

**GREATER GLENMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
VISIONING AND PRIORITY-SETTING SESSION  
Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

Why I love my Glenmont neighborhood (31 items)

- Location
- Affordable
- Close to schools
- Diversity
- Metro
- Convenience
- Shops
- Close to DC
- Mature foliage
- Close to hospitals, police, fire
- Love my neighbors
- Family neighborhood
- Choice of libraries
- Leaf pick-up
- Parks, basketball, other recreation facilities
- County services (recycling, etc.)
- Brookside Gardens
- Good roads
- FIOS
- Choice of school programs (biotech school - Wheaton; robotics program)
- Tech school - career center
- Arts and entertainment school
- Friendly neighbors
- Pool
- Fairly clean
- Pretty quiet
- Convenient to country clubs
- Close to Strathmore
- Close to many restaurants
- Close to banks
- Speed trap

## Challenges in our neighborhood (39 items)

- Empty houses
- Communication
- Lots of houses are rentals
- Residents don't know about services of county (like big item trash pick-up)
- Lack of code enforcement
- Parking
- Speeding
- People run stop signs
- High real estate taxes
- Loitering
- Metro
- Auto theft and other crime
- Lack of truancy enforcement
- Littering
- People selling drugs
- Lighting
- Short sales
- County maintenance of greenspaces
- Potholes
- Aging pipes - leaks, water main breaks
- Snow removal
- Lack of economic development of Glenmont Shopping Center
- Not cleaning up after dogs
- Using Glenmont as a cut-through
- Weekend drinking, driving and tossing
- Lack of youth activities
- Underage drugs and alcohol leads to other problems
- Kids playing in street - no way to get into park and it's dangerous for kids
- No traffic light at Denley and Randolph
- Streets too narrow to park on both sides and must wait to pass in opposite direction
- Parking on lawns
- No sidewalks on some streets
- Police slow to respond
- Big commercial vehicles park on street
- Graffiti
- Lack of stewardship of neighborhood
- Knuckleheads walking down middle of road
- Commercial businesses in homes
- Cars parked in yard and on street abandoned; some registered but not driven

Our Vision of a Perfect, Ideal Glenmont (total # of votes = 138 / 3 = 46 people voting)

1. Beautiful, vital Glenmont Shopping Center - safe, comfortable for the elderly (27 votes)
2. Tax incentives for home improvement (22 votes)
3. Active community center with activities for youth, seniors, all - exercise equipment, basketball, computers (17 votes)
4. Bright street lights all around the neighborhood (14 votes)
5. Lots of community participation - celebrating diversity (12 votes)
6. Places that encourage walking (7 votes)
7. More trees along Georgia and Randolph and in neighborhood; active plant-a-tree program (5 votes)
8. Lots of volunteers in schools (4 votes)

3 votes:

- Pedestrian walkover at Georgia and Randolph
- Neighbors look out for each other and properties
- Remodeled schools
- Houses are greened up
- Greenspace in neighborhood intersection triangles beautified

2 votes:

- Rehabbed houses; secure mortgages
- Dog park
- Recycle center for household items
- Adequate trash receptacles in public places
- Power grid beefed up - plenty of capacity
- More connection between police, fire and community; community policing
- Underground utilities

1 vote:

- Safe bike paths for commuting

0 votes:

- Cobblestone walkways with benches
- Universal civic-mindedness
- Community blog/list serve

From the Suggestion Box

- There is a big problem with illegal dumping (broken TVs, busted furniture, old mattresses, etc.) on Hathaway Drive in the common area/island between Weller and Valleywood. Can we get some "no dumping" signs for that area (and any other common area that has this problem)? I've seen such signs in the Connecticut Estates area - no reason we shouldn't have them, too....Thanks! Amanda Bernhardt

*(Editor's note on above suggestion: Rather than posting more signs - visual pollution themselves - how about beautifying these common greenspaces so they look like lived-in, well-cared-for public gardens with benches? Using positive reuse instead of more regulatory signage accomplishes the same end in a more visually-pleasing way.)*

- I would like to request more street lights and speed bump on Urbana Drive. Thank you!! Susan Hewan. P.S. Enforce the law of cleaning up after your dogs when they walk them.