



The Village View

Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association since October 1952

March 2021



February 2021 brought on our first measurable snowfall in the past few years and several icy days. While the ice-covered vegetation was pretty, the slippery sidewalks and streets were difficult to navigate

Photo Courtesy Gerald Martineau

Update your Information for the Glencarlyn Directory.

Every five years the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association prints and distributes our neighborhood directory of names and phone numbers for all residents of our neighborhood. The directory provides contact information for internal Glencarlyn use only and has been a mainstay of our neighborhood for many years. The GCA does not share this information with external parties or offer it online.

Residents can request to not be included, and or not have their phone number or email address printed.

To maintain social distancing guidelines, we are beginning with online data collection using a secure Google Form.

Complete the form at the google address sent out in the Glencarlyn Updates

For more information about the update process or for assistance with the form, please email

directory_update@glencarlyn.org

You Can Help Glencarlyn: Officers, Delegates Needed

By: Barbara Martinez

Do you love our neighborhood? Do you have ideas for improving this already special place?

Consider putting your name forward for nomination as an officer or delegate of the Glencarlyn Citizens Association. A nominating committee—Steve LeSueur, Barbara Martinez, and Kathy Reeder—is recruiting candidates for the annual election to be held at the May 3 GCA meeting. Any individual residing in Glencarlyn is eligible for membership and election to a position. The term for all positions will be July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

In recent years, the GCA has organized traditional events, such as Glencarlyn Days, and activities to bring the community together during the current pandemic, such as the sidewalk chalk contest and tree tour. It also has hosted conversations about diversity and inclusion within our community. Delegates serve as Glencarlyn's voice on county-wide committees looking at topics such as zoning, conservation, and planning. The GCA also coordinates neighbors helping neighbors, for example with the "snow shovel brigade" that clears walkways for those who cannot.

Officer positions to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. Delegate positions to be filled are Arlington County Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (1) and Alternate (1) and Arlington County Civic Federation (4) and Alternates (4). A list of these positions and the people currently holding them is on page 2 of the March Village View. A description of each position's responsibilities can be found in the GCA by-laws, which are posted on Glencarlyn.org under the "About" tab.

If you are interested in serving as an officer or delegate, or in finding out more about a position, please contact Kathy Reeder at kathleenreeder@comcast.net or 703-820-3933 as soon as possible. A member of the nominating committee will get in touch with you and answer any questions you may have.

President's Corner



By Julie Lee, GCA President

The Power of Our Civic Association

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, there is a lot happening in Glencarlyn and in your GCA. As you will read in this issue, we are beginning work on a new neighborhood directory, using a new method of data collection. We are accepting nominations for officers and delegates for the next term. And we continue our work to

make the GCA more welcoming and inclusive, involving everyone in our decisions and actions.

This is a good time to remind you of the power a civic association has within the community and the County. A civic association is a group of residents who have joined together for collective action on community affairs. In general, its objectives are to preserve, enhance and plan for the orderly development of the neighborhood and to promote the general welfare, safety and civic spirit of the community. The power of the civics association is organized public opinion. A single voice may go unheeded by officials, but a civic association is usually listened to because it represents a unified opinion. When civic associations work together through the civic federation, they become a stronger voice that can have a powerful effect in County government.

Arlington is divided into 62 recognized civic associations. It is our vehicle for working with the County government on many issues and for receiving Neighborhood Conservation funding for projects such as installation of curbs and sidewalks. The County Board and County staff know and respect the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association. This relationship allows us to be heard and to get things accomplished.

Civic associations are concerned with everything that affects the community- schools, roads, parks and recreation, zoning, trash collection, etc. We can and do testify before county boards, school boards, commissions and other government bodies. We have worked for library funding and better park and recreation facilities. We have influenced the County in areas of traffic safety. And through the Neighborhood Conservation program we continue to get funding to improve our public areas. We influence zoning decisions such as those involved with the Missing Middle study, which will decide where and what types of multi-unit housing should be added to single family neighborhoods. Organizing neighborhood activities and events such as Glencarlyn Day for the enjoyment of the community is also part of a civic association's duties.

