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Carlin Springs Road Safety Improvements Underway and How You Can Help!

by Brandon Hemel

Community and county leaders met on August 14 to discuss safety improvements on Carlin Springs Road ahead of the upcoming school year.

Planned improvements include flexi-posts on S. Carlin Springs Road between Arlington Boulevard and Third Street South to restrict turns in and out of the 7-Eleven parking lot and visually narrow the roadway. Rumble strips are also planned for S. Carlin Springs Road and 40 other school locations in Arlington this fall, pending contractor bidding.



Photo by Gerald Martineau

ACPD will continue traffic enforcement on S. Carlin Springs Road as the school year begins.

We Need Your Help

If you are a parent or caregiver, please remind students to obey traffic signals, follow crossing guard instructions, and follow road rules when walking, biking, scootering, or skateboarding.

ACPD has reported unsafe student crossings near Kenmore Middle School, including crossings at unguarded locations and failure to follow crossing guard instructions.

Participate in the Carlin Springs Rd Multimodal Transportation Study: Online Engagement Begins September 21 / Open House at Kenmore Middle School on October 6.

The goal of the study is to Create a preliminary corridor plan with a preferred corridor-wide concept that enhances safety and mobility for people on the Carlin Springs Rd corridor.



*Arlington County Police Chief Andy Penn helping out at the 2025 Glencarlyn Days Pancake Breakfast
Photo Credit: Lloyd Wolf*

Arlington County Police Chief Andy Penn to speak at the September GCA Meeting

by Brandon Hemel

Please join us in welcoming Arlington County Police Chief Charles "Andy" Penn at the September 14 GCA Meeting.

Penn is a 33+ year veteran of the ACPD, beginning his career as a patrol officer in 1992. He rose through the ranks and was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police in July 2015. In this role, he is committed to being actively engaged in the Arlington community and believes that law enforcement agencies are at their very best when working in collaboration with the communities they serve.

The September 14 GCA Meeting will be 7:30 pm at Carlin Hall on Fourth Street. A Zoom link will be sent via GCA updates prior to the meeting. If you cannot attend, please send questions via email to GCA President Brandon Hemel, president_gca@glencarlyn.org.

President's Corner

by Brandon Hemel

I am ceding this month's President's Corner to feature a longtime Glencarlyn neighbor, David Cahill. David and his wife Fiona were my immediate neighbors on Sixth Street till they moved over to Third Street. He is instrumental in organizing the Glencarlyn Days Friday Night BBQ, been a soccer coach to many of our children, AND many of them have had their first jobs working at his pub, Ireland's Four Courts.

David was recently featured in the Irish Independent reflecting on his move to the US and settling in Glencarlyn.

Below is reprinted from the Irish Independent's ongoing column titled An Irish Goodbye.

An Irish Goodbye... from Virginia: 'We live about five miles from the White House — but our neighbourhood reminds me of a small Irish village'

"I grew up on a dairy farm in Newcastle West in Limerick. In 1993, I was living in England with six friends, all Irish guys. We were finishing college in Birmingham and we all applied for green cards through the Donnelly Visa Programme. We were all successful. We had contacts in the hotel industry in Arlington in Virginia, so we made it our first stop.

Little did I know, Arlington was to become my home for the next 33 years. The first few years were loaded with concerts and trips across the US. We ticked off a lot of cities. I have great memories of the last World Cup held in the US in 1994. I got to attend seven games. Washington DC hosted the games and, back then, you could walk up and get a ticket on game day.

Virginia was never meant to be my forever home, but like some of the best things in life, building a home here happened organically.

I met my wife Fiona Lydon, who's from Moycullen in Galway, in 1995. We both loved the area and put down roots when we bought a house in a beautiful neighbourhood called Glencarlyn in Arlington in 2000.

Our neighbourhood reminds me of a small Irish village — there are about 300 single-family homes, all built in the 1950s and 1960s. There are no through roads, people walk with their dogs in the evening, and it's surrounded by a forest with running trails. It has a great sense of community, and it's a great place to raise a family.

