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Residents Defend Library in GCA Meeting With County Board Chair

Glencarlyn Branch Library could be on the Arlington County budget chopping block once again.

County Manager Mark Schwartz has identified the neighborhood library as an "optional cut for consideration," said County Board

Chairman Christian Dorsey.

Chairman Dorsey fields questions Photo: Gerald Martineau

"I guess eliminating is the best way to say it ... and consolidating efforts along the west end of Columbia pike," he said in a presentation at the March 4 GCA meeting.

The library's future drew most of the comment from Dorsey's audience of neighborhood residents. A key argument was that the library is more than just a place to check out books.

"This is one of the busiest places In the county," said Stuart Davis, a longtime resident. Two years ago the Glencarlyn branch showed a "25 percent higher use of children's programs than we

did at Cherrydale," he said.

Davis also said because of its small size, the Glencarlyn Branch is cheapest to operate. "We probably generate more usage per \$1 than other (libraries), he said.

He and others noted that the library space is also used for tutoring, teaching English, access to computers, group meetings and other activities.



Stuart Davis argued for the library Photo: Gerald Martineau

Students from nearby Kenmore Middle School also make use of the facility, residents said.

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Community Effort Needed to Save GC Branch Library

By Julie Lee

The County's proposed fiscal 2020 budget includes a proposal for the Board to consider closing Glencarlyn Branch Library to avoid a higher tax rate or to fund other activities. Saving the library will require a concerted effort on the part of those who want to keep it open., every one must make their view known

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Join in the First Glencarlyn Spring Fun Event

Come join in the Spring Fun at Carlin Hall and Glencarlyn Library, Saturday April 6 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

This is a first time event for all members of the community, children and adults. It is also a great opportunity for neighbors new to the community to meet other neighbors. Activities will be outside at both the Glencarlyn Library patio and Carlin

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GCA Meetings

Glencarlyn Library Past and Present, Monday, April 1

With Glencarlyn Library potentially being cut from the county budget it is vital for residents to attend the April 1 GCA meeting. Learn how the library, the first in Arlington, was begun with Gen. Samuel Burdett's donation of books and land. Karl Van Newkirk of the Arlington Historical Society will present a talk about Burdett, one of Glencarlyn's founders.. A discussion of steps needed to convince the County Board to keep the Library open will follow. Come to the meeting, 7:30 pm in Carlin Hall 5711 4th St S

Monday, May 6: Wheels to Africa

Neighbor Dixie Duncan will talk about Wheels to Africa (WTA), a charity begun by her son.

President's Corner

Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are



By Julie Lee

President, Glencarlyn Citizens' Association

April! It's that time of year when the flowers and birds and animals come popping out. And now, I am calling on all of you to come out and get engaged in some very important GCA activities.

Your community needs you!

As many of you know, our Glencarlyn Library is in peril. The County Manager has suggested that as a cost saving measure,

our library should close, all resources moved to Arlington Mill Community Center, and the building repurposed or sold. There are things each of us can do to help prevent this from happening. (See "Library in Danger" article on Page 1) PLEASE, take the time to save the first library in Arlington County.

On Sat. morning April 6, we are holding our first ever "Spring Fun". This gathering is for community members of ALL ages, adults as well as children. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet your neighbors, discuss issues important to our community, and share ways we can better communicate with each other. AND have fun!!

As part of our efforts to support the Library, we will be meeting in the Library patio. **Of course volunteers are needed, especially for set-up.** (Read more about the "Spring Fun" on Page 1)

Our April 1 GCA meeting presentation could not be timelier, as we learn about the history of Glencarlyn Library. You may or may not be surprised to learn that the early community libraries in Arlington were run by **women** volunteers, who gave of their time and energy to do whatever needed to be done. After the presentation, we will discuss how we can do whatever needs to be done to preserve our library.

And it is not too soon to talk about Glencarlyn Days activities June 7-8. We are very excited about new plans and activities for Friday night. (Read the article about the Friday Night BBQ on the next page).

We hope we will see more of you there! To continue our support of the Library, the Parade theme is Story Book Characters, and it will culminate with story time at the Library.

So, come on out! Come out and take a stand, come out and have some fun, come out and give back to this great community.

