

# The Quaker Hill Quill

November 2020



## New Association Fees

Monthly homeowner fees will rise in 2021. The proposed 2021 budget was adjusted to maintain our reserve funds at recommended levels and to meet current and upcoming contract obligations. The community's reserve funds have been impacted by the need to access reserves for the major pool renovation while income has been affected by extremely low-interest earning rates on our remaining reserve assets.

The 2021 monthly assessments are as follows:

- ✓ Condominiums: \$95
- ✓ Townhomes: \$103.30
- ✓ Single-family homes: \$72.25

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 10<sup>th</sup> of each month or the closest business day if the 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a non-banking day.

## Annual Community Meeting— December 1, 2020

The Board invites all homeowners to attend the annual community association meeting on **Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held remotely via teleconference. If you wish to participate, please email Northern Management (NVM) at [nvm@northernvirginiamanagment.com](mailto:nvm@northernvirginiamanagment.com) before 5 p.m. on December 1 to get call-in information for accessing the meeting either by phone or computer. Questions, concerns, and comments may be emailed to NVM by noon, November 30.

All residents are encouraged to attend to hear about important community issues and recent and upcoming projects, such as the pool renovation. Two Board positions are up for election, each of which is for a three-year term. Prior to the meeting, NVM will send information packets to residents. The packets will include candidate application and proxy vote forms. Petitions for candidacy and candidate statements must be received by November 20, 2020. Please contact NVM if you have not received the information packet by mid-November. NVM contact information is provided on page 2.

If you cannot join the teleconference, please complete and return your proxy vote to NVM. A quorum is needed to conduct the meeting.

## Quaker Hill Residents— Email Notification List



As a service to our Quaker Hill community, NVM maintains an email notification list to inform residents of time-sensitive information and announcements, such as herbicide spraying and alerts from our community police liaison. Please email NVM at [nvm@northernvirginiamanagment.com](mailto:nvm@northernvirginiamanagment.com) if you would like to be added to the notification list.





## 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

Mary Beth Cockerham, President  
Stephen Stine, Vice President  
Lennin Lopez, Secretary  
Rose Gillespie, Treasurer & Newsletter  
Marjorie Stein, 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: First Service Residential, 703-385-1133  
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)

# Community Projects

Several projects have been approved by the Board for completion during 2020/2021. They include major pool renovations, drainage work, and tree maintenance/replacement.

## Pool

The Board has approved a contract with High Sierra Pools to renovate the pool prior to the summer 2021 pool season. The renovation coincides with the timeline noted in the community Reserve Study, which noted that a major pool renovation would be needed no later than 2022. The renovation will include removal/replacement of the pool deck, main pool plumbing and deck drain replacement, upgraded pool plastering, and expanded pool entry steps. The current four-foot fence also will be replaced with a six-foot fence that will meet current City ordinances. The renovation is underway and should be completed well in advance of our next swim season.

## Drainage

The Board continues to address drainage issues throughout the community. The initial Grasscrete paving/drainage installation completed this spring worked well, and proposals to extend the Grasscrete area are under consideration. Proposals to complete the extension, which is located in an area adjacent to the townhomes on Quaker Hill Drive, are expected to be received soon. The Board hopes that the selected contractor will be able to complete the project by the end of the year. Additionally, the Board and NVM are currently working on a study to determine community long-term drainage needs. Specifications and requests for proposal are being drafted with timelines and financing to be determined.

## Tree Maintenance/Replacement

The Board has approved the community’s tree maintenance contract with Bartlett Tree Company to provide structural and natural pruning of more than 60 trees. This work will be completed in early spring when the trees are dormant. The pruning will provide additional safe clearance from houses and roofs, improve sunlight and air penetration through the tree crown, remove large dead branches, and elevate lower branch levels to a height of 8-10 feet. Please note that trees located on private property (front and side yards) are not covered by this contract and are the responsibility of the homeowner.

