



The Village View

Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association since October 1952

December 2019

DECEMBER HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS on Dec. 7th

There is a lot happening in our neighborhood on Sat., Dec 7th to celebrate the holidays. We hope you are part of the festivities.

- **Purchase your Luminaria Kits** at Carlin Hall on Sat. Dec. 7th, 9:00am- 3:00pm. A package of 10 candles, bags and sand is \$7.00. Light your luminaria at dusk.
- **Walk through the neighborhood** and admire the Luminaria and the Holiday Lights on the homes.
- **Join in some Caroling.** Meet at the Library Portico at 5:30. Stroll through the streets serenading your neighbors.
- **Make your selections** for the Winter Light Celebration, using the ballot enclosed in this Village View. Ballots will also be available at Luminaria sales. Ballots must be submitted no later than Dec 14th.
- **Greet your neighbors** and Celebrate at the Holiday Party in the Library Parking Lot, 6:00 – 7:30pm. Warm beverages and sweet treats will be served, and there will be a Surprise Visitor at 6:30pm.
- **VOLUNTEER TO HELP** with all of these activities. Use the Sign-up Genius: <https://tinyurl.com/y6dqouyh> or contact Julie Lee at jfblee@aol.com or 808-384-4954.

Dec.14 is the Rain Date for the holiday festivities.

For more information about these events, read the November Village View posted on our website.

Real Estate Happenings at the Dec 2nd GCA meeting, 7:30 pm



Plan to attend the Dec 2nd GCA meeting, 7:30 pm in Carlin Hall when we will hear from Gary Fitzgibbon, Re/Max Gateway, Linda Murphy, McEnery Associates and Casey O'Neal, Re/Max Allegiance, three agents who know Glencarlyn well.

Learn about buying and selling our homes, current trends in real estate, home improvements and returns on investment, the Amazon effect, and much more.



Holiday Party photo credit: Gerald Martineau

Big Changes Contemplated for Carlin Springs & Campbell Elementary Schools

By Barbara E. Martinez

In preparation for re-drawing elementary school boundaries before school starts in fall 2021, Arlington Public Schools has issued two proposals for moving school programs.

The window for comment on these proposals is short with school board action scheduled for February 6. **Please visit [apsva.us/engage "Elementary School Planning"](https://apsva.us/engage/ElementarySchoolPlanning) to read about the proposals, ways to make your voice heard, and stay tuned for more information from the GCA.** Both the Carlin Springs and Campbell PTAs are planning efforts to speak out about the proposals outlined below.

Proposal #1 would move two countywide option schools: Arlington Traditional School (ATS) would move to the McKinley Elementary building and Key Elementary (Spanish-language immersion) would move to the building currently housing ATS. The new elementary school at the Reed building in Westover would open as a neighborhood elementary including many of the students who had formerly attended McKinley.

Proposal #2—with more impact to students in Glencarlyn—also would move ATS to McKinley. However, Key would move to the Carlin Springs Elementary building and Campbell (the countywide EL, or expeditionary learning, option program) [Please see map on page three for site locations] would move to the ATS building. The Campbell building would become a neighborhood school.

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President's Corner

Playing Chess with our Children



By Julie Lee
President, Glencarlyn Citizens' Association

I try to keep my column positive and upbeat. However, right now I am positively incensed that the Arlington County School Board is once again considering the children of Glencarlyn for a school boundary adjustment.

Arlington Public Schools (APS) has made two proposals to deal with the overcrowding in the elementary schools. The School Board will make a decision on one of these proposals at the Feb 6, 2020 meeting.

One proposal impacts both Campbell and Carlin Springs Elementary schools, moving the Campbell Elementary program to The Arlington Traditional School, off N. George Mason Drive, and moving the **majority** of students at Carlin Springs to Campbell. Campbell Elementary would then become a neighborhood school.

As I take a deep breath to calm myself after typing the proposal above, let me explain the impact of these moves.

With Campbell becoming a neighborhood school, **it is unclear where the Glencarlyn children would go to school**. Campbell is **not** in Glencarlyn's walk zone. Also, Campbell is not large enough to handle all of the students from Carlin Springs. Glencarlyn's children would need to be bussed somewhere. To where would they be bussed?? This would be the first time in over 70 years that Glencarlyn children did not have the opportunity to walk to a neighborhood elementary school. Is there another community our size that is not afforded a walkable elementary school?

