



The Village View

Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Civic Association since October 1952

October 2024

Remembering the Past as We Honor Glencarlyn Library

The following are Julie Lee's remarks spoken at the Glencarlyn Library Centennial Celebration

I like to think, as we celebrate our neighborhood library, that it's founder and inspiration, Samuel Burdett is appreciating the widened service of his cherished civic dream to have a library for our community.

Glencarlyn is considered the first subdivision in Arlington. It's geographic location, a community with no through traffic, has insured our communal integrity and Glencarlyn is still consciously a neighborhood.

Glencarlyn probably would not have been selected for a County Branch, had it not been for the foundation, provided for and already in place because of General Burdett.

He left his money, land and other income for the building and maintenance of a

library to house his personal collection and to purchase new books. When the building opened in 1924, it was first building in the county specifically a library.

And our public library soon became



Photo Credit: Lloyd Wolf

known and appreciated considerably beyond our Village Limits.

The County of course has now taken over the care of our village heritage, set here in the center of our community.

But as we celebrate, we owe this beautiful building to the wisdom and generosity of General Burdett, and we invoke its service as an extension of that first library. We recognize that this library is still the legacy and embodiment of the dreams and ideals of Glencarlyn.

The words I just shared with you are not my words. The words I shared were first spoken here June 1963 at the original dedication by Margaret Backus, grandmother of David Backus, speaking on behalf of the trustees.

Margaret's words, spoken over 60 years ago, hold true today.

In 1887 Samel Burdett, with business partner Wallace Curtis, founded this community "for all men and women of moderate means".

Gen. Burdett had a vision to create and maintain a library for our community and he left his personal library, money and land to do so. Delayed by WW1...

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Arlington School Board Member to Speak at GCA Meeting, Oct 7 at 7:30 p.m.

by Brandon Hemel

School Board member Miranda Turner speaks to Glencarlyn at the GCA meeting on Monday Oct 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Carlin Hall. Ms. Turner is the newest member of the Arlington County School Board and is the daughter of a Barrett Elementary, Kenmore Middle, and Wakefield High School alum. She has lived in Arlington

since 2014 and has three children in Arlington Schools.

Prior to joining the School Board, Miranda helped establish the Drew PTA in 2019 and belonged to the Montessori Public School of Arlington PTA. She was a member of the Early Childhood Advisory Committee to the Advisory Council on Teaching & Learning, was on the board of

the advocacy group Arlington Parents for Education and served on the Executive Committee for the Green Valley Civic Association, including as a delegate to the Civic Federation.

This is Miranda's first visit with the Glencarlyn Civic Association. Join us in giving her a warm welcome Monday Oct 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Carlin Hall.

President's Corner



by Brandon Hemel, GCA President

It is not your responsibility to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it

The words above were written between 300 and 200 B.C.E. in the *Pirkei Avot, Ethics of the Fathers*. The phrase reminds us that everyone has a duty to do their part, even if it is just a small bit. For much of my life, I've tried to live by this teaching.

When I told my family and friends that I was taking over as Glencarlyn Civic Association President they all asked variations of the same question;

Can you fine people if they do not mow their lawn/paint their house/bring in their trash cans?

Which I had to tell them; "No, there is no real power in the position, but plenty of responsibility."

So why did I take on this responsibility?

Because I care about Glencarlyn, and I cannot think of any other place that I want to live.

Glencarlyn was founded as a cooperative community where everyone worked together for the betterment of each other and that spirit continues today.

Without community volunteers, we would not have our longstanding events like the Pancake Breakfast and Glencarlyn Day. We would not have the Holiday Luminaria in December.

We would not have had last month's fantastic Library Centennial Celebration if it were not for these dedicated individuals. Thank you to Julie Lee, Courtney Holmes, the Master Gardeners, Friends of Arlington Library, Arlington Library Staff, and every single volunteer.

Because of our vocal neighborhood advocates, we recently had an Open House on Carlin Springs Road pedestrian safety improvements. Thank you to Colleen Lunsford, Marianne Gray, Missy Small, John Chandler, and Sara Williams (among others).

But we cannot have successful events or push for improvements for our roads, our parkland and playing fields, and Glencarlyn Library without your help.

It is only through the efforts of active volunteers who make Glencarlyn the special place that it is.

