



# Glencarlyn Civic Association

## February 2, 2026

### JD Spain SR-Arlington County Board

- Discussed the sidewalk widening project ongoing on S Carlin Springs Road and the importance of making sure that pedestrians are safe. County is still working with a few property owners on easement negotiations
- Traffic concerns were also discussed in our area in regards to VHC and the new Kenmore fields
- County will be operating with a tight budget this fiscal year
- VHC Behavioral Health Hospital is still under technical review and VHC has not paid the application fee. Heard community concerns around this project, timeline, and traffic
- Air pollution was discussed and if you notice anybody burning anything on their property to call the fire department or non emergency number depending on the situation. What individual homeowners do and smoke coming from their home is not regulated and not much the county can do (ex: from fireplaces, wood stoves, permitted fire pits etc.) Recommendation to purchase a “purple air monitor” if you are concerned
- Discussed potential changes to Arlington County’s governance structure including hybrid approaches with both district and at large representation. Spain mentioned that the way Arlington County government is structured was laid out in 1930 and now the county population is over 240,000 and the county board members are stretched very thin. Spain also talked about the pros and cons of Arlington becoming a city vs a county like Alexandria is structured. The community acknowledged that Arlington county board could do better with community engagement and would benefit from local representation and a potential reshaping of our local government.
- Snow removal was discussed and how historic this storm was and what the county has learned for the future and the pros and cons of the county’s handling of snow removal and plowing.

### 601 S Carlin Springs Development (VHC)

- VHC submitted initial draft plans for long-term lease (75 years + 24 year option) & the county has not yet accepted VHC’s preliminary plan suggestion. Still under technical review & VHC still needs to pay application fee
- Currently on 3<sup>rd</sup> submission for county feedback

### Treasurer’s Report

- 162 Dues Paying members
- Current Bank Balance: \$23,675

### CivFed

- Forum about safety with the police department and the upcoming AR250 celebration

## **ARNAC Report**

- Contractor awarded for Manchester St and 2<sup>nd</sup> St S to improve wooded area. Construction estimated to start in summer 2026
- New neighborhood sign to be installed on S. Manchester St
- New project for the S. Harrison St Circle has been approved-remove/replace deteriorating structures, improve appearance, replant with natives, help stormwater management issues, if any, and treat the invasive ivy on the west side of S. Harrison, beginning at 5th St. S.
- Moses Ball Spring Working Group contacted county on archeological & historical review and working on the next steps

## **Village View**

- Deadline is Feb 10<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for a new editor in the upcoming elections. Thank you Luke for your dedication over the years!

## **Library Committee**

- No update

## **Pedestrian and Safety Committee**

- Need a new chair member to head up this committee (already gone through 2)

## **Upcoming Events**

- GCA elections committee for upcoming elections
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>-GCA Meeting with Arlington County Sherrif Perez (still TBD)
- March 14-Steam Cleanup (need an organizer for it)
- May 9<sup>th</sup>-VA250 Event at Kenmore Middle School