We have two children — Darragh, who is 18, and 16-year-old Aoife. Darragh is going to university in September to study business and will play college soccer at Mary Washington, a university in Virginia. Aoife is finishing high school next year. (continued on page 4)



David Cahill (left) preparing hotdogs at the 2025 Glencarlyn Days BBQ.

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VHC Facility Update

by Lee Clarke

VHC is in the process of revising their plans for the proposed South Arlington Campus at 601 South Carlin Springs Road. The updated plans will incorporate feedback from the first Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) meeting (5/18/26), guidance from Arlington County CPHD staff, and feedback from Glencarlyn and the Arlington community at large. At this point, CPHD is expecting to receive and review the updated plans in September in preparation for the second SPRC meeting in late September or October.

GCA hosted a panel discussion about Operations and Safety at the proposed facility on July 17th. Speakers from Arlington County DHS and the Community Services Board, VHC and LifePoint made brief presentations and answered questions from the 25-person audience. DHS Deputy Director Deborah Warren highlighted the critical need for behavioral health beds in Arlington specifically and the Commonwealth in general. LifePoint Vice President Dr. Mark Flemming provided an overview of the national company's operations. The proposed behavioral health facility is a joint venture between VHC (51% ownership) and LifePoint Health (49%). Scott McCaffrey of ARLnow featured the meeting in an article posted on July 20th ([VHC Health's plans for S. Carlin Springs facility face questions from local residents | ARLnow.com](#))

ARLnow also posted an article about the broader community's concerns with the future use of the north parcel of the property in a second article on August 4th ([Planned VHC Health facility raises questions for county-owned site on S. Carlin Springs | ARLnow.com](#)). At their July 23rd meeting, members of the Forestry and Natural Resources Commission asked Board Member Susan Cunningham about plans for the 4.5 acres that the County is retaining for an undetermined future use. "The hospital has to get designed first." Cunningham said. Referring to the future use of the land, she continued "It will get sorted out over time. I don't think it will get lost."

Arlington's "August Recess" is an opportunity to acknowledge several Glencarlynites who have contributed their time and energy to help ensure that VHC's South Arlington Campus will integrate with our neighborhood, park and schools as well as possible. Kudos to Sue Campbell, George Laws Garcia, Kathy Reeder, Steve Young, Glenn Hernandez, Dixie Duncan, Sally Muros and, Brandon Hemel. These dedicated volunteers have met regularly to strategize; spoken at numerous County Board, commission and committee meetings, and developed individual relationships with key Arlington County decision makers. Thank you all!

October GCA Speaker Monique "Moe" Bryant, Arlington School Board

by Brandon Hemel

Please join us in welcoming Monique "Moe" Bryant at the October 5 GCA Meeting.

Monique Bryant joined the Arlington County School Board in 2026 and is the school board liaison for Glencarlyn, Carlin Springs and Campbell Elementary, and Kenmore Middle School.

Additionally, she serves on the county transportation committee and has quickly become a vocal advocate for our neighborhood regarding traffic and the VHC Wellness Hospital draft plan.



The October 5 GCA Meeting will be at 7:30 pm at Carlin Hall on Fourth Street. A Zoom link will be sent via GCA updates prior to the meeting.

If you cannot attend, please send questions via email to GCA President Brandon Hemel, president_gca@glencarlyn.org.

Upcoming Glencarlyn Civic Association Meetings

by Brandon Hemel

The Glencarlyn Civic Association meetings on the first Monday of each month except for Labor Day. All meetings take place at Carlin Hall, 5711 Fourth Street South at 7:30 pm. Generally, all GCA Meetings are open to the public, however, only Glencarlyn residents or those who own businesses within Glencarlyn may vote on matters put forth during the meeting or join via Zoom. The dates for the upcoming meetings and confirmed speakers are listed below:

