



The Village View

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Glencarlyn's High School Seniors are a Tribute to Our Community

By Julie Lee

The smiles on their faces belied the disappointments they experienced with cancelled events and unfinished opportunities. The graduates started arriving early at the Glencarlyn Library parking lot; perhaps because this offered them a change of pace, perhaps for the opportunity to visit with their classmates.

Asked to bring something to personalize their photo, they came with soccer balls, a pet, a guitar, a bumble bee flag, shirts and hats from the colleges and universities they will be attending. Jerry Martineau, always the professional, had the backdrop in place and was ready to start capturing the moments under the library portico. Glencarlyn's other profession-

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Left:
Julie Lee adjusts
Lucy Colaccino's
mortarboard



Right: Jerry
Martineau prepares
for a shot



Left:
Jerry poses Gage
Buchanan and Jax

Right: L to R:
Assisting with the
Photos, Lisa
Buchanan, Julie Lee,
and Courtney Holmes

Photos Courtesy: Lloyd Wolf



President's Corner



The Future Looks Bright!

By Julie Lee
President, Glencarlyn Citizens' Association

As I write this, our gardens are recovering from the shock of May temperatures in the 30s - and so am I. (I hope as you read this we are experiencing seasonably warm weather.)

2020 certainly has been a shock. It has **not** been the year we all expected or planned for. Travel plans and important family events have been cancelled or postponed. Schools and businesses are closed or going about a different way of doing things. We are all

being tested in various ways.

However, in the last few weeks I have been interacting with the high school seniors in our neighborhood for our Senior Photo Tribute, and I want to tell you- **if they represent our next generation, then the future looks bright!**

As the idea for the senior tribute developed, I needed to locate and contact the seniors in the neighborhood. I reached out to a few that I knew, and they eagerly agreed to help. Soon I was hearing from more and more of our seniors. They are enthusiastic, helpful, respectful and responsible. I was impressed with the efficiency and timeliness they showed in contacting me and scheduling for our photo shoot. I was taken by their humility and gratitude for this small effort to recognize their accomplishments. Reflecting back on my senior year, right here at Wakefield High School, I couldn't help but think of all those "once in a lifetime" experiences - the school musical, the prom, yearbook signing (do they do that anymore?), the graduation ceremony - how important they were, or they seemed, at the time.

Yet I have detected no sense of bitterness or self pity among these young people. They are making the most of the situation and carrying on. They are looking ahead and making plans in an unknown time. They are resilient and optimistic and committed to a future that is better than the present.

As we walk down life's path, sometimes we are unexpectedly stopped in our tracks. This is one of those times. How wonderful it would be if we all harness some of the excitement, energy and positivity of these high school graduates as we resume our forward progress.

Looking Ahead to September

The Next Meeting of the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association is Monday Sept 14th at 7:30 pm. It is yet to be determined whether we will be meeting at Carlin Hall or via ZOOM. We will have an interesting and relevant speaker, who will be announced shortly. This will also be a good time to come together and make plans for the year ahead. Please attend on Sept 14th.

We are hopeful that there will be Glencarlyn Days Activities on Sept 11th and 12th, to include the Pancake Breakfast. We will keep you posted.

In the meantime, **PLEASE PAY YOUR 2020-21 GCA DUES. Dues are \$15 per household.** The form and instructions are on the back page of this Village View. **You can now pay your dues online.** Go to glencarlyn.org.

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Arlingtonians for Our Sustainable Future, ASF, Questions Missing Middle Study

By Julie Lee

Concerned about increasing population growth and lack of adequate housing, **the Arlington County Board is exploring changes to residential zoning which would allow for the development of duplexes, triplexes and other multiplex housing in neighborhoods which are currently zoned exclusively for single-family homes.** These types of housing are referred to as the “Missing Middle” and are considered “necessary” to address the anticipated housing shortage.

Advocacy group Arlingtonians for Our Sustainable Future, ASF, believes that before the County considers zoning changes to increase density, we should understand the likely long-term impacts and adopt growth policies best suited for a sustainable community. ASF believes the County must answer some tough questions before they proceed with these zoning changes.

Do we really need a new type of housing? Does it already exist? Can the County demonstrate that “Missing Middle” housing promotes affordability? What is the impact of Missing Middle housing on our schools, our infrastructure and our environment?

