

# The Village View



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November 2023

## The Purpose and Future of Our Glencarlyn Library November 6 GCA Meeting, 7:30 pm

By Julie Lee

Arlington Public Library has begun a study and county-wide engagement process to determine the best uses of its limited resources in the future. This study will determine where libraries are located across the County, how library space is used and how funding will be allocated to best serve the growing and changing Arlington population. The process will be managed by a contracted consultant and will last no more than 90 days. The final report will include various facility planning factors and location siting options. It will present tradeoffs among library collections, physical space, and levels of public service. In simple terms, the County will be re-envisioning and reimagining library space to “best serve” all of Arlington, which suggests that libraries of the future will be gathering places, using space for books for other purposes.

We have concerns that this “reimagining” process will include the repurposing of library resources and space to the detriment of our Glencarlyn Library. We want to ensure that the County knows how much we value our Glencarlyn Library. We want it to remain open, fully-staffed, and with shelves full of books. **To that end, we will be holding a Neighborhood Brainstorming Session at our November 6 GCA**

**meeting at 7:30 pm in Carlin Hall.** We will hear from Glencarlyn Branch Manager Natasha Francois, and work with the Friends of Glencarlyn Library (see story below) exploring ways to bring more patrons into our library and effectively advocate during this short County-wide engagement process for full funding and staffing for our library. The clock is running; we need to move quickly. We do not want a “library” in name only.

Glencarlyn Library was Arlington’s FIRST public library.

(See President’s Corner, p. 2, for more about the history.) With a community-wide effort we will keep it strong and responsive to community needs for years to come.

**PLEASE ATTEND Monday, November 6, at 7:30 pm in Carlin Hall.**



An ACPD officer reads to children at the library. Photo by Gerald Martineau

## Introducing the Friends of Glencarlyn Library New Group Formed to Support Our Local Branch

By Simon DeGroot

Prompted by continuing uncertainties over the future of the Glencarlyn Library, a group of committed and concerned Glencarlynites have formed the Friends of Glencarlyn Library (FGL). Their goal: to increase use of the library and make it more responsive to the community’s present-day needs.

Among their initial efforts: developing a survey of the Glencarlyn community, to gain a better understanding of what we can do to make the library more useful and relevant.

The group also plans to explore potential partnership opportunities with nearby schools, and possible new programs and services to increase the value the library offers the community.

The Glencarlyn community has worked together in the past to ensure continued County support for our library, and the FGL group continues that proud tradition at a time when it is more important than ever.

“Our library faces its biggest challenge ever, and I believe we are up to that

challenge,” stated GCA president Julie Lee. “Our Glencarlyn Library has been a critical resource for our community since Samuel Burdette gifted his money, his book collection, and the land on which the current building stands. We intend to keep it that way.”

This MUST be a community-wide effort. We must work together to preserve Glencarlyn Library.

For more information on the Friends of Glencarlyn Library, contact Simon DeGroot at [degroots@erols.com](mailto:degroots@erols.com).

# President's Corner



## Glencarlyn Library: Our Neighborhood Treasure

By Julie Lee

Often, we take for granted the things we treasure most. Our Glencarlyn Library is a TREASURE. WE MUST USE IT and we must support it.

As explained on page 1, the County Manager has directed Arlington Public Library (APL) to review future facility and materials funding for the system. He asked APL to engage with the community about how "best to prioritize and provide library services in a changed and

changing environment."

Knowing that this public engagement process would be happening, and hearing some confusion\* concerning removal of our shelves and books, I invited APL Director Diane Kresh to speak at our November 6 GCA meeting.

Frankly, I was STUNNED when I received Ms. Kresh' reply DECLINING our invitation.

After explaining that a 90-day, county-wide, consultant-managed engagement process would be beginning shortly (it may be underway as you read this), she wrote:

"Once the public engagement process has been determined, we will let residents and Library patrons know how they can participate. **I am not accepting any invitations to talk about the Library's future while this public engagement process is underway therefore I must decline your invitation to attend the November 6 meeting.**"

Ms. Kresh's refusal to attend to our Nov 6th GCA meeting is disappointing and confusing.

