

The Village View

Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association since October 1952

June 2018

Glencarlyn Day 2018 – Even the Weather Helped Out

By Julie Lee

Given the weather forecast, it is hard to imagine that every single Glencarlyn Day activity went off as planned.

But that is exactly what happened. We had another beautiful two day event this year, attended by many new families to our neighborhood.

There was a true spirit of community. Here is hoping we can use that spirit to grow in camaraderie, cooperation and commitment to our neighborhood.

There is so much more to Glencarlyn than two days in June. But in case you missed it, here's what happened.....



Potluck and Block Party

Tables lined with colorful cotton table clothes were filled with delicious food at Carlin Hall. The sky was clear and the weather warm for the Potluck and Block Party Friday night. Before long the yard was filled with families. Neighbors chatting and eating, children running and playing. New and familiar faces alike got caught up on a year that had gone by too quickly. There was a lot of discussion about whether we would be able to hold our Saturday activities because the weather forecast was so threatening.

Quarter Mexican entertained us once again with their wonderful music at the

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GCA Elects Officers for 2018-2019

Here is the list of Glencarlyn Citizens' Association officers elected May 7 to one-year terms beginning June 1.

President — Julie Lee

Vice President — Alex Hecht*

Secretary — Noah Cohrssen

Treasurer — Tim Aiken

Neighborhood Conservation Delegate — Kathy Reeder

Neighborhood Conservation Alternate — Peter Olivere

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Next GCA Meeting
September 10 7:30 p.m.

Fall Family Picnic, Sat., Sept 15

Neighborhood Conservation Project Delayed

Construction delays are pushing the start date one of two Neighborhood Conservation (NC) projects in Glencarlyn. A second project is set to be presented for county approval in June.

These and work on future projects and planning were presented at the May 7 Glencarlyn Citizens' Association meeting by Kathy Reeder, The association's Neighborhood Conservation delegate.

The two current projects in the NC pipeline are street improvements (sidewalk, curb & gutter, etc.).

The start date of the approved and funded 2nd St/Kensington St project continues to be postponed due to construction delays on other NC projects that preceded it. The county is reviewing the contract and will provide an update on the Glencarlyn

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President's Corner

Glencarlyn Park- Our Living Legacy



By Julie Lee
President, Glencarlyn Citizens' Association

Let me begin by thanking ALL of the dozens of volunteers that participated in our Glencarlyn Day activities. It was great to have so many first time volunteers. Hopefully they will become our stalwart volunteers of future decades.

As we ate breakfast I was reminded how fortunate we are that our neighborhood is enfolded by our beautiful and beloved Glencarlyn Park. With the park as our border on three sides, we remain insulated from much of the noise and traffic and growth affecting Arlington. I wonder how many other neighborhoods have ZERO through streets.

Whether taking long walks or leisurely strolls, almost everyone has taken advantage of the many trails. Our easy access to the W&OD allows the serious athlete or commuter to jump right on. Glencarlyn has a wonderful playground for the children. And we have the only unfenced, open dog park in the County. With two picnic shelters, tables and grills, it is the perfect place for celebrations and large family and community gatherings. The opportunities the park provides us are boundless.

What makes Glencarlyn Park so special is its rich history and natural beauty.

George Washington's Forest

It is hard to imagine that our park was originally George Washington's forest! He purchased the land in 1775 and returned after the Revolutionary War to survey his property. How amazing to walk in the steps of our Founding Father and see where he put his surveyor's marks.

If you look hard enough you can find the marker and the opening to the Carlin Springs. Residents of Washington D.C. would actually ride the train out from the city to enjoy the springs, jump in the "watering hole", dance and eat ice cream.

In 1923 the residents of Glencarlyn were concerned about protecting our "land-locked peninsula" and asked the County to take over preservation of the parkland. The County did not take control of the park however until 1943.