Village View Editor Sought

GCA is looking for a new editor for its monthly neighborhood newsletter, *The Village View*.

This 12-page publication provides Glencarlyn residents with information important to the community, covers issues from school boundaries to traffic safety, and highlights notable happenings and individuals in the neighborhood. *The Village View* also features annual events such as Glencarlyn Day, the Winter Light celebration and the latest community building activity, Spring Fun, set for April 6. The newsletter comes out nine times a year with breaks in summer and winter. Glencarlyn NEEDS the Village View. Please consider taking on this important position. If you are interested or have any questions, contact **Julie Lee** at 808-384-4954 or email: *jfblee@aol.com*.

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First Glencarlyn Day Barbecue is in the Works

By Alex Hecht GCA Vice President

GCA will sponsor the first Glencarlyn Day community barbecue on the Carlin Hall grounds Friday, June 7, from 5-9 p.m. The association will coordinate food (burgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, vegetarian options) and sides - all available for a suggested donation.

There will be fun, family-friendly games and activities, such as kid face painting, a 50-50 raffle to benefit the GCA, and free ice cream for kids at 8 p.m. The association thanks David Cahill and Ireland's Four Courts for generously helping sponsor this event.

The barbecue idea emerged from discussions the association held in the winter. There was consenus that the Pancake Breakfast and

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Volunteer for GC Day

Julie Lee, GCA president said the success of the June 7 -8 Glencarlyn Days depends on neighborhood volunteers.

"With lots of activities planned, we need lots of volunteers," she said. "If you can help, especially with building a parade float, or opening your home for the House Tours, or if you have questions, contact me directly at jfblee@aol.com or call 808-384-4954."

This year's parade theme is "Story Book Characters." Children's Librarian Clea Counts will hold a story time at the conclusion of the parade.

Look for more information the May Village View.

Five Practical Ways You Can Support Glencarlyn Branch Library

By Clea Counts Children's Librarian

Looking for ways to support the Glencarlyn Branch Library?

1. **Place holds on and check out books**. Arlington Public Library has a floating collection. If there is a book you would like from Shirlington you can place a hold on it and have it sent to Glencarlyn. Once it arrives you can pick it up and check it out.

This increases our circulation and door count. The more people who come into the branch to check out books, the better.

- 2. **Attend Library programs.** Glencarlyn offers a variety of children's programs. Check the Arlington Public Library event calendar or stop in and pick up a calendar. Do not hesitate to suggest new programs. I will do my best to fulfill your request.
- 3. **Join and be active in Friends of the Arlington Public Library.** This volunteer group is responsible for raising the

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by emailing County Board members at <u>countyboard@arlingtonva.us</u>, letting them know why it is important to keep Glencarlyn Library open, and:

- Bringing signs to and speaking out at the Board's public hearing on the budget, Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at 2100 Clarendon Blvd.
- Attending the April 1 GCA meeting, to hear the history of the library, and discuss steps to protect and preserve it.

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Hall. Join in the Fun, celebrate Spring, visit with your neighbors, appreciate our community. If it rains, we will move inside.

There will be activities for children from pre-school to junior high school. Children's Librarian Clea Counts will offer a story time.

Beverages, including coffee, and snacks will be available. A scavenger hunt for adults and teens will take participants around the neighborhood to take photos of items on their list. This is also

money that Arlington Public Library uses to fund all of its youth and adult programming. To learn how you can join, go to https://arlingtonlibraryfriends.org/about/.

4. **Write to Arlington County Board Members.** Let Arlington County Board members know how much Glencarlyn Branch Library means to you and why. They want to know about the impact Glencarlyn has on the community.

Arlington County Board Members can be contacted at: Countyboard@arlingtonva.us.

5. **Donate toys and craft supplies** Currently, Glencarlyn Branch Library has an annual children's programming budget of \$400. I try my best to get by with what we have, but we could always use more.

If you have any extra craft supplies or lightly used toys lying around, please drop them off at the Glencarlyn library.

Using Glencarlyn Library.

The stakes are higher than a couple of years ago when GCA successfully opposed a budget proposal that would have cut the library's days and hours of operation. This time the threat is to the library's very existence. Read the proposed budget, and recommendations for closing Glencarlyn Library at: https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2019/02/FY20P-MM-14-Libraries.pdf. If you have any specific questions about the proposal, contact Ann Connell at anncohcon@gmail.com.

another opportunity to discuss ways to support and protect our Glencarlyn Library. You will have the opportunity to visit with library staff and explore the library.

