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### County Board Member Speaks at September GCA Meeting

By Robin Taylor

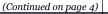
Arlington County Board member Matt de Ferranti addressed many topics of concern to Glencarlyn residents at the September GCA meeting.

De Ferranti spoke briefly about the new stormwater utility fee (see article on page 3 for more information).

Attendees raised concerns about the library, which Natasha François, Glencarlyn branch manager, addressed (see update on page 11). De Ferranti thanked Francois for the update and assured attendees that he supports the Glencarlyn Library.

There is some interest in the community to form a Friends of Glencarlyn Library group, which will focus on ways to support the library. If you would like to be involved, or just want to learn more, contact Julie Lee (ifblee@aol.com).

Several attendees raised related concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety along Carlin Springs Road. De Ferranti emphasized that while we can continue with minor improvements, the County needs a big-picture understanding of Carlin Springs Road south of Route 50. He mentioned plans to "redo" intersections at 3<sup>rd</sup> St. S. and 6<sup>th</sup> Rd. S., but probably not





Arlington County Board member Matt de Ferranti.

#### School Board Member Mary Kadera Speaks to Glencarlyn Monday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 pm in Carlin Hall

School Board member Mary Kadera speaks at the GCA meeting on Monday, October 2, at 7:30 pm in Carlin Hall. Ms. Kadera joined the Arlington County School Board on January 1, 2022. Her daughter is a student at Kenmore Middle School. Ms. Kadera will provide information about the proposed move of the Spanish

## **Immersion Program to Kenmore.**

This move has pros and cons, including an increase in buses from 11 to 19.

Mary is eager to discuss anything on our minds. This is her first visit with Glencarlyn. Join us in giving her a warm welcome on Monday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 pm in Carlin Hall.



Arlington County School Board member Maru Kadera

#### **Speakers and Programs at Upcoming GCA Meetings**

As we go to print, we are still scheduling speakers and programs for the November 6 and December 4 GCA meetings.

- We are attempting to get someone from the County to answer our questions about the new Stormwater Utility Fee (see article on page 3).
- We want to meet again with representatives from Virginia Hospital Center to discuss the 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd. property plans.
- And we must stay engaged with the County's plans for library operations.

Please look for meeting and speaker information in the GCA Updates. (See page 11 for how to subscribe.)

## President's Corner



This month, Julie's column is written by Master Naturalists and Park Stewards Bill Browning and Steve Young.

## Deer Management: Restoring Balance to Our Ecosystem

By Bill Browning and Steve Young

Gardeners understand how some wonderful plants can grow aggressively in their gardens. They will crowd out other desirable plants—unless they are managed. Animals in ecosystems can behave similarly. Consider the white-tailed deer, a wonderful

native animal. In the absence of predators, deer populations grow unchecked, and diminish the habitat for other native animals and plants. The deer need to be managed and kept in balance with the rest of the ecosystem.

We have volunteered in Arlington County's parks for more than 30 years combined, and have been honored to receive awards for our service. In recent years we noticed many more deer in our parks. At the same time, small native plants were disappearing, tree seedlings were diminishing, and small trees were suffering bark wounds from antler rubbing.

We realized the local deer population was rapidly increasing, and we also observed that many deer were losing their normal fear of humans. We learned that what we were seeing is common throughout much of the nation. Without predators, except vehicles, deer do what deer are going to do: eat a lot and propagate.

As more residents expressed concern about deer, the Arlington government initiated efforts to study the situation. First, it hired a contractor, who found that the county had at least 290 deer. The deer were concentrated in our most sensitive natural areas, and 290 was the minimum number the contractor could count with certainty; there are likely many more.

More recently, another contractor studied the damage in county parks caused by deer browsing (feeding). They documented browsing levels that threaten the health of our parks and stated that an active deermanagement program is necessary to



Deer are often seen browsing in Glencarlyn yards. Photo by Gerald Martineau

preserve Arlington's natural resources. They also summarized what neighboring jurisdictions and the National Park Service are doing to manage their deer.

There are ample precedents for Arlington's situation. Extensive credible research on deer management is thoroughly documented, and best practices are in place in many locations near Northern Virginia. We need to restore balance to our ecosystem. Deer are wonderful animals, but too many deer can be a threat. Arlington should follow the lead of other local jurisdictions and listen to the wildlife management professionals. We owe responsible stewardship to all the organisms that inhabit our natural areas.