At the April GCA meeting, AFS spokesman Peter Rousselot, stated that Missing Middle housing will result in more density in neighborhoods, reduced setbacks, more impervious surfaces, taller height limits, more on street parking and 6000 sf lot cut-ups. As a result of continuing development, Arlington’s natural resources are already under pressure. Nine acres of permeable surface is lost each year. The loss of vegetation and trees increases runoff.

The County is saying we must act now. But if planning for schools, transportation and services come first, we might see that the costs push us toward other solutions. We should avoid accelerated development until we have answers.

According to ASF, County leaders say we need new types of housing, but have not explained why, where, what types and for whom. The County leaders have not demonstrated if and how the Missing Middle promotes affordability. And most importantly they have not indicated the impact Missing Middle development would have on our schools, parks, roads, services and taxes.

ASF is asking the Board to prepare a multiyear budget answering how they will support the additional residents coming in through the Missing Middle study. They are requesting a comprehensive, objective study. There is too much at stake; this is too important a decision to be rushed. **Most importantly it could lead to irreversible change.** Under Virginia State law once a residential zoning change is made, it can NOT be reversed at a future date. **ONCE THIS IS DONE, THERE IS NO TURNING BACK.**

For more information go to the ASF website:
www.asf-virginia.org.

Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Update

By Kathy Reeder

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

Remaining actions to complete the project are installing parking signs, painting white stop bars on the pavement at each intersection, and planting trees. The signs and stop bars will be installed in the near future. Trees will be installed during the Fall 2020 planting season. Jill Yutan, the county’s NC Program landscape architect, will be reaching out to owners of the properties where trees will be planted.

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

County NC Program staff are investigating possible ways to hold the Final Design Review meeting virtually and are hoping to hold it within the next two months. The meeting will give property owners a final opportunity before construction to ensure that the NC project has been designed as scoped and any modifications agreed upon at the initial Concept Design Review meeting have been incorporated into the design. Minor design modifications may be made to the design following this meeting. However, the larger aspects of the scope of the project were fixed when the project was funded in November 2019. For details on the project scope, please see the NC Activities tab at Glencarlyn.org.

Once the Final Design Review has taken place, the project will go out for construction bids, a process that takes about six months under normal conditions. The procurement process is currently experiencing delays due to the county’s need to focus on the coronavirus situation and the construction timeline is not able to be determined at this time.

Free Trees!

EcoAction Arlington is pleased to invite you (and your neighbors!) to apply for free trees offered by the Tree Canopy Fund Program. Applications are due by midnight on Monday, June 29 through this link:
<https://www.ecoactionarlington.org/community-programs/trees/>

Please note that if you wish to apply for more than one tree, you will need to fill out the application separately for every tree.

There are many species available, details are online.

EcoAction Arlington will do its best to accommodate your first or second choice of species but will use a lottery for selection if necessary. All trees will be planted sometime between October-December of 2020. For more information, see online program guidelines for Fall 2020 on their website:
ecoarlington.org

Glencarlyn Celebrates 2020 High School Graduates



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al photojournalist, Lloyd Wolf documented the event.

Glencarlyn's seniors are mature, polite, intelligent and engaging. FIVE -Jack, Zach, Gage, Lucy and Dorothy-have lived in Glencarlyn their entire lives. Many of the graduates will be attending colleges and universities in Virginia. Lucy will be studying nursing out at Arizona State. Gage has plans to join the Navy.

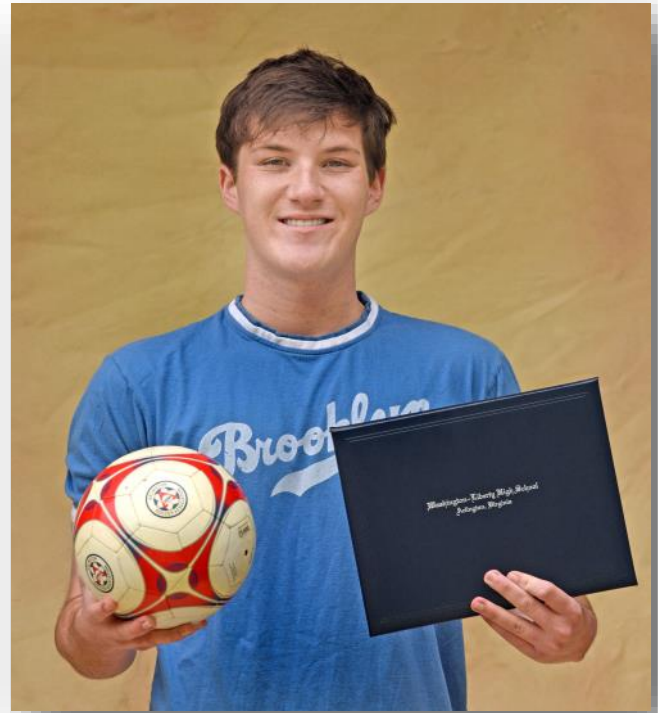
They acknowledged the disappointment of missing senior year events such as prom and walking across the stage at graduation. Yet there is a mature acceptance of the circumstances and they did not dwell on it. They spoke about enjoying the academic challenges of high school, the opportunity for freedom, independence and growth. They acknowledged their teachers. Their main focus, however, was on the friendships they developed; how friends and teammates became like family. They commented on how high school went by far too quickly. Some lingered after their photo was taken, enjoying time together. Pictures continue on Pages 5-7.

