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Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Civic Association since October 1952

October 2021

Glencarlyn Days- Autumn Edition



Neighbors march down 3rd street in the Glencarlyn Day parade

You could feel the excitement in the neighborhood as the weekend approached. Everyone was looking forward to our Glencarlyn Days weekend. The weather could not have been more perfect. And what an event it was!!

Things kicked off Friday night with our 2nd Annual Community BBQ on the grounds of Carlin Hall. Dave Cahill and his wonderful supporting "crew" prepared and served an absolutely delicious meal. The kids played games and participated in activities, including making flags for the Saturday parade. Chasing Autumn provided the music, the 50/50 raffle provided the excitement and all the children got ice cream bars. Clearly this event becomes more popular every year! We are grateful to all

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School Board Chair Barbara Kanninen is Speaker at Oct 4th GCA Meeting

The Speaker at our Oct 4th GCA Meeting is Dr. Barbara Kanninen. Chair of the Arlington County School Board. Barbara joined the Arlington School Board in 2015 Her priorities in the coming year include:

- A laser-focus on improving our literacy program.

- The re-launch of our strategic plan dashboard
- The development of our first-ever equity profile

All this in the context of our asking, every day, are the kids okay.

Please join GCA, via zoom, on Monday Oct 4th at 7:30 pm to listen to and speak with Dr. Kanninen.

President's Corner



A Family Reunion

By Julie Lee, GCA President

It had the feel of a family reunion. Everyone was so excited to see each other as they arrived at Carlin Hall for the Friday night Community BBQ and strolled into the park pavilion for the Saturday morning Pancake Breakfast. It seemed like forever since we were all together celebrating Glencarlyn Days. Greetings, hugs, embraces- real and virtual- were shared. Families had changed and grown; there were new additions. Families who moved away came back to visit. Families who just moved to Glencarlyn were eager to join. Children were running around laughing and playing as the adults were deep in conversation. There was much to talk about, and so much catching up to do.

Glencarlyn really is like a big extended family. Many of us have grown up together, raised our families together, and welcomed new members into the fold. And like any big family we have a variety of thoughts and ideas and are respectful of each other. We want to be open and receptive to new ideas about what we should be doing and how it can be done. We also want to be considerate of those who have done it before and can share lessons learned.

I hope to see Glencarlyn become an even more vibrant community. This will require all of us working together and doing our part. It is important for those is the background to speak up and share. Some of the best ideas come from the quietest in the room and we must listen.

In the weeks and the months ahead, we must have discussions about how we move forward, what is important to us as a community, how we make it happen. It is important that everyone be enthused by the things we are doing because we want and need more people involved and taking on important roles to keep the wheels turning. We cannot rely on just a handful of people to keep things going. And like with any family, we will also need to discuss how it gets paid for.

During the pandemic, some of our activities were placed on pause. I get the sense we are eager to get things back on track and start scheduling things like the Community Yard Sale. However, when we get out of our routine, it may take a jumpstart to get us going again. Please make the time and take the opportunity to attend our monthly GCA meetings, speak up, participate, share your ideas, volunteer. What I am saying is, just like in a family, we ALL need to do our community "chores" for things to run smoothly.

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Glencarlyn Web Site

www.glencarlyn.org

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GCA New Neighbor Welcome Packet

The Glencarlyn Civic Association has prepared a welcome packet for new neighbors moving into our community.

Thanks to the hard work and leadership of Janet Fedak and Deborah Elkinton, GCA now has a beautiful and informative resource for our new neighbors.

Janet and Deborah researched and compiled information and contacts valuable to anyone new to Glencarlyn and Arlington. This includes information about our neighborhood, our county services, schools, parks, recreation, medical needs for people and pets, and shopping.

Everything has been put together in a handy folder which contains an abbreviated paper copy, with QR code and link to the online version on our website. The online version is complete with active hyperlinks. Also in the packet is a current Village View, the Glencarlyn Directory when it becomes available, the Arlington Visitor's Guide, and other helpful brochures.

If you are new to Glencarlyn, or have a neighbor who is new to Glencarlyn, please contact Janet, jjfedak@gmail.com, or Deborah, drelkinton@gmail.com, and they will deliver this wonderful welcome to our new neighbor.