The exciting Expeditionary program at Campbell elementary requires it to remain at Campbell. Its outdoor learning is a major part of the curriculum, and its proximity to the Long Branch Nature Centre invaluable. The school has a butterfly garden, a pond with turtles, an orchard and garden beds that students help cultivate. Moving this program away from Campbell would not only hurt the program, it would negatively impact the diversity of the student body.

APS can NOT continue to move OUR children around like pawns on a chess board. We hear all about the pursuit of equity in Arlington. There is no equity in these boundary adjustments. Repeatedly APS chooses to move students in communities where families are least able to voice opposition. They dress it up with terms like "maximizing capacity" and "centrally located". Just last year APS redrew the boundaries for eight elementary schools - ALL in SOUTH ARLINGTON.

We recognize the growth in our County and appreciate the need for more seats in our schools. However, I ask you to look at the boundary map here:

<https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Gap-Between-Projected-ES-and-Future-Seats-in-SY-2023-24.png>

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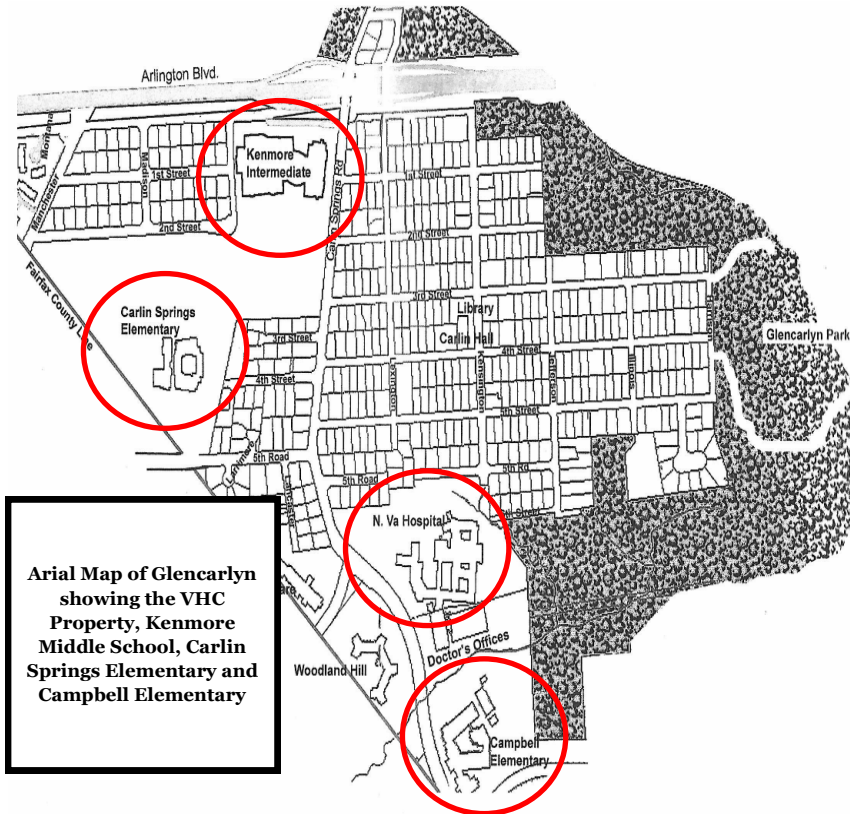
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IMPORTANT GCA MEETING FEB 3RD CONCERNING THE VIRGINIA HOSPITAL CENTER PROPERTY

Plan to attend this **important GCA meeting Mon., Feb 3rd**, when Director Greg Emanuel, Dept. of Environmental Services, will **discuss the razing of the buildings and short term plans for the VHC property on S. Carlin Springs Rd.**

This is our opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns about environmental, safety, and other issues related to this site that borders our neighborhood and park, and is so close to our schools. Mark your calendar now for Feb 3rd, 7:30pm at Carlin Hall.

Please see the map adjacent to this article showing how the VHC property, Kenmore Middle School, Campbell Elementary, and Carlin Springs Elementary are all closely located in Glencarlyn. Any changes by Arlington County or Arlington Public Schools to these sites can cause a detrimental ripple effect regarding traffic and environmental issues.



Aerial Map of Glencarlyn showing the VHC Property, Kenmore Middle School, Carlin Springs Elementary and Campbell Elementary

Wheels to Africa to Host Walk Event on Nov 24

Wheels to Africa, a non-profit organization based in Glencarlyn, is holding a *Bridge the Gap Walk* from Jones Point in Alexandria across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge to National Harbor in Maryland.

