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Scott Doke (left) and Servando Bustamante (right) of Kirby Kerns Contractors, Inc. mount the gazebo finial on January 9, 2020 Photo by Gerald Martineau

County Board Vice-Chairman Erik Gutshall to Speak at Mar 2nd GCA Meeting

Board Vice-Chairman Erik Gutshall will be our guest at the March GCA meeting, Mon., Mar 2nd, 7:30pm, at Carlin Hall 5711 4th St S. Vice -Chairman Gutshall will share his insight with us, and will answer our questions and address our concerns. This is also an opportunity to thank the County Board for the many things they get right!

Do not miss this important meeting.

Need Help Shoveling Your Sidewalk? Willing to Help Shovel?

If you are unable to shovel your sidewalk this winter and will need help, please contact us NOW, so we can plan to get someone to help you. If you are willing to help clear sidewalks for those unable to do it themselves, please volunteer now. We can use your help. Please remember, the priority of the shovelers is to clear the public sidewalks. We will then try to assist those that are unable to clear their walkway and stoop. Contact Julie Lee 808-384-4954 or jfblee@aol.com.

IMPORTANT GCA MEETING FEB 3RD CONCERNING THE VHC PROPERTY, S. CARLIN SPRINGS RD.

Arlington County has now taken possession of the Virginia Hospital Center on Carlin Springs Rd. 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 as well as short term and long term plans for the property.** 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, 7:30 p.m. at Carlin Hall.

Glencarlyn Spring FUN Gathering Sat. April 4th Volunteers Needed

Last year's Spring FUN Gathering at Glencarlyn Library was great fun! So we are planning another for Sat., April 4th. We are considering lots of ideas and would value your input and help. We plan to once again have games and activities at both Carlin Hall and the Library. We encourage both children and adults to participate. There will be snacks and beverages. I am looking for a parent of pre-school age children, a parent of elementary/middle school age children, and a young couple (with or without children) to help plan activities. Because this is a new event, we are working with a blank canvas. Please contact me directly- Julie Lee at jfblee@aol.com or 808-384-4954.

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President's Corner

UPZONING



By Julie Lee
President, Glencarlyn Citizens' Association

Please pay attention to a study being done by the County Board that could change zoning in Arlington to allow duplexes, triplexes and multiplexes in single family neighborhoods.

We are all aware of the rising cost of housing. Just a few years ago it was possible to find a home for sale in Glencarlyn at or under \$500,000. That is no longer the case. Young families are not able to find "starter homes," and it is difficult for our Arlington teachers, police officers and fireman to live where

they work.

The County is exploring "strategies and tools to provide other housing types and price points not readily available in the Arlington market." This is referred to as the *missing middle*. The County appears to be focused on upzoning, which is changing the zoning code to allow duplexes, triplexes and multiplexes in single family neighborhoods. This concept may sound good until they reveal the implementation. This would not be restricted to certain sections of a single family neighborhood. This would be allowed anywhere and everywhere within a single family neighborhood.

It is important that our government go about any zoning changes carefully, honestly and openly, as this will impact our neighborhoods forever. More importantly, they must consider ALL neighborhoods as they consider zoning changes. I am concerned that this study may not be carried out equitably.

Should some neighborhoods with larger lots be excluded from consideration? It may be preferable to put multifamily housing on a 10,000 sf (R-10) or 20,000 sf (R-20) lot rather than on a 6000 sf (R-6) lot, like the size in Glencarlyn. For example, putting these multifamily homes on larger lots would allow for more green space and tree preservation.

However, when I asked the question if ALL neighborhoods are being considered for these zoning changes, I was told that some neighborhoods will not be considered because of required proximity to multi-modal transportation- bus, METRO, bike trails. Certainly, proximity to this type of transportation is a consideration for "affordable housing". But is it a necessity for the "missing middle"? Or, is this premise a smoke screen to exclude certain neighborhoods from consideration?

The County, as it considers how to add more housing to single family neighborhoods, must not make decisions based a misguided premise. More importantly, it must consider whether communities with smaller lot sizes can absorb the impact of upzoning on infrastructure, storm water runoff, street parking, and seats in the neighborhood schools, just to name a few factors.

There is concern among informed county residents, myself included, that the County has already determined where they plan to upzone. County Board members insist that is not the case. We must keep our eyes on this process, hold the Board accountable, and insist that smaller communities, such as Glencarlyn, not bear the brunt of policy and zoning changes.

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Small Group Activities in Glencarlyn

Are you interested in being part of small groups of interest and activities in Glencarlyn?

