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Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Civic Association since October 1952

May 2023

Glencarlyn Movie Night at Kenmore Saturday April 29—All Families Invited!

Glencarlyn Civic Association will be hosting an OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT KENMORE on Saturday APRIL 29. We will be showing "PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH" We will meet on the Kenmore field by the gym. Pack a picnic or buy dinner from the Food Truck starting at 6:00 pm. Picnic tables are available.

There will be activities and games for the whole family. There should be an opportunity to buy sweets before the movie.

The movie starts at 7:30 pm (or when it is dark enough). Bring a blanket or lawn chair. GCA will provide the free popcorn!

GCA is very excited to host an event on the west side of Carlin Springs Rd. We look forward to a big turnout.



VHC/County Property Discussion, Rank Choice Voting and Elections at the May 1 GCA Meeting

Plan to attend an important GCA Meeting on May 1st ,7:30 pm in Carlin Hall. In addition to the election of officers, we will learn about Rank Choice Voting from neighbor and League of Women Voters member Janet Boyd.

We will also have an in-depth discussion about the Virginia Hospital Center/County property at 601 S Carlin Springs Road. This is an important opportunity for the community to reach consensus as to how we hope the property will be used and preserved. We will also address what we prefer not to see happen on the property. The information will be used by the Working Group as they continue in dialogue with VHC and County officials. An update on the status of the project will be given. This will likely be the last GCA meeting before the County Site Plan Review process this summer.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE NEIGHBORS WHO CAME OUT TO THE STREAM CLEAN UP



Fourteen bags of trash were picked up along Four Mile Run Stream by twenty-two volunteers.

Pictured left are Charlie and Blair Robertson and their children, Charlie and Lillian.

Photo credit: Tracy Hemel

Are You Ready to Complete Your June 20 Ranked Choice Voting Ballot?

By Janet Boyd

Arlington County's next election is the June 20 Democratic Primary, with Early Voting beginning May 5. Your ballot will use the Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) method for the County Board race, to be discussed at the May 1 GCA Meeting.

The Arlington County Board passed an ordinance to adopt RCV for their county board primary election. Candidates for TWO of our five at-large County Board seats will be on the ballot.

When you receive your ballot, one side will look like a regular ballot, where you will select one candidate for each race.

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President's Corner



EVERYONE VOTE IN THE JUNE PRIMARY

By Julie Lee

The most fundamental way to have a say in our government is to **VOTE. The June 20 Democrat Primary will shape Arlington's future.** We cannot and should not wait until November to make our voices heard. **The Democrat primary is OPEN to ALL Registered Voters. I urge EVERYONE to vote.**

In 2023, Arlingtonians will be electing two members to the County Board, one member to the School Board, a County Sheriff and a Commonwealth's Attorney, along with our state representatives. There are **NO incumbents running for County Board, School Board or County Sheriff.** There is no Republican primary, and currently there are no Republicans running for the local offices.

You can vote in person on June 20 at Kenmore Middle School, you can vote in-person starting May 5 at certain voting locations. Or **you can request an absentee ballot now:** <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>

Here is the link showing all the candidates on the ballot for the Democrat primary: <https://vote.arlingtonva.gov/Elections>

There are 6 candidates running for County Board in the Primary. Two new members on the Board WILL impact decision making. **Take the time to get to know the candidates. More importantly, STUDY THEIR POSITIONS. Decide who you want leading your government for the next four years.** Do the same with the County Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney candidates. Recently, there has been much talk about responsive government in Arlington. If we want responsive government, then we must be part of the process.

Arlington County will be implementing Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) for the first time in the June 20 Democrat Primary for the two County Board seats. I find Ranked Choice Voting **difficult to understand when two seats will be decided.** It will certainly impact the outcome of the election. We will **not be voting for two candidates.** Instead, we will make our selections by ranking candidates- 1st choice, 2nd choice and 3rd choice. So, in the "first round" **only one vote**, our 1st choice, will count. Not two votes. This seems completely counterintuitive when electing two candidates. It seems that two votes should count. However, that is not how it seems to work. Janet Boyd, neighbor and League of Women Voters member, will explain RCV at the May 1st GCA meeting. We must understand it to vote responsibly.

Again, I urge EVERYONE to vote in the June 20 Democrat Primary. Waiting until November will be too late. The future of Arlington depends on it.

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EXCITING GLENCARLYN DAYS ACTIVITIES COMING

June 2 and 3

Volunteers NEEDED!



