

# The Quaker Hill Quill

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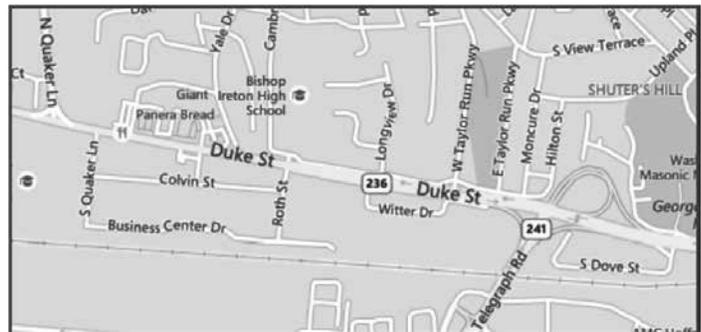
## Increasing Traffic in the Quaker Hill Area

In response to residents' concerns about increasing traffic cutting through Quaker Hill and adjoining neighborhoods, the City of Alexandria Traffic Engineering Division held a public meeting at Bishop Ireton High School on July 20, 2015. The meeting was attended by two Quaker Hill Board members and residents of neighboring communities.

Rush-hour traffic trying to access the Capital Beltway and locations outside the Beltway has led to increased traffic through our neighborhood. Traffic not only backs up on Quaker Lane, Duke Street, and a little farther east on West Taylor Run (the entrance to the Telegraph Road area that links to the Beltway), but it also has increased the number of cars cutting through Quaker Hill to access Yale Drive, the traffic light near Bishop Ireton High School, and other access points to Duke Street.

Mr. Bob Garbacz, Traffic Engineering Division Chief, reviewed the issues and presented recommendations made by RK&K, the transportation planning and engineering company hired by the City to perform the traffic study. The initial recommendation to address traffic volume and safety concerns will restrict access to the Telegraph Road ramp from West Taylor Run Parkway. By extending the safety bars across the intersection, the far-right lane will have continuous, non-stop access to the ramp from Duke Street (no red light for this lane). The study estimated that this would move 200 more cars per hour through the Duke Street-West Taylor Run intersection. Longer term solutions include the possible installation of a left-turn light (heading east) on Duke Street near the Dove Lane traffic light, which would provide another east-bound entrance to Telegraph Road. According to Mr. Garbacz, this solution would require further study.

After the presentation, attendees discussed the possible location of a traffic light on West Taylor Run Parkway, and every neighborhood representative had his/her opinion and preference. Quaker Hill asked whether southbound traffic at Yale Drive and Duke Street could be restricted to right turns only during rush hour, but neighboring communities expressed concerns that it would push too much traffic to the light near Bishop Ireton High School. Attendees also discussed restricting all traffic into the neighborhoods, but no viable solutions were suggested that would allow access to residents while reasonably enforcing restrictions on all the cut-through traffic.



Source: Bing Maps

Each measure would affect the various neighborhoods differently. A measure that might help one street could possibly place more traffic on another street or restrict access for others. The attendees agreed that the best course of action is for the City to work with the community presidents of Clover College Park, Taylor Run, and Seminary Hills to develop a survey to solicit input from a larger group of residents.

In terms of next steps in the process, City staff will compile community input gleaned from the meeting and schedule a follow-up public meeting after the survey is completed and to gather additional feedback. If needed, a regulatory review will be conducted prior to the implementation of traffic changes.

Additional information may be found at <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Transportation>



## 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	\$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

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

### Committee Chairpersons

Landscape: Vacant  
Newsletter/website: Rose Gillespie

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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

## New Pond Contract

Effective June 1, the community has now engaged the services of a new pond maintenance company, Solitude Lake Management. Solitude's responsibilities include regular inspections; pond and shoreline aquatic weed control; water quality monitoring; algae testing, identification and control; aeration system maintenance and many other duties. Other services include the application of beneficial aerobic bacteria, enzymes and other natural nutrient binding and limit-

ing products that metabolize excess nutrients in the water and digest organic matter. Because the pond is considered waters of the U.S. and flows into other waterways, the Board was concerned about the use of harmful materials. Solitude assured the board that it uses the most natural (and least harmful, yet effective) means of controlling algae and unwanted vegetative growth.

