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Entrepreneurs in the making: Maddie Fletcher and Eliza Miller bring cheer (and cold lemonade!) to Glencarlyn.

Sep. 8 GCA Meeting

by Brandon Hemel

Correction: The print Village View lists Sep. 9; the correct date is Monday, September 8.

Please join us on September 8 at Carlin Hall to have a dialog with **Mary Kadera of the Arlington County School Board.**

Ms. Kadera has served on the school board since 2022, with a daughter at HB Woodlawn and a son who graduated from Yorktown.

This meeting provides an excellent chance to address our community's concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety on CSR, improvements to the Kenmore/Carlin Springs sports fields, as well as the impact of federal funding and recent changes within the Department of Education on APS.

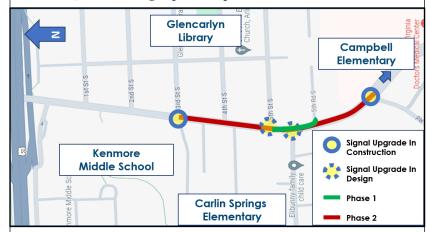
Updates on CSR Projects

by Brandon Hemel

Construction has started at the 5th Road/5th Street Interaction to replace current traffic signals on span wires with ones supported by mast arms, provide wider curb ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and mark high visibility crosswalks.

The eastern side of CSR sidewalk at this area will be widened as well. During the construction, the county will install jersey barriers/barrels on the EAST side of Carlin Springs to provide pedestrian and bicycle passage.

The northbound travel lane closest to the curb will be closed through the construction zone from 5th St South to 5th Road South. This closure allows safe pedestrian passage. The county project manager will keep us posted on the duration of the closure once they start demolition. This area is the Phase 1 area below. Project Manager Gabriela Kock will be speaking at the November 3 GCA meeting to provide updates on the work.



The speed limit is now 25 MPH on Carlin Springs Road between the county line and rt50/Arlington Blvd. The Arlington County Board voted on July 19 to reduce the speed limit after recommendations from County's VisionZero staff and advocacy from the Glencarlyn Civic Association and groups.

"Reduction of the speed limit to 25 mph along the length of the corridor would maintain the lower speed limit throughout the entirety of the school zone and the extent of the corridor as it connects with Fairfax County and transitions to and from the urbanized area along Columbia Pike," the county staff report stated.

Additionally, a new school zone speed safety camera is now live on northbound South Carlin Springs Road in front of Campbell Elementary School...

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President's Corner

by Brandon Hemel, GCA President



To Everything There is a Season

Summer 2025 has come and almost gone in Glencarlyn. Personally, autumn is my favorite season when the swampy humidity finally breaks, and the trees turn rich colors in preparation for winter's rest.

Joy has visited Glencarlyn in the past few months with new children and families joining our neighborhood.

Also, sorrow left us broken as beloved community and family members have moved away or passed unto the great hereafter.

The cycle of beginnings and endings continues.

Some students in Glencarlyn are starting their first year at a new school and others may begin their senior year as they plan for that next big step.

I see it on my bike rides around the neighborhood when there are hordes of youngsters playing in the street, graduation signs still in yards and, more recently, for-sale signs in front of houses.

I have recently felt the full weight of this phrase the days are long, but the years go by fast. My older son has now reached the age of full adulthood, and my younger son begins his senior year at Washington-Liberty HS. Yet, it does not seem too long ago that we were dressed as superheroes trick-or-treating down S. Kensington Street.

Whether you are a long-time resident of Glencarlyn, a new owner or renter, or a returning family after spending time abroad, I hope you can take some time as the season changes to stroll through our wooded paths, walk along our tree lined streets, and get out and meet your neighbors and help make our little community a special place to

Last year, my first President's Corner ended with a lyric from John Prine's Hello in There. This year, I quote Pete Seeger's Turn! Turn! Turn!

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted:

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace I swear it's not too late.

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Kids, parents, and neighbors turned the library parking lot into a battlefield of laughter, water balloons, and squirting streams—proof that summer fun has no age limit. Photos by Gerald Martineau.





Sept 22: Speak Up for Glencarlyn at County Board's Open Door Monday

By Brandon Hemel

Arlington County Board's Open Door Mondays is an informal opportunity for Arlingtonians to chat one-on-one or in small groups with a County Board Member.

The next session will take place from 6 - 8 p.m. at Glencarlyn Library on Sept. 22.

You may use the form at <u>tinyurl.com/opendoor0925w</u> to sign up for an upcoming session; in-person walkup registrations will also be accepted.

In general, speakers will be called in order registrations were received, although the Board member and staff may adjust the sequence as needed.

