



# Glencarlyn Civic Association March 7, 2022

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The meeting was opened at 7:32 pm by Courtney Holmes, GCA Vice President. She introduced Pete Olivere to talk about Arlington Neighborhood Village.

Arlington Neighborhood Village is a chapter of a national, nonprofit, volunteer driven organization whose purpose is to help seniors age safely and independently in their own homes while remaining connected to the community. There are over 300 chapters nationally and 60 in DC area. Pete said that 90 percent of seniors want to stay in their homes as they age, due in part to the expense of private elder care communities. Arlington Neighborhood Village (ANV) volunteers provide transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores, banks, and post offices. They are available to do minor household chores, yard work (though not on a regular basis) and repairs, and can offer technical assistance, friendly visits and walking buddies. Three hundred members receive direct services, and there are 80 temporary members who were added because of covid 19. Annual membership for direct services is \$500 per individual/per year or \$750 per household, but there is a sliding scale. Services can be as low as \$25 per year. ANV has more than 210 trained and active volunteers, including over 100 who volunteer as drivers. The organization filled 2,800 service requests in 2021. Volunteers drove 29,400+ miles and provided 8,530 service hours. Most requested is transportation for errands. Volunteers help with holiday events, picnics, staffing the office, and on committees. Members can attend coffee and conversation meetings with speakers. Volunteers and members often create valued friendships.

There are 14 members and/or volunteers who live in Glencarlyn. Four volunteers were at the meeting and spoke briefly about their involvement. Kathy Reeder started volunteering in 2017, providing transportation for medical visits and bank trips. She has enjoyed her relationships with the members and feels she has gotten as much out of it as the people she helps. Janet Fedak has been a volunteer for 3 or 4 years. She has enjoyed driving people to vaccination and physical therapy appointments, to beauty shops, etc. She has been a phone buddy during the pandemic. Members have shared wonderful life stories with her. Nancy Baker has helped with events and provided transportation. She has enjoyed meeting people from all walks of life and has found them very appreciative. The events are lots of fun.

Nancy and Pax Baker are association members as well as volunteers. Pax is one of the original members and founders. He served for a number of years as the technical support person for the organization, and now he is chair of the IT committee. He offers tech support and transportation to members. The ANV office is at 2666 Military Road, in the Church of the Covenant. Their phone is 703 509-8057 and email is [www.arlvil.org](http://www.arlvil.org).

Q. Can teenagers volunteer? A. Volunteers under 21 can help outside, not in the homes.

Q. Is there a time commitment? A. It can be as much as you want. Most active volunteers do one to two service requests a week. Transportation is the most desperate need, especially during the week. Requestees give an estimated time and indicate if they use a walker. Volunteers can't offer medical help like giving pills, lifting people, etc.

Q. Is there a vetting process or training? A. Training is 1 to 2 hours, online.

Q. Are members limited to number of requests? A. Generally, it is 3 transportation trips per week. We try to provide more if the person is, for example, getting cancer treatments.

## **Old Business**

Approval of minutes. Courtney Holmes asked for approval of the February 2022 minutes. There was a motion to approve, it was seconded, and a vote approved the minutes.

Treasurer's report by Tim Aiken. We have 216 dues paying members and a balance of \$25,670.

Civic Federation report by Tim Aiken. The last meeting was on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Francisco Duran, Superintendent of Arlington Public Schools, gave a presentation that included information about policies and procedures for covid 19.

A resolution passed to encourage a wholistic approach to stormwater management. Issues include impermeable surfaces and severe weather. The county will implement a Capital Improvement Plan for flooding. At the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting there will be a presentation by Law Enforcement and Public Health on how to help people with disabilities.

Neighborhood Conservation Committee report by Kathy Reeder. On the 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. project, between Kensington and Illinois Streets, the concrete work is pretty much done. Road surface work will proceed this week and next. The neighbors are pleased with the progress. Kathy will personally alert residents if things change between Glencarlyn Updates. For information, contact Jasneet Singh at [jsingh@arlingtonva.us](mailto:jsingh@arlingtonva.us) or Laura Simpson at [lsimpson@arlingtonva.us](mailto:lsimpson@arlingtonva.us), or email Kathy at [kathleenreeder@comcast.net](mailto:kathleenreeder@comcast.net). The Kenmore School/S. Manchester Road project has been funded. There are no new updates. Next steps are cutting back of invasive plants, treating stumps with herbicides, and consulting with a tree expert.

Village View report by Brandon Hemel. The deadline for the next issue is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Steering Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion report by Brandon Hemel. The committee is exploring offering two programs, the Asian Pacific Islander experience in the US (the first week of May) and a program on anti-Semitism. We are looking into ways to be more inclusive in our events, both culturally and on both sides of Carlin Springs Road.

Glencarlyn Directory. Courtney Holmes thanked Pete Olivere and Michelle Nolan for their work.

Nominating Committee report by Kathy Reeder. The Nominating Committee of Kathy Reeder, Steve LeSueur, and Barbara Martinez was approved. It is their job to put together a slate of candidates for officer and delegate positions for the Glencarlyn Civic Association. Descriptions of those positions are in the GCA Bylaws on the GCA website. (Click on the "about" tab.) The nominating process is open and includes officers, delegates to the Neighborhood Conservation Committee and the Arlington Civic Federation, and the Village View editor. Email Kathy at [kathleenreeder@comcast.net](mailto:kathleenreeder@comcast.net) for more information.

Spring Cleanup. Brandon Hemel has been organizing the cleanup. On Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, volunteers will meet at 9:00 at the pancake breakfast pavilion. Plastic bags will be

provided. Bring your own gloves, rakes, or other tools to grab debris. There will be a hot dog roast afterward. More volunteers are needed.

Upcoming events. A Spring Celebration will take place on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Carlin Hall. There is a Signup Genius for volunteering, and announcements will be in the Glencarlyn Updates. The Neighborhood Yard Sale will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to post signs. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Glencarlyn Days. A Happy Birthday theme is being considered (to celebrate those who missed their parties during Covid 19), but other suggestions are welcome. A parade organizer is needed, as well as volunteers for the breakfast, parade and other events.

## **New Business**

Off-road biking in Glencarlyn Park. A campaign is underway to promote off-road biking in Arlington's parks, and to use Glencarlyn Park in a pilot program. Julie Lee spoke to Matt deFerranti, who said that implementation of the pilot would involve a lengthy process. He suggested the GCA should send a letter to the County Board expressing our concerns.

Demolition at the Hospital Center. Brandon Hemel asked what is being done to protect natural resources on the site. Kathy Reeder said that they will be removing only the portion of the building that connects the hospital to the doctor's offices. Steve Young is following the work at the site.

Equipment has been parked near the spring. Sue Campbell volunteered to follow up about protection of the spring. A presentation about the decoupling was sent to the GCA in the fall. Sue can submit a link for the GCA Updates. There is a concern that as the site is zoned industrial/county special-use, it's planning may not be subject to public input.

Upcoming GCA meetings. Lloyd Wolf will be the speaker at the April meeting. The May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be at the Glencarlyn Library from 6 to 8 pm. The business meeting will begin at 6. It will include the election of GCA officers and delegates for the 2022 – 2023 year. There will be a brainstorming session on ideas for encouraging more neighbors to get involved in GCA's activities as participants and volunteers. The meeting will not be on zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.