



# The Village View

Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Civic Association since October 1952

Summer 2025



*Photos of Glencarlyn Days throughout this issue are courtesy of Lloyd Wolf, David Hathcox, and many other neighbors. See more on pages 13 & 14!*

## Pajamas, Pancakes, and Perfect Timing - Glencarlyn Days

by Brandon Hemel

On Friday afternoon, Glencarlyn Civic Association Vice President and event planner, Courtney Holmes, was leading the setup at Carlin Hall. When asked about if we were going to cancel as the sky grew dark, she just kept repeating, "What rain? It's not going to rain."

As the sky drizzled down between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., she remained positive, "What rain? It's not going to rain." And she was right. The storm blew past us and the weather remained clear for the rest of the BBQ.

Kids played in the street, adults chatted with friends and neighbors, David Cahill and the BBQ volunteers kept the food coming. Tim Aiken and our volunteers at the entrance kept the line moving at a rapid pace even though it stretched to the sidewalk more than once.

The rain was a heavy at times during Saturday's Pancake Breakfast, but our crew of neighbors, lead by Julie Lee (and Arlington County Police Officers) kept serving up hot flapjacks and sausages to all of the attendees.

The afternoon Pajama Jam Parade encircled the neighborhood from St. John's Church to the Library and then to the Ball-Sellers House for cupcakes to all of the parade participants to help the Arlington Historical Society (AHS) celebrate the

anniversary of the transfer of the house from Marian Sellers to the AHS.

The last event of the weekend, the Home Tours, allowed residents to show off their unique homes and collections, was well staffed and attended by many residents.

A big heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers who helped out in small and big ways. The list is too numerous for me to type and without being afraid I will forget someone, so I will just say – "THANK YOU" to everyone. Each of you make Glencarlyn a special place to live.





# President's Corner

by Brandon Hemel, GCA President



## Look for the Helpers

On Saturday evening at the end of Glencarlyn Days, I walked around the neighborhood to pick up the green and white signs and couldn't help but sing the theme to PBS's "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" to myself.

It really was *A Beautiful Day in Our Neighborhood*.

Seeing so many Glencarlyn neighbors at the BBQ, the Pancake Breakfast, the Parade, and the Home Tours remind me of just how special Glencarlyn is.

Another thing that makes our neighborhood so special is the number of people who volunteer their time to help others. Either as part of our neighborhood events or with other civic, cultural, or religious organizations in our community.

This makes me think of another quote from Fred Rogers:

Fred Rogers (aka Mister Rogers) often told this story about when he was a boy and would see scary things on the news: "My mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world."

There are so many helpers in our neighborhood. People who pitch in when asked and always seem to give a little extra of themselves and sign up when we need an extra hand at any of our events throughout the year.

Glencarlyn Days, our annual weekend of events, cannot happen without these people.

Thank you to Courtney, Julie, Tim, Katharine, Sue, Susan, Charlie, Jeff, Dave, Eric, David, Lloyd, Steve, Andy, Jerry, Brian, Lynn, Nancy, Paxton, Pete, John, LaTonya, Arlington County Police Department, volunteers from St. John's Church, and everyone else who's name I forgot to list here!



Glencarlyn truly is a special place to live, and Glencarlyn Days 2025 shows that our neighborhood spirit is alive and well.



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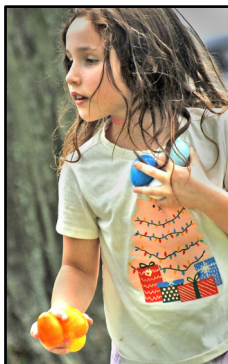


*Scenes from the spring Clothing Swap and the St. John's Easter egg hunt, where families came together for fun and community. Photos by Gerald Martineau.*

## Invasive Spotted Lanternfly in Glencarlyn

*by Steve Young*

They're here, boo! The dreaded Spotted Lanternfly invasive insect pest has arrived in Glencarlyn. Technically a leafhopper, not a fly, these pests can hop and fly, and they suck the juices of many plants, both garden plants and natural forest plants. That's right, they suck. Their feeding, and a mold they spread, damage the plants. They are especially fond of the invasive Ailanthus tree, Tree-of-Heaven. Arlingtonians are encouraged to remove Ailanthus using professionals who know how to kill it without resprouting. Young lanternflies are small, black, with white spots. The adults also have bright red wings, as well as spots. If you encounter them, try to kill them. Stomp or squish them if you can, or spray them with white vinegar (avoiding tender green vegetation). Much more information can be found at [tinyurl.com/slf0625](http://tinyurl.com/slf0625)