Month	Meeting Date	Speaker
September	Sept. 14, 2026	Arlington County Police Chief Charles "Andy" Penn
October	Oct. 5, 2026	Monique Bryant, Arlington School Board
November	Nov. 2, 2026	Melissa Lord, Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
December	Dec. 7, 2026	Maureen Coffey, Vice Chair, Arlington County Board
February	Feb. 1, 2027	Speaker TBD
March	Mar. 1, 2027	Speaker TBD, GCA Nomination Committee Election
April	Apr. 5, 2027	Speaker TBD, Nomination Committee Report
May	May 3, 2027	Speaker TBD, GCA Officer Election

If you have any questions about upcoming meetings, please email GCA President, Brandon Hemel: president_gca@glencarlyn.org

President's Corner *(continued from page 2)*

It's difficult to compare the quality of life in America with life back in Ireland. I feel fortunate to travel home to Ireland two or three times a year, and it will always be home as all our families live there. We're fortunate, because even though we're here more than 30 years, we are very close to our families.

But Arlington has spoiled me. Everything is very convenient and accessible, whether it's a concert, sporting event or a museum — it's all on our doorstep in Washington DC. I've spent more than 30 years in America, and it has flown by, in the best possible sense.

Fiona and I both work hard, and the weekends revolve around our children and friends. Darragh and Aoife play soccer, so I'm driving one or both of them to matches and watching them play. In the evenings, we meet friends for dinner. I love to cook and Fiona is a great host — I think it's in our blood as Irish people. There are so many great places to eat out in DC. When we're not having friends over, we like to try new recommendations.

Arlington is very walkable and has a very active community — walking and running are a huge part of life here. There are miles of trails throughout the area and a strong local running community. I like to run 5km every day and race with local running groups. It's been a great way to meet people and a great outlet before or after work. When I'm at home in Ireland, I love to do the Parkruns in Newcastle West.

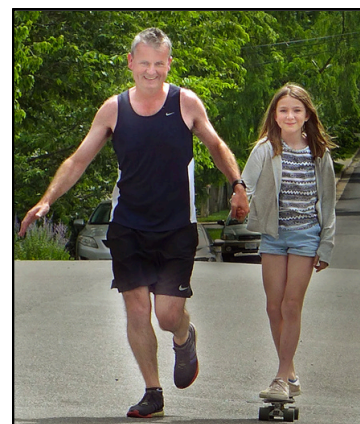
There is a certain irony in the World Cup returning to America. The tournament marked the beginning of my life here, and it's hard to believe it was so long ago. This area is the melting pot for so many different nationalities and cultures — soccer is the number-one sport for many of them. It's also helped to have it on prime-time television.

I am the managing partner of Ireland's Four Courts pub in Arlington. This year, we were named America's Best Soccer Bar in a nationwide contest by Men In Blazers. The pub was non-stop for the whole tournament. Once a game was over, the pub would empty, and we would have a line around the block waiting to come in for the next one. We reached capacity one hour before every game.

Growing up in Ireland, I loved all sports. I played hurling, rugby and soccer. I have four brothers — there was maybe a 10-year span when one of us lined out for every team in the town. Soccer has remained a huge part of my everyday life. I coached the children's underage teams, just as my own father coached underage rugby teams when I was growing up.

Even after more than 30 years here in the US, I still feel very Irish. And I still have a strong accent! Ireland will always be a huge part of my identity and I love nothing more than going home and sitting in my parents' kitchen reading the local papers and chatting to my parents or my siblings or my aunts, Ita and Nancy. I still get the updates on births, deaths and marriages from my mother. As my father would say, "that's the only snag" about living in the US — being so far from family.

Saying all that, America is where I grew up, spent my seminal years, met Fiona, built a career and raised my family. Genuinely, I am lucky enough to call both places home."



David (left) and Aoife Cahill on a run and skate in the neighborhood. Photo Credit: Gerald Martineau

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Arlington Neighborhoods Program (ANP) Update

*by Kathy Reeder, Arlington Neighborhoods Program
Advisory Committee (ArNAC) Delegate*

Manchester St. and 2nd St. S. – Construction scheduled to begin this November.

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 scheduled to begin in November 2026. A Pre-Construction Meeting will be held with the neighborhood prior to contractor mobilization.