Glencarlyn Neighborhood Trick or Treating October 31

Thank you all for sharing your thoughts concerning "Trick or Treating" and Halloween activities in Glencarlyn. Let me once again say that neighborhood trick or treating is **not** a GCA sponsored activity. Having heard from so many of you, it is clear that the community wants Halloween activities to be conducted as they always have been prior to the pandemic, with "Trick or Treating" on Halloween night, Oct 31



Please be safe as you walk the streets of Glencarlyn. Some streets are lit better than others. Please respect others, and understand there may be some homes that do not wish to participate. It is best not to approach a house if the lights are out. And HAVE FUN!!

Looking AHEAD: Speakers at GCA Meetings this Fall

Nov 1: Michelle Winters, Executive Director, Alliance for Housing Solutions.

Michelle will speak at the GCA Meeting about the Alliance for Housing Solutions' work to increase the supply of affordable housing in Arlington County and Northern Virginia through public education, policy development, advocacy and innovation.

Dec 6: Katie Cristol, Vice Chair, Arlington County Board

Arlington County Board Vice-Chair Katie Cristol is a community advocate and public policy professional. She was elected to the Board in November 2015. Ms. Cristol served as Chair of the County Board in 2018. Ms. Cristol to speak about board priorities for the coming year and ongoing projects affecting the Glencarlyn community.



Ramona Porter (age 6) was very excited to use her very own library card for the first time.

Glencarlyn Library has Finally Reopened

Our Glencarlyn Library has **FINALLY** reopened!! We have all missed our library and recognize how important it is to our community. Please use the library often. We must convince the County Board to maintain its funding. Check the website for activities and hours of operation. Masks are required for all Library visitors, age 2 and older, regardless of vaccination status.

Storytime: Mondays at 10:30 and Wednesdays at 12:30

Family Storytime: Thursday 5:30-6pm

Family Game Night: 6pm (after family storytime)

(photo courtesy: Rachel Porter)

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who put in the hard work to make it happen.

Glencarlyn's Pancake Breakfast in the Park is a community institution! A stalwart group of volunteers was up with the sun, setting up the griddles and preparing tables and food for the arrival of our hungry residents. We had a wonderful turn out, with a big rush at the end. Everyone gobbled down the pancakes and sausages as they visited with each other in our beautiful park pavilion. The kids were entertained and educated with a reptile presentation by Bobbie Farley from Long Branch Nature Center,

We were joined by members of the Arlington County Police Dept., one of whom, Lt Tabor, was a First Responder to the Pentagon when it was attacked 20 years ago that morning. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to long-time Naturalist Cliff Fairweather. Four members of the County Board joined us as well. The vibrancy of our community was reflected by the League of Women Voter table, our Glencarlyn Book Club, our Tree Committee, and REI Committee with information about their upcoming program on the Latino/A/X experience in Arlington. And we continued to collect information for our upcoming Glencarlyn Directory.

Our International Parade was magnificent!! There were banners and flags and decorations and costumes. We were fortunate to be joined by Irish Dancers from the O'Neill-James School of Irish Dance, who marched and danced with us, then put on a performance at the end of the parade. The parade was led by a bright blue ACPD patrol car and followed up in the rear by a ACFD Rescue vehicle and BIG Fire Truck.

Several members of the ACPD Community Outreach Division walked with us in the parade, as did representatives from the Ball Sellers House, dressed in period costumes waving flags from their heritage. The children were able to explore the fire truck when it parked in front of the library, meet the fire fighters, and get their very own plastic ACFD helmets. It was a great culmination to a tremendous weekend of community activities

There are too many volunteers to mention each individually here. It is important, however, to acknowledge and thank Courtney Holmes for ALL of the work she put into making this entire weekend happen. She is responsible for reflecting our International theme in our Friday night BBQ and the Parade. She planned and organized all of the games and activities for the kids, she provided the decorations and the World map. She worked closely with Dave Cahill to ensure we had our wonderful meal. She MADE our Parade happen, with the

flags, banners, Irish dancers and much more. And on top of that she did clerical work so we could check our Directory Information. Thanks also to Tim Aiken and Pete Oliver who both sat at the GCA table the ENTIRE time for BOTH the BBQ and the Breakfast, so we could check/make dues payments and for the first time accept credit cards.

We waited a long time for our Glencarlyn Days celebration. The good news is - we only have to wait until June 3-4, 2022 for the next one!