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#### Starting in 2024, Arlington County Will Tax Your Impervious Surfaces

Adapted from an ArlNow.com article by Jo DeVoe

You may have received a postcard outlining a new fee we can expect next year: a stormwater utility fee. This fee is effective Jan. 1, 2024, and will charge properties a fee based on use of and impact on Arlington County's stormwater system. The new fee will replace an existing sanitary district tax calculated based on property assessments.

Residents of properties with more hard surfaces that do not let rain soak into the ground—such as roofs and driveways—<u>can</u> <u>expect to pay</u> larger fees than those with fewer such surfaces. Property owners can receive <u>credits</u> for steps they take to reduce stormwater runoff.

Revenue from the fee will fund stormwater capital projects—to the tune of \$331 million over the next decade. To mitigate flooding, Arlington is also buying properties in flood-prone areas, adding stormwater detention vaults and making small drainage improvements, among other projects.

"The County is making this change now because the rise in severe flooding in recent years requires us to increase investments in our stormwater system, and a utility fee is a fairer way to distribute the cost," according to the county website. "These investments will help maintain, upgrade, and scale our stormwater infrastructure to better protect Arlington from future severe rainstorms."

The Arlington County Board approved the fee with the 2024 budget earlier this year. It comes on the heels of a 2020 study by a consultant that <u>recommended</u> the switch and further study by staff.

The new model is fairer, <u>says</u> Arlington County, because these impermeable areas are "a better estimate of usage of the stormwater assessment."

Before, the sanitary tax amounted to \$0.017 per \$100 of assessed value, or \$136 a year for a home assessed at \$800,000. Now, single-family homes could see a similar starting point for

the stormwater utility fee, of \$138 for homes under 1,600 square feet, with fees increasing as square footage increases.

This fee is based on a unit of measure Arlington County devised, called an "Equivalent Residential Unit." The county calculated this by finding the average impervious coverage for single-family detached properties, which is 2,400 square feet.

Currently, one ERU is roughly \$230-250, according to the county, though the final rate for 2024 will be set this fall and annually thereafter. Property owners would be charged based on how many ERUs compose their property. You can estimate that fee using a tool the county created (see end of this article).

People looking for some relief can apply for a credit program that rewards voluntary actions such as adding rain gardens. From Nov. 1 through Jan. 15, all property owners can apply for voluntary credits to offset up to 35% of their bill, or about \$80 per ERU.

"The credit program is not a bill assistance program, but rather a thank you to customers for doing the right thing for the environment," the county website says.

Credits of 5% can be earned by tree planting, conservation landscaping, and rainwater collection. Credits of 10% can be earned by installing rain gardens and permeable driveways. Those who added stormwater facilities mandated by statute will automatically receive credits.

Some 1,900 properties in Arlington are already eligible for automatic credits, according to Tyler Ann Smith, a budget director for the project. If credit applications jump up, that could squeeze participation or drive up the fee per ERU, she said in a presentation last year. "If the credit program is wildly successful—a lot of people apply and that reduces revenue the county gets—we will have to increase the ERU for all properties," Smith said at the time.

**See page 4** for date and time of the upcoming Information Session, the Stormwater Utility Fee Estimator, and other resources.

Customer Class	Billed Units	Annual Fee	Count of Billed Properties
Single Family - Detached			
Tier 1: ≤1600 square feet (SF)	0.6 ERU	\$138 - \$150	3,293 (12% of SFDs)
Tier 2: >1600 - ≤3600 SF	1.0 ERU	\$230 - \$250	19,993 (71% of SFDs)
Tier 3: >3600 - ≤4800 SF	1.7 ERU	\$391 - \$425	3,455 (12% of SFDs)
Above Cap: >4800 SF	Per ERU	Varies	1,408 (5% of SFDs)
Single Family - Attached	0.6 ERU	\$138 - \$150	6,463
Multi-Family	0.18 ERU per dwelling unit	Varies	27,454
Non-Residential	Per ERU	Varies	1,802

The proposed rate structure for the stormwater utility fee (via Arlington County)

### Volunteer vs. Park Litter

By Steve Young

Litter in Glencarlyn Park doesn't stand a chance when cleanup volunteer Alan W. encounters it.

Most mornings, Alan, who lives in Ballston, arrives at Long Branch Nature Center with a large trash bag and trash picker. He walks the path and road toward the Glencarlyn Dog Park and the picnic pavilions. He travels much of the W&OD Trail between Route 50 and Columbia Pike. He collects huge amounts of trash.

Alan is not seeking attention. He simply saw a problem and chose to do something about it. Our park is much cleaner thanks to his efforts. If you see Alan, thank him, and better yet, help! Glencarlyn organizes an annual stream cleanup along Four Mile Run, and Cub Scouts work along Long Branch.



