

# The Quaker Hill Quill

May 2014

## Pool Opens on May 24, 2014

The Quaker Hill pool opens on Saturday, May 24, 2014, at noon. Pool information packets have been mailed to all residents and should have been received by now. If you have not received the information, contact Northern Virginia Management (NVM) at 703-941-9002 or [nvm@northervirginiamanagement.com](mailto:nvm@northervirginiamanagement.com).

All residents, including children, must have a pool pass with a photo ID in order to use the pool. Residents may obtain a new pass at the community center during scheduled photo sessions listed in the information packet or make arrangements with NVM to have your photo taken at its Annandale office. NVM will be on site on May 17 (10:00 a.m.-noon); May 18 (10:00 a.m.-noon); and May 20 (6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.)

Residents may renew pool passes by mailing/faxing the application form included in the information packet to NVM, and 2014 stickers will be sent to you by mail. Residents also may bring the application to the Quaker Hill community center at the appointed times and receive a 2014 sticker on the spot. The last day to register at the clubhouse for a new pool pass or to renew last year's is May 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*Remember: Pool passes without a 2014 sticker will not honored.*

The comprehensive list of pool rules are posted on the Quaker Hill website at [www.qhca.org](http://www.qhca.org). A few important rules to remember are highlighted here. The Board has instructed the lifeguards to strictly enforce the rules. Because of several situations last year, residents are asked to pay special attention to rules No. 4 and No. 5. Also, please note the change in pool rules to include an adult swim at the end of the day (see rule No. 1).

1. The pool will close to swimmers at 7:45 p.m. so that lifeguards can clean and lock the facility at 8:00 p.m. The Board has agreed to a trial adult swim (18 years of age and older) from 7:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. each day.
2. Lifeguards will call swim breaks at 10 minutes before the hour, every hour.
3. Children under 12 years of age MUST be accompanied by an adult who is 18 years of age or by an authorized pool user who is 16 years of age and is a member of the same family and resides at the same address. If an adult leaves the pool area, then the child must also leave.
4. No profanity, screaming, or other boisterous behavior in the pool area or community center. On several occasions last summer, a few swimmers used profanities, making families with young children uncomfortable and hastening their departure from the pool. This is unacceptable. Lifeguards have been advised to ask the offenders to leave the pool area and apply suspensions if necessary. Please remember that Quaker Hill is a residential community.
5. Entering the pool area when the facility is closed is trespassing. If you witness trespassing or vandalism, please report it to the Alexandria Police Department. Trespassers will be banned from the property and charges will be filed.
6. No running, pushing, wrestling, dunking, standing or sitting on another's shoulders.
7. Swimmers must wear proper bathing attire. No cut-offs, jeans, or similar clothing.
8. Keep the facility clean by placing refuse in trash receptacles.





## Trash Disposal

Residents of single-family detached homes and townhomes are reminded that trash containers may not be placed outside earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the evening before collection and must be returned to storage not later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of collection. Please put your trash can out of view on non-pick up days.

The regular trash collection day is Tuesday. During a week when Monday or Tuesday is a holiday, you may call the City's Office of Solid Waste at (703) 519-3486 or check the city of Alexandria website at <http://ci.alexandria.va.us> for information on trash collection.

## TMP

Ever wonder what the Transportation Management Program (TMP) is? As a condition of approval for a multifamily development project, the City of Alexandria requires most communities



to participate in a city-wide program that promotes the use of mass transit. Part of our monthly assessment fee funds this program. As a bonafide resident of Quaker Hill, you are eligible to purchase certain mass transit media at a reduced price. The type of media, the pricing and how to obtain them are published in this newsletter. It is an excellent benefit of living in this beautiful community!

Transit media are available for half-price through the Quaker Hill TMP. The Program offers:

ITEM	COST TO YOU
\$20.00 Metrorail farecards (limit 3 per household per week)	\$10.00
SmarTrip cards	\$2.50
Alexandria DASH pass (1 month unlimited rides)	\$20.00

You can place an order for these items in one of the following ways:

1. Call Northern Virginia Management at (703) 941-9002
2. Email Northern Virginia Management — [nvm@northernvirginiamanagement.com](mailto:nvm@northernvirginiamanagement.com)
3. Send your order by mail to:  
Northern Virginia Management  
4306 Evergreen Lane, Suite 101  
Annandale, VA 22003

Northern Virginia Management will send out your media, along with an invoice and stamped, return addressed envelope. Northern Virginia Management will honor resident's requests to mail media on a scheduled basis. For example, if a resident uses the Metrorail passes on a regular basis, then we can arrange to send the passes each week or every other week. Please note that all orders must be paid before subsequent orders can be processed.