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Below: Arlington park naturalist Bobbi Farley displays the pelt of a Coyote during her talk at the pancake breakfast



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Glencarlyn Day—September 2021



Charlie Robertson (left) joins neighborhood kids on the front bumper of an Arlington County fire truck
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Arlington police officers J.P. Montoya and Elisio Pilco flip pancakes at Saturday morning breakfast in Glencarlyn Park.
Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau



David Cahill adds a tray of food to the Friday night buffet table as others go through the line.
Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau



Anthony Hardenburgh (left) cooks pancakes as people go through the Saturday breakfast line in Glencarlyn Park.
Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau



Left:

Preparing to march in the Glencarlyn Day parade and wearing shirts the colors of the Colombian National Soccer Team and waving streamers the colors of the Columbia flag are back row (l-r) Anita Mariani Martineau, daughters Valerie Kelly and Marisa Martineau Figueredo. Middle (l-r) Ava Figueredo, Hannah Figueredo, their friend Jasmine Cuttler and Evan Kelly. At lower right is Cora Kelly.

Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau



Main entertainer Dan Gallagher (left) is joined by guitarist and vocalist Chance Hecht

Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau

The Ball-Sellers is hosting:

Spooky Songs and Scary Stories on Saturday
October 9 at 6:00 pm.

What supernatural stories did colonial residents of the Ball-Sellers House tell each other on autumn nights? What spooky songs did they sing when entertaining guests during the harvest? We will give you a sample to help make your Halloween historic!

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View from the Garden

Plant This Not That: Replacing Burning Bush

by Alyssa Ford Morel, Extension Master Gardener

Photos courtesy: By Alyssa Ford Morel

The more I learn about our environment, the more I see that invasive plants are a big problem. We're not talking about pesky plants that spread in the garden. Invasives have a strict definition laid out in Executive Order 13112, which says that an invasive must be non-native where it occurs and be capable of escaping cultivation into wild spaces and out-competing natives, causing harm to the economy, human health, or the environment. So, invasiveness isn't about how aggressive a plant is in our gardens. It's about how it behaves in the wild.

Almost all invasives have appealing qualities. More than 80 percent of the invasive woody plants in America were introduced in the nursery trade. After decades of use, we often know and like them better than native plants. Problematic behavior can be hard to see.



One way to know that a shrub is Burning Bush is to look for the corky "wings" running along the branches.

For years I thought Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*) wasn't a big problem, at least not around Northern Virginia. I wasn't spotting it in wild areas like I was seeing other plants on Arlington's invasive list. Then I learned.

I was asked to help lead a class on invasives at Potomac Overlook. The other leaders and I met for a reconnaissance walk before the class. Burning Bush was pointed out. But it didn't look like the Burning Bush I

knew! Instead of the large, dense, deep green (or red in fall) shrub found in private yards, it was more airy and lighter-colored. But when we looked closely at the branches, there were the tell-tale corky "wings" that give it the alternative name "Winged Euonymus." In the wild, with more shade and less pruning, the shrub looks significantly different, and I moved it up my mental ranking to "real problem."

Fortunately, there are many great native substitutes that support wildlife and still have beautiful autumn color. One possibility is Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*). It grows four to six feet tall, has white flowers in mid-spring followed by bird-friendly black fruit in mid-summer, and turns crimson in fall.

Another choice is Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*), whose fruit is a human "superfood." This species



Spicebush

likes acid soil and sets the best berries with two varieties to cross-pollinate. It grows four to 10 feet tall and has white spring flowers and a fiery red fall show.

If you'd like bright golden fall color, consider Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), which has lacy yellow spring flowers and red berries in late summer that are especially nutritious for birds. Deer don't like Spicebush, so it's a great choice if you have deer issues. Spicebush grows from six to 15 feet and is good in shade. It is dioecious, meaning plants are either male or female, so you'll want a group for good pollination, or convince your neighbors to plant Spicebush, too.



Black Chokeberry

Whether you choose one of these shrubs or another native to replace Burning Bush, you will feel good for having turned an environmental problem into an environmental plus.



Highbush Blueberry

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Members of The O'Neill-James School of Irish Dance in Falls Church, VA demonstrate their dancing skill in the parade.

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If you owned a home over the past year, you've seen your household wealth grow substantially, and you'll see another nice boost in 2022. If you're thinking of buying, consider buying now as prices are forecast to continue increasing into next year.

