



The Village View

Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association since October 1952

October 2020

Glencarlyn Day Scavenger Hunt and Chalk Drawing Contest

Last month's belated Glencarlyn Day celebrations were distinctly different than our typical pancake breakfast and house tours.

Our three events, the family scavenger hunt, the self-guided tree tour, and the sidewalk chalk contest still showed our community spirit and were well received by all who participated.

Congratulations to the Scavenger Hunt winners, the Bohlen family, and the sidewalk chalk drawing winners, the Groto family (photos courtesy of Gerald Martineau).

If you are interested in the tree tour, you can still do the self-guided tree tour either online, <https://arcs.is/1mPSHo> or a PDF downloadable copy will be available on Glencarlyn.org.

- please see page six for additional photos -

-for even more photos, please see the online edition at Glencarlyn.org

Andy Gillette and son Owen are shown with Andy's drawing of our neighborhood's iconic Carlin Hall.



Libby Garvey to Speak, October 5th GCA Meeting

Libby Garvey, County Board Chairman, 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 your calendar for Monday Oct 5th, 7:30 pm

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President's Corner



By Julie Lee, GCA President

Remaining Vigilant

- Multiple incidents of general disruption and destruction in the Community Library Garden, with pots and plants broken and dozens of carefully placed metal plant signs thrown about.
- Graffiti along the road down to the dog park and in/on Picnic Shelter #1 nearby.
- Broken glass and graffiti in front of and under the Library portion.

- Large plastic AFAC donation bin stolen from front walkway of a residence.
- Plastic containers with 100s of seeds from the Master Gardener program stolen from the side yard of a residence.
- Dog excrement on yard signs.
- The deliberate destruction of a 4 ft section of the Carlin Hall picket fence.
- Malicious activity in the St John's Church garden, where a birdbath, figurines, flowers and plants were damaged or destroyed.
- Kiosk in front of Library tampered with and obscenities written on the posted Village View.

I am sorry to report that all of these acts of vandalism or theft have occurred in our neighborhood this year; most in the last 6 months. There may be other incidents I am not aware of. ACPD has been very responsive. They have a running report file and have increased their patrols through the neighborhood.

It is unclear whether these acts are all related, whether they are being committed by one person or multiple people, or whether it is someone from inside or outside our community. I do know that it is disturbing and appears to be escalating. This can be a dangerous situation for any of us or for the person committing these acts. And it is just plain wrong.

I am using the president's column to address this serious issue because I want everyone to be aware of what is going on. I want everyone to use their eyes and ears as defenses against such acts. I want to stop the person, or persons, who continue to cause destruction in our community.

Please - if you see something, say something. Call 911 if you witness a crime being committed; file an online police report if you discover something once it has occurred. If you do not wish to contact the police, please contact me. We have a wonderful, relatively safe community and we must all work to keep it that way.

And remaining vigilant-

The County continues to move forward with their deceptively named "Missing Middle Study". This plan will NOT provide "middle class" or "affordable" housing. Their plan to UPZONE single family neighborhoods, allowing for multi-unit homes to be built, will only further drive up land values. Developers will be incentivized to come into communities, and instead of building large single family homes, they will use every inch of land, removing old established trees, to build duplexes, triplexes and townhouses which will NOT be affordable or reasonably priced. A combined neighborhood task force has been established to hold the County accountable and insist that they develop a plan that will provide for REAL middle class housing.

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Left: Glencarlyn resident Steve LeSueur takes in the GCA zoom meeting with APS School Board Chair Monique O'Grady and others via his laptop.

Right: Steve's laptop computer screen shows the number of people taking part in the zoom meeting. [Photos Courtesy Gerald Martineau]

Sept Meeting—APS' Chair Monique O'Grady

Arlington County Public Schools (APS) Board Chairperson, Monique O'Grady spoke at the September GCA meeting to address the schools plans for continued distance learning and a timeline for returning to in-person schooling.

APS deeply regrets the firewall issue many students experienced in early September as virtual schooling began for students. The firewall capacity was stretched much farther than expected and has now been addressed. As of Friday, September 11, over 90% of students were connecting to their classes daily. Arlington County has provided a grant of \$500,000 to help students connect either via MiFi devices (personal Wi-Fi Hotspots) or through Comcast's Internet Essentials program. Additionally, Arlington County is looking to add wireless hotspots in multi-family residential buildings.

The issues facing APS regarding returning to in-person schooling are having sufficient staffing levels, ability to do contact tracing and management if a Covid-19 outbreak takes place. A significant issue that has also arisen is budgeting for this year and future years. The strain of the rapid changes to schooling has left APS with a projected budget shortfall of approximately \$10 million in the current and coming years. APS will be working with the Arlington County Board on ways to address this shortfall.

