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Special points of interest:

- A plethora of social activities inside—come one come all!
- Next meeting June 8 at 7:30. 1310 Colvin Forest Dr

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A Doggie Census?

Have you filled out your pet census yet? Every 10 years we ask all the households of Colvin's Glen to fill out a pet census to help us establish our Pet Operational Options Plan. But seriously folks, since there are so many pets in Colvin's Glen, I thought folks might be interested in a few interesting facts:

- In a human population of about 460, Colvin's Glen also claims about 80 dogs and 40 cats. Or in other words, about 20% of the (relatively) tame inhabitants of this neighborhood are of the 4-footed variety.
- In addition, 73 out of 145, or about half of all the households in the neighborhood are home to at least one dog or cat.

Now on a more global scale...

- Nearly all but two breeds of dogs have pink tongues. The two exceptions? The Chow Chow and the Shar-pei, both with black tongues.
- Dachshunds were bred to fight badgers in their dens.
- Greyhounds are no doubt fast. In fact, they can reach speeds of up to 45 miles per hour for short amounts of time.
- Cats have five toes on each front foot, but only four on each back foot.
- How old is your dog or cat? At one year, a dog is the equivalent of 16 human years; at two dog years they are 24 human years; at 3 dog years, 30 human years; and for every dog year after that, add 4 human years. For a cat, 3 years is equivalent to 21 human years; 8 is like 40 human years; and 14 is like 70 human years.
- An American Animal Hospital Assoc. poll found that 33% of dog owners admit to talking to their dogs on the phone and leaving answering machine messages for them while away.
- Dogs' and cats' nose prints are as unique as a human's finger prints and can be used to accurately identify them.
- The domestic cat is the only cat species able to hold its tail vertically while walking. All wild cats hold their tails horizontally or tucked between their legs while walking.
- The "spring" in Springer Spaniel referred to this dog's ability to spring or startle game.
- The Doberman breed was created in the 1860's by Louis Doberman, a German tax-collector who created the dog to protect him while he worked.
- Most people think that dogs sweat by salivating, but they actually sweat through the pads of their feet.
- Contrary to popular belief, dogs are not color blind but can, in fact, see color. However, their color scheme is not as vivid as ours and can be likened to our vision at twilight.
- Cats rarely meow at other cats.
- All dogs, regardless of breed, are direct descendants of wolves and technically of the same species.
- Dogs have an extremely keen sense of smell. Humans might smell a pot of stew cooking on the stove, but a dog can distinguish the smells of each individual ingredient, from the beef itself to the potatoes.
- Teddy Roosevelt's dog, Pete, ripped a French ambassador's pants off at the White House.
- President Lyndon Johnson had two beagles named Him and Her.
- Calico cats are almost always female.
- An estimated 1,000,000 dogs in the U.S. have been named as the primary beneficiaries in their owner's will.

Time to Socialize!

Around the Neighborhood

Block Party

Did I say Party? You bet! There will be a "Block Party" on Saturday, June 5 (rain date June 6). (The term "block" is used loosely as it is for all the blocks in the neighborhood.) It will be held in the Yellow Pine cul-de-sac from 5 to 8pm. There will be a moon-bounce, games for the kids and a bike parade (decorations encouraged!). The entrée will be provided from neighborhood funds and folks are asked to bring a side dish or dessert and adult drinks of choice. Contact Ally Weingast 757-0186 or aberrip@aol.com if you have any questions or want to help. A flyer will be sent out via email.

Ally Weingast an email at aberrip@aol.com. Note that cancellations and any alternate dates will be announced via email so if you are not listed in the directory, contact Ally.

Garage Sale

A Neighborhood Garage Sale is planned for Saturday, May 15th from 8am to noon. The rain date will be the next day, Sunday May 16th. Ashley McGrath and Erika Hanushak are organizing the advertising, as well as a donation pick-up shortly after. If you want to be scheduled for the donation pick-up, or if you have any questions, get in touch with Ashley or Erika.

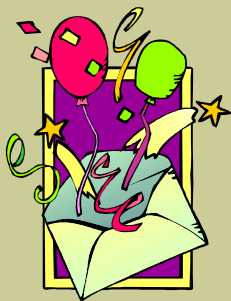


Water Party

The social committee is looking for a volunteer to organize the end-of-summer Kid's Water Party. This party would probably be held mid-to-late August or early September. Kids had a blast last year playing in sprinklers and water slides and folks brought lounge chairs, a beverage of their choice and snacks to share. If you are interested in setting up a similar party, contact Ashley McGrath at 757-0516 or ashleymcgrath1@verizon.net.

TGIF Parties

Started mostly by word-of-mouth last year, TGIF Parties are back this summer. Despite the name that we can't call it, the whole family IS invited. They are planned for the first Friday of each month beginning on May 7th, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Each one needs to have an unofficial host (just bring out your trash bins and set up a table for appetizers that others bring). It would be nice if these could be spread out around the neighborhood, so if you can volunteer as an unofficial host, drop



Non-Emergency reports:
703-691-2131

Seen Anyone Suspicious?

A neighbor reported seeing an unknown person behaving in a suspicious way within Colvin's Glen and wondered what to do. The Fairfax Police want citizens to report such sightings immediately so that they can investigate the incident without delay. To quote from the Fairfax Police instructions:

"Notify the police im-

mediately of any suspicious people, trucks or cars in the neighborhood. Don't worry about being a nuisance. Your police department will welcome your call and the opportunity to prevent a burglary. Remember, your belongings are yours; keeping them out of the hands of burglars and thieves is your responsibility. Van-

dalism to homes, automobiles and other property is a major problem throughout Fairfax County. To report something or someone suspicious, use the Fairfax County Police Department non-emergency number, 703-691-2131. For events that are life-threatening or immediately damaging to property, Call 911."

