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November 2024

A Beautiful Sight: Glencarlyn Luminaria & Party on Dec. 7

By Julie Lee

The Annual Glencarlyn Luminaria is our neighborhood's most beautiful event. We look forward to everyone participating on Saturday, Dec. 7th. (rain date Dec 14th). 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 Kensington St.

Luminaria packs, which include 10 tea candles, 10 white paper bags, and sand, can be purchased at Carlin Hall, 5711 4th Street S., between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Dec. 7th. Each 10 candle Luminaria pack will light the frontage of an average 50-60 sq ft lot. This is a fundraiser for GCA. You can also pay your dues at this time.

Even if you won't be placing luminaria in front of your home, join in the neighborhood stroll. Everything culminates with friendship and refreshments at the party, 6 - 7:30 pm. There will be cookies, warm beverages, and marshmallows for roasting. With a special visit from Santa around 6:30 p.m., this is a wonderful family event, and a great opportunity to greet your neighbors.





Above, a house shines brightly in the night during the 2012 celebration; bottom left, luminara are lit at the 2020 celebration; and below, Mary Florence, Eliza, Beth, and John Miller pose with Santa during last year's 2023 celebration. Photos credit: Gerald Martineau



Adrian Stanton, VHC Health, to speak at Nov. 4th GCA Meeting

by Brandon Hemel

We are very pleased that Adrian Stanton, V.P., Business Development and Community Relations at VHC Health, will join us Monday, November 4, to give us an update and discuss plans for the Behavioral Wellness facility that will be built on the property at 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd. completed in late 2023. 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, November 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Carlin Hall.

Demolition and re-grading of the former hospital site was

resident's Corner



by Brandon Hemel, GCA President

What does Glencarlyn Feel Like?

After a long battle with Parkinson's, my father passed away in January 2024.

In his eulogy, I told a story about how he would say, "Customers could go anywhere (he owned a dry cleaner in NJ), but they come back because they never forget how you make them feel."

People will remember how you made them feel.

I come back to that thought often now. And I think this is the same for our community.

People stay in Glencarlyn because of how this community makes them feel.

When I talk to our neighbors, I ask them why they decided to live in Glencarlyn.

Often, they'll say, "I wanted to live in a place that is affordable but with proximity to transit and an easy drive to Washington DC."

But then I ask them what does Glencarlyn feel like to them.

They feel connected to their neighbors and to nature. We have a small-town vibe.

Every neighborhood in Arlington has its own civic association and own history. Why does Glencarlyn feel different to many people who live in or visit our community?

A 2018 CDC study found benefits of walkable communities which promote physical activity and social engagement.1 This echoed Arizona State University's 2014 study.2

The Arizona State University study found compact, walkable, and diverse (CWD) neighborhoods have significant positive effects on social relations, health, and safety. These neighborhoods also encourage more social interactions and foster a sense of community.

They found support that including green spaces and biophilic design also affects how residents assess their quality of life and humans have a need to connect with nature.

All of this seems to be true in my corner of Glencarlyn (Jefferson and 5th Road/ 6th Street) where most of the socialization takes place while walking our dogs and on our porches. And I see this as I ride my bike around the neighborhood, trying to make it down every street and stopping to talk to familiar faces and say hello to those I do not know.

As far as I can tell, neither of these two studies involved Glencarlyn residents but it is as if they were stealing the words from our mouths. They may have quantitatively and qualitatively proven why Glencarlyn is so special to many of us.

¹ Carlson SA, Omura JD, Watson KB, Fulton JE. Creating Walkable Communities: Understanding Trade-Offs. Prev Chronic Dis 2018;15:180123.

² Emily Talen & Julia Koschinsky (2014) Compact, Walkable, Diverse Neighborhoods: Assessing Effects on Residents, Housing Policy Debate, 24:4, 717-750

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Takis Karantonis, Vice Chair Arlington County Board, to speak December 2 at Carlin Hall

by Brandon Hemel

Please join us on December 2 to speak with Takis Karantonis, Vice Chair of the Arlington County Board. Takis was elected in 2020 to the County Board to fill the term of the late Eric Gutshall and was elected to a full in 2021.