The Board’s annual inspection with Bartlett’s certified arborist identified several trees around the community that need to be removed and replaced. Other bids also are being obtained at this time. Three trees around the pond area were removed and replaced this fall, and additional replacement trees are under consideration for spring planting.

## Leaf and Snow Removal

As in previous years, 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 the north side of 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.





## Alexandria Mask Ordinance

The Alexandria City Council recently adopted an ordinance that requires residents to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth *in both indoor and outdoor public places*. The ordinance expands on the state requirement to wear masks in most indoor public settings such as retail stores, restaurants, theaters, personal care and grooming services businesses, and common areas of condominium and apartment buildings.

Specifically, the Alexandria ordinance requires face coverings to be worn in transportation vehicles other than personal ones, public parks, on sidewalks and trails, and at other public outdoor locations where physical distancing requirements cannot be maintained between persons not living in the same household. Given the increased pedestrian traffic around the pond and on the sidewalks in Quaker Hill, residents are encouraged to mask up while walking in the community.

Children who are 10 years of age or younger and people with a medical condition or disability are exempt. Individuals who are actively eating or drinking and those receiving government or medical services are also exempt. In addition, masks are not required while swimming, biking, jogging or engaging in other physical activity for which wearing a mask has been determined to pose a health risk.

The City Council reminds residents that wearing a mask is one of the simplest and most effective ways to help stop the spread of COVID-19. People who do not live together should still maintain at least 10 feet of distance from each other. For more information, please visit [alexandriava.gov/coronavirus](http://alexandriava.gov/coronavirus). Stay safe.



## Holiday Packages

The Board reminds residents that package thefts tend to increase during the holiday season. According to Alexandria police, citizen reports are the most effective way to deter these incidents. 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.

## Opt In, Opt Out

**Opt In**—Stay informed on time-sensitive City news through the Alexandria eNews Alert Messages. Learn about road closures, police activities, severe weather alerts and other local information through text messages, email or voice messages. Enroll at [alexandriava.gov/Communications](http://alexandriava.gov/Communications).

**Opt Out**—Many Quaker Hill residents receive free weekly newspapers delivered to our front doors or driveways. These papers, wrapped in plastic bags, are often ignored and left in the gutters. They can be swept into the storm drains with a heavy rain, clogging the pond's drainage system.

If you don't want to receive these newspapers, simply send your street address to [circulation@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:circulation@connectionnewspapers.com) and opt out of the subscriber list. In the meantime, please pick up your weekly copy and dispose of it in your recycling (toss the plastic bag in the trash or recycle with plastic shopping bags.)



## Stay Off the Pond Ice

As the weather turns colder, it's worth reminding residents, particularly children, to stay off the pond ice. While 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.**



## New Bikeshare Stations Installed

Four new Bikeshare stations were installed in Alexandria this summer, bringing the total number of stations to 35. The new stations were funded by nearby developments as a condition for their approval. As with all Bikeshare facilities, the new stations are for the use of all members of the community. Check out the new stations at:

- North Beauregard and Berkeley Streets
- Wheeler Avenue and South Floyd Street
- Mount Vernon Trail and South Washington Street
- Eisenhower Avenue and Ike Drive



## Noise Ordinance Reminder

With a flurry of recent home improvement projects underway, the Board reminds homeowners to advise their contractors that the City of Alexandria regulates construction activities by permitted hours and days. Construction activities include, but are not limited to, the use of construction devices and power equipment and loading/unloading equipment, material delivery, and worker arrivals/departures.

All construction activities are permitted during the following hours:

- Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All construction activities are prohibited on Sunday and the following holidays:

- New Year's Day (the first day of January)
- Memorial Day (the last Monday in May)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Labor Day (the first Monday in September)
- Thanksgiving Day (the fourth Thursday in November)
- Christmas Day (December 25)

For additional information, the City of Alexandria website ([www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov)) has additional guidelines and information. Please be mindful of your neighbors!

**Want to view past issues  
of our newsletter?**

**You can find them at  
[www.QHCA.org](http://www.QHCA.org).**

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*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

