

Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association since October 1952

May 2021

#### **GCA Spring Door Décor Contest**

GCA is sponsoring a Spring door decorating contest on Sat., May 8th, 12-5 pm. Have your front door and/window decorated by 12:00 noon on May 8th, then stroll the neighborhood to view your neighbors' creations.

Theme: Spring

Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/ybudm67k or use the QR

code.

\*participating houses will be listed in the Glencarlyn Updates

\*winners will be announced on Sunday, May 9th

Questions? Contact: courtneylee-holmes@gmail.com





#### **Glencarlyn Directory Update**

If you have yet to update your name and address for the next edition of the Glencarlyn Directory, please visit <a href="https://forms.gle/F8CNCsXYqJqXMggd6">https://forms.gle/F8CNCsXYqJqXMggd6</a> to complete the secure web form or use the form included within this issue of the Village View. You can return the printed form to either Julie Lee's home (east side of Glencarlyn) or Pete Olivere's home (west side of Glencarlyn). Address information is on the enclosed form.

The Glencarlyn Directory is published every five years and provides contact information for all residents of Glencarlyn. This information is shared for neighborhood resident usage only and is not to be used for any commercial purposes. If you prefer not to be included, please indicate as such in the Google form or the paper form when you return it to a neighborhood collection site.

If you have any questions, please email directory coordinator, Sara Williams at directory update@glencarlyn.org.

## Election of Officers at the GCA Meeting Mon., May 3rd, 7:30 pm

The Election of GCA officers and delegates will be held at the May 3rd GCA meeting. We will also consider and vote on a name change for our organization to "Glencarlyn Civic Association". We will have the opportunity to meet and get a report from our Neighborhood Outreach Police Officer, Juan Montoya. There will be a discussion about upcoming community activities. Please join us Monday May 3rd at 7:30 pm via ZOOM.

YOU MUST SIGN-UP FOR GCAUPDATES TO GET THE ZOOM LINK.

## **President's Corner**



By Julie Lee, GCA President

#### **Hope Springs in Glencarlyn**

The dogwood and flowering fruit trees are blooming, filling us with joy and the hope of Spring. And especially after this last year, our hope is for our lives to return to "normal"; where families and friends can gather, children can return to school and sports activities, and the fear of sickness is lifted. As we all con-

tinue to be vaccinated, this hope seems to be becoming reality. As our fears and some of the state-imposed restrictions are lifted, your GCA is cautiously beginning to make plans for some community activities.

We WILL be celebrating Glencarlyn Day this year! However, to insure that as many people as possible can participate, we will be holding our Glencarlyn Day Weekend on Sept 10th and 11th. You can rest assured that we will be having our annual pancake breakfast in Glencarlyn Park on Saturday morning, as well as many of our traditional activities. We will also be adding some new activities this year. We will provide more details and be asking for your help in the June Village.

In the meantime, GCA will be sponsoring a Spring Door Décor contest on Saturday, May 8th, where we can brighten our neighborhood by decorating our front doors and/ or windows. Everyone can stroll the neighborhood and view the work of our resident artists. On Sunday May 16th you have the opportunity to purchase some of the most healthy and lovely plants at the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden Plant Sale and Spring Celebration.

We will discuss possible summer activities at our May 3rd GCA meeting. There seems to be an interest in a Community Yard Sale in June. We would need some volunteers to organize that event. If you have suggestions for GCA activities, please plan to attend the May 3rd meeting via ZOOM. Sign up for GCA Updates to get the link at gcaupdates@glencarlyn.org.

As I write this, the County Board has not made their final decision about funding and opening Glencarlyn Library. However, I believe there IS hope that they will find the funding and open our beloved library sooner rather than later. Thank you ALL for the letters and emails sent to the Board. I know they made a difference.

Hope springs in Glencarlyn. How fortunate we are to live in this special community. I look forward to beginning the celebrations with you, in person, very soon.

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#### Glencarlyn Web Site

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## Glencarlyn Days Celebration Sept 10-11, 2021

We **WILL** have our Glencarlyn Days celebration this year on Friday evening and Saturday, Sept 10th and 11th. We will have a variety of activities, both new and traditional, including our beloved pancake breakfast in the park.

Details will be forthcoming in the June Village View. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this wonderful annual community event.

## SPEAKER TO DESCRIBE LIFE IN SEGREGATED ARLINGTON

By Jeff Liteman

Arlington native Wilma Jones, author of My Halls Hill Family: More Than a Neighborhood, will speak via Zoom to residents of Glencarlyn, Lyon Park, and Ashton Heights about her experiences and those of generations of her family, friends, and neighbors in the Black enclave of Halls Hill in the decades before and after desegregation.

The program, initiated by the GCA's Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion, will take place on Thursday, May 13, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Ms. Jones will speak for about 45 minutes and answer participants' questions for the balance of the time.

She will describe what it was like to grow up in a close-knit Black community that was literally walled-off from the adjacent White neighborhood during the dark years of racial discrimination and segregation, and how she, her family, and other Halls Hill residents struggled against and eventually surmounted the indignities, difficulties, and challenges of racism.

