



# AFTON GLEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2007

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS.** The Board usually meets the second Wednesday of every month—check for postings on the gazebo and our web site at <http://aftonglen.freesevers.com/>. All Afton Glen residents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. If you can't attend but wish the Board to discuss a certain topic, call or send John Davies an e-mail, and we'll add the topic to our agenda.

### Annual Homeowner's Meeting

Thanks to all who participated, in person or by proxy, in the annual homeowners meeting, which was held Jan. 10 at Sangster Elementary School. The following are highlights of the business and discussion items:

- *Church/neighborhood parking:* The subject of church-related parking and traffic occupied most of the meeting. The Board will continue efforts to reduce parking and traffic concerns. (See separate story on parking.)
- *School zoning:* To ease overcrowding, South County Secondary School has relocated some students to Hayfield and may relocate others to Lake Braddock, which is under capacity. Our neighborhood's school boundaries are not affected by these actions.
- *Cell tower:* After some delays, Verizon has received approval to move forward with construction of the cell tower off Pohick Road near the neighborhood.
- *Architectural Review Board walk-through:* The Board will look into developing a brief list of high-priority items that inspections will focus on.
- *2007 budget:* Approved at the current rate of \$110 per home per quarter.
- *Board elections:* John Davies was elected to continue service on the Board. Dennis Dombkowski was elected as a new member.

### Update on St. Raymond Parking and Traffic

The Board is continuing to work closely with the church and other parties in an effort to control church-related neighborhood traffic and parking congestion. Several connected efforts have been under way:

- *Parking control signs:* The Board contacted the Virginia Department of Transportation to find out why the original parking control signs were removed. Those signs were installed by the church's contractor without VDOT approval and were unenforceable. We were advised that the county has authority to install the required signs and to seek approval from our supervisor.
- *County supervisor:* We have requested the assistance of Supervisor Gerry Hyland in obtaining VDOT-approved, enforceable parking restriction signs.
- *Traffic/parking enforcement:* We learned via the Fairfax County Police that the Traffic Enforcement Officer who was in training for the West Springfield District—and whom we were advised to wait for to be on duty in February—is no longer working there. We are continuing to work with the West Springfield District to attempt to ensure additional enforcement by on-duty officers. (A suggestion to have the church post ushers in the roadway to enforce restrictions is not possible. As civilians they would not have the authority, equipment, or training to bear that responsibility.)

- *Church efforts:* Board President John Davies has met with the pastor, the Rev. James Gould, to convey neighborhood concerns and discuss the church's own actions involving VDOT, their lawyers, the Diocese, and the contractors. They began trying to resolve the parking sign problem as soon as the signs were removed. The church wants to add more parking spaces on its property, and we will support that effort. It has been encouraging carpooling and is reminding parishioners to respect parking restrictions.
- *County regulators:* The Board wrote to the county Department of Planning and Zoning to draw attention to the violation of limits on church parking that were conditions for the special building permit granted to the church.
- *Special parking designation:* We researched the possibility of seeking to have the community designated as a Community Parking District or Residential Permit Parking District. However, the former does not apply, and our neighborhood does not meet the minimum requirements for the latter.

We will continue to keep you informed on this issue. In the meantime we continue to urge patience, cooperation, and cool heads.

### ***Koger Management & Audit***

As many of you know, a number of routine clerical and accounting functions of the Afton Glen Homeowners Association are handled by a contractor, Koger Management Group Inc.

As reported in the news media, in recent weeks Koger has come under scrutiny for accounting irregu-

larities. It is under state and local investigation for possible embezzlement of funds from various Northern Virginia homeowner associations. The owner of the company has pledged restitution to any association that incurred a loss.

Based on initial audits by the company, it does not appear that Afton Glen's accounts were among those from which funds were embezzled. Nevertheless, we are arranging for an independent audit to ensure the integrity of our accounts.

### ***Next Afton Glen Yard Sale Scheduled for June 2***

Turn your old stuff into gold—get ready for the next Afton Glen community yard sale, which will take place **Saturday, June 2, from 8:00 a.m. to noon (rain date: Sunday June 3)**. We will place ads in local papers announcing the sale and have road signs directing people to our neighborhood. Mark your calendars!

### ***Spring Cleanup: May 19***

Here's your chance to invest some "sweat equity" in the value of our neighborhood: You can help by volunteering your energy for our annual Spring Cleanup, which will take place May 19 at 8:00 a.m. Please show up at the walking path entrance on Green Garland Drive with some work gloves and elbow grease.

### ***Needed: Newsletter Input***

If you have other community information, please contact Dennis Dombkowski, (703) 644-4507.