Senior Portraits Courtesy of Gerald Martineau, Event Pictures Courtesy of Lloyd Wolf





Above: **Donny Holmes** graduates from H. B. Woodlawn



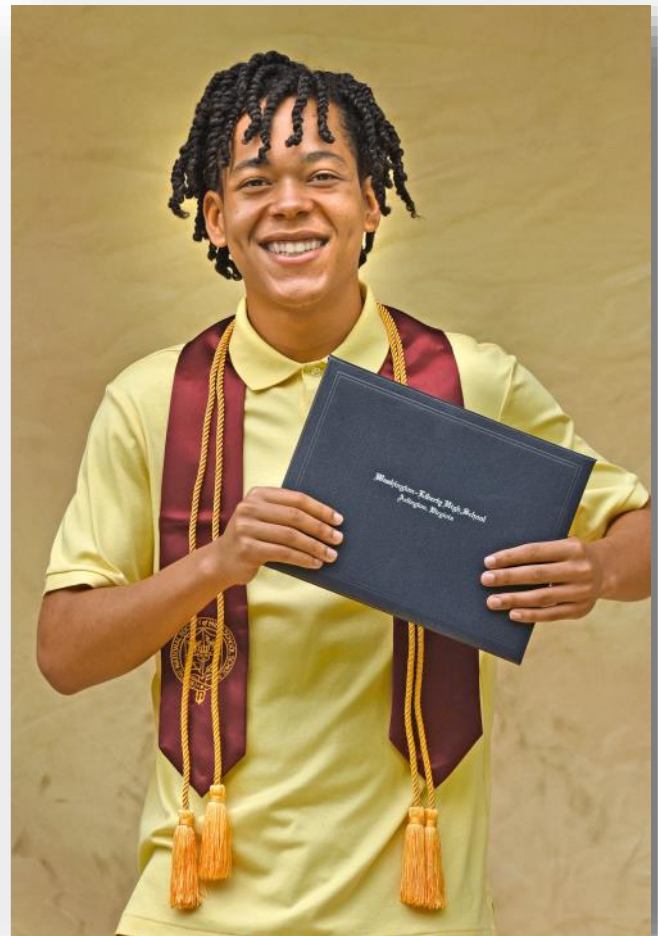
Above: **Jack Kingston** loved the atmosphere, freedom and people at W-L

Below: **Gage Buchanan** with his dog, Jax





Above: **Jackson Solley** graduates from the International School of Azerbaijan.



Above: A beaming **Jayson Poland**, National Honor Society member



Below: **Lily Eliana Link** in her graduation gown.



Below: **Leah Felsenheld** with her bumble bee flag from Winter Guard.