The wall has (mostly) come down (a portion remains as a memorial), Halls Hill has been renamed High View Park, and it is no longer an exclusively Black neighborhood. But the story of how racism played out there in the not-too-distant past remains part of Arlington's history and legacy.

Any resident of the partnering neighborhoods who wants to take part must register in advance by filling out and submitting the form found at <a href="https://bit.ly/3uFov8y">https://bit.ly/3uFov8y</a>. A confirmation email along with the Zoom link will be sent immediately afterward.

Those who wish to read Wilma Jones' book before the program can order it (available in Kindle and paperback editions) at <a href="https://amzn.to/3d6Trsr">https://amzn.to/3d6Trsr</a>. (There are also four copies in the Arlington County Library – and several people on the waiting list.)

#### GCA Officer Elections, May 3

By Kathy Reeder

The Nominating Committee (Steve LeSueur, Barbara Martinez, and Kathy Reeder) present the following slate of candidates to lead the GCA for the coming year (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022), in accordance with Article V, Section 7 of the GCA bylaws. The election will take place at the May 3 GCA meeting. Other candidates may be nominated "from the floor" at the meeting, with the consent of the nominee.

#### **Candidates:**

<u>President</u> <u>Secretary</u>

Julie Lee Deborah Elkinton

<u>Vice President</u> <u>Treasurer</u>
Courtney Holmes Tim Aiken

#### Neighborhood Conservation Adv. Comm.

Kathy Reeder (Delegate) Ryan Donlon (Alternate)

#### **Arlington County Civic Federation**

Tim Aiken (Delegate) Clara Johnson (Alternate)
Sue Campbell (Delegate) Chandi Krohl (Alternate)
Dixie Duncan (Delegate) Pippy Sickbert (Alternate)
Jeff Liteman (Delegate) Sara Williams (Alternate)

#### **Village View Editor**

Brandon Hemel

#### Glencarlyn's Food Drive Celebrates 1st Anniversary

Glencarlyn's AFAC Food Drive recently celebrated its ONE YEAR ANNIVERISARY. A special thanks to Janet Fedak who began organizing this important effort at the beginning of the covid pandemic and continues to do so. Without Janet, there would be no food drive.

Community donations have brought us to 8000 pounds-FOUR TONS- this month. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to these impressive donation numbers.

Glencarlyn has two drop-off locations, 5520 4th Street South (curbside box except during rain or snow) & 5612 5th Road South, porch box.

AFAC's ability to provide food for families in need is tied directly to the donations it receives from friends like you. Let's keep up the amazing generosity and remember these items when you are shopping (no glass jars, please):

- Low sodium canned tuna
- Beans

Peanut butter

Chicken

• Soup

Pasta and rice

Vegetables

- tomatoes (diced, pasta, sauce)
- Low sugar cereal

To make a monetary contribution, visit: AFAC.org.

And again, THANK YOU, JANET!!

#### **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*.

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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

The construction contract has been approved and awarded for this project. Construction scheduling has not yet begun, but project work is anticipated to start in the summer following completion of the underground utilities. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled 1-2 weeks prior to the start of hardscape work.

Water main work was recently completed, and gas line work is expected to begin soon. Residents will be notified before this work begins, typically a few days in advance, with contact information.

As more information becomes available on the construction schedule it will be updated in the Village View and on Glencarlyn.org under the NC Activities tab.

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 (<a href="lsimpson@arlingtonva.us">lsimpson@arlingtonva.us</a>) or Kathy Reeder (<a href="https://projects.arlingtonva.us">kathy Reeder (kathleenreeder@comcast.net</a>) with any questions about the project.

#### Kenmore Wooded Area Proposed Project

The wooded area at the west end of the Kenmore Middle School property has been proposed for the GCA's 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. If you are interested in seeing the area, go to the end of 2nd St. S. on the west side of Carlin Springs Road. The area is on the Kenmore (south) side of the street.

This is a proposed project only and is still 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.

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Travel domestically without quarantining after travel	
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#### **Park Tips**

By Steve Young, Master Naturalist, Park Steward

Our park has been getting more use than ever before. And that is wonderful, but we don't want to love the park to death. Here are a few tips to help protect the park for ourselves and future generations:

Please don't remove or disturb anything in the park. Even dead wood is important as a home for critters and to make new soil for the plants. And please don't trim vegetation unless you have permission.

Likewise, please don't add anything to the park. No dumping of any sort. Please use the green bins and County leaf and brush pickup and please make sure your contractors know and follow the no dumping rule. Also, no planting in the park – keep it natural.

Thank you for bagging your dog poop. And please dispose of those bags in the trash. Don't leave them behind.

Riding bicycles is permitted only on the paved trails.

Off-leash dogs and roaming cats can harm the wildlife. Please protect the critters.

If you see an issue or have an idea, by all means discuss it with the Nature Center, 703-228-6535. But please don't take an action that hasn't been okayed by the park staff.



