

# The Quaker Hill Quill

November 2019

## New Association Fees

Monthly homeowner fees will rise slightly in 2020. As in previous years, the proposed 2020 budget was adjusted to maintain our reserve funds at recommended levels and to meet current contract obligations. The 2020 monthly assessments will be as follows:

Condominiums: \$70.50

Townhomes: \$98.99

Single-family homes: \$90.85

Association fees may be paid by using the coupons mailed to homeowners or via automatic debit payments. Contact NVM to set up debit payments. Bank (or credit union) accounts are debited on the 10th of each month or the closest business day if the 10th falls on a non-banking day.



## Townhome Front Yard Maintenance

Townhome owners are responsible for the general maintenance of their front yard, including weeding, watering, and pruning of plants, shrubs and trees. The landscape contract with Chapel Valley is limited to mowing, mulching, aerating, edging, and leaf removal. Homeowners are fully responsible for the upkeep of their backyard.

## Annual Community Meeting— December 3, 2019

The Board invites all homeowners to attend the annual community association meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the community center. Attendance registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. Prior to the meeting, Northern Virginia Management (NVM) will mail information packets to residents. Please contact NVM if you have not received the information.

All residents are urged to attend and hear about important community issues and recent and upcoming projects. One Board position is up for election for a three-year term. Candidate application forms will be included in the information packet. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send your proxy vote to NVM via mail, fax, or email. NVM contact information is provided on page 2.

## Board of Director Changes

Stephen Kahn resigned from the Board in September 2019 when he relocated to Fairfax County and could no longer serve on the Board. We send our best regards to Stephen and thank him for his service to our community. He will be missed.

Mary Beth Cockerham was appointed to fill the remainder of Stephen's term, which runs to December 2020. Mary Beth is an original homeowner and raised two children in Quaker Hill. She recently retired and is honored to give back to the community.

Ed Lacy, the ARHA representative on the Board, has retired after many years of service to our community. He brought an important perspective to the Board meetings and represented our fellow ARHA residents well. In his place, ARHA has appointed Lennin Lopez to serve on the Quaker Hill Board. Lennin is an Alexandria native and a proud graduate of T.C. Williams and Virginia Commonwealth University. He is an avid sports fan and roots for all D.C. teams and enjoys playing basketball and soccer in his free time. Lennin has worked with ARHA for almost five years and also serves on the Homeowners Association Board for Chatham Square in Old Town Alexandria. We look forward to working with Lennin and Mary Beth.





## 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

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 <b>per household, per month</b> is \$250	\$125.00
SmarTrip Card	\$ 1.00
Alexandria DASH pass (1 month unlimited rides)	\$ 22.50

### How to Place an Order for SmarTrip cards or Alexandria DASH passes:

1. Call Northern Virginia Management at (703) 941-9002 and leave a message.
2. Email Northern Virginia Management at [nvm@northernvirginiamanagement.com](mailto:nvm@northernvirginiamanagement.com).

*Please note that all orders must be paid in full in advance before NVM 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 NVM. A maximum of four cards may be registered with the NVM.
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:  
Northern Virginia Management  
4306 Evergreen Lane, Suite 101  
Annandale, Virginia 22003
4. If the household has registered multiple cards with NVM, 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

Marjorie Stein, President  
 Stephen Kahn, Vice President  
 Stephen Stine, Secretary  
 Rose Gillespie, Treasurer & Newsletter  
 Lennin Lopez, Director

### Clubhouse Telephone

703-823-1911/1912

### Northern Virginia Management

703-941-9002  
[nvm@northernvirginiamanagement.com](mailto:nvm@northernvirginiamanagement.com)  
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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. Please email NVM to obtain the minutes of monthly QHCA board meetings.