Why would the Director of Arlington Public Library refuse to speak to communities during the public engagement process that has been set forth by the County Manager?

How is Arlington County reaching out to communities during their public engagement process?

Does the County Manager or the Director already have an agenda and a vision about where and how library resources should be allocated?

Will other facilities and programs grow at the expense of Glencarlyn Library?

Have they forgotten that Arlington Public Library began in the late 1800s with a book collection stored for the Glencarlyn community at Carlin Hall?

In 1914, General Samuel Burdett bequeathed the land, books, and money to begin a public library in Glencarlyn. Burdett Library opened in 1924. **As we approach the 100th anniversary of our library, JOIN US for the Nov 6th Community Brainstorming Session to Support and Save Glencarlyn Library, 7:30pm in Carlin Hall.**

We have a committed Branch Manager who has wonderful ideas to enhance and increase the use of our facility. A group of committed and concerned Friends of Glencarlyn Library (FGL) is developing plans to make our library more relevant and active. The Glencarlyn community has worked together in the past to insure funding for our library. I believe this will be our biggest challenge ever. I also believe we are up to the challenge.

*\*Aging shelves were removed as part of routine maintenance, and replacements have been ordered. All our collections are at normal levels, except nonfiction, which is expected to return to normal soon.*

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## Adrian Stanton, VHC Health, at December 4 GCA Meeting

We are very pleased that Adrian Stanton, V.P., Business Development and Community Relations at VHC Health, will join us Monday, December 4, to give us an update and discuss plans for the Behavioral Wellness facility to be built on the property at 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd. VHC Health expects to submit initial plans to the County in early 2024.

Demolition and regrading of the former hospital site was completed this fall. Glencarlyn, Forest Glen, and Arlington Mill

civic associations continue to communicate with VHC Health, County Board members, and the Animal Welfare League of Arlington regarding future development of the property.

We will hear the latest information and have an opportunity to ask questions.

Plan to attend Monday, December 4, at 7:30 pm in Carlin Hall.

## Glencarlyn Luminaria and Holiday Celebration Set for Saturday, Dec. 9th

The **Annual Glencarlyn Luminaria** is one of our neighborhood's most beautiful events. We look forward to everyone participating on Saturday, December 9 (rain date December 16). **Luminaria packs, which include 10 tea candles, 10 white paper bags, and sand, can be purchased for \$7 each at Carlin Hall, 5711 4th Street S., between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9.** Each 10-candle Luminaria pack will light the frontage of an average 50-60 ft. lot. This is a fundraiser for GCA. You can also pay your dues at this time.

**As it begins to get dark and the luminaria are lit, everyone is invited to walk the neighborhood, admire the Luminaria, and come to the Holiday Party at the Glencarlyn Library parking lot on S. Kensington St.** Even if you won't be placing luminaria in front of your home, join in the neighborhood stroll. It is truly a beautiful sight! Everything culminates with friendship and refreshments at the **Holiday Party, 6-7:30 pm.** There will be cookies, warm

beverages (cocoa, spiced cider) and marshmallows for roasting. **We can expect a special visit from Santa around 6:30 pm. This is a wonderful family activity and a great opportunity to greet your neighbors. The rain date this year is Saturday, December 16.**



*Luminaria in Glencarlyn in 2020. Photo by Gerald Martineau*

## Volunteers Needed for December 9 Luminaria Sales and Holiday Party

**Volunteers are needed to make our December 9 Glencarlyn Luminaria and Holiday Party a success.** Eighteen volunteers are needed for sales between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 pm at Carlin Hall (four or five volunteers per 1.5 hour shift). We need some volunteers to work outside bagging sand. We need **SIX DOZEN COOKIES** for the Holiday Party (drop them off at Carlin Hall during Luminaria sales or bring them to the party). Ten volunteers are needed for the Holiday Party, beginning with set-up at 5:15 p.m.

We are also asking for volunteers to sign up for the rain date on Saturday, December 16. If you can work either day, sign up for both; if you can only help on one day, sign up for that day. Of course, you will only have to work one day.