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## View from the Garden

#### The Glencarlyn Asian Garden

By Paul Nuhn, Extension Master Gardener

A Chinese garden creates a miniature landscape, expressing



Variation of foliage texture in the Asian Garden (Paul Nuhn)

place! Mondo grass
(Ophiopogon japonicus 'Nana')
is used to represent water, and
ferns (Athyrium niponicum var. pictum commonly
known as the Japanese painted
fern) to highlight an edge or
crossing. The path acts as a
guide and bridges the water.
Even the smallest garden elements such as barrenwort
(Epimedium x versicolor 'Sulphureum') used with
some imagination, set the scene.

Using plants, like shrubs grouped together to form a grove as in our sweet box (Sarcoccoca ruscifolia), grasses like Japanese sedge (Carex the partnership between nature and man. By comparison, a Japanese garden uses natural settings and background imagery to encourage reflection and spark inspiration. Our Asian garden uses bits and pieces from each region.

We used smaller scale objects --- in this case, boulders -- to replicate islands or mountains. The boulders were dropped on site by the county and the garden 'grew' around them because they were too heavy to move once in



Colorful fruit of Japanese beautyberry (Elaine Mills)

oshimensis 'Evergold'), and
perennials, such as
Japanese spikenard
(Aralia cordata) add the feeling of a bamboo
grove or a distant
woodland setting.
Specimen plants
such as our camelia
(Camellia japonica 'Spring's Prom-



photos courtesy: Elaine Mills

Boulders, mondo grass "water" and garden path (Paul Nuhn)

ise'), beautyberry (Callicarpa japonica), acuba (Aucuba japonica 'Gold Dust'), witch hazel (Hamamelis x interme-

dia 'Jelena') and yew (Cephalotaxus harringtonia 'Prostrata') each provide structure, height, and form to the garden.

Leaf texture and color bring out difference in these forms. With imagination you can wander through a valley, cross a lake or stream, encounter a mountain. Using the bench for a short rest gives you time for respite and contemplation.



Flowers of 'Spring's Promise' camellia (Elaine Mills)

# Spring Celebration and Plant Sale

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#### **Eat Local! Lubber Run Farmers Market is OPEN**

By: Cheryl Roesel

The Lubber Run Farmers Market is open Saturdays 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, in the parking lot of Barrett Elementary School, 4401 N Henderson Rd. The market will continue to be compliant with VA Covid-19 guidance. For now that means maintaining a mask requirement, one-way entrance and exit, and social distancing.

Twenty four vendors have been accepted into the market. Although that means losing parking spaces at the northwest end of the parking lot, parking is now available close by in the garage at the Lubber Run Community Center, 300 N. Park Dr.

New in the market this year: Caputo Brothers Creamery (Italian-style cheeses), Faerie Springs Farm (goat cheeses, replacing Cheese Goatees), For the Love of Goodies (baked goods), Harmony Hill Farm (meat and eggs), Kaye's Mini Doughnuts (doughnuts!), Roots 'n Shoots (microgreens), and The Perfect Pita (prepared food). Cold Country Salmon will now be in the market weekly rather than on alternate weeks.

Returning favorites: Ana's Twist, Baguette Republic, Barajas Produce, Cold Country Salmon, Commonwealth Bee Company (late summer), Dimitri Olive Farms, Great Valley Farms, Hog Haven Farm, J'aime Madeleine, King Mushrooms, Kuhn Orchards, La Coop Coffee, Old Blue BBQ, Ozfeka Catering, Pleitez Produce Farm, The Fermented Pig, and Twin Springs Fruit Farm.

It's shaping up to be a great season for the Lubber Run Farmers Market. See you there.

- Volunteers are always welcome <a href="https://lubberrunfarmersmarket.org/volunteer/">https://lubberrunfarmersmarket.org/volunteer/</a>
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Last year we saw about a 10% appreciation rate in the US. Low interest rates, pent up demand and a limited housing supply propelled every region of the country to experience incredible growth in 2020, in the middle of a pandemic! This year predictions are for about 6%, although that could change with the momentum, we are seeing so far in 2021. Today, not just in the DC area, but all over the country, there are simply not enough houses on the market for the number of buyers looking to purchase them, and it's creating a serious sellers' market. Total active inventory continues to decline, dropping 50 percent. With buyers active in the market seeking to take advantage of historically low interest rates and sellers still slow to put homes up for sale, homes are selling quickly and the total number actively available for sale at any point in time continues to decline.

Homeowners who are in a position to sell shouldn't wait to make their move to capitalize on this opportunity. There's a light at the end of the tunnel for today's inventory shortage, so listing this spring and early summer will get your house on the market when conditions are most favorable. With low inventory and high buyer demand, homeowners can potentially earn a greater profit on their houses and sell them quickly in the fast-paced spring market.

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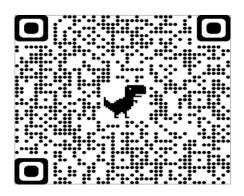
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Jack Oliver, 12 — basic bike repair and maintenance, dog walking - 703-220-0951, luanncoliver@gmail.com (LuAnn)

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



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## 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.

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Please add me on Glencarlyn Updates since <u>I am not currently getting them</u> (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.

