



# Glencarlyn Civic Association

## December 2, 2024

### Officer, Delegate & Other Reports/ Old Business

- \$22,440 in bank currently with 153 paying dues members
- Luminary sale this Saturday, December 7th & they will be collecting GCA dues
- VHC update- special meeting in January & date still TBD
- CIVFED: 2 hour meeting about changes to 4.1 process
- ArNAC: read village view
- Village View: no January issue
- Library Events: Crafting this Saturday, & Family Game Night & Book Club this month

### Takis Karantonis, Arlington County Board

- Karen talking about her godchildren- children are physically ok & out of the hospital but processing mental impact
- S Carlin Springs is Feeder Road into 50 and a major artery- this change occurred in the 1970s
- Reported accidents in 2024: 12 accidents reported by police, another 30 not written up by police
- 33,000 movements a day on south Carlin springs, 17,000 a day on north Carlin springs, and it decreases as you get closer to Ballston
- A lot of thoughts about what to do with this road bc the traffic is on par with glebe & Columbia pike which can support a lot of traffic
- An idea that was tested in the past & might be worth considering again is to start a pilot reducing a lane to see if it impacts traffic & # of daily movements
- The county has been trying to improve sidewalks to increase space & Glencarlyn residents are creating their own boulders to protect property
- Master transportation plan: what every road does, how it connects, what it can be etc.- what can we do w/ south Carlin springs is the main discussion the community had with Takis
- Takis agreed we need to execute the traffic study because there have been too many excuses/delays and we need to keep kids safe when they walk to and from school
- Up until Dec 2023- community could have no say on speed- and it changed by Biden administration
- Speed cameras on school zones only-2 cameras facing southbound BUT only 1 hour a day in morning & afternoon. When the camera works, 1st offence is only a warning AND you have to be going 10mph above speed limit
- September-3,638 warnings, 724 citations
- October-1,090 warnings
- November- 87 citations, 626 in process

- Cameras are only southbound right now and will move every few months a little bit to keep drivers on their toes
- No cameras are facing northbound due to not enough room for specs to capture picture

### **Community Raised Issues About S Carlin Springs**

- Why are school zones only 2 hours a day? - we all need to advocate for all hours in a day that school is in session.
- Police are patrolling and writing citations but it is few and far between
- Carlin springs is a dark road- add more lights
- Fortify intersections with crash proof barriers to protect pedestrians
- All ACPS get out at the same time, school buses are not reliable, parents are coming to pick up their kids and it creates more traffic
- Drivers are running red lights with kids crossing to school even with a crossing guard
- What north Arlington has compared to south Arlington in terms of road safety is not equitable once you go under the bridge
- Speed study: were there any errors in oversight from the county?
- Check the stop sign near 7-11- closer you come to bridge the more accidents you have
- No crossing guard where the kids go into the school on 5th road south
- Add school zone signs with flashing that show drivers' speed
- Shadow bus for 150 kids to drop off at Greenbriar church to avoid kids walking on Carlin Springs-this is sad it has come to this given this is supposed to be a walkable school
- 5th Road South & Carlin Spring: need for cross guard & delayed walk sign
- Number of kids that come out from 3-4 for after school activities
- Straightaway for when you have to make a turn into the neighborhood causes drag racing and recklessness-can we add something to slow drivers down
- Paint the road a certain color to show you are in school zone or add textured pavement or speed bumps
- Carlin Springs & 8th Place, Equity Standpoint because it becomes 1 road to 2 lanes
- Residents have asked police to share 5th road crossing guard position with no response

### **Non S Carlin Springs Takis Discussion Points**

- Need new library shelves
- Keep library staffing
- VHC and increased traffic and proximity to community in residential area
- More Stop Signs are needed in Glencarlyn neighborhood