The walk starts at 1 p.m. and buses will begin returning to Jones Point Park at 3 p.m. The one-hour, three mile walk raises awareness and assists rural communities in Africa and America as well as building youth leaders.

Please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bridge-the-gap-walk-for-african-children-tickets-78572122333> to sign up and mention that you are a Glencarlyn resident. A bus will leave from GC Library at 12 noon.

For more information contact Dixie Duncan at 703-919-0570, w2africa@gmail.com or visit www.wheels-to-africa.org.

President's Corner (Continued from page 2)

Please note the excess of seats available in N. Arlington, especially among the 4 elementary schools in the most northwest corner of the County- Tuckahoe, Nottingham, Discovery and Jamestown. Why are these schools **never** in the discussion about boundary adjustments? Why are there always enough seats in their classrooms?

The School Board will be making their decision in early February, however staff **will be presenting the final revised scenarios to the School Board on Jan. 9th**. They have set up online comment opportunities for Nov., and some public engagement INCONVENIENTLY during the month of December. **THERE WILL BE ONE PUBLIC HEARING ON JAN 30TH** before the vote on Feb 6th.

I am asking ALL GLENCARLYN RESIDENTS -whether you have school age children or not- **SPEAK OUT**. If you are opposed, **VOICE YOUR OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSED CHANGE FOR THE CHILDREN OF GLENCARLYN**. As always we must present a united front. Once again, we must be the mouse that roared. Plan to attend the Dec 2nd GCA meeting, when we will discuss this further.

To respond online and to find information about public engagement go to:

<https://www.apsva.us/engage/planning-for-2020-elementary-school-boundary-process/>

This link will be posted on the Glencarlyn website. GCA is preparing a letter to send to the School Board, which will be finalized at the Dec 2nd GCA Meeting. Please plan to attend.

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Virginia Hospital Center Update

By Brandon Hemel

At the November GCA meeting, the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association (GCA) approved a joint resolution with the Forest Glen Civic Association (FGCA) stating concerns and recommendations about the Virginia Hospital Center property at 601 S. Carlin Springs Road.

The resolution reiterates the previous communications sent by GCA and FGCA to the Arlington County Board and restating the results of the 2016 neighborhood survey. It requests a timely, written acknowledgment

by the County Board that it has received this resolution and a schedule for the public engagement process.

Arlington County takes ownership of the site on December 31, 2019 but has yet to put forth a process to determine a timeframe for short or long-term site usage.

Julie Lee has learned from her conversations with county staff that the initial phase for any work will be a plan for site decoupling as the hospital building has some shared systems and connections with the medical offices at 611 S. Carlin Springs Rd. After this work, the county will determine next steps for building

removal.

During this time, the county may propose that VHC keep the Urgent Care facility at the site until the county is ready to begin demolition.

The joint GCA and FGCA Resolution was delivered on November 11 to the Arlington County Board, the County Manager, with a copy sent to the APS School Board and is now posted on glencarlyn.org on the What's Happening tab.

November GCA Meeting: Strengthening Glencarlyn's Natural Resources

By Brandon Hemel

November's Glencarlyn Citizen's Association meeting featured a program on strengthening Glencarlyn's remarkable environment through conservation easements, sustainable landscaping practices and park stewardship.

Alan Rowsome, Executive Director of the Northern VA Conservation Trust, started the discussion explaining how conservation easements are used by homeowners to protect land and open spaces.

Since its founding in 1994, The Northern VA Conservation Trust has protected more than 7,000 acres in urban and rural places in its service area of more than 2.9 million residents. The Northern VA Conservation Trust has protected land from as small as 1/4 acre plots in N. Arlington to multi-acre parcels of land in Fairfax, Loudon, Stafford, and Fauquier Counties.

A conservation easement is land that remains in private hands but is protected by specific rules regarding development that carry forward after the property is sold. There are

various tax benefits to protecting your land via an easement on your property.

So far, the only Arlington locations that are protected through the Northern VA Conservation Trust are in the northern part of the county, but they are very open to land preservation in all parts of the county.

The GCA Tree Committee is looking at possible opportunities to protect land in Glencarlyn through easements. If you would like more information on how conservation easements can be used to protect your property,

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View from the Garden

T'IS THE TIME OF YEAR ...

