



## Calendar of Events

**April 4 – Easter Sunday**

**April 22 – Earth Day – let's observe this day as a neighborhood by coming outside and cleaning up our yards and common areas**

## Board of Directors

At the annual meeting held March 17, 2018, the cluster elected one new director to the Board, Ms. Martine Rossignol-Winner. Below is a list of our current Board of Directors:

Mercedes Barton – President  
Art Werner – Vice President  
Laura Thompson – Secretary  
Rob Webb – Treasurer  
Martine Rossignol-Winner – Member at Large

The Board and cluster residents would like to thank our outgoing President, Akira Ikuma, for his many years of service to our neighborhood.

## Important Contacts

**Glencourse Board:**

[Glencourse.board@verizon.net](mailto:Glencourse.board@verizon.net)

**TWC Property Management** – Billy Omohundro:  
[bomohundro@twcmanagement.com](mailto:bomohundro@twcmanagement.com) (Any issues relating to billing, neighbor conflicts, maintenance issues, vendor issues)

**Reston Association** - Trevor Wright:

[twright@reston.org](mailto:twright@reston.org) (Any exterior design changes or updates should be run by him, for example: new window, roofs, landscape changes, etc. Trevor will let you know if you should fill out a DRB application or if you can follow an approved standard.)

## Committee Contacts

If you are looking for some way to take an active role in our community, here are some existing committees that would love your input:

Landscape Committee – John Botts  
Standards Committee – Mercedes Barton  
Communications Committee – Donna Bernecker

## Social Group Contacts

**Moms Group** – Sarah Donovan:

[lamsarahdonovan@gmail.com](mailto:lamsarahdonovan@gmail.com)

## Note From Our New Board President

Hello, my name is Mercedes Barton. This is my second term on the board, first as president. I have been a resident of Glencourse for 19 years.

Last year we continued our work on the beautification of the neighborhood with the help of our new landscape company Blade Runners.

Thanks to the careful management by Treasurer Rob Webb we are operating with a \$6000 surplus.

This year we plan to finish the drainage project behind 2136 to 2164 Glencourse, and start the process to improve the drainage behind 2166 to 2194 Glencourse.

Another goal for the coming year is to improve cluster communications by improving the website as well as issuing a monthly paper newsletter.

This is a volunteer organization - please consider joining a committee, or volunteering your time to give back to the community.

## Updates on Projects

**Trees:** As you may have noticed, there are a lot of trees around the cluster. The Board is committed to actively managing our trees. We conduct frequent walkthroughs with our certified arborist who has been monitoring our trees for 10 years to identify trees that need to be taken down or trimmed, trees that need to be watched, and any other potential issues. Thankfully, we only lost two trees in the recent wind storm due to these efforts. Should you notice a suspicious looking tree (that is not already marked with a red or green ribbon), please let us know. There will be some more tree work done this spring/early summer.

**Drainage:** We are continuing to work with the DRB to fix the drainage issues behind 2136 to 2194 Glencourse. We ask for your patience and hope to have the project started soon.

## Glencourse Beautification Wish-List

The Board would like to hear from residents about suggestions of areas of the cluster that need improvement. Please keep in mind changes take time and the suggestions may not be feasible (yes, a pool in the meadow would be fantastic, however...).



## Cluster Communications

At the annual meeting, there was much discussion on the need to improve communication. The Board is pleased to announce that we have created a Communications Committee headed by Donna Bernecker. The committee will be responsible for publishing a monthly newsletter and updating our website.

To help us with communication, please do the following:

- Update email addresses – If you are new to the cluster or have changed your email address, please let us know by emailing the Board at [Glencourse.board@verizon.net](mailto:Glencourse.board@verizon.net)
- Sign Up for Next-door Glencourse – Our cluster uses a free, private online network called Nextdoor to share alerts and reminders for Glencourse Cluster. It proved extremely valuable during last year's snow season to provide residents with updates on snow removal and safety policies.

To adjust notifications to your preference, modify your settings from the drop down menu as follows:

1. Click on "Settings" and choose the "Email" tab
2. Click on "Custom"
3. Adjust your settings as desired.

For example, if you wish to receive only safety notices and alerts for our neighborhood:

1. Change settings under "Crime and Safety" and "Urgent Alerts" to "JUST YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD"
2. Change remaining settings to "NONE"

## News from the Moms Group

Thanks to the Moms of Glencourse we had a successful egg hunt – 20 kids gathered up 1500+ eggs! Thanks to all of the parents who helped make it a fun time for everyone. Some upcoming events include: end of school party, tie dye party and, of course, our Friday evening gatherings. We welcome all moms – if you are not already a member of the Google group, please email Sarah Donovan at [iamsarahdonovan@gmail.com](mailto:iamsarahdonovan@gmail.com). Also, if you aren't a parent or if you are an empty nester, please feel free to join any of the events at the tot lot – it's a great way to meet your neighbors! The tot lot is open for all residents and their guests. Please remind your children to be kind to all. Please remember to stack the chairs and clean up any trash.

## Call for Volunteers

**Standards Committee:** The Board is looking for a group of homeowners that are interested in helping to maintain the current cluster standards, as well as identify standards that need to be updated, for instance finding replacements for outdoor lighting fixtures that are becoming obsolete. The committee will work with the Board as well as with the Reston Association Design Review Board (DRB). This will not involve inspecting homes, but rather coming up with guidelines for inspections performed by TWC.

**Communications Committee:** We are looking for volunteers to help create and distribute the monthly newsletter. We are also in need of a volunteer to update and run the Glencourse cluster website.

## Friendly Reminders

- Please obey Fairfax County leash laws and remember to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste;
- Glencourse is a pet, pedestrian, and child-friendly community - please drive no more than 10 mph throughout the community;
- Visitor parking is limited to 14 days – no long term storage. No mobile homes or commercial vehicles are allowed without permission from TWC.
- Trash and yard waste is picked up on Mondays & Thursdays. Recycling is picked up on Wednesdays;
- Please put trash in cans or green garbage bags. Do not leave trash at the curb in white bags – the crows and squirrels make a mess within minutes.
- Please, if possible, put trash in common areas taking care not to block sidewalks or damage cars.
- Please use the [Glencourse.board@verizon.net](mailto:Glencourse.board@verizon.net) to communicate with the Board. This ensures a trackable record of your issues or concerns. Even if you talk to a board member on the street, an email to this address provides a written record in one location.

**Stayed tuned for our next newsletter!!**