Since arriving in Arlington 16 years ago, Takis has been a civically engaged community leader. He served in several resident advisory commissions. He is a member and former President of the Columbia Heights Civic Association. He served as a volunteer, member, and chair of the Board of Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (now EcoAction Arlington) and the Alliance for Housing Solutions. He is a former member of the Arlington Public Art Committee.

There are many county actions that affect our community including traffic and pedestrian safety on Carlin Springs Road, future usage of 601 S. Carlin Springs, and the Kenmore Fields update.

This is our opportunity to ask questions of the upcoming Arlington County Board Chair.



Lend a Hand for Our Holiday Event

By Julie Lee

Volunteers are needed to make our Dec. 7th Glencarlyn Luminaria and Holiday Party a success. Eighteen volunteers are needed for sales between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Carlin Hall. Four or five volunteers are needed to work each shift of approximately 1.5 hours. We need some volunteers to work outside bagging sand. We need 6 dozen cookies for the Holiday Party. You can 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.

Also, because we have scheduled a rain date for Sat. Dec 14th, we need volunteers to sign up for the rain date as well. 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 for both the scheduled day (7th) and the rain date (14th) by using the SignUpGenius at tinyurl.com/lum2024 or by contacting Courtney Holmes at courtneyleeholmes@gmail.com.



Halloween decorations on 3rd and 4th streets Photos credit: Gerald Martineau

Help Beautify Glencarlyn on Nov. 3

By Sarah Foard, Glencarlyn Tree Ambassador

Join EcoAction Arlington on Sunday, November 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. for a Glencarlyn Neighborhood Trash and Recycling Clean-up. 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. Sign up at tinyurl.com/117cleanup

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. Questions? Contact Sarah Foard at sarah@ecoactionarlington. org



Arlington Neighborhoods Program (ANP) Update

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

S. Manchester St. and 2nd St. S. – clear construction timeline not yet available

This funded 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. Arlington Public Schools (APS) easements for property to be affected by construction are targeted for review and approval in October and November

Neighborhood volunteers will be responsible for maintaining the project area once plantings are established and for emptying a trash receptacle. 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 spring, 2025. Signs will be posted when a treatment takes place and the treated area will be 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/anpnov and on the Glencarlyn.org website under ANP Activities.

Neighborhood Signs Maintenance and Relocation – to be submitted to County Board in October

The Neighborhood Signs project for multiple civic associations is targeted for 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 scoping started

Glencarlyn's first priority proposed project is to restore the Moses Ball Spring area, located at 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd. The project scope is currently being defined. It will consider the spring's historical and cultural significance and the need for ecological improvement. Background on redevelopment plans for the overall site can be viewed on the county's website: tinyurl.com/anpnov2. The Glencarlyn, Forest Glen and Arlington Mill neighborhoods have formed a committee to monitor and provide input on these plans.

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

Glencarlyn Pets Impact on our Environment

By Brandon Hemel

Pet owners, please be considerate of your neighbors and our wildlife.

Dog waste is filled with micro-organisms which may contain E. Coli and other harmful bacteria, plus hosting salmonella, giardia, and hookworm. All of these are harmful to other animals and people. My own dog, Maria, has suffered from giardia and other digestive issues after ingesting animal waste not cleaned up by other owners.

Outdoor cats are one of the top sources of mortality of wild birds and mammals. Cats have even been listed as one of the world's worst non-native species. While we have an impressive mix of songbirds, corvids, and birds of prey in our area, studies have shown that an abundance of cats in an area has led to reduced health of chicks and decreases in nest success.

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 and the committee will deliver this wonderful welcome to our new neighbors.

Thank you!

Miranda Turner, APS Board Member Speaks of APS Opportunities and Challenges

By Katharine Gannon and Brandon Hemel

At the recent Glencarlyn Civic Association meeting, APS Board Member Miranda Turner shared key updates about the school district.

The new school year is off to a positive start, with teachers and staff reporting progress in helping students recover from the social effects of COVID-19, such as increased chronic absenteeism. A new focus has been placed on social learning to aid this recovery.