Feel free to bring any issue to discuss! There are no specific time limits but be considerate to others who may be waiting. The hosting Board Member generally speaks with everyone on a first-come-first-served basis but may speak in a group if several people have registered to discuss the same issue. You can listen in, or contribute your thoughts, if appropriate.

Board Members take turns hosting Open Door Mondays throughout the year - to find out which Member is hosting your session, you may write to the Board Office at countyboard@arlingtonva.us, or call 703-228-3130. Board Member assignments are not final until the day of each session.

If you cannot attend but have questions for the county board, please email GCA_Brandon@outlook.com.



Pet owners, please be considerate of your neighbors

by Brandon Hemel

With an abundance of dog owners in our neighborhood, I am asking everyone to do their part and clean up after their pets. 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.

Please be considerate of neighbors' property including their trash cans. Pet waste bags can inadvertently open and spill out or even remain in a trash can until the next week's pickup.

Thank you for understanding.

View from the Garden

Article and pictures by Sam Pulcrano, Extension Master Gardener



Seed cabinet against the back wall of the library

If you have ever wanted to try growing a flower, vegetable, or herb from a seed, you are in luck! Visit the seed library in the Glencarlyn Library.

The seed library is maintained by Master Gardeners who repackage donated seeds into smaller packets to maximize the variety of seeds available.

Community support providing unused, purchased or harvested seeds is an essential component to maintaining the sustainability of this resource.

Community members may "borrow"

seeds from the library and are encouraged to donate seeds at any time throughout the year.

Borrowing Seeds

To borrow seeds, start by looking over the types of seeds that are available to determine which might work best in your garden. This photo shows some of the bins of seeds for native and non-native annual and perennial plants, vegetables, and herbs. Here are some of the seeds that are available: kale, carrots, tomatoes, daisies, cantaloupe, lettuce, and basil.

Once you decide which to try, we ask that you only take what you intend to plant, up to five packets.



Bin of seeds

Donating Seeds

You can donate seeds to the library as prepackaged seeds and harvested seeds from plants you grow.

It is important to ensure a date (purchased packets usually

include the date) is included on all seed donations so that we can determine whether the seeds are viable (able to germinate). As seeds age, their viability will naturally deteriorate over time. This decline varies among different plant species, with some seeds being viable for only a few months, while others remaining viable for many years. For example, many vegetables and herb seeds can be expected to remain viable for 3 to 4 years, annual flowers 1 to 3 years and perennial flowers 2 to 3 years.

If you want to evaluate seed viability, place a few seeds between a folded dampened paper towel and place it in sealed baggie or airtight container in a warm location. After a few days, open the container to determine whether the seeds have started to sprout. Count the number of seeds that have sprouted from all being evaluated. For example, 7 of 10 seeds geminated indicate a 70% viability rate. This would be a fun project for children!



Seed sprouts on paper towel

For seeds you harvest, place them in the seed-saving envelope (tinyurl.com/gardeno925w) or a sealed envelope or baggy and label it with the following information:

- Common name
- Botanical name (if known)
- Given by
- Date

Place the packets in the donated bin in the cabinet.

It is often said that "the love of gardening begins with a seed." Direct sowing seeds promotes learning about sustainable gardening and growing vegetables and herbs provides food security. It also encourages self-sufficiency and planting more flowers, vegetables and herbs supports the beauty and biodiversity of your community!

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.

Volunteers Needed in Glencarlyn

by Brandon Hemel

Mowing the Meadow and around the Glencarlyn Neighborhood signs

If you ever have walked through the meadow off of 5th St above the nature center, you may not have realized that Glencarlyn is responsible for the upkeep of the circular walking path.

We are also responsible for the upkeep around the Glencarlyn neighborhood signs that border our neighborhood.

A longtime resident has been diligently mowing path in the meadow and the area around the sign at the intersection of Arlington Blvd and S Carlin Springs Road and they are looking to share this responsibility.

Village View Area Chairs and Block Captains needed

We are seeking a new Area Chair for the western area neighborhood (far side of Kenmore) and a block captain as well.

The area chair receives the monthly Village View from the editor and distributes to block captains for delivery. A block captain then delivers to homes in their designated area.

If you can help with any of these roles, please let us know by writing to GCA_Brandon@outlook.com

Updates on CSR Projects

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...Speed limit cameras are active on school days between 7-8 am and 2:30-3:30 pm. Tickets showing the vehicles license plate, the lit school zone sign, and the speed of the vehicle are mailed to the registered owner after the images are reviewed by Arlington County Police Staff. For more information on the construction, see tinyurl.com/signal0925w and see tinyurl.com/speed0925w for info on the speed cameras.



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Realtor Roundtable at October GCA meeting

By Brandon Hemel

Realtor Roundtable at October GCA meeting

How have changes with the federal government and local employers affected the Arlington real estate market?

What can homeowners do to increase the value of their property prior to putting it up for sale?