Editors note - Released at the APS School Board meeting on September 24, 2020, Superintendent Dr. Durán presented the school division's Phased Return to Hybrid, In-Person Learning Plan and COVID-19 Dashboard. The plan defined five levels of return, prioritized by students' level of need and ability to access learning remotely; the plan is based on guidance from the Virginia Department of Education, as well as regional and local health metrics in consultation with the Arlington County Public Health Division. Target timeline for return to school for students is Mid to late October for special needs students and Early to Mid December for students who have chosen the hybrid option. For more information about APS return to school plans, please visit <https://www.apsva.us/school-year-2020-21/transition-to-hybrid-in-person-model/>.

"Recycling Right" at the Nov 2nd GCA meeting

A Recycling Specialist from Arlington County's Dept of Environmental Services will teach us how to "recycle right" at the Nov 2nd GCA Meeting.

Learn what we can and cannot put in our blue bin to insure it all will be recycled. We will be meeting via ZOOM. Sign-on/call-in information will be sent out in the GCA Updates. Mark your calendars for Nov 2nd, 7:30pm and make sure you are signed up for the GCA Updates.

Halloween Trick or Treating

In previous years, the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association has not organized trick or treating on Halloween, and we will not be doing so this year.

As the Village View goes to print in late September, we are waiting to hear what kind of guidance we receive from Arlington County. At that point we will provide some suggestions for safe trick or treating in our neighborhood

The Glencarlyn Citizens' Association presents

Glencarlyn Through the Prism of Race: A Conversation

**The History of Housing and Structural
Racism in Arlington, 1860 to 2020**

Thursday, October 15, 2020

7:30 - 9:00pm

Participants will learn about definitions related to racism, the history of redlining and land ownership in the US, the impact of structural racism in Arlington housing, and the generational consequences of housing discrimination.

Participants will also discuss these concepts in small facilitated break-out groups and the session will end with a large group discussion about what participants learned and next steps.

This first session will be limited to 40 participants due to the number of facilitators available. Registration closes October 9 or once we reach capacity. Zoom link will be provided prior to event

For registration details or questions regarding this program, please email gcainterests@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Update

By Kathy Reeder, Neighborhood Conservation Chair

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

Trees will be planted this fall at various locations along the two project blocks. Jill Yutan, the county's NC Program Landscape Architect, soon will be contacting owners of the properties where the trees will be installed. The No Parking sign at the north end of S. Kensington St. will be replaced with the correct bi-directional sign. These are the final actions to complete the project.

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

The Final Design Review meeting (virtual format) was held on July 23. The estimated timing for the start of construction is summer 2021. Before construction can start, the project drawings and specifications must be finalized for the bid package and the procurement process to select a construction contractor must be completed.

Property owners in the project area were recently mailed Temporary Easement and Construction Agreements (TECA), which will allow County contractors to access private yards to perform construction-related work next summer. These agreements must be notarized and returned to the County Real Estate Specialist, as explained in the letter that accompanied the agreement.

As more information is available on the project schedule, it will be communicated in the Village View and on Glencarlyn.org, under the NC Activities tab.

The Final Design Review presentation is available at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/4th-street-south/> 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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Protecting Glencarlyn's Mature Trees

In response to the September issue with the photos of new construction, we are printing this letter to the editor:

Dear Neighbors,

Thanks to Brandon Hemel for bringing new construction to our attention.

Please consider, however, whether perceived animosity between old and new residents may be misunderstood or misplaced.

Most people who buy these new homes are not responsible for construction. It is developers who replace modest, once affordable houses with structures that fill lots from property line to property line, and in the process, chop down the mature trees that characterize Glencarlyn, provide shade, reduce noise and clean the air.

I welcome the construction article as an opportunity foster discussion with residents, and promote action by the citizens' association. If the rate of such development continues, this diverse neighborhood will look like Ballston--with not one mature tree in sight.

The benefits of trees are well-established in terms of energy conservation and health alone. And mature trees increase homes' property values, according to the U.S. Forestry Service.

Federal, state and local laws do not protect mature trees. The power to destroy our tree canopy resides in each landowner. In a county with pro-development officials, it would take years to vote out board members who have approved zoning laws that now permit such dense construction. Not that environmentalists don't try.

How about a new tactic? Why not send letters, signed by the citizen's association, to every developer building or likely to build in Glencarlyn. Inform them:

- We do not want to live in a neighborhood without mature trees,
- Cutting down mature trees is unwelcome,
- If they cut them down, their performance will be publicized widely.

Encourage homeowners not to sell to such irresponsible companies.

