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February 2024

Library Survey Shows Strong Community Support

By Simon DeGroot and Deborah Short

Glencarlyn library is a beloved bedrock of our community. Over 33% of Glencarlyn residents took time to complete a lengthy online survey, a VERY high response rate. Fully 90% of the respondents said the library and its services are **very important**. "We love the library," was echoed by many. "It is a unique community space that has fostered a love of reading for our children and others nearby." One person shared, "It provides my single most important sense of belonging to a community."

We want our library filled with books and open more hours. Two-thirds of respondents stated that borrowing materials, directly from the library and by placing holds, was very important. **Sixty percent said they visit the library and library garden once a week or more frequently**; 43% place books on hold very often. The "erosion of books" has been noticed by many. Calls to **"bring back more books"** were voiced repeatedly. Many urged for more evening and weekend

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Glencarlyn got about four inches of snow on January 15-16, the biggest snowfall in two years. Photo by Gerald Martineau.

Adrian Stanton Updates GCA on Behavioral Wellness Facility

By Brandon Hemel

As of January 15, 2024, VHC Health has yet to submit their site plan to Arlington County. At the December 2023 GCA meeting, Adrian Stanton explained that the cause for delay is twofold:

1. VHC Health staff have been busy with the opening of the new outpatient pavilion (on N. George Mason Drive)
2. The estimated cost of the project increased to \$135 million

VHC Health has sought out a partnership with a third-party health provider with a specialty in behavioral wellness facilities. This yet-to-be-announced partner will help design and run the facility. The partner will work in the background; all branding will remain VHC Health.

We expect that the formal partnership to be announced around the time this issue goes to print.

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Deer Management Project Update at February 5 GCA Meeting, 7:30 pm



The Arlington County Deer Management Project team is gearing up for a second round of community engagement. Because Glencarlyn's park and community is acutely impacted by the deer population, it is important that we understand the different management strategies the County is considering. Experts from

the Parks and Natural Resources Division are visiting civic associations within the County's Natural Resource Protection Areas to share more information and answer questions about the project. **The County wants our feedback. Plan to attend Monday Feb 5, at 7:30 in Carlin Hall.**

For more information and to sign up for updates:
www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Parks-Projects/Deer-Management-Project

President's Corner



The Time to Prepare Glencarlyn's Next Leaders is NOW

By Julie Lee

When I was suddenly thrust into the GCA presidency after Dave Backus' untimely death, I discovered there were no note-books, no files, no manuals. Fortunately, I had strong leaders like Pete Oliveri and Brian Cavey to guide and mentor me.

The majority of the leaders and volunteers for Glencarlyn Days, Luminaria, and our other community events have been doing it for 20 years or more. Many are ready to pass the torch. **Now is the time for new volunteers to work with our seasoned leaders to ensure a smooth transition.** This hands-on, side-by-side experience is invaluable when transitioning between leaders. It is the simple, unwritten, understanding of the right consistency of the pancake batter, how best to clean the griddles, and how far apart to place the luminaria around Carlin Hall and the Library that is so important.

Even more important are the stories that are shared, the tales that are passed down from one generation to the next, as neighbors work side by side. Few of us still remember when, in the days before social media and Facebook, Capt. Shepherd drove his vintage Model T through the streets of Glencarlyn shouting through a bullhorn that "the pancakes are ready in Glencarlyn Park." In my youth there was a Father-Son softball game at Kenmore after the Glencarlyn Day parade. Not everything must remain the same. Fresh ideas are invaluable. However, it is good to learn from the successes and avoid past mistakes. This is why NOW is the time to prepare Glencarlyn's next leaders.



Residents in clown costumes march in an early Glencarlyn Days parade.