**Volunteers can sign up to help for both the scheduled day (9<sup>th</sup>) and the rain date (16<sup>th</sup>) by using the SignUp Genius at: <https://bit.ly/GCALuminaria2023> or by contacting Julie Lee at [jfblee@aol.com](mailto:jfblee@aol.com) or 808-384-4954.**



*Peyton and Kennedy Mahaffey roast marshmallows at the 2022 Glencarlyn Holiday Party. Photo by Gerald Martineau*



## Sparrow Pond Rehabilitation Project



*Sparrow Pond was drained for the project.*

*Photos and text by Brandon Hemel*

Construction work continues along the W&OD and Four Mile Run trails as part of the Sparrow Pond Rehabilitation Project.

As of this writing, portions of Four Mile Run trail are closed, so that the county contractors can excavate, stabilize, and prepare a trench for a new pipe. There is detour signage to the W&OD trail and at the pedestrian bridge to Glencarlyn Park.

Typical work hours are 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday. This is a multi-phase project and construction is expected to take 12 months through August 2024.

More information is available at <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Environment-Projects/Sparrow-Pond-Restoration>



*Work on Four Mile Run trail.*



*Construction equipment on the site.*



*Work on Four Mile Run trail.*

## 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 [jjfedak@gmail.com](mailto:jjfedak@gmail.com) and the committee will deliver this wonderful welcome to our new neighbors.

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## Arlington Neighborhoods Program (ANP) Update

By Kathy Reeder

Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (ArNAC) Delegate

### Design work moves toward 90% milestone 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 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S. dead end, and the east side of S. Manchester St.

The 90% design was scheduled for submission October 5, with a Final Design Meeting for the neighborhood and Arlington Public Schools (APS) to follow. The 100% design is scheduled for 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 plan showing the 60% design, which is still evolving, is posted on Glencarlyn.org under ANP Projects. After the plantings are established, neighborhood volunteers will be responsible for maintaining them, and several neighbors have already volunteered to do this.

As the design work moves toward completion, there will be

further refinement, as was anticipated when the project was approved and funded. Some items that GCA originally proposed may need to go into a future ANP project or be pursued by collaboration between APS and GCA. More information will be provided about the scope of the project as the plan is finalized.

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 description of the proposed project, including project history and photos and the 60% design plan, go to [Glencarlyn.org](http://Glencarlyn.org) > [ANP Projects](#), and scroll down to **Kenmore Wooded Area, South Manchester St. & 2<sup>nd</sup> St. South.**

Please send any questions on this project to Kathy Reeder at [kathleenreeder@comcast.net](mailto:kathleenreeder@comcast.net).

## Community Thanksgiving Service and Lunch

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## Doggie Corner



This month we feature Charlotte, a dachshund/terrier mix thought to be about ten years old. She resides at the corner of 4th St. South and S. Jefferson St. with Ginnie, Anthony, Maria, and Sofi Tarzia. She was rescued through a shelter in Arkansas and found through Petfinder.

Charlotte loves walking through the neighborhood being friendly with people and dogs and smelling all the doggie "pmail" messages. She also loves to chase her squeaky toys, play with kids and adults, and, most of all, loves to eat, sleep, and be held and cuddled. Another enjoyable activity is watching squirrels and rabbits from her back door window.

When you see Charlotte, say hello and she will be happy to meet you!

*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 [swopes123@gmail.com](mailto:swopes123@gmail.com).*



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# View from the Garden

## Native Plants Take the Spotlight in Scavenger Hunt

By Julie Blitzer, Master Gardener Intern

Looking for a fun outdoor activity to try? Want to learn something new about the plants in the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden? Come try the Community Garden Scavenger Hunt.



A laminated copy of the scavenger hunt is available in the garden education box.

This scavenger hunt profiles 10 native plants around the garden grounds and may take you to corners of the garden you haven't visited before. If you have small children in your life, bring them along to help read the clues and search for the plants profiled in the hunt.

