

Gayton Glen Community News

May/June
2009

**11th ANNUAL GAYTON GLEN
HOME & GARDEN TOUR**
Sunday, June 28, 2009
1:00 pm—4:00 pm

In less than four weeks the Gayton Glen community will again celebrate spring and gardening with its Eleventh Home and Garden Tour on Sunday, June 28th. Mark your calendar and plan to celebrate with us.

Our homes and gardens change each year with new discoveries of plants, gardening techniques and decorating and home improvement ideas to share with our neighbors. We hope you will allow us to feature your home and/or garden on the tour. You do not have to be present to show your garden... just let us know if you want your backyard featured and leave your gate open on the day of the event.

This year we hope to feature homes that have been renovated so if you have renovated all or part of your home and are interested in showing all or part of your new renovation please participate in our event. Many homeowners enjoy seeing various home improvement possibilities!

The walking tour starts at 1:00 o'clock; homes will be open between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. At 3:15 under the WHITE TENT on Smithers Court, **Azalea Mall Garden Center** will present landscape and gardening ideas followed by drawings for prizes and gift certificates. At 4:15 MOE'S Southwest Grill will cap off the event with a Fajita Bar (with choices of meat or vegetarian ingredients). This has been a favorite part of the event for the past several years.

We hope you will allow us to feature your home and/or garden in our 11th Annual Gayton Glen Home & Garden Tour. So...call Chairman Sue Warren at 644-9422 or Gayle Hunter by June 15th to open your home or garden or to volunteer your time.

The tour is just around the corner so call asap if you wish to participate. Make the tour a forum for meeting your neighbors and sharing your gardening and home improvement ideas!

REMEMBER—mark your calendar and invite a friend on Sunday, June 28th.



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BOARD UP-DATE

The following is a brief over-view of some Board accomplishments over the past several months. We hope we will see more of you at our remaining monthly meetings which are posted below and at the Gayton entrance prior to each meeting.

Approved then distributed to homeowners in April:

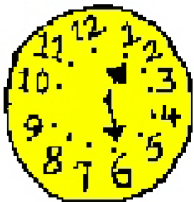
Resolution 2009-1 Parking and Towing Resolution. This resolution contained two important changes to our parking policy: 1) Homeowner /Resident will be allowed to have vehicles towed by PEACO at owners expense from homeowner's assigned spaces by providing proof of residence with picture ID and GG parking spaces card; 2) excessively large moving vehicles are no longer allowed in Gayton Glen.

Resolution 2008-1 Association Complaint Procedures and Complaint Form in compliance with a new requirement by Section 55-530 of the Code of Virginia.

- Completed audited financial statement for 2007. Auditing of 2008 financials is in progress.

Also the Board:

- Completed installation of new light on Berman Court.
- Approved a request from the ARC that the size of new shrubbery which is planted in the front foundation beds must be in at less 3-gallon container size.
- Repaired damaged lawn and replaced Keeney Court sign which was recently destroyed by a huge moving van.
- Oversaw spring lawn care and continued to monitor repairs throughout the community.



MEETING TIMES

6:45 PM—BOD

7:00 PM—ARC

at Lakewood Manor

Meeting Dates for the rest of 2009

June 9-ARC	Sept 8-ARC
23-BOD	22-BOD
July 14-ARC	Oct 13-ARC
28-BOD	27-BOD
Aug 11-ARC	Nov 10-ARC
25-BOD	24-BOD

ANNUAL MEETING—to be announced

Committee Up-dates

ARC

A few reminders from the committee:

- Size of new shrubbery planted in front foundation beds must be in no less than a 3-gallon container.
- The only mulch allowed on the front foundation beds is brown shredded pine mulch.
- Any improvements to home's exterior (this includes changes and additions to new planting beds) are subject to ARC review.
- For more information or assistance with ARC submittals contact Barbara Long at 741 -9183.

Events Committee



The Committee needs your help with the up-coming Home & Garden Tour. To volunteer your home and/or garden or to help the day of the event, please call Sue Warren or Gayle Hunter ASAP.

Committee members include Sue Warren (Chair) 644-9422, Erin McLaughlin, Amy McLaughlin, Edna Medina, Carla Meixner and Gayle Hunter-board representative.

Welcoming Committee

This committee was formed to meet and greet new homeowners in our community. Members include Diane Douglas, board rep; Gigi Gore (Timberly Way) and Melissa Golden (Stanton Way). **Please call Diane Douglas if you wish to be a "street rep" on this committee.**

Our New Neighbors

- 1709 Timberly Way- Sarah Craig
- 1723 Timberly Waye- Lauren Kopelove
- 1814 Timberly Waye– Stephanie Chambers
- 10805 Stanton Way– Andrew & Barbara Frank
- 10828 Smithers Ct.– Resale Package Issued

HOMEOWNER ALERT

Chimney Repair

A recent inspection of all the chimneys in the community revealed 91 chimneys that were in need of major repair. It included all Smithers Court chimneys; twenty on old (1700) Timberly Way; twenty-five on Stanton Way (Class 3); and ten in the Ryan Homes (Class 4) section.

Please be advised that within the next few weeks a contractor will be on your roof to begin the repairs on Classes 1 & 2. **DO NOT BE ALARMED.** The repairs include sanding off surface rust, applying a thin coat of roofing tar across the top of each chimney and then applying a coat of aluminum fibered roof coating. Missing trim boards or siding will be replaced and where the rust has stained the sides, the contractor will remove it with acetone. Homeowners in Classes 3 and 4 will be receiving a letter explaining the manner in which the cost per homeowner will be handled. Thank you for your cooperation in this most important maintenance procedure.