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A Neighborhood Discussion on the Missing Middle Housing Study at the April 5th GCA meeting, 7:30 PM

What is Missing Middle Housing and how might it affect single family neighborhoods like Glencarlyn?

What is the Missing Middle Housing Study? How would Missing Middle impact the environment? Schools?

What are the benefits of Missing Middle housing? These questions and more will be addressed in a neighborhood discussion led by Julie Lee at the April 5th GCA meeting, via ZOOM. There will be a slide presentation about the County's Missing Middle Study, with time for questions and the sharing of ideas.

Samia Byrd, Chief Race and Equity Officer, Deputy County Manager Joins the March 1st GCA Meeting



Samia Byrd, the Chief Race and Equity Officer, Deputy County Manager, for Arlington County will be the speaker at the March 1st GCA meeting. Ms. Byrd leads the County's work to advance racial equity, diversity and inclusion both internal and external to the organization. This includes guiding and facilitating the development and implementation of important policies and practices through a racial equity lens.

Please plan to join GCA and Ms. Byrd on Monday Mar 1st, 7:30 pm, via ZOOM.

You MUST SIGN UP for the GCA UPDATES to receive the ZOOM link. Sign up by emailing your name and house address to:

gcaupdates@glencarlyn.org

Glencarlynites Attend the County's Dialogues on Race and Equity

By Tim Aiken

On Saturday, January 9 and again on Monday, January 18, a total of 22 Glencarlynites attended a program facilitated by the GCA Steering Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion (REI) using program materials provided by Arlington County to help move the county forward toward a common goal and vision for what racial equity in Arlington should be. Beginning this past fall, and in partnership with Challenging Racism, a local non-profit focused on educating people about the prevalence and inequities of institutional and systemic racism, Arlington County launched Dialogues on Race and Equity (DRE). DRE is a four-part initiative that includes:

1. a community wide assessment about perspectives on race and equity;
2. DRE in Our Community, a series of community conversations, like this one conducted in Glencarlyn;
3. DRE Together, which aims to engage nonprofit, civic associations, and businesses as partners in this work; and,
4. DRE in your Neighborhood, which will be launched later this year, to help family and friends have conversations at their kitchen table.

The program was conducted through Zoom and included a combination of presentations, slides, short videos, polls, and discussions covering topics like the invisibility of privilege, defining systemic racism, and how to recognize and challenge our biases. A short film of what it is like to be left-handed, for example, introduced participants to the concept of privilege and the dominant culture of right-handedness. <https://youtu.be/g1swN72r5Fk>

The program concluded with individuals sharing ideas for actions they could take to challenge racism and every participant shared a recommendation for the County Manager for consideration in improving equitable outcomes in Arlington. Recommendations and suggestions brought forward in this final discussion were forwarded anonymously to county officials to help inform future county action.

Discussing racism with family members, becoming more engaged on school boundary actions, and exploring the county's Missing Middle study on residential zoning were among the dozen suggestions Glencarlynites identified and forwarded to the county.

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President's Corner *(Continued from page 2)*

It is important to know that membership is not limited to homeowners. ALL residents can participate in GCA meetings and activities, whether dues paying members or not. The more we work together, the more power we have, the more we can achieve, and the more fun we can have in the process.

WHAT IS A NOISY DOG?

Section 15-6.L of the Arlington County Code states:

It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, possesses or harbors any animal or bird to permit that animal or bird to create a noise that is audible at least once per minute for ten (10) consecutive minutes within any dwelling unit, house or apartment of another person, at any street edge, or across a real property boundary.

DO YOU OWN A NUISANCE DOG?

Determine for yourself whether your dog is a good companion and watchdog or a neighborhood nuisance by asking yourself if your dog barks **EXCESSIVELY**.

First, determine when and for how long your dog barks, and what's causing him to bark. Ask your neighbors what they see and hear, drive or walk around the block and listen for a while. With a little effort you should be able to figure out which of the common problems is causing your dog to bark. Your dog may be barking because...He's bored and lonely.