## View from the Garden

By Judy Funderburk

### Our Barred Owl Neighborhood Friend

A hooty Barred Owl has befriended the Glencarlynites who live in the South Harrison Street cul-de-sac off South 5th Street, an area sometimes affectionately known as Harrison Street Hollow. The owl—he, she, or sometimes they—can often be seen perched high in a towering Carolina longleaf pine that stands about 100 feet tall at the east end of the cul-de-sac.

J. Vic Funderburk planted the tree 48 years ago after digging up the sapling from the front yard of his childhood home in Cheraw, South Carolina. He had originally planted the “mother” longleaf pine there as part of a Boy Scout restoration project more than 71 years ago.



A Barred Owl

The baby pine that he brought to Arlington, once no thicker than a pencil, is now a robust tree with a trunk nearly two feet in diameter. Its many widespread branches provide a mostly hidden, peaceful resting place for our beloved owls.

Almost every afternoon between 4 and 5 p.m. we are treated to their calls. They can be quite loud and if there is more than one in the vicinity, they can make a cacophony of overlapping sounds which are captivating! Go to [tinyurl.com/barredo625a](https://tinyurl.com/barredo625a) to listen to various Barred Owl calls.

Come see, and hopefully hear, for yourself! Walk down 5th street and turn right onto Harrison. Where the cul-de-sac divides walk to the left and circle down on the sidewalk. When you are near

the bottom of the circle, somewhere between 527 and 531, look up into the large thick-trunked pine. The owl or owls are usually secluded somewhere in the top third of its tall branches. They are quite well camouflaged, feathers and coloring merged with long leaf pine needles. Sometimes it is nearly impossible to see them, but when you do it is such a treat.

The natural world around us provides so many gifts. Besides trees and owls, we Funderburks feel grateful to have found the gift of Glencarlyn 49 years ago. Tucked away from two busy roadways, surrounded on three sides by woods, it has a very long history of being a “neighborhood”. Gatherings throughout the year remind us of how lucky we are. Pancake Breakfast in the park, Glencarlyn Day parade with children and wagons and bikes dressed in the theme of the year, semi-regular Bar-B-Que suppers at Carlin Hall with ice cream bars for treats. Master Gardeners organize a Spring Celebration every year, a day-long festival selling plants propagated from the Library Garden. They also provide weekly upkeep of the teaching gardens behind the Library and along the parking lot. Memorial benches become places for sitting while the beautiful plantings fill your eyes and heart.

Speaking of filling one’s eyes and heart, there are those very special Barred Owls who announce almost every day the joy of sharing our stories and speaking truth: “Hoo, Hooty, Who! Who hoots for You!” How blessed we are in our neighborhood and with our nature friends who bring us their songs.



A feather from  
Glencarlyn's owl

## Celebrating Lifelong Glencarlyn Resident Mary Benn

By Julie Lee

Mary Florance Benn passed away peacefully on May 4, 2025 after a long and vibrant life marked by devotion to family, service to her community, and a deep appreciation for the arts and new experiences.



A teenage Mary at the Backus tennis courts on 5th Street, late 1940s to early 1950s.

Mary Florance and her family moved to Glencarlyn in 1943, when Carlin Hall was the one room school house; small farms still existed in the community; and several roads were unpaved. Mary had an idyllic childhood growing up in Glencarlyn. She was a girl scout in the neighborhood troop, remaining lifelong friends with two members, and she enjoyed playing tennis on the Backus tennis courts on 5th Street. She shared fond

memories of the childhood mischief she and her friends had made. Mary worked as the first page at Glencarlyn Library and

graduated from Washington-Lee High School.

She married John Benn Jr., whose family lived in the Burdett house on 3rd Street, and they built their own house on the same block after they wed. Raising her three children in that home, Mary remained there until her death at the age of 92. Mary resided in Glencarlyn for 82 years; few have lived here longer.