Much has changed. Railroad tracks have been replaced with paved trails and swimming holes are now shallow creeks. We have lost so many trees over the years such as the mighty oaks, the chestnuts, and dogwoods, destroyed by erosion, disease or man. Yet the park blesses us with its every changing beauty, providing something new and exquisite every season. Glencarlyn Park is a spiritual place for me. It was a place to commune or to escape, for mischief making and musing. I explored the park with my grandmother and introduced it to my daughters.

Glencarlyn Park is both playground and sanctuary. We must treasure it and honor it, preserve and protect it. We must insure that it survives for generations to come.

(Front page Paw Patrol Parade photo by Gerald Martineau)

Have a great summer. Don't forget to save the date for the
Fall Family Picnic/Potluck Saturday, Sept 15.

The Village View is taking a break and will be back with the
September issue.

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Block Party. Band members Jon Discount, Colleen Wright, Chris Muller, Brad Dietz, and Stacy Bell always make the evening so much fun. Nathaniel Bohlen and Faith Blevens led some enthusiastic dancers during the “dance off” competition. Everyone was a winner! Sno-cones were selling like hotcakes on this hot and humid evening. Laine Kelly and Allie Bayne did a great job of keeping up with demand.



County Board member
Libby Garvey

Photo by Gerald
Martineau

Love those Flapjacks

Certainly the crown jewel of Glencarlyn Day is our annual Pancake Breakfast, which has been taking place in our beautiful Glencarlyn Park for over 65 years.

Unless you are intimately involved, it is hard to imagine all that goes into the organization and execution of this event. Led by breakfast manager Pete Olivere, volunteers started at 6:15 am transporting equipment and supplies and setting up for the pancake breakfast.

The efficiency with which they worked was impressive and the camaraderie

evident. There is something tranquil about being in the park that early, despite all the work going on. All part of the wonderful Glencarlyn tradition.

With new volunteers working beside our seasoned veterans, we were ready for the early birds arriving for pancakes. The pancakes and sausage were deliciously prepared and served to over 200 people.

Everyone had plenty to eat and plenty of good conversation.

Guests included County Board members John Vihstadt and Libby Garvey, Arlington Police Captains Adrienne Quigley and Wayne Vincent, and County Residential Ombudsman Robert Sharp.

Neighbors renewed acquaintances and made new ones, and the
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County Board Member John Vihstadt is given his
pancake & sausage breakfast.

Photo by Gerald Martineau

New to the Glencarlyn Neighborhood



The Costello family who moved to Glencarlyn from Alexandria, VA. and now live at 5629 South First Street.

Left to Right: Back row, Stefanie and Marty Costello.
Front row: children Simon, 2, and Henry, 4.

Marty is with Legal Services Corporation a nonprofit corporation that provides civil legal aid for low-income Americans in the nation. Congress created the corporation in 1974.

LSC currently provides funding to 133 independent nonprofit legal aid programs in every state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories, according to the corporation's website.

Stefanie works at the Department of Health and Human Services. She is acting director of the Professional Affairs division in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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project within the next few weeks.

The 4th St project was wrapping up the final homeowner approval process at the time of the GCA meeting. If approved by homeowners, it will be submitted to the county in June for funding approval.

Next Steps

The GCA Executive Committee will select the next NC project from a list of previous GCA recommendations, to meet the May 15 NC deadline for fall 2018 funding consideration.

For subsequent 2018 and 2019 deadlines, broader GCA input will be sought through an October questionnaire and GCA meeting discussion.

Reeder and Joint Facilities Advisory Commission member Steve Young and Kathy Reeder will meet with Kasey Spriggs, Arlington

County Parks Manager for the Glencarlyn area, to tour neighborhood locations proposed by Young as possible candidates for either NC or Parks Department “environmentally-oriented” projects. Feedback from this review will be shared at the October GCA meeting and included in the planning process.