THE RESPONSIBILITY IS YOURS

As a dog owner, you know the companionship, loyalty, love and fun that your dog adds to your life, but you must also realize your responsibility toward your neighbors. Dog owners can be insensitive, at times, to their own barking dog. Put yourself in your neighbor's position to see how your dog's habits affect them. Excessive barking can be extremely annoying to neighbors as well as those who have to live with a noisy dog.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT A NEIGHBOR'S BARKING DOG?

First, try to contact the owner and work out a solution. If you are unsuccessful in working out a solution with a dog owner, contact the Office of Code Enforcement (703-228-3232) between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Between the hours of 5:00 pm and 8:00 am, contact the Arlington Police at 703-558-2222. If the dog is being left outside for long periods of time, contact Animal Control at 703-931-9241. Animal Control will investigate. If the above actions fail to resolve the problem, the complainant is advised to visit the magistrate at the Arlington County Police Department located at 1435 N. Courthouse Rd. The magistrate may issue a summons if there is adequate evidence to substantiate the claim of a noise ordinance violation.

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St. John's Bell Ringing in memory of victims of COVID-19

On January 19, St. John's Episcopal Church invited parishioners and neighbors to ring its church bell to honor the memory of those lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. They hoped to ring the bell 400 times but turnout was so heavy that the bell rang almost 500 times. Pictures below are courtesy Gerald Martineau and David Hathcox.



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Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Update

Kathy Reeder, Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee Delegate

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

There have been no changes on this project since last month. Summer 2021 continues to be the estimated timing for the start of construction. As more information becomes available on contractor selection and construction timing, it will be updated in the *Village View* and on Glencarlyn.org under the NC Activities tab.

Reminder: property owners in the project area should return their Temporary Easement and Construction Agreements (TECA) to the County Real Estate Specialist if they have not already done so.

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.

Kenmore Wooded Area Proposed Project

Last year GCA selected the wooded grove at the west end of Kenmore Middle School for its next NC project. This area has non-native and overgrown vegetation, insect infestation, a "social path" for students, dumping of trash and soil, drug-related items, and questionable activity due to limited visibility.

This is a proposed project only and is at an early stage in the NC process. As more information is available about next steps, it will be communicated in the *Village View* and on Glencarlyn.org under the NC Activities tab.



Glencarlyn had its first measurable snowfall in two years last month. Many snow men and snow women were seen throughout the neighborhood. Find more throughout the *Village View*.

Photo Courtesy Gerald Martineau

Join the Glencarlyn Book Club

Like books? Like to talk about them with others? Each month, members of the Glencarlyn Book Club meet, currently online via Zoom, to share insights and perspectives on the book of their choice.

It's an opportunity to discover terrific reads you might otherwise never even know about and also a fun way to get to know your neighbors. Interested? For more information, email Simon De Groot (degroots@erols.com).



Get Ready for the Return of Brood X Cicadas

By Ken Rosenthal, Park Naturalist at Gulf Branch Nature Center

They've been underground for 16 years, feeding, growing, waiting to emerge by the millions to spawn and for several weeks from mid-May to mid-June, the 17-year cicadas return in a phenomenon that happens nowhere else on Earth.

These periodical cicadas have long (for an insect) life cycles of 13 or 17 years. They are separated into broods by geographical area and life cycle length, with each brood identified by a Roman numeral. The brood emerging this year is Brood X, and it is made up of three species of 17-year cicadas. They have a distinct appearance with black bodies, orange legs and wing veins, and vivid red eyes.

You might be thinking that we already have cicadas every year, and you would be right. Those are "annual" or "Dog Day" cicadas, and they have shorter life cycles of 1, 2, or 3 years.

Unlike the periodical cicadas, annual cicadas are not synchronized to emerge all at once, so we see and hear them every year. They are larger and bulkier than their periodical



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View from the Garden

What Happened to Harry Lauder's Walking Stick?

