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Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Civic Association since October 1952

February 2023

Demolition Continues at the former VHC site

County contractors are now actively disassembling the former Virginia Hospital Center (VHC) building on Carlin Springs Road.

Many neighbors remember this as the Doctors' Hospital before it was purchased by VHC. It was used as an emergency center, pediatric clinic and a privately run daycare center before a county/VHC land swap in 2017.

Phase 1 of the deconstruction included decoupling from the office building at 611 S. Carlin Springs Road, which was completed in late Summer 2022. Phase 2 began in November 2022 and includes demolition of the former hospital building.



Photo Courtesy: Gerald Martineau

Expect construction noise, trucks entering and existing the site, and building demolition. Please stay outside of the fenced construction area and obey all traffic signals around the site. For ongoing updates, you can visit www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/County-Facilities/South-Carlin-Springs-Property and subscribe to updates via that page.



County Board Vice Chairman Libby Garvey to Speak to Glencarlyn on Feb 6

Plan to attend the Feb 6 GCA Meeting, 7:30 pm at Carlin Hall to hear Vice Chairman Libby Garvey address the important issues before the County Board. This will include the 2024 Budget, funding of services, property taxes; the Missing Middle housing plan (now called Expanded Housing Options); and Traffic Safety on Carlin Springs Rd. Having served on the board for 10 years, Libby is always eager to hear your questions and concerns. Join us Monday night Feb 6th at 7:30 pm.

Recycling Right at the March 6 GCA meeting

What can we recycle and what cannot go in our blue bin? Hear from Arlington County Recycling Outreach Specialist Andrew Miller at the March 6th GCA meeting. Andrew will explain what we can and cannot recycle in Arlington and hopefully make recycling simpler and easier for us all. Have a question about a certain type of container or disposable? Bring it with you to the meeting and find out. Monday night March 6, 7:30 pm in Carlin Hall.

**** FREE ** Mardi Gras Pancake Supper Tuesday Feb 21 5:30-7:00**

Join in a community-wide family friendly Mardi Gras dinner of pancakes with sausage, apple sauce and non-alcoholic drinks. We will have music and provide beads for the kids.

Hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church - 415 S. Lexington St - www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org

President's Corner



New Year, Fresh Ideas

By Julie Lee, GCA President

It is a New Year, time for fresh ideas. Fortunately, there are those in our community with exciting ideas for programs and neighborhood activities. I just got a call from Kelly Discount who has a great idea for all Glencarlyn dog owners. More on that soon. Glencarlyn needs YOUR creative suggestions for activities and programs. Please let me know.

In the meantime, here are some things each of us can do to benefit our community and ourselves.

Visit our Library at least once a week. The County Manager needs to cut services to make the 2024 budget work. Don't let him have a reason to cut hours at Glencarlyn Library. As sad as it is, the number of books checked out is the metric used. **Check out 10 books each week.**

Talk to our Library Master Gardeners. Find out what YOU can plant this year. Flowers and shrubs enhance our own yards and the neighborhood. They improve my spirits. I am sure they do yours.

Visit the Long Branch Nature Center, an amazing and underutilized facility. You will be surprised at all that goes on there. Did you know that, in addition to the MANY exhibits, programs and activities, you can hold birthday parties there??!!

Participate in the Annual Four Mile Run Stream Clean-Up in March. **Help with the GCA sponsored Hotdog and Marshmallow Roast afterwards.** More about this on page three. Did you know that Four Mile Run and Long Branch streams are part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed?

Stop by the Ball-Sellers House at 5620 3rd St, the oldest house in Arlington. Until 1976, it was a regular home. (I babysat there!) Now you can see the original section as it was when the Ball family lived there in the 1700's.

Meet and greet your neighbors. Do you know who lives next door? On your block? It is important that we look out for each other. Knock on their door, leave them a note, say "hello". Let the GCA Welcome Committee know when someone moves in. We have valuable information to provide.

Activities I would like to plan for Spring include **a date to pick-up food from the Friday Night Food Truck and meet at Carlin Hall for an informal gathering.**

Let's **schedule a Community Block Party for the 5900 block of 2nd St.** (next to Kenmore field) We can take a short tour of the "Kenmore wooded area" off Manchester St and learn more about our next Neighborhood Project. We can even pick up trash while we are doing that!

Speaking of Walking Tours- **we all MUST walk in George Washington's footsteps** on the **George Washington's Forest Walking Tour** sponsored by the Arlington Historical Society. I am still astounded when I think that our First President walked and surveyed our very own Glencarlyn Park. This walk is usually held in the Spring.

This should be enough to keep us busy for a while.