Arlington Police's Motor Patrol leading off the 2022 Glencarlyn Day Parade
Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau

We have such an **EXCITING GLENCARLYN DAYS WEEKEND** planned for this year!! The neighborhood's biggest event will be held **June 2nd and 3rd**. **Friday Night June 2nd** is the **Community BBQ at Carlin Hall**, where we will provide the burgers, hotdogs, sides and beverages for a suggested donation. There will be lots of **new and exciting activities** and games this year. And our famous 50/50 raffle.

Saturday morning June 3rd will begin with our **traditional Pancake Breakfast at Shelter #2 in Glencarlyn Park 8-10 am**. \$5/person \$15/family. A Park Naturalist will have an exciting presentation for the children. Breakfast will be followed by our **Glencarlyn Day Parade**. **This year's theme is "PETS ON PARADE"**. **EVERYONE plan to BRING YOUR PETS**, leashed, of course and if they will not be scared or aggressive in a crowd. **Wear costumes, have your pet wear costumes! Decorate your bikes, strollers, wagons.**

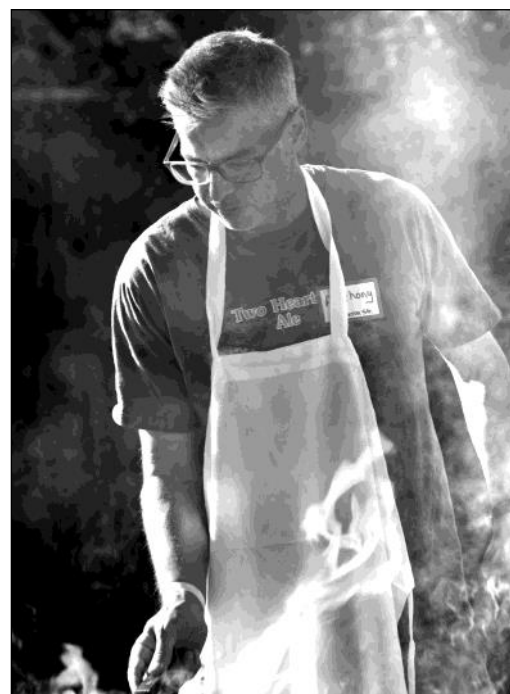
We will have some decorations on the grounds of St Johns prior to the parade. And look for information from Dixie Duncan or

Courtney Holmes about possible float building! Following the parade will be **Storytime at the Library**, with LOTS of fun activities planned. Look for the paw prints of the **101 Dalmatians!** Our Annual Tour of Homes is Returning! Tours of the **Community Library Garden** and **Ball Sellers House** will also be given.

We will be collecting GCA DUES, \$15/year, and selling apparel at the BBQ and Breakfast.

WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS! The success of our many **Glencarlyn Days** activities depends on **YOUR PARTICIPATION**. SIGN UP using the Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BAEAC2DA2FE3-2023> or contact Courtney Homes: courtneyleeholmes@gmail.com or Julie Lee: jfblee@aol.com directly. Details on the specific assignments and the kinds of help needed are on the website and in the GCA Updates. **We especially need people with trucks to transport equipment and supplies to and from Glencarlyn Park. And help with the Parade.** If you can help in any way, even if only for a couple hours, please sign up. Glencarlyn Days is the most important community event of the year! Be a part of it!!

A flyer with more detailed information will be delivered to your door a few weeks prior!



Anthony Drake working the grill at last year's Friday night picnic
Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau

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GCA Officer Elections May 1

By Kathy Reeder

The Nominating Committee (Steve LeSueur, Barbara Martinez, and Kathy Reeder) presents the following slate of candidates to lead the GCA for the coming year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024), in accordance with Article V, Section 7 of the GCA bylaws. The election will take place at the May 1 GCA meeting. As of April 10, we need nominees for secretary and one Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) delegate slot. The principal responsibilities of these positions are:

The secretary attends GCA meetings and takes notes, summarizing the most important details of discussions for the record and for those who were not able to attend.

Please note: there are only 8 meetings a year and this position can be shared by two or more people.

ACCF delegates have the opportunity to influence county-wide decisions and priorities and make sure Glencarlyn's voice is heard. The ACCF website (civfed.org) explains the organization's history, objectives, structure and meeting schedule.

If any candidates for these positions express interest prior to the May 1 meeting, they will be added to the slate. Additional candidates for all elected positions may be nominated "from the floor" at the meeting, with the consent of the nominee.

