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

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# **NEWSLETTER**

#### ANNUAL HOA Meeting 6 NOVEMBER 14

The annual meeting of the Wooded Glen, Section I Homeowners' Association Inc., has been scheduled for **Thursday November 6, 2014, at 8:00p.m. in the White Oaks Elementary School**, located at 6130 Shiplett Boulevard, Burke, Virginia 22015. At least one homeowner from each home should attend to represent their home in the association.

Elections will be held to fill two Board member positions for two-year terms (Nov 2015 – Nov 2017). 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 HOA Financial Plan. The costs of running our association are currently stable thanks in large part to our Treasurer's continued efforts.

The meeting is open to all members of Homeowners' 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 Board has conducted a couple of walking inspections of the neighborhood. We applaud and thank everyone that was so quick to respond. I think we're looking the better for it. We all still have some aged wear and tear that needs frequent attention. See the notice on lamp lights; this is one area we can still improve upon.

A reminder to homeowners making exterior or grounds changes, please consult with the ACC first. A simple email or call is all it takes. They can and will assist and advise you. They can guide you through the ACC request process, if one is necessary. This includes painting and tree removal. As of this writing I'm still undecided about running for the board again. Four years went by quickly but I'm deeply involved with other volunteer activities that cause me to be less attentive to the HOA than I'd like to be. I encourage anyone interested to give it try. It's a couple of hours a month of your time.

#### WELCOME TO WOODED GLEN



Welcome to our new homeowner in 6532 Novak Woods Court, Lin Zi Jian ,and Grace Wang. We also have new tenants residing at 9407, Dave and Michelle Grant and their 3 children.

#### PETTY LARCENY, VANDALISM & NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Folks, the neighborhood seems to be suffering regular acts of vandalism. Added to this is the current increase in petty larceny. Autos parked on the street are prime targets of petty criminals. Our through street makes it an attractive location. I urge our homeowners to lock your cars and secure valuables out of site.

We have as well lit a neighborhood as I can imagine in the area, this is a very powerful deterrent. Please keep your exterior lighting well maintained to serve as a deterrent.

We're all neighbors and should look out for one another. 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.

#### REPLACEMENT BULBS, GLOBES AND LAMP POSTS

Homeowners, please take a look at your lamp post. Some are showing their wear. The Board requests that the bulbs be uniform. If you need bulbs, please contact **Patrick McLean** for replacement **60-Watt soft white compact florescent light bulbs (CFLs)** for their lampposts. **All bulbs on the entire street should have the** <u>same wattage and color rendition</u>.

The 12-inch plastic globes (with a 4-inch neck) for the lamppost fixtures may be procured at: <u>www.lamppostglobes.com</u>. Buy the "white" polycarbonate globes.



#### PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS

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**. Homeowners in Wooded Glen have noticed an increase in unleashed pets running around at night and pet droppings on their lawns, in the common areas, and in the parkland near the townhomes. Our children play in these areas. Remember to bring a bag and flashlight at night. Darkness does not hide the waste. Please DO NOT dispose into the sewer drains.

Anyone seeing a homeowner not picking up waste after his or her pet should politely ask the pet owner to do so. If the polite reminder does not work, violators may be reported to the Fairfax County Animal Warden at (703) 691-2131. However, aggressive actions against pet walkers will NOT be tolerated. If you feel threatened by an aggressive homeowner, call 911.

#### 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 have to 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 <u>acc@woodedglenhoa.org</u>. 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 simple; use the <u>form</u> 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). 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 shortly. 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 <u>Architectural Guidelines</u> on our web site at <u>http://woodedglenhoa.org/</u>.

#### **HOA PICNIC FUN!**

Another great event led by Debbie McCrory and huge thank you to Debbie for pulling it all together, again.



A special thank you to Brandon Ew for the musical entertainment. Thanks also to the Gordon, Hirschfeld, Mustone, and Sikri families for hosting the event

#### WINTER HOME REMINDERS

A maintenance check carried out in the fall will have you better prepared for inclement weather this fall and winter. Here are some friendly reminders:

- o replace any burnt out bulbs on the exterior lights
- o trim tree branches and bushes off windows, siding, and lampposts
- o trim branches and move border rocks at least 6inches off sides of sidewalks
- o inspect and clear rain gutters of leaves
- o check for any loose or missing roof shingles or siding
- o check/replace filters for heat pumps and furnaces
- o check and clean air ducts and registers
- o have fireplace chimneys inspected and cleaned
- o check wooden decks/porches for loose nails and rotted wood
- help keep sidewalks safe by shoveling snow as soon as feasible

### 2013-2014 BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued upkeep and maintenance of the front entrance with light and plants
- o Revalidated our 5 year budget plan
- o All assessments collected (56 homes, 9 pipestem)
- Clean audit of financial records by independent certified public accountant
- o Processed all ACC requests promptly
- o Hosted annual yard sale and picnic

#### **SUGGESTIONS**

Have a suggestion for the HOA board? Things you like to recommend, something that's been nagging you, something that we could change? Something you are pleased about? Please call a board member or email and let us know.

## WOODED GLEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION CONTACTS

#### Board of Directors: (area code 703)

President: Helmut Draxler, phone 913-1114 Vice President: Tom Clark, 455-5646 Treasurer: Al Graziano, 455-3447 Secretary: Michael McCrory, 349-2010 At Large: Patrick McLean, 455-3158 e-mail: hoaboard@woodedglenhoa.org

#### Architectural Control Committee

Walt Zimmers, wzimmers@verizon.net Gail Levenson, 451-8351 Beth Samec, 455-0977

**Volunteers Wanted (contact Board)** e-mail: <u>acc@woodedglenhoa.org</u>

#### **Grounds Committee**

Walt Zimmers, grounds@woodedglenhoa.org Patrick McLean 455-3158 Volunteers Wanted (contact Board) e-mail: grounds@woodedglenhoa.org

# Proxy for Meeting of the Wooded Glen Homeowners' Association

The annual meeting of the Wooded Glen, Section I Homeowners' Association, Inc (WGHOA) has been scheduled for November 6th, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. at the White Oaks Elementary School, , 6130 Shiplett Boulevard, Burke, Virginia 22015. Three Board members for two-year terms are to be elected, and other business may be transacted at the meeting.

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 Annual HOA Meeting

**President: Helmut Draxler**, phone 913-1114, elected term Nov 12-Nov 14 **Vice President: Thomas Clark**, phone 455-5646, elected term Nov 13-Nov 15 **Secretary: Michael McCrory**, phone 349-2010, elected term Nov 12-Nov 14 **Treasurer: Al Graziano**, phone 455-3447, elected term Nov 13-Nov 15 **Member at Large: Patrick McLean**, phone 455-3158, elected term Nov 13-Nov 15

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: \_\_\_\_\_