By Judy Funderburk,
Extension Master Gardener

In the spirit of the season you are invited to conjure up elves, fairies, magic, and happy surprises as we celebrate the beauty and mystery that being a gardener and caring for the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden evokes.

The Magic of February. Your fingers and toes may be cold, but your face will light up when you walk along the brick path into the 3rd Street garden and slow down to notice what is growing. Look closely for 6" high stalks of green with little white flowers nodding off the end of the stalk. They are called "snow drops." *Galanthus nivalis* is the botanical name. These tiny plants are perennials that magically return each year, heralding a new growing season even as snow lies on the ground and most plants lie dormant. Take a closer look and let your imagination see this treasure of a plant as a fairy's green crook-shaped wand. The curve of the crook holds the pure white "drop" of the outer flower petals hanging down around smaller inner petals that look like a little bell tipped with green. Many of these small bulbs planted together create a kind of fairyland, like Magic!



Snow Drops

Surprises of the Summer Garden. You may have to bend over and look carefully to see the beginning of what becomes one of the more enchanting series of surprises of the summer garden. Adult monarch butterflies lay their eggs on milkweed leaves because it is the only plant that baby monarch caterpillars can eat to grow to adulthood. You will need very sharp eyes and a lot of patience, carefully turning over individual leaves of any of the three types of milkweed native to our area. You are looking to find tiny singular cream-colored eggs (up to three on a leaf) or tiny (1/4 to 1/2 inch) baby caterpillars. In fact, children often see the eggs or small larval caterpillars first, since they are built closer to the ground! Over a period of just 30 days, each of the four unique stages of the Monarch butterfly's development (egg, larva/caterpillar, pupa/chrysalis, butterfly) is continually awe-inspiring. Witnessing any one of these transformations is a small miracle and a gift that brings surprise and delight. Here is a link: <https://www.activewild.com/life-cycle-of-the-monarch-butterfly>



Monarch Butterfly Release

Beauty and Mystery in Fall & Winter. Temperatures drop, leaves turn, birds migrate, and the Library Garden puts on its fall "dress." Leaves in shades of red, gold, orange and aubergine decorate the branches of Itea, Fothergilla, Chokeberry, and Sweet Gum – to name a few of the many colorful trees and shrubs found on the Library grounds. How does this miracle happen? Even after having read much of the "science," it is still a fascinating mystery to me that some shrubs save their most spectacular displays for the colder darker times of the year. Yes, there are explanations: <https://panaturalsciences.files.wordpress.com/2016/09/why-leaves-change-color.pdf>

[Photos Courtesy Elaine Mills]

But even the U.S. Forest Service waxes lyrical in their descriptions: "As the days grow shorter, and the nights grow longer and cooler, biochemical processes in the leaf begin to paint the landscape with Nature's autumn palette." One of the many great things about being a Master Gardener is that it is such fun to always be learning. To read the science, but also have descriptions of the beauty and mystery of "fall color" and "winter interest" that come in language that ignites our imaginations. We are invited to take time to be outside and notice the beauty and mystery, the many gifts of our natural world.



Sweet Gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)

Your Library Garden coordinators wish you magic, surprises, beauty and mystery in life, in your gardens, in this holiday time, and throughout the new year!



Paxton Baker has begun his annual Christmas Decorating by starting on the roof of his house with help from his son, Daniel.

Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau

An Evening with Ben Franklin at Glencarlyn Library



Mr. Franklin spoke before a full house at Glencarlyn Library.



Mr. Franklin fascinated everyone with historical information and personal antidotes.

**Thank you to Barry Stevens
and the Glencarlyn Library
for hosting such a great
(and well attended) event!**

All Photos by Gerald Martineau



Spooky Fun at the Glencarlyn Halloween Party



All Photos by Gerald Martineau

Welcome New Neighbors!

By Sue Eisenfeld

Dr. Vernon Williams, Mrs. Sara Williams, and their two-and-a-half year-old son Vernon Titus Williams II, who goes by Titus, are new neighbors in Glencarlyn as of September 2019. Moving most recently from the Ballston area, where they lived for 4 years, they were DC residents for 8 years prior. They are thrilled to live in Glencarlyn and recount many acts of kindness from their neighbors in just a few short weeks, from people bringing over flowers, brownies, and cards to being welcomed at a recent Glencarlyn community meeting. "We're so lucky," Sara said. "The neighborhood is a charm."