MANY OF YOU ARE Glencarlyn's next leaders. It was wonderful to see so many new neighbors and "young" people volunteering at the Luminaria and Holiday Party. **I am asking for more of our younger and newer community members to step forward.** Take on a position with GCA, sign up to organize the Glencarlyn Days parade, lead the children's activities at the Friday Night BBQ, plan the Fall Family Picnic. These are NOT overwhelming roles. You won't be doing this alone. This neighborhood is filled with volunteers. Currently you have the chance to be trained by the "experts." Learn from them and put your own spin on it. Certainly, there are new and "better" ways of doing things. Do this on the building blocks established through years of "trying new things." As my most treasured mentor once said to me, "We don't need to reinvent the wheel."

So, when you get that "call" or text or email, from Courtney or Barbara or me, say "YES, I want to support my community and learn from the best!" Or better yet: **PLEASE REACH OUT TO US.** Lead Glencarlyn.

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County Board Member Susan Cunningham at March 4 GCA meeting



Susan Cunningham
(courtesy photo)

County Board member Susan Cunningham will join Glencarlyn at our **March 4 GCA meeting at 7:30 pm in Carlin Hall**. Board member Cunningham believes Arlington can become a more resilient world-class community by building a “culture of connection.” Come hear Susan’s vision for Arlington and **share your thoughts** as Arlington begins its first ‘Visioning Initiative’ since 1986.



Four Mile Run Stream Clean-up and Hot Dog Roast, Saturday March 16

Let's get outside and help clean our watershed. The GCA will host a Hot Dog and Marshmallow Roast in conjunction with the Annual Four Mile Run Stream Cleanup on Saturday March 16. **Trash bags and plastic gloves will available for volunteers by the 3rd Street picnic pavilion starting at 9 am.** We are looking for as many volunteers as possible. An adult must accompany any volunteer under 18 years old.

The Hot Dog and Marshmallow Roast follows, at the 3rd Street picnic pavilion. In addition to our “Stream Cleaners,” **we are looking for a few volunteers to assist Brandon Hemel with the Hotdog and Marshmallow Roast, as well as distribution of supplies.**

Contact Brandon at hemelbrandon@outlook.com.

(Library survey, from page 1)

hours, including Sundays. “The biggest value is the books, they need to be brought back ... reducing hours and the ability to really browse was a very bad idea.” “We have seen the incredible shrinking book collection,” offered one patron. “I would love to see the collection size increase back to the levels last seen in the early 2000s or before. The library was one factor in choosing to live in Glencarlyn, it is an amazing community hub, but years of reduced hours have hurt the library and it needs time to recover.”

To enhance the library, visitors suggested changes to the physical set-up, such as more comfortable, cozy reading spaces, better chairs and lighting, and quiet areas for work or reading. “It’s a lovely building, and the grounds and central location are great community assets,” wrote a resident.

Respondents offered a broad range of ideas for programs and services to increase the library’s overall value, and strengthen its role as a community resource. Three activities showing the most interest were presentations such as author talks and local history topics, a Gardening Information Center, and weekly game nights. Other suggestions included yoga and gardening classes, family movie nights, events with artists, musicians and

dance, and training on “maker” equipment. Adult social hours are desired. And one patron called for regular meet-ups and play sessions for children. “The library is half of a perfect combination for young kids given it’s located right next to a playground, has a bathroom, a play space, coloring pages, puzzles, games and free off-street parking!”

Glencarlyn wants the library to continue serving a broader community. We want increased outreach and closer ties with the three surrounding schools through programing that will draw in students and teachers. “The Glencarlyn Library serves an important geographic area of Arlington that would be underserved and disadvantaged if the library didn’t exist as it does today,” argued one supporter.

Thank you. We now have tremendous guidance to make Glencarlyn Library a more valuable community resource. See full survey results on the Glencarlyn.org website:

Summary charts: bit.ly/GClibsurveycharts

Free-text responses: bit.ly/GClibsurveyresponses

To learn how you can help GCA efforts to support the library, contact Julie Lee at jfblee@aol.com.

