

# The Quaker Hill Quill

February 2016

## West Taylor Run to Telegraph Road Traffic Survey Results

As part of its efforts to address increasing traffic concerns in Quaker Hill and surrounding neighborhoods, the City of Alexandria measured vehicle speed, analyzed traffic patterns, and sought residents' input through an online survey conducted during October 2016. The results of these efforts were discussed at a community outreach meeting on December 7, 2016 and are presented here.

- The City's speed study, conducted over a 24-hour period for several days during fall 2015, indicated excessive speeds on Seminary Road, Quaker Lane, West Taylor Run Parkway, and Duke Street as well as other residential streets used as a cut-through to reach Duke Street and the Telegraph Road ramp.
- 575 people responded to the survey.
- Survey results:
  - City Proposal A—restrict southbound drivers on West Taylor Run Parkway from entering the Telegraph Road on-ramp from 4-6 p.m. weekdays:
    - » 49.1 percent opposed
    - » 37.7 percent favored
  - Implementation of Proposal A at all times:
    - » 67.2 percent opposed
    - » 22.1 percent favored
  - City Proposal B—restrict all southbound traffic (including residents) on Janneys and eastbound traffic on Trinity from entering our neighborhood from 4-6 p.m. weekdays.
    - » 68.5 percent opposed
    - » 18.5 percent favored
  - City Proposal C—add new left-turn signal from eastbound Duke Street onto westbound Telegraph Road ramp:
    - » 57.1 percent favored
    - » 18.6 percent opposed
  - Installation of speed indicator signs on Quaker Lane and Seminary Road:
    - » 63.9 percent favored
    - » 15.0 percent opposed
  - Reduction of speed limits and higher penalties for speeding on Quaker Lane and Seminary Road:
    - » 46.9 percent favored
    - » 36.7 percent opposed

Much of the meeting's discussion focused on reducing speed limits from 35 mph to 25 mph on Quaker Lane and Seminary Road. Many residents wanted higher fines for speeding and more enforcement. An attendee noted that the number of traffic enforcement officers has decreased from 12 in 2000 to 6 in 2015.

Moving forward, City staff will compile input from the survey and community meetings and present the information to the Traffic and Parking Board at its winter 2016 meeting. City staff indicated that a few measures can be taken now to alleviate traffic congestion. These include 1) moving the "bar" forward to provide more space at the Duke Street and West Taylor Road intersection, 2) prohibiting a right turn from westbound Duke Street and then an immediate left turn onto the service road at West Taylor Run Parkway, 3) install speed indicator signs, and 4) increase enforcement.





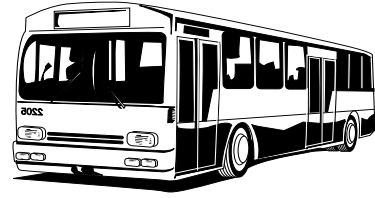
## Trash Disposal

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 703-746-4410 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	\$1.00
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

Marjorie Stein, President  
Stephen Kahn, Vice President  
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703-823-1911/1912

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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

## TMP Reminder

As reported in previous newsletters, Metro is going paperless. This decision has altered the TMP process but not the benefits. Northern Virginia Management (NVM) stopped selling paper fare cards in December 2015 and established an online system for requesting transit benefits. The process is quick and simple: 1) register your SmarTrip card with NVM and request benefits via email, fax, or mail; 2) mail your payment in advance to NVM (benefits will be added when payment is received); and 3) NVM will electronically load benefits to your registered SmarTrip card.

Because of limited TMP funding, the Quaker Hill Board has restricted the TMP benefit to \$250 per household per month (\$125 in cost to the resident = \$250 in benefits.) At the present time, no more than four SmarTrip cards per household may be registered with NVM. The benefits may be split among the four registered cards but may not exceed

the total monthly maximum. Please be aware that Metro restricts the value of a SmarTrip card to \$300 per month for safety, security and replacement purposes (if necessary).

Due to Metro restrictions, TMP benefits can only be used for transit costs. Parking payments are not covered at this time. The Board and NVM are working with Metro on this issue to add this benefit to our program.

SmarTrip benefits are restricted to current Quaker Hill residents only. Cards and benefits may not be sold or transferred to others nor can the card owner be compensated through barter or other form of payment for letting others use the benefits they obtain through the TMP. Violations may result in the temporary and/or permanent loss of TMP benefits. NVM is authorized to ask for proof of residency to protect the integrity of our program. Please be understanding.