At the October GCA meeting, volunteers will be requested for a longer-term revision of the Glencarlyn Neighborhood Conservation Plan, last updated in 2014. This revision will be an opportunity to ensure priorities from the October 2018 questionnaire are addressed.

It will also allow time to review county planning for 4-Mile Run, street lights, parks, schools, the Virginia Hospital Center site, etc. to determine what might be accomplished outside of the NC process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Reeder at kathleenreeder@comcast.net or 703-820-3933.

Elementary School Locations on Hold for the Time Being

By Barbara Martinez

Moving elementary option school locations in Arlington is off the table for now.

At the May 17 school board meeting, Superintendent Patrick Murphy announced that, for the time being, APS staff would not submit a proposal for moving elementary school locations.

Several months ago, APS announced its planning staff were examining the locations of “option” programs* as part of the process to adjust school boundaries in advance of opening the new Fleet Elementary in 2019 and Reed Elementary in 2021.



Option programs include Montessori, Arlington Traditional School, expeditionary learning, and Spanish immersion.

Attending an option program is determined by lottery.

The question was whether option programs were ideally located versus neighborhood schools from the perspective of transportation costs. Could option schools, whose students receive busing from around the county, be better located in less walkable neighborhoods?

The two schools closest to Glencarlyn—Carlin Springs, our neighborhood school, and Campbell, a countywide option school—would have been candidates for a change in status.

After APS posed its initial question about whether schools were ideally located to promote walking to school, parents around the county asked for consideration of many additional factors beyond walkability and transportation costs.

How would moving schools affect their demographics? Would moving schools lead to future overcrowding at neighborhood schools? Were the instructional needs of option programs met by every possible site? What would be the tangible costs of moving

schools and intangible costs of uprooting school communities?

On April 30, APS staff released an expanded analysis of school locations, which addressed some of these questions. On May 17, Murphy announced that the 2019 boundary adjustments would not include recommendations to move schools in order to fully consider all the ramifications of such a decision.

He said the question might be reconsidered as part of the 2021 boundary adjustment discussion.

Glencarlynite Suggests Mutual Support Group for New Moms, Dads

Glencarlyn resident Dayna Lewin is looking for new mothers (and/or dads) in the neighborhood to form playgroups and pursue other common new parent activities.

Lewin, mother of 18 month old named Samuel, said she would “love to meet others and create a MOMS group in the neighborhood.

“In addition to playgroups, other activities could include meal groups, a forum for asking questions, and a place to sell mom and baby items,” she said.

“I’m thinking this will start out as a Facebook group for those looking to connect, share kid-friendly events, buy/sell/borrow/in search of kid items and organize quarterly meet ups.”

Those interested in joining can reach her at dayna.lewin@gmail.com.

Lewin asks those interested moms for the following information:

- Your name

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View from the Garden

Rain Threat Didn't Dampen the Spring Plant Sale

By Judy Funderburk,

Master Gardener

Our May 6 Spring Celebration & Plant Sale was a huge success! Despite overcast skies and forecasts of rain, more than 300 people attended our newly named and larger format event.

In the back patio garden, more than 800 plants propagated from the Library Garden and from master gardener home gardens were for sale.

Out front, there were opportunities to learn about and purchase compost tea, inoculated mushroom logs, local honey, hand-made jewelry, Perfect Partners/Plants & Propagators T-shirts, and Virginia grown native and non-native plants.

Two very fine plants-women, Janet Davis of Hill House Farm & Nursery, Castleton, VA and Rhonda Stevenson of County Gardens, Tom's Brook, VA filled the Library parking lot with beautiful shrubs, small trees, herbs, vines, ferns, annuals, perennials and vegetables.



Judy Funderburk shows Mary Beth Corcoran a plant from the Library Garden.

Photo: Alyssa Ford Morel

Did you know that compost tea is an organic soil inoculant and fertilizer. Master Gardener Steve Youssef has learned how to brew compost tea and created his own business, Sequential Soils, to promote and sell this 100 percent natural, organic soil amendment.