We have gotten responses for our Small Group Activities Sign –Up. We are now in the process of putting people in touch with each other to get these groups going. There is still time to sign up. 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://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BAEAC2DA2FE3-gcasmall> or go to our website where you will find the link.

This is yet another fun way for us to come together and grow as a community.

Four Mile Run Stream Clean-up and Hot Dog Roast Coming in March

The Glencarlyn Citizens' Association will host a Hot Dog and Marshmallow Roast in conjunction with the Annual Four Mile Run Stream Cleanup in March (date to be determined). This is a great event for families or for earning community service hours. The clean-up area runs from under the Arlington Boulevard bridge to the point where Long Branch enters Four Mile Run. Trash bags and plastic gloves will be available for volunteers by the 3rd Street picnic pavilion starting at 9 am. Volunteers should wear a long sleeve shirt and pants, and bring work gloves if they have them.

The Hot Dog and Marshmallow Roast follows at the 3rd Street picnic pavilion. We are looking for as many volunteers as possible, as well as someone to organize this event. Also needed are a couple of people who can help with the food. Contact Pete Olivere at 703-626-2520 or polivere@aol.com.

The 2019 Ball-Sellers Documentary, Vision of Local Student Filmmakers

By Karen Sosnoski

Three Arlington-based high-school students, Lina Barclay, Khulan Erdenedalai, and Arin Gökdemir spent six plus months filming and editing a documentary about the Ball-Sellers House. Document Historic Arlington, a collaboration between the Arlington County Historic Presentation Program and Arlington Independent Media (AIM) chose the topic. The students, under the direction of AIM's Instructor/Producer Nathan Bynum, used their talents and group energy to make it their own. The film debuted this past October to a favorable reception and can be viewed on <https://youtu.be/a2womvoytnc>.

"Embedded in [the Ball-Seller's House], is the entire history of Arlington County and the stories of everyone who has lived there..." So begins "The Ball-Sellers Documentary" which uses this small house in Glencarlyn to highlight the larger value of historic preservation. High school senior Arin Gokdemir marvels that the house, built in 1742, still stands, "the actual wood, its bedrock layers, the history is all in there."

Interviewees in the film, including Annette Benbow, the Ball-Sellers House Director, use remaining features of the house and its surroundings to imagine life 280 years ago. First residents John and Elizabeth Ball and their five girls had an "adventurous life," hauling their own water, clearing a landscape of "straight up trees," and making their cabin from scratch. The five girls, who slept in the attic in two small beds, had little choice but to get along. The house was full of books and the girls seem to have been educated. When Ball died in 1786, legally his wife and girls could not own the house. The girls read the will and launched a lawsuit, insisting they did not want to be pushed out.



Attic bedroom where John Ball's five daughters slept
Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau

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Here's an easy New Year's resolution: Make sure you and everyone in your home are counted in the 2020 Census!

Getting a complete and accurate count in 2020 requires everyone's help, and everyone in Arlington counts! Your response plays a critical role in how much federal funding will be allocated to Arlington for schools, health clinics, fire departments, roads and much more.

Look for a letter in mid-March inviting you to participate in the 2020 Census. Then, follow through on that New Year's resolution and make sure you are counted!

APRIL 1, 2020 IS CENSUS DAY! The U.S. Census counts every resident in the nation, including right here in Arlington County. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, America gets just one chance each decade to count its population. The collected data helps to determine things like the number of seats Virginia has in the House of Representatives, and how to distribute federal funds to local communities like ours.

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Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Update

By Kathy Reeder

2nd St S (Lexington to Kensington)/S Kensington St (1st St to 2nd St) NC Street Improvement Project

The County Board recently approved two changes to this project: reduction of sidewalk width from five feet to four feet along both blocks, and inclusion of stop bars (painted white stripes on the roadway) at each stop sign within the project limits. These changes were the result of residents presenting concerns at GCA and County Board meetings and writing letters to County Board members. NC Program Staff and County Board member Matt de Ferranti worked together to review residents' concerns. Julie Lee, GCA President, provided strong support to encourage approval of the changes.

County engineers are modifying construction drawings to reduce the sidewalk width. The contractor will then update the construction schedule and meet with County staff, probably later this month. The pre-construction meeting with residents can be scheduled once this meeting takes place. For details on the project scope, please see the NC Activities tab at Glencarlyn.org.

4th St S (Kensington to Illinois) NC Street Improvement Project

The County Board approved funding for this project on November 19, 2019. Next steps include the project going out to bid for award to a construction contracting company and a Final Design Review for residents. Timing of these steps is not certain, but probably will not take place before the third quarter of 2020. For details on the scope, please see the NC Activities tab at Glencarlyn.org.