Such developers have no allegiance to neighborhoods they don't live in. They care less about quality of life. Planting a few saplings is no panacea for the carnage.

Sending letters to realtors would spread the word, too.

Perhaps developers will listen if the citizen's association is consistent in sending letters and publicizing them—and encouraged landowners to only sell to environmentally conscious developers.

I welcome hearing what other residents suggest to contain the devastation.

I hope to hear from you soon,

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Glencarlyn Day

Saturday's Scavenger Hunt & Sunday's Sidewalk Chalk Art

[all photos courtesy of Gerald Martineau]



Clockwise from Right:

Upper Right: The Tsang and Tanyag families on 2nd street undertook a joint effort to have their children do chalk drawings. L-R: Ellie Tsang, Milly Tsang, Patrick Tanyag, and Nola Tanyag.



Lower Right: Richard and Chelsea Kaufman point out a monkey hanging from a tree to children Elise and Pierce.

Lower Left: Angi Solley and daughter Sloane frame their drawing of "Love Wins."



Upper Left: Miles Goodwin point out the Giraffe hanging on a fence.



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View from the Garden

Plant This Not That: Replacing Nandina

By Alyssa Ford Morel

[Photos Courtesy: Elaine Mills]

In the mid-70s, my family moved from Southern California to Northern. My parents purchased a typical ranch home made distinctive by the builder's love of all things Asian. The shingles on the corners of the roof were built up into peaks and the front door had a calligraphic pattern on it.

My parents were dedicated gardeners and immediately hired a landscape architect to turn the yard into something special. Taking cues from the house, he used Asian plants including Japanese maples, Barberries, and Heavenly bamboo, or *Nandina domestica*.

Imported plants like the ones in that garden often do extremely well in America, partly because they are removed from the native insects that eat them. Over the years, many non-native plants have been so widely used that they are now more familiar to the average gardener than native plants. Sadly, over time, some of these exotics have shown an invasive nature.

Invasiveness is a commonly misunderstood term – it is not about what happens in cultivation. By definition, to be invasive, a plant must be non-native to the particular area and be capable of escaping cultivation and out-competing local wild plants, causing harm. A plant may be well-behaved in a garden, but a bully in the wild.



Itea virginiana
Virginia sweetspire)

Nandina is one of those beautiful but invasive plants throughout much of the American Southeast, and is on Arlington's Invasive List. The Glencarlyn Library Garden used to have Nandina, but we replaced them with other great plants. If you would like to do the same, here are some ideas.

If you like Nandina's colors, consider replacing it with *Euonymus americanus* (Strawberry bush). An example of this shrub is behind the bench next to the gazebo in the Library Garden, and you can see its mixed peach/rust/green leaves and vibrant strawberry and orange-colored berries in the fall.

If you have small Nandina that you want to replace with another small shrub, consider *Itea virginiana* (Virginia sweetspire) 'Little Henry,' 'Merlot,' or 'Scentlandia.' There is a Scentlandia cultivar in the parking lot bed to the right of the lamppost closest to the library. These cultivars get to be 2 1/2' to 3' high and wide, and have white flowers in spring and vibrant fall colors. Scentlandia has fragrant flowers.

If you want an evergreen shrub, check out *Ilex glabra* (Inkberry), a member of the holly family. The straight species grows 5' to 8' in both height and spread. The 'Densa' cultivar is 3' to 4' in height and spread.

In the Library Garden, we replaced a Nandina just inside the fence between the Native and Shady gardens with a *Cornus sericea* (Red twig dogwood) shrub. This graceful upright shrub has white flowers in spring and red stems that brighten the winter landscape after it drops its leaves.



Cornus sericea (Red twig dogwood) shrub



Euonymus americanus
(Strawberry bush)

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In Memoriam—Monique Robertson

By Steve LeSueur

Long-time Glencarlyn resident Monique Robertson passed away on July 19, 2020. Monique and her husband, Dale, moved to the neighborhood in 1986 with their two children, Charlie and Holly, and were helpful, friendly neighbors. Monique is especially remembered as a genuine and caring woman with an easy laugh who valued learning and independent thought. She brought an infectious enthusiasm to every conversation and activity.

Monique was born December 30, 1953, the first of six children, and raised in Detroit. Her father, John McKillop, was a talented writer and poet who worked at the Ford automobile factory; her mother, Lillian McKillop, was an award-winning local artist/painter. Monique's parents instilled in her the importance of knowledge, education, family and experiences, especially travel.

Dale and Monique moved to Arlington, Virginia, in 1983 and welcomed their daughter, Holly, in 1984. Shortly after, they settled in the Glencarlyn neighborhood, a place where Monique and her family thrived and made life-long friends. Some of their first friendships were cemented when Charlie and Holly attended pre-school at Carlin Hall.