By Paul Nuhn, Certified Extension Master Gardener

Harry Lauder's Walking Stick 'Contorta' is the common name of the Library Garden's European Hazelnut located on the far right side of the library entrance. Every winter and early spring, it shows off its winter "dress" – hundreds of gradually lengthening beautiful yellow catkins hanging from amazingly contorted branches. This fall we became aware that what we thought were "scales" on many of its branches is actually a very serious fungal disease called Eastern Filbert Blight. This fungus is most often lethal to our much beloved European hazelnut/filbert, *Corylus avellana* 'Contorta'. As you can see in the photo, we have taken drastic measures to try to save our very beautiful specimen tree.



Eastern Filbert Blight causes cankers (collapsed areas of bark) on branches of the host tree. Easily visible within the cankers are black, 1/8th inch football-shaped stromata (the reproductive structures of the fungus). Cankers first appear on newer growth and expand over time. American hazelnut trees are able to live almost indefinitely with Eastern Filbert Blight, but on European hazelnuts such as our tree, cankers will expand any-

where from one inch to two feet in a year, and can eventually form long, deep gouges or grooves on severely infected trees. European hazelnuts typically die from Eastern Filbert Blight within five to ten years. The tree in the library garden was gifted to the garden by a longtime resident about 15 years ago. Without disease, it has an estimated age of 25 years.

The fungus *Anisogramma anomala* causes Eastern Filbert Blight. Stromata formed by the fungus produce spores that are spread short distances by water splash (rain, water sprinklers) and over longer distances by wind. Humans also can spread *Anisogramma anomala* on their hands and clothing, on gardening tools, and by transporting wood from infected trees. Eastern filbert blight does not affect hazelnut leaves, fruits or nuts, and sometimes takes up to a year to appear after infection, which makes it difficult to observe until it's too late. Though there is no sure cure for Eastern Filbert Blight, if only a few branches on a tree are affected, pruning one to two feet below their cankers may get rid of the disease.

Disinfect pruning tools after each cut by applying a 70% alcohol solution and wiping the tool clean. After pruning affected branches, you may wish to prune to shape the tree while still dormant in late winter.

If a tree is severely affected by Eastern Filbert Blight, e.g. when there are so many cankers on multiple branches that the tree would look ugly if pruned, then the last solution is a hard pruning back to healthy wood (as we did) and watching carefully over the next year for recurrence. If this last resort does not work then removal of the tree is the preferred management strategy.



This damaged/infected wood cannot be composted or mulched and must be removed from the garden landscape – either thrown away with trash pickup or burned.

So, watch with us and hope for new growth that is disease free. Gardens, like life, help us continue to grow and learn, some paths more contorted than others. May our severe cutback, be a road to new life!



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Cicadas (Continued from page 6)

cousins, without orange legs or red eyes. Periodical cicadas sing in loud choruses while the annual cicadas tend to sing as a solo act.

After 16 years underground, cicada nymphs emerge from the ground with one purpose – finding a mate. Nymphs emerge at night, molting in the dark in hopes of avoiding predators while they are at their most vulnerable. But their best defense is sheer numbers. Periodical cicadas can't bite or sting, and they are not great flyers. Any animal that can catch and eat them can feast on them. But their overwhelming numbers ensure that no matter how many are eaten many more will mate and reproduce, guaranteeing us another generation in 2038. Their life cycle also protects them. It is likely impossible for any predator to synchronize its life cycle to a bumper crop of food that only appears once every 13 or 17 years.

Not everyone will welcome millions of red-eyed, noisy insects with open arms. Yet, they pose little threat to humans as they don't bite, sting or spread disease. At worst they may accidentally bump into you or land on your shirt. They can be troublesome for young trees but waiting to plant longer this summer (until late June) can resolve that issue.

Ken Rosenthal is a Park Naturalist at Gulf Branch Nature Center in Arlington. On behalf of the staff of both nature centers, he would like to invite you to learn more about this year's cicada emergence with our programs in May and June, or by visiting one of our nature centers. You can learn more here: <https://parks.arlingtonva.us/nature-history/nature-centers/>

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.

Historically low interest rates helped to fuel the 2020 seller's market, driving prices up throughout the region as buyers competed for available homes. The 2020 average home price in Northern VA was \$670,408, up 9% above the 2019 average.

