

Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association since October 1952

September 2020

#### GCA Neighborhood Activities Planned for Saturday, Sept 12th

By Julie Lee and Courtney Holmes

Fun, safe, cleverly crafted family activities are planned for Saturday, Sept 12th, in lieu of our traditional Glencarlyn Day events.

Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to tap into their creative side and participate in the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest.

Bags of sidewalk chalk, 8 colors each, will be available for \$1/bag. Create your picture or design on your sidewalk or driveway.

Chalk will be available Sat morning beginning at 8 am at the library portico, with no contact pick up. Or if you prefer, you can get your chalk in advance, with no contact pick up, at 5716 5th St. beginning Thursday, Sept 10th. \$1 per bag. You do not need to purchase chalk to participate. But you do need to submit your "registration card" (available at chalk pick-up) with your name and address so your art can be viewed by the judges.

Begin your art early Saturday AM. Judging will be between 4-6 pm. The winner will be announced through GCA Updates and will receive a prize of a \$20 gift card and a 52-piece tub of sidewalk chalk.

If you do not have a sidewalk or driveway, contact Courtney Holmes: courtneyleeholmes@gmail.com, and she will find you a space to draw.

Pull out those spy glasses and binoculars and join in the **September Safari Scavenger Hunt**. Families are encouraged to work together as a team, roaming the neighborhood in search of "wild animals" hanging from porches or trees or other clever locations. Pick up your scavenger hunt safari card at the Library portico beginning at 9 am. **Find all 12 animals and return your completed card, with the addresses where they are located, to the box at the library portico no later than 5 pm.** All com
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#### School Board Chairman O'Grady to Speak at Sept 14<sup>th</sup> GCA Meeting



By Julie Lee

We are fortunate to have Arlington School Board Chair Monique O'Grady as our speaker at the September GCA meeting, 7:30pm, Monday Sept 14th. Chairman O'Grady will provide us with the latest information and take our questions.

We will be meeting via ZOOM.

Sign-on/call-in information will be posted on the GCA website and sent

out in the GCA Updates. If you have not done so, sign up for the Updates by emailing your name and street address to gcaupdates@glencarlyn.org. Plan to participate in this important meeting Monday, Sept 14th at 7:30 pm.

#### County Board Chairman Garvey to Speak at Oct 5th GCA Meeting

By Julie Lee

Looking ahead, County Board Chair Libby Garvey will be the speaker at our Oct 5th GCA meeting, 7:30pm. Speaker Garvey will provide us with some of the latest information and her valuable insights. She will also take our questions and listen to our concerns.

We will be meeting via ZOOM.

Sign-on/call-in information will be posted on the GCA website and sent out in the GCA Updates. Mark you calendar for Monday Oct 5th, 7:30 pm



## **President's Corner**



#### At the Water's Edge

When the doctor told me I had to give up running, he urged me to take up swimming. And I totally balked. I really don't like swimming. Actually, I don't mind the swimming. It is the getting into the water that I really don't like. It is that initial contact with the cold water that I find so utterly uncomfortable. To the point where, whether at a pool or at the beach, I will

stand there at the water's edge, stick my toes in, and go no further. I REALLY do not want to get in. I practically have to be pushed or dragged. And this is so unusual, because in most aspects of my life, I jump right in. How is it that the expectation of my discomfort can totally paralyze me? I should realize that after my initial "agony" I will quickly adjust.

This year so many things are happening in our lives and in our world, forcing us off the edge into the pool. We are all being put in some very uncomfortable and unpleasant situations. It is unnatural not to be able to hug our parents or our loved ones. It is not normal to hold family celebrations over a computer screen. It is awkward to wear masks. And it is difficult navigating a household where homes are simultaneously offices and classrooms as well as residences.

We are all being forced to restructure our lives and our routines. So many events, trips and other scheduled activities have been cancelled. Things that we took for granted year after year cannot occur. It is nearly impossible to make new plans, with things constantly changing. And to add to all that, we read, see and hear about things happening locally and across our country that are painful, unpleasant and unacceptable. It is human to be fearful or angry or frustrated during these uncertain times. How we channel our emotions is what is important. How we respond may vary. Some of us may look inward, others may reach outward. Some of us can do it alone, some of us need help. How we respond to these circumstances says a lot about who we are as individuals and as a community. As we stand at the water's edge how do we feel? Can we overcome our discomfort and fears? Will we be able to look past our initial uneasiness to accomplish constructive goals? Will we be able to turn this horrible situation into an opportunity to better ourselves, our community and our world? I believe we can.