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Annual Four Mile Run Stream Clean-up and Hot Dog Roast

The Glencarlyn Civic Association will participate in the **Annual Four Mile Run Stream Cleanup on Sat. March 18th.**

This is a great event for families, or for earning community service hours. The clean-up area runs from under the Arlington Boulevard bridge to the point where Long Branch enters Four Mile Run. Trash bags and plastic gloves will be available for volunteers starting at 9 am by the 3rd Street picnic pavilion (where we have the Glencarlyn Day Pancake Breakfast). Volunteers should wear a long sleeve shirt and pants, and bring work gloves if they have them. **We are looking for as many volunteers as possible.**

In conjunction with the Stream Clean -Up, **GCA will host a Hot Dog and Marshmallow Roast at the 3rd Street picnic pavilion, immediately following the Clean-Up.** In addition to our "Stream Cleaners", **we are looking for volunteers to oversee the distribution of supplies and organize the Hotdog and Marshmallow Roast.**

If you can help, Contact Brandon at: bhemel@gmail.com.



Please say hello to Glencarlyn's NEW Library Manager!

Welcome Glencarlyn's new branch manager, Natasha Francois. Natasha arrived in Arlington and began work at Glencarlyn in December 2022. With 25 years of library experience, Natasha brings a variety of skills and talents. She has held various positions and conducted a variety of outreach programs, partnering with state, county and local organizations. Natasha is excited to be at Glencarlyn. She told us she chose to work in public libraries because "each library I have worked in has been unique in some way and I have had a chance to meet some truly great people." Natasha received her Masters degree in Library Science from Catholic University.

Photo of new Glencarlyn Library Manager Natasha Francois

Courtesy Gerald Martineau



Families hard at work and relaxing after the 2022 stream clean up and hotdog roast.

Courtesy of Gerald Martineau

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Need Help Shoveling Your Sidewalk? Willing to Help Shovel?



If you are unable to shovel your sidewalk and will need help, please contact us, so we can plan to get someone to help you. If you are willing to help clear sidewalks for those unable to do it themselves, please volunteer. We can use your help. Please remember, the priority of the shovelers is to clear the public sidewalks. We will then try to assist those that are unable to clear their walkway and stoop. Contact Courtney Holmes at: courtneylee-holmes@gmail.com, or Julie Lee 808-384-4954 or jfblee@aol.com.



Community Yard Sale in 2023?

Interested in having a Community Yard Sale this year?

We have two dates tentatively reserved - May 20th and June 17th. HOWEVER, we need a few volunteers to organize this event. If you are interested in having the yard sale AND are willing to help organize it, please contact Julie Lee at jfblee@aol.com or 808-384-4954.

Regular Hours and Events at Glencarlyn Library

See below for regular hours and events. Don't forget you can use the [Arlington Public Library app](#) on your mobile device, to easily put holds on any books in the system, and have them sent to Glencarlyn for pickup.

- Monday: 10am - 8pm (Stop in for Stories @ 5:30pm, Yarn & Crafts @ 6pm)
- Tuesday: 12pm - 8pm (Seasonal Papercrafts @ 3:30pm)
- Wednesday: 10am - 6pm (Card Games @ 4pm)
- Thursday: 10am - 6pm (Family Storytime @ 10:30am)
- Friday & Saturday: 10am - 5pm
- Sunday: Closed

Please note that coffee and hot chocolate are no longer available.

Below: Arlington County Police Officer JP Montoya reading to families at 2022's Police Department Storytime Tellers at Glencarlyn Library.

Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau



New to Glencarlyn? Know someone who is new to Glencarlyn?

Our Welcome Team would like to stop by with our Welcome Packet filled with valuable information and the Glencarlyn Directory. Please contact Janet Fedak jjfedak@gmail.com, or Deborah Elkinton, drelkinton@gmail.com, and they will deliver this wonderful welcome to our new neighbors.

Do You have New Neighbors?
A new baby in your house and want to make a birth announcement?
Graduations or other family celebrations?
Passing of beloved neighbors that you want others to be aware of?
And of course, please send any and all other newsworthy items
Please send to gcaeditorial@gmail.com and we will include in an
upcoming issue.

Arlington Neighborhoods (AN) Program Update

By Kathy Reeder, Arlington Neighborhoods Program Advisory Committee (ArNAC) Delegate

4th St. S. Project is now complete!

Street trees and replacement plants have been installed. With this final step, the project is complete.

Three Invasive Treatments Remain for Kenmore Wooded Area Project

IPC, the invasive control contractor hired by Arlington County, will complete the three remaining treatments during summer and fall of 2023, and summer of 2024. Signs will be posted when the treatments occur and the area being treated will be safe to enter.

