

The Quaker Hill Quill

February 2018

Board of Directors

Board officers were elected at the January 25, 2018 Association meeting. They are:

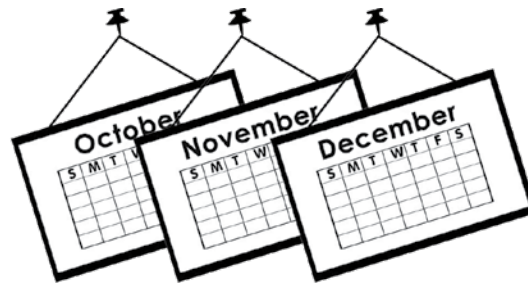
President: Marjorie Stein
Vice President: Stephen Kahn
Secretary: Stephen Stein
Treasurer: Rose Gillespie
Director: Ed Lacey (ARHA)

The Board encourages all residents to attend Association meetings held at the clubhouse on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

Police Report

Officer Charlie Lloyd reported that the new City of Alexandria police record-keeping system does not allow him to extract specific data for the Quaker Hill area, but he noted that overall statistics for burglary, larceny and car thefts were down in the City in 2017.

As part of its efforts to identify ways to partner with and serve City residents and visitors, the Alexandria Police Department (APD) created a community advisory team that is composed of diverse members of our City and the police department; its mission is to build relationships and discuss issues related to neighborhood policing. Subsequently, the team produced a draft 21st Century Policing Plan that is available on the Alexandria City website at www.alexandriava.gov.



Annual 2017 Meeting Highlights

The Quaker Hill Community Association (QHCA) annual meeting was held on December 5, 2017. It provided an opportunity for residents to hear about important issues and upcoming projects. The Board highlighted several projects that were undertaken in 2017, including sidewalk and concrete repair and replacement throughout the community, the installation of changing tables in pool-area bathrooms, and the planting of flower bulbs.

The Board also discussed upcoming projects, such as the extensive renovation of pool bathrooms, which is expected to be completed before pool season begins, and the resurfacing of the Quaker Hill Court parking area, as recommended by the Reserve Study. The Board is in the process of obtaining bids for this work. Other potential projects will focus on erosion repair and mitigation and the installation of additional lighting in the community.

During the meeting, the Board summarized some of the major issues experienced during the 2017 pool season, such as the company's failure to provide the number of lifeguards specified in the contract, and pool closures. Because of these and other experiences and after a thorough review of proposals from several pool companies, the Board has hired a new company, Aqua Safe, to manage the pool during the 2018 summer season. Detailed pool information packets will be mailed to all residents prior to the pool opening on Memorial Day weekend.

Rose Gillespie, QHCA's treasurer, reviewed 2017 expenditures and the factors that determined 2018 assessments. As recommended by QHCA's audit company, Goldklang & Group, the Board instructed Northern Virginia Management (NVM) to open a brokerage account, which provides more favorable interest rates on certificates of deposit than those offered by individual financial institutions.



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 per household, per month is \$250	\$125.00
SmarTrip Card	\$ 1.00
Alexandria DASH pass (1 month unlimited rides)	\$ 20.00

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.

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

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 Stephen Kahn, Vice President
 Stephen Stine, Secretary
 Rose Gillespie, Treasurer & Newsletter
 Ed Lacy, Director

Landscape Committee Chairperson

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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

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

Neighborhood Traffic Update

In response to ongoing neighborhood concerns about traffic, the City of Alexandria has measured the origins/destinations of traffic and traffic volumes on neighborhood streets, tested the effectiveness of recent transportation improvements in its budget, and programmed capital improvements to relieve traffic pressure in neighborhoods

The City data collection effort, referred to as the *Central Alexandria Traffic Study*, specifically focused on Seminary Hill, Seminary Ridge, Clover College Park, and Taylor Run Civic Association areas. The Study used several methods for collecting data, including:

- Bluetooth device signal recordings for origin-destination information at 21 locations,
- Average daily traffic counts and vehicle speeds at 23 locations,
- Streetlight anonymous cell phone location data
- Traffic counts at 29 study intersections, and
- License plate surveys at six “gateway” locations (three in the morning and three in the evening).

Key takeaways from the Study are:

- Arterial roads are serving their function, carrying most of the traffic;
- Some collector/local streets have cut-through traffic;
- More cut-through traffic on local/collector roads in the southbound direction;
- Several factors contribute to cut-through traffic: congestion during peak periods and back-up traffic on Telegraph Road in afternoon peak hours; and
- Existing traffic calming measures keep speeds down in some areas.

Additional information on the *Central Alexandria Traffic Study* is available at www.alexandriava.gov.



Important Info for Metro SmarTrip® Riders

Beginning January 8, 2018, your **SmarTrip® card must have a positive balance in order to ride Metro**. The entry fare gate will *not* open if you have a negative balance on your card. Bus riders also must have enough value on their SmarTrip cards to cover fares. Moreover, participants in the SmartBenefits® Program—offered through an employer or the Quaker Hill Transportation Management Program (TMP) for example—must ensure that their personal stored value balance is positive in order to use Metro. When you tap your card to a rail fare gate or bus fare box, the balance you see is your SmartBenefits® balance, not your personal stored balance. To check your personal stored value balance, tap your card to a fare vending machine or log into your SmarTrip® account.