If you have your cell phone in your bag or pocket like most of us do these days, point your camera at the QR code located on the Little Garden Education Box by the patio. This will take you to the [Master Gardener of Northern Virginia \(MGNV\) website](https://mgnv.org/programs/youth-gardening/demonstration-garden-scavenger-hunts/), where you can access a digital copy of the scavenger hunt. If you are feeling extra motivated, you can also visit other demonstration locations at Simpson Garden, Sunny Garden, and Shade Garden to complete their scavenger hunts as well.

If you would rather not scan the QR code, feel free to locate the laminated hard copy print out of the scavenger hunt in the garden education box. If you can't quite figure out the plant

See if you can find the 10 native plants profiled in the scavenger hunt in our Community Garden, shown below.



being profiled based on the clues and photos, simply go to the next page to find the answer and where it is located in the garden. Of course, it is possible to enjoy the garden year-round, however, some of the plants profiled will not have leaves, flowers, and other distinguishing features during the winter months. Thus, it will probably be the most enjoyable to hunt for these native plant "treasures" during the spring, summer, or fall.

We hope you enjoy the new interactive activity in our community garden and learn something new along the way.

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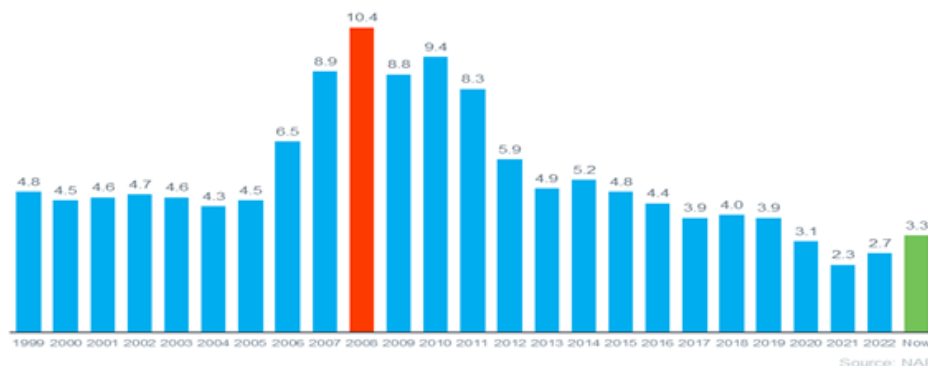
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# Community Events and Activities

## Gain Some Crafting Skills at Glencarlyn Library!

*By Natasha Francois, Glencarlyn Library Branch Director*

Space is limited and **registration is required**. All supplies will be provided. Keep the final product for yourself or gift it to someone special in your life.

### **Make & Take: Sock & Felt Gnomes**

Saturday, November 4, 2023

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Using a little rice, a little pillow filler, a sock or two, and some felt, you can create a cute little gnome to take home or give as a gift. This is a fun craft for one or to do with a friend. Caution: Hot glue guns will be used for this craft. For more information, please call 703-228-5971.

### **DIY Days: Candles**

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

5:30pm - 6:30pm

In this class, we will teach the basics of candle making. We'll add colors and scents. We'll also work with molds. Each participant

will be able to create a candle from a kit to take home with them. Call 703-228-6548 for more information.

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Tuesday, November 28, 2023

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Learn how to make a beaded stretch bracelet and gift it to yourself or a loved one. Call 703-228-6547 for more information.

## Regular Activities at Glencarlyn Library

*By Natasha Francois, Glencarlyn Library Branch Director*

### **Mondays: Stop in for Stories at Glencarlyn**

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 at Glencarlyn**

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, book-marks, 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 at Glencarlyn**

10:30am - 11:00am

For families with young children

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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, Aniyalator09@gmail.com, Stephanie Matadial (mother) 703-731-3714 Smsshoemaker1@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)

**Grace Sinkins**, 17—experienced babysitter & Red Cross certified. gracesinkins1104@gmail.com (her email), sinkinsk@outlook.com (mother's email), 703-963-6048 (Kate, mother)

**Ellie Trumpfeller**, 15—babysitting (Red Cross certified) with references, dog walking/sitting. 571 214-2019, 571-379-6070, ellie.trumpf@icloud.com or lynne.trumpfeller@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](mailto:gcaeditorial@gmail.com).*

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