December is usually a month marked by lower new contract activity, as consumers pause making decisions about buying or selling properties during the holidays. But this year we saw an extension of the busy fall market right up through the years end.

During the last week of December 2020, showing activity was up 252% in NOVA compared to showing levels during the same week in 2019. A total of 1,955 homes sold in December 2020, a 28.2% increase above 1,525 sales in December 2019.

Glencarlyn had 16 homes that

sold in 2020, with an average sales price of \$782,588, 2019's average was \$780,500 with 13 homes sold.

With rates at historic lows, a strong stock market, and buyer demand unabated, experts don't foresee any conditions that would dampen the market in early 2021. The hi-balance conforming rates for Fannie Mae & Freddie Mac have increased in 2021 to \$822,375, up from \$765,600. Current 30-year fixed rates are in the 2.5% to 2.75% range. Last year at this time 30-year rates were at 3.5 to 3.75%.

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Revisiting Glencarlyn, A More Inclusive History, Part 1

By Tim Aiken

Note from the Author.

Reading recent accounts of how Georgetown University, or more recently John Hopkins University, were built on the backs of enslaved people, I have wondered if our local history might also reveal a more troubled past. I suspect many of us Glencarlynites have asked if enslaved people once work the land that we now call home?

The National Trust for Historic Preservation posits on its website that: “We owe it to ourselves, our ancestors, and our future generations to preserve—and share—the full American story. Sometimes preserving that story means working through a difficult past to create a more inclusive future.” The trust was responding to criticism that historic preservation too often failed to acknowledge the full story, preserving the plantation home but failing to preserve or even acknowledge enslaved people’s quarters. In response to this criticism, the Trust created the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, a grant program dedicated to telling the full story.

Telling the full story may not always be possible, but I think that if we can broaden our understanding of what has happened around us and tell a more complete story of our past, we can develop a greater appreciation of what has brought us here to this day. Drawing from what is available on the internet and heavily from the Arlington Historical Society, I have attempted to provide a more detailed and inclusive account of our local history, including the presence of enslaved people in Glencarlyn. This March 2021 issue of Village View features the first two parts of a four-part series, the story of this region’s first residents and its early colonial settlement.



Moses Ball Spring Photos Courtesy Gerald Martineau

I - First to Settle



Though little is known about this region’s first residents, they should not be overlooked. Archeologists have estimated that settlements at the convergence of the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers date as far back as 9,500 BCE.

Here in Glencarlyn, serrated dart points, called Lecroy points, have been found near the Moses Ball Spring (photos on this page show a detail of the spring and a distant view of it) on the former Urgent Care property. These artifacts are thought to be 8,500 years old and used by small bands of Native Americans who may have camped nearby.

Too much of this region has been developed since to provide a detailed account of Native Americans’ presence. But their presence throughout the region was widespread. Even the White House has a Native American past. It is believed to have been built on top of a Native American refuse heap.

President Ford’s interest to build an outdoor swimming pool at the Executive Mansion was temporarily suspended when excavations revealed broken pottery, stone chips and flakes, and other evidence of Native American habitation. Based on what has

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been found throughout this region, Ruth Troccoli, an archaeologist for the District of Columbia, postulates that the area was “hot” for Native Americans.

The first recorded history of this region and its indigenous people begins with the journal entries of Jamestown’s Captain John Smith. Smith’s journal is an invaluable piece of 17th century history. Smith lacking insight into the structure of Native American governance applied the western term “confederacies” to describe the three Native societies that lived in the Chesapeake Bay waters he explored: the Piscataway, who dominated nearby southern Maryland; the Susquehannock in Pennsylvania; and the Powhatan confederacy in Virginia.

According to his 1608 journal entries, Smith led a company of 13 fellow Englishmen on a 30-foot wooden barge (or shallop) in explorations of the lands along the Chesapeake Bay. Historians estimate that the Smith party explored the upper Potomac between the Occoquan and the Little Falls (just north of present-day Chain Bridge) sometime between June 18 and July 16.

