



2024

ENVIRONS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

# GLEN HEATHER

## NEWSLETTER

Saturday, October 26 @ 3pm

### Halloween Parade &

### Oktoberfest Potluck

Glen Heather Homeowners Association would like to celebrate Halloween by hosting the annual Halloween Parade.

Parade participants are encouraged to dress up in costumes, and those that would just like to show their support can line the parade route and cheer them on. The parade will conclude in the common area at the intersection of Environs and Heather Glen Road where treats will be provided, or you can always bring your favorite to share.

After the parade concludes, we'll play some games, partake in Halloween themed crafts, and hangout while listening to some tunes. Bring your ladder ball or cornhole set and challenge your neighbors to a friendly match as we sip the season's best cider.

**Continue the tradition:** The HOA board has decided (as of 2019) to combine the annual picnic/block party with the Halloween parade. We have had such nice weather in the fall, along with great turnouts, that we thought instead of battling the summer heat and vacation schedules we could just have our potluck in October! This means the HOA will provide pizza, juice, and water, but we are counting on you to bring a side dish or dessert.

#### Parade route starts in Autumn Leaf Ct:



Volunteers are needed for parade (crafting, games, and folding tables) so please contact Bekah Timmons at [ghhoa20165.community@gmail.com](mailto:ghhoa20165.community@gmail.com) (cc: [ghhoa20165.president@gmail.com](mailto:ghhoa20165.president@gmail.com)) if you would like to help.

## Annual Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 @ 7 pm online (virtual meeting link will be provided on [www.glenheather.com](http://www.glenheather.com)\*)

If you cannot attend, proxy forms are available. Please email [ghhoa20165.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ghhoa20165.secretary@gmail.com) for more information or pick one up at the Halloween Parade.

At the annual meeting, we will talk about future initiatives for our community such as a community beautification day and entrance sign revitalization. We will also cover the budget for the upcoming year and vote on board positions. We are always looking for volunteers as there are sometimes board members who double up their responsibilities.

The annual meeting is also a time to share questions, comments, and concerns. We have been using the virtual format since the pandemic and it has provided several positive outcomes: Greater attendance and engagement due to the flexibility of logging in remotely. Higher productivity since slides, data, forms, and motions are referenced, shared, and recorded more easily. Less burdensome for volunteers to coordinate and provide audio-visual equipment. And finally, it has been more punctual. We appreciate and respect everyone's time and conducting the meeting in this way helps to keep questions and comments thoughtful and concise.

### \*Website update:

For many years, the website at [www.glenheather.com](http://www.glenheather.com) was running on the platform Wordpress. Almost two decades have passed since that initial decision and the volunteer with the expertise has since moved out of the neighborhood. This left our website without a full-time custodian and it lacked necessary security updates. Because of this, Dreamhost shutdown access to our webpage pending actions that would bring it up-to-date. When it came time to pay the annual fee, the board decided to move in a new direction.

Our Vice President, Christina Zourzoukis, is now on a mission to give our webpage a much needed revamp. This includes transferring the domain and using new software and templates to craft a refreshed and functional website. More details to follow!

## Neighborhood Security

Over the past couple months, we have had multiple reports of break-ins to cars. Please make sure to lock your vehicle at night and file a report with the Loudoun County Sherriff department if this happens to you.

While we cannot prevent such acts, there are a few things we can do as a community to deter them:

- Make sure all your yard lights are working (especially with Halloween around the corner)
- Consider a motion activated security camera
- Report suspicious activity to the community FB group (must answer questions to join). It's a virtual neighborhood watch we can all get in real-time!

## Fall Clean Up

As we transition into fall please take some time to keep your yard tidy. We realize this may also be a time when you want to get that last outdoor project completed before winter. If you are going to be doing anything besides regular maintenance, please use the **architectural review request form**: <https://forms.gle/35Ff2RCVd1jqUmDH7>

## Construction at Entrance

You may have seen the construction starting at the front of the neighborhood. That is an effort by the county to construct sidewalks and give students routes they can follow to get to school (Safe Routes to School). Per a recent email from Countryside Elementary, that work should conclude mid-December. For more info: Search "LCPS SRTS"

## Remember to Follow Us!

'Like' at: [www.facebook.com/ghhoa20165](http://www.facebook.com/ghhoa20165)

'Join' the **Heather Glen Community Group**

Here's an idea: Join and post some pics of your awesome pumpkin carvings or Halloween decorations!

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