

The Quaker Hill Quill

May 2023

2023 Pool Season Information

The Quaker Hill pool opens on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 10 a.m. Pool information packets have been mailed to all residents and should have been received by now. If you have not received the information, contact SFMC at 703-392-6006, x 285 or JLee@smfcinc.com.

Prior to the pool opening, please read the following information on pool admission, facility entrance requirements, and operating rules.



Pool Admission Requirements

Beginning this pool season, homeowners must complete a pool-use application online using the *poolentry.com* app. Download the free app on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. To apply for an Electronic Pool Pass (EPP), please go to:

www.poolentry.com/application/pool-application.php?PoolApplicationID=90354fd5-ba76-4c3c-bdd5-f9c35b38793

Upon completion of the application, SFMC will review and check its validity. After the application is approved, you will receive an email notification that your EPP is ready for download. The EPP must be shown to the lifeguard each time the eligible pool user enters the pool area. This same process will apply to new homeowners who arrive during pool season. Please be aware that an EPP will not be issued to a homeowner or other eligible pool user unless all assessment fees or other charges owed to the Association are paid in full.

Only those persons listed on the pool application will be allowed entry into the pool area. In the interest of pool safety and rule enforcement, the Board has instructed the lifeguards to exercise their discretion to ask pool users to leave the premises when infractions occur. Please do not abuse pool privileges or allow others to do so. This could result in liability issues to the homeowner, the pool company, and our community. Misuse may also result in the temporary or permanent loss of pool privileges.

Pool Operating and Use Requirements

Pool operating hours are:

- Monday-Friday—noon to 7:45 p.m.
- Saturday/Sunday/holidays—10:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.
- Dedicated lap swim time: 7:15-7:45 p.m. daily.
- The pool facilities will close during thunder and/or lightning and will remain closed for 45 minutes after the last occurrence.

A few important rules to remember when using the pool are summarized here. They are based on current safety regulations and are subject to change as new ones are issued.

- As mandated by the City of Alexandria, ALL swimmers must be out of the pool for 10 minutes every hour; lifeguards will call swim breaks at 10 minutes before the hour, every hour, except for the last hour of the day. Please exit the pool when instructed to do so.
- No running, pushing, wrestling, dunking, or standing/sitting on another's shoulders.
- No profanity, screaming, or other boisterous behavior in the pool area or environs.
- The use of radios, speakers, or similar electronic devices is permitted ONLY when used with headphones.
- Rafts and balls and toys not intended for pool use are not allowed.
- Keep facility clean by placing refuse and recyclables in proper receptacles.
- 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 (703-746-4444). Trespassers will be banned from the property, and charges may be filed.



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 Resource Recovery Division, 703-746-4311 or check the city of Alexandria website at www.alexandriava.gov/RefuseCollection for information on trash collection.

TMP

The City of Alexandria requires Quaker Hill to participate in the city-wide Transportation Management Program (TMP) that promotes the use of mass transit. Part of our monthly assessment fee funds this program. As a bona fide resident of Quaker Hill, you are eligible to purchase certain mass transit media at a reduced price. The TMP offers:



ITEM	COST TO YOU
50% off Metrorail fare	
Amount to be specified by resident per SmarTrip card	
Maximum benefit per household, per month is \$250	\$125.00
SmarTrip Card	\$ 1.00

How to Place an Order for SmarTrip cards:

1. Contact SFMC at (703) 392-6006 x285 and leave a message.
2. Email SFMC at JLee@sfmcinc.com.

Please note that all orders must be paid in full in advance before SFMC will send your media. Make checks payable to Quaker Hill Community Association.

How to Add fare to your SmarTrip card:

1. Register your SmarTrip card with SFMC. A maximum of four cards may be registered with SFMC.
2. The \$250 maximum benefit may be split among the four registered cards. You cannot register cards issued by an employer through an employee benefits program.
3. Mail your payment in advance to:
SFMC, Inc.
9464 Innovation Drive
Manassas, Virginia 20110
4. If the household has registered multiple cards with SFMC, the card number must be noted, along with the amount to be added per card.

Cards and benefits may not be sold or transferred to others. Misuse may result in the temporary or permanent loss of TMP benefits.