## Concerns about Water Damage Due to Heavy Rain

With the inordinate amount of rain in June, several homeowners expressed concerns about possible water-related damage. Since the Association can only address common areas, homeowners are encouraged to consider the installation of French drains and/or a sump pump (as needed).

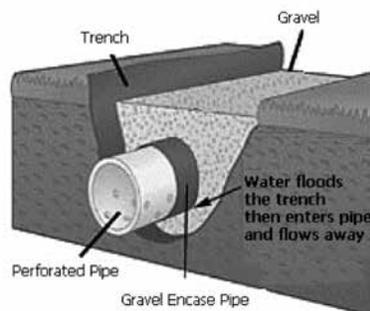
French drains are primarily used to prevent ground and surface water from penetrating or damaging building foundations. A French drain is a trench filled with gravel or rock and may contain a perforated PVC pipe that redirects surface water and groundwater away from an area. The perforated PVC pipe should have holes at the bottom (see diagram below) to collect water that seeps down through the gravel or rock. They are sometimes installed along the perimeter of a home, but may also connect downspouts from a home, allowing the water to slowly seep and flow away from the base of the home. French drains are also used behind retaining walls to relieve ground water pressure.

The installation of a French drain may be helpful, but it is not the only option available to homeowners.

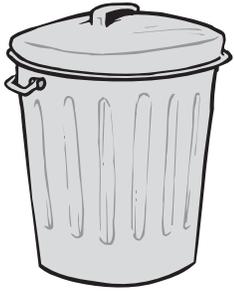
Consider:

- grading your property so that it slopes away from the house,
- ensuring that downspouts drain away from the foundation,
- keeping gutters and downspouts clean and clear of debris, and
- hiring a licensed and insured waterproofing company that will provide a warranty on its work.

Illustration of a typical French drain:



Sod and planting materials should be used to cover the drain in public areas. This may assist with the maintenance of the drain structure and discourage children from removing the gravel.



## Trash Cans

All trash cans must be removed from the street and returned to storage not later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of collection. Please be a good neighbor and clean up “residue” left from pickup. Trash cans should be stored out of view on non-pickup days.

## Police Report

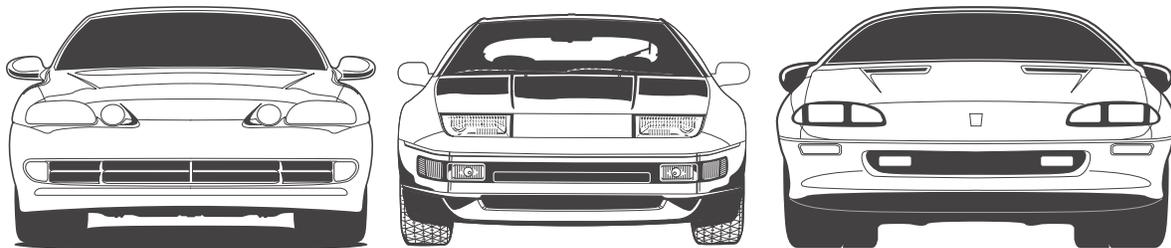
According to our community policy liaison, crime in our area is down overall, and no serious concerns were noted.

## Parking in Quaker Hill

Parking spaces marked “Visitor” are reserved for guests of Quaker Hill Drive, Quaker Hill Court, and Ellsworth Street residents. They are **NOT** for resident use. Visitors may not use visitor parking for more than a total of seven days in a calendar month. Any vehicle parked in violation of the seven-day limit shall be subject to towing. If an extension of the seven-day parking limit is required, then contact Northern Virginia Management to request a special pass, which may be approved by the Quaker Hill managing agent or the Board of Directors.

Parking on Quaker Hill Drive in front of the condos is restricted to area residents. The City of Alexandria requires residential parking permits for this section of Quaker Hill Drive. Be aware that residents who park their car for more than three hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and do not have a parking permit, may be ticketed and their car towed. Quaker Hill residents may apply for a residential parking permit at City Hall, Room 1510, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You must present proof of residency (e.g., copy of a lease or property tax) within the permit parking district for which you wish to obtain a permit. Vehicles must be registered with the City of Alexandria before a parking permit is issued. Call 703-838-4560 for more information.