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**** Free ** Mardi Gras Pancake Supper Tuesday Feb 13 5 to 7 pm**

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

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



In Memoriam: Charles Bernstein, 1949-2024

By Jeff Liteman and Paul Cutler, with Lynn Bernstein

Longtime Glencarlyn resident Chuck Bernstein died on January 6, almost a month short of what would have been his 75th birthday. He is survived by his wife, Lynn; a sister; two sisters-in-law; and his and Lynn's canine companion, Milkshake.

Chuck grew up in Glencoe, just north of Chicago. He attended the University of Michigan, where he became famous for creating a sandwich for an on-campus deli that proved so popular that the owner named it after him (and which remains on the menu today)—a hint of future culinary triumphs.

After attending the famous 1969 Woodstock music festival, he went on to own a small chain of kite stores headquartered in Georgetown, and was a frequent presence at the Smithsonian's annual Kite Day festival on the National Mall. He also owned a "bag store," which sold soft-sided luggage.

Moving on from the world of commerce, Chuck spent many years working for environmental non-profits, where he wrote and edited articles and essays that appeared on op-ed pages in many influential publications across the U.S. and provided

information about, and helped influence policy regarding, a number of environmental causes.

His many friends knew him not only as a talented writer but also as a gourmet. He not only enjoyed fine dining but—as those who ever broke bread with him, whether at home, at village potlucks, or at gatherings of fellow foodies, will attest—he was also an extraordinarily gifted cook and baker.

Apart from showing off his skill at flipping flapjacks at many Glencarlyn Day pancake breakfasts, Chuck was perhaps best known for escorting Milkshake on their frequent patrols around the neighborhood, always ready to reach out with the welcoming greeting, "Hi, I'm Chuck."

Chuck will be remembered for these things and for the countless number of friends he made and kept over the years. Many went back several decades; some were of more recent vintage. All will miss him.

Photo courtesy Lynn Bernstein



Should we have a Glencarlyn Community Yard Sale in 2024?

Are you interested in having a Glencarlyn Community Yard Sale this year? We have two dates tentatively reserved: May 18 and June 15.

HOWEVER, we need a few volunteers to organize this event.

If you are interested in having the yard sale AND are willing to help organize it, please contact Julie Lee at jfblee@aol.com or 808-384-4954.



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If you are unable to shovel your sidewalk and will need help, please contact us, so we can get someone to help you.

If you are willing to help clear sidewalks for those unable to do it themselves, please volunteer.

Please remember, the priority of the shovelers is to clear the public sidewalks. We will then try to assist those that are unable to clear their walkway and stoop.

Contact Courtney Holmes at courtneyleeholmes@gmail.com

Block Captain Needed for 5900 block of 4th St and 400 block of Carlin Springs Rd

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as Block Captain for the 5900 block of 4th St S. and the 400 block of Carlin Springs Rd. The primary responsibility is to deliver the community newsletter, The Village View, each month to the 17 homes on these blocks (10 deliveries a year).

You **do not** need to live on the block to be the Block Captain.

If you think you might be interested in helping, or have questions, please contact Julie Lee at jfblee@aol.com.

(VHC Health, from page 1)

VHC Health looks to submit the formal 4.1 site plan to Arlington County in the early part of 2024. VHC Health still plans to engage in the local community prior to submission of the site plan and promised to have at least one or two more meetings with community stakeholders before submitting the plan. VHC Health wants to include the new partner in the community engagement process.

The county has 120 days to review and begin the site plan review committee (SPRC) engagement process. VHC Health plans construction to start in late 2024, and the facility to open in early 2026.

After the onsite review meeting in 2023 and the request to move the building away from the property line and Resource Protection Area (RPA), the building design may be narrowed and built as a two-story building closer to the road.

VHC Health has increased the number of beds at the site to 96 behavioral health beds and 40-50 patient rehabilitation beds, for a total of 136-146 beds (the January 2023 letter of intent between VHC Health and Arlington County only included 112 beds). There will still be outpatient behavioral and rehabilitation care at the site. Additionally, the Virginia Board of Health must approve the total number of patient beds at the site before construction can begin.