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## September 2020 Glencarlyn Day Activities

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pleted and correct cards will be put in a drawing for the grand prize - a \$50 gift card. And while you are out on your safari, enjoy the sidewalk art being created before your eyes.

We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood full of beautiful, valuable trees! Learn more about some of the interesting ones on the **self-guided Glencarlyn Tree Walking Tour.** Trees were selected for the tour by Glencarlyn's Tree Committee after surveying possible candidates throughout the neighborhood. Expert assistance on tree identification and significance was provided by volunteers from the Tree Stewards of Arlington and Alexandria organization. The tour map will be posted on the GCA website and available at the Library portico.

These activities allow us to express ourselves, challenge our powers of observation, spend time together as a family, enjoy walking through our community, and meet and greet our neighbors. All done safely, in a responsible and socially distant way. We may not able to come together for pancakes this year, however we do have an opportunity to celebrate Glencarlyn- this special "village" in which we live.

#### So, mark your calendar for September 12th.

We are asking that when you pick up or drop off your chalk art forms, safari cards or tree tour maps that you also PAY YOUR GCA DUES. They are just \$15/household and you can pay by cash, check, or use the GCA website to pay by credit card. We will have information forms available.

We do need a few volunteers. Please sign up to be a judge for the sidewalk chalk art contest or for a one-hour shift at the "information table" at the library portico, where chalk and scavenger hunt forms will be distributed and returned, dues collected, and questions answered. Use the Sign-Up Genius: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084baeac2da2fe3-gcaseptember">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084baeac2da2fe3-gcaseptember</a>

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#### 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

Tree planting is the remaining action to complete the project. Trees will be planted 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

The Final Design Review meeting held on July 23 was the County's first virtual Final Design Review. During the videoconference, Gino Squarciafico, Department of Environmental Services Engineering Team Supervisor, and Jill Yutan, NC Landscape Architect, presented the final street, sidewalk, and landscape design plans. The estimated timing for the start of construction is Summer 2021.

Laura Simpson, the County NC Planner, explained the upcoming process for requesting the Temporary Easement and Construction Agreements (TECA), which allow the County's contractors to access private yards to perform construction-related work. A County Real

Estate Specialist will be contacting property owners soon about their TECA. These specialists can answer questions or assist with locating a notary public to notarize the TECA.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of next steps:

- 1. Meeting notes and final design plan are mailed to all affected property owners
- 2. Temporary Easement and Construction Agreements are mailed to affected property owners
- 3. Construction Drawings and Specifications are finalized
- 4. Bid packages are prepared for procurement of a Construction Contractor
- 5. Contract award and preparation for construction
- 6. An on-site, Pre-Construction Meeting is held with residents 1 to 2 weeks prior to construction start

The Final Design Review presentation is available at <a href="https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/4th-street-south/">https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/4th-street-south/</a> under "Documents and Plans." Please contact Laura Simpson (lsimpson@arlingtonva.us) or Kathy Reeder (kathleenreeder@comcast.net) with any questions about the project.



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#### Glencarlyn Citizens Association Steering Committee on Equity and Inclusion

By Brandon Hemel

This past May, several Glencarlyn residents and the Glencarlyn Citizens Association Executive Committee were moved by the local and national protests and actions spurred on by the tragic deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor.

With that goal, the GCA put forth the following statement:

The GCA is a secular, non-political, non-profit association of citizens organized to foster and enhance the civic good and the quality of the lives of all the residents of Glencarlyn.

We are a caring community and we stand united against racial and social injustice. We do not and will not tolerate overt or implicit racism. We must recognize our own biases and acknowledge the experiences of our neighbors.

To that end, GCA plans to begin a dialogue on race, with one or a series of meetings, in the hope of finding ways to be advocates for change. This is an opportunity to listen and learn, fostering a greater awareness of our own biases and learning how to overcome them. By having a conversation at the community level, we can address ways to increase diversity, inclusion, and fairness. We can take action to bring about the kind of society to which we aspire.

The GCA collected 58 responses to our online survey with many respondents wishing to start activities over the summer.

The activities include learning more about implicit bias against others and finding ways to build relationships with our neighbors. A group of eight neighbors joined as a steering committee to review available resources, individuals, and organizations that may help us in forming a dialogue.

The committee found that many existing outside resources are financially out of reach for our association. Therefore, any program that the GCA puts together will be drafted by neighborhood volunteers, possibly in partnership with external speakers or organizations.

The steering committee has drafted a resolution informed by both the Arlington County Equity Resolution adopted by Arlington County Board on September 21, 2019 (<a href="https://topics.arlingtonva.us/equity/">https://topics.arlingtonva.us/equity/</a>) and the Fairfax County One Fairfax policy and resolution adopted July 16, 2016. (<a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/one-fairfax">https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/one-fairfax</a>).