Commercial vehicle parking is not permitted in Quaker Hill.



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## Happenings in Alexandria

### Cool Yoga

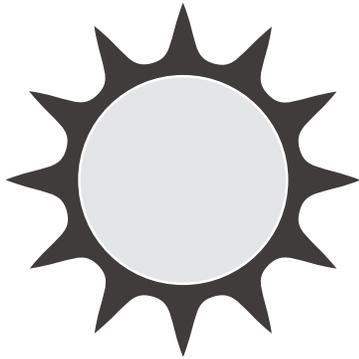
**When:** August 19, 26, and September 2, 2015; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Where:** 1900 Mount Vernon Avenue

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 703-967-8884

Located in the heart of Del Ray, this free outdoor yoga class is suitable for all levels. Grab a mat and relax.



### “Under a Summer Sun” Art Exhibit

**When:** Through September 27, 2015— weekdays (closed Wednesdays): noon-7:00 p.m.; and weekends: noon-5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Avenue

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 703-828-4027

View the Del Ray Artisans’ summer art exhibit and visit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria’s furry friends.

### King Street Art Festival

**When:** September 19: 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; September 20: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Where:** King Street, between Union and Washington Streets

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** Alexandria Visitors Center, 703-746-3301

Alexandria’s historic main street becomes a world-class outdoor art gallery for two days in September. More than 200 artists from the United States and abroad showcase their work, including paintings, sculptures, photography, ceramics, and jewelry. A variety of activities and musical performances also will be featured throughout the weekend.

### Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade

**When:** Saturday, October 25, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Mount Vernon Avenue

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** Del Ray Business Association, [www.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.com)

It’s never too early to be thinking about Halloween! Hosted by the Del Ray Business Association, this parade is perfect for adults, children and their pets. Come dressed in your spookiest costumes and enjoy free food, music, and candy. There also will be a collection/distribution of costumes to needy children.

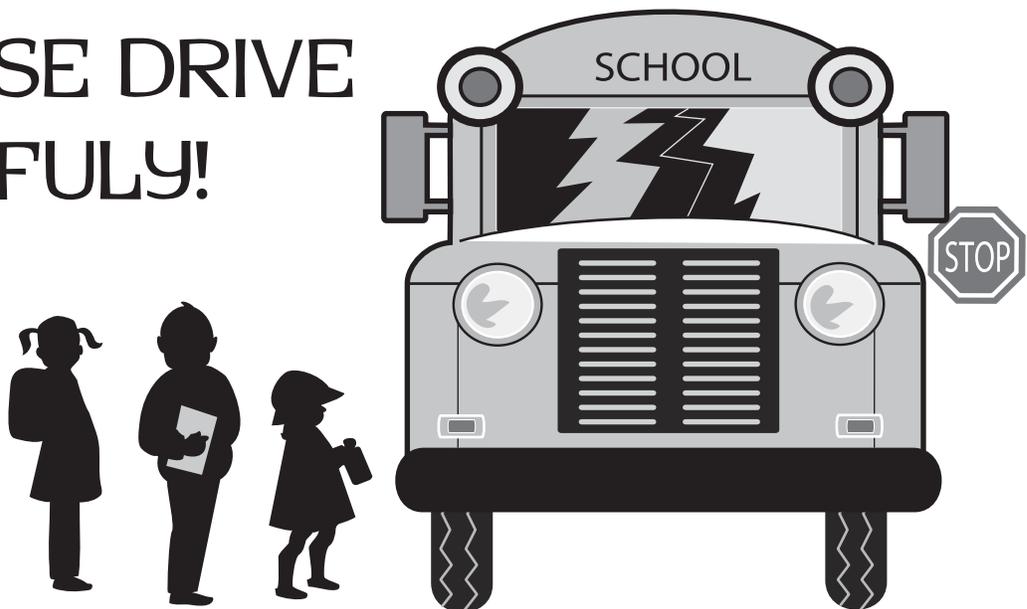


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CAREFULLY!**



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