Hailing originally from Annapolis, Maryland, Vernon is the assistant dean of students and the chief conduct officer at Marymount University. Sara, originally from Saskatoon in Saskatchewan, Canada, is a management consultant for George Washington University.

The family describes themselves as extreme sports enthusiasts, with Sara pointing out that they are a split family: Vernon a Ravens fan, Sara an Eagles fan (they met in Philadelphia). They are avid board game players expressing interest in a neighborhood game night.

We look forward to seeing the Williamses at many of the fun and food-related events in the neighborhood.

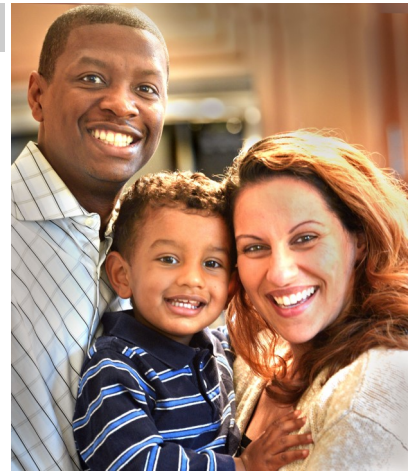


Photo By: Gerald Martineau

Small Group Activities in Glencarlyn

Are you interested in being part of small groups of interest and activities in Glencarlyn? This question was posed in my President's column last month and the answer seems to be yes! We currently have a MOM's group, contact dayna.lewin@gmail.com for information. Interested in a book group? Or a card group - canasta? bridge? Dungeons and Dragons? Perhaps there is interest in crafting groups. We could have cooking lessons, language groups, wine tastings, trivia nights. Obviously the list is limitless. This can be done during the day or in the evenings. We can meet in homes, at the library or in Carlin Hall.

We hope to get these groups going after the first of the year, when life's tempo slows down. I have set up a sign-up genius with a list of possible groups/activities and the option to add more. Please check it out! See what people are interested in and sign up for what interests you. Go to the sign-up genius directly, <https://tinyurl.com/szalw63> or go to our website where you will find the link. This just might be another fun way for us to come together and grow as a community.

Big Changes Contemplated for Carlin Springs & Campbell Elementary Schools (Continued from page 1)

Carlin Springs Elementary currently educates 642 students PreK-5. Campbell's student body comprises 448 students PreK-5. This hints at the probability that under proposal #2 Glencarlyn could be assigned to a different, non-walkable neighborhood elementary school.

Arlington Public Schools has stated that the goal of moving schools is to efficiently fill seats at elementary schools, with an excess of seats predicted in the northwest part of the county. The goals also include locating schools where students can walk to them and keeping school communities together. Elementary school enrollment topped 28,000 this year and APS has projected growth to more than 30,000 by the time the proposed changes would take effect in fall 2021.



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An Enthusiastic Crowd Attended Glencarlynite Hoang Taing's Presentation on her book: Buffalo Girl: My Journey to Freedom.

By Stuart Davis

Author Hoang Taing read from her book at Glencarlyn library and answered questions about her experience surviving the Cambodian Genocide and built a new life in the United States.

She described in vivid recount of how she was separated from her family to tend to water buffalo many times bigger than her, and how she left her parents in Vietnam to search for freedom.

Hoang created the "Run for a Million" from Philadelphia to San Francisco to promote community and volunteer service by inviting people to give back to their community. People from small towns and big cities came out and joined her for "Day of Caring" by volunteering their time in cleaning up city parks, tutoring school age children, visiting the elderly in senior living communities. Mayors and governors throughout her run came out and ran with her for this successful movement!



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Historically, between November to January we see a smaller amount of properties hit the market and this year Arlington is experiencing historically low inventory levels which has caused frustration for many buyers.

Arlington's problem with low housing stock is also a national issue. The inventory level the US has dropped

2.7% from last year's third quarter.

Pricing a home properly is the key factor a seller can control. There are typically four different pricing strategies that are used in our local market (contact me for more on how that works and the impact it has).

Condition is also critical dynamic. Since the typical buyer in Arlington is paying a premium price for housing, they are maxing out their purchasing power just to acquire the home, which leaves them with little resources for upgrades after closing. So they seek homes that are in pristine condition and will pay a higher price for a turnkey property.