How do real estate professionals see the market changing over the next 12-18 months?

These questions and possibly more will be answered at the October 6 GCA meeting featuring a realtor roundtable made up of local realtors with experience selling in our neighborhood.

Please join us on October 6, at Carlin Hall at 7:30 p.m.

A Zoom link will be sent in advance.

If you cannot attend but would like to send questions, please email GCA_Brandon@outlook.com

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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What's Happening at the Library This Month

For details about any of these programs, contact Glencarlyn Library at 703-228-6548 or visit <u>tinyurl.com/libevents0925w</u>

Ready, Set, Game!

Thursdays, 3–5 p.m.

Join us for an epic gaming experience at the library. It's the ultimate showdown where you can challenge your friends, discover new games, and showcase your skills on our Nintendo Switch.

Registration recommended: First-come, first-served seating. By registering, you will receive event updates. Attendees may be asked to alternate playtime to ensure everyone gets to play.

Beyond the Books: Digital Magazines & Newspapers

Monday, September 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Did you know Arlington Public Library offers much more than books? Join us as we showcase Arlington Public Library's digital magazines and newspapers. You will learn how to access on various platforms with your Arlington Public Library card.

Registration required.

Open Door Mondays

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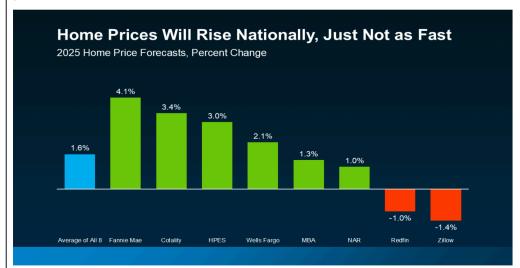
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Will Home Prices Fall? With uncertain times, some buyers are expecting prices to drop, especially with headlines about slight declines in certain areas. But while price growth is slowing due to high mortgage rates and rising inventory, experts agree this isn't a crash. According to NAHB, the market is cooling after years of rapid gains. Still, home prices are projected to rise nationally by 1.5–2% in 2025, based on the average of eight major forecasts. Let's connect if you have a situation you want to discuss!





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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 timeline still not 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 later this year/next Spring 2026, a delay from the previous estimate. A clear construction timeline is not yet available. The procurement package is still 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 summer treatments. Treatment was completed mid-July 2025. The fall 2025 treatment is targeting mid-September. 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 <u>tinyurl.com/anpo925w</u> and on the Glencarlyn.org website under ANP Activities.

Neighborhood Signs Maintenance and Relocation – Installation complete for replacement signs

The existing neighborhood signs at Arlington Blvd./S. Carlin Springs Rd., and at 5th Rd. S./ S. Carlin Springs Rd have to be replaced. The design remains the same.

The sign located at S. Manchester St./ Arlington Blvd. will be replaced and relocated. This sign's new location and permitting is underway. Timing for installing the relocated sign is still to be determined.

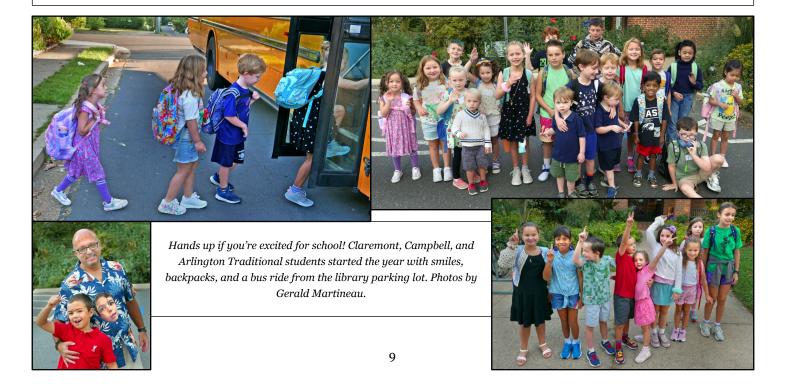
Moses Ball Spring Area Restoration and Ecological Improvement – will not be an ANP project

This project proposed restoring the Moses Ball Spring area, located at 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd., taking into consideration the spring's historical and cultural significance and the need for ecological improvement.

ANP staff determined that they will not be able to consider this as an ANP project at this time. VHC Health and Arlington County have not finalized their plans for property at 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd. adjacent to the spring, making it difficult to design and construct the proposed ANP project. Finalizing plans will take time, and ANP staff has requested that Glencarlyn submit a different project for ANP consideration. Information on a substitute project will be available in September.

The neighborhood working group will continue to focus on the restoration of Moses Ball Spring and its historic and cultural context as a high priority for Glencarlyn. They will meet with county departments and other organizations to explore alternatives to the Arlington Neighborhoods Program.

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







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