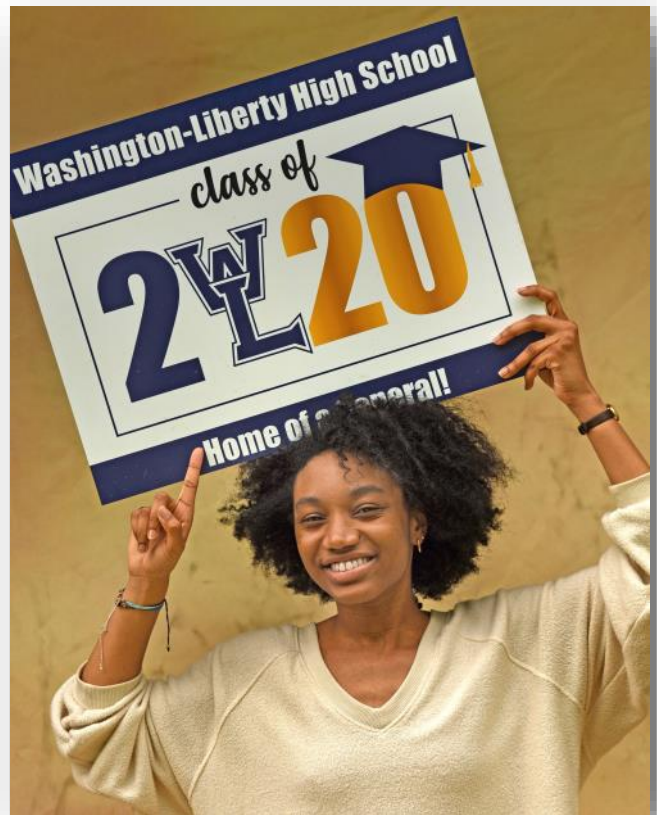
Above: **Lucy Colaccino** is a soccer player with the scars to show for it.



Above: **Zach Petrov** enjoyed being a member of the Frisbee team.

Below: A highlight for **Tiara McGowan-Jones** was participating in the school musical "Legally Blond".

Below: Choosing the I.B. Programme helped mold **Lucas Codispoti** into who he has become.



Campbell Elementary School's Maureen Nesselrode has been Named APS 2020 Principal of the Year

Maureen Nesselrode, Principal of Campbell since 2012, was named Principal of the Year by Arlington County Public Schools on April 16. Ms. Nesselrode has 21 years of experience in education and 20 years of teacher and administration experience with APS.

"We congratulate Maureen Nesselrode on this well-deserved honor. Maureen is a passionate leader who is not just dedicated to her students, but is dedicated to the entire community she serves. She has established strong community and family partnerships and works tirelessly to support her students and staff," said Interim Superintendent Cintia Johnson, adding, "During her eight years as principal of Campbell Elementary, she has helped transform the school as a nationally recognized model for Expeditionary Learning education. Maureen's belief in excellence and equity for all students comes through in her daily work as principal."

Nesselrode has established several avenues for families to dialogue with her including a Principal Chat and a Thursday Moms Group. "Maureen runs Campbell in a thoughtful, caring and efficient manner. Over the past eight years, she has completely turned around a school that was at risk of failing its children," said parent Nathan Zee.

"Walking through the halls at Campbell and interacting with students there, one observes an unusually purpose-driven environment exemplified by Ms. Nesselrode and her staff," said parents Barbara Martinez and Will Bohlen.

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RESULTS OF MAY 4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following members of the Glencarlyn Citizens Association were elected at the annual general meeting on May 4, 2020.

Their terms will run from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

President	Julie Lee
Vice President	Courtney Holmes
Secretary	Deborah Elkinton
Treasurer	Tim Aiken
ACCF Delegates	Tim Aiken Sue Campbell Dixie Duncan Rachel Porter
ACCF Alternates	Peter Olivere Jeff Liteman Brian Cavey Ryan Donlon
Village View Editors	Tracy & Brandon Hemel
Neighborhood Conservation Delegate	Kathy Reeder Alternate — No nominee*

The following positions are not elective and did not appear on the ballot.

Webmaster/Glencarlyn Updates	Doug LeRoy
Area Chair/Block Captain Coordinator	Peter Olivere
Volunteer Coordinator	Julie Lee

Anyone interested in serving as Glencarlyn's alternate to the Neighborhood Conservation Committee (NCC) should contact GCA president Julie Lee. To learn more about the NCC and what the position would entail, contact delegate Kathy Reeder.

Ideas, News Tips?

The **Village View** is always looking for **articles, stories or photos** about people or activities in the neighborhood or schools. Also needed are events to include in the **calendar**. If you would like to contribute, send your submission to *The Village View* editor at gcaeditorial@gmail.com. Just remember the **Five Ws**: Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How.

New and Returning Neighbors in Glencarlyn



The Solley Family: L-R: Back row - Jackson, 17. Middle - Billie, 19; Bill, Angi, Sloan, 14. Front - Cort, 12.

Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau

The Solley Family (Pictured at left) purchased their home in Glencarlyn in 2007. After growing up in Northern Virginia and living overseas for several years with the military and US Foreign Service, they decided to make Arlington their official home. As soon as they were ready to settle in, they were offered a post in Costa Rica and have been traveling ever since. After spending recent years in Baku, Azerbaijan, they returned to Arlington in March of this year.