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Chandi Krohl (Alternate)*

Jeff Liteman (Alternate)

Sara Williams (Alternate)*

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Robin Taylor

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Ranked Choice Voting (Continued from page 1)

The side of your ballot presenting the County Board race will look different. Instead of selecting the two candidates you prefer, with RCV, you "rank" your three favorite candidates in order of preference: first, second, and third. Arlington has created an RCV information website with more details:

<https://vote.arlingtonva.gov/Ranked-Choice-Voting>

Also, watch this helpful video which explains how this new system will determine the top two candidates who will be on the November ballot: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=338s&v=l8XOZJkozfl>

As a reminder, all registered Arlington County Voters can vote in the Democratic Primary, and the Glencarlyn Precinct continues to be located in the Kenmore School building. The ballot will have only Democratic Party candidates, including the County Board, General Assembly Members and Constitutional Offices. Winners from this election will be on the November 7 General Election ballot, along with Republican and other party nominees and Independent candidates. The Republican Party did not request a Primary Election.

Volunteer with Wheels to Africa

Wheels to Africa will be loading a 40-foot container on May 20 from 10am to 3pm or until we finish.

We will load about 375 bicycles in a 40-foot container to be shipped to Africa. We load the container to save money because we are a very small non-profit. Loading the container is fun and good exercise. Big or small can complete the task and it is a great experience for the whole family. The container will be near 200 South Kensington, the exact location is yet to be determined.

On June 16, Wheels to Africa will be hosting a couple of students who will travel to Tanzania and Uganda to experience the local culture. The activities will include volunteering in schools and working on bicycle projects. Wheels to Africa will also lead a Mt. Kilimanjaro hike in mid-September. Exact dates are not available yet. The hike will be 8 days of camping, but everything is provided – food, tents, etc. If you are interested in any of these events contact Dixie Duncan, 703-919-0570.

Please check www.wheels-to-africa.org for more information.

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 feature Pippa.

Pippa is a petite, mixed breed Jack Russell terrier, beagle, and dachshund mix originally from Florida. She was adopted from the AWLA by Rob and Kathy Farr in December, 2019 and resides with them in the 5700 block of 2nd St. Pippa is very people-oriented and their working at home during the pandemic has suited her just fine. She is very attached to Rob. Pippa is a hunter by nature and no rabbit, squirrel or postman is overlooked. Her superpower is speed and once she, astonishingly, snatched a low-flying bird right out of the sky. Even though she is a mighty huntress, she is also very sweet and loving and likes nothing more than curling up with Rob and Kathy, who adore her. Pippa loves her walks and has made many human and canine friends in the neighborhood. Say hello to Pippa!

If you would like your dog to be featured in Glencarlyn Doggie Corner, contact me at swopes123@gmail.com



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One Glencarlyn Tree Protected

By Nancy Davis

In the midst of development that regularly fells Glencarlyn's largest and most mature trees, Arlington County officials have deemed one American elm in the neighborhood eligible for protection going forward.

This spring, the elm on the southwest corner of Stuart and Nancy Davis's backyard at 5524 Fourth St. S. was awarded **specimen tree** status through the county's Tree Preservation Ordinance. Specimen trees are protected from removal or injury, and people who damage such trees may be fined up to



\$2,500. There are only 17 such designations in the county, based on trees' size and condition.

Previously, the elm qualified for a county *notable tree* award, also based on size and condition. Many notable trees also become *champion trees* if they number among the largest in the county, state or nation. Neither notable or champion trees qualify for protection, but they are regularly featured on tree tours and on the county's website.

You can nominate your own trees for special protection under the specimen tree ordinance at the following link: [Special Tree Protection Nomination Form](#) Specimen trees will be nominated once a year. The due date for specimen tree applications is Sept. 30.

The notable tree nomination form is available at: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Notable-Tree-Nomination-Form>

Please join the Davis family in celebrating the preservation status for their tree during a viewing party in their backyard on Glencarlyn Day, June 3, during the house and garden tour.

Above Photo Courtesy Nancy Davis

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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View from the Garden

Digging into the Library Garden Story

By Alyssa Ford Morel, Master Gardener

Photos by Alyssa Ford Morel

Confession is said to be good for the soul, so here it goes: I have, while standing in someone's garden, wimped out on telling them their Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia davidii*) is invasive. More than once. In more than one garden.

