

Newsletter of the Glencarlyn Civic Association since October 1952

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Southbound evening rush hour traffic on Carlin Springs Rd. proceeds during icy and snowy conditions on January 6, 2025 Photo - Gerald Martineau

Everything you wanted to know about Carlin Springs Traffic and what's done to make it safer at GCA November 3 Meeting

by Brandon Hemel

Join us on November 3 at Carlin Hall and learn about existing and upcoming traffic and pedestrian safety improvements along S. Carlin Springs Road (CSR).

Gabriela Kock, project management coordinator for the S. CSR and 5th Road improvements; Hui Wang, bureau chief of Transportation Engineering and Operations; and Capt. Damon Washington of the Arlington Police Special Operations Division will share details on recent changes and what's ahead.

Since August, S. CSR's speed limit has been lowered to 25 miles per hour, a new school zone speed control has been placed on the northbound side of CSR in front of Campbell elementary school, and work has begun on improving the northbound sidewalk between 5th St S and 5th Rd S.

A Zoom link will be sent in advance. If you cannot attend but would like to send questions, please email GCA_Brandon@outlook.com

Realtor Roundtable at October GCA meeting

by Brandon Hemel

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 properties prior to putting it up for sale?

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

These questions and 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



President's Corner

by Brandon Hemel, GCA President



Blast from the Past

For nearly half my life, I have lived in Glencarlyn. My little deadend street is quiet and sometimes gets missed by the snowplows, the trash haulers, and the pizza delivery guys.

These past twenty-three years seem both like a very long time and a truly short amount of time.

Glencarlyn itself is one of the oldest planned communities in Arlington. While our houses may be disparately designed with assorted styles built over varying years, it gives us a charm that few other places have. We have a small-town feel where kids play in the streets, neighbors say hello as they walk by, and we are often willing to help each other when called upon.

Recently, I acquired a copy of a Glencarlyn Citizens Association Neighborhood Directory from 1964, and it is amazing to read and see the names of residents who lived on our blocks back then and those families that are still here now.

Other interesting items, 7-11 was already part of the community; some phone numbers began with a "671" exchange, while others were "JA"; you could call "WE 6-1212" to get a weather report; Campbell Elementary School was once known as Glencarlyn Elementary.

In 1964, the yearly GCA dues were only \$2. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, \$2 in 1964 is worth \$20.97 today. I guess we should raise our dues to keep up with inflation. We are only \$15 per year.

In 2021, the GCA changed its name from Glencarlyn Citizens Association to Glencarlyn Civic Association but this statement from the 1964 directory hasn't changed:

"The Glencarlyn Citizens Association was founded a number of years ago by the residents of this area to promote their mutual interests and the general welfare of this community. All persons, home owners and renters alike, living in Glencarlyn are eligible for membership and are invited to join.

Membership carries no particular responsibility, but it does support the activities of the Association. The usefulness of the Association is dependent upon the interest and energy of the residents of this community."

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Exterior Rendering - View Looking South



Exterior Rendering - Aerial View Looking South

VHC Health Wellness Hospital– 601 S. Carlin Springs Road Update

By Brandon Hemel

On August 29, VHC Health and their partner LifePoint Health submitted their 4.1 site plan request to Arlington County.

The submission kicks off the Site Plan Review process for Arlington County. The county will soon be reaching out the presidents of the Glencarlyn, Forest Glen, and Arlington Mill to begin building the site plan review committee.

The submitted site plan shows a two-story building on the site with parking underneath and a circular driveway around the building with two entrances and exits onto S. Carlin Springs Road.

The building itself faces north with a glass front entrance facing towards S 5th Road.

GCA and the joint Civic Association Working Group are meeting to review all aspects of the submitted plan and to provide feedback on the site plan.

