

The Quaker Hill Quill

August 2011

Our Lifeguard Marya

Marya has been with us for two summers. She requested to come back to Quaker Hill this year because she “missed the people” and our community. Marya is especially fond of the little ones, and they readily reciprocate that affection. How lucky can we get!

Marya hails from Smolyan, Bulgaria, a small city and ski resort of 30,000 located in the Rhodopes Mountains. She’s an avid snowboarder in winter and a big fan of extreme sports. During her free time here, Marya spends a good bit of time working out and playing sports. She also enjoys visiting the national monuments, shopping, and clubbing with her sister who is a lifeguard in Maryland.

Marya graduated this past Spring from the University of National and World Economics with a degree in entrepreneurship. Her future plans include getting a master’s degree in public relations. She hasn’t decided whether to pursue a graduate degree in the United States or Europe. Ultimately, Marya would like to work in a public relations firm and rise through the ranks of the business.

After pool season ends, Marya intends to travel around the United States. Good luck to you, Marya, and thanks for keeping our pool shipshape and making our summer an enjoyable one. We will miss you. Please keep in touch.

Pool News

Trespassing

Entering the pool facility after closing hours (7:45 p.m.) is trespassing. Plain and simple. The Board is aware of several incidents that have occurred this summer and will prosecute the trespassers. Consider this a fair warning.

Furniture

The Board approved the purchase of new umbrellas and several chairs and chaise lounges at the end of the pool season. Several residents commented that more than a few chairs needed to be replaced/repared and that most of the umbrellas were “cattywampus.” (Yes, it’s a real word.)

Shut Down

As many of you know, the phone lines to the pool house were knocked out by a storm in July, forcing the shutdown of the pool for nearly two days. For safety reasons, the City of Alexandria requires a landline connection to remain open and operational. In this and other cases, please notify Northern Virginia Management (NVM) and/or a Board member who can follow up with the proper authorities. According to Verizon, a resident called in a work order, which overrode the emergency work order that had already been placed by NVM and thus delayed the repairs.

Covenants Inspections

NVM conducted the first round of 2011 covenant inspections early this summer and will do follow-up inspections by mid-August. NVM notified homeowners of violations and the date by which repairs must be completed. Please note that homeowners may be cited at any time, not just during general inspection rounds. Well maintained homes preserve both the construction integrity and the value of our community. Visit the Quaker Hill Community Association website at www.QHCA.org for the complete list of community design standards.

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You can find them at www.QHCA.org.



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) 751-5872 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)	\$17.50

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@northernviriniamanagement.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
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Covenants: Vacant
Landscape: Becky Kilgore
Newsletter/website: Rose Gillespie

Clubhouse Telephone

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.

Landscape Corner

Please water trees and plants in common areas near your home during dry periods. Many are stressed by the heat and dry weather that we've had over the last two months. The Quaker Hill Board has authorized NVM to water plants around the pool area and perennial beds throughout the community. We all agree that the trees and plants contribute to the beauty of Quaker Hill.

Residents are asked to remind their children to keep off the two Quaker Hill community signs on Yale Drive and the one on Dartmouth Street and to stay out of the planting beds. This is a major problem during the school year that needs to be addressed. The community installed the stone signs and plants to welcome people to our community. Please respect the community's efforts to beautify Quaker Hill.

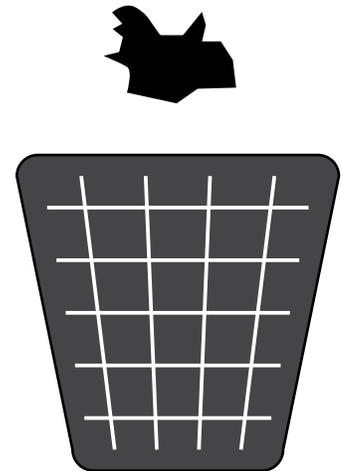
Thanks to Becky and Jack Kilgore, Allan Garnaas, Joanne Sedor, Antonella Pianalto, Sharon Burke, and Jeanette Tucker for planting flowers in the pool area. And, a big thanks goes to Marya, our lifeguard, for watering the plants.