There are many gauges of U.S. home prices but the S&P Case-Shiller Indices is among the most closely followed. The index is constructed to accurately track the price path of a typical single-family home in each of the nine U.S. Census divisions. According to the most recent release, home prices are still increasing, and the gains can be seen almost everywhere. In their latest report, S&P Case-Shiller shows a *National Home Price Index of 18.6% of an increase in home price appreciation.*

Prices have hit all-time highs everywhere according to Craig J. Lazzara, managing director and global head of index investment strategy at S&P. "The last several months have been extraordinary not only in the level of price gains, but in

the consistency of gains across the country," Lazzara said. "Home prices in 19 of our 20 cities (all but Chicago) are at all-time highs.

Fortunately for home buyers, the number of homes for sale has begun to improve and should help slow the rate of price increases in coming months. According to realtor.com - 432,000 new listings hit the national housing market in August, an increase of 18,000 over last year. There will, however, still be a shortage of supply compared to demand in 2022

CoreLogic reveals: "Given the widespread demand and considering the number of standalone homes built during the past decade, the single-family market is estimated to be undersupplied by 4.35 million units by 2022." Yet, most forecasts call for home price appreciation to moderate in 2022. The Home Price Expectation Survey, a survey of over 100 economists, investment strategists, and housing market analysts, calls for a **5.12%** appreciation level next year.



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Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Update

By Kathy Reeder, Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee Delegate

Construction expected to start this fall for 4th St. S. (S. Kensington to S. Illinois) NC street improvement project

A Construction Manager (CM) has been assigned to the project, and will be working through advance paperwork, contracts, etc. with the contractor. Construction should begin sometime this fall. Once the CM provides the start date, the onsite pre-construction meeting with the neighborhood will be scheduled.

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.

Information about the project is available at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/4th-street-south/>. Please contact Laura Simpson (lsimpson@arlingtonva.us) or Kathy Reeder (kathleenreeder@comcast.net) with any questions about the project.

Surveying work planned for proposed NC project for Kenmore wooded area

The Arlington County NC staff will have some surveying done on the proposed project area, to provide needed data.

The NC staff recently provided a draft list of improvements for this proposed project. The improvements are for the wooded area at the west end of the Kenmore Middle School property, as well as the S. Manchester St. entrance and frontage, the 2nd St. S. dead end, and the east side of S. Manchester St. For a detailed description of the proposed project, including project history and photos, go to Glencarlyn.org under the NC Activities tab.

Please keep in mind that this proposed scope of work is not final. It is still being investigated and discussed by county staff and Arlington Public Schools (APS). As the property owner of the wooded area and adjacent locations, APS will have a major voice in determining the final scope of work. It may not be possible to include all the ideas listed in the draft document in one NC project. Some items that GCA proposed may need to go into a future NC project or be pursued by collaboration between APS and GCA.

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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 2021 through June 2022.

Name _____

Phone _____

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.



Glencarlyn Days 2021



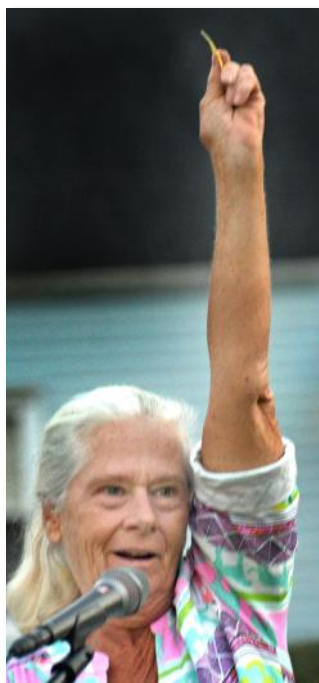
Left: Patrol Officers and young Glencarlynites:

Layla Landgraf, Lydia Grotos, Aoife Cahill, Aniya Matadial, and Cam Landgraf. Arlington police officers Kenny Giles (far left) and Amanda Martens (far right)

Right:

GCA president Julie Lee holds up the winning ticket in the 50/50 drawing.

Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau



A Young Glencarlynite with her hair decorated for the parade.

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Above: Officer J.P. Montoya, Hoang Taing & Jeff Liteman flipping pancakes.

Picture Credit: Jeff Liteman



Above: Katie Lynch flips hot dogs on a smokey grill.

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Miles Goodwin puts a sticker on the world map indicating he was born in Athens, Georgia.

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Below: Families and kids on the firetruck.

Photo Credit: Paul Nuhn



Arlington police officer holds a snake that was part of the talk by park naturalist Bobbi Farley.

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