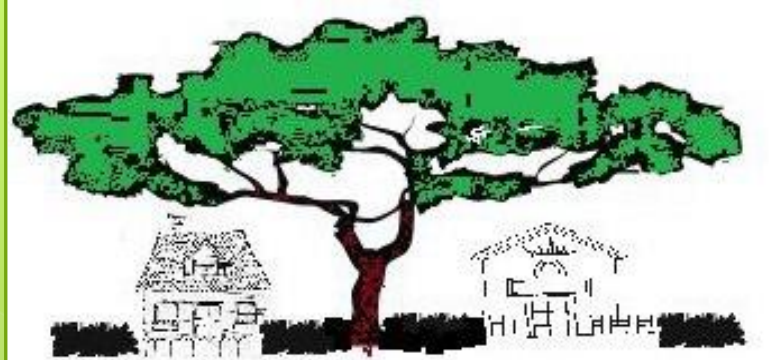


Glenmont Forest Neighbors Civic Association



Glenmont Forest Neighbors Civic Association
Silver Spring, Maryland

General Meeting
December 18, 2014
Wheaton Recreation Center

Agenda

- Update about quality of life campaign
- Treasurer's Report
- By law revision update
- Elections
 - Next steps
 - Sunset provision in by-laws
 - Donation of funds
- Next meeting date
- Questions

Quality of life Campaign

- Outcome of 2nd meeting with County officials
- Creation of educational materials around “containerization” and rat abatement



LIKE THIS!

PLEASE
CAN IT!



NOT THIS!

- ✓ Residents of Montgomery County are required to place bags of trash inside trash cans with tight fitting lids for storage and collection.
- ✓ Plastic bags of trash placed outdoors for storage or collection attract animals, birds and rodents which rip open the bags in search of food.
- ✓ This creates litter in your neighborhood. Trash cans should be metal or plastic and should have a capacity not to exceed 45 gallons each.
- ✓ Recyclables should be placed loose inside their blue container, not in plastic bags.

THANK YOU
for helping us keep
Montgomery County
**CLEAN AND
LITTER FREE!**

For more information regarding trash or recycling please call 311 or visit our website: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/solidwaste.



Collections Staff
Division of Solid Waste Services



www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311

www.GFNCA.org

Rat Elimination and Control is the Responsibility of the Property Owner

Complaints are received and investigated by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Licensure and Regulatory Services Vector Control Team (LRSVCT).

LRSVCT does not set out or provide poisons or traps to property owners.



Why is Rat Control Important?

- Rats are known carriers of disease
- In close proximity to humans, they are a public health concern
- Rats cause destruction of food supply and property
- They are suspected of causing electrical fires



Signs of Rats

- **Burrows:** Holes in the ground 2-4 inches in diameter
- **Droppings:** Rounded to tapered shape on each end, 3/8 to 3/4 inch long, 1/4 inch across
- **Runways:** Paths created by rats in vegetation, close to walls, fences, and walkways as a result of traveling from harborage site to food sources.
- **Tracks:** Rat footprints in mud, dust, fresh dirt, or snow. Approximately 1/2 inch across with 5 toe prints.

Control Measures

- Eliminate food supply
- Store food, pet food, and seed in rodent proof containers
- Store garbage in garbage containers with tight fitting lids (*do not store garbage in plastic bags*)
- Reduce bird seed spillage using a catch tray under the feeder
- Eliminate points of entry
- Elevate garbage cans and woodpiles at least 18 inches off the ground
- Remove fallen fruit and unused vegetable gardens
- Cut tall grass and weeds



Food Sources

- Improperly stored garbage, soiled recyclables
- Seed spillage from bird feeders
- Dog food and dog droppings
- Improperly stored food and seed
- Fruit trees, Mulberry, Chokecherry
- Garden vegetables, composting, food scraps

Points of Entry

Rats need only a 1/2 inch opening to gain entry into a home or other structure.

- Open or damaged windows and doors
- Openings around pipes or wires not sealed to the wall
- Dryer vents
- Defective grills to crawl spaces
- Spaces between foundation and floor
- Any homes in wall above or below grade
- Sewer lines

Rat Harborage

- Close to food sources
- Poorly maintained garbage areas
- High weeds, ground covers
- Patios, decks, sidewalks, fences
- Cellars, crawl spaces, false ceilings
- Compost bins, sheds, dog houses
- Woodpiles, debris piles
- Garages, storage rooms, kitchen cabinets

Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenses Through December 2014

Glenmont Forest Neighbors Civic Association					
Income and Expense Summary Through November 2014					
Balance in Account - December 31, 2013		29-Aug-14			\$1,014.00
Income					
Dues/Donations			\$240.00		
Total In			\$ 240.00		\$1,254.00
Expenses					
	Mtg. Rm. Reserv			\$40.00	
Total Expenses:				40.00	
Balance in Account -November 28, 2014					\$1,214.00

Elections 2014

- Next steps
- Sunset provision in by-law
- Donation of funds

Sidewalk Project

- Construction has started
- Completed sidewalk

Questions