Smith’s account of his time north of the Occoquan was brief. He mentions stopping at native villages along the way and meeting the Nacotchtank, the Taux (Toag) and the Moyaone who lived along both shores of the river. The three groups were part of what later accounts refer to as the Conoy chiefdom and the Doegs, from which Dogue Creek near Fort Belvoir owes its name. There are thought to be among the groups of Algonquin speakers under the influence of the Piscataway.

Smith reported that these three tribes treated him without the hostility that he had experienced elsewhere in his explorations. He wrote, “The like incounters we found at Patomomeck, Cecocawonee, and divers [diverse] other places: but at Moyaones, Nacotchtant and Toags the people did their best to content us.” Smith also mentions visiting the small village of Namoraughquend on the Virginia side of Potomac which is thought to be across from the mouth Anacostia.

The term “Nacotchtant,” “Nacotchtanke,” or “Nacotchtank” was an Algonquin word for “town of traders.” The word was later Anglicized to “Anacostia,” according to the leading 19th century authority on the Algonquin language, William Wallace Tooker.

After exploring this area, including an expedition by foot up to Great Falls, Smith and his crew sailed back down the Potomac, returning to Jamestown on July 21. Like the journal, the map Smith drew has also proven to be invaluable (map at right). It is a snapshot in time for the locations of native villages. Archaeologists and historians have used Smith’s map to find more than a dozen prehistoric Native American sites in Arlington and the Washington metro area, many dating back 4,000 years.



In 1610, two years after Smith’s voyage, English captain Samuel Argall returned to this area seeking corn for the starving Jamestown colony. The Nacotchtank, perhaps because they had no or little food for themselves, refused to sell. Argall’s men raided their village in Anacostia burning it to the ground. Three years later, Argall would capture and ransom Pocahontas in exchange for European settlers imprisoned by her father, Chief Wahunsenacawh of the Powhatan Confederacy.

Trade and barter, when there was agreement, or raiding when there was no agreement, marked the early relationship between the European settlers and Native Americans. On another raid in 1623, Captain Spellman of Jamestown and 21 men were on the losing side of a skirmish with the Nacotchtank. Among the Nacotchtank’s prisoners was a young English boy named Henry Fleet who lived with them for the balance of his childhood becoming fluent in their language and customs. Fleet later became a successful fur trader and is recognized today for guiding Lord Calvert’s colonists to their first settlements in Maryland.

Fleet also kept a diary. In one of the earliest descriptions of what became Arlington and the area surrounding Washington, D.C. he described the region as “the most pleasant and healthful place in all this country and most convenient for habitation, the air temperate in summer and not violent in winter.” In 1631 Fleet wrote, “As for deer, buffalo, bears, turkeys, the woods do swarm with them and the soil is exceedingly fertile.” Today, only the deer and the names of geographic locations like Dogue Creek, Takoma Park and Piscataway and rivers like the Anacostia, Potomac, Rappahannock, and Susquehanna remain to remind us of this earlier time.

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II - Colonial Settlements

In the years between Captain John Smith's first encounter with the District's original residents and the first Europeans who settled in this area, it is estimated that up to three quarters of the Native American population died from diseases introduced by the Europeans and in wars. Many of the survivors migrated north, south, and west, joining other tribes, and leaving this region largely vacant of permanent settlements.

Around 1680 the Iroquois entered the area, forcing remnants of the other tribes out. There are no known Iroquois settlements. Rather the lands south of the Potomac and around the Occoquan were used by the Iroquois as hunting grounds. In anticipation of rising hostilities between France and England and their Indian allies in the New World, Virginia Lieutenant Governor Alexander Spotswood led negotiations between the English colonies and the Five Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy known as the Treaty of Albany in 1722. Among the treaty's terms was a commitment by the Iroquois and their allies not to cross the Blue Ridge mountains, the established boundaries, without the consent of their respective authorities.

The end of hostilities and the departure of Native Americans from this region accelerated the pace of European settlement and land development. Large landowners including the Culpeper/Fairfax family, who controlled more than five million acres the land not previously settled between the Potomac and the Rappahannock, found willing buyers when they divided their land into smaller parcels. Other settlers acquired land in exchange for fronting the cost of transporting new settlers to the colony.