# Quaker Hill Community Association People You Should Know

### Board of Directors

Sam Hayes, President  
Marjorie Stein, Vice President  
Stephen Stine, Secretary  
Rose Gillespie, Treasurer  
Ed Lacy, Director

### Committee Chairpersons

Landscape: Vacant  
Newsletter/website: Rose Gillespie

### Clubhouse Telephone

703-823-1911/1912

### Northern Virginia Management

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The Quaker Hill Community Association Board of Directors meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Quaker Hill community center. Association members who wish to bring an issue before the Board should write to the Board in advance, c/o NVM, 4306 Evergreen Lane, Suite 101, Annandale, Virginia 22003, or call any Board member. Meeting date changes will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

### Quaker Hill Condominium Association

Management Company: Sentry Management, 703-642-3246, x206  
Association President: Robert Bracken, 703-309-3087

## ARHA News

Mr. Roy Priest, ARHA's executive director, discussed the agency's plans to redevelop seven of its Alexandria properties at the QHCA Board meeting on February 27, 2014. The seven ARHA sites have a total 546 public housing units, and the agency is required to replace "one for one." That means ARHA must build a total of 546 public housing units spread over its seven sites. Mr. Priest noted that the density of units at the redeveloped sites may differ from one location to another, and the original number of units at a particular site also may change. Mr. Priest expects that several of the redeveloped sites will be higher density and include mixed-income residential units with a percentage of units designated as market value. (No specific percentage was given during the presentation.) Mr. Priest did not anticipate the incorporation of mixed-use components, e.g., commercial buildings, at the Cameron Valley site, which is adjacent to the Quaker Hill community.

RFP (request for proposal) process: Mr. Priest indicated the RFP process will be accomplished in two phases: during the first phase ARHA will identify qualified developers by March 17; in the second phase, beginning in mid-April, qualified developers will be asked to submit detailed plans in approximately 120 days, after which the agency will do a series of outreach meetings and seek approval to proceed from Alexandria City Council. By January 2015, ARHA expects to select developers and begin the redevelopment process. Mr. Priest noted that redevelopment of all seven sites is likely to take 8 to 10 years.

Cameron Valley (Yale Drive and Ellsworth Street)—What This Means for Us: Mr. Priest indicated that the 40 ARHA-owned public housing units located on Yale Drive and

Ellsworth Street may be torn down. He mentioned that Cameron Valley will be one of the easiest sites to redevelop because it has only 40 units, and the relocation of residents will not be as difficult as it will be at other sites. The redeveloped Cameron Valley site probably will be higher density than it is now but the total number of units is not known at this time. Like other ARHA properties, Cameron Valley will include mixed-income units, some of which will be sold at market value.

According to Mr. Priest, ARHA must attract people who can afford to pay more for their subsidized units because federal subsidies have decreased in recent years. He emphasized that ARHA is not just in the business of developing properties, but it also must focus on maintaining and protecting the agency's investments by ensuring maintenance is done on a routine basis and that the right residents are placed in their housing units. The Quaker Hill Board indicated that more frequent inspections of ARHA units were needed, and Mr. Priest said he would look into this issue and fix any problems that may arise.

Mr. Priest reiterated ARHA's commitment to working with its residents to ensure that they understand ARHA rules and regulations as well as those of the community in which they live. He mentioned that ARHA has zero tolerance for drug use and encouraged Quaker Hill residents to report problems to the agency.

Finally, Mr. Priest said ARHA would interface with the Quaker Hill community as it selects developers and finalizes development plans. As of the date of this newsletter, no additional information regarding redevelopment of ARHA sites is available.

### Quaker Hill Police Liaison Retiring

Lt. Derek Gaunt, who served for 14 years as the Alexandria City police liaison to Quaker Hill, announced his retirement effective May 1, 2014. He faithfully attended Board meetings, reported on police activity in our area, and provided information on resources available to our community. Lt. Gaunt was an all-around nice guy. We wish him well and thank him for his interest in our community.

Sergeant Dan Plank will be our new police liaison beginning in June. He is a seasoned veteran of the police force. Welcome Sergeant Plank!

## Pet Owners...Please Note



Several owners continue to allow their dogs to walk around the community without a leash. The City of Alexandria requires that all dogs must be on a leash at all times, and the leash must be in your hand.