One notable change is the introduction of a new cell phone policy aimed at improving mental and emotional health. In elementary and middle schools, students are required to keep their phones away for the entire day. In high schools, phones are banned during class time, and there is experimentation with "away for the day" pouches at Wakefield High School, H-B Woodlawn (middle school only), Swanson Middle School, and Thomas Jefferson Middle School. An official policy will be voted on in December, influenced by similar initiatives in Fairfax County.

Another topic was the 1:1 iPad program, which was expanded during the pandemic to pre-kindergarten students and above. The district is considering scaling it back to 3rd grade and above. Budget challenges were also discussed. While Arlington County allocates 47% of its budget to APS, structural deficits and underfunding at the state level remain concerns. Teacher salaries are a priority, with an 18-20% increase in pay proposed, but the district is facing difficulties with finding additional creative solutions, as 80% of the budget is allocated to student-facing salaries. The school board will soon vote on the direction of the budget, with two new members expected to participate in the final decision next year.

Other discussions included volunteer engagement challenges, parity in educational opportunities between choice and neighborhood schools, and the desire to incorporate more nature into learning environments. Traffic and safety around Carlin Springs Road and the renovations of Kenmore MS/Carlin Springs ES playing fields were also highlighted.

The meeting provided valuable insights into the district's priorities, challenges, and ongoing efforts to enhance the educational experience for Arlington students.



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Doggie Corner

by Sheridan Swope

This month we feature Curry, a 2-year-old Tibetan Spaniel. Curry has a fluffy, golden coat with a regal and, cute appearance. He resides at 5817 4th St. with Meg Wholey and Richard Tepel. Curry was adopted from a private breeder who sent a picture--and Meg was smitten. Curry's favorite things are walks, toys in containers, cookies and milk, letters and the letterbox, squirrels, and tree trunks. He also loves the dog park, saying hi mostly to other dogs (but to people if no dogs around!). Meg's mother always said that if she died before her husband, she would get a little dog. Meg's mom died in March 2023 and later that month Meg got a little dog. Curry is now at his adult weight



of 17 pounds and just perfect - only drawback is he is not a lap dog, but he will occasionally recline, partly on top of her, while watching TV. Scampi Naughty behaviors are stealing hats and shoes, chewing arms of reading and sunglasses, and jumping up on the bed. Say hello to Curry, he's a gorgeous 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.

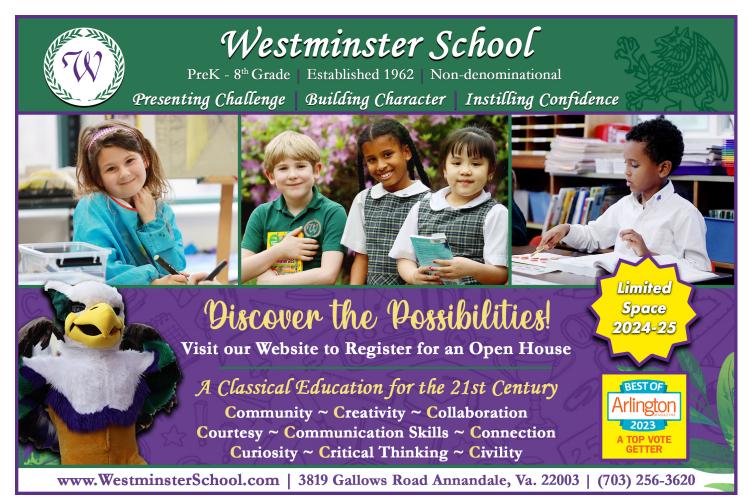
Young or old, GCA needs volunteers to help rake leaves this fall.

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 provided 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

Please also reach out if you know you will need help raking your leaves!