Can you volunteer an hour or two a month within the community, or help once a year at Glencarlyn Day, Luminaria, or any of our activities? It is immensely appreciated, and you are making Glencarlyn a better place for all of us.

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Upcoming GCA Meetings and Help Needed

by Brandon Hemel

The Glencarlyn Civic Association (GCA) meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Carlin Hall. From time to time, we also hold special meetings to discuss important topics that affect our community. The scheduled October – February meetings are below:

- October 7 – Miranda Turner, Arlington County School Board
- November 4 – Adrian Stanton, VHC Health (Update on 501 Carlin Springs Rd Wellness Hospital)
- December 2 – Takis Karantonis, Vice-Chair Arlington County Board
- February 3 – Wendy Zenker, Arlington Neighborhood Village

The GCA wants to explore a hybrid meeting structure but needs your help to do so. If you have a webcam and mic and can volunteer your time to attend the evening meetings, please email Brandon at GCA_Brandon@outlook.com

Kenmore Fields Conversion: A Community Project Overview

By Brandon Hemel

The Kenmore Fields project, a major initiative in Arlington's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), has been in the works for some time and is part of the Arlington Master Plan. The project aims to develop multi-purpose playing fields in the area near Kenmore Middle School, thanks to contributions from private donors and public funding. Two local organizations, the Arlington Sports Association and the Arlington Soccer Foundation, have each committed \$1 million, while Arlington Public Schools (APS) is contributing \$2 million toward the conversion.

Site and Drainage Infrastructure

Bernadette Grullon, the Landscape Architect Supervisor, has provided insight into the site's current conditions and future improvements. The playing fields will be located on land adjacent to Kenmore Middle School and Carlin Springs Elementary, with topography changes between the field and Second Street being managed carefully. Large pipes currently lie under the field, managing runoff from both Kenmore and Carlin Springs Elementary. An Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (ArNAC) improvement project at the end of Second Street South is in the design phase and Bernadette promised coordination with the county group working on the project.

An organic infill consisting of coconut and walnut scraps, which has been successfully used at other local facilities, will be used below the turf in place of gravel and stone. This organic option helps reduce field temperatures compared to other non-organic alternatives. Synthetic turf will also play a role in stormwater management, with water detention facilities, including both gravel layers and pipes beneath the fields.

Community Questions and Input

The comments and questions from Glencarlyn residents were a mix of supportive voices, noting that Arlington is short of playing fields and many are in poor condition, but also many concerns

were raised and suggestions offered.

The initial engagement phase had an online survey with results available on the county website at tinyurl.com/kenmoreppt

During the call, a local resident who is also a sports coach inquired about the possibility of creating improved fencing, restrooms, and trash management considering the anticipated increased use of the fields. The project team confirmed questions about additional fencing but that upgraded restrooms were not in the original scope but will be reviewed.

Another community member suggested creating an access point to the fields off South Manchester Street. Bernadette noted that while it could be explored, the current plan does not include access points outside of what is already on the site. However, the initial plan incorporates a bike or running path around the exterior of the fields.

Lighting, Parking, and Other Logistics

Aaron Wohler, another Landscape Architect involved in the project, discussed the addition of light poles around the field to allow for evening use. The lights will be LED and designed to minimize spillover, similar to the lighting setup used at Long Bridge Park. However, specific plans for field usage hours and lighting control are still being developed.

Parking and traffic are key issues. The project team is exploring how to encourage the use of existing parking facilities while discouraging illegal parking in nearby residential areas. APS and the Department of Environmental Services (DES) are working together to determine how best to manage the increased need for parking, especially during high-traffic events.

Environmental and Health Concerns

Questions were raised about the environmental impact and health risks associated with synthetic turf...

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Arlington Neighborhoods Program (ANP) Update

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

S. Manchester St. and 2nd St. S. – project funded; procurement package underway

The 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. Ryan Donlon, whose home is adjacent to the project area, is the block representative.

Construction is now estimated to begin in early 2025 but a clear construction timeline is not yet available. The 100% design for the project was approved in April. The procurement package is being prepared, to be followed by the advertising process. The county is pursuing additional easements from Arlington Public Schools for property that will be affected by construction.

Neighborhood volunteers will be responsible for maintaining the project area once plantings are established and for emptying a trash receptacle. Arlington Public Schools (APS) will provide guidance on neighborhood access to their included property. Signage is being developed and use by school communities is a possibility.