Alan with his trusty trash picker. Photo by Steve Young

Unfortunately, every heavy rainfall brings more trash to the stream banks, but with volunteers like Alan leading the way, we can keep our parks clean.

#### GCA New Neighbor Welcome Packet

The GCA has an attractive and informative welcome packet for new neighbors moving into our community.

It includes information about our neighborhood, our county services, schools, parks, recreation, medical needs for people and pets, and shopping.

Welcome Committee members Janet Fedak, Linda King, and Peggy O'Connell have packets ready to go.

If you are new to Glencarlyn, or have neighbors who are new, please contact Janet at <a href="mailto:jifedak@gmail.com">jifedak@gmail.com</a> and the committee will deliver this wonderful welcome to our new neighbors.

Thank you!

#### De Ferranti, cont'd.

(Continued from page 1) until next summer, now that school is in session and there is a lot of student foot traffic. Meanwhile, residents are highly concerned about pedestrian safety near the 1st St. S. intersection, including Kenmore Middle School students crossing (with no crosswalk) to the 7-11. De Ferranti pointed out that Carlin Springs Road is a through road, and the County has less authority; it's difficult to get speed bumps and traffic lights added. That said, pedestrian safety is of the utmost importance, he said. We must "stop counting cars" and make changes. He encouraged neighbors to contact him about specific traffic issues, with photos and videos if possible.

On the topic of the 7-11, De Ferranti has heard complaints about loitering and parking in nearby no-parking areas. He can ask the Arlington County Police Department to speak with the owners about discouraging loitering, but he warns that enforcement of loitering laws is "tricky." He encourages residents to report cars parked illegally in the vicinity of the 7-11. Nothing may happen in the short term, but multiple reports will build evidence that there is a problem.

De Ferranti raised the topic of deer, pointing to recent studies that found Arlington has too many deer for the health of our ecosystem (see page 2 for more on this topic) but he is not sure what the solution is. Culling is a difficult choice; other nearby localities have successfully done it, but they are not as dense as Arlington County. De Ferranti is not yet convinced of the viability of other proposals (fencing, preventing reproduction). The County has started a community engagement process that will continue into 2024.

Attendees asked about the hospital site at 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd. De Ferranti said he expects VHC to have a site plan early in 2024. The site plan review process involves a series of meetings, and he reminded attendees that significant changes can happen during the site plan review.

De Ferranti acknowledged that the County may have work to do on accountability, follow-through, and speed of response, while highlighting some decisions that affect Glencarlyn (e.g., some of the Missing Middle compromises), and pledging support for the Glencarlyn community.

#### Stormwater, cont'd.

(Continued from page 3) On Tuesday,
October 10, at 6:30 p.m., Arlington
County will host a virtual information session about upcoming
stormwater utility changes. There
will be a short presentation about the
stormwater utility and credit program,
plus time for questions. It will be recorded
and posted online. For more information,
visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/44Mocty">https://bit.ly/44Mocty</a>

More sessions will be added in coming months.

Visit the County's Stormwater Utility Implementation webpage for more information:

https://www.arlingtonva.us/ Government/Programs/Sustainabilityand-Environment/Stormwater/ Stormwater-Utility-Implementation

The County provides a Stormwater Utility Fee Estimator:

https://www.arlingtonva.us/ Government/Programs/Sustainabilityand-Environment/Stormwater/ Stormwater-Utility-Implementation/ Stormwater-Utility-Fee-Estimator

#### Arlington Neighborhoods Program (ANP) Update

By Kathy Reeder Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (ArNAC) Delegate

#### **Design Work Continues on Kenmore Wooded Area Project**

This project will improve 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.

The 90% design is scheduled for submission in early October, and the 100% design at the end of November. Once the final plans are approved (January 2024), procurement and construction are expected to take place from February through September 2024.

A rendering of the recently-submitted 60% design for the 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S. entrance will be posted to glencarlyn.org soon, to give residents an idea of how the design is evolving. Several neighbors have volunteered to help maintain the plantings in that location, which will be the neighborhood's responsibility.

As the design work progresses toward completion, 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 Arlington Neighborhoods Program project, or be pursued by collaboration between Arlington Public Schools 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 next treatment this fall, and the final treatment next summer. Signs will be posted when the treatments take place 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, from November 2021, go to bit.ly/ KenmoreWoodedArea2021 or visit Glencarlyn.org, click on ANP Projects in the main menu, and scroll down to Kenmore Wooded Area, South Manchester St. & 2nd St. **South**. In that section is a link to the project description document.