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. (continued on page 8)

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St. John's Last Sunday Service: August 30

by Bill Prtichard

St. John's Episcopal Church, long regarded as Glencarlyn's "community church", is closing its doors at the end of August. St. John's was founded in 1890 after Glencarlyn residents petitioned the Virginia Seminary in Alexandria. Services were initially in homes or in a long-gone large pavilion in the park. Services were held Carlin Hall after it was completed in 1892 and continued there until a small chapel was built in on the corner of 4 th and Lexington in 1910. (see photo) The current church was completed in 1957 followed by an addition during the 1960s. St. John's has always been a welcoming congregation with attendees from various religious backgrounds joining in prayer since the beginning.

The families of St. John's have served the Glencarlyn community in many other ways. For decades they provided opportunities for the residents of the community to gather and socialize. A boy scout troop was based there. Each spring a Mother's Day high tea was held with all the formality one would expect, down to tuxedoed waiters pouring champagne. Each year on Mardi Gras, the day before the season of Lent starts, St. John's would host a celebratory pancake supper for the community. For many years the church held two spaghetti suppers.

On Glencarlyn Day, St. John's was the place to go to get cold drinks and hot dogs fresh off the grill, after families of the church marched in the Glencarlyn Day parade. In recent years on that day, children of all ages were invited to ring the steeple bell and receive a certificate of accomplishment signed by Quasimodo himself. Over the years St. John's and the Glencarlyn community have marked the Christmas season with a community carol singing, followed by refreshments. In the fall there was the Blessing of the Animals.

In addition to serving Glencarlyn, members have been supporting those in need in the wider community. Once a month St. John's prepares lunch bags for residents of the local shelter. A group regularly volunteers at the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) packaging food to be distributed to families in need. In 2024 St. John's began hosting the Little Free Food Pantry in Glencarlyn, inviting anyone who could to contribute to donate and those in need to take what they needed. Church members frequently monitor the pantry's supply, restocking from food and donations from the church members which is augmented by regular generous donations from many residents of Glencarlyn and elsewhere in the county.

For over 130 years St. John's and the Glencarlyn neighborhood have had a productive and supportive relationship, which is now coming to an end. The church's ministries will end with our last Sunday service on August 30.

The date of a final service to mark St. John's closing will be shared with the community once it is scheduled. You are warmly invited to attend both.

More detailed information about St. John's history and its closing is available at stjohnsarlingtonva.org.





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ANP Update (continued from page 5)

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, completed the final invasive control treatment in July. 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 now that the invasive treatments are complete.

Information about the project is available at [S Manchester St. & 2nd St. S – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government](#) and on the [Glencarlyn.org](#) website under ANP Activities.

Harrison St. Circle – County staff review continues

The oval on the S. Harrison St. circle was proposed in November 2025 as Glencarlyn's new first-priority ANP project. This project proposes to remove and replace deteriorating structures, replace invasive plants with natives, help resolve any stormwater management issues and treat the invasive ivy on the west side of S. Harrison St., beginning at 5th St. S. County staff review of the project is still underway. Pippy Sickbert, resident of S. Harrison St., will be the project's point of contact for residents and the county. She can be reached at kkravchonok@gmail.com.

For questions on any of the ANP projects, please contact Kathy Reeder (kathleenreeder@comcast.net).

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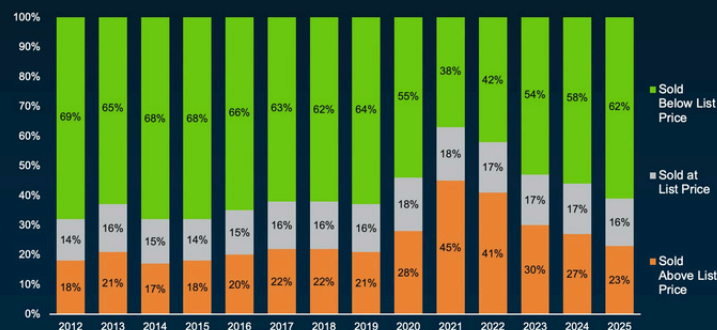
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Remembering Barbara Webb

by Jonathan Discount



Barbara "Barb" Webb, a lifelong Arlingtonian and Glencarlyn resident since 1978, passed away June 17, 2026, shortly after celebrating her 78th birthday. She leaves behind her daughter, Robin, and a community mourning her loss.