Have you had thoughts of selling? The next few months might present an opportunity with the current conditions and trends.

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Glencarlyn's Natural Resources (Continued from page 4)

please email Alan Rowsome at arowsome@nvct.org or visit its website, nvct.org.

Joan McIntyre and Aiste Ray from the VA Coop. Extension Master Gardeners gave pointers on how your landscape practices can help Glencarlyn park. These include avoiding planting non-native species; limiting the use of pesticides or fertilizers on your property; opting to use organic soil enrichments and pest control; and installing a rain barrel or rain garden to reduce erosion and addressing flooding issues.

The Master Gardeners' help desk at the Fairlington Community Center is available five-days-a-week that can be reached for additional questions and have several public education events. Please visit <https://mgny.org> for more information.

The final speaker was Glencarlynite Steve Young, a registered Virginia Master Naturalist and volunteer Park Steward for Long Branch Nature Center. Steve reiterated how

the parkland is a major natural resource for Glencarlyn and there are several threats that affect its strength and vitality. Many large trees have been lost over time from both natural aging and erosion. As trees are lost, it makes neighboring trees more vulnerable and newer tree growth is hampered by deer browsing upon younger saplings.

Steve Young's *Dos and Don'ts* regarding protecting the park are: *Do* plant native species; get to know the staff at Long Branch Nature Center and consider volunteering; pull invasive species in your yards – specifically English Ivy; pick up litter as you walk through the neighborhood and park; get expert advice when you plant trees or if you plan to remove trees from your yard. *Don't* dump yard waste in the park, *don't* mountain bike on the parks' dirt trails and *don't* create new walking trails within Glencarlyn Park and Long Branch Nature Center.

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Activities in the Glencarlyn Neighborhood

GCA Events/Activities

GCA Meeting

Monday, Dec. 2 — 7:30 p.m.

GCA Meeting

Monday, Feb. 3 — 7:30 p.m.

GCA Luminaria & Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 7 [Rain Date Dec. 14]

Luminaria Sales — 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Neighborhood Walk & Caroling—5:30 p.m.

Holiday Party—6—7:30 p.m.

Long Branch Nature Center

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

Call 703-228-6535 for information

To register:

Registration Office Phone:

703-228-4747

On-line:

registration.arlingtonva.us

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 visit parks.arlingtonva.us/nature-history/programs/

Tiny Tots

Ages 18 - 35 months. Adults must remain with children during the entire program. **\$5**

Thursday, Dec. 12

10 - 10:45 a.m.

Friday Dec. 13

10 - 10:45 a.m.

Saturday Dec. 14

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Preschool

Ages 3 - 5 years. Adults must remain with children during the entire program. **\$5**

Tuesday, Dec. 10

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12

4 - 5pm

Wednesday, Dec. 18

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Outer Space Storytime

Friday, Dec. 6, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Ages 2 and up. Register child only, but caregivers must attend. Blast off with stories that are out of this world!

Notable Nature

Sunday, Dec. 8, 3 - 4 p.m.

Families ages 5 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Join us for lessons in nature journaling and sketching. **Free**

¿Como Se Dice? Bilingual Campfire

Sunday, Dec. 8, 5 - 6 p.m.

Families ages 3 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Learn a few animal terms in Spanish and English while you meet our live animal friends. **\$5 fee**

Woodpeckers in Our Woods

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Families ages 6 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Arlington hosts six kinds of woodpeckers in the winter, let's see how many we can find! **\$5 fee.**

Snowflake Art

Friday, Dec. 20, 4 - 5 p.m.

Ages 6 to 10. Big, little and even clay snowflakes! Like in nature each flake will be unique and beautiful. Participants can make snowflake decorations and ornaments from a variety of materials to bring home for the holidays. **\$5 fee.**

Gifts for Wildlife

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Families ages 4 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. This time of year, is the giving season! With food being scarce the local birds and wildlife could use some kindness too. Join us as we make edible garlands and ornaments to hang on trees outside. **Free**

Flying Squirrel Lore & More

Saturday, Dec. 21 & 27, 5 - 6 p.m.