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

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## **Doggie Corner**



The Scotties, Franklin and Teddy. Photo by Matthew Weinstein.

Glencarlyn has a lot of dogs! This column will introduce you to dogs of Glencarlyn and their owners. If you would like your dog(s) to be featured, contact Sheridan Swope at <a href="mailto:swopes123@gmail.com">swopes123@gmail.com</a>.

This month we feature the Scotties. The Scotties, Teddy and Franklin, reside at the corner of S. Lexington St. and the Arlington Blvd. Service Road, with Matthew Weinstein and Jill Calazzo.

Teddy is an 8-year-old Wheaten Scottish Terrier, adopted in 2015 from a local breeder in Woodbridge, VA. Franklin is a 3-year-old Black Scottish Terrier, adopted in 2020 from a breeder in Missouri.

Both are very handsome, and they are often seen sporting their Tartan colors. Teddy's favorite activities include rolling around in mud on a rainy day, watching the world go by in his yard, and eating. Franklin enjoys include chasing squirrels, barking at crows, and roughhousing with his friends. Franklin and Teddy love their dog neighbors Carl and Luigi. They like nothing more than to arrange for playdates with Carl several times per week.

Both of them love to walk around the neighborhood and the park. When you see them, say hello to Teddy and Franklin!



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## View from the Garden

#### **How to Help Fireflies**

By Alyssa Ford Morel

One of the most quiet but distinctive highlights of summer east of the Rocky Mountains is the luminous dance of Fireflies. Children and adults alike pause and take time to track where they see a silent flash and guess where the next one will follow. The flashes, of course, are an essential part of these insects' mating courtship.



Photinus species firefly. Photo by Judy Gallagher.

While there are 2,250 or so species of Fireflies worldwide and about 150 in North America, Virginia hosts about three dozen species, the most common locally being *Photinus pyralis*, the Eastern or Big Dipper Firefly. Unfortunately, it is estimated that one in three species of North American Fireflies are at risk of extinction, and most

adults anecdotally know that there are not as many now as they remember from childhood.

Also called Lightning Bugs, Fireflies are neither Bug nor Fly; they are Beetles. Fireflies start life as eggs which hatch in about two weeks, emerging as larvae, also known as glowworms, that live in damp organic soil. Glowworms are predatory, eating slugs, snails and worms. They then pupate, emerging as adult Fireflies. Their lifecycle, which is around two years depending on the species, is mostly spent as larvae. Most adults live only a few weeks and often neither eat nor sleep, but are entirely devoted to reproduction.

Because the majority of Fireflies' lives are spent in the earth, the quality of that habitat is extremely important. They need moist, organic-rich soil that is abundant with life, which is what nature provides when left undisturbed. Leaves that fall in a forest create a layer of decaying organic matter that holds the moisture so essential to many creatures. This is one of the reasons that environmentalists advise people to "leave the leaves." As we move into Fall, organic soil naturally created by decaying leaves supports many plants and animals, including Fireflies. That is not to say that leaves must left on walkways, driveways and lawns. Leaves on lawns can be chopped up with a mulching mower to help the decay process along and avoid thick patches of leaves that would smother a lawn. Leaves on hard surfaces can be raked into beds, possibly being chopped up first if they would create a smothering layer. The size of beds can be increased (and lawn reduced) if there are more leaves than fit. We can help the environment by changing our aesthetic to appreciate the wilder look of natural leaves in our yards.

Other gardening practices that help fireflies include avoiding any pesticides, including those marketed as being organic or safe for pollinators. It doesn't matter what the pesticide is made from; if it works, it will kill all insects it that come in contact with it.



Fallen leaves look seasonal in a winter landscape, and will soon be hidden by emerging spring growth. Photo by Elaine Mills.

And lastly, while not a gardening practice per se, turning off outdoor lights when they aren't needed is a big help to fireflies and also to migrating birds, who get confused by human-created light, often with fatal results.



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## **Community Events and Activities**

#### **Changes at the Library**

#### **Hours and Events at Glencarlyn Library**

Glencarlyn branch manager Natasha Francois attended the September GCA meeting and provided an update on changes in progress at the library.

Francois has been working to refresh our collection. Books that don't circulate much from the Glencarlyn branch have been sent to other branches, and in return, our shelves are being replenished with books from other locations.

All Glencarlyn library collections are currently at normal levels, except the adult nonfiction and children's nonfiction collections, which are about 15% below the prior level as this article was being written in September. They are growing incrementally, and soon we will have full shelves again.

