

The Gazebo

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Afton Glen
Homeowners Association
Springfield, VA



Residents Clean Up Common Areas

Afton Glen held its annual Community Clean Up on Saturday, May 7, 2011.



Volunteers replacing the picnic table-tops at the Tot Lot

Residents came out to show their support for the community. As an added bonus, Board member Carolyn Eng supplied donuts to the volunteers.

Armed with garbage bags, saws, clippers and lots of

enthusiasm, the residents spent the next four hours sprucing up the common areas.

The Eng family donated, and planted, dogwood scrubs along the ravine and path to the tot lot. The scrubs will provide a natural cover and eventually blooms for community enjoyment.

At the tot lot, the picnic tables and benches had seen better days, a team took on the challenge to make repairs. It took hard work but old, rusted bolts were sawed off and wooden boards replaced.

The work on the picnic tables took two weekends due to the condition of the tables. Plus, more supplies had to be purchased to complete the job.

In Afton Glen, the common areas are clustered around the paved pathways leading to the playground.



Unfortunately, it didn't take long for the new picnic table-tops to be vandalized.

Upcoming Events in Afton Glen

Afton Glen Yard Sale, Saturday, September 17

Need to clean out your basement?
Looking for that trash to treasure?

Our community-wide yard sale is just the event. The AGHOA will be advertising the event for the community. This is a great opportunity to clean out and clean up!



Can never remember when to put out the trash and recyclables? Here's a Reminder:

Trash is picked up weekly on Monday and Thursday.

Recyclables are picked up every Monday.

Garden waste is picked up every Wednesday and must be bagged or bundled. The bundles can't be longer than 4 ft or more than 50 lbs. Loose piles of branches will not be accommodated. Garden waste is picked up March through December and the first weeks of January.

All trash, recyclables, should not be put out to the curb before 6 p.m. the night before. However, a change to the ARB Guidelines allows for garden waste to be put out the weekend prior but it would be better if it could wait till the night before.

Around the Gazebo

Jane Davies, President, AGHOA

Afton Glen continues to be a great place to live and with fewer problems than our surrounding associations. This is large part to the residents who share in the responsibility of keeping their properties maintained and upholding our guidelines. The board members and I appreciate our residents and their ongoing concern for our community. It is a pleasure to note that our HOA has the fewest non-payments of quarterly fees in many years. Considering our economy, this is good to hear.

During the summer, new residents have joined the HOA. This is a good time to point out that it is every resident's responsibility to adhere to Architectural Review Board (ARB) Guidelines. The process is simple and is there to protect you, the homeowner, and to keep our real estate prices competitive. Check out our website for more information or contact the members of the ARB. This is provided at the end of each newsletter.

Many changes are taking place around our community; affecting our commutes and lifestyles. Most notably are the changes on Fort Belvoir and the Fairfax County Parkway. Highlights of these additions to Fort Belvoir include: Warrior Transition Complex, Northern

Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005

The implementation of BRAC at Fort Belvoir includes more than 20 separate projects with a total of nearly 6.3 million square feet of building space, 7 million square feet of parking structures and areas, and an overall construction cost of approximately \$4 billion. The renovation of existing facilities and construction of new facilities are well under way to support a net gain of approximately 19,300 military and civilian employees at Fort Belvoir. The law requires implementation of the BRAC Commission's decisions by Sept 15, 2011.

Regional Medical Command Headquarters, dental clinic, and new child development center. Of course, the new 120-bed hospital was opened this month. It is a 1.275 million square foot joint military facility.

Phase 3 of the Fairfax County Parkway construction project is well underway. If you would like to follow the construction schedule and view maps of all Parkway phases, please go to:

<http://www.fairfaxcountyparkway.org/>

Due to realignment, our community is now part of the Springfield District, represented by Supervisor Pat Herrity. Supervisor Herrity has agreed to attend our annual meeting in December and to meet with our residents.

As we get closer to our annual meeting, management will send out notices. See you then!

(Since writing this, our community has been through an earthquake and Hurricane Irene. Luckily, we and our neighbors made it through without any major problems!)

Are You Prepared for Emergencies?

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:



- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place

- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional

- bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

(from Fairfax County Emergency Management)

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Local Information & Resources in Fairfax County

Are you signed up for the Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN)? Fairfax County's Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN) delivers important emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major crisis or emergency, in addition to day-to-day notices about weather and traffic. Messages will be delivered to all devices you register:

- email account
- cell phone
- text pager
- satellite phone
- wireless device

To sign up, go to:
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean/>

As a side note, if you work in DC, they offer Alert DC. Go to their website:

<https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/index.php?CCheck=1>

Fairfax County offers three free apps for iPhone users. Go to iTunes and search for Fairfax County. The apps are: FairfaxCounty, Fairfax County Alerts and Visit Fairfax: Official Visitors Guide to Fairfax County and Northern Virginia. The FairfaxCounty app offers contact info; locations; calendars; newswire; alerts; social media; transportation; info on supervisors; and search site. For Android and Blackberry users, go to

this website to download appropriate apps:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/mobile/>

Workhouse Arts Center, located just down the road in the old Lorton Penitentiary. Classes and programs are always being offered. Additional information can be found at: www.WorkhouseArts.org

The South County Federation wishes to remind residents of a new service: cheap bus service, \$30 one way, from Lorton to New York City. For information, go to: www.vamoosebus.com

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War and Fairfax County had many important battles and citizens. Between now and the end of the year, Fairfax County will host many of the events planned. Check out this website to view all the events:

<http://www.fxva.com/150/events/fairfax-county/>

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