You may be confident that your dog is under voice control and will not harm people, but children may be frightened, and other dogs may not react well to unleashed pets. If you like to toss objects for your pet to retrieve, please use a long leash. Identified culprits will be fined.

While you're away from home, please keep your dog(s) inside. When left alone on decks, balconies, and in yards, dogs will do what comes naturally to them: bark. Dogs will bark a lot because they're anxious and are protecting their territory. The Alexandria Department of Animal Control issues citations to dog owners for incessant barking by their pets. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

Once again, the Board and your neighbors ask dog owners to pick up after their pets. With the advent of warm weather, residents are out and about, and no one should have to worry about stepping in dog poop left by irresponsible dog owners. Those who do not comply will be fined.

Want to view past issues of our newsletter?  
You can find them at [www.QHCA.org](http://www.QHCA.org).

## Landscape Update

The Board is working with a landscape architect to address the erosion area located off upper Quaker Hill Drive that has become a popular pathway/short cut to the Alexandria Commons shopping center. The area is steep and suffers from both water erosion and frequent use. Because of the location's steep slope and its proximity to utilities and property lines, a professional plan is needed to provide solutions to both drainage problems and pedestrian accessibility.

## Covenants Reminder

Homeowners must submit a Design Review application to NVM for all exterior work, unless you are replacing and/or repainting with the exact same material/color. The Design Review application is available on the Quaker Hill website ([www.qhca.org](http://www.qhca.org)) under the "Community Regulations" tab and click on "Updated Design Standards 8/25/10."

## Keep our Pond and Streets Clean

It may be tempting, but please do not take large rocks from drainage areas in our community and throw them in the pond. In recent weeks, several youths have been observed doing just that. The drainage areas are part of an important erosion control project to slow water flow and accompanying silt and debris into the pond. The pond is a water retention facility that Quaker Hill is required to maintain by the City of Alexandria. Run off of silt, mud, and other debris reduces the water capacity of the pond. When the pond capacity is reduced, our community must then contract with professionals to drain and dredge the pond and haul away the excess material. The cost of dredging and replacement landscaping is solely Quaker Hill's responsibility and must be taken from community funds. And, that cost doesn't include the money spent on replacing rocks in the drainage areas around Quaker Hill. Parents are asked to remind their children to refrain from this behavior. If you see children removing rocks from drainage areas, please ask them to stop.

Residents also are asked to refrain from throwing bottles, cans, and fast food wrappers on our streets and in the pond. Please use the trash receptacles located at both ends of the pond, on Yale Drive, and on Quaker Hill Drive. Please remind your children to do the same. We live in a beautiful community. Let's keep it that way.

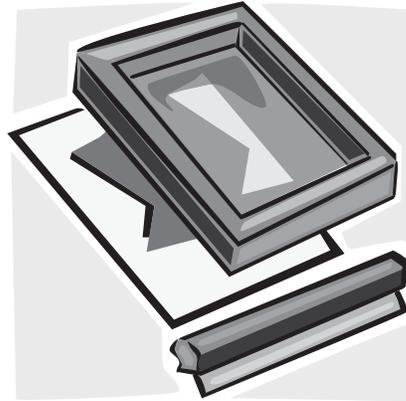


## Happenings in Alexandria

### Alexandria Arts and Crafts Fair

**When:** June 14, 2014, 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Old Town Market Square, 301 King Street  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** 703-836-2176

Spend an afternoon browsing the work of 60 area artists and sample food from local vendors. The fair also features entertainment for all ages.



### Alexandria's Food and Wine Festival

**When:** June 21, 2014, noon-5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** John Carlyle Square (300 John Carlyle Street, about three blocks from the King Street Metro station)  
**Admission:** Free to attend/tickets needed to sample food and beverages  
**Contact:** [www.alexandriafoodandwine.com](http://www.alexandriafoodandwine.com)

This annual event features food and wine tastings from local restaurants and Virginia's wineries, a children's corner, and live entertainment. Local restaurants compete for the best appetizer, best main course, and the best dessert. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Volunteer Alexandria, which is involved in caring for the elderly, feeding the hungry, and creating and maintaining green spaces, among other causes.



### Celebrate Alexandria's Birthday

**When:** July 12, 2014, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Oronoco Park, 100 Madison Street  
**Contact:** 703-746-3891  
**Admission:** Free

Enjoy a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic. Food and beverages also will be available for purchase.





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