We need volunteers for set-up Saturday morning at 9:00, to help move tables and chairs from Carlin Hall to the Library patio. We also need volunteers to assist with children's activities.

Contact Julie Lee if you can assist with set-up, snacks or activities. Call 808-384-4954 or email: jfblee@aol.com·or volunteer using the Sign-Up Genius:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BAEAC2DA2FE3-spring.

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other key components of Glencarlyn Day, such as the parade and home tour, are stronger than ever. However, several ideas for 'refreshing' Friday night were explored. Some members of the community were concerned that it felt like two events—a potluck at Carlin Hall and a block party in the library parking lot. A desire was expressed to have a unified event—focusing on bringing neighbors together.

Other ideas were floated to make Friday night more family

Big Turnout for Four Mile Run Cleanup Day

Even with temperatures in the 30s, a record 52 people turned out for the Glencarlyn part of the 31st annual Four Mile Run cleanup on March 9. Participants collected a lot of trash from the area around Four Mile Run and Long Branch. The neighborhood's annual Hot Dog and Marshmallow Roast followed.

In the photo: David Seidel, center, accepts litter from Four Mile Run from son Peyton a member of cub scout wolf den 632 of Arlington Traditional School Photo: Gerald Martineau friendly -- with an eye towards attracting families with young children who are new to the neighborhood. More details will be forthcoming about the barbecue. In the meantime, special thanks to a subcommittee that has been formed to organize the barbecue — including Mary Quattlebaum, Courtney Holmes, David Cahill, and Eric Hougen.

If you are interested in participating on the subcommittee -- and we are looking for additional volunteers -- please contact Alex Hecht at *alhecht2003@yahoo*.comor at 703-785-0796.



Siblings Run in World's Major Marathons for Guinness Record and Charity

Glencarlyn resident Jennifer Barozie and her brother Chris are running after a world record and to benefit charities.

The two aim to run all six world marathons in the Abbott World Marathon Majors series to become the first siblings to complete those 26.2-mile courses together — possibly earning an spot in the Guinness Book of World Records.

They ran have run New York City Marathon, and the Berlin marathon. They headed to London in April and plan to follow up in the Tokyo, Chicago, and Boston runs.



The Barozie Siblings

Runners get slots in the races through a lottery system and there are thousands of applicants for hundreds of slots.

Another way to gain entry is by running to raise money for charities. Barozie is running for Tourette's Action, a London-based research and support charity for people with the neurological disorder.

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Dorsey acknowledged that residents are frustrated with repeated proposals to close or limit services at the library branch.

"I get that," he said. A library "is a way that communities are built; it's a way that communities are gathered," he said. "To close it there needs to be something more than the business case of the volume just doesn't match up with other libraries in the system."

Dorsey made similar remarks at a March 5 County Board budget

work session that included a discussion of libraries.

At the GCA meeting, he urged residents to tell the board about the ways "in which you use the library beyond just something you can measure with a library card."



Packed hall listens to Dorsey

Dorsey also noted that "We

allow the county manager and the director of libraries to give us their best opinions. We don't always follow them."

Other issues raised during the meeting included neighborhood traffic hazards, and the future use of the Virginia Hospital Center property acquired by the county (to be determined).

Glencarlyn Yard Sale: ORGANIZERS NEEDED

Glencarlyn is looking at a community yard sale this spring. But the event needs volunteers to organize and run it. Depending on help, the sale can be held May 18 or June 22. Glencarlyn will handle advertising: signs, notices in newspapers, and on Craigslist. We will also print a map showing participating homes. You may also reserve a space for your own table at Carlin Hall, 5711 4th St South. If you are interested or have any questions contact Julie Lee 808-384-4954 or <code>jfblee@aol.com</code>.

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View from the Garden

Ready, Set, Adapt! Climate Change is Coming to a Garden Near You



By Wendy Mills

Certified Extension Master Gardener Living in an urban, climate-controlled environment, it's easy to miss the signs of climate change right under our noses.