A woman of unwavering faith and fierce independence, Mary volunteered in her church and community, serving as a Friend of the Kennedy Center for 30 years. Mary was known for her inquisitive spirit and courageous heart. Above all, Mary was a devoted grandmother to Kate and Jillian Lee, Mathew and Russell Carl, and John Reynolds and Gregory Benn. She shared with them her love for travel, adventure, theater, and the arts.



Mary sitting in the yard of her 4th Street home in 1943, at age 10. This was the first year her family lived in Glencarlyn.



## VHC Health Wellness Hospital– 601 Carlin Springs Road Update

by Brandon Hemel

As of mid-June 2025, VHC Health and their partner LifePoint Health have not submitted a 4.1 site plan request to Arlington County.

The latest wrinkle in the plan is that the county is now changing the terms. Instead of selling 5.5 acres of the property to VHC Health, they are offering a long-term 75-year land lease, with an option to extend for another 24 years.

From Adrian Stanton, Vice President, Real Estate Acquisition & Development, VHC Health:

“From the perspective of the overall site plan, there isn’t much change. We still will be building the facility on the same part of the parcel as originally planned. We also are still planning on a 2-story structure, of the same size, with parking under the facility. We’re still in the draft phase of the land lease with the County, but the current structure would be a 75-year land lease with an option to extend it an additional 24 years.”

Please see the GCA Updates emails for summer updates on the site.

## Join Your Neighbors at GCA Meetings

By Brandon Hemel

The Glencarlyn Civic Association (GCA) meets at 7:30 p.m. on what is usually the first Monday of each month at Carlin Hall. Meetings are also live-streamed via Zoom, with a link sent out in the GCA Updates email beforehand.

Save the following Mondays on your calendar:

- September 8
- October 6
- November 3
- December 1
- February 2
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4

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## Doggie Corner

by Sheridan Swope

Meet Billy, a 14 month old beautiful tri-color English Springer Spaniel. He was adopted from a Pennsylvania breeder by the Olivers—LuAnn, Jeff, Simon, Jack, and Wally—who reside at the corner of 4th & Lexington (trampoline house). Billy loves the water and runs to jump in the bathtub when returning from fun at the dog park. He loves other dogs but has no interest in being an “alpha dog”. Initially, Billy can be anxious around new people but warms up quickly and loves to hug and snuggle. While he dislikes being alone, he is adjusting as he matures. His best doggie friends are Douglas, Louis, Jasmine, and Juniper. Say hello to Billy!

Glencarlyn is full of dogs! This column showcases dogs from the neighborhood and their owners. To feature your dog in Glencarlyn Doggie Corner, contact Sheridan at [swopes123@gmail.com](mailto:swopes123@gmail.com).



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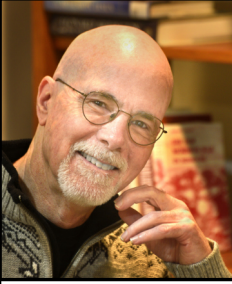
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## In Memoriam: Steve LeSueur



A portrait of Steve LeSueur for his book jacket. Photo by Gerald Martineau.

We are deeply saddened to report that long-time Glencarlyn resident Steve LeSueur passed away peacefully at his home July 1, after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 73 years old.

Steve played a key role in our recent efforts to support the Glencarlyn Library, conceptualizing and organizing the library's monthly Speakers Series.

Steve was also an acclaimed author himself and spoke at one of last year's speaker sessions on his book, *Life and*

*Death on the Mormon Frontier*. The book tells the story of the murder of Steve's great uncle, Frank LeSueur, by members of the Wild Bunch gang of outlaws in the 1900s.

Most recently, Steve published *Every Man a Prophet*, a coming-of-age novel about two young Mormon missionaries. The book explores their struggles with the complexities of identity, faith and the universal need to belong.

Glencarlyn resident Simon De Groot, who worked with Steve on the library's Speakers Series, commented, "I feel very blessed to

have known Steve as a neighbor and friend. He was a very smart, talented guy with a great sense of humor who was just fun to spend time with. It was a pleasure in recent years to get to know him a little better through the Glencarlyn Book Club and our involvement in the library support group. We will all miss Steve but can be very grateful for his presence in the Glencarlyn community."