The submitted plan will only address the area of the property being purchased by VHC Health, approximately half the 601 S. Carlin Springs Road site, and not the remaining acreage.

The working group of Glencarlyn, Forest Glen, and Arlington Mill residents continues to meet on a regular basis and looks forward to a successful working relationship with VHC Health. If you have questions about the ongoing process, please email Brandon Hemel at hemelbrandon@outlook.com.

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 jifedak@gmail.com and the committee will deliver this wonderful welcome to our new neighbors. Thank you!

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Arlington Neighborhoods Program (ANP) Update

By Kathy Reeder

Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (ArNAC) Delegate

Construction on Kenmore Wooded Area Project to Begin in 2024

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 Street. Ryan Donlon, Glencarlyn resident whose home is adjacent to the project area, is the block representative.

The 100% design for the project is scheduled for completion at the end of January with final approval in February. Procurement is expected to begin in the spring and construction in early summer of 2024.

A plan showing the design is posted on Glencarlyn.org under ANP Projects. After the plantings are established, neighborhood volunteers will be responsible for maintenance and cleanup of the project area and several neighbors have already offered to do this. Neighbors have also volunteered to empty the trash

receptacle that will be placed near the area. Arlington Public Schools (APS) will review the approved design and provide guidance on neighborhood access to the APS property that is included in the project area.

IPC, the invasive control contractor hired by Arlington County, will continue treatments through to fall 2024, completing treatment in spring of 2025. Signs will be posted when the treatment takes 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.

Information about the project on the Arlington County website ([S Manchester St. & 2nd St. S](http://SManchesterSt.&2ndSt.S)) and on Glencarlyn.org under ANP Projects > Current ANP Projects > Kenmore Wooded Area, South Manchester St & 2nd St South.

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 you want to make a birth announcement? Graduations or other family celebrations? Passing of beloved neighbors that you want others to be aware of?
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View from the Garden

Growth and Change are Constant in the Garden

By Alyssa Ford Morel, Glencarlyn Library Community Garden Co-Coordinator

Arlington gardens and gardeners have a cycle. The spring is all excitement, celebrating new growth and the earliest flowers emerging from the cold ground. Summer brings lush green and heat, forcing us to pace ourselves and hydrate both our bodies and our plants. Autumn's bounty is celebratory with a tinge of sadness for the plants and creatures we won't see again during the cold months. Winter brings its own joy of cozy dreaming and planning for the year ahead.

There are indeed plans afoot for the year ahead, and changes as the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden grows.

The new Seed Library under the portico has already seen a good deal of success, with many packets of seeds finding new homes. The Coordinators of the Library Garden will be working to keep it stocked with new seeds, and invite



A new table and chairs were funded by donations. Photo by Alyssa Ford Morel

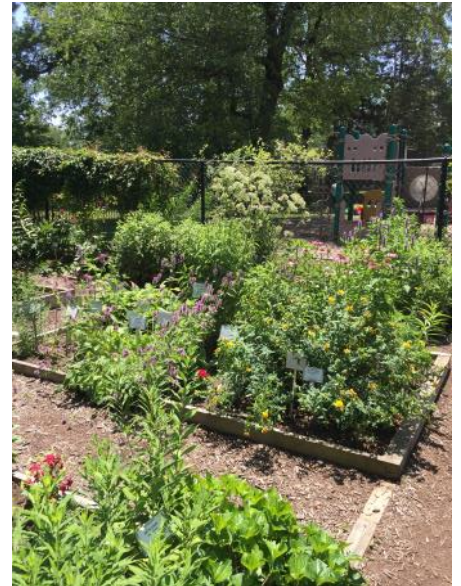
community members to share seeds from their own gardens, or commercial seeds they may have purchased in excess.

Visitors to the back patio have likely already noticed a few hard structure changes. Late in 2023, the gazebo and four benches were professionally power-washed, sanded and stained to improve their ability to

withstand weather and age, as a gift from JVic and Judy Funderburk. At the very end of the year, various donations from garden visitors were combined to purchase a new wrought iron table and chairs as well as one large new pot. As we enjoy the upgrades, we can all be grateful that the garden enjoys excellent charitable support.