When she started last year, Francois noticed that some bookshelves were old and would need replacement. For months, she worked to get the process started, and this summer, four old shelves were removed. New shelves have been ordered to replace them. In the meantime, picture books have been consolidated on remaining shelves (none were removed), and temporary shelves hold the young adult (YA) collection.

By Natasha Francois, Glencarlyn Branch Manager, Librarian Supervisor

## Mondays: Stop in for Stories 5:30pm - 6:00pm

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.

#### Tuesdays: Paper Crafts

3:30pm - 4:30pm

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.

#### **Thursdays: Family Storytime**

10:30am - 11:00am

For families with young children

Family Storytime is for children o-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.

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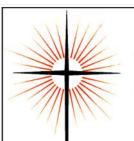
#### Special event: Fall Family Fun

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 3:00pm - 6:00pm

An alternative to Trick-or-Treating!

Join the Library for an afternoon of family-friendly harvest-themed crafts and activities, including pumpkin painting, candy corn hole, pumpkin tic-tac-toe, and more. Enjoy some festive treats (while supplies last).

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#### **Glencarlyn Kids for Hire**

Mandy Boiani, 10-mother's helper. 703-635-6762

Aoife Cahill, 13-parent's helper, pet sitter, dog walker, tutor for kids. 703 772-2982 (Fiona)

Darragh Cahill, 15—kids' soccer coach, mother's helper, yardwork & plant sitting. 703 772-2982 (Fiona), davejcahill@hotmail.com

Marley Denton, 16—babysitting, pet care/walking, plant care, household work/errands. 520-353-5060 (Teresa, mother)

Hailey Denton, 14—pet care/walking, plant care, lawn care, household work/errands, babysitting. 520-353-5060 (Teresa, mother)

Makayla Denton, 12—pet care/walking, plant care, household work/errands. 520-353-5060 (Teresa, mother)

Stella Derks, 11—parent's helper, cat sitting, dog walking (small dogs). 240-330-2589 (Robin, mother), robin.elaine@gmail.com

Lucy Drake, 16-dog walking, plant and pet sitting, babysitter/parent's helper. 571-373-2750 (Lucy), 571-723-8950 (Heidi, mother)

Elise Eclarinal, 15-mother's helper, babysitting. 703.705.1702 (Elise), 703-772-4429 (Mom's cell)

Lydia Grotos, 12—babysitter, parent helper, dog walking, plant & pet sitting. 703 998-0114, egrotos@msn.com

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

**Marin Hecht**, 14—parent's helper, pet sitting, dog walking, soccer/basketball training, yardwork. ayenyo@gmail.com (mother); 832-971-3202 (cell)

John Hougen, 16—parent's helper, babysitting, dog walking, pet & plant sitting. 703 867-2933 (Eric), 703 867-2934 (Kate)

Caleb Jobe, 15—math tutoring, chess tutoring, plant/house sitting, dog walking, cat sitting. 202-630-7067 (Rona)

Joshua Jobe, 11—cat sitting, small dog walking (up to 20lbs), yard work, trash bin help, parent's helper. 202-630-7067 (Rona)

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

**Logan Krohl**, 15—babysitting, lawn mowing, pet sitting, plant sitting & yardwork. 703-593-1170 (Logan) 703 862-4938 (Chandi), chandikrohl@hotmail.com

Riley Krohl, 12—babysitting, pet sitting/walking, plant sitting & yard work. 703-568-2760 (Riley), 703-862-4938 (Chandi), chandikrohl@hotmail.com

**Aniya Matadial**, 12—babysitting/parents helper (Red Cross certified), dog walking, pet & plant sitting & lawn maintenance. 703-850-8343, Aniyalatoro9@gmail.com, Stephanie Matadial (mother) 703-731-3714 Smshoemaker1@gmail.com

Simon Oliver, 16—babysitting, plant watering. 703-401-1260

Jack Oliver, 15—basic bike repair and maintenance, dog walking/sitting, lawn mowing. 703-505-8526

Lottie Pienaar, 12—babysitting/mother's helper and yardwork (weeding). 703-774-8572 (Anna Pienaar, mother'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)

 $\textbf{Grace Sinkins}, 17-\text{experienced babysitter \& Red Cross certified. graces inkins 1104@gmail.com (her email), sinkinsk@outlook.com (mother's email), 703-963-6048 (Kate, mother)$ 

**Ellie Trumpheller**, 15—babysitting (Red Cross certified) with references, dog walking/sitting. 571 214-2019, 571-379-6070, ellie.trump@icloud.com or lynne.trumpfheller@gmail.com

If you are a 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**.

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