Quaker Hill Community Association Information

Board of Directors

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 Manassas, Virginia 20110

The Quaker Hill Community Association Board of Directors meets via teleconference at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month except for November and December. The November

meeting is held a week earlier due to Thanksgiving. If you wish to participate, email SFMC at sfmcinfo@sfmcinc.com before 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting or subscribe to the email notification list at the above address to get call-in information. Questions, concerns, and comments may be emailed to SFMC by noon on the day before the meeting.

Quaker Hill Condominium Association

Management Company: First Service Residential, 703-385-1133
 Association President: John Sesler, jsesler@comcast.net

Important Numbers to Remember

Police—Fire—Medical Emergency*	911
Police Non-Emergency	703-746-4444
Police Non-Emergency TDD line	703-838-4896
Online Crime Reporting	www.alexandriava.gov/police
National Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
Animal Control	703-746-4774

*The Alexandria Police Department is located at 3600 Wheeler Ave.; the closest fire station (#207) is located at 3301 Duke Street.

www.QHCA.org

2023 Pool Season Information (Continued)



The table below is an easy-to-use guide to Quaker Hill pool admission requirements. The Board has instructed the lifeguards to strictly enforce the rules.

QUAKER HILL POOL ADMISSION			
Age	Identification Required	Can attend alone	Can bring guests
18 or over eligible users	Government-approved ID	YES	YES
16-17	Government-approved ID	YES	NO
Under 16	NO	NO	NO

- Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied throughout their stay at the pool by an eligible pool user who is 18 years of age or older.
- Guests, no matter their age, cannot attend alone. They must be accompanied at all times by an eligible pool user who is 18 years of age or older.
- The maximum allowable number of guests per household is 5.
- Dedicated lap swim time is from 7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. daily.

Guest Passes and Fees

One free guest pass is available per home and will be included in the *poolentry.com* app account. Additional guest passes will cost \$2 per day, per guest, and no more than five guests total, per household, per day, will be permitted. Guests must be accompanied by a homeowner 18 years of age or older at all times. Guest passes may be purchased on the *poolentry.com* app for \$2 per pass, plus a processing fee of 3.6 percent (approximately 7 cents for each guest pass.) **Passes are only valid on the day of purchase.** Do not purchase guest passes in advance, they will expire at the end of the purchase day.

Pool Company

The Board has rehired High Sierra Pools to manage pool operations during the 2023 swim season based on positive feedback from the community. Company representatives met with the Board at the April 2023 community meeting to review pool rules and issues. High Sierra began work in April to prepare the pool and deck area to meet required safety, legal, and use inspections.

The Board appreciates residents' feedback regarding the management and use of the pool and looks forward to continued feedback that will be provided to High Sierra Pools at subsequent community meetings.

Upcoming Board Meetings

The Board of Directors will continue to hold monthly virtual meetings at 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- May 25, 2023
- June 22, 2023
- July 13, 2023 (Meeting will be held earlier than usual due to scheduling conflicts.)
- August 24, 2023

For call-in information, email SFMC at sfmcinfo@sfmcc.com before 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting Or sign up for the email notification list to get that information. Questions, concerns, and comments may be emailed to SFMC by noon on the day before the meeting.

Landscape Corner

As a reminder to all homeowners, the landscaping services contract covers common areas and townhome front lawns and includes:

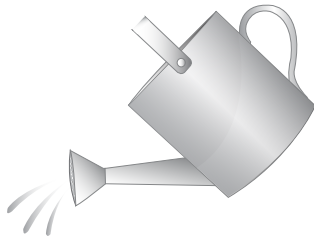
- ✓ Mowing
- ✓ Edging (every other mowing)
- ✓ Fertilizing
- ✓ Mulching (spring)
- ✓ Aerating and overseeding (Fall)
- ✓ Leaf removal (three times—November, December, and January)

Please note the contract does **not** include the following services on personal property:

- ✓ Weeding
- ✓ Tree and/or shrub pruning and/or removal
- ✓ Watering
- ✓ Removing mulch on personal property

Please consider watering trees and plants in common areas near your home during dry periods. Community hoses and connections to water are available around the pond. Your help is always appreciated.

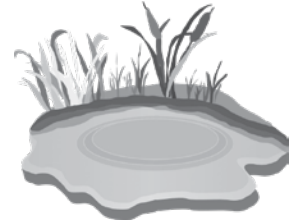
SFMC will work with Marquez Landscaping to notify residents when herbicides will be applied. Notify SFMC by email if you would like to be put on the notification list.