The steering committee's resolution is currently being reviewed by the GCA Executive Committee for review and will be voted upon at a later date.

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#### Neighborhood fireworks on Fourth of July,

at top left: Isla Wearmouth, Lexie Hart and Alexis Krug watch ground fireworks from the front porch of the Krug house on 3rd street.

At right: Aoife Cahill puts her arm around Fergus as they watch ground fireworks at the 4th and Illinois St. intersection.

Photos Courtesy of Gerald Martineau



Construction on Second Street as two older homes are replaced with new structures.

Glencarlyn has always been a welcoming community for both longtime residents and those who recently moved in. We should not disparage those who upgrade their home to remain here, buy an existing property, or a recently built home.

All residents contribute to our community and derision or disparaging remarks are unbecoming and reflect poorly on all of us.

Photos Courtesy of Gerald Martineau







## View from the Garden

#### Taking a Closer Look at Roadside Wildflowers

By Judy Funderburk, Master Gardener Coordinator Emeritus

[Photo Courtesy Elaine Mills]

Many of the wildflowers seen along local roadways or on daytrips to the beach or mountains (those yellow, orange, purple or pink blurs) can be viewed close-up in the Library Garden.

<u>Yellow</u>: Tall Goldenrod (Solidago altissima) is one of the many yellow wildflowers that brighten our roadsides. The variety of Goldenrod called 'Fireworks' for its sprightly yellow blossoms arranged along a graceful

stem, can be seen in both the pollinator and gazebo gardens. (This is not the plant that makes people sneeze; that is ragweed.) Each summer the yellow petals of Black-eyed Susans (Rudbeckia hirta) and Orange Coneflower (Rudbeckia fulgida) are abundant along the Third Street walkway to the Library entrance and on the path into the woodland/shade garden. Later in the season, you can see their black seed heads standing upright to feed finches and to self-seed, starting new plants for next year's crop. Six-feet tall and bright yellow, Mullein also self-seeds and is often seen blooming along roadsides. Though considered invasive, many



Bright yellow flowers of Orange Coneflower (Rudbeckia fulgida)

love its dramatic rosette of woolly leaves and tall yellow-flowering stalks which appear in different locations in the garden each year. Another yellow flower that is common to roadsides and the garden, plus much beloved by children, (usually one we gardeners would rather not claim, even as it makes its claim on us) is the Dandelion!

Orange: In nature there are few orange wildflowers. One often seen along roadsides and common to most of us is the orange daylily (each orange bud does indeed bloom for just one day, but there are usually several buds on each stalk). Years ago, Paul planted orange daylilies between the hydrangeas on the 3rd Street side of the garden. They continue to bloom each year. Another less common but valuable orange wildflower is Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa) which resides in the parking lot gardens and in the Monarch Watch cemetery gardens. These native plants serve as

hosts to monarch butterflies, providing food when the caterpillars hatch.

Pink, Purple, White: Two other locally native milkweeds grow along our roadways as well as growing in the parking lot gardens and Monarch Watch cemetery gardens. Both Swamp Milkweed (Asclepias incarnata) and Common Milkweed (Asclepias syriaca) are pink flowering and have scented blooms, though their leaves and growth patterns are quite differ-

ent. Common milkweed is aggressive in a home garden, but if you have a field or a large lot, the blooms are pretty and the interesting pods holding the seeds are filled with a beautiful white floss. Asters come in all three colors. In late summer, they can be found blooming along roadsides all up and down the eastern US. New England Aster (Symphyotrichum novae-angliae) is the most common with its array of small daisy-like purple flowers above tall stalks. Heath Aster (Symphyotrichum ericoides) is another native, but unlike its cousins, blooms mid-September in sun to part-shade and has small bright white flowers all along its stem. In our garden, New



Pink-flowered Swamp Milkweed (Asclepias incarnata)

England Aster grows along the patio fence garden and Heath Aster thrives in the 3rd Street native garden. Liatris, Ironweed, and Joe-Pye-Weed are each unique native plants with unusual growth and flowering habits. Look for their identifying signage and late summer blooms in shades of pink and purple. Notice as well how much they are loved by our bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

Once you've located these "wildflowers" in the Community Garden and are able to view their growing habits, color variations and basic structure close -up, you'll be more easily able to identify those blurs of color along our highways and byways!

