

Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Civic Association since October 1952

March 2023

TWO IMPORTANT COMMUNITY BRIEFINGS ON THE PLANS FOR VHC's RETURN TO CARLIN SPRINGS RD

FEBRUARY 27 7:30 pm: VIRTUAL

Arlington County Staff will provide a detailed briefing and answer questions on plans for the property at 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd on Feb 27th at 7:30 pm. **This meeting will be held via MS Teams or Zoom.** Meeting information will be forthcoming in the GCA UPDATES. Mark your calendars now.

MARCH 6 7:30 pm: GCA MEETING: IN PERSON @ CARLIN HALL

Adrian Stanton, V.P., Real Estate Acquisition & Development. VHC Health, will speak about plans for a **Behavioral** Wellness and Mental Health Facility. We anticipate this will be a comprehensive information session. We hope many of our questions will be answered. Mark your calendar and plan to attend Monday Mar 6th 7:30 pm, in Carlin Hall. Please submit your questions in advance to **Julie Lee: jfblee@aol.com**

For more information on VHC Health announcement and Glencarlyn's response, please see article on page three.

Local Newscasters Read to Children at Glencarlyn Library





WJLA's Veronica Johnson (above left) and NBC4/WRC-TV's Jummy Olabanji (above right) both visited the Glencarlyn Library as part of its Black History Month events. See upcoming Glencarlyn Library activities on page four.

Veronica Johnson photo courtesy Glencarlyn Library

Jummy Olabanji photo courtesy Gerald Martineau

President's Corner



By Julie Lee

Surprises and Opportunities Ahead

You never know what is around the corner these days. All of us were completely surprised by the announcement of a mental health facility on the Carlin Springs property. We have worked diligently, and remained in close contact, with County government since before the 2019 land swap. We asked to be kept informed about all plans for the site and thought we have an agreement of "no surprises." That was clearly not the case.

Now as we move forward, we must look at this as an opportunity to benefit our community and the surrounding natural environment. This will take determination and stewardship. We must be the guardians of the natural resources and wildlife surrounding us.

I believe that VHC Health wants to be good neighbors and I look forward to beginning our conversations and planning. There is no doubt that this beautiful natural setting can promote better mental health. An infusion of VHC Health's resources could enhance the Park and Long Branch Nature Center.

There are areas that need to be addressed. These areas fall under the responsibility of the County government and we need to hold them accountable. We ALL know that portions of Carlin Springs Road are not safe for pedestrian traffic. This certainly applies to the area between Glencarlyn and Campbell Elementary school. The County must begin their Carlin Springs Rd traffic study NOW. It cannot wait until FY2025. With this new facility, improvements MUST be made to ensure the safety of our school children, and all pedestrians.

The County must lay out their plans for use of the 5 acres they retain. This land backs right up to our homes. Whatever they are considering must be compatible with our residential community. **And they must share their ideas with us while they are in the planning stages. Not after a decision or "deal" has been made.** What considerations are they taking for noise, lighting, security? How will they ensure the protection of the Salamander Run stream, the Willow Pond vernal pool and the Moses Ball Springs?

There is a 500-space joint-use parking structure in the facility design. **What are they planning that requires 500 parking spaces?** To put that number in perspective, Lubber Run Rec center parking has 130 spaces, Kenmore has 160. And we still have no idea how many stories the medical facility will have.

In the days and weeks ahead, we hope to get many more answers than we have now. The Glencarlyn and Forest Glen Civic Association will remain vigilant, insisting that this project be a collaboration among all interested parties.

And on another topic-

We are making progress with plans to do a Spring Community Event on the "Kenmore side" of Glencarlyn. Possibly an outdoor movie night with food trucks. More information coming soon.

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S. Carlin Springs Road Property and VHC Health

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By Brandon Hemel, Village View Editor

On Jan. 17, Arlington County and VHC Health (formerly known as Virginia Hospital Center) entered into a letter of intent regarding purchase of approximately half of the S. Carlin Springs road site. The agreement was announced after confidential negotiations in the latter half of 2022 with the intent of increasing the number of behavioral care beds in our region. Both the letter of intent and news release can be found on https://www.arlingtonva.us and linked in the online Village View.