Ongoing Projects

Trickle Stream Repairs

As previously reported, the needed trickle stream repairs have proven to be complicated. The underground electrical panels must be protected and potential flooding in the vault, which contains pipes, drains, and pumps, must be prevented in order to repair the system. After researching and reviewing project specifications with multiple companies, the Board recently approved a contract to begin work as soon as the custom-made replacement pump is delivered in August.



Visitor Parking

Due to ongoing issues with visitor parking, a committee has been reviewing and evaluating several electronic systems to aid in the enforcement of community parking regulations. At the outset, the committee will recommend a parking management program that will track and record infractions, which in turn will facilitate the enforcement of community policies. The new system will likely require the registration of all vehicles and the issuance of guest passes on an as-needed basis.

Designated visitor parking spaces are often used by residents as overflow parking for their own vehicles, eliminating parking for guests and visitors. Through better management and enforcement, the Board hopes to discourage homeowners/residents and others from misusing visitor parking. Please be mindful that visitor parking spaces may only be used for visitors and are restricted to no more than seven days in any 30-day period. More information will be published as the process moves forward.





Bicycling on Sidewalks

With warmer weather, more residents are biking around the community. The Board would like to remind everyone about a few laws and safety rules that everyone needs to follow. Although it is legal for bicyclists to use sidewalks, Alexandria law requires that bicyclists **MUST** always yield the right of way to pedestrians and give an audible signal before passing a pedestrian. Helmets are required for any bicycle operator or passenger who is 4 years of age or younger. Parents should ensure that their children know these safety rules.

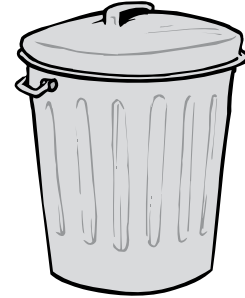
Please note that Alexandria bans electronic scooters and bikes from all sidewalks across the city.

Duke Street Traffic Mitigation Pilot Program Is Working

City transportation officials report that the pilot program to ease evening rush-hour congestion on and around Duke Street is working, and they want to make the changes permanent. The pilot program that was launched last summer has resulted in a reduction in cut-through traffic on several residential streets:

- ✓ Cambridge Road—48 percent
- ✓ West Taylor Run Parkway—54 percent
- ✓ Yale Drive—76 percent
- ✓ Fort Williams Parkway—47 percent

However, Quaker Lane cut-through traffic increased by 39 percent. City transportation staff will continue to monitor traffic and make changes as needed.



Refuse Collection on Windy Days

Alexandria has had its fair share of windy days this year. On windy refuse-collection days, trash and recycled goods are blown into yards and scattered throughout the community. The Board reminds residents to weigh down trash/recycled goods by placing a heavy item or bundling newspapers on top of the bins and also to position the bins so that wind gusts are less likely to blow open the lid.



MacArthur School Update

Construction activities are moving right along. The gym sprinkler system has been installed, duct work on level 3 has been completed, and courtyard brickwork has been finished. Ongoing work includes the installation of windows and lights at all levels and kitchen overhead mechanical, electrical, and plumbing fixtures. Athletic field grading and painting in the gymnasium began in mid-April.

The project timeline indicates that school staff will return to the new building between August 8 and August 18. The first day of school is August 21, 2023.



Quaker Hill Community Association

c/o SFMC

9464 Innovation Drive

Manassas, VA 20110

Speed Cameras to be Installed at Three Alexandria Schools



Please be aware that speed cameras will be installed this spring near three school zones:

- Francis Hammond Middle School (Seminary Road, between Kenmore Avenue and North Jordan Street)
- John Adams Elementary School and Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School (North Beauregard Street, between North Highview Lane and Reading Avenue)
- George Washington Middle School (Mount Vernon Avenue, between Braddock Road and Luray Avenue)

The school zones were selected based on area traffic volumes, vehicle speeds, crash history, and age and number of students. Each school zone is about one quarter of a mile long. Signs will be posted informing drivers they are approaching a school zone. The speed limit will be 15 MPH when lights are flashing.

Following a testing period, the cameras will be fully active for the 2023-24 school year. Cameras will be outfitted with radar to automatically record violations. A police officer will review potential violations, and if one is confirmed, a citation will be mailed to the vehicle owner, renter, or lessee. The maximum fine for each offense is \$100.