We hear on the news that summers are hotter. We sense we're experiencing more epic deluges

and periods of drought. Does March come in like a lion and go out like a lamb? Should we still plant our gardens on Mother's Day? Where did gentle summer showers go? And what the heck happened to my tomatoes last year?

In 2018, local gardeners contacted the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia Help Desk, Plant Clinics and Demonstration Gardens with hundreds of weather-related plant questions. Are these signs of climate change? Probably.

In his award-winning book, *Virginia Climate Fever* (2014), Stephen Nash writes: "Weather is what's happening outside today, but climate is the average of what has happened there over time—say thirty years or more." Increasingly, according to Nash, "we are moving out of the patterns to which we're accustomed and into variations that will be new, at times radical, and not as predictable." He says we're entering a time of "global climatic disruption."

There is broad consensus in the scientific and policy communities that climate change is already happening in Virginia. Between 1960 and 2017, the average number of days above 90 degrees increased from 18 to 30. Looking ahead, climate models based on sets of assumptions for how quickly and completely we can rein in man-made, greenhouse gas emissions offer a range of possibilities.

"Business as Usual" scenarios suggest Virginia could be as hot as South Carolina by 2050 and northern Florida by 2100.

The impact on our gardens is harder to discern. The smaller the geography, the more severe weather events and local factors like proximity to heat-trapping cities, bodies of water, forests and mountains come into play. Even with these caveats, there is much we can glean from the best information science has to offer. That information points to a number of trends that will change the way we garden and what we plant.

In Arlington and Alexandria, we can expect hotter average air, water and soil temperatures, increased precipitation in winter and spring, more intense and frequent storms, and more consecutive dry days. For Virginia's coastal zones, sea level will also rise.

As these trends intensify, so too will their effects on our landscapes. Here is a short-list of some of the most significant impacts gardeners may see in their home gardens:

• **Plant Health:** Plants will experience more heat - and waterrelated stress which could affect basic plant functions like transpiration and photosynthesis. Stresses will also reduce plants' ability to assimilate carbon dioxide, pollinate, produce flowers, and set fruit and seed, leading to lower production and overall plant health. For plants already at the southernmost reach of their

Symptoms of water stress from mild to extreme:

- •Plants are slow growing and stunted.
- •Plant leaves turn from shiny to dull.
- •Grasses show signs of wilt and do not spring upright after stepped on.
- •Diminished leaves, flower buds and flowers.
- Lack of seed set, surface, and tissue damage to vegetables, and reduced production.
- •Leaves are discolored, wilting or show signs of burning or scorching on edges. Early fall color.
- ·Bare spots appear in ground covers.
- •Plantings show the effects of weeds, insect pests, and diseases.
- •Plants appear dead and/or die.
 - Source: Missouri Botanical Gardens

ranges, plant viability could be in question.

- Soil Health: The increase in precipitation, especially torrential rain, will lead to an increase in runoff but less infiltration of moisture into the soil. It will also flush essential nutrients from the soil and decrease nutrient accessibility to plants. Drought, like extreme wet conditions, can have similar effects on plant performance, nutrient uptake, and nutrients in the soil.
- Pests, Weeds, and Diseases: Invasive, non-native plant and animal ranges will expand as they take advantage of weakened ecosystems. Plants such as *Pueraria montana* (Kudzu), *Aliaria petiolata* (Garlic mustard), and *Lythrum salicaria* (Purple loosestrife) and insect species such as Gypsy Moth and Emerald ash borer may flourish and out-compete many native species as conditions change and stressed plants produce less of the chemical compounds that ward off intruders.

What's a Gardener to Do?

Adapting to climate change requires a return to fundamentals.

- Select Plants Carefully: Although Arlington and Alexandria are in USDA Hardiness Zone 7a, plants that thrive in zones 7b and 8 increasingly are doing well here.
- "As gardeners we need to be aware that changes in climate will increasingly affect the choice of plants we can grow," says Kirsten Conrad, Agricultural Resource Extension Agent. "We can expect species migration and the movement out of our growing zone of plants like sugar maple and rhubarb that prefer cooler, moister summers." At the same time, "gardeners can be delighted by the potential migration northwards of plant species from southern climates, such as *Illicium floridanum* (Florida Anise Tree), *Acer floridanum* (Florida Maple), *Gordonia lasianthus* (Loblolly Bay),

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and Persea borbonia (Red Bay Laurel)."