His compost tea “boosts plant immunity and suppresses disease, enhances soil quality and bio-availability of nutrients. It also

Central Library staffers Genelle Schuler and Michelle Fernandez, volunteered to open our branch library for the Sunday sale so that attendees and sellers would have access to bathrooms. We were all very grateful!

Master gardeners were available to answer questions and help people find “right plant, right place.”

Children were encouraged to rub the fuzzy leaves of Lamb's Ears or chew a leaf from the Chocolate Mint plant. Everyone had the opportunity to learn more about native plants, growing your own mushrooms, or making compost tea.



Plant Sale patron looks over the offerings on the Glen-carlyn Library Branch grounds.

Photo by Alyssa Ford Morel

improves overall plant health and nutritional quality.” It is an effective, sustainable, locally sourced alternative to chemical fertilizers.

When using organically produced compost tea, you will gain “an ecosystem teeming with beneficial bacteria and fungi. These beneficials latch onto your plants' root systems and inoculate them from a host of diseases, while providing plant ready, balanced fertilizer.”

Your garden coordinators have arranged a barter agreement with Steve to give parts of our Library Garden a treatment!

A huge thanks to all who came and supported our big fund-raising event of the year.

Any time this summer when you need a “pick-me-up” or respite, remember to come walk through the Library Garden, taking a taste from the Culinary Garden or running your fingers through the leaves in the Fragrance Garden. Stimulate your senses and relax your mind.

Spend time in the natural world and share its beauty, while still very close to home!



Judy Funderburk with new “Pollinator” t-shirt.

Photo by Alyssa Ford Morel

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weather was quite lovely. At the end, the place was cleaned up and cleared out as if we hadn't even been there. What a collaborative effort by all involved.

Don't rain on our parade

That was the mantra, and sure enough... the rain held! The parade was a GO. Everyone assembled at St John's Church and after a slight delay, we were on our way. Led by Arlington Police Capt Wayne Vincent, our Paw Patrol paraders traversed the streets of Glencarlyn. There were walkers, bikers, skaters, some in a truck, some on a trailer. All decorated with colorful costumes, mask, balloons, streamers, laughing and having a good time. Many well-wishers lined the streets to cheer us on. Everyone may have been cheering the good weather as much as the parade.

Fire Department joins the parade



L and R: Capt. David Santini and EMT John Webb of the Arlington County Fire Dept. with Glencarlyn resident Jerry Martineau.

The fire truck which was lined up to be in the parade got called away for duty. But it was able to rejoin the parade on 5th St. and pulled up in front of the library parking lot once the parade was over. Capt David Santini and the crew from Station House #2 very generously stayed for almost an hour to allow children of all ages to climb onto and explore the fire truck. They were available to answer everyone's questions. Our community is fortunate to have such a good relationship with our "neighborhood" fire house.

Sno Cones and the Moon Bounce

Once the parade got back to the Library and Carlin Hall, many made a bee-line for the sno-cones. They were needed because the weather was still cooperating and the sun was shining. The moon bounce would indeed go on. There must be something totally relaxing about bouncing around, free of care, inside a giant inflatable castle. Almost like the sense of zero gravity. Whatever the feeling - it looked like fun on the faces of all the children inside.

And soon everyone had green and cherry red stained tongues from the sno-cones.

Neighbors open their homes

Glencarlyn had four lovely and distinct homes on the tour this year.

Kate and Eric Hougen have made some marvelous and modern renovations to their 1950s Cape Cod, to include an open floor plan and addition on the main floor. The upholstery, draperies and wall paper designed by Kate, founder of Mira Jean Designs, are so fresh, colorful and lovely.

Deborah Elkinton has made many changes to her 1970 house. With the main level off the ground, it is like living in the trees. One of 12 homes built with the same design, it was interesting to see how unique it is.