Please contact Becky Kilgore, Landscape Committee Chair, with any suggestions you may have for planting or to volunteer for future efforts. Becky can be reached at kilgore.becky@gmail.com.



Please Keep Quaker Hill Clean—Don't Litter!

We want to keep our community attractive and our property values high. Quaker Hill, with its beautifully landscaped pond, provides a pleasant venue for walking and greeting neighbors. However, no community is attractive when litter is thrown on the ground or in the pond. Moreover, litter thrown in the pond or down storm-water curb inlets makes its way into the Potomac River and eventually into the Chesapeake Bay, polluting one of our Nation's natural treasures. Please help keep our community attractive by depositing your bottles, cans, fast food wrappers/containers, pet waste, and other items in the community trash receptacles located at both ends of the pond, on Yale Drive, and on Quaker Hill Drive near the former playground area. Please remind your children to do the same.



Quaker Hill Condominium Association Management Company

Condo residents should direct questions and comments to CMS Services, their management company, at 703-642-3246. Although NVM manages the community common areas, townhomes, and single-family homes, it does not manage 1100 Quaker Hill Drive.

Police Report

Lt. Gaunt, Quaker Hill police liaison, reports that things remain relatively quiet at Quaker Hill. However, he did forward a report to the Board about an assault at the 7-11 on July 15. At approximately 1:00 a.m., a group of young males brandishing a gun assaulted a customer. They fled the scene and were not found. No information was given about the victim's injuries.

Alexandria police have been responsive to a resident's concern, which was submitted via the Police Department's website, and stepped up patrols in the Quaker Hill area.

Photo-enforcement Cameras Recently Installed

The Alexandria Police Department has installed photo enforcement cameras at three intersections: 1) South Patrick and Franklin Streets, 2) South Patrick and Gibbon Streets, and 3) Duke and South Walker Streets. The City hopes to deter red-light runners and prevent accidents. The cameras will operate 24 hours a day and will capture still images and video of every vehicle running a red light at the above intersections. Fines will be issued for all citations. Just in time for the new school year!

For more information, contact the Alexandria Public Information Office at 703-838-4636..

New Pond Visitors

This summer brought two new visitors to the Quaker Hill pond: a family of green herons and a wood duck. A nest of four green herons were seen in a large tree at the south end of the pond earlier this summer. They have since flown the coop, but you can still see some of them fishing along the pond banks and among the reeds. The green heron is a small dark bird with a long pointed bill and an iridescent, greenish-blue back. It is common to North America, usually living near small freshwater wetlands and ponds. The green heron often nests in trees near the water. According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, both parents incubate three to five eggs for about three weeks. The young birds start to fly about three weeks after they hatch.

The wood duck is one of the prettiest waterfowl in North America. It has distinctive markings, multicolored plumage, red eyes, and a crested head. The wood duck bobs its head back and forth in a jerking motion, which makes the bird easy to spot. The females nest in holes in trees near water or in nest boxes provided for them. Wood ducks are one of the few duck species that have claws to grip tree bark and perch on branches.



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In Memoriam

One of our two resident ducks died the week of July 11. No one knows what may have caused the duck's demise, but we all hope it was from natural causes and not by human hands. The remaining black duck is a domestic breed and cannot migrate or fly great distances. Thus, it is somewhat dependent on us for protection. Please keep watch and should you witness the harassment of the duck, you can report the incident to the Alexandria Police at 703-838-4444. The Police Department takes animal harassment incidents very seriously. For other animal issues, call the Animal Shelter at 703-838-4774.

Happenings in Alexandria

Festival of the Arts

When: September 10 (10 a.m.-7:00 p.m.) and September 11 (10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

Where: King Street from the waterfront to Washington Street

Admission: Free

Contact: Alexandria Visitors Center (Ramsay House), 703-746-3301

More than 200 artists from the United States and abroad will showcase their talents at the two-day festival. Plus, the Art League of Alexandria and the Torpedo Art Center will feature hands-on projects, artist demonstrations, and sell artist-made ceramic ice cream bowls.