There are several ways to add fare to your SmarTrip® cards: 1) at rail station fare vending machines, 2) by setting up an Auto Reload account at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) website, or 3) through the Quaker Hill TMP. The Auto Reload

program will automatically add value to your card when your balance drops below \$10. Payments for Auto Reload must be made with a valid credit card on your account. Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover are all accepted cards for charges. You may store a total of five credit cards on your account. Learn more about Auto Reload at wmata.com/autoreload.

Through the Quaker Hill TMP, residents must first register their SmarTrip® cards with NVM. No more than four SmarTrip® cards per household may be registered with NVM. After registration is completed, residents may request benefits via email, fax, or mail. Payment must be mailed in advance to NVM, and benefits will be added electronically to your registered SmarTrip® cards after payment is received. The Quaker Hill Board has limited TMP benefits to \$250 per household per month (\$125 cost to resident equals \$250 in benefits.) The benefits may be split among the four registered cards but may not exceed the total monthly maximum. Please see page 2 for more information on the Quaker Hill TMP.

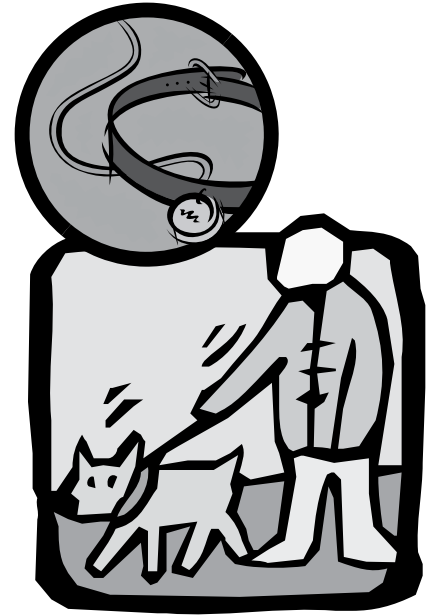


Reminder

Dogs Must be Controlled by a Leash

The City of Alexandria requires that all dogs must be controlled by a physical leash when walking in public. The use of electronic collars and similar devices as forms of physical restraint for dogs in public areas is prohibited. Electronic collars may be used for training purposes at City dog parks, at sanctioned obedience training classes, field trials, and on private property.

The Alexandria Animal Welfare League supported the 2012 ordinance as a measure to preserve public safety. The League notes that our public areas are shared spaces to be enjoyed by everyone, and a physical leash signifies that a dog is under control by a capable handler.



Landmark Mall Redevelopment Update

As reported in previous newsletters, Landmark Mall, including the Macy's store, is now owned by the Howard Hughes Corporation (HHC) and has been closed since January 2017. Sears is not owned by HCC and is open for business. HCC is in discussion with Seritage Growth Properties about incorporating the approximately 18-acre Sears site into its overall Landmark redevelopment plan. Founded in 2015, Seritage is a Sears spin-off whose mission is to focus on its 258 specific sites, including, but not limited to, selling those sites for redevelopment.

HHC and City staff agree that a single, site-wide plan will produce a more cohesive long-term real estate development project than a partial one. It will better reflect the City's 2009 Landmark-Van Dorn Corridor Plan, allow for the development of a comprehensive transportation plan, and allocate resources more cost effectively. The City Council regards the redeveloped Landmark Mall as the "town center" for West Alexandria for decades to come and anticipates that HHC will be ready to begin the Landmark Mall redevelopment planning process during the first half of 2018 with construction to begin in 2021 or later.

In the interim, the non-profit Carpenter's Shelter organization will occupy a portion of the former Macy's store on a short-term basis while the Shelter's existing facility, located at 930 N. Henry Street, is undergoing major renovation. Carpenter's Shelter can use 15,000 square feet—about one-quarter of the store's overall footprint to renovate the space to meet its specific needs, e.g., temporary walls, showers, and laundry facilities, among other requirements. The Shelter's intent is to make its move to this provisional facility by the first quarter of 2018. Construction of the new Carpenter's Shelter is anticipated to last approximately 18-24 months. To ensure that interim use will not affect Mall redevelopment, HCC has set an expiration date of March 1, 2012 for Shelter occupancy.

Happenings in Alexandria



Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Date: March 3, 2018, 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Where: Old Town

Contact: www.ballyshanners.org

Admission: Free

This year's parade will feature bands, Irish dancers, floats, and antique cars. Prior to the parade, classic cars will be on display from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on Pitt Street, between King and Cameron Streets.

Air Force Band Jazz Concert

When: March 8, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Where: Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus

Contact: <http://usafbnd.eventbrite.com>

Admission: Free but tickets are required.

Enjoy a free concert by the Airmen of Note, the premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Air Force. The group regularly performs and records with leading artists in the jazz world. The concert features jazz pianist Kenny Barron.

Earth Day

When: April 28, 2018, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Where: Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park, 1005 Mount Vernon Avenue

Contact: boes509@comcast.net

Admission: Free

This year's theme is local action/global impact. The event includes educational exhibits, demonstrations, and hands-on activities for all ages.





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