Everyone was grateful when Raisa and Bob Berriz chose to keep Betty Vertiz' house, rather than tear it down and build two homes. Curious to see what Raisa and Bob Berriz had done with Betty's house, visitors were not disappointed. They have truly made it their own, with beautiful appointments and incredible view lines of the park.

Kyle and Mike Dallaire have done a masterful and thoughtful job with the restoration and renovation of their 1880s Victorian. They salvaged as much original trim as possible, found reclaimed heart pine for the floors, and used original 2x4 studs to make the kitchen island. They also had some special guests. Shirley Brinson Hartness, who lived in the house from 1946-1952 was there to share her photos and memories. And one of the Sheridan daughters, Becky, dropped by. Truly a walk down memory lane for some, and a history lesson for others. Glencarlyn is blessed to have people who are willing to preserve homes with a real history in our community.

The Volunteers

Gratitude and thanks to the multitude of volunteers required to make our Glencarlyn Days celebration possible. They include, but are not limited, to the following:

Potluck: Mary Quattlebaum, Judy Funderburk, J.Vic Funderburk, Courtney Holmes, Barbara Martinez, Alex Hecht, Brian Cavey.

Block Party: Will Bohlen, Erin Link, Christy Hiers, Kristin Neun, Steve Veerhoff, Brian Cavey, Jonathan Discount, Anthony Drake, Willes Lee, Laine Kelly, Allie Bayne.

Pancake Breakfast: Jud Buchanan, Tim Kelly, Brian Cavey, Anthony and Ethan Drake, Alex Hecht, Lucas Field, Anthony Hardenburgh, Julie and Willes Lee, Mike Macrina, James and Carly Moser, Peter Olivere, Eric Siddle and Tim Aiken, Sue Campbell, Mike and Kyle Dallaire, Andy Gil-



*Jim Moser pours batter onto a hot grill during the breakfast in the park
Photo by Gerald Martineau*



GCA president Julie Lee welcomes pancake breakfast crowd.

Photo by Gerald Martineau

lette, Simon Gray, Laura Sriqui, Jeff Liteman, Jack Turner, Ann and Jim Connell, Janet Fedak, Rachel Halpern, Evan Lewin, Lynn Robinson, Alyssa and Ben Bouffard, Stuart Davis, Sarah Selenich, Susan Walsh, Pete and Barbara Olivere. A special thanks to: Lee Clarke who has maintained and stored our pancake griddles for many years, Nancy Lowenthal, who was not at the breakfast for the first time in over 20 years, yet purchased many of our food and supply items, and Barry Stevens who provides essential equipment.

Parade: Clara and Craig Johnson, Leanne Field, Karen Najjum, Alyssa and Ben Bouffard, Eric Hougen

Sno-Cones and Moon Bounce: Sharon Malley, Stephanie Boyer, Chelsea Kaufmann, Heather Parsons, Sue Campbell, Leanne Field, and Scott Downie

Home Tours: In addition to the Bob and Raisa Berriz, Kate and Eric Hougen, Kyle and Mike Dallaire and Deborah Elkinton, who opened up their homes, Mary Benn, Lynn Robinson, Simon Gray, Sharon Malley, Robin Renner, Janet Fedak, Jan Mt Pleasant, Larry Workman, Linda and Don King.

Ice: Mike Long provides ALL of the ice for all of our food and beverages and sno-cones for ALL of our events. That is 100s of pounds of ice. There are certainly volunteers not listed here- people who did not make the sign-up list or who just stepped up when the moment called- **thank you also** for your help.

It is always a joy to work with all of you. Thanks so much to EVERYONE for your part in it all.

Neighbors reflect on the celebration

Glencarlyn resident Dayna Lewins said: "We loved being a part of Glencarlyn Day and participating in it! Julie was right and the weather gods held off for us, should have known to never second guess Julie.

"Samuel (infant son) especially loved the fire truck and we can't wait for next year," she said. "What a great way for the community to come together."