Of course, one of the most challenging changes of 2023 is still affecting the garden—the loss of two critical shade trees,

the Ash tree that shaded the back patio, and the Maple at the Third Street entrance. New trees will be planted by the County in late winter (more about those trees in an upcoming article), and additional plants will be added in spring to fill out the beds around them. It will no doubt be years before the young trees develop a presence comparable to their predecessors, but we will start enjoying their youthful growth soon.



The current herb beds have been in place for more than a decade and are slated for an update in 2024. Photo by Elaine Mills)

Another major change is being planned for the herb beds, long a centerpiece of the garden. It has been more than 10 years since the current beds were put in place as part of an Eagle Scout project. Changes to the amount of moisture and sun, as well as aging of the beds themselves, mean it is time for something new. The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, the non-profit that oversees the Library Garden, have included capital funds in the organization's 2024 budget for an update. The Coordinators are busy weighing ideas to freshen the herb beds, possibly including a new design, new plants, and new information. If you have thoughts or ideas you'd like considered, please feel free to contact the coordinators at glencarlynlibrarygarden@gmail.com.



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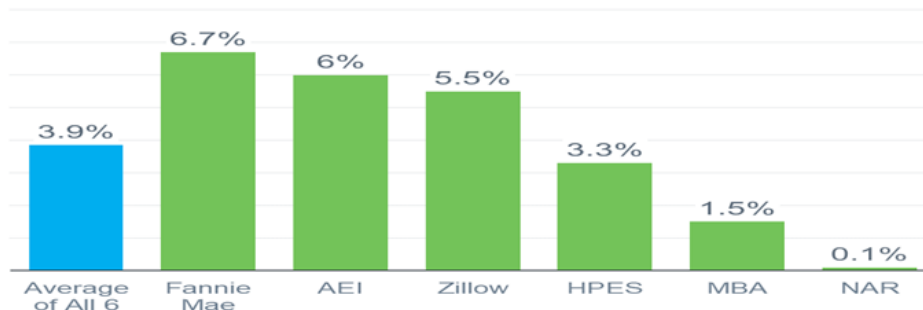
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Activities at Glencarlyn Library

By Natasha Francois, Glencarlyn Library Branch Director

Special Events at Glencarlyn

Dementia Friendly Arlington: Information Session

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Help Arlington support those living with dementia

Dementia Friendly Arlington works within the community to improve the way we interact with those displaying signs related to dementia. Dementia Friendly Arlington envisions our community as a place where people living with dementia and their care partners will be able to engage in a variety of activities, be supported in the highest quality of life, and can live independently for as long as possible.

This training focuses on being able to describe dementia, identify the most common types of dementia, state the five key messages about dementia, explain one approach to effectively communicate with a person with dementia, and commit to an action as a Dementia Friend in your community. All participants will be awarded a "Dementia Friend" certificate at the end of the program.

RSVP to receive an event reminder email:

arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/11470663

Wellness Wednesday: Bullet Journaling and Social Hour

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 11:30am - 12:30pm

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Bullet Journaling and a Pink Drink!

Please join us at Glencarlyn Library for Wellness Wednesdays, when we will gather at the Library for an hour of relaxation and socializing. On the second Wednesday of each month we will have a calming craft or activity, delicious snacks, and neighborhood socializing.

This month's activity will be a session focusing on how to bullet journal, and our delicious drink will be our own version of Starbucks' Pink Drink. Bring your own notebook and pen. Stickers, highlighters, and washi tape will be provided!

Make and Take: Paper Crown

Saturday, February 17, 2024, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

For all ages

James Baldwin is known for saying, "Your crown has been bought and paid for already ... all you got to do is put it on." Try your hand at weaving paper strips into a crown and put it on, in honor of Arlington Reads author James Baldwin.