Wetland Studies and Solutions, a consulting firm hired by the county, has completed a tree survey. The plan is to evaluate existing trees for removal, pruning or retention once the invasive treatments are complete.

The rest of the project is contingent on the availability of engineering staff to design the remaining items in the draft plan. An engineer on the team left the county in late 2022 and the impact on the project's schedule is yet to be determined.

Once the design information is available, there will be refinement of the draft plan, as was anticipated when the project was approved and funded. Some items that GCA proposed may need to go into a future AN project or be pursued by collaboration between APS and GCA. As the plan is refined, more information will be provided about the scope of the project.

For a detailed description of the proposed project, including project history and photos, go to Glencarlyn.org under the NC Activities tab and scroll down to this header: [Proposed Project for Kenmore Wooded Area](#). The link to the project description is [Concept-vote Project Scope \(glencarlyn.org\)](#).

Please send any questions on this project to Kathy Reeder at kathleenreeder@comcast.net.

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View from the Garden

by Wendy Mills, Extension Master Gardeners

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Did the few days of spring-like weather that welcomed the New Year coax you out of the house and into the garden to pull a few weeds, rake the last leaves off your lawn, remove spent foliage, maybe to begin dreaming about springtime and harvests to come? It did me, but, alas, it was a relief when the cold temperatures returned. As a gardener, winter is not only a much-needed time to rest, it is a time for quieter pursuits that help prepare for the burst of activity that lasts from early March to late November. It is a wonderful time to learn about gardening, at one's own pace and without the pressure of a long to-do list.

To support and encourage public education on gardening, the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia have created a treasure trove of more than 100 online classes and videos covering a wide variety of topics, including seed starting, creating a climate resilient landscape, and selecting native groundcovers for sun and shade. We offer more than 30 short, how-to videos on garden practices and a series of inspirational videos set to music. All classes and videos can be easily accessed and watched free-of-charge.

To view the offerings, go to <https://mgmv.org>. At the top of the page, click on Education, then scroll down to and click on the Master Gardener Virtual Classroom link. Along the left-hand side of the Virtual Classroom page, you will find links to dozens of subjects listed in alphabetical order, beginning with Composting and ending with Wildlife. Click on an area of interest and select one of the offerings.

A number of winter-oriented classes and videos created by Glencarlyn Library Garden co-coordinators are perfect for this time of year, including a virtual master class on "Native Plants for Winter Interest" with Elaine Mills; short videos on "Cutting



Paul Nuhn demonstrates proper pruning techniques for bushes and trees in his "Winter Pruning" video.

Back Hellebores and Epimedium" and "Winter Weeds" with Judy Funderburk; "Winter Pruning" with Paul Nuhn; "Cutting Back Native Plants" with Wendy Mills; and a series of videos set to music that showcase "Beautiful Native Plants" produced by Alyssa Ford Morel.

MGNV's collection of videos is constantly growing. Glencarlyn co-coordinators Elaine Mills and Alyssa Ford Morel are planning a new video series in 2023 about alternatives to commonly used invasive plants, such as English Ivy, Nandina, and Burning Bush.

During the growing season gardeners learn by doing. In the winter, we have greater opportunities to think, read and plan. Check out the MGNV website and indulge your interests, get answers to your questions, and learn best practices that will enhance your gardening efforts once spring comes.



In her video on "Winter Weeds," Judy Funderburk identifies common weeds to pull in winter lest they become a management nightmare.

Glencarlyn Doggie Corner

By Sheridan Swope

Glencarlyn has a lot of dogs! As a means to promote community spirit, this column will introduce you to dogs of Glencarlyn and their owners. This month we tell you about Abraham (Abe).

Abe is a 12 year old wheaten Cairn terrier happily residing on 4th Street with Shawn & Louisa McCoy. Abe had many adventures moving around the world with his prior owners, employees of USAID. When assigned to Bangladesh, they decided that Abe would be better off living in the U.S. with access to good veterinary care. So Abe came to live with Shawn & Louisa, who are thrilled to call this sweet guy their own! Abe loves running into his neighborhood human friends, whom he often greets by singing with excitement ('yodeling') and seeing his doggie pals, including Frankie the Corgi, Sophie the Yorkie, Greta the Vizsla, and all of Dean's many dog friends. Abe is a sophisticated senior gentleman known for his seasonal bow ties. For February, he will be sporting a Valentine bowtie, Abe's favorite activities are napping in a sunny spot, patrolling the backyard, 'singing' to his human friends, and hiking in Shenandoah Park, especially trails with a rock scramble (what Cairns were bred to do in the Scottish highlands). His best trick is 'up', which he often performs spontaneously in the hope of eliciting a treat (see the pic). Say hello if you run into Abe and perhaps he will sing for you!