### Quaker Hill Condominium Association

Management Company: Sentry Management, 703-642-3246  
 Association President: John Sesler, [jsesler@comcast.net](mailto: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	<a href="http://www.alexandriava.gov/police">www.alexandriava.gov/police</a>
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](http://www.QHCA.org)



## Dog Owners and Private Property

Please be aware that all townhome front yards and large portions of townhome side yards (generally 6 to 10 feet out, depending on the plat lines) are *private* property and should be respected. Pet owners, as well as pedestrians, should note that these areas are maintained at a cost to the homeowner and are not common areas. Please be considerate and curb your pets and feet to the community-maintained common areas.

## Leaf and Snow Removal

Chapel Valley Landscape Company will remove leaves from common areas and townhomes in November, December and January. Please consider using leaves to mulch your flowerbeds and shrubs. Leaves replenish soil nutrients and provide protection from cold temperatures.

VCI Commercial Snow Removal will remove snow when two or more inches have fallen on private streets in our community: Quaker Hill Court, Dartmouth Court, and Quaker Hill Drive, west of the community center. The City of Alexandria is responsible for removing snow on Ellsworth Street, Dartmouth Road, and Quaker Hill Drive in front of the condominiums.

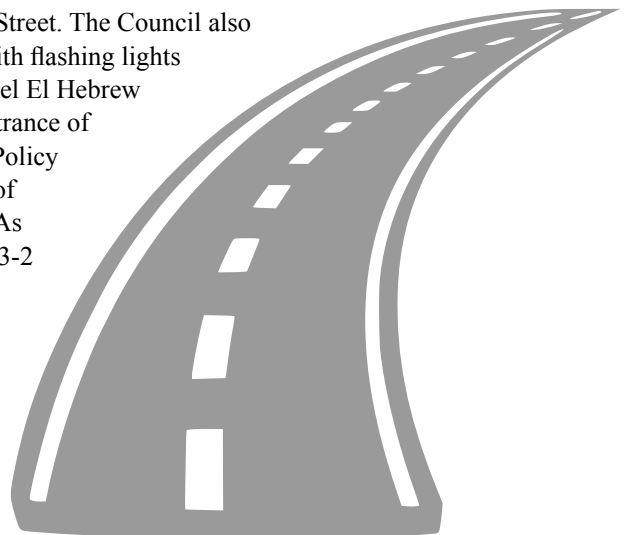
The snow removal company also will remove snow from the sidewalks on the west side of the pond and on Quaker Hill Drive from the community center to the intersection with Yale Drive. Homeowners are responsible (and liable) for removing snow from sidewalks in front of their home. Be a good neighbor and clear areas around fire hydrants, mailboxes, and storm-water curb inlets.



## Seminary Road Project Update

In late September 2019, the City Council voted 4-3 to remove an eastbound and a westbound lane on a portion of Seminary Road from Quaker Lane to North Howard Street. The Council also approved adding a center turn lane and bike lanes. Median islands with flashing lights will be installed in four new crossing locations: Chapel Hill Drive, Bel El Hebrew congregation, Ft. Williams Parkway, and near the Seminary Road entrance of Virginia Theological Seminary. Alexandria's citizen Environmental Policy Commission, the Transportation Commission, the DASH bus board of directors and the Fire Department supported the Council's decision. As noted in the August 2019 Quill, the Traffic and Parking Board voted 3-2 to maintain Seminary Road as a four-lane street.

Paving began in mid-October, followed by road restriping. Construction of the median islands will be done after the resurfacing. Depending on the weather, additional work may be done in the spring. More information will be posted online at [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov) and also will be sent to the affected community to address frequently asked questions received by City staff and leadership.





## Holiday Packages

Residents are reminded that package thefts tend to increase during the holiday season. Citizen reports are the most effective way to deter these incidents, according to the Alexandria police. Call 911 if you witness a theft and provide as much information as possible. Residents are encouraged not to touch anything left behind by the thieves; fingerprints can be lifted from boxes that have been opened and left behind.

