Roger Kang
Treasurer: Al Graziano
Secretary: Michael McCrory
Member at Large: Helmut Draxler

We have all survived another colder-than-normal February. As the warm weather of spring arrives, we will all have the opportunity to get outside and begin sprucing up our properties so that our neighborhood will continue to be viewed as one of Fairfax County's finest – and most desirable. I, for one, have always viewed our neighborhood as one that others might envy. And I have always enjoyed getting outside in the beautiful spring weather and working in my yard.

One important element in ensuring that our neighborhood is looking its best is to maintain our street lamps in good working order. The spring is an ideal time to check the lamp posts for structural integrity and give them a fresh coat of paint. And, if you have any bulbs that are out, you can contact any of the Board members for replacement bulbs.

This is also an appropriate time to remind everyone that we should be storing our trash and recycle bins out of sight other than the days of pick-up. I know it is sometimes convenient to place our bins in our driveways or at the side of our garages, but with just a little extra effort, we can place them out of sight, and the "looks" of our neighborhood will be improved.

As spring arrives, we may once again see an increase in number of solicitors in the neighborhood. Homeowners are reminded that lawful solicitors must be properly licensed. Look here for more info: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/education/solicitors.htm>

One goal of the HOA this year is to complete a review and update by our legal counsel of some key HOA documents to ensure that we remain in compliance with the ever-changing Virginia Code. If any of the homeowners have suggestions for additional matters that the HOA should address – or

any other concerns for that matter – you can contact one of the Board members.

Tom Clark
HOA Board President

WELCOME

No new home owners since the last newsletter.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The HOA was presented with an offer of assistance for any homeowner to receive assistance with the development of a Home Emergency Preparedness plan. The Board believes this offer has merit and wishes to extend the opportunity to our homeowners.

Some quick thoughts and ideas on preparedness from the FEMA web site:

www.ready.gov

- Be Informed
- Make a Plan
- Build a Kit

If any homeowner desires assistance or more information, please contact a Board member.

HOA ANNUAL YARD SALE

Date: Saturday, 16 May, 2015
Time: 8:00-11:00 am
Place: Your front driveway/garage
Rain Date: Sunday, 17 May 2015

HOA ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual HOA picnic is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with some of your neighbors.

Date: Saturday, 19 September, 2015
Alternate Date: Sunday, 20 September, 2015
Time: 12:00 – 2:00
Place: TBD

REPLACEMENT BULBS AND GLOBES

Homeowners may contact any of the Board members for replacement **60-Watt soft white**



compact florescent light bulbs (CFLs) for their lampposts. To maintain the attractiveness of our neighborhood, our goal is that all bulbs on the entire street have the same wattage and color rendition.

The 12-inch plastic globes (with a 4-inch neck) for the lamppost fixtures may be procured at: www.lamppostglobes.com. You should look for the “white” polycarbonate globes.



PETS: PLEASE REMIND YOUR OWNERS

The pet owners of the neighborhood are asked to pick up after their pets. Not only is this the neighborly thing to do (after all, we all want to do unto others as we would have then do unto us), but in fact it is required by law. Fairfax County Code Title 41 requires pet owners to have their pet on a leash when left outside and to pick up their pet's waste. Anyone who observes a violation of this law may call the Fairfax County Police at the non-emergency number: 703-691-2131.

Lastly, please **DO NOT** dispose of animal waste into the sewer drains.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

Please report to the police any suspicious activity on our streets or in the common areas. We have had reports in the past of evidence of alcohol drinking and smoking in the common areas. We have also had minor acts of vandalism (though not so minor, if it happens to you), such as eggs being thrown at houses and unlocked cars being rummaged through. If you see anything suspicious, please contact 911 or the Fairfax County Police Department Non-Emergency Line at 703-691-2131. The best deterrent is a vigilant neighborhood.

And last, but certainly not least, make sure that any cars parked in driveways or on the street are **locked at all times.**

SELLING YOUR HOME

When selling your home you (or your Realtor) will need to request an HOA packet from the board. The cost is \$100.00 (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 fence around your yard or do you want to change the one you have? Do you have a tree that needs to be removed? If so, then you should request approval for an 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 and cc a copy directly to walter.zimmers@gmail.com. Applications should contain detailed drawings of changes to be made. Any drawings should clearly indicate the location of existing structures, and property boundary lines.

The approval process is simple; use the form located on our website 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). E-mail the request or deliver the original request and 5 copies to the Chairperson of the ACC, Mr. Walt Zimmers or email it directly to walter.zimmers@gmail.com. He will circulate your request to the other members of the ACC and get back to you promptly. Written approval of exterior 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>.

SPRING & SUMMER HOME REMINDERS

A maintenance check carried out in the spring makes for a simpler summer. Here are some useful suggestions:

- Change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and replace them if necessary (get one if you don't have one).
- Check and ensure drains in and outside the house are clear of obstructions.
- Vacuum around refrigerators especially behind.
- Check your dryer vents to make sure they are working properly and are cleared of any backup.
- Pressure-wash your house and deck/patio and bring outdoor furniture out of storage.
- Check for and repair cracks in driveway/sidewalk. Spring is the best time to seal cracks in the driveway or any other concrete.
- Replace any burnt out bulbs on the exterior lights.
- Trim tree branches and bushes off windows, siding, and lampposts.
- Trim branches and move border rocks at least 6-inches off sides of sidewalks.
- Inspect and clear rain gutters of leaves.
- Check for any loose or missing roof shingles or siding.
- Check/replace filters for heat pumps and furnaces.
- Check and clean air ducts and registers.
- Have fireplace chimneys inspected and cleaned.
- Check wooden decks/porches for loose nails and rotted wood.
- Help keep sidewalks safe by shoveling snow as soon as feasible.

COMMON AREA MOWING

First, many thanks to Jade Samec for a great job in 2014 for cutting the common area grass (lot between 9422 and 9424 Wooded Glen Ave) and keeping this area looking great. Cheers to Jade!!!!



For the summer of 2015, Kat McCrory has offered to undertake this task, and the Board has every confidence that the common area will be as attractive as ever this summer.

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