Gutter Cleaning

Over the next few weeks, gutter cleaning will take place. Please keep your backyard gates unlocked on **TUESDAYS** so that the contractor will have access to your backyard and the gutters on the back of your home. If there are any questions about either of these procedures, please call Pam Lawrence, our property manager.

Deck Stairs on Stanton Way

Homeowners on Stanton Way are advised to have the steps to their decks and front porches inspected by a certified building inspector. Recently, an entire stair case collapsed when a delivery person attempted to deliver a package. This is a serious problem!

Please inspect your stairs for structural defects as soon as possible. You may be avoiding a possible lawsuit if someone is injured on your property.



Frequently Asked Questions



Q. I pay my bills on-line through my bank on the first of the month. Sometimes the check for my Association dues is posted after the 5th of the month, which makes my payment late. Isn't five days enough time for my check to travel to Atlanta for posting?

A. If your bank issues the check without the coupon (or deposit slip) from your payment book, all identifying information is not available to process the check. When the check is received without the coupon, it is scanned into a "No Docs" for posting which further delays the posting process. For instance, if the check arrived on the 5th without the coupon it may take several days before your check is finally processed. If you wish to have your Association dues automatically withdrawn from your account, you may go On-Line to SmartStreet to set up a payment account. They can also be reached by calling 1-888-705-0600, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am through 6:00 pm. Please have your coupon account number available.

Q. Aren't the minutes considered official after approval by the Board?

A. The minutes handed out at the Board meeting are always in DRAFT form. If the Board approves the minutes **WITHOUT CORRECTIONS**, they become the official minutes. If, however, the minutes are approved **WITH CORRECTIONS**, the minutes are not official and remain in draft form until the corrections are made by the Secretary. If there are questions concerning the minutes, please check posted minutes on the Official Gayton Glen Website for the final approved minutes of the Association.

The Official Gayton Glen Website

www.gayton-glen.org

For reliable and current information about the Gayton Glen Association please continue to visit the OFFICIAL Gayton Glen website noted above.

Any other Gayton Glen website is NOT sanctioned by the Gayton Glen Homeowners Association.

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Tips for a Pet-Safe Yard

According to the ASPCA, thousands of pets a year come in contact with poisonous insecticides, weed killers, and toxic plants. Here is a checklist to help pet-proof your yard and garden:

- **Poisonous plants**—some outdoor plants are poisonous to pets. Mushrooms can cause liver failure; rhododendron, azalea, lily of the valley, oleander, rosebay and foxglove can affect the heart. See the ASPCA website for a full list of toxic plants.
- **Fertilizer**—a large dose of chemical fertilizer ingested can cause stomach upset or worse result in life-threatening gastro-intestinal obstruction. Use safe natural fertilizer alternatives.
- **Cocoa Mulch**—cocoa bean mulch can attract pets with its sweet smell. If ingested, it can cause vomiting, diarrhea, muscle tremors, elevated heart rate, hyperactivity and seizures. Shredded pine, cedar or hemlock bark are safe alternatives.
- **Insecticides**—any herbicide, insecticide bait trap, spray or granules should be kept away from pets.
- **Compost**—coffee, moldy food and some fruits and vegetables placed in composts can cause problems if your pet eats it. See full list on the ASPCA website.
- **Fleas and ticks**—keep pets away from tall brush and grass.
- **Garden tools**—keep tools off the ground and away from curious pets. If they puncture the skin, rusty tools can cause injury to paws and nose. Rusty tools can pass tetanus.
- **Allergy-causing flora**—pets can be allergic to certain plants and dust and even suffer anaphylactic shock in reactions. Even though they don't show signs of allergies when in your yard, they may react to something in a neighbor's yard or a park that you take them. So watch them carefully.

PET COURTESY

Remember... "Scoop the Poop"

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated by all homeowners and is required by the Association and the County of Henrico.



Great Garden Tips for June!

Here are a few tips for keeping your gardens in tip-top shape through the hot summer months ahead!

- **Shear certain spring blooming perennials.** Iberis (Candytuft), Alyssum (Basket of Gold), and Phlox Subulata (Mountain Pink) should be sheared/deadheaded after blooming to encourage bushiness.
- **Trim back certain tall perennials to keep compact.** Some perennials benefit from being sheared back by half or a third of their height. This keeps them compact and bushy and improves flowering. Some perennials that can be sheared back are: Russian sage, Aster, Baby's Breath, Bee Balm, Joe Pye Weed, Boltonia, Heliopsis, Perennial Sunflower, Miscanthus.
- **Cut back daffodil foliage.** In June, begin to remove daffodil foliage from the garden. Be sure to wait 6 weeks (after blooming) for the foliage to ripen before cutting it back. Once the majority of the foliage turns brown, carefully pull it off or cut it back.
- **Watch for disease in the garden.** With the recent rains, the incidence of disease is like to increase. Look out for fungal diseases like rust on Hollyhocks and asters, botrytis on peonies, leaf spot on roses and other plants, and powdery mildew on many perennials and shrubs. Good air circulation around plants by proper spacing and thinning will reduce diseases in the garden. If fungal disease is a problem, spray with an approved fungicide that is labeled for that disease.
- **Lookout for garden pests.** Aphids are piercing and sucking pests that can cause major damage to plants. Spray with an insecticidal soap according to the label. *Sluggo* is great for ridding the garden of slugs and snails. It is safe for use around children, pets, and wildlife.
- **Plant some beautiful container gardens.** Be creative by using a combination of different plants.