This agreement was made public on January 24 and many Glencarlyn residents learned of it via a Twitter Tweet by County Board Chair <u>Katie Cristol.</u> Several neighbors and GCA President Julie Lee wrote to the Arlington County Board expressing their shock of this announcement. While all of the letters were in support of improved behavioral facilities, each of the writers expressed dismay in the lack of communication from the County Board to Glencarlyn and neighboring civic associations beforehand.



Demolition at the former hospital site in January 2023 Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau

Since the announcement and additional discussions with county staff and board members, GCA has learned of the potential relocation of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) to the site.

In early February, residents from 5th and 6th Streets spoke with Board Member Matt de Ferranti in which he urged them to be as active as possible through all avenues of civic engagement with VHC Health and the County Board.

Any construction on and use of the S. Carlin Springs Road site directly effects our quality of life here in Glencarlyn.

Please plan to attend at least one of the two meetings listed one page one and be active with making your voice heard and opinion known.

Good with Words? Glencarlyn Needs You!

By Barbara Martinez, GCA Nominating Committee

Get your pencils and keyboards ready, neighbors. There are two big vacancies to fill next year in the Glencarlyn Civic Association (GCA): secretary and Village View editor.

The nominating committee—Steve LeSueur, Barbara Martinez, and Kathy Reeder—offers its thanks to Deborah Elkinton and Brandon Hemel, who have occupied these positions for years. We feel sure their successors are out there, ready to bring new energy to these positions that enhance our community by spreading information. The secretary attends GCA meetings and takes notes, summing up the most important details of discussions for the record and for those who were not able to attend. Do you have a knack for InDesign, Canva, or MS Publisher? The Village View editor designs this newsletter, which is published nine times per year. You occasionally may write an article or two.

Consider putting your name forward for these and other positions. A list of elected GCA positions and the people

currently holding them is on page 2. A description of each position's responsibilities can be found in the GCA bylaws, which are posted on Glencarlyn.org under the "About" tab. The annual election will be held at the May 1 GCA meeting.

Any individual residing in Glencarlyn is eligible for membership and election to a position. The term for all positions will be July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. There are no term limits, so incumbents can be nominated again if they are interested in serving another term. We have vacancies for the position of Arlington County Civic Federation Alternate (who fills in if a delegate is unable to attend a meeting).

If you are interested in serving or would like to inquire about a position, please contact Barbara Martinez at barbara.martinez@gmail.com or Kathy Reeder at kathleenreeder@comcast.net or 703-820-3933 as soon as possible. A member of the nominating committee will get in touch with you and answer any questions you may have

HELP WANTED GLENCARLYN DAYS

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Contact Courtney Holmes: courtneyleeholmes @gmail.com



Community thanks to Glencarlyn neighbors Joe Constantine (right) for leading debris cleanup at the rte 50 & Carlin Springs Road intersection resulting in 5 bags of trash cleanup!

Steve Young (left) holding an invasive wild raspberry plant during a park clean up on MLK weekend. Photos Credit: Gerald Martineau

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Recycling Right at the April 10

GCA Meeting

(NOTE DATE CHANGE!)

What can we recycle? What cannot go in our blue bins? Andrew Miller, Arlington County Recycling Outreach Specialist will explain what we can and cannot recycle in Arlington. Hopefully An-

drew will 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. **We meet after Spring**

Annual Four Mile Run Stream Clean-up & 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 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.

Hours and Events at Glencarlyn Library

Glencarlyn Library has weekly programs especially geared toward children and adults

- Mondays: Stop in for Stories at 5:30 p.m. (All ages)
- Tuesdays: Paper Crafts from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (Seasonal crafts depending on the month.)
- Wednesday Mornings at 11 am: Free English
 Conversation Practice at Glencarlyn during
 March and April!
 Practice speaking English in an informal setting. For levels: Beginner, Intermediate, and
 Advanced Classes are led by experienced
 Library volunteers. The group will meet in person on Wednesday mornings at 11am. The
 events are free and for adults 18+ only. For
 more information, call 703-228-6548 or look on
 the library website.
- Thursdays: Family Storytime at 10:30 a.m. (Ages 0 5 years old)

On Saturday, Mar. 18 Glencarlyn Library will host a Women's History Month Button Maker Program from noon to 4 p.m. All ages can stop in and make a button of a woman cut out from one of our magazines or bring your own picture of a female role model. Buttons are approximately an inch around. No registration is required.

