

Inside Inverness

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Message from your Board

We are happy to inaugurate *Inside Inverness*, our new community newsletter. Our goal is to improve communications between the Board of Directors and homeowners, and to better connect Inverness residents with one another. In addition to Board news and publicizing community events, the newsletter can advertise personal services, announce individual milestones and achievements and report on matters of interest to the community.

As a community communications tool, we want to hear how you think we should utilize this newsletter. Inverness residents interested in

submitting content or feedback on *Inside Inverness*, can email me at debrajacobs@comcast.net. Please put Inside Inverness in the subject line.

We also plan to make greater use of our website: www.invernessassociation.net. Each newsletter will be available for download and we hope to develop a listserv for the community. In an effort to move toward greater electronic communication, the board requests that you submit your email address to Sandi Ewing at sewing@vanguardmgt.com or to Board Secretary, Jeff Hearle at jeff.hearle@verizon.net.

Monthly highlights will also be posted on the website and paper distribution will be discontinued. To provide feedback on this decision, please contact Sandi via email or telephone (301) 540-8600 ext. 3319.

We encourage you to get involved in the community. Join us at our Annual Meeting on October 1, 2007.

Enjoy the Fall!

Best regards,

Debbie Ornstein Jacobs
President, Inverness Association, Inc.

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Join the Board

Please consider joining the Board. It is a meaningful way to have a direct impact on your community. Board meetings are held on the first Monday of every month and typically last from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. In addition, Board members generally serve on at least one committee. The Board is currently a mix of new homeowners and long-term owners; recent additions to the Board and veterans. We are a good group of people (really!) who bring a variety of perspectives and backgrounds to the Board.

The terms of Debbie Jacobs and Miles Grody are up. Miles is going to step down from the Board (although he promises to remain active in the community!); Debbie intends to seek re-election. We therefore have one opening on the Board.

If you would like to know more about the board or are considering running for the board, please contact either Debbie Jacobs or Sandi Ewing. It is also possible to be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Come join us!

Get Published!

One of the most important functions of this newsletter is to facilitate greater communications between the residents of Inverness. We have reserved this space for just that purpose. Having a holiday party and want to invite your neighbors? Did you host a community event that was a huge success? Maybe you want to start your own column! This is the place. Please submit your ideas to Debbie Jacobs at debrajacobs@comcast.com.

See our first submission below!

End of Summer Block Party

A group of homeowners in one Inverness cul-de-sac decided the time was right to reinstate a tradition that had begun some years back in our group and have an old fashioned block and deck party again! September 16 turned out to be the perfect day with blue skies, warm sun and a gentle breeze. We loved gathering together, catching up on news, meeting the new neighbors who had moved in over the past few months, and rekindling friendships.

Our cul-de-sac is particularly interesting because, like so many in Inverness, so many countries are represented: Korea, Japan, Iran, Uruguay, Bulgaria, Russia, and

Turkey, as well as a lot of Israeli tradition that made it fun on the heels of Rosh Hashanah.

Everyone brought a dish to share along with barbequing foods, plus it was BYOC (bring your own chair) and BYOD (bring your own drinks). We moved our cars to make room in the parking spaces and the kids (of which we have many!) had a great time riding bikes, drawing pictures, and playing together.

Neighbors had a chance to check out renovations in different homes including a lovely kitchen and decks with steps. We invited a few board

members to join us and meet the folks they hadn't met before.

All in all, it was great fun and we decided to make it an annual event the week after the pool closes. If you haven't tried it, we encourage you to consider hosting a party for your block. It's really wonderful getting to know who is here—great neighbors, interesting people and interesting lives are all around us.

Submitted by:
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Advertise Here!

For a small fee, residents can advertise their business in Inside Inverness.

Listing (name and phone number) — \$15
Business card sized ads — \$20

Do you rake leaves, shovel snow or babysit?

Kids 18 and under can advertise their services here for free!

For more information or to place an ad, contact Sandi Ewing at sewing@vanguardmgt.com or (301) 540-8600 x 3319. Ad design services are available for an additional \$5.