Families ages 4 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Flying squirrels are found throughout the wooded neighborhoods of Arlington but are seldom seen. After an indoor presentation, we'll tiptoe outside to see these little pixies glide in for an evening meal. **\$5 fee.**

Getting Ready For Winter Walk

Sunday, Dec. 22, 2 - 3:30pm

Families ages 5 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. As the days get shorter and colder the animals living in Glencarlyn Park are getting ready for winter. We'll take a walk through various habitats to learn about what different species do to survive the winter; sleep, fly away or go out in the cold! **Free**

Glencarlyn Library

Hours

Monday and Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Storytimes for 0-5-year old's

Monday and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (No storytimes during Christmas or New Year's weeks)

Crafty Tuesdays for kids (Ages 3-11)

Tuesday 4 p.m.

Come join us as we create a fun seasonal craft using a variety of different materials.

Builder's Club for kids K-5th grade

Dec. 11, at 4:30 p.m. This program focuses on building with LEGOs, KEVA planks, and other materials along with other hands-on activities.

Toypalooza for kids 0-8 with adult

Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we bring out ALL the toys for some fun while visiting with your neighbors.

Toons Club (ages 4th – 8th grade) Thursdays

at 3 p.m. "Join our resident artist/doodler John as he leads kids through different drawing exercises.

Teens Make (Ages 11-17)

Dec, 4 at 2:45 p.m., **Duct Tape Pencil**

Pouches

Dec, 18 at 2:45 p.m., **Ugly Holiday T-shirts** (snacks, t-shirts and supplies will be provided.)

Graham Cracker House Building (ages k-

5) Dec, 19 at 4:30-5:30 pm., "Build and decorate a one of a kind "gingerbread" house with all sorts of sweets and goodies!"

Winter Storytime and Craft Saturday Dec,

21, at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This is just a sample of upcoming activities, please visit

<https://parks.arlingtonva.us/nature-history/programs/>

&

<https://library.arlingtonva.us/locations/glencarlyn-branch-library/>

for a full list of programs

Glencarlyn Kids for Hire

Mandy Boiani, 10 – mother's helper. – 703-635-6762

Gage Buchanan, 17 - lawnmowing. – 703 929-4036, jbuchanan@wgsoffice.com

Darragh Cahill, 12 - soccer coach for kids, mother's helper, yard work & plant sitting – 703 772-2982 (Fiona), davejcahill@hotmail.com

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

Elise Eclarinal, 11 – mother's helper, 703-772-4429.

Holly Porter & Gabby Colston, 11 – Mother's helper, plant sitting, dog walking & pet feeding.- 571-215-0922.

Caroline Grotos. 14- babysitting/mothers helper, dog walking, pet & plant sitting.- 703 998-0114, egrotos@msn.com

Alex Hemel, 15 – pet sitting, dog walking & plant watering. – 703 629-8004 (Tracy) tscoles@aol.com

Mira Hougen, 15 – babysitting (Red cross certified), pet sitting, plant sitting & mother's helper. – 703 867-2933 (Eric), 703 867-2934 (Kate)

Max Jamieson, 15- babysitting/mother's helper, pet care & yard work – 703 402-8162 (Max) 703 819-3074 (Missy).

Will Jamieson, 14 - babysitting/mother's helper, pet care & yard work.- 703 819-3074 (Missy).

Laine Kelly, 16—babysitting (Red Cross certified), mother's helper & pet sitting/walking. Call or text – 703 647-0175

Brady Krohl, 14 – lawn mowing/yard work, pet sitting & babysitting.- 703 347-3026 (Brady), 703 862-4938 (Chandi), chandikrohl@hotmail.com

Logan Krohl, 11 – mother's helper, lawn mowing, pet sitting, plant sitting & yard work.- 703 862-4938 (Chandi) chandikrohl@hotmail.com

Lily Elaina Link, 17 – pet sitting, dog walking, plant watering & house sitting.- 571 212-4179 erinroblink@aol.com

Ashley Link, 12 – pet sitting, dog walking & mother's helper.- 571 212-4179 erinroblink@aol.com

Maya McCarthy, 16- babysitting (Red Cross certified) & pet sitting. Call/text – 703 400-9440 mayamccarthy208@gmail.com

Tiara McGowan-Jones, 17 – Pet sitting, dog walking & plant sitting. – 301 325-9285.

Lilly Pina, 14—babysitting, dog/pet sitting & mother's helper. Cell: 703-867-8587 (mom's cell), lynnepina@yahoo (mom's email)

Ellie Trumpheller, 15—babysitting (Red Cross certified) with references, Dog walking/sitting 571 214-2019 or 571-379-6070 El-lie.trump@icloud.com or lynne.trumpheller@gmail.com

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.