Arlington Neighborhoods (AN) Program Update

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

New Engineer Will Work on Kenmore Wooded Area Project

The project's remaining design work, delayed while an open engineering position was being filled, should be moving ahead soon. A new engineer has been hired and will be working on this project.

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.

IPC, the invasive control contractor hired by Arlington County, will complete the three remaining invasive 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.

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: <u>Proposed Project for Kenmore Wooded Area.</u>

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

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.



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Missing Middle Housing-FINAL VOTE MARCH 18th What Options Remain?

The County Board voted to advertise the Missing Middle zoning amendments. The next step is the Vote to Enact on March **18**th. Here is the overview of the options that remain.

-Number of Units -6 units allowed on all R-6 through R-20

-On-site Parking Minimums

Best: .5 onsite per unit (ex: 3 on-site spaces for a- 6 plex)

Worst: no on-site parking requirements

-Annual Building Cap-

Best: 58 lots per year (THREE times the consultants estimate of annual construction)

Worst: NO annual caps

Annual caps would sunset no later than 2028

NO plan for geographic dispersion (ex: all 58 lots could be in one neighborhood)

-Maximum Gross Floor Area

Best: Maximums range from 4,800 sq. ft. (2 units) to 8,000 sq. ft. (5-6 units)

Worst: Maximums only for semidetached duplexes (5,000 sq. ft. for 2 units) and townhouse uses (7,500 sq. ft. for 3 units) No maximum gross floor area for 4-6 units

-Interior or Exterior ADUs with semidetached duplexes and townhouses

Best: ADUs Not allowed

Worst: ADUs Allowed (Increases size of units from 2-3 to 4-6, without additional parking required.)

- -There are **NO design standards** to ensure compatibility
- -The **amended Tree Canopy wording** is mirky at best, using the word "up to 4 shade trees for 2-4 units, up to 8 shade trees for 5-6 units". Though not the intent, it appears to **leave open** the option of no shade trees per unit.

There has been no explanation on many of the "details" to this plan

Implementation steps and oversight actions are lacking on some of the of the key items.

PLEASE contact the County Board, and share your thought through the online comment form:

https://publicinput.com/t5806





Glencarlyn Doggie Corner

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 Maggie.

Maggie is a 13-year old yellow lab who lives with Heather and Geoffrey Gage at the corner of Kensington and 4th. They adopted Maggie in 2009 when Geoffrey was deployed in Afghanistan. Heather took the kids (Caroline and William) to "just look" at a litter of puppies and... a super calm, snuggly pup with a big round belly insisted they take her home! Maggie is a dedicated foodie. She hasn't met a fruit she doesn't like and has a particular fondness/obsession for the persimmons that drop from the tree in the library garden. Maggie enjoys surfing the waves and rolling in the sand at the beach every summer, barking at animals on TV, and snuggling with her favorite toy, Leopard, which she's had since she was a pup. During her walks, Maggie loves running into her canine neighbors, including friends Milkshake, Frankie and Bailey. Maggie feels like a giant marshmallow when you pet her – try it and enjoy!



New Rector Ready to Engage with the Neighborhood



By Bill Pritchard

The new rector at St. John's Episcopal Church wants to engage Glencarlyn on secular as well as sacred levels.

"I would like St. John's to become more visible (by) participating in and hosting any number of different activities in the community," the Rev. Julie Diane Bryant (left) said. For example, the church hosted the annual Glencarlyn holiday caroling in December and a Mardi Gras pancake supper in February.

Rev. Bryant also said an international program of the Los Angeles Diocese, where she previously served, might be replicated in some form here. "You don't have to be a church member to see the advantage to our whole local community (of) making it possible for a young person to be exposed to a very different way of life," she said.

She said she would like to occasionally sit on the church grounds in the spring and invite passersby to have a cup of coffee and relax "under the shade of these beautiful trees and just learn about each other."