Commented library associate Erika Ramos, "The time, care and energy Steve put into making our Speakers Program such a success meant so much to all of us at the Library. His generosity, vision and spirit have made a lasting impression."

Steve and his family came to Glencarlyn in March 1989. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Reeder, daughter Samantha, and son Danny.

The family requests any memorial contributions in Steve's name be made to Friends of the Arlington Public Library (FOAL).

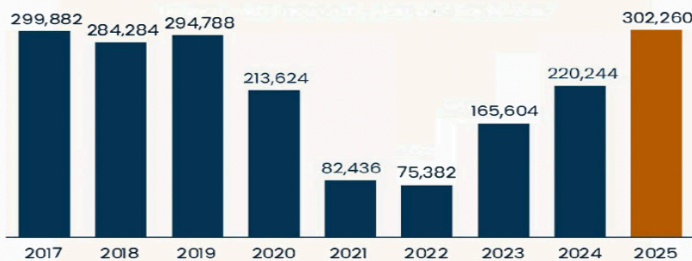
Steve giving a talk on his book at the Glencarlyn Library. Photo by Gerald Martineau



The best piece of advice for sellers today? Remember this phrase: **If the asking price isn't compelling, it's not selling.** Unfortunately, the number of sellers who are having to reduce their price is on the rise. Many aren't factoring in current market conditions. In today's market, buyers have more options, and they're skipping overpriced homes without a second thought. So, let's work together. With my help, we can collaborate and set a price on your home to pull people in, not push them away.

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# Arlington Neighborhoods Program (ANP) Update

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

## Manchester St. and 2nd St. S. – Construction estimated to begin this summer

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 estimated to begin this summer - July or August - but a clear construction timeline is not yet available. The procurement package is being prepared, to be followed by the advertising process. All property easements have been acquired.

County staff finalized a landscape owner's manual for the 2nd St S & S Manchester pollinator garden. It will provide volunteers and interested residents with general and seasonal specific maintenance, including guidelines and facts for each plant. Staff finalized the text for the garden's educational signage. They will also launch a website once the educational signage is installed. This website will provide garden and maintenance information, including translations, via a QR code on the signage.

IPC, the invasive control contractor hired by Arlington County, will continue the yearly fall and spring treatments in June 2025. 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/anp0625a](http://tinyurl.com/anp0625a) and on the Glencarlyn.org website under ANP Activities.

## Neighborhood Signs Maintenance and Relocation – Installation timing still to be determined

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.

Manufacturing of the replacement and relocated signage is underway. Weather conditions have delayed a final schedule for installation of the two replacement signs. Timing for installing the relocated sign is still to be determined.

## Moses Ball Spring Area Restoration and Ecological Improvement – ANP staff feedback anticipated soon

This project proposes restoring the Moses Ball Spring area, located at 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd. The project will consider the spring's historical and cultural significance and the need for ecological improvement.

The neighborhood working group (Steve Young, Sue Campbell, Tim Aiken, Sue Auerbach and Kathy Reeder) is gathering information to better understand elements of the proposed project and determine neighborhood priorities. ANP staff is requesting input from various county departments that may be involved with the project and anticipates meeting with the working group in early summer to share this information.

An enjoyable way to find out more about the project is to view Steve Young's informative video: [tinyurl.com/moses0625](http://tinyurl.com/moses0625)

If you have questions about the project, please contact Kathy Reeder ([kathleenreeder@comcast.net](mailto:kathleenreeder@comcast.net)).



Moses Ball Spring  
Photo by Gerald Martineau

# Welcome, New GCA Board!

By Rachel Porter

Village View Editor

At the May 5 GCA meeting, the Nominating Committee presented Luke Shaheen\* a slate of candidates that was subsequently elected by attendees. The new term for the board began on July 1.