Make and Take packets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Book Discussion: *The Hate U Give*

Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Come chat about [The Hate U Give](#) by Angie Thomas. This is part one of a two-part event. To celebrate Black History Month, this evening we will discuss the book by Angie Thomas, and the following month (Tuesday, March 5) we will watch the 2018 movie adaptation. Snacks and hot drinks will be provided.

Registration required: arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/11524487

Regular Events at Glencarlyn

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!

No registration required. Space is limited, attendance is first-come, first-served until event capacity is reached.

Wednesdays: English Conversations

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Adults 18+, Level: Beginner - Advanced

Practice speaking English in an informal setting! Practice sessions are led by experienced Library volunteers. Program meets in person on Wednesday afternoons.

Thursdays: Family Storytime at Glencarlyn

10:30am - 11:00am

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.

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Please send me 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** and send to: Tim Aiken, Treasurer, 111 S. Kensington St., Arlington, VA 22204
or pay online: glencarlyn.org/association-information/gca-dues-payments

If you aren't sure if you paid, contact Tim at 703-820-0084.



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Glencarlyn Kids for Hire

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

Aoife Cahill, 14—parent's helper, pet sitter, dog walker, tutor for kids. 703 772-2982 (Fiona)

Darragh Cahill, 16—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, 15—babysitter, parent helper, tutor for children, pet care, dog walking, plant and pet sitting, 571 289 4549. egrotos@msn.com, 703 998 0114 (Mom)

Sam Hemel, 16—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, 17—parent's helper, babysitting, dog walking, pet & plant sitting; (703) 647-0585 (cell)

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, 14—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 Smsmoemaker1@gmail.com

Kyle Matadial, 9—dog walking, bringing in mail or newspapers, raking leaves, shoveling snow. Stephanie Matadial (mother) 703-731-3714 Smsmoemaker1@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, 13—parent's helper, babysitting, dog walking, pet sitting. 703-725-1826 (Mary)

Harley Seidel, 14—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 Trumpheller, 15—babysitting (Red Cross certified) with references, dog walking/sitting. 571 214-2019, 571-379-6070, ellie.trump@icloud.com or lynne.trumpheller@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. Parents, please provide your contact information to the same e-mail address.



Sparrow Pond Update

Trail Closures and Detours

Arlington County says the Four Mile Run trail will reopen at the end of January. To build the new outfall from Sparrow Pond to Four Mile Run, the team has been excavating, placing the concrete outfall structures, and stabilizing the area.

Starting mid- to late February, there will be a 6-7 week closure of the W&OD trail to complete the outfall work. The detour will direct cyclists and pedestrians to the Four Mile Run trail.

The county says the project is still on track for on-time completion.



Top: Sparrow Pond on January 8.

Above: the concrete outfall that will eventually be buried and direct excess pond water into Four Mile Run.

Right: the closed portion of Four Mile Run trail, scheduled to reopen at the end of January.

Photos by Gerald Martineau



2023 Luminaria and Holiday Party

A special visitor surprised Glencarlyn residents at the Holiday Party on December 9.

All photos by Gerald Martineau.



Miles Goodwin discusses serious matters with Santa.



Glencarlyn Civic Association President (and part-time elf) Julie Lee gets in the Christmas spirit with Santa.



Miles Costello (right) hopes big brother Simon will explain who the big guy in the white beard is.



Lilly and Charlie Robertson are delighted to speak with the big man himself.



Lydia Mann smiles for a portrait with Santa.

2023 Luminaria and Holiday Party, continued



Heather Downie (mom) poses with her daughters.



Orla Lunsford gets ready to share her deepest wishes.



Reagan Downie enjoys her time on Santa's lap.



Willes Lee setting out luminaria after dark.



Hot chocolate for sale!

Enterprising kids took advantage of cold weather earlier in December to sell some hot drinks on 1st Street South, under the supervision of Emily Rhoades.

From left to right: Ollie Harris, Simon Costello, Caleb Rhoades, and Henry Harris.