This is the first time they will be able to spend a full year living in Glencarlyn as part of the community. However, they have stopped in for visits and short stays before, getting to know some of the neighbors and setting up the house for new renters. And, they were able to attend 2008's Glencarlyn Day and open home tours.

Angi Solley says, "We very much looking forward to getting to know all of you. Having made ourselves a part of the community of neighbors wherever we move, we truly appreciate the unique individuals and thoughtful connections we have here in Glencarlyn."

While these are the days of careful social distancing, we have been able to feel that same sense of warm welcome and inclusion ever since our arrival here last month."

The Goodwin Family (Pictured at right) were renters in Glencarlyn for two years before buying a home on 5th Rd earlier this spring. Before living in Glencarlyn, they lived in Athens, Georgia for several years.

They moved back to Arlington for Josh's work and to be closer to family. Josh is a Collection Development Librarian at DC Public Library. He is helping buy all the ebooks at the moment. Marie works remotely for the University of Georgia in Immigration Services, providing support to international students, researchers, and faculty.

They tell us: "We fell in love with the neighborhood because of the friendly, welcoming neighbors and amenities. It is so great to have a library, nature center, and access to parks and trails all right outside our door."

We like to ride bikes and work on the gardens at our new house. Generally we just love to be outside and enjoy nature and the neighborhood."



The Goodwin Family: Josh, Miles, 2.5, and Marie

Photo Credit: Tracy Hemel



Left to Right, James, Evie, Age 5, Caleb, Age 9, & Liz Ranade Janis

Photo Credit: Liz Ranade Janis

The Janis Family (Pictured at left) moved back to the DC area last May and recently moved to 6th Street S in Glencarlyn. They spent the last six years living in Ohio but previously lived in Arlington from 2005 to early 2013. So they consider themselves half-Buckeye, half-Arlingtonians.

They came back to Arlington for job opportunities and because they missed their previous church community at Restoration Anglican Church.

They consider themselves social people who love seeing and spending time with their friends. James loves to play tennis, soccer, and basketball. Liz mostly loves taking long walks. Their active children love reading, playing legos, running around and riding bikes.

When asked why they moved to Glencarlyn, they said: "This is the most unbelievably friendly neighborhood in the world. We appreciate the *neighborliness* of the neighbors. Also, you can't beat the location—being so close to nature in such a large city is a gift."



(L-R) Jan Mt Pleasant, grandkids Toby and Cal Gerstein, 6 and 4 respectively, and Jan's daughter Alex Workman cycle on south Jefferson street.

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View from the Garden

ENGLISH IVY – A Menace to Your property

By Paul Nuhn, Extension Master Gardener

English ivy is a vine from Europe, brought to the states for use in the American landscape. However In regions such as ours, ivy is an aggressive invader—escaping your yard to overrun the surrounding community (Fig 1). Plants



Fig 1. English Ivy overtaking a tree

common to our forest floors are not equipped to compete with the aggressive habits of the ivy. English ivy alters natural succession patterns. Over time, the ivy can kill an entire forest, leaving a dense blanket of ivy only broken sparsely by shrubs or trees. Our own Steve Young has been voluntarily removing vast swathes of it from our park for over 20 years to great effect.

The aggressive spread is helped by birds who eat the fruit (yes English Ivy has berries), then drop the seeds in new locations nearby in our park, or in your yard. These vines climb host trees to reach the sunlight and flower and fruit again.



Fig. 2. Wear Gloves when handling Ivy.

This process can kill the tree or even bring your trees down onto your house and home. For safety alone, the ivy should not be allowed to grow up any vertical surface. And, the leaves and berries of the ivy are toxic. The ivy's sap can cause dermatitis. Please wear gloves when handling ivy and use sharp cutting tools like a pruner (Fig 2).

When found climbing the trees in your yard, cut and remove the ivy from the bottom circumference of

each tree at ground level up to three-foot height (Fig 3). After this is done the remaining upper portion of the ivy still on tree will wither and die.



Fig. 3. Cut the vines at ground level to three feet

Do not try to remove this upper portion as it may pull off tree bark or bring down branches on top of you (Fig 4).

New ivy growth will emerge from the ground or from the cut ivy trunks if you do not 'paint' an ivy killer on the ivy trunk. Hardware and Garden shops carry many different types of ivy killer. Failure to do this will result in you doing the same procedure a few years later. Consider removing the entire vine along the ground as well or otherwise keep it in check. Put removed pieces in a trash bag to be taken away. Do not compost any part of the ivy.