We have recently edited this list. Please continue to send updates as needed to gcaeditorial@gmail.com



Please Pay Your 2019 - 2020 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 2019 through June 2020. If you did not pay your dues on Glencarlyn Day please send them in now.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____ email _____

Please add me on Glencarlyn Updates since I am not currently getting them _____ (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. Kensington St., Arlington, VA 22204.

Or visit glencarlyn.org to pay online.

If you aren't sure if you paid, contact Tim at 703-820-0084.



Use your smart phone's QR reader to scan & go directly to our website



Come celebrate the birth of Christ with us!

Sunday, Dec. 15 10 am Children's Christmas Pageant at the 10 am service

Tuesday, Dec. 24 5 pm Christmas Eve service with carols and a children's message
11 pm Christmas Eve service with carols

Wednesday, Dec. 25 10 am Christmas Day service with carols

Sunday, Dec. 29 10 am Hear the Christmas story in Bible lessons and carols

St. John's family hopes that you will join us for some of the activities we have planned for the Christmas season! On December 15th our Family Programs ministry will present a Children's Christmas Pageant. This is a great opportunity for children 5 and up from the neighborhood to participate in celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. Call or email.



All are welcome to all services and activities!



Want to make a connection with God?

St. John's Episcopal Church is a vibrant congregation with a big heart. We are a warm and inclusive community dedicated to loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Our mission is to help people establish a deeper relationship with God in Christ.

The Reverend Ann Barker, Rector

Sunday Worship Services

8 am and 10 am

Sunday Christian Education

Adults 9 am — Youth 10 am

Professionally staffed childcare during the 10 am service.

St. John's Episcopal Church

***St. John's Episcopal Church is an inclusive congregation that nurtures
Christian spiritual growth and community through worship,
education, outreach, mutual care, and fellowship.***

415 S. Lexington Street
www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org

703-671-6834
rector@stjohnsarlingtonva.org



All Children 5 and up are invited to be part of our Christmas Pageant!

Call the office or email familyprograms@stjohnsarlingtonva.org to enroll your child
(rehearsals begin weekend of December 7-8 - but we can always use some shepherds and kings added later)

Other Activities Coming Up At St. John's

- Mon. Dec. 2 Last day to deliver **Salvation Army Angel Tree** gifts (*see website*)
Tues. Dec. 3 7:30 pm **Book Club** - *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie
Tues. Jan. 7 7:30 pm **Book Club** - *84 Charing Cross* by Helen Hellene Hanff
Tues. Feb. 26 6 - 7:30 pm **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

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Welcome to St. John's



St. John's is an Episcopal Church that provides a middle ground between the Catholic tradition and the Protestant tradition. Our worship service has two primary focuses -- the Bible and Holy Communion. Our Sunday service includes Bible readings, a sermon, singing, prayer and celebration of God's presence with the reception of bread and wine.

However, St. John's is a lot more than Sunday worship. We also gather as a family for fun, learning and service to others.

Our **church life** includes time to socialize after Sunday service, as well as at a number of social gatherings to which we invite others from the community to join us. These include the annual tea, the pancake and spaghetti suppers, bingo and game nights and holiday events such as an Easter egg hunt.



Learning - Faith formation is a life-long process and we offer opportunities for all ages. At St. John's, youth learn through hearing and interacting with Bible stories and through service projects. We also offer a summer Vacation Bible School. For adults, Sunday morning Christian education includes exploration and discussion of spiritual topics and how they relate to our daily lives.



Service - The Episcopal Church believes in service to the community, both near and far. St. John's supports the Bailey's Crossroads shelter by preparing bagged lunches one Sunday a month. We donate: at Christmas gifts to the Salvation Army Angel Tree; supplies for needy students at neighborhood schools; and food to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). We also bag food at the AFAC facility monthly.

We are a community that is inclusive and informal — and we have lots of fun. Our members come from the surrounding neighborhoods as well as further afield. Whoever you are, you matter here!



3rd Annual Neighborhood Winter Light Celebration

(Write one address for each category)

Ballot Dropoff at Holiday Party Dec. 7th

Or to Julie Lee's House 5527 3rd Street or email: jfblee@aol.com **by Dec. 14th**



Most Nostalgic (*makes you think of
your childhood*)



Most Whimsical (*Just Plain fun!*)

Best Yard Display



Wonderland in White (*all white display*)