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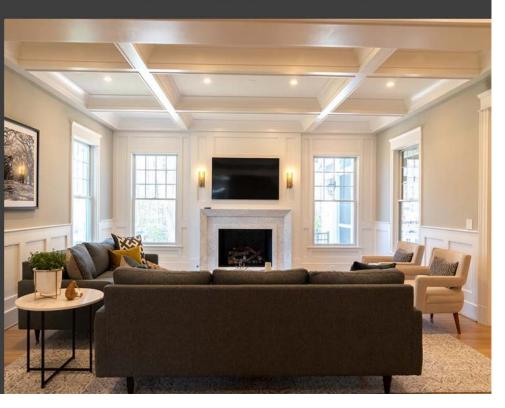
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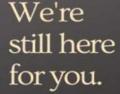


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#### **Ball-Sellers House Update and Arlington Historical Society's Online Programs**

By Annette Benbow

The Ball-Sellers House has not yet opened this season due to the coronavirus pandemic. We've been ready to welcome visitors since April and almost all of the docents are willing, but social distancing is a challenge in the small 18th century farm house. The Arlington Historical Society (AHS) is vigilant about what the County and State will allow to be open. We'd like to open in September for tours by appointment. Stay tuned and we'll let Glencarlyn know as the threat continues.

The Arlington Historical Society has not been idle--even though both museums are currently closed. Our monthly free public programs have gone virtual.

## Free Virtual Public Program: Runyon vs McCrary: Arlington and the Desegregation of Private Schools Thursday, September 10 7:00 pm

Register at https://arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/events/ for Zoom access by September 9.

The Supreme Court outlawed racially segregated public schools in 1954, but whites-only private schools flourished throughout the South for decades. The Supreme Court's 1976 decision extending the ban on racial segregation to private schools involved a segregated pre-school here in Arlington. Join local Arlingtonian Richard Samp as he discusses this Arlington-focused case and its aftermath.

Richard Samp is a semi-retired lawyer who has lived in Arlington for 35 years. He currently serves as President of the Old Glebe Civic Association. Among his Arlington-focused writings is a history of his Old Glebe neighborhood and a history of the Saegmuller and Madison Elementary Schools.

We are hosting this free on ZOOM. You will be able to ask questions and view the images our presenters may show—all from the comfort (and safety) of your own home. Please register by the evening of Wednesday, September 9. You will get an email on the morning of the event (September 10) with easy to use, online Zoom meeting information.

Check out the AHS website for its virtual exhibits and for other fun things to do:

- <u>History at Home</u>: What object at home best represents your history in Arlington?
- History Bike Ride: Self-guided and updated for 2020
- 1970s History Driving Tour: What differences has 50 years made?

While there is always going to be fear in the marketplace, people are looking at homes every day. In North America, mid-May was a turning point in weekly showings compared to the slow down in mid-March. Purchase applications have also seen 10 straight weeks of Year over Year gains since mid-May.

The Housing Market Recovery Index combines Demand, Supply, Price and Time on the market. In mid-March there was a dip, and now the HMRI stands at the pre-pandemic reading in February. The real estate industry figured out how to conduct business to safely drive housing forward.

With a strong US real estate market, housing is poised to help lead the way in the economic recovery. Real estate has been is a driving financial force in the process. Between residential investment and consumption spending on housing services, real estate contributes on average between 15-18% of US GDP.

Locally in the Northern VA area, June's average sales price was up 2.35% compared to June 2019, while our 2020 housing inventory was down almost 33% from last year.

As of this writing, there have been 5 closed sales in Glencarlyn, 3 homes under contract, one active and one coming soon.

Historically low mortgage rates below 3% are an incentive for increased affordability and buyers returning to the market is a great sign for the economy, as housing is still leading the way toward a recovery. If you're ready to buy or sell a home this year, let's connect to make sure you have the best possible guide with you each step of the way.



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Ashley Link, 13 - pet sitting, dog walking, plant watering, house sitting, & mother's helper.- 571 212-4179 erinroblink@aol.com

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

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



## Please Pay Your 2020 - 2021 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 2020 through June 2021.

Name

Phone



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

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)

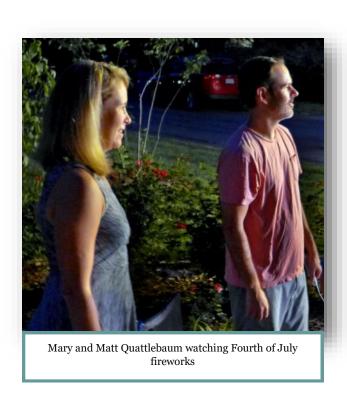
Make checks payable to GCA - send to - Tim Aiken, Treasurer, 111 S. Kensington St., Arlington, VA 22204. Or visit glencarlyn.org to pay online.

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











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