Thomas Fairfax, son of Catherine Culpeper and Thomas, 5th Lord Fairfax of Cameron, controlled a massive land grant, known as the Northern Neck Proprietary. The propriety was the consolidation in 1719 of land grants awarded to seven English nobles in 1649, including his great grandfather, Lord John Colepeper, 1st Baron of Colepeper of Thoresway (1600-1660), who were loyal to Charles II during the English Civil War (1642-51).

The first section of land within the bounds of present-day Arlington was acquired through this latter practice in 1669. In exchange for transporting 120 people from England to Virginia, Robert Howson was awarded a 6,000-acre patent from William Berkeley, Virginia's Royal Governor, who was acting on behalf of King Charles II. The patent comprised land on the west bank of the Potomac in what is now Arlington County and the City of Alexandria between the southern point on Roosevelt Island and Hunting Creek. Within a month, Howson sold his interest to John Alexander (1677d) for "six thousand pounds of tobacco and cask."



Around 1695, John Alexander's grandson, Gerrald Alexander began operations at Abingdon (image at left), the first plantation within the modern boundaries of Arlington. (The ruins of Abingdon Plantation can be found within the grounds of Reagan Washington National Airport.) Perhaps it was with Abingdon's construction and subsequent operations, that the first enslaved people came to Arlington. The mansion was completed in the 1740s. A 1760 account of the estate mentions that the estate was maintained by 24 enslaved individuals.

In 1748, the Virginia House of Burgess formally recognized and approved a petition to create a borough on the southern portion of Robert Howson's original land grant, naming the city Alexandria in honor of John Alexander. The city prospered as a leading port connecting Northern Virginia to the rest of the English colony. Much of that prosperity relied on the labor of enslaved people.

In 1778, John Parke Custis (1754-1781), George Washington's stepson, bought the Abingdon Estate. John Parke Custis' son, George Washington Parke Custis (1781-1857), inherited the northern 1100 acres of his father's land and using enslaved people began construction of a mansion in 1802 on

the high hills rising above the Potomac River and Washington. Mary Anne Randolph Custis, George Washington Parke Custis' daughter, and her husband, Robert E. Lee oversaw completion of the mansion and lived there in what became known as Arlington House, for which Arlington County is named.

By the turn of the 19th century Alexandria's population totaled more than 6,000. According to the 1800 Census, an estimated 1,000 settlers lived in the rural outlying areas, and of those, about a third were enslaved people. In the City of Alexandria, the census records 3,700 White residents, 370 "free colored people," and 875 enslaved people. By the 1840s Alexandria would host one of the largest domestic slave trading operations in the United States.

Following the January 18 program, one Glencarlynite participant, Judy Funderburk, expressed gratitude to those who help put the program together. She stated that, "It was an excellent experience. I was awed by the video clips we viewed. Each one was a treasure -- putting it out there while being non-judgmental and pointing to the structural biases we are up against in terms of change. The conversations and illustrations helped us to connect with our personal biases, blind spots, and judgements that prevent honest meeting of a person who appears to be "other," plus provided access to the history of Arlington and how it has supported racist laws in terms of housing, loans, even building walls!"

The REI Steering Committee members – Pippy Sickbert, Brandon Hemel, Rachel Porter, Tim Aiken, Jeff Liteman, Sue Campbell, Deborah Elkington, and Rona Jobe – will continue working on a 2021 action plan with new programs and speakers, continue engagement with the county's DRE program, and share updates with the Glencarlyn community. If you are interested in getting involved with the work of the REI Steering Committee or participating in upcoming events, please email gcinterests@gmail.com. More information about DRE can be found at <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/equity/dre/>.

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Sign of Spring: Free Garden Seeds

By Nancy Davis

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Get a start on planning your 2021 crops by ordering up to 10 packets of the following seeds, and no more than one packet per variety, by sending an email to Nancy M. Davis at nmdaviswriter@aol.com. Please include your full name. You will receive a return email with information on picking up your seeds in the neighborhood. As supplies dwindle, orders will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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