

# g GREATER GLENMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

Glenmont — The Gateway to the Nation's Capital

Fall 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Membership Meeting & Election

We will have our annual GGCA board elections and discuss other important issues, including zoning and development plans for our area, the Neighborhood Watch, and Adopt-a-Road, on Tuesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. at Wheaton High School (12601 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD, 20906).

### Neighborhood Watch Walk

Join us on Saturday, September 17, 3-4 p.m. Walkers will meet in the parking lot of Weller Elementary School (3301 Weller Road, Silver Spring, MD, 20906).

### Adopt-a-Road Clean-Up

Please join us at the Denley Park community center (corner of Randolph and Bluhill) for our next Adopt-a-Road clean-up on Saturday, October 8, 9a.m.-noon.



### GGCA Elections

It's time for the annual election of new GGCA board members. Your vote is very important, so please attend the September 13 meeting. All members in good standing can vote and run for office. No special skills are needed! Check out "What's New" on [www.glenmontcivic.org](http://www.glenmontcivic.org) to see a description of open positions.

### se habla español

Esta hoja informativa contiene información importante sobre la comunidad de Glenmont. Si desea recibir esta información en español, por favor llame a 240-398-7906 o escribanos al correo electrónico [glenmontcivic@gmail.com](mailto:glenmontcivic@gmail.com).

## Keeping Glenmont Tidy



Worn-out sofas. Broken TVs. Moldy mattresses. Trash like this belongs on the back of a dump truck or at a recycling facility, but too often we see it littering the sidewalks and green areas of our community. Illegal dumping is an ongoing issue in Glenmont and a major focus of the GGCA's mission to help keep our neighborhood clean and green.

### *What is illegal dumping?*

Illegal dumping is leaving solid waste in a place other than a legally accepted facility, such as a transfer station or recycling center. Illegally dumped trash:

- Attracts rats, insects, and other vermin, which poses a public health risk
- Creates a safety hazard, especially for kids who play in areas where items with protruding nails, sharp edges, or toxic chemicals are dumped
- May decay or moulder and give off unpleasant odors
- May leak toxic substances that threaten surface or ground water
- Can lead to a decline in property values and a loss of community pride
- May necessitate expensive county cleanups—the costs of which are passed on to taxpayers

People who are caught dumping trash illegally are subject to a minimum \$500 civil fine and possible criminal prosecution.

### *How should bulk trash be disposed?*

An illegal dumpsite can be costly to clean up, but it doesn't cost nearly as much to dispose of trash properly. Our county has one of the biggest waste disposal and recycling programs in the nation, so take advantage of the available facilities and services. Visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/solidwaste/facilities/index.asp> for a list of trash disposal and recycling facilities.

In addition, each household in the county is entitled to **five free collections of bulk trash a year**. For details or to schedule a pick-up of bulk trash, call 311 or visit [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/dep/solidwaste/collection\\_services/trash/bulk.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/dep/solidwaste/collection_services/trash/bulk.asp).

The Freecycle Network is another option. It allows you to connect with others to promote re-use by giving unwanted items to other people. For details, visit <http://www.freecycle.org/>.

### *What if I see illegally dumped trash?*

It's important to take note if you see bulk trash around our neighborhood, especially if you see the person dumping it. Please record:

- The exact location where the dumping occurred
- A description of the vehicle and people involved (if known)
- The license plate number of the vehicle
- The date and time of the incident

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You can provide this information by phone or online:

- Call the Illegal Dumping Hotline at 311. An investigator should return your call by the next business day.
- File a report using the complaint form here: <http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEPOnlineForms/EnvComplaintForm.aspx>.



If you have trouble getting a response, contact the GGCA at [glenmontcivic@gmail.com](mailto:glenmontcivic@gmail.com), and we will follow up.

**You can also help the GGCA “take out the trash” by joining our next Adopt-a-Road clean-up. See “Upcoming Events” on page 1 for details!**

[Source of county program information: [www.montgomerycounty.gov](http://www.montgomerycounty.gov)]

## GGCA to Discuss Zoning with Planning Department

On September 7, 2011, representatives from the GGCA board will meet with Michael Brown of the Montgomery County Planning Department to discuss the new sector plan for Glenmont. The sector plan will guide how our area grows over the next few years; the mix of retail, residential, and office development we will have; and the kinds of infrastructure upgrades we will need to support it. If you attended our last meeting, you may know that the Privacy World area is slated for re-development as a mixed-use (retail and residential) area. The GGCA is also pushing for updates to the Glenmont Shopping Center at the northeast corner of Randolph and Georgia.

Among other topics, we will discuss:

- What we would like to see in a re-developed Glenmont
- What we like about the current zoning and development in the area and what we don't like
- How we would like Glenmont to grow (more office space, more retail, etc.)
- What kinds of infrastructure (public facilities, roads, mass transit, etc.) we will need to support our growing population

We are planning to present the comments we have already received from Glenmont residents. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions you'd like us to present, please contact us at [glenmontcivic@gmail.com](mailto:glenmontcivic@gmail.com) or at the P.O. Box listed in the form below.

### **Congratulations to Jason Scheiner, winner of our logo contest**

You can check out our new logo on page 1 of this newsletter and on our re-designed GGCA web site (coming soon!).

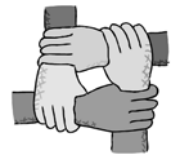
## BULLETIN BOARD

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Did you know that the GGCA was founded by a group of concerned neighbors just like you? Together, we work to improve our neighborhood, build a sense of community, and keep residents informed about county and state services.

As an unpaid-volunteer organization, we are only as strong as the community that supports us. We need your voice, your time, and your help to be as effective as possible. Could you spare one hour a month to make a difference?

Please come to our next meeting and/or join our next Neighborhood Watch or Adopt-a-Road event. Check page 1 for details!



### **Updates from Around Town**

As you may know, the county is planning to move local Fire Station 18 (currently at the corner of Randolph Road and Georgia Avenue) to make way for the new grade-separated interchange at Georgia and Randolph. The new fire station will be located next to the Metro parking garage (currently under construction) on the west side of Georgia Avenue across from Glenallan Avenue.

Construction is slated to start in summer 2012 and is expected to be completed in January 2014. Check our homepage at [www.glenmontcivic.org](http://www.glenmontcivic.org) for a PowerPoint presentation showing the fire station design, which was first presented at a public meeting on April 28, 2011.

[Source: [www.montgomerycounty.gov](http://www.montgomerycounty.gov)]

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