The Rev. Bryant succeeded the Rev. Ann Barker who now serves a parish near Atlanta.

She moved from southern California to serve St. John's and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Falls Church. The small congregations could not afford separate rectors.

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View from the Garden

Plant This, Not That: Replacing Liriope

by Alyssa Ford Morel , Extension Master Gardeners

photo credit: Elaine Mills

Almost every gardener in the U.S. has planted or nurtured at least one invasive plant. They may have even loved it, without realizing the problems it poses. Until fairly recently, there wasn't even a good definition of what an invasive plant or animal was. Executive Order 13112 signed in 1999 finally codified the fact that invasives are (1) not native where they are occurring, (2) able to escape cultivation, and (3) capable of causing harm in the wild to human health, the economy, or the environment.

Embracing that definition and opening our eyes to the problems of invasives can be a rude awakening and hard to accept. Worse, acting on it can be a lot of work. But taking action in our own yards can also be an empowering act of hope for the future of our environment.

One extremely popular plant that has recently been showing its invasive qualities and is on invasive lists in various

Northern Virginia jurisdictions is Liriope, commonly called Monkey Grass or Lilyturf. There are several varieties of Liriope, including clumping Liriope muscari and spreading Liriope spicata, and while *Liriope* spicata's running habit is particularly difficult to



Liriope muscari has strappy leaves with rounded tips and a clumping habit. Variegated (striped) varieties are also popular

control, both are increasingly showing up in wild spaces, crowding out native plants that wildlife depend on.

Liriope was introduced to the U.S. more than 200 years ago from Asia. It is a hardy, evergreen member of the Asparagus family, often used for edging or as a ground cover. It has purple-blue spring flowers and sets blackish berries in

fall. Liriope can be dug out, though it is rarely a one-and-done process. Roots, rhizomes and dropped seeds that hide can sprout and must be dug again. Take heart, repeated effort for two or three years will remove it all.

Fortunately, there are great native plants that support biodiversity and can fill the garden roles played by Liriope. Like Liriope, all three of these choices are evergreen.

Carex plantaginea (Plantain-leaved Sedge or Seersucker Sedge) has strappy, rippled leaves. Its bright lime-green color and the maroon and green stripes of its spring inflorescence stalks make it a standout in its preferred shady habitat. Other environmental pluses are that it serves as a larval host for butterflies, birds eat its seeds, and it helps control erosion on banks.

Phlox subulata (Moss Phlox) is a standout in sunny areas in spring with bright masses of flowers in shades of pink, purple and white. An American native that has long been available in the nursery trade, this hardy performer stands up to drought, erosion, air pollution and salt. It attracts bees,



Phlox subulata, common name Moss Phlox.

butterflies and hummingbirds.



Zizia aurea (Golden Alexander) shares the dark green color of Liriope, and can take either sun or shade. It's a member of the parsley family and serves as a host of Black Swallowtail butterflies. It has lacy yellow flowers in spring, and is an important support to native bees. It happily spreads by seeds if you need to fill an area from which you have removed Liriope spicata

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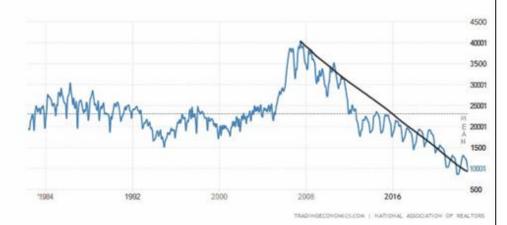
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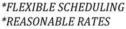
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Sam Hemel, 15 - pet sitting, dog walking & plant watering. - 703 629-8004 (Tracy) tscoles@aol.com

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Will Jamieson, 17 - babysitting/mother's helper, pet care & yard work.- 703 819-3074 (Missy).

Caleb Jobe, 14 - kids chess tutoring, plant/house sitting, dog walking.- 202-630-7067 (Rona)

Maggie Kingston, 15 — babysitting, mother's helper. 703 933-1080 csc.coyne@gmail.com.

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

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.

Please Pay Your 2022 - 2023 GCA Dues-\$15

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Name ______

Phone

Address email

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)



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