Library Dumpster Screen

Arlington County's Department of Environmental Services (DES) recently completed a screen for the library dumpster. Glencarlyn residents had offered to construct the screen to help keep costs down, but DES decided to construct the screen at no cost to the neighborhood. Screening the dumpster has been on the GCA "to do" list for quite some time and its construction by DES is appreciated!

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View from the Garden

Gazebo Roof and Finial Renewal

by the Glencarlyn Library Garden Coordinators



Workers from Kirby Kerns beginning the work of removing moss-covered and curling gazebo shingles in December 2019

An almond-shaped finial was mounted atop the new cedar shake roof of the Glencarlyn Library Garden gazebo, putting in place the final crowning touch. The shingles on the old roof of the 8-sided gazebo built in 2001, had begun to split and curl, while the finial was listing off-center and looking sad. In order to preserve its integrity, we decided to re-roof with the same materials. Unfortunately, cedar shingles and the unusual gazebo roof construction are not for amateurs, and few professional roofers were willing to take on the small but tricky job. After much research, the garden coordinators found Kirby Kerns Contractors, a company experienced in roofing with cedar shakes and willing to do the work.

"It was a considerable expense," says Elaine Mills, who handles the garden's funds, "but we needed it done right. The new roof should last well into the future."

The gazebo was a gift, donated by Sue Zajac a long-time Glencarlynite, in memory of her husband, Leo, who had died the year before. Judy Funderburk, garden co-founder, reports that Sue told her, "Leo loved the library and had always wanted a gazebo." The gift was a perfect fit for her and for the Library Garden.

Purchased from Dalton Pavilions, Inc., the 11-foot clear cedar gazebo arrived in kit form. "Gazebo Raising Day" was advertised and Sam Celia, one of our neighborhood contractors,

brought his tools and expertise to guide a coterie of neighbors in putting the kit together.

The gazebo has served the Glencarlyn community well through these last 19 years, hosting picnics, garden talks, small concerts and countless neighbors who settle in to read or chat.

Although the garden is one of the teaching gardens maintained by the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV), and volunteer Master Gardeners do the gardening, there is no dedicated funding for it. The coordinators raise funds through the Spring Plant Sale and AutumnFest, occasional donations from individuals, and rare grants. Recent extra expenditures for new parking lot plants, a revamped pollinator bed and trellis, the education box, and a bench replacement, capped off by the significant outlay for the gazebo roof have dramatically depleted the funds slowly raised and stockpiled over the years.

"We hope that our neighbors and the community of Glencarlyn will especially support our fund raising efforts in 2020," says Judy. The Spring Celebration and Plant Sale is currently scheduled for May 3 and brings the most income to the garden each year.

In the meantime, neighbors who would like to support the garden through a direct donation are invited to do so by writing a check to MGNV, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. They can restrict the gift to the Glencarlyn Library Garden in the memo section, and mail it c/o Elaine Mills at 405 South Barton, Arlington, Virginia 22205, or hand deliver it to one of the coordinators in the garden when work sessions resume in March.

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Festive Holiday Photos



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Above: Visiting with Santa are (l-r) Carter, Vanessa, and Violet Lewin. Wearing the red suit is our own Pete Olivere.

Below: Taking in the holiday party is the Broom family. (l-r) Brynn, Heather, Clara, Isaiah, and Avery.



Below: Bob Shannon and grand daughter Charlotte Riley, 3, collect their luminaria supplies.



2019 Winter Lights Winner

The Krohl Family's diverse holiday display on 5th St.

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Ball Sellers Documentary (Continued from page 3)

AIM selected 2019's young filmmakers through a competitive process. Nathan Bynum was impressed by their ambition and their ability to learn from each other and from AIM's mentorship. Their biggest challenge, he says, was finding and then editing "massive amounts" of footage. Bynum also reports that while "Khulan and Arin would sometimes butt heads," they typically worked it out for a successful artistic choice. According to Lina Barclay, sophomore at Arlington Tech, each filmmaker had their own strengths, "so I worked on animations, Arin on music, and Khulan on pretty much everything." Lina adds that while she loved working with fellow filmmakers and interviewees, the editing process taught her to rely on a "good work ethic" and the sanctity of the "deadline."

Young filmmakers based in Arlington should watch the AIM website <https://www.arlingtonmedia.org/projects/document-historic-arlington> for the next Document Historic Arlington application process. Check here <https://arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/visit/ball-sellers-house/> for Ball-Sellers' hours of operation.

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The average home price in the United States is \$362,700.