IPC, the invasive control contractor hired by Arlington County, will complete the yearly fall and spring treatments in the spring of 2025. Signs will be posted when a treatment takes place that indicate when the treated area is safe to enter. Wetland Studies and Solutions, a consulting firm hired by the county, has completed a tree survey. They will evaluate trees for removal, pruning, or retention once the invasive treatments are complete.

Information about the project is available at tinyurl.com/anp-oct and on the Glencarlyn.org website under ANP Activities.

Neighborhood Signs Maintenance and Relocation – project to be submitted to County Board

The Neighborhood Signs Project for multiple civic associations is targeted for an October submission to the County Board for funding approval.

For Glencarlyn, this project will replace the existing neighborhood signs at Arlington Blvd./S. Carlin Springs Rd., and at 5th Rd. S./ S. Carlin Springs Rd. The design will remain the same. The sign located at S. Manchester St./ Arlington Blvd. will be replaced and relocated. Work on the project will begin after the October approval.

Moses Ball Spring Area Restoration and Ecological Improvement – project proposed

Glencarlyn's proposed project is to restore the Moses Ball Spring area, located at 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd., taking into account its historical and cultural significance and addressing the need for ecological improvement. The scope for this potential project is being defined, with the intent to coordinate with other county efforts planned for the surrounding property.

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Reeder at kathleenreeder@comcast.net.

Glencarlyn Eagle Scout Brings Little Free Food Pantry to Life

By Mohammad Dannan

I'm proud to announce the completion of the Little Free Food Pantry (LFFP) Eagle Scout project! Thank you to all community members and scouts who came out on Saturday, August 31st in support of our volunteers as we worked on and finished the project. The LFFP was officially dedicated at St. John's on Saturday, September 7th, and will be regularly restocked by church and community members. Feel free to drop off any non-perishable canned food items at the pantry whenever you'd like, or you can donate food to the pantry's stock through the church. Visit www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org for more information on the project and on how to donate.



Boy Scout volunteers working on installing the pantry; photo credit Mohammad Dannan

Kenmore Fields Conversion: A Community Project Overview

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...Multiple participants asked whether there has been due diligence on potential health concerns, particularly regarding PFAs in the turf materials. The project team assured us that the synthetic turf planned for Kenmore Fields does not include PFAs, addressing one of the more pressing environmental concerns.

More information about the turf used in Arlington is here www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Rentals/Synthetic-Turf-Fields

Timeline and Next Steps

The timeline for the project is still evolving. The community will have further opportunities to provide feedback in the fall of 2024, after which the team will fine-tune the design. Construction is expected to begin in early 2026, following the

permitting and bidding processes. A public website will provide updates, including milestones and any changes to the plan.

While this project is part of a broader effort to improve recreational facilities in Arlington, some elements, such as the open space in front of Kenmore Middle School, remain outside the scope of the current plan. This has led to questions about long-term plans for the area, but as of now, APS is not considering any new school construction on the site.

The Kenmore Fields conversion project represents a significant investment in Arlington's recreational infrastructure. With a blend of public and private funding, innovative environmental solutions, and coordination with the community, it promises to provide a significant and much needed upgrade for local sports. As the project moves forward, continued community engagement and input will be essential to ensuring that our voice is heard, and concerns are addressed in an appropriate way.

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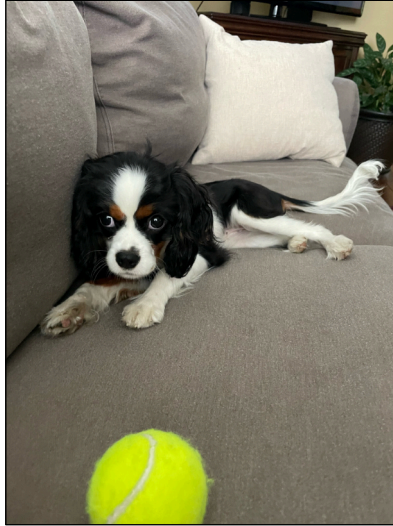
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Doggie Corner

by Sheridan Swope

This month we feature Gracie, a 6 month old, tri-color (black, brown, and tan) Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Gracie is a squiggly delight! She resides with Nick Harris and Jen Davis at 5421 5th St. Gracie was adopted from an ethical breeder in Charlottesville, VA. She has a lot of puppy energy and is into everything. However, chasing squirrels in the woods is her favorite activity. Nick says that having Gracie, they've gotten to know a lot more people and dogs in the neighborhood, even though they've lived in GC for over 10 years. Gracie knows most of the dogs on the 5400 block of 5th street, with Lola and Lexi being the ones she knows best. Say hello to Gracie, she is a delight!