Conrad recommends selecting Virginia natives, xeriscape (drought-resistant), and heat-tolerant plants. Before making your selection, figure out where you will place the plant in your garden. Microclimates in your landscape could magnify hot, cold, wet, and windy conditions.

- Build your soil and keep it cool: Organic matter improves drainage and lightens heavy soils. It provides food for soil microorganisms which enable plants to absorb water and essential nutrients through their roots. Add organic matter and compost to your soil and grow cover crops to further enrich it. Mulch your vegetable and annual flower beds with grass clippings and nitrogen-rich shredded leaves, and use wood mulch for pathways and as a light dressing around shrubs, trees, and in natural areas. Mulch and cover crops reduce erosion and weed growth and moderate soil temperature and moisture levels.
- Water deeply and regularly to promote root development. Healthy plants are 75- to 90 percent water. They need water to carry out vital functions. How much water depends on the plant, where it is in its lifecycle and its placement in the land-scape, as well as soil type and weather conditions.

Generally watering deeply means that water is able to soak six inches below the soil surface. In most soils, according to Virginia Cooperative Extension, this is about one inch of water applied each week in the form of rainwater, irrigation water, or both. (Some vegetables, like tomatoes, may require close to two inches of water per week for optimum production.) After watering use a

moisture gauge or dig down into the soil with a trowel to see if it is moist six or so inches below the surface. You can also place empty tuna fish cans around your garden to measure rainfall and water from sprinklers. A gentle soak over a longer period of time will allow for better absorption than heavy bursts that create puddling and runoff. Deep watering helps protect plants during drought — the soil surface will dry out much quicker than it will below ground. And remember: Water the soil, not the plant!

• Get the facts then feed your plants: Testing your soil is the only way to determine if phosphorus, potassium, calcium or magnesium are in short supply or if a pH adjustment is needed. Without a soil test, any application of fertilizer could be detrimental to the landscape. Soil test kits are available through the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office in Fairlington and Master Gardener Plant Clinics. A test kit is needed for each area of your gardens, for instance lawn, vegetable garden or acid-loving shrubs. Virginia Tech's soil lab will analyze the samples and email you the results and treatment recommendations. (A routine test is \$10.) Gardening in unpredictable times requires adapting strategies to changing facts. It's a call to experiment with new tools, to move plants around, say goodbye to those that no longer thrive, and select others that will.

It's an invitation to be curious and a reminder to seek out local experts at the Master Gardener Help Desk and plant clinics who can help you identify and manage pests and plant diseases. More than ever, gardeners need to pay attention to how their plants are faring through the seasons and take early action to reduce the stresses posed by erratic weather and the pervasive influence of climate change.

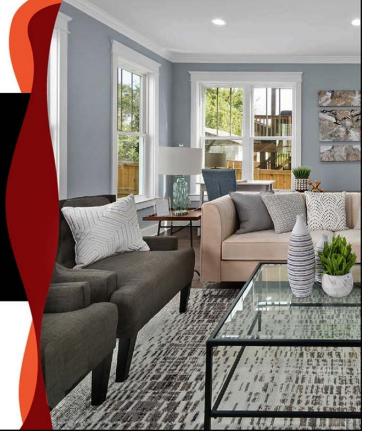


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When did she start running? "My brother has been a runner his whole life. When I was 31 years old a friend bet me that I couldn't run a marathon in less than 5 hours and 45 minutes." At 35 she ran one in Arizona, where Chris lives, and won the\$1.50 bet. Now she runs 70 miles most weeks to stay in shape for marathons. But Barozie readily admits that: "I am not athletic. I hate running, but I have a good feeling after I run."

Running in the top marathons is an expensive venture, Barozie said. The siblings have established a GoFundMe page to help with the costs.

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Contract activity in Arlington was up 20% in December 2018 from 2017. The Amazon announcement created a perfect storm - it fueled demand precisely at a time when inventory is seasonally low. In December 2018, inventory was about 40% lower than it was in September 2018 in Arlington. As expected, inventory was already headed down before the Amazon announcement, so when contract activity increased in the last six weeks of the year in Arlington there was already less inventory to fight over. Since we were then in a time of year where few listings come on the market, buyers were grabbing whatever was there.