The NOVA Region's average price was \$625,860 in November 2019, up 8.38% compared to 1 year ago. There were 1,430 home sales in 11/19, down 5.11% from 2018.

For Arlington County, sales were down in 11/2019, while the average sales price for all property types was \$726,927 - up 11.3% from a year ago. The median price for a single-family home in Arlington was \$1,051,000, up 25% from 11/2018.

Inventory in Arlington remained the market's major issue, with the 211 homes on the market at the end of November representing a decline of roughly 40% from the 349 properties available a year before. Buyers were pouncing on what was available, as more than half of the homes that went to closing in November spent less than 10 days on the market before finding a purchaser.

Glencarlyn had 13 homes sell in 2019 at an average price of \$780,500, while there were 16 homes sold & closed in 2018 at an average price of \$764,406.

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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

Lydia Grotos, 10—plant and pet sitting, mother's helper. - 703 998-0114, egrotos@msn.com

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

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Activities in the Glencarlyn Neighborhood

GCA Events/Activities

GCA Meeting

Monday, Feb. 3 — 7:30 p.m.

GCA Meeting

Monday, Mar. 2 — 7:30 p.m.

Four Mile Run Clean Up—March TBD

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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**

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 28, 10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Preschool

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

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 21, 4 - 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Notable Nature

Sunday, Feb. 9, 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. We'll construct our own nature journals, hone our writing and drawing skills and talk about the season while hiking. **Free**

Ooey Goey Campfire

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2 - 4 p.m.

Families age 3 and up. S'mores & more! Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. **\$5**

Flying Squirrel Lore & More

Saturday, Feb. 22, 6 - 7 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. Join us to learn about these engaging nocturnal acrobats. After an indoor presentation, we'll tiptoe outside to see these little pixies glide in for an evening meal. These creatures are truly one of the natural wonders of the Arlington! **\$5.**

Birds, Butterflies & Other Backyard Wildlife

Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Adults. Join National Wildlife Federation naturalist and TV host David Mizejewski for a fun and informative talk on creating wildlife-friendly gardens based on his award-winning book *Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Other Backyard Wildlife*, Expanded Second Edition. **Free.**

Flying Squirrel Lore & More *Adults Only

Saturday, Feb. 8, 6 - 7 p.m.

Adults. Flying squirrels are found throughout the wooded neighborhoods of Arlington but are seldom seen. Join us to learn about these engaging nocturnal acrobats. After an indoor presentation, we'll tiptoe outside to see these little pixies glide in for an evening meal. These creatures are truly one of the natural wonders of the Arlington! **\$5.**

Hanssen Spy Talk

Saturday, Feb. 15, 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Adults. Back by popular demand! The infamous spy and traitor, Robert Hanssen, worked in secrecy all around the nation's capital for years before being discovered. Some of those clandestine affairs were conducted right here in the woods of the Long Branch Nature Center. Join us on the anniversary of his capture as we unfold the dramatic story of this notorious spy, his eventual downfall and arrest, including the FBI's nature center operations. Teens ages 16 and up are welcome but must be accompanied by a registered adult. **\$7.**

This is just a sample of upcoming activities, please visit <https://parks.arlingtonva.us/nature-history/programs/> for a full list of programs

All information on this page is provided by the respective facility. GCA is not responsible for any cancelled or rescheduled events.

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.

Crafty Tuesdays for kids 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 The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 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 in the storytime area as we bring out ALL the toys for some fun while visiting with your neighbors.

Toons Club for kids 5-8th grade

Feb. 6,13,20,27 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Join our resident artist/doodler John as he leads kids through different drawing exercises and three panel comic strips. All materials supplied but artists are encouraged to bring in their own drawings to work on, if desired. All artist levels welcome.

PAWS to Read

Feb 15 and 21 at 3 p.m.

sign up online <https://arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/5584539> for a 15-minute time slot for your young reader to read to dogs.

Brownies & Board Games

Feb. 12 at 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Play games that are simple to learn and take less than an hour to complete. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you! Snacks provided. Grades 6-12

Teens Makes

Feb. 5 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Make a Valentine's card for your family, friends or that special someone. We will also be making Valentine's Day inspired buttons. Join us for a "lovely" time. Grades 6-12

Valentines Storytime and Craft

Feb 8 11 am -12:30 p.m.

Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays that celebrate Valentine's Day.

Room Spruce Up for Volunteer Hours

Feb. 26 3-4:30 p.m.

Need volunteer hours? Help us make sure our shelves are in tiptop shape. It's not all work and no play, between shelving we will play games and have activities to make it fun. Registration Required. Grades 6 to 12.