You can learn more about Arlington County's site plan review process at tinyurl.com/siteplan1025 and find details specific to the 601 site at tinyurl.com/vhc1025

If you would like to discuss the VHC Health plan or share your concerns, please attend upcoming GCA meetings listed on page 7 or email Brandon Hemel at GCA_Brandon@outlook.com

View from the Garden

Article and pictures by Extension Master Gardener Linda Carney

The leaders of the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden are pleased to introduce Extension Master Gardener Jo Ella Samp as a new coordinator. Jo Ella brings years of gardening expertise



Glencarlyn Library Garden's New Coordinator, Jo Ella Samp and lots of gardening enthusiasm to the Library Garden. Joe Ella's availability to take on this role comes at an opportune time since we recently lost three long time leaders (one moved

away, and the others moved on to different roles within the Master Gardener organization).

Born and raised in northern New Jersey, Jo Ella decided to attend Sweet Briar College in Virginia to study biology. She

remained in Virginia after graduating college and eventually moved to Arlington where, during the past 38 years, she has raised a daughter, worked as an accountant/auditor and spent time gardening in her yard (which is an Audubon Certified Wildlife Sanctuary). Jo Ella knew she would need something to keep her busy after she retired so she applied for the Master Gardener training and became a certified Master Gardener in 2012.



Jo Ella Weeding the Tropical Garden

Jo Ella also joined the Rock Spring Garden
Garden Club and is now the Community Development Chair.
She helped redesign the Rock Spring Park Garden, making it smaller and more manageable, although still having to deal with deer issues, invasive species management, and watering

challenges. The group is taking on other projects and has recently added the Ball-Sellers house gardens. You may see Jo Ella with other members of the Rock Spring Garden Club working on maintaining the rain garden and beds along the side of the Ball-Sellers House.

If maintaining her own garden, the Rock Spring Park Garden, and the Ball-Sellers House gardens weren't enough, Jo Ella also took it upon herself to plant and maintain a community garden across from the Madison Community Center in Arlington. She has planted mainly native plants along with a number of daffodils. Speaking of daffodils, Jo Ella is also a member of the Washington Daffodil Society!

Although Jo Ella has her hands full with other gardens, she has always loved the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden, so when the opportunity opened to join us, she took it. She likes the versatility of the garden, with the native and non-native plants, and enjoys volunteering at the garden work parties. She has actively supported the annual Spring Celebration and Plant Sale and is looking forward to doing so as a coordinator of the Library Garden. We are excited to have her on board.



Rock Spring Garden

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.

If you can help mow, please let us know by writing to GCA_Brandon@outlook.com

Arlington Schools Launch New Cell Phone Policy, Begin Budget and Facilities Planning

by Brandon Hemel

Arlington School Board member Mary Kadera spoke at the September GCA meeting, providing updates for the new school year.

Arlington Public Schools (APS) has implemented a new cell phone policy across its secondary schools this fall, aiming to reduce distractions and improve classroom engagement. High school students are now required to store their phones in magnetic pouches from the start to the end of each class period, following a strict "bell to bell away" rule. Middle schools have adopted a more flexible approach, offering pouches to students who struggle to follow phone usage guidelines.

Kadera shared updates on the district's broader planning efforts, including the fiscal year 2027 budget development process. The School Board will provide direction to the superintendent by the end of September, with a proposed budget expected in February and final approval scheduled for May. While a budget shortfall is anticipated, officials expect it to be less severe than last year. Final revenue figures from the county are due in November.

In parallel, APS is beginning work on its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)... continued on page 11

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Cat Owners – You aren't off the hook

by Brandon Hemel

After last month's reminder about dog waste, I've been asked to also remind cat 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 heath of chicks and decreases in nest success.

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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. For more information, please email Brandon Hemel at GC_Brandon@outlook.com

- October 6 Realtor Round Table
- November 3 All Things Traffic and Pedestrian Safety with Arlington DES and Arl Co. PD
- December 2 So, You've Decided to Update Your Home, What You Should Know with Darryle Smith, Zoning Inspector, Department of Community Planning, Housing, and Development
- February 3 Speaker TBD
- March 3 Speaker TBD, Nominating Committee Elections
- April 7 Speaker TBD, Nominating Committee Report
- May 5 Speaker TBD, GCA Executive Committee Elections