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

Young or old, GCA needs volunteers to help rake leaves this fall.

We are planning for community raking days in October and November and we need your help.

This is a great way to help your neighbors and provide needed help to those in our community.

If you want to help rake leaves this fall, please call or email Brandon at GCA_ Brandon@outlook.com or 703-447-7687, or Courtney Holmes at courtneyleeholmes@gmail.com

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Glencarlyn Cleanup Day Sunday November 3

by Brandon Hemel

Join EcoAction Arlington on Sunday, November 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. for a Glencarlyn Neighborhood Trash and Recycling Cleanup. We'll meet at Carlin Hall, then split into groups to collect trash and recycling throughout the neighborhood and Glencarlyn Park. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Just bring a water bottle and wear comfortable walking shoes.

EcoAction Arlington is thrilled to announce the Glencarlyn tree tally for this fall: we will be planting 9 trees and 12 shrubs in the Glencarlyn neighborhood! Imagine the shade these new trees will provide. All the plants are native to our region and will support local wildlife and the ecosystem.

The Tree Canopy Equity Program will continue its efforts every spring and fall, so if you missed the chance to apply for this season, be sure to watch for the spring planting opportunities. Applications will open for spring trees in October.

For more information about EcoAction Arlington and Glencarlyn Cleanup Day, please email Sarah Foard, sarah@ecoactionarlington.org

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View from the Garden

From Plans to Blooms: A New Era for the Herb Garden

by Extension Master Gardener Alyssa Ford Morel; Photos credit Alyssa Ford Morel and Lloyd Wolf

Change has come to the Herb Garden at the Glencarlyn Library Garden. There are new beds, new plants, new colors, and a new name.

Planning for the project started last year when the co-coordinators asked for and received a significant budget commitment from the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, the organization that oversees and funds the garden. Physical changes started early in July when the back patio was taped off for safety. Paul Nuhn and the Library Garden's newest co-coordinator Sam Pulcrano laid bricks donated by a Master Gardener to widen the walkway to the patio, creating a more gracious entry.



Sam Pulcrano and Eric Hougen tackle the bed topper angles.

In mid-July, large pallets of lumber were delivered and the 6"x6" timbers had to be moved from the 3rd Street delivery site to the patio. A combination of Master Gardener and community volunteers worked through the morning, but had only moved part of the heavy load by noon. In the early evening, Glencarlyn's Oliver family moved the rest of them.

Work carried on daily for the next two weeks, coordinated by Paul Nuhn,

who designed the new beds and drove the project forward through a blistering heat wave. Community member Eric Hougen brought his power tools and carpentry skills to the project, working full time for two weeks to get the job accomplished. Many gardeners and community residents helped on the project, with Winston Duncan, Richard Derbyshire, Nuhn, and Pulcrano as stand outs repeatedly giving long hours of labor to the project.

"Getting the measurements right and the cuts precise took more effort than you might think," says Nuhn. "The mitered corners of the tops of the beds had to be handled extremely carefully and Eric did a great job."

One of the unforeseen benefits of the project was a surplus of timbers beyond what was needed for the new herb beds. They were deployed throughout the garden and now many beds have sturdy new borders that should serve for many years to come.

The new herb beds have been designed for people to be able to sit on the edges of them, and they sport a lively blue stain that

will provide year-round color. New compost and donated amendments have enriched with soil. The herb plants will have signage with information about the geographical origin and use of each plant.



Master Garden Judy Funderbuk

"We've added some special signs with quotes by notable historic figures that reflect both the library and the garden," says Nuhn. "We think they'll add something special to the space."

Something else special is a new name for the herb garden. Reflecting Glencarlynite and Master Gardener Judy Funderbuk's leadership and special affinity for the herb garden, it is being named "Judy's Garden." A bronze plaque honors her vision and the thousands of volunteer hours she has given to bring it to life.