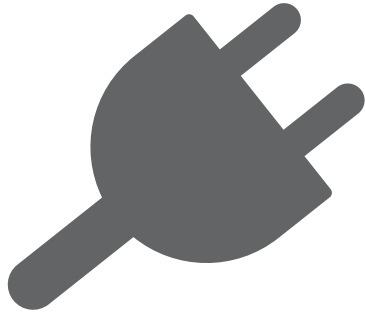
## Trash Problem on Windy Days

On windy refuse-collection days, trash and recycled goods are blown into yards and scattered throughout common areas. Please consider “weighting” down your trash – a heavy item on top or perhaps newspapers bundled in grocery bags and placed on top of the recycled goods. Strategically placing the trash can in a position so wind gusts are less likely to blow open the lid is also helpful.

## ARHA News

Mr. Roy Priest, ARHA’s executive director, will attend the March 24, 2016 Quaker Hill community meeting to update residents on the agency’s efforts to redevelop its Alexandria properties, including Cameron Valley, which is located on Yale Drive and Ellsworth Street. Please consider attending the meeting. It will provide an opportunity to hear how ARHA’s plans are progressing and how these plans will affect our community. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at the community center.

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



## Advice for Residents during a Power Outage

Dominion Power works on a “volume system” when prioritizing repair calls. Please call Dominion Power as soon as an outage occurs; do not assume someone else has reported it. This helps to convey the extent of the neighborhood outage and its impact. Keep Dominion Power’s number (1-800-366-4537) handy and/or program it into your fully charged cell phone.

## Keep in Touch

Several Quaker Hill residents have mentioned the “nextdoor.com” website as a good way to communicate with your neighbors. Our area is listed as Seminary Hill, but be aware that other communities may post information on upcoming events and meetings, items for sale and giveaway, and questions regarding local services. Membership is free.

## Recent Incidents by Neighborhood Youths

There have been a number of incidents lately in the Quaker Hill community, some of which have been reported to the police and others simply reported to neighbors. One incident, which was reported to Alexandria police, involved indecent exposure. Other incidents included rock throwing at home windows, removal of holiday lights, breaking tree branches, sledding down the pond slope, and playing on the pond ice. Please be aware of the increased activity, and talk to children about safety and respect for private and community property. The police have encouraged residents to report incidents by calling the non-emergency number at 703-838-4444 or 911, if warranted.

## Landmark Mall Redevelopment

The Howard Hughes Corporation, which owns the central section of the Landmark Mall site, submitted final site plans in October 2015 to the City of Alexandria for the redevelopment of the portion of Landmark Mall between the existing Sears and Macy’s stores. The site plan calls for demolition of the two-story central area of the mall and replacement of this section with a mixed-use residential and retail complex with sidewalks, trees, and open space. The site plan calls for about 250,000 to 300,000 square feet of retail stores and restaurants, as well as 350 to 400 apartments.

More information on Landmark Mall redevelopment is available at <http://thenewlandmark.com>. Residents may also sign up to receive future news and updates about the project. As of the Quill publication date, no upcoming meetings have been scheduled.

## Happenings in Alexandria

### **Occupied City: Civil War Alexandria Self-Guided Tour**

**When:** Daily through July 2016

**Where:** Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 703-746-4994

On this self-guided tour, fans of *Mercy Street*, the PBS show that features Alexandria during the Civil War, will learn about the real history behind the show and see significant Civil War Alexandria sites, all within walking distance of the Lyceum, which was a converted Union hospital during the war. The Lyceum also highlights the experiences of several nurses who worked at the Lyceum hospital as well as the Mansion House and Fairfax Seminary hospitals.

### **Journey to be Free**

**When:** Through April 30, 2016; Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street

**Admission:** \$2.00

**Contact:** When: Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., through March 2016

This exhibit shows the legacy of the thousands of African Americans who escaped slavery and sought refuge behind Union lines in Alexandria, VA during the Civil War.

### **Partnerships Art Exhibit**

**When:** Through May 15, 2016

**Where:** Veterinary Clinics of America (VCA), Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke Street

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 703-838-4827/[www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW)

Presented by the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, this art exhibit explores the bond between humans and animals. An open house is planned for April 2016 by VCA Alexandria; artists featured in the exhibit will be available to discuss their artwork.



## **Reminder**

Be safe. Stay off the pond ice.



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