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# Heritage Valley Newsletter

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## Fall Clean-up October 12<sup>th</sup>



In conjunction with the City of Atlanta Department of Public Works, Keep Atlanta Beautiful, and Atlanta Tool bank HV will be hosting a fall neighborhood clean-up on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am til 12noon. Residents please meet at the dumpsters that will be located on **Glenview Circle and Pine Cone Dr.** This will be the

perfect opportunity to dispose of trash and other items on your property or carport before the winter sets in. We hope that you and your family will assist us in these efforts as we try to maintain the integrity of the neighborhood. This is always a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and show community pride as well.

## NPU-P Hosts PICNIC October 19<sup>th</sup> @ Beautiful Melvin Drive Park.



Heritage Valley don't put your lawn chairs away just yet. NPU-P will be hosting a fall community

picnic on the basketball courts of Melvin Drive Park on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am-5p. Bring your chairs and snacks and come meet residents of surrounding neighborhoods that are also a part of NPU-P like Heritage Valley. NPU-P will have something for all ages at this event, card games, sack races, music, walking tours of the park and much more. Melvin Drive Park is such a wonderful asset within walking distance to our community that is vastly under-utilized so we hope that you will come out & support and see what your neighborhood park has to offer.

## HV Yard of the Month Winners October 2013



*Mr & Ms Emmett Wiggins center along with Yard of the month committee members R. Harbor and L. Matthews*

In an effort to encourage the upkeep of properties and yards in the community Heritage Valley Area Community Assoc is proud to report that the "Yard of the month" program kicked off October 1, 2013. The very first winners of Yard of the month are Mr. & Mrs. Wiggins of 3568 Heritage Valley Road. Please congratulate them as you see them throughout the community on a fine job of maintaining their yard and residence. Winners receive a gift certificate to a home improvement store, recognition in an upcoming newsletter, as well as bragging rights in the community. To nominate a property in the community please speak with Bill. Harbor or Leon. Matthews, yard of the month committee members at an upcoming HV meeting.

**To order Your Neighborhood Watch Yard Sign send check or MO to  
Heritage Valley: PO Box 311076, Atlanta, GA 31131**

Reminder: Trash Cans should not be visible from the street. In addition all cans should be removed from the curb by 7pm the day of collection.

## Heritage Valley Fall Tips and Reminders

### Inside The House



#### Heating System Checkup

Be sure to change the air filter in your furnace and check its efficiency before the cold weather begins. Call in an HVAC contractor to test the heating output and give the system a tune-up. This technician can also check for and correct possibly hazardous carbon monoxide levels generated by your heating system. Stock up on several air filters for the winter, and change them every month.

#### Check the Fireplace and Chimney

Most chimney sweeps recommend an annual sweeping, but depending on how often you use the fireplace, you might be able to wait on a full sweep. But if you will be using the fireplace often, call a chimney sweep for an inspection.

### Outside The House

#### The Gutters

It's best to inspect and clean the gutters a few times during the fall, especially if there are many leafy trees around your house. If gutters remain clogged, water will spill over them and onto the ground next to the foundation, which may cause damage to the foundation. Gutters and downspouts should be kept clean and should direct water away from the foundation, as well as from walkways and driveways.

#### Yard Maintenance

The orange, yellow, and brown colors of the autumn leaves don't look as nice on the ground as they do on the trees. Rake the leaves into piles and scoop them into yard waste bags. When sweeping the leaves off your patio, don't forget to clean, pack up, and store any patio furniture for the winter. Disconnect garden hoses and, if practical, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This reduces the chance of freezing in the section of pipe just inside the house.

#### In The Garage/ Carport

It is recommended that you empty out unused fuel from any gas-powered equipment stored in the garage, such as a lawnmower, because sediment can build up and clog the fuel lines.

### General Safety

As the holidays draw near crime tends to increase in not only our community but all neighborhoods. Ensure that you all lookout for one another and increase your alertness. Be careful of where you store boxes for recently purchased items, and request directed patrols of your home from APD if you are going to be away for the holidays.

As the days become shorter and night falls earlier turn porch and carport lights on at dusk to assist in keeping the community lighted and to deter crime.



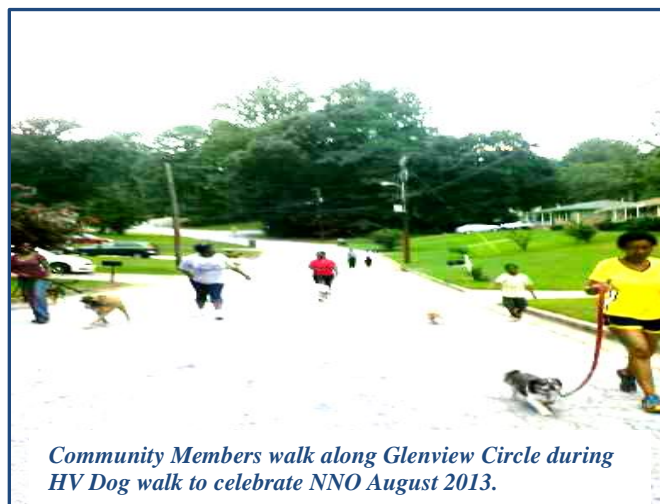
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### Are You a Strong Person willing to lend a hand?

We are in need of some strong volunteers to assist with putting out our Christmas decorations in the neighborhood this year. If you can donate an hour or two to help in this initiative please contact Frank Birch at 404 344-5043.

## We hope to see you all at next year's Community Dog Walk.



*Community Members walk along Glenview Circle during HV Dog walk to celebrate NNO August 2013.*

A great time was had in the "Valley" this summer at our community dog walk we hope to see more residents next year participating in this wonderful initiative. This is our second year hosting NNO events in Heritage Valley and we hope this continues in future years.



Heritage Valley Christmas details will be distributed to the community the first week of December 2013 let's make this year's holiday season the most festive ever!

The last Community Meeting of 2013 will be October 26<sup>th</sup> we wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday season.....