If you walked a dog in Glencarlyn, chances are Barb knew your dog's name before she knew yours. And she almost certainly knew what was going on in your life. Barb had an uncanny gift for knowing who needed what and for connecting the right neighbors at the right time. Barb retired after a career at AT&T. For years she and her husband, Dick, a realtor, and exceptional handyman, were a fixture on our streets.

We first met Barb in 2002 soon after bringing home our first dog, Aenea. Barb showed up exactly when we needed her - offering to walk our new puppy, then inviting us over for coffee. That was Barb. Within days of meeting someone, she'd have you over to her patio.

Over the years, that morning coffee grew into something bigger. Barb and Dick presided over what affectionately became known in the neighborhood as the "2 Street Crew", a rotating cast of dog owners and friends who gathered on Barb's patio morning after morning, year after year. Lori Lowe, Terese Bull, Marybeth Corcoran, Sue Nuhn, Kelly Krug, Sally Muros, and Doris and Robert Infantino were regulars on the Webbs' patio, along with many neighbors who've since moved on.

Dick passed away in December 2019 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Dick's passing, followed so quickly by the pandemic, was too much for Barb to bear. She drew inward and become more isolated in the years that followed. After Dick's death and Barb's withdrawal, it was Kelly Krug who gently coaxed her back out into the world with the gift of a puppy, Abby, who is now being lovingly cared for by dear friend Dean Morin.

To the end, Barb remained exactly who she always was, asking about neighbors' kids, checking in on folks, and quietly connecting people who needed each other. Barbara gave so much of herself to our community. Glencarlyn is a warmer, closer, more caring place because Barbara Webb walked our sidewalks and cared for so many of our two-legged and four-legged family members. She will be deeply missed.



Barb loved Halloween - here with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Glencarlyn Honors the Memory of Paul Nuhn

by Brandon Hemel

The Glencarlyn community and the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia lost a much-beloved community member and leader this summer. Paul Nuhn passed away in July 2026 after a brief battle with Leukemia.

Paul was known by many of our neighbors as a constant presence taking care of the Glencarlyn Library Garden, his jovial nature, and his love of the community. He and fellow Master Gardener Judy Funderburk began care for the Library Garden in 1999, and he was personally responsible for introducing many exotic plants into the garden and growing huge banana plants. He would enlist neighborhood children to name and paint the banana trees in preparation for their winter hibernation.

Many Glencarlyn neighbors have helped with the garden over the years. Quite a few mentioned this to me when talking about Paul: He was strong as an ox, we would work in the garden all day, and he would never get tired, even when the rest of us were worn out.

Paul and his wife Sue raised their sons on First Street. They were also the light of his life. He would relish in delight telling stories of his children and was happy sharing his home when his son and daughter-in-law moved back in with them.

In my religious tradition, we say "*May Their Memory Be a Blessing*" when a person passes to the great beyond. I know that Paul will live on in Blessed Memory of everyone's lives that he touched.



Paul Nuhn with the Master Gardeners of Northern VA



Sue and Paul Nuhn celebrating Sue's retirement from Kenmore Middle School



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View from the Garden: New Coordinator Joins the Glencarlyn Garden Leadership Team

by Extension Master Gardener Linda Carney;
Photos taken by Sam Pulcrano and Carol Anderon

The leaders of the Glencarlyn Library Garden are pleased to introduce Extension Master Gardener **Claire Wade** as a new coordinator. Claire brings a wealth of gardening knowledge, enthusiasm, and hands-on experience, having volunteered at the Library Garden on numerous occasions since earning her Master Gardener certification in 2019.