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Doggie Corner

by Sheridan Swope

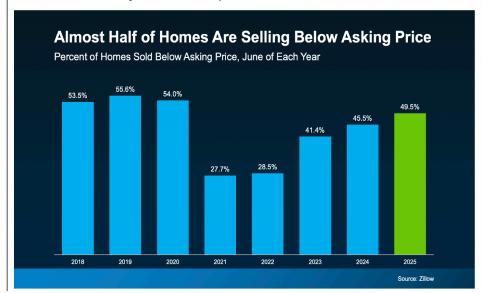
This month we feature Wolfgang "Wolfie", a 9yo, spotted, black and white beagle mutt. Wolfie lives at 114 S Kensington St. with the Simmons family - Lisa, Eric, Emerie, McCarthy, and Calla. Wolfie and his litter-mates were rescued from South Carolina and brought to Arlington. A neighbor was fostering them and the Simmons family selected the cutest puppy of the bunch. His back flip hooked them!

Wolfie loves to take himself on walks when his family is preoccupied. He is very resourceful. He loves to be snuggled, burrow under blankets to keep warm, and enjoys a good game of fetch. Wolfie LOVES Dean and Miles. He also enjoys playing with his doggie friends Lulu, Penny, Pooka, and Raven. Say hello to Wolfie!

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.



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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 must wait until contract is advertised and awarded

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 continues to be estimated later this year or next spring, but 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 and is planned for 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 tinyurl.com/anp1025 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 be replaced. The design remains the same. The sign at Arlington Blvd./S. Carlin Springs Rd. will be straightened soon by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The sign located at S. Manchester St./ Arlington Blvd. will be replaced and relocated. The ANP planner will meet with neighborhood representatives in mid-September to discuss potential locations. Once the location is determined, the permitting process will get underway.

Replacement project for Moses Ball Spring area not yet selected

A different project to replace the proposed Moses Ball Spring (MBS) area restoration and improvement ANP project has not yet been selected. As explained in the September Village View, ANP staff will not be able to consider the MBS area for project work at this time. Alternative projects are still being evaluated and further information should be available soon.

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 ANP funding.

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

Blessing of the Animals

Sun. October 5th 3 pm the side lawn Everyone is welcome!

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Gerald Martineau captured Caitlin Owens, Luke Shaheen (your editor!), their son Asher, and two of their dogs, Piper and Lucy, out for an evening walk in the neighborhood.





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Mary Kadera - September Meeting Recap

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...a 10-year facilities strategy updated every two years. The School Infrastructure and safety were also Board will issue formal direction in October, with approval slated discussed, including pedestrian for June 2026. Feasibility studies for five schools—Jefferson Middle, Taylor Elementary, Barrett Elementary, Swanson Middle, and Randolph Elementary-are nearing completion and will inform renovation or reconstruction priorities.

A significant concern for APS is ongoing litigation with the U.S. Department of Education over Title IX compliance. The district has filed for a preliminary injunction in the Fourth Circuit Court, with \$23 million in federal funding at stake.

Technology use in schools is also under review. Elementary students no longer receive one-to-one devices, and a working group will be formed this fall to evaluate educational technology practices. Parents raised concerns about accessing Lightspeed content filtering reports, which track student device usage.

Kadera committed to resolving the issue.

improvements along Carlin Springs Road and concerns about traffic near Kenmore Middle School. The county is addressing crossing guard shortages and expanding sidewalks. Updates on the Kenmore/ Carlin Springs sports field upgrades and the VHC Wellness Hospital project were also shared.



Mary Kadera and GCA President Brandon Hemel at the September meeting Photo by Gerald

Community members voiced concerns Martineau. about student behavior, foreign language instruction, and traffic management. Kadera pledged to follow up and keep community members informed.

Walk for Unity — Oct. 11

By LuAnn Oliver

Join Planted, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit, for a family-friendly Walk for Unity to uplift immigrant families. The walk will take place at Carlin Hall. Arrive by 1:30 p.m. for the walk that begins at 2:00 p.m.!

Participants will circle a 1/3-mile loop as many times as they like, with children under 8 welcome to ride bikes or scooters. Walkers can gather pledges per lap or make a flat donation, with prizes awarded to top walkers and fundraisers. Music, snacks, and a playground will add to the afternoon's fun.

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