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# Long Branch Stream Outfall Repairs

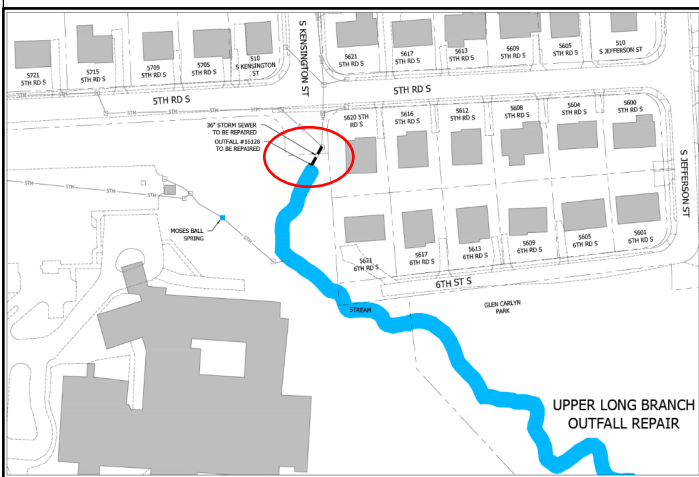
By Brandon Hemel

At the May 2025 GCA meeting Lily Whitesell and Christin Conway from Arlington County's Department of Environmental Services presented draft plans to repair the stream outfall at the intersection of 5th Road South and South Kensington Street.

The stream outfall is on the edge of the 601 S. Carlin Springs Road Property and is hidden behind the fencing and overgrowth of trees and shrubs. However, the concrete pipe leading from 5th Road to the stream is extremely damaged by erosion. To make the repair, some of the vegetation and the fence at the intersection will be removed. The fence will be replaced and replanting of trees and shrubbery will take place.



The damaged concrete pipe



The county looks to start construction in late Fall 2025 and completing the project in late 2026. If you want more information about the project, please see the project page at [tinyurl.com/outfall0625a](https://tinyurl.com/outfall0625a)

**County staff seek input from residents on the project. Please email Brandon at [GCA\\_Brandon@outlook.com](mailto:GCA_Brandon@outlook.com) to join the next meeting.** Residents near 5th Road and S. Kensington intersection are especially encouraged to provide feedback on the county's plan.

The red oval on the map to the left marks the location of the broken pipe.

# Glencarlyn Residents Power Bike Drive to Liberia

By Dixie Duncan

Wheels to Africa processed 93 bicycles that are headed to Liberia in late June. Logan Krol, Washington Liberty student and Glencarlyn resident, recruited his friends Wesley Anderson, Liati Bonnardeaux, and Jack Newell to volunteer to take pedals off bikes and turn steering wheels to facilitate compact the shipping of bicycles. Other volunteers were Stacy Hennessey, Sarita Gopal, Dixie Duncan, and founder Winston Duncan. All are pictured below.

The bicycles will change lives in Liberia where children walk to school five miles one way without food. A bicycle creates a new day of opportunity for every recipient. The bicycles become a family vehicle where they can carry food to market, ride to

school, and assist a loved one in reaching medical services. Bicycles in Africa provide many avenues of access that directly impact quality of life as well as empowering individuals to change their communities.

Wheels to Africa will host a bike collection in early December at various schools in Arlington and Fairfax County. We need your help because we aim to collect 375 bicycles in one day. With the change in the international aid policy of America, it is essential we help our neighbors here and abroad. In addition to bicycles, Wheels to Africa will collect crutches and wheelchairs for shipment. Are you interested in collecting bicycles at your community center, place of worship, school, club? This project is fun and it teaches everyone young and old what a couple of hours of volunteering does to CHANGE the world!

Wheels to Africa is a 501(c)3 all – volunteer, grassroots nonprofit that collects bikes for needy communities. Wheels to Africa was started by Arlington resident Winston Duncan when he was 11 years old. After a trip to southern Africa in 2005, Winston decided he had to help people in Africa who needed transportation to obtain food, water, and medicine. Since 2005, Wheels to Africa has collected over 15,100 bikes!

To learn more, contact Dixie or Winston Duncan via [Wheels-to-Africa.org](http://Wheels-to-Africa.org), 703-919-0570, or [w2africa@gmail.com](mailto:w2africa@gmail.com)











## Please pay your 2025-2026 GCA Dues—\$15

Your dues to the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association help fund the Glencarlyn Day events, holiday parties, picnics, *Village View* newsletter, the *glencarlyn.org* website, our neighborhood directory, and much more. Dues are for July 2025 through June 2026.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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