I am not always so lily-livered. I've mustered up the courage to speak the truth a few times, and seen the light of horticultural zeal dim in a gardener's eyes as they realize the beautiful plant they love and believed would help the environment is actually a problem. I've apologized to them for the harsh truth. Causing this pain also pains me, even though the message is important.

So now I am telling the truth in writing, where I do not have to watch my words disappoint: Butterfly Bush is a beautiful, butterfly-attracting problem. Do not plant it. If you have it, you should make plans to replace it.

You may not see the baby Butterfly Bushes that your plant has parented because they are growing out of sight in wild areas. The nature of invasiveness is not reflected by what a plant does in cultivation, it is about the plant escaping cultivation and out-competing natives in the wild, causing harm to the economy, human health or the environment (per Executive Order 13112 signed in 1999).

Butterfly Bush is a problem in the environment in several ways. First, it out competes native plants, taking up the space they need. Second, because it produces abundant nectar, pollinators often ignore flowers on native plants, depriving them of the pollination they need to reproduce. Thirdly, although adult butterflies indeed flock to the shrub, it does not support a single American butterfly baby (i.e., caterpillars).



There are some Butterfly Bush cultivars that are marketed as being sterile or low-fertility. Unfortunately, as Jurassic Park fans know, over time species sometimes revert to their original fecundity, so such offerings should not be seen as a safe alternative. The answer, instead, is to plant one of the many beautiful native plants that attract and support butterflies. Fortunately, there are great choices available.

My personal top choice is Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*).

This 6-to-12-foot-high shrub sets fabulous cylindrical white flowers that attract not only butterflies, but bees, hummingbirds and songbirds, as well as serving as host plant for two kinds of Lepidoptera. A smaller cultivar, 'Sugar Shack' is an alternative for those with less space. Buttonbush particularly likes moist areas.



If it's the purple flower color that you particularly like, Gayfeather (*Liatris spicata*) is a great choice.

This clump-forming perennial is easy to grow and maintain, and also attracts bees, hummingbirds and butterflies. It plays nicely with other plants in a mixed border or meadow design, providing striking purple spikes in mid-summer.

An iconic native plant known for supporting butterflies to consider is Butterfly-weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*). Like all members of the Milkweed family, it is a host plant to Monarch butterflies, whose eastern population has declined 85 percent in the past two decades. One thing we can do to help them is plant more Milkweeds, including this happy, easy-to-grow plant. It not only supports Monarchs, but also attracts other butterflies and beneficial insects as well as hummingbirds.



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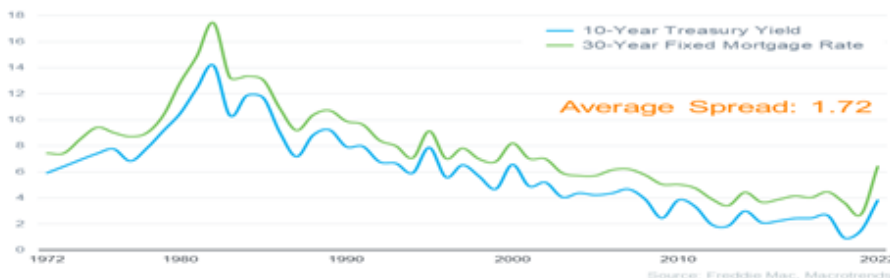
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This chart shows that mortgage rates have followed in unison with 10-Year Treasury with a spread of about 1.7% for 50+ years. Typically you add 1.7% to the 10 year yield and you get the 30-year fixed rate. Lately the spread has widened. At the start of 2023 the spread was 2.7%, almost 1% higher, in the measure of fear and volatility. While there has been uncertainty in the markets, it is predicted that mortgage rates will decrease later this year. So far this year, home sales have been robust in the DMV area and in many parts of the country.

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Lottie Pienaar, 12 – babysitting/mother's helper and yard work (weeding). Cell: 703-774-8572. Anna Pienaar (mother's cell)

Lily Pina, 17—babysitting, dog/pet sitting & mother's helper. Cell: 703-867-8587 (mom's cell), 703-832-7781 (Lily's cell)

Belen Plaza, 13- Babysitter (SafeSitter Certified), Parent's Helper, Pet Sitter, Dog Walker, Music +Arts Specialty, 717-773-2447, sweetahutchinson@gmail.com

Luke Quattlebaum, 11— parent's helper, babysitting, dog walking, pet sitting. 703- 725-1826 (Mary)

Harley Seidel, 13— babysitting, dog walking, pet sitting, plant sitting, parent's helper. 917-213-8540, amberskellion@yahoo.com (Amber)

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

Ellie Trumpfeller, 15—babysitting (Red Cross certified) with references, Dog walking/sitting 571 214-2019 or 571-379-6070
Ellie.trumpf@icloud.com or lynne.trumpfeller@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. ents, please provide your contact information to the same e-mail address.



