

A Brief Timeline of Glencarlyn History

Circa 1750 The original section of the Ball-Sellers House was built soon after John Ball received his 166-acre grant from Lord Fairfax.

1840's A railroad was built through the Four Mile Run valley.

1872 Two pavilions built in park, one for dancing and the other a restaurant ice cream parlor.

1887 General Samuel S Burdett and his partner, William Curtis bought 132 acres for \$8,000 and platted 384 lots for sale "to all men and women of moderate means who receive stated salaries".

1889 General Burdett built the high-style Queen Anne home on the northeast corner of 3rd and Kensington Streets. When he died in 1914, he willed funds books and land for a community library. The library was built after the end of World War I.

1892 Carlin Hall (originally named "Curtis Hall") was built by the Cooperative Association as a community center.

1893 The Carlin Springs Village Improvement Association, predecessor of the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association formed. Wooden sidewalks were constructed.

1896 The community's name was changed from Carlin Springs Village to Glencarlyn at the request of the Postal Service.

1907 The community's first school was built at the east end of 4th Street. It was abandoned in 1916 (as "too remote") and dismantled in the early 1920's. From 1916 to 1953, school was held in Carlin Hall.

1920 Glencarlyn was first electrified.

Mid 1930's Water and sewer lines were laid through the neighborhood.

1935 The community association deeded the Glencarlyn Park to Virginia as a state park. It was transferred to Arlington County in 1943 as the first part of the County's Park system.

1946-58 The greatest period of growth of growth was just after World War II, with 180 houses built.

Two major schools were built. Kenmore, originally built as an elementary school in **1950** and Glencarlynn Elementary, now called Campbell Elementary, in **1956**.

1952 *Village View* was started and has been published continuously ever since.

Early 1950's Carlin Springs Road and Arlington Boulevard were enlarged to four-lanes.

1959 Northern Virginia Doctor's Hospital (now the Virginia Hospital Center) was granted a Use Permit to build on property adjacent to Glencarlynn.

1963 Original library replaced with the current brick structure.

1975 The Ball-Sellers House was given to the Arlington County Historical Society.

1977 The Glencarlynn Citizens' Association transferred ownership and maintenance of Carlin Hall to Arlington County. Glencarlynn handled scheduling of the Hall until 2015.

1982 A medical office building and parking garage were built just south of the hospital.

Early 1980's The Carlin Springs Road Route 50 interchange was upgraded.

2001 A new Carlin Springs Elementary School was built and the former building became Campbell Elementary.

2005 A new Kenmore Middle School was constructed and the old building removed.

2019 Arlington County purchased the Virginia Hospital Center property adjacent to Glencarlynn.