Originally from just outside the Boston area, Claire developed her love of gardening while helping her English grandmother tend to her “Cottage Garden” style garden. Later, Claire earned a degree in Art History from Harvard before heading west to complete an MBA at the University of California, Berkley. Although she enjoyed California, she decided to return to the East Coast where she worked with various companies in Financial Services for several years. Following the birth of her second child, she left the corporate world to devote her time to raising her family.

For the last 19 years, Claire has lived in North Arlington, where she manages her own challenging landscape. Her garden includes a steep hillside with clay soil, deer and rabbit pressure, stormwater runoff and invasive plants. She is gradually incorporating native plants into her existing landscape, creating a garden that is both aesthetically pleasing and ecologically beneficial.

With her children now grown, Claire has more time to pursue her gardening and nature interests. She recently took up birding with the help of the Merlin App and enjoys identifying plants, animals and fungi using iNaturalist. An avid traveler, she has toured gardens in South Africa and New Zealand with the American Horticultural Society (AHS), gaining an appreciation for each country’s native flora, fauna and cultural history. Closer to home, she frequently enjoys visiting both cultured gardens and natural areas throughout the US.

As part of her Master Gardener certification, Claire completed an educational project on pruning hydrangeas. Her informative fact sheet, Why, When and How to Prune Hydrangeas, can be found on the MGNV.org website under **Resources > Pruning Resources**. Claire also volunteers with the Cherrydale Gardening Club, helping to maintain the gardens at the Cherrydale Library. Fun Fact: although retired, Claire works part-time as a bookkeeper for the International Wizard of Oz Club!

Claire is excited to help with the evolution of the Library Garden, with particular interests in the Children’s Garden and the continued development of the Herb Garden. We are delighted to welcome Claire to the leadership team and look forward to the knowledge, creativity and energy she will bring to the garden.



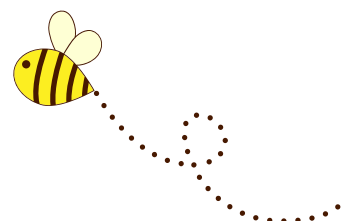
In Glencarlyn Library Garden



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Glencarlyn Kids for Hire

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Stella Derks (13)		Dogs, Cats				(240) 330-2589
Eddy Drake (16)	Yes	Dogs, Cats	Lawn Care, Rake	Crochet Instructor, Math Tutor	Yes	(703) 966-4591
Elise Eclarinal (16)	CPR Certified	Dogs, Cats			Yes	(703) 705-1702
Lydia Grootos (16)	Yes	Dogs, Cats			Yes	(571) 289-4549
Elizabeth Heim (13)	CPR Certified	Dogs, Cats			Yes	(571) 545-3145
Christine Houston (13)	Yes	Pets	Rake Leaves, Snow	Math/Chess Tutor, Arts & Crafts	Yes	(571) 213-2723
Marie Houston (14)	Yes	Pets	Rake Leaves, Snow	Arts & Crafts Tutor	Yes	(571) 213-2723
Logan Krohl (17)		Dogs, Cats	Rake/Shovel		Yes	(703) 593-1170
Riley Krohl (14)	CPR Certified	Pets	Rake/Shovel		Yes	(703) 862-4938
Harper Lynch (15)	Yes	Dogs, Cats			Yes	(703) 300-5809
Aniya Matadial (15)	CPR Certified	Yes				smshomeaker1@gmail.com
Kyle Matadial (20)		Dogs	Rake/Shovel			smshomeaker1@gmail.com
Lucas Pencikowski (13)					Yes	(571) 242-2823
Willa Pencikowski (10)	Mother's Helper	Mother's Helper				(571) 242-2823
Belen Plaza (14)	CPR Certified	Pets		Arts & Crafts Tutor	Yes	sweethautchinson@gmail.com
Kyle Quattlebaum (17)		Dogs, Cats	Lawn Care, Rake/Shovel		Yes	(703) 919-3631
Maggie Reed (15)	CPR Certified	Lizards, Birds, Dogs & Cats				(202) 309-8511
Harley Seidel (15)	Yes	Yes			Yes	(917) 213-8540





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