Monique ran her own small massage business, Basic Kneads, out of her home for many years. She later expanded her scope and worked as a much-valued instructor at the Bodyworks Institute in Falls Church, along with the Northern Virginia School of Massage Therapy, where she helped train a new generation of massage therapists. Dale and Monique retired to King George, Virginia, but their son Charlie and his family still live in the family home on 5th Road.

Monique passed away surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Dale Robertson, daughter Holly Zwickl, son-in-law Joseph Zwickl, son Charlie Robertson, daughter-in-law Blair Robertson, grandchildren Charlie Robertson and Lillian Robertson, sister Madeleine and brother-in-law Joseph Burkhard, brothers Christopher and Joey McKillop and nieces Katie and Elizabeth McKillop.

Per Monique's request, her remains were cremated. A celebration of life ceremony will be scheduled at a later date, COVID permitting. A memorial to Monique has been set up at the following address: <http://www.never-gone.com/Memorials/MoniqueRobertson>



Did you know that Summer was the New Spring for Northern Virginia Home Sales in July? While the summer season is starting to relax, the real estate market continues to remain continually active. Our typical spring market was pushed back to the summer, and the pent-up buyer and seller demand that began in late spring continued full force into July. In July 2020, the average sales prices were up over 20% in Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax City, in comparison to 2019. Prices were up in Northern VA over 12.5% as a region.

More homes are coming on the market in recent weeks although choices for single family homes and townhouses remains low across the region and the median home sale price continues to rise, which means a competitive market for buyers. An interesting development

is happening in the condo market, with inventory up 70% from 2 months ago. Condo buyers have more choices these days, which is always good to have.

In a recent survey, local agents reported that the top motivating factors to move are the need for more space (55%) and low mortgage rates (49%). The desire for space likely is connected to a "quarantine effect." Suburban areas were popular this summer with 60% of agents reporting an increased interest in the suburbs. 59% of agents say potential buyers with school-age children are more interested in single-family homes versus other home types, because of space for multiple home offices and areas that can be used for child homeschooling. *Are you living in your ideal home now?* If you are thinking of a new lifestyle, I'm glad to help with some strategic planning.



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

Ashley Link, 13 – plant watering, house sitting, 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

Simon Oliver, 14- babysitting (Red Cross certified), sports classes, plant watering, basic bike repair - 702-401-1260, theminigoibert@gmail.com

Jack Oliver, 12 – basic bike repair and maintenance, dog walking - 703-220-0951 , luanncoliver@gmail.com (LuAnn)

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 Ellie.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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Name _____

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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)

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Saturday's Scavenger Hunt

[all photos courtesy of Gerald Martineau]



Above: Richard and Chelsea Kaufman and children (l-r) Pierce and Elise observe a Monkey hanging from a tree as they pursue the Glencarlyn Day scavenger hunt on 5th street.

Top Right: Josh Goodwin marks the location of the Giraffe.

Far Right: close up of the Giraffe at 5533 south 4th street.

Immediate Right: Marie and Josh Goodwin observe their son Miles point out the Giraffe hanging on a fence post at 5533 south 4th street during their scavenger hunt.



Glencarlyn Day

Sunday's Sidewalk Chalk Art

[all photos courtesy of Gerald Martineau]



Above: Sara Williams and son Titus are shown with their picture resembling Vincent Van Goh's "Starry Night" that they have titled "Glencarlyn Night."

Right: Aoife Cahill gestures to her drawing.

Right: Stella Derks shows her drawing of a sunset.



Above: Rosa Drake poses with her drawing and holds pieces of chalk in her hands.



Glencarlyn Day

Sunday's Sidewalk Chalk Art and Tree Tour

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Left:

Redwood tree on
3rd

Right: The Kauf-
man family poses
with their chalk
drawings of two
Trolls.

L-R: Richard
Kaufman and son
Pierce and Chelsea
Kaufman with
daughter Elise.



Right: Multi-colored inspirational
drawing in front of the Discount
house on 5th street



Seen Around the Neighborhood



An unexpected visitor to the Cutler home on 1st St.
[Photo Courtesy P. Cutler]



Steve Young, Julie Lee, and various Arlington County Officials inspect the Moses Ball Spring on the former VHC property

[Photo Courtesy Gerald Martineau]

Organized by a Glencarlyn resident, food trucks will visit the Library Parking lot every Friday. Please see the Facebook group “Glencarlyn Food Truck-O-Rama” for more information.

The Glencarlyn Food Truck-O-Rama group is not associated with Glencarlyn Citizens’ Association

[Photo Courtesy Gerald Martineau]

