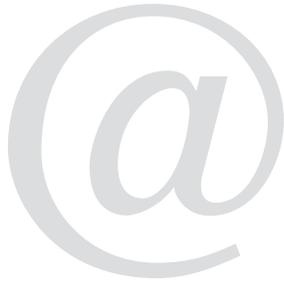


# The Quaker Hill Quill

November 2011



## FYI Alexandria

Get the latest news and information on City of Alexandria activities and events through *FYI Alexandria*, the City's official resident newsletter. *FYI Alexandria* is published monthly and is distributed electronically through the City's website. You also can access the newsletter through eNews, which provides information to your email account, PDA, or cell phone. You can register for eNews on the City website (<http://alexandriava.gov/communications>). Although the eNews service is free, you may want to check with your wireless provider regarding any fees they may charge for receiving text messages on your mobile device.

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

## Annual Community Association Meeting

Mark your calendars! The annual Quaker Hill Community Association (QHCA) meeting will be held on December 6, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at the community center. The meeting provides an opportunity to discuss important issues and hear about recent projects. Two Board positions are up for election. Each position is for a three-year term. Residents interested in serving on the Board should contact Northern Virginia Management (NVM) to get the required candidate forms.



The Board wants your input on community matters and encourages your attendance on December 6. Attendance registration begins at 6:30 p.m. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send in your proxy votes to NVM via mail, fax, or email.

## 2012 Community Association Fees

The Board approved the 2012 QHCA budget. They are happy to report that homeowner fees will remain the same for 2012. The 2012 fees are listed below.

Single-family Homes: \$77.06

Townhomes: \$85.30

Condominiums: \$58.72

Detailed statements and new coupon books will be sent to homeowners before the end of the year. Consider setting up a direct-debit account for your monthly community association fee if you haven't already done so. Contact NVM to begin this free service that is available to all homeowners.





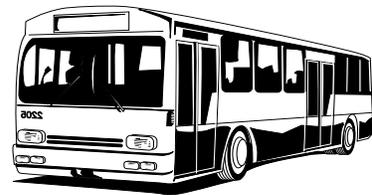
## Trash Disposal

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](mailto: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  
Marjorie Stein, Vice President  
Stephen Stine, Secretary  
Rose Gillespie, Treasurer  
Ed Lacy, Director

### Committee Chairpersons

Covenants: Vacant  
Landscape: Becky Kilgore  
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.

## Landscape Corner

### Leaf Collection

As part of its contract, Chapel Valley Landscape Company will remove leaves from common areas and townhomes between November 1 and December 31. Two leaf collections have been scheduled during this period. Please consider using leaves to mulch your flowerbeds and shrubs. Leaves replenish soil nutrients and provide protection during the harsh winter months.

Fall is a good time to prune branches and clean your yard. The City will pick up branches and brush if they are tied in bundles that are no more than four feet long and weigh no more than 75 pounds per bundle. Logs or stumps will not be accepted. Set out your bundles on regular trash collection day.



### New Pavers along Quaker Hill Drive

After years of trying to beautify the sidewalk area adjacent to the pool along Quaker Hill Drive, the Board approved the paving of the area with concrete pavers. It is a heavily used section of sidewalk, often made a bit harder when the Photinia (the large shrubs next to the pool) is in full bloom. The paving widens the sidewalk area and makes it a much more pleasant place to walk.

### Tribute to Allan Garnaas

Allan Garnaas, a long time Quaker Hill resident and professional landscape architect, was honored for his continued guidance and ongoing contributions to the landscape of Quaker Hill. Allan has volunteered his time and considerable talents for more than 20 years. He has been instrumental in the development of Quaker Hill's landscape infrastructure (major trees and shrubs) and has guided the Board through hundreds of decisions, including landscape design, plant selection, tree health and maintenance, and overall landscaping needs (even drainage system design). Allan also has helped select and work with the many contractors that service Quaker Hill, such as the company that performed the complicated pond dredging a few years ago.

A bronze plaque, mounted on a natural stone, has been placed near the trickle stream as a permanent tribute to Allan for the beautiful natural environment we enjoy at Quaker Hill.



## Snow Removal

Emery Snow Removal, Inc. has been hired to remove snow on private streets in our community—Quaker Hill Court, Dartmouth Court, and Quaker Hill Drive west of the community center. Emery also will remove snow from the sidewalk on the west side of the pond. The City of Alexandria is responsible for removing snow on Ellsworth Street, Dartmouth Road, and Quaker Hill Drive in front of the condominiums.

Keep in mind that snow will be removed when it accumulates two or more inches. Homeowners are responsible (and liable) for removing snow from sidewalks in front of their homes. Be a good neighbor and help clear areas around fire hydrants, mailboxes, and storm-water curb inlets.