"Fantastic community weekend," said Michelle Gillespie. "We enjoyed dropping by the block party for a bit and listening to live music Thanks to all who opened their homes for the tour and for all of the volunteers who made it happen."

Lynn Robinson, a lifelong neighborhood resident, said she told 97-year-old Vernon Martin about dressing as a cat and a ballerina on Glencarlyn Day when she was young. "He said he had been a prince in the parade when he was younger and (his wife) Romana said she has a picture to prove it."



GCA President Julie Lee during Glencarlyn Day.

Photo by Gerald Martineau

Mark Your Calendars

Fall Family Picnic/Potluck, Saturday, Sept. 15.

Ball-Sellers House Volunteers Dress the Part for Glencarlyn Day

By Annette Benbow

Volunteers from the Ball-Sellers House came in their best colonial outfits for Glencarlyn Day.

Scott Springston came in frontier militia attire complete with period rifle while son Dakota Springston came dressed as a soldier in the Revolutionary War with an authentic rifle.

The firearms are heavy as many Glencarlynites found out post-parade.

The Springston men hung out at Carlin Hall showing folks their accoutrements and just how heavy those guns were to march with.

Docents from the house also came in colonial attire and Annette Marrero

brought the Ball-Sellers mascot for the day, a dachshund Hopes, who paid tribute to the "Paws Patrol" parade theme.



Representatives of colonial days joined the celebration

Photo by JVic Funderburk

Despite threatening skies, the Ball-Sellers House happily was not washed out by rain--even though we had to cancel all the re-enactors we had planned.

But next month, we plan to make up for the cancelled re-enactors by having a military re-enactors time line from the French and Indian War to more recent conflicts.

Keep an eye open for details in social media or email

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Quarter Mexican performs in the Library parking lot. - L-R: John Discount, Colleen Wright, Stacy Bell, and far right, Chris Mueller. D rummer Brad Deitz is in the background but not seen.

Block Party Kicks off Annual Glencarlyn Celebrations

Photos by Gerald Martineau



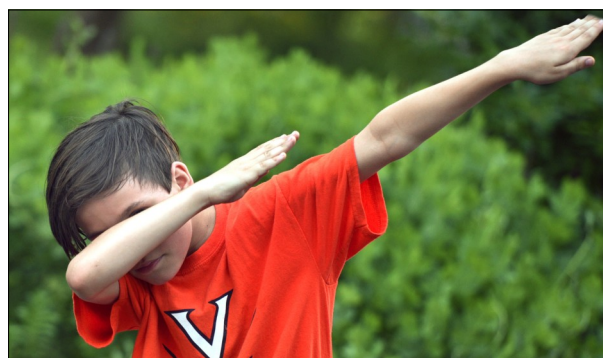
Faith Blevens, 19, feels the music.



L-R: Kelly Discount dances with her mother Patty



Nathaniel Bohlen, 2nd from left; Jordan Hardenburgh (3rd from left) and John Houghen (with snow cone, far right) and other neighborhood kids dance



Tucker Wright does a "Dab" while Quarter Mexican plays.



Costumed youngsters peer from the Hardenburgh trailer during the parade.



An unidentified youngster rides to the parade.

Glencarlyn on Parade

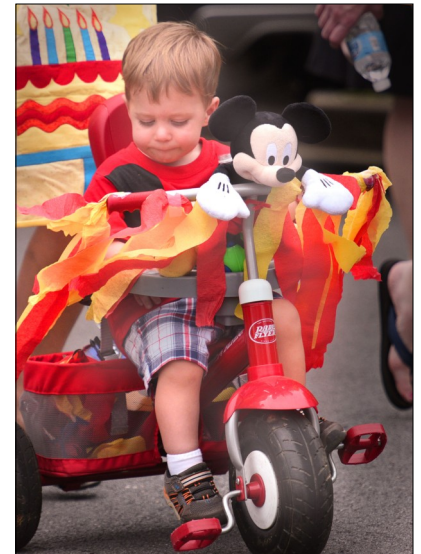
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L—Mallory Cordes and her son, Caleb Rhoades post-parade.