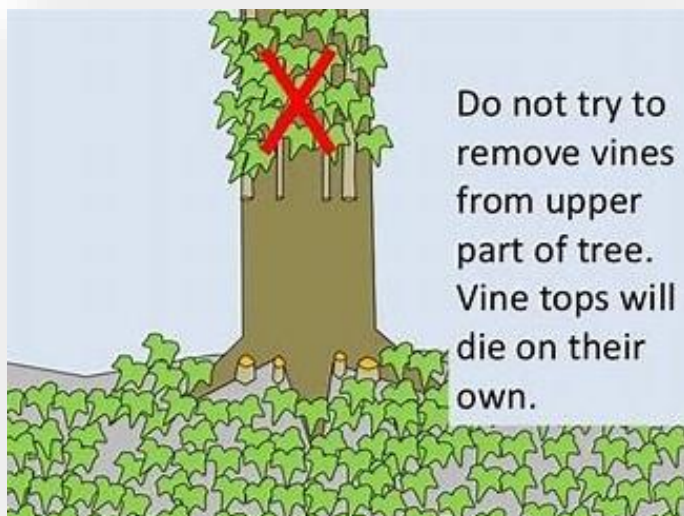


Fig. 4. Vines will die if you cut from the bottom



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Bicyclists and scooter riders practicing social distance on 4th Street
Jordan Hardenburgh; Marin Hecht; John Hougen; Kyle Quattlebaum and friends
Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau



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Arlington County has not determined a date for reopening the library but everyone can visit the Arlington Public Library website:

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The website has been redesigned to focus on all the awesome eContent that is there. Lots of great sites for kids and families plus some new content coming online everyday.

Northern Virginia saw a total of 1,815 homes sold in March 2020, a 14.58% increase above March 2019 home sales of 1,584. The average home sale price rose by 8.89% compared with last March, to \$649,118. The March 2019 average sale price was \$596,142. Arlington's average sales price was \$755,323, up \$12.6%. April sales data is not yet available as of this writing.

In a time where conducting business has become virtually impossible, Northern Virginia real estate transactions were virtually possible during the month of March and April. Advances in technology, combined with initiative and creativity, have enabled those who must buy or sell a home during the COVID-19 crisis to do so – while maintaining compliance with mandated safe business practices. Historical analysis shows that pandemics are usually V-shaped (sharp recessions that recover quickly enough to provide little damage to home

prices), and recent research shows the current slowdown is playing out similarly thus far.

With businesses starting to slowly open back up again in many parts of the country, it's important to understand how housing can have a major impact on the recovery of the U.S. economy. ***Real estate is a driving financial force in this process.*** Between residential investment and consumption spending on housing services, ***real estate contributes on average between 15-18% of GDP.*** With a strong US real estate market, housing is poised to help lead the way in the economic recovery.

With my local and national real estate connections, all report that showing activity was on the rise in April and prices are holding firm in most parts of the country. Many areas of the nation are seeing strong buying activity, DC area included. We are still experiencing multiple offers in Arlington with strategic marketing and pricing.



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Alex Hemel, 16 – pet sitting, dog walking & plant watering. – 703 629-8004 (Tracy) tscoles@aol.com

John Hougen, 13 – parent's helper, babysitting, dog walking, pet and plant sitting. – 703 867-2933 (Eric), 703 867-2934 (Kate)

Mira Hougen, 16 – babysitting (Red cross certified), pet sitting, plant sitting & mother's helper. – 703 867-2933 (Eric), 703 867-2934 (Kate)

Max Jamieson, 16- babysitting/mother's helper, pet care & yard work – 703 402-8162 (Max) 703 819-3074 (Missy).

Will Jamieson, 15 - 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

Jack Kingston, 18 —soccer coach for kids. –703 933-1080 csc.coyne@gmail.com.

Maggie Kingston, 14 — babysitting, mother's helper. 703 933-1080 csc.coyne@gmail.com.

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

Logan Krohl, 12 – mother's helper, lawn mowing, pet sitting, plant sitting & yard work.- 703 862-4938 (Chandi) chandikrohl@hotmail.com

Lily Elaina Link, 18 – pet sitting, dog walking, plant watering & house sitting.- 571 212-4179 erinroblink@aol.com

Ashley Link, 13 – 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.



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