Accuweather forecasts average or slightly above normal snowfall in areas south and east of the mountains from Virginia to Maine.

## Police Report

The Alexandria Police Department reported several incidents in our community. One incident involved a drug arrest (a visitor, not a resident), and another involved an assault arrest in the 1200 block of Quaker Hill Drive. There also have been other noise and safety concerns brought to the attention of the police by concerned residents who have asked their fellow neighbors to be aware of their surroundings and “if you see something, say something.”

You can report your concerns online by going to the Alexandria Police Department website at <http://alexandriava.gov/police>, and clicking on online resources. The online form is convenient and easy to use. The Police Department welcomes your input.

## Pick Up After Your Dog

In recent weeks, several homeowners have complained about dog owners not picking up after their dogs. C’mon folks. Please respect our community as well as residents’ private property. Also be mindful that little children play in the common areas and people walk around the pond at all times of the day and night. No one should have to worry about stepping in poop left by an irresponsible owner. All you need to do is grab a bag on your way out and deposit the waste in a trash receptacle conveniently located at both ends of the pond, on Yale Drive, and on Quaker Hill Drive near the former playground area. This is not hard. And, please don’t use the excuse that you don’t have any bags. Doggie poop bags are available at pet and grocery stores. There’s no excuse for not picking up after your dog. It’s just plain inconsiderate and unsanitary.

The New Animal Control.org website reports that dog droppings can generate disease-causing bacteria that can make people sick. All dogs harbor coliform bacteria, such as E. coli, that live in the animal’s gut and are spread through feces. Dogs also carry salmonella and giardia. None of this would be a problem if dog owners picked up after their pets.

Under no circumstances should waste be thrown down storm-water curb inlets. It pollutes our pond and eventually makes its way into the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. We need to be good stewards of our little piece of the planet.



## Capital Bikeshare Program

Alexandria joined the regional Capital Bikeshare network in October 2011. Capital Bikeshare is a service that provides public bicycles for shared use. Users can pick up and drop off bikes at designated stations by either registering online or at a station. Network memberships are available for one day, five days, a month, or a year.

Established in 2010, Capital Bikeshare is the largest bicycle sharing system in the United States. The program was launched in Washington, D.C. and Arlington County with 1,100 bicycles located at 110 stations. During its first year of operation, Bikeshare reported 15,000 annual memberships, 70,000 daily/weekly memberships and 1,000,000 rides.

The Alexandria program will provide six Bikeshare stations with 54 bikes in the Old Town and Carlyle areas beginning in spring/summer 2012. Additional stations and bikes will be added in 2013. For more information about this program, contact Tony Castrilli, 703-888-7166 ([tony.castrilli@alexandriava.gov](mailto:tony.castrilli@alexandriava.gov)).

## Happenings in Alexandria

### Mount Vernon by Candlelight

**When:** November 25-27, December 3-4, December 10-11, and December 17-18

**Where:** Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway

**Admission:** \$20/adult, \$14/child 11 and under. Tickets can be purchased online.

**Contact:** 703-780-2000/www.mountvernon.org

Join “Mrs. Washington” as she hosts a candlelit tour of her home. The tour provides a glimpse of the first and second floor rooms of the residence and an opportunity to interact with historical figures from Washington’s time.

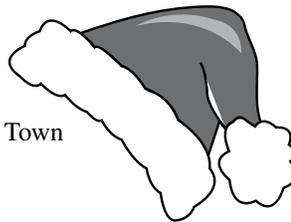
### Scottish Christmas Walk Parade

**When:** December 3, 2011, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Winds its way through the streets of Old Town

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** www.scottishchristmaswalk.com



The Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria host the 41st annual Scottish Christmas Walk parade, featuring more than 100 Scottish clans dressed in traditional garb, fife and drum corps, bagpipes, antique cars, and, of course, Santa.

### “The Black Candle: A Kwanzaa Celebration” Film Screening

**When:** December 10, 2011

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

**Admission:** \$2 admission to the Museum

**Contact:** 703-746-4356/www.alexblackhistory.org

Narrated by Maya Angelou, the documentary traces the history of the holiday from its beginning in the 1960s to the present day. The documentary was filmed across the United States, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean.

### First Night Alexandria

**When:** December 31, 2011, starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Venues throughout Alexandria

**Admission:** \$15 through December 21 and \$20 after. Children 12 and under are free but must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be purchased online through December 27 and at participating retail locations and the Durant Arts Center through December 31.

**Contact:** 703-746-3301/www.firstnightalexandria.org

First Night Alexandria celebrates the New Year through the performing arts. Local talent is showcased at Alexandria shops, restaurants, and buildings. This family-oriented and alcohol-free event presents more than 100 live performances, including jazz, swing, Argentine tango, rock, and children’s entertainers and activities. At midnight, spectacular fireworks will be set off at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.



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