Committee News

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chair: Diana Milne

Members: Vida Dunie, Anne Marie Begley, Bert Rinder, Josh Sekine, Alan Zimberg, Lisa Morton Zimberg

The Architectural Control Committee enforces the *Inverness Architectural Control Ordinance* revised September 2006 (online at www.invernessassociation.net). The committee meets monthly (typically the last Wednesday of each month) to review homeowner applications for exterior renovations. The committee ensures that any proposed change complies with established guidelines to maintain the aesthetic harmony of the community. This includes the approval or disapproval of the construction of new structures, exterior additions, and changes or alterations to the present design (including painting) **before** they may be started by a homeowner. In addition, the ACC follows up on maintenance inspections performed by Vanguard Management. For more information, e-mail accommittee@gmail.com

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Chair: Colette Freeman

Members: Debbie Jacobs, Mark Simonson, Russell Subin, Adria Borakove, Olivia Cohen, Helen Taylor, Joy Alvares

This committee works to help make our community a warm and inviting place to live by maintaining oversight on the landscaping needs of the community. We work with AW Landscapes, Inc., recommending landscape projects to the Board and helping to monitor work activities. Projects have included planting trees on Earth Day this year, trash and brush cleanups of some common areas around Inverness and encouraging family involvement in outdoor projects, such as our project last fall to plant daffodils in

the common areas. Much of our effort this past year has been directed towards the removal of dead trees in common areas that pose a threat to our houses.

The landscape committee is composed of volunteers from the community. Meetings are held in one of our homes and are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of the month. Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours each year is very welcome to join and can contact Colette Freeman at CoelDon2@aol.com for more details.

POOL COMMITTEE

Chair: Eleanor Jimenez

Members: Veronica Espinosa, Jody Miller, Julie Trone, Cynthia Simonson, Debbie Jacobs, Lynn Grody

If you were within 100 yards of the pool at 5:00 p.m. on September 9, there would be no doubt in your mind, this neighborhood has gone to the dogs.



Our second annual "Community Dog Swim" proved to be the biggest draw of the summer's pool events. With over 40 of our four-legged friends in attendance, there couldn't have been a better way to put an end to the dog days of summer.

For those that use the pool -- we hope you had a wonderful time. As a committee, we were thrilled with the caliber and quality of our lifeguards and the camaraderie that we saw build

through this community resource. T-shirt painting party, community pot lucks, the "dive-in theater" night, neighborhood swim clinics were all made possible because of neighborhood participation.

Now, with the pool deck cleared and the season officially closed, the pool committee will start looking toward the plans for the 2008 season. What worked well and where are there opportunities for improvement? Are there any ideas, additions, or adjustments we want to make to the pool calendar? Whether a quick email providing ideas for the committee to consider or, even better, your participation in the committee dialogue, your input is greatly appreciated. This is an open committee and new members are always welcome. To submit ideas or to get involved with this committee, please contact Sandi Ewing.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Miles Grody

Members Michelle Pinko, Stuart Shalloway, Naomi Brown, Liz Witter

The Recreation Committee is proud to announce the new and improved Tot Lot. We have succeeded in enlarging our Tot Lot to add equipment for older children. Come check it out if you haven't already!

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chair: Jeff Hearle

A Safety Committee is in formation. Residents interested in joining should e-mail Jeff Hearle at jeff.hearle@verizon.com. The Safety Committee asks all residents to promptly report any illegal activity to the police, as well as to the committee. A form will soon be available on the website.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

September

26: Landscape Committee Meeting

October

1: 2007 Annual Board Meeting (see details below)

24: Landscape Committee Meeting

28: Fall Clean-up Day (see details below)

November

5: Monthly Board Meeting

15: Pool Committee Meeting

28: Landscape Committee Meeting

December

3: Monthly Board Meeting

January

7: Monthly Board Meeting

Save the Date

Fall Inverness Clean-Up Day

Sunday, October 28

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join with neighbors to help beautify your community!
Look for details on the web following the October 1
Board Meeting!

Rain Date: November 4

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

2007 Annual Meeting

Monday, October 1, 2007

Summerville at Potomac

7:30 p.m.

Two Board seats will be elected, time will be allotted for homeowner comments, and a representative from Carl M. Freeman Companies has been invited as a special guest speaker.

Don't miss this opportunity to get involved in your community!

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