And that squeeze resulted in absorption rates rarely seen. In Arlington, there were only 9 townhomes on the market at the end of December and there were 28 that went under contract – the absorption rate for townhomes priced under \$1,000,000 was 100%. Detached homes and condos

under \$1,000,000 had absorption rates north of 70%!

So far in February and early March the inventory level of homes remains lower than past years. Homes under \$1,000,000 are attracting multiple offers since there are more buyers in affordable price ranges. Prices are trending up, and competition is fierce in Arlington and the close in surrounding Northern Virginia communities. Homes in turn-key condition get the most attention and sell quickly. All homes will sell when priced properly for their location, size and condition. In the last few weeks there have been a few more new listings hit the market which is a good sign for buyers. With prices rising, many potential buyers have an opportunity to buy with mortgage rates below 4.5% for a 30-yr fixed mortgage before rates rise in the future.

Let's talk strategy if you are curious about how you can optimize your real estate goals in 2019!



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Images around the Neighborhood

Photos: Gerald Martineau

An inflatable "Air Dancer" going through its routine earlier this year next to north-bound Carlin Springs Road. The device was in the store parking lot at 1st St S. and Carlin Springs Rd.

Workmen continue assembly of the roof on the new Glencarlyn Park 3rd St. pavilion on Saturday March 9.



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Lucas Codispoti, 16 - babysitting, walking and care of dogs/cats, and general yard work. — 703-310-8715

Elise Eclarinal, 10 - mother's helper, 703-772-4429.

Cassidy Green, 16 - babysitter — 703-969-6643, or greencolleen@gmail.com.

Connor Green, 13 - babysitting. — 703-969-6643, or *greencolleen@gmail.com*

Holly Porter & Gaby Colston, 11 - Mothers helper, plant sitting, dog walking, Pet feeding — 571 215-0922

Caroline Grotos, 12 - babysitting/mothers helper, dog walking, pet and plant sitting. — 703-998-0114, egrotos@msn.com.

Mira Hougen, 14 - babysitting (Red Cross certified), pet sitting, plant sitting, mother's helper. — 703-650-8334 (E), 703-867-2934 (K).

 $\mathbf{Max\ Jamieson}$, 13 - babysitting/mother's helper, pet care, yard work - 703-402-8162 (Max) 703-819-3074 (Missy).

Will Jamieson, 12 - babysitting/mother's helper, pet care, yard work — 703-819-3074.(Max) 703-819-3074 (Missy).

Laine Kelly, 15 - babysitting (Red Cross certified), mother's helper, pet sitting/walking. Call or text - 703-647-0175.

 $\textbf{Brady Krohl}, 12 \text{-} lawn \ mowing/yard \ work, pet \ care \ and \ babysitting/Mother's \ Helper-703-347-3026, 703-862-4938 \ \textit{_chandikrohl@hotmail.com}.$

Lily Elaina Link, 16 - dog walking, pet sitting, plant watering, babysitting (Red Cross certified) — 571-212-4179

Braeden List, 16 - babysitting (Red Cross certified), dog walking, pet sitting -571-279-9020.

Maya McCarthy, 13 - Red Cross certified for babysitting & pet sitting. Call/text — 703-400-9440 or email mayam1215@gmail.com.

Tiara McGowan-Jones, 16 - Pet sitting, dog walking, and plant sitting. — 301-325—9285.

Isaiah Phifer, 14 - pet sitting, dog walking - contact 585-309-0881 or sasimons21@gmail.com

Ellie Trumpfheller, 12 - pet sitting, dog walking, Red Cross certified in babysitting and mothers helper $-571\,214$ -2049 or lynne.trumpfheller@gmail.com - 202-431-1743

Harry Wolfson 16 - mowing lawns, dog walking, snow shoveling and baby sitting - 703-820-6191 or 703-419-0840.

If you are Glencarlyn resident, high school age or younger and would like to be listed as available for neighborhood jobs, please send your name, age, phone number, and job(s) you would like to perform to The Village View at **gcaeditorial@gmail.com.**

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

Celebrate Holy Week and Easter with Us!