GCA December Activities



Above:
*Father and Daughter Roast Marshmallows at the GCA
Holiday Party*

Top Right:
Luminaries on S. Kensington
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Bottom Right :
GCA singers at our Community Caroling Event
Photo Courtesy: Bill Pritchard

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Glencarlyn's Wheels to Africa: Twenty Years Strong

As you walk down Kensington Street, heading north from the library, you'll see a house with a growing collection of bikes parked in the driveway. And, suddenly, all the bicycles are gone. Many neighbors wonder what's going on here? Where did they go?

Here's the story of Wheels to Africa—a non-profit group founded by Glencarlynite Dixie Duncan and her son, Winston.

Wheels to Africa (WTA) is a local, all volunteer non-profit that is supported by the community. Wheels to Africa also serves as an educational and volunteer platform for American youth to develop leaderships skills through civic engagement.

In 2005, a bike collection at Nottingham Elementary School with 10 student volunteers brought in 124 bicycles. The event was a huge success and Wheels to Africa was born. The next year, a bike collection at Yorktown High School netted 205 bikes. Since that time there have been 37 bike collections and 14,500 bikes collected for needy communities. As many as 85,000 lives have been changed in Africa, and over 3,240 American volunteers touched by WTA!

Of the 10 students who participated in the first collection, six have been to Africa to work on a college or high school project. Many of the volunteers have participated year after year and feel like they "own" a part of "Wheels to Africa." It is essential that we share our story because we have the potential to inspire thousands and continue to motivate individuals to change lives.

Since 2014, Dixie Duncan has been leading a groups or youth volunteers for service in Africa. The volunteers experience includes teaching English, working on bicycles, and visiting with locals so upon the return to the USA you have experienced events that will change your life.

In 2018, three Washington DC youth volunteers, traveled to Ghana, Tanzania, and Zanzibar to distribute bicycles and document the benefits of bicycles in Africa. The volunteers interviewed people and discussed how bicycles affected their life and transform their everyday activities.

In November of 2018, Wheels to Africa partnered with J.J. Barea Foundation to bike 375 bicycles to Puerto Rico and donated a 40-foot container to the community. The container was turned into a library and community center and the bicycles were donated to needy communities. Eight US volunteers

spent five days preparing bicycles for the communities and donating them to various groups.

In 2019, Wheels to Africa hosted 18 volunteers from two California families for a two-week volunteer experience to include volunteering in schools, visiting and donating to a Maasai Village, touring the Serengeti, and engaging with local youth during community activities.

The COVID years had been challenging because shipping cost tripled and so bicycles were donated to displaced workers and sold inexpensively so everyone who needed a bicycle could have one. During in the height of COVID there were no bicycles or supplies in most retail stores so Wheels to Africa met the community demand by selling a few bicycles. Due to increased shipping cost, Wheels to Africa has incurred rental expenses that were not part of the "normal" budget expenses so we are seeking monetary donations and ideas about storage of bicycles.

In April of 2021 we shipped our 2020 bicycles to Tanzania and we transformed a Maasai Village school in July of 2021. We repaired desks and doors at a school and set up the first library in the village at the school. We fixed the toilet and repaired the roof and donated recreational equipment.

Wheels to Africa has been participating in the Certified Federal Campaign (CFC) (Government Giving Platform) for many 10 years. Prior to COVID and currently, we participate in charity fairs to share our mission with government employees. CFC 90290

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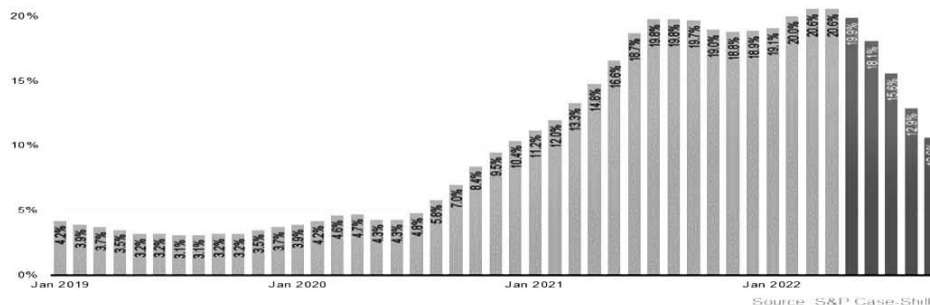
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Home Price Growth Since January 2019

Year-Over-Year Percent Change in Home Prices



Source: S&P Case-Shiller

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Grace Sinkins, 15—babysitting (Red Cross certified), . 571-271-4006, 703-963-6048 (Kate—mother)

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Ellie.trump@icloud.com or lynne.trumpheller@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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