Above — Paraders including the family dog on 3rd St.

R — Samuel Lewin and Hank Gillette occupy a fire truck (Photo by Pete Olivere).



Going to the parade with Mickey





*Best friends Anton Rahman and Tyler at the Glencarlyn Day parade.
Photo by Naila Rahman*



Kids make short order of various flavored snow cones. L-R: Isla Wearmouth, 11; Alexis Krug, 11; Sienne Wickwico, 10; Morgan Smith, 11; and Amelie Cohrsen, 12.

The Kids of Glencarlyn Days

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Children hop on the moon bounce, a Glencarlyn Day standard.



Dick Frederick holds grand daughter Alexandria, 4



Fundraising for shipping soccer equipment shipping to Bamako, Mali, West Africa. "Papadia United Soccer Heroes" (P.U.S.H. is a non- profit organization that sponsors a youth soccer club for boys and girls ages 7 to 17 for . (l-r) Awa Dia, Isla Wearmouth, Alexis Krug, Morgan Smith.

GC Park Footbridge Hit by Storm-Downed Snag Again

A tree toppled by the heavy storms that flooded Four Mile run this spring slammed into the footbridge near the dog run in Glencarlyn Park, damaging the railings.

The same thing happened in when the flood-swollen stream carried a fallen log into the bridge two years ago. The county quickly repaired the structure both time.



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- Your child’s/children’s names and ages
- What are you interested in getting out of a MOMS group.
- Are you on Facebook
- Email Address

- Phone Number
- Address

A MOMS group isn’t exclusive, Lewin said. Stay-at-home or work-at-home dads are also welcome.

The group can be available “to all those with young children,” she said.

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Escalation Addendums – are commonly used today when sellers set an offer deadline after the first full weekend on the market, with the presumption that all offers will be the best and final and the seller will decide soon after the deadline. This allows a buyer to make an offer at a starting price while agreeing to increase their offer to a higher price to compete with one or more offers higher than a buyer's initial offer. It includes a ceiling price value and an escalation factor, the amount your offer will increase by, over the next highest offer. Sellers like a compelling reason to choose the best offer (\$5,000 over the highest offer is more attractive than \$1,000). Coming up with a ceiling price is tricky since buyers don't want to overpay. The key component in an escalation addendum is whether the buyer will waive the appraisal contingency or retain it. In my experience with handling hundreds of multiple offer scenarios, most sellers will choose a buyer who waives the appraisal contingency, even if their price is lower than other higher offers that retain the appraisal. Appraisals are the lynch pin of any transaction with new financing.

Buyers aren't too fond of this practice although it allows them to offer as much as they're willing to pay for a home, without committing to pay a maximum price if nobody else in the market values the home as much. All it takes is two competing offers, and occasionally, only one offer materializes after the contract deadline passes, which benefits the buyer. Some buyers fear that they are revealing the highest price they will pay a seller and if there aren't other offers that justify automatically escalating there, the seller may attempt to negotiate the offer up close to the escalation ceiling. This is where having an experienced, savvy realtor on your side can be benefit your interests as a buyer or seller of the transaction.

Are you considering a home sale or purchase? I'll be glad to discuss strategies that will help you maximize your chances of a successful outcome, without exposing yourself to unnecessary risk. For sellers, we strategize on ways to get the best price. For buyers, we advise on maximizing their chance of securing a home without grossly overpaying relative to the market.



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Living With Wild Animals in Tame Suburbia

Wild animals living among us in suburbia is a fact of life.

Most want nothing to do with humans, but they will take advantage of the food and shelter available in built-up areas," Cliff Fairweather, manager of the Long Branch Nature Center told a Glencarlyn audience May 7.