Condo residents should be aware that UPS most likely will not leave packages at residents' doors unless someone is home to accept them while FedEx will leave packages. If concerned about the security of your deliveries, all Quaker Hill residents are encouraged to use alternate shipping sites, such as a work address, Amazon locker, the FedEx office on Eisenhower Avenue, or ask your neighbor who works from home to be on the lookout for packages.

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

## Census Jobs

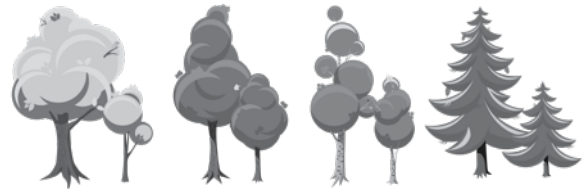
As part of the preparation for the 2020 Decennial Census, the United States Census Bureau is hiring in our area. Go to [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs) to see the list of job openings.



## Reminder: Stay Off the Pond Ice

Before cold weather sets in and the pond freezes, the Board would like to remind everyone, particularly children, to stay off the pond ice. Although ice may form around the edges of the pond after a few days of frigid weather, don't assume the pond is safe to walk on. Three aerators keep the water moving, and moving water takes longer to freeze. Tragedies involving people falling through the ice are all too common in the winter months.

**Be safe. Stay Off the Ice.**



## Alexandria's Tree Canopy

Alexandria's Urban Forestry Department is responsible for managing forested public lands within the City of Alexandria, as well as working with other landowners to plant trees and increase the tree canopy on private property. In that regard, the City is asking its residents to help grow our City's tree canopy. From time to time, Alexandria offers native trees for sale at the Buddie Ford Nature Center (5750 Sanger Avenue) or online at [www.alexandriava.gov/Trees](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Trees).

## Happenings in Alexandria

### U.S. Air Force Chamber Orchestra Concert

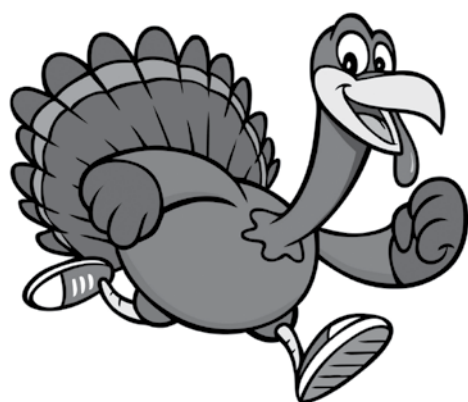
**When:** November 17, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 703-548-0035

The recital provides an opportunity to hear some of the country's finest musicians play music ranging from classical and jazz to Celtic.



### 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot

**When:** November 28, 2019; Race starts at 9:00 a.m.; registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on race day or register online now.

**Where:** Race starts and ends at George Washington Middle School

**Admission:** Registration fee (varies by time of registration)

**Contact:** [www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com](http://www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com)

Join friends and neighbors in this annual Thanksgiving-day tradition. The five-mile run is family, stroller, and dog friendly. Bring two non-perishable items with you to benefit those less fortunate. Alive, a nonprofit organization serving Alexandria's needy, will collect the donated food at the George Washington Middle School gym entrance. The award ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m.

### Del Ray Artisans' 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Fine Art and Craft Holiday Market

**When:** Weekend 1: December 6-8; Weekend 2: December 13-14; Weekend 3: December 20-22

Fridays: 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday: 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Delray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue

**Admission:** Free to browse

**Contact:** 703-838-4827

The annual holiday market offers unique handmade fine arts and crafts from local artists. Different artists are featured each weekend.

### Kwanzaa Workshop

**When:** December 14, 2019, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Alexandria Black History Museum, 903 Wythe Street

**Admission:** \$5

**Contact:** 703-746-5346

The workshop will focus on the history, principles, symbols, and activities related to Kwanzaa. Children and adults can get ideas to plan your own celebration.





**Quaker Hill Community Association**

c/o Northern Virginia Management

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