Canine Cruises

When: Every Thursday through September, 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Where: Potomac Riverboat Company, Alexandria City Marina, Cameron Street

Admission: Dogs free; Adults, \$15; Children (ages 2-11), \$9

Contact: Potomac Riverboat, Alexandria City Marina, 703-684-0580

Enjoy a 40-minute cruise along the Alexandria shoreline. Everyone is invited, with or without a four-legged friend. Dogs must be on a six-foot flat leash.

Art on the Avenue

When: October 1, 2011, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Where: Mount Vernon Avenue, Del Ray neighborhood

Admission: Free

Contact: Del Ray Business Association, 703-683-3100

This annual festival features more than 300 artists plus musical performances at four stages scattered along Mount Vernon Avenue, kids' activities, and food for every palate.

Tall Ship "Godspeed" at Alexandria City Marina

When: October 2-10, 2011, hours vary (see below)

Where: Alexandria City Marina (behind Torpedo Factory, Cameron Street)

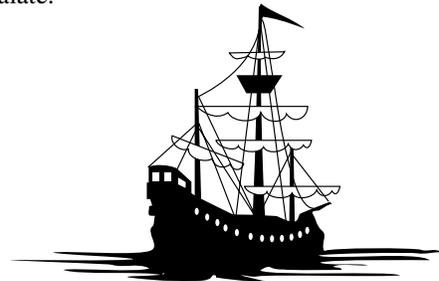
Admission: Free

Contact: 703-838-4265

This 17th Century replica tall ship will be docked at the Alexandria City Marina for a week in early October. Unscheduled public tours will be offered:

- October 4-7, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- October 8, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- October 9, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Education programs also will be available October 4-7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Alexandria's Original Ghost and Graveyard Tour

When: October 1-31, 7:30 p.m. nightly (additional 9:00 p.m. tour offered on Fridays and Saturdays)

Where: Tours departs from Ramsay House Visitors Center, 221 King Street

Admission: \$12, adults; children (ages 7-17), \$6; purchase tickets from tour guide at Ramsay House or at telephone number/website listed below. Military, law enforcement, and senior citizen discounts offered.

Contact: 703-519-1749 or tours@alexcolonialtours.com

Join an 18th Century costumed guide through the streets of Old Town. You'll hear about Alexandria ghosts, City legends, unsolved mysteries, and tales of romance. Each tour is a one-hour, six-block walk. At the end of the tour, you'll be abandoned in a graveyard!

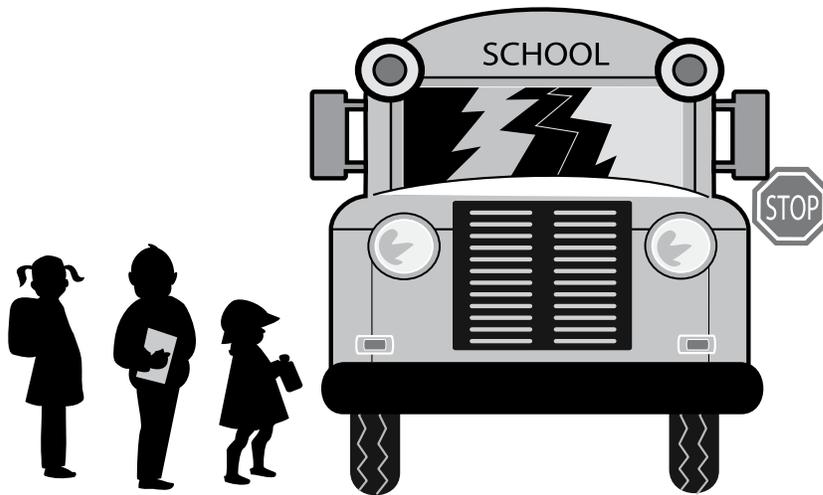
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SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 6.



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