"They'd just as soon stay out of our way and stay off our properties," Fairweather said in a talk on invasive species at the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association meeting.

Animals find food, water and living space wherever they can, Fairweather said. Suburban humans provide those necessities mostly inadvertently, but sometimes intentionally.

For example, attics, crawl spaces under the house or under decks provide shelter for raccoon and foxes, he said.

People also provide food, through unsecured garbage bins and by feeding pets outside. On the extreme end, some people intentionally feed wild animals, which "is really a bad idea both for us and them," Fairweather said.

First, the animals don't necessarily do well in the kinds of food people feed them, he said — "its like junk food." Secondly, being fed makes the animals less wary of humans, creating the potential for nasty encounters. There are do-it-yourself means

to deal with pesky animals, such as using bungee cords over garbage bin lids, or keeping garbage in the house until pickup day. For more difficult animal problems, Fairweather said he prefers to let professionals take over.

And while they can be annoying, and in some cases destructive, "invasive" animals can make the claim from a "wildlife perspective" that they were there first, he said.

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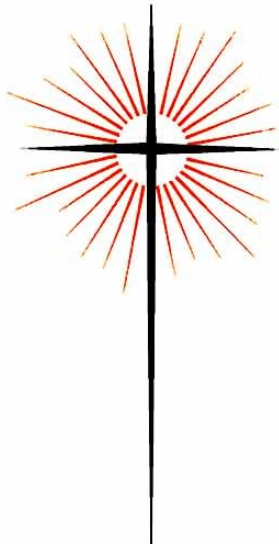
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Parents, please provide your contact information to the same e-mail address.



Vacation Bible School

Theme — Rolling River Rampage

July 16 - 20 5:30 - 8:00 pm



Join in a fantastic week where youngsters discover that life with God is an adventure of wonder and surprise through stories, crafts, and fun activities.

Dinner will be served each evening.

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Activities in the Glencarlyn Neighborhood

[link to the GCA Calendar](http://www.glencarlyn.org) at the www.glencarlyn.org for GCA sponsored events..

GCA Events/Activities

Monday, Sept. 10 — GCA meeting

Saturday, Sept. 15 — Fall Family Picnic/ Potluck

Long Branch Nature Center

**625 S. Carlin Springs Rd.,
Arlington, 22204**

Call 703-228-6535 for information

Hours

Tuesday through Friday - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday — 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday — 1 - 5 p.m.

Activities require pre-registration and fill up early. For more information go to the Arlington Parks and Recreation guide *The Snag* at arlingtonparks.us/snag.

Solstice Hike & Campfire

Friday, Jun. 22, 7:30 - 9pm

Hike the hills and dales of Glencarlyn Park keeping an eye out for late night residents. Then head back to the campfire to sing songs and roast marshmallows. Register. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Water Story time

Tuesday, Jun. 19, 10:30 - 11am

Ages 2 to 10. Register children only. Swim on over for stories about animals from the deep blue sea.

Summer Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, Jun. 21, 5:30-6:30pm

Families ages 6 and up. School's out and summer is here. Search for signs of summer on the longest day of the year. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Blow Stuff Up

Saturday, Jun. 30, 11 am - 12pm

Ages 8 to 12. Using items like baking soda, vinegar, Mentos, soft drinks and fizzy tabs make foam volcanoes and other safe exploding things. Experiment with formulas to create the biggest bursts. \$5

Bilingual Campfire (Spanish/ English)

Sunday, Jul. 8, 7 - 8pm

Families. Come to the Long Branch Amphitheater for lots of old-fashioned fun. The program will be filled with entertaining activities. Register. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. \$5

Tiny Tots

July 21/28/31, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Ages: 18 - 35 months with adult. Tiny Tot programs provide a wonderful opportunity to interact one-on-one with your child while discovering the wonders of nature. \$5

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If you aren't sure if you paid, contact Tim at 703-820-0084. Dues increase to \$15 beginning in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.