The Votes Are In...

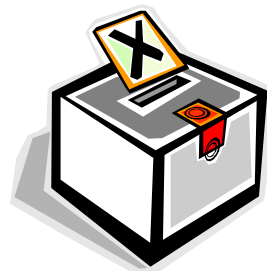
Many folks took the time to vote for their choice about what to do with the Colvin Forest entrance sign and the results are as follows:

- Leave everything as is: 6%
- Remove the existing sign and put in appropriate landscaping: 19%

And the winner is....

- Put in a similar sign to Delta Glen with appropriate landscaping: 75%

Thank you to everyone who let us know what they thought.



We plan to request a quote from the vendor that provided the Delta Glen sign. The new sign will probably be a scaled down ver-

sion of the original since the space is smaller. Estimates for various landscaping options will also be requested. The CGCA will work with the Golzar's and Gates' to ensure the sign and associated landscaping is acceptable to all. In ad-

vance, we thank the Golzars for allowing us to continue to keep a neighborhood entrance sign on their property and we will endeavor to make it a beautiful and inviting entrance to our neighborhood.

A question was raised about the future widening projects on Route 7 and what impact that might have on the sign upgrade. However, it was confirmed that the section of the widening project of Route 7 from Reston Ave to Lewinsville Rd has been indefinitely deferred due to funding constraints. When it does happen, the Association has been told that the signs would be relocated as needed.

If you would like to help out with the planning contact:

Sarah Grubbs
10300 Dunn Meadow Rd
757-6407
sgrubbs97@gmail.com

2009-2010 Dues

The voluntary \$50 annual dues, normally collected in the fall, are used to continue the Citizens' Association's effort to communicate issues that affect our community both externally and internally; enhance the quality of life in our community via social activities; coordinate upkeep of entrances to our neighborhood; and improve safety within our community. All residents are encouraged to become active in the Citizens' Association voicing their opinion on the association's budget and how the dues should be spent on behalf of the community. As of the April 6 CGCA meeting, 50 out of 145 households had paid their 2009-2010 dues. Thank you!



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2009-2010 Annual Dues

____ Yes, enclosed is my \$50 annual dues contribution! The check is made payable to Colvin's Glen Citizens' Association.

Please pay by mailing or delivering to:
Duane Stubbs
1334 Colvin Forest Drive
Vienna, VA 22182



Barking dogs, especially at night can be a very irritating. Please be considerate of your neighbors and look for ways to cure your dog's barking problem.



No one likes stepping in...well, you know what! Please be considerate of your neighbors and clean up after your pet.



Reminder:
Next meeting
June 8 at 7:30 at
1310 Colvin Forest

Questions? Comments?
Contact Charlie Cookson
at 703-757-0496 or
crcdid@aol.com or
1310 Colvin Forest Dr
Vienna, VA 22182

We're on the Web!
www.neighborhoodlink.com/vienna/cgcf



Fairfax County News



Since most of us are interested in taxes and schools, here are those highlights from the recent 2011 County Budget approval (approved April 27, 2010). The budget year begins July 1, 2010.

The FY 2011 budget includes a real estate tax rate of \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value, a \$0.05 increase from the \$1.04 rate in FY 2010. In addition, it increases the storm water service district tax from \$0.01 to \$0.015 per \$100 assessed value (this will be a deductible tax under Schedule A, line 8 "Other

taxes"). Based on these two tax rate adjustments, the net reduction for the average homeowner's tax bill is \$26.93. The board also approved establishing a Vehicle Registration License fee of \$33 per vehicle for most vehicles for FY 2011. The sewer service charge increases by \$0.77 per 1,000 gallons, from \$4.50 to \$5.27. This fee increase addresses aging sewer infrastructure and ensures compliance with state and federal clean water and environmental mandates.

The FY 2011 Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) transfer for opera-

tions totals \$1.61 billion, which represents a 1 percent decrease from the FY 2010 transfer level. The approved transfer level, in combination with the impact of full state funding of the Local Composite Index (LCI) formula adjustment, fully funds the School Board's operating request. However, due to increased student population and lower state revenues (sales tax revenue), FCPS is left with a potential \$89 million shortfall. You can voice your opinion at public hearings on this subject May 11th thru 13th (www.fcps.edu).

Dates to Remember

What	When	Where	Contact
May TGIF	May 7 5:30-7:30p	Tulip Poplar cul-de-sac	Anne Roberts 757-9868
Garage sale	May 15 8a to noon	All over	Ashley McGrath 757-0516 Erika Hanuschak 261-6989
June TGIF	Jun 4 5:30-7:30	TBA	Ally Weingast* 757-0186 aberrip@aol.com
Block Party	Jun 5 5:00	Yellow Pine cul-de-sac	Ally Weingast
Next CGCA Meeting	Jun 8 7:30	1310 Colvin Forest Dr	Charlie Cookson 757-0496
July TGIF	Jul 2 5:30	TBA	Ally Weingast*
August TGIF	Aug 6 5:30	TBA	Ally Weingast*
Water Party	Aug/Sep	TBA	Ashley McGrath*
September TGIF	Sep 3 5:30	TBA	Ally Weingast*
Chili Cookoff	Oct 2	Chestnut Oak cul-de-sac	Erika Hanuschak*
Halloween Party	Oct 31	TBA	Ally Weingast*

* Temporary point of contact—host/organizer/volunteer needed