Judy (right) with the placard marking the garden as Judy's Garden.



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...construction of a small white stucco library was completed in late 1923, the first library building in the county.

Run by one paid librarian and a corps of volunteers - all women. In 1934, as costs increased and more people from outside Glencarlyn were using the library...

the civic association petitioned the County Board for \$20/month to support the library. The Board actually authorized \$100/month.

Our library became affiliated with the Arlington County Library system in 1941. The County initially provided funds for the salary for one librarian, funds to purchase some of the books, and they paid rent to the trustees for use of the building.

The trustees remained responsible for the building and other expenses. The Trustees and the civic association took care of the maintenance, including all the plumbing, heating, painting and more.

Thus began a partnership between the Glencarlyn community and the Arlington Public library.

By the mid 1950s, there was a need for more improvements, and with 14,000 books on the shelves, and over 100,000 check-outs

annually year! – a need for a bigger library

The board of trustees determined that the land and the building be deeded over to the County with two conditions:

- 1.the building would always be a library
- 2 an addition would be built.

The deed was transferred in 1959, and with bond funding in the early 1960s, a new library was built and dedicated in June of 1963.

And my mother and I were here. Along with her mother, Lois Florance, the children's librarian for two decades.

Our library's history is rich.

Today we celebrate the centennial of Glencarlyn library - our community treasure.

We rededicate this building to the service of all Arlington residents, especially the communities and individuals who need it most.

And we let the words of Margaret Backus, spoken 60 years ago, inspire us today to carry on our legacy of literacy and community for another 100 years.



Photos from the Centennial Celebration, photos credit Lloyd Wolf





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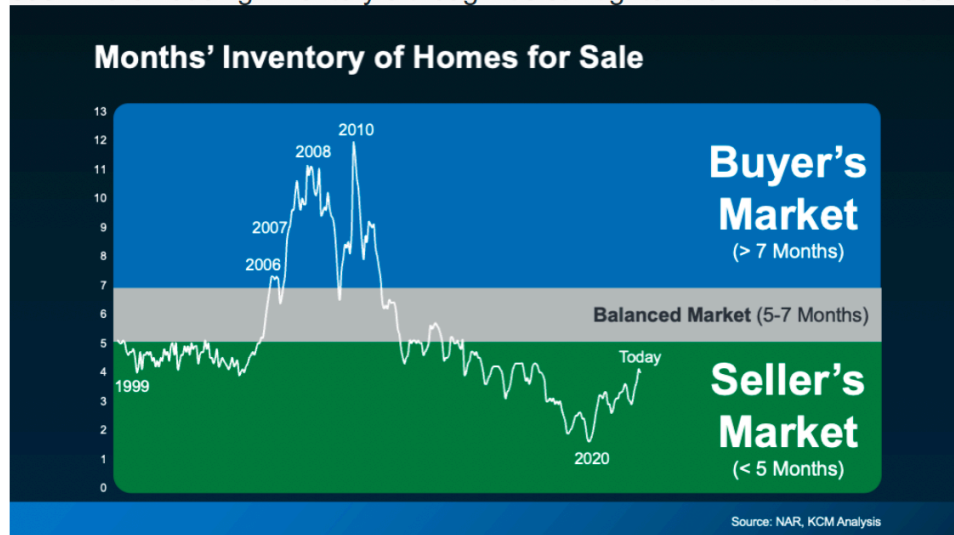
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Glencarlyn Kids for Hire

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Darragh Cahill, 16—kids' soccer coach, mother's helper, yardwork & plant sitting. 703 772-2982 (Fiona), davejcahill@hotmail.com

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Hailey Denton, 15—pet care/walking, plant care, lawn care, household work, babysitting (Red Cross Cert.). 520-353-5060 (Teresa, mother)

Makayla Denton, 13—pet care/walking, plant care, household work, babysitting (Red Cross Cert.). 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)

Elizabeth Heim, 13—babysitting (CPR certified), mother's helper, pet sitting, plant sitting, dog walking. 703-403-8679, vilheim@hotmail.com (father).

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)

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

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Kyle Matadial, 9—dog walking, bringing in mail or newspapers, raking leaves, shoveling snow. 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

Maggie Reed 13: baby sitting (CPR certified), parent's helper, pet sitting & walking, house sitting. 202-309-8511

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.trumpfheller@gmail.com

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