Upcoming Glencarlyn Library Events

Wellness Wednesday: NaNoWriMo Come Write In	Glencarlyn Book Besties: Killers of the Flower Moon
Wed., Nov. 13 from 12 - 1 p.m. at Glencarlyn Library	Tues., Nov. 26 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Glencarlyn Library
For Writers of All Ages!	Let's talk about books at Glencarlyn Library!
Please join us at Glencarlyn Library for Wellness Wednesday's: we will gather at the Library for an hour of relaxation and socializing. On the second Wednesday of each month we will	Join us at the Library for a book discussion on "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann.
have a calming craft or activity, delicious snacks, and neighborhood socializing. This month join us for National Novel Writing Month (nanowrimo.org)! Break through your writer's block or distractions and make progress on your writing goals. The Library will provide hot beverages, extra writing supplies and a comfortable space conducive to thinking and writing. You provide the inspiration and imagination!	Glencarlyn Book Besties is a monthly book club at Glencarlyn Library, held on the last Tuesday of every month. Snacks and hot drinks will be provided.
	A limited number of reserved print copies of the selected book will be available at Glencarlyn Library circulation desk approximately one month before the book club meeting. Books are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Patrons are also encouraged to place holds on available print or digital copies.
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View from the Garden

New Coordinator Joins the Leaders of Glencarlyn Garden

By Extension Master Gardener Linda Carney; Photos by Linda Carney and Elaine Mills

Extension Master Gardener Sam Pulcrano has recently joined the leaders of the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden as a new coordinator. Sam joined at just the right time with the renovation of the herb garden that was recently completed for the Glencarlyn Library centennial celebration.

While growing up in New York, Sam was introduced to gardening at an early age by his best friend's parents, who were able to feed their family through winters with the produce they grew. He would help them with weeding and harvesting the garden and eventually started experimenting with his own vegetable gardening.



Sam Pulcrano

Fast forward to adulthood where Sam worked for the Postal Service, retiring after 37 years. Sam then went to work for the Airports Authority from which he also recently retired. During this time, his two sons joined the Boy Scouts and Sam became a Scout Leader where he gained experience building retaining walls while assisting scouts with their Eagle projects.

Since retiring Sam now has time to pursue what he enjoys including traveling, watching things grow, and

being outdoors. Sam has continued enjoying his vegetable gardening with a focus on container and raised bed gardening.

He particularly enjoys trying various combinations of vegetables with flowers to attract pollinators and he finds that container gardening can be a wonderful way to get better harvests and/or create varying designs by simply rearranging the containers. Some of the vegetables he has sown this year include sweet potatoes, various peppers, tomatoes, summer squash, zucchini, and carrots.

Although Sam was enjoying his retirement, he missed the social aspect of his working



Securing the Timbers with Paul Nuhn

life and wanted to advance his knowledge of gardening, so in 2023 he applied for the Virginia Tech Master Gardener training. He became certified as a Master Gardener in the spring of 2024. Besides becoming a co-coordinator at Glencarlyn, Sam has assisted with interviewing candidates for this year's Master Gardener training as well as being a member of the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia's 40th Anniversary Tag Line Committee.

Sam brought his experience collaborating with Eagle projects and raised bed/container gardening to the renovation of the herb garden at Glencarlyn this summer, helping to construct four new raised beds. He was also instrumental in helping fellow Master Gardener Paul Nuhn with redesigning the brick pathway leading into the herb garden. Sam is looking forward to working with the team to help keep the garden the show piece that it is.



Sam Preparing New Beds for Staining



Glencarlyn Library Marks 100 Years of Service

By Julie Lee

Glencarlyn celebrated our library's Centennial on September 21, and it was quite the occasion! Inside the library were photo story boards depicting the history of our library and neighborhood. Oral histories were recorded on video and love notes to the library were written. The children enjoyed crafting activities, sang "Happy Birthday" and feasted on cake. The official rededication program included comments by Deputy Library Director Anne Gable and the reading of a proclamation by County Board Chair Libby Garvey. GCA President Brandon Hemel and Event Chair Julie Lee presented the newly framed deed and portrait of General Burdett which will hang prominently in our library.

The celebration continued on the grounds of Carlin Hall with a "roaring 20s" themed fair, complete with carnival games such as ring toss, bean bag throw, ducks in bucket, and fish bowl toss. 1920s food such as popcorn, cotton candy, and hotdogs were offered. There was even a "blackjack" table and a Charleston dance contest. All of this would not have been possible without Courtney Holmes. A grand time was had by all. The day reminded us of Glencarlyn's rich history and tradition, with our library at its center.



From the Centennial; Photo credit: Lloyd Wolf



From the Centennial; Photo credit: Bill Pritchard

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