Sun. Apr. 14 Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Palms - 10 am

Thurs. Apr. 18 Loaves & Fishes Meal & Service - 6:30 - 8 pm

Fri. Apr. 19 Good Friday Services - 12 noon and 7 pm

Good Friday Vigil - Church open for prayer - 1 - 7 pm

Sun. Apr. 21 Easter Festive Holy Eucharist with children's message - 10 am

Easter Egg Hunt and reception after the 10 am service

Tues. Apr. 2 Book Club *Ready Player One* by Ernst Cline 7:30 pm

Sat. Apr. 20 Family Game Night - 7 - 9 pm **Free**. Bring games or use ours.

Refreshments provided. We invite you to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to AFAC. (See website for more information)

Sunday Worship Services

8 am and 10 am

Sunday Christian EducationAdults 9 am — Youth 10 am

All are welcome to all services and activities!

St. John's Episcopal Church

We are an inclusive congregation that nurtures Christian spiritual growth and community through worship, education, outreach, mutual care, and fellowship.

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415 S. Lexington Street Arlington, VA 22204

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Activities in the Glencarlyn Neighborhood

<u>link to the GCA Calendar</u> at the www.glencarlyn.org for GCA sponsored events..

GCA Events/Activities

Dia de los Ninos Celebration

Thursday, April 18, 12 noon to 4 p.m. . at the Glencarlyn Branch Library.

This is a bilingual event for children **ages o-12** with storytelling, arts and crafts, outdoor toys, local community organizations, a story walk, prizes, and more.

Glencarlyn Spring Celebration

Saturday, April 6—. Volunteers needed. Activities include a scavenger hunt. Beverages, including coffee, and snacks will be available.

625 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington, 22204

Long Branch Nature Center

Call 703-228-6535 for information

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*

Nature Art: Draw Animals Like A Pro Thursday, Apr. 4, 4:30 - 5:30pm

Ages 8 to 11. Do you love animals? Learn tips and tricks from a professional wildlife artist on how to draw and paint animals.

Spring Peeper Prowl Friday, Apr. 12, 7 - 8pm

Families ages 5 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Hop on over and join the fun learning about and searching for these tiny tree frogs and other amphibians during this sunset hike.

Tree ID Hike

Saturday, Apr. 20, 11:15am - 12:30pm

Adults. The leaves are just starting to grow but you can still identify what tree it is without the full leaf to provide clues. Learn to identify the trees of Arlington parks by their bark and shape. \$5

Tiny Tots

Ages: 18 - 35 months with adult. Each program has a theme for exploring and incorporating the park and its wildlife . Adults must remain with children during the entire program. \$5

Tuesday, Apr. 23, 10 - 10:45 a.m. **Wednesday, Apr. 24**, 10 - 10:45 a.m. **Friday, Apr. 26**, 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Preschool

Ages 3 to 5. Preschoolers can actively explore their natural world. Adults must remain with children during the entire program. \$5

Earth Days

Wednesday, Apr. 24, 1 - 2 p.m. **Thursday, Apr. 25**, 10:30 - 11:30a.m. **Friday, Apr. 26**, 4 - 5 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 27, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Glencarlyn Library

703-228-6548

Hours

Monday and Thursday10 a.m. - 9 p.m.Tuesday and Wednesday1 p.m. - 9 p.m.Friday and Saturday10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Under Twos Story time, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Needlework Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays - 6:30 p.m.

St John's Episcopal Church

703-671-6834

Sunday Service — 8 & 10 a.m. 415 S. Lexington St. 22204

Please Pay Your 2018 - 2019 GCA Dues-\$15

Your dues to the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association help fund the Glencarlyn Day events, holiday parties, picnics, *Village View* newsletter, the *glencarlyn.org* website, our neighborhood directory and much more. Dues are for July 2018 through June 2019. If you did not pay your dues on Glencarlyn Day please send them in now.

Name Ph	one
Address email	
Please add me on Glencarlyn Updates since <u>I am not currently getting them</u>	(Yes or leave blank)
I would like to volunteer for one of the upcoming Glencarlyn events	(Option to add event name)
Make checks payable to GCA — send to — Tim Aiken, Treasurer, 111 S. Kensing	gton St., Arlington, VA 22204.