Please Pay Your 2023- 2024 GCA Dues-\$15

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 2022 through June 2023.

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.



Use your smart phone's QR reader to scan & go directly to our website



Hours and Events at Glencarlyn Library

By Natasha Francois, Glencarlyn Branch Manager, Librarian Supervisor

Glencarlyn Library has weekly programs especially geared toward children and adults

Stop In for Stories 5:30 – 6:30, Mondays: May 1, May 8, May 15, & May 22

For families with children of all ages. Stop In for Stories is for children of all ages and an accompanying adult. This fun and interactive program combines activities such as read-aloud stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays and introduces children to listening skills, picture books, the library, and the joy of reading. No registration required. Attendance is first-come, first-served until event capacity is reached.

Make It Mondays: Magnets, 7:00 – 7:45, Monday May 8

Join the Glencarlyn staff to make a magnet for your refrigerator. All supplies provided. Feel welcome to bring small images (1/3 inch to 2/3-inch photos) or pictures from magazines. Some images will be provided. Registration Required. For ages 18+. Please note due to small pieces, this activity is not

appropriate for children.

Make It Mondays: Mocktails 101, 6:15 – 7:15, Monday May 15

Refreshing Drinks for Spring. Deciding to cut back on, or refrain permanently from alcohol? No need to skip out on the fun when friends or colleagues get together for drinks! Join us to learn how to make 3 alcohol-free spring cocktails. We will combine ingredients with spring fruits and garnishes to create refreshing drinks that everyone can enjoy. Registration required. Supplies provided while they last.

Paper Crafts, 3:30 – 4:30, Tuesdays: May 2, May 9, May 16, & May 23

For families with children of all ages. Children can make a different craft out of paper and other materials provided by the library. Examples include Origami, bookmarks, seasonal creations, 3D creations, cards, and so much more! Registration not required. Space is limited, attendance is first-come, first-served until event capacity is reached.

Indoor Air and Green Cleaning Supplies, 6:30 – 7:30, Tuesday May 9

Make your own natural cleaning supplies!

Class participants will learn about indoor air, poisonous gasses, and how to properly ventilate your space. Residents will also make natural cleaning supplies for home and receive recipes for exploring more ways to clean naturally. Presenters: Facilitated by the Energy Masters Class, in partnership with EcoAction Arlington and Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension. Registration Required. All supplies provided.

Family Storytime, 10:30 – 11:00, Thursdays: May 4, May 11, May 18, & May 25

For families with young children. Family Storytime is for children 0-5 years and an accompanying adult. This fun and interactive program combines activities such as read-aloud stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and flannel boards and introduces children to listening skills, picture books, the library, and the joy of reading. No registration required. Attendance is first-come, first-served until event capacity is reached.

For more information, call 703-228-6548 or look on the library website.

Missing Middle Unanimously Approved by Arlington County Board. What Does that Mean?

By Julie Lee

On March 22nd, the County Board unanimously approved Missing Middle Housing, now called Expanding Housing Options (EHO), allowing up to 6-unit buildings in all single-family neighborhoods. I wanted to provide specific information about how EHO impacts Glencarlyn. For

example, what is the parking ratio in Glencarlyn? However, when I reached out to County staff, they were unable to provide us with that information.

Here is their response:

“Staff is working through the permitting process and other EHO implementation details. We are receiving comments and/

or questions about the EHO options. All questions are being compiled and responses will be addressed in future educational materials. Materials about EHO implementation will be shared with the public when they are available, in advance of the July 1 effective date.”

Arlington Recycling: Did You Know....

- That ten percent of what is collected in Arlington's Recycle Bins is still not recyclable?
- That fifty percent of typical municipal curbside collection is compostable?
- That Arlington's non recyclable waste is burned in a trash to energy plant in Alexandria VA?

These important facts and more were shared with the attendees of the April GCA meeting by Andrew Miller, Arlington County Recycling Outreach Specialist. The graphic at the right from his presentation shows what types of waste can be composted and kept out of Arlington's waste system.

infographic courtesy Arlington DES and epa.gov

