

# The Quaker Hill Quill

August 2012

## Citizen's Police Academy

Lieutenant Gaunt notified the Board that the Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) will be starting up again this Fall. The CPA is a 10-week program that provides citizens and employees of the City of Alexandria with an opportunity to learn about the different units within the police department through demonstrations, presentations, and hands-on activities. The sessions are held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, Community Room, located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue. The goal of the academy is to build relationships between the Police Department and the community. Please contact Dee Seay at 703-462-3963 or [deane.seay@alexandriava.gov](mailto:deane.seay@alexandriava.gov) for more information about the program.

Want to view past issues  
of our newsletter?

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

## Sexual Assault in the Area

Lieutenant Gaunt, our police liaison, reported that a woman walking away from the local 7-11 store on August 3 was approached by five suspects, between 11:00 p.m. and midnight. One produced a knife and forced her into a wooded area behind Bishop Ireton High School where she was sexually assaulted. The victim reported the assault to the Alexandria Police Department on August 5. Lieutenant Gaunt will provide more details as they become available. Please be careful when walking alone or at night and report any suspicious activity to the Alexandria Police Department.

Earlier this year, the Alexandria Police Department asked Quaker Hill residents whether they were interested in sexual assault awareness training (see February 2012 *Quill*). Contact Detective Sandra Hein at 703-746-6780 if you're interested in the training.

## Reserve Study

The Board is currently soliciting bids for the Reserve Study that must be done every five years. This study reviews community assets (buildings, sidewalks, pool, pond), our expenses and finances, and provides recommendations for proper funding.



## Trash Cans

Due to a continuing issue with trash cans being left out long after the established guidelines, the Community Association now requires that all trash cans be labeled with a resident's address. We have been unable to determine where to return trash cans and in the past, they have been permanently removed.

Please note the regulations (always printed on page two of the newsletter) for the hours that trash may be placed out for disposal and when trash receptacles must be removed from the street. Please be aware that trash cans (when not out for collection) must be stored out of sight. If it is stored on the balcony, please ensure it is out of view. Fines are being assessed for repeat offenders.



## 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

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Stephen Stine, Secretary  
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Newsletter/website: Rose Gillespie

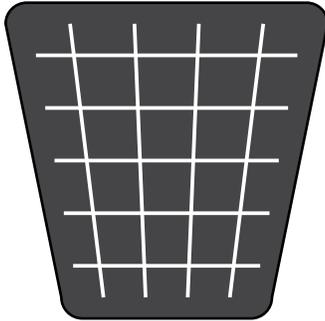
### Clubhouse Telephone

703-823-1911/1912

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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.



## Litter

Litter continues to be a problem in our community, especially along Quaker Hill Drive and around the pond. Several residents have witnessed people disposing of trash from their cars in the street and children throwing fast-food wrappers/containers and plastic bottles on the sidewalks or in the pond. Do the right thing...use the trash receptacles located at both ends of the pond, on Yale Drive and on Quaker Hill Drive. Parents, please remind your children to do the same. Fines will be assessed for anyone caught littering on QHCA property.

## Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) News

ARHA holds regularly scheduled meetings with its Quaker Hill residents to improve communication, foster better relations, and discuss important issues such as community rules and regulations, trash and refuse policies, and the type and frequency of inspections performed during the course of the year. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that ARHA conduct an annual inspection of its units. In addition to the HUD inspection, ARHA conducts household inspections at least three times a year. Inspections cover both the interior and exterior of ARHA units.

### Our New Ducks

As many of you know, 11 ducklings appeared in our pond around Memorial Day. The mother duck has been an on-again, off-again resident of the pond for a couple of years, and we were all excited that she brought her brood to Quaker Hill. Through summer storms and record-breaking heat, the ducklings survived, although one had to be rescued from the spillway. During the week of July 16, one of the ducklings died. Speculation is that a wild animal killed it, but who knows. We encourage everyone to treat the ducks with respect. If you witness any harassment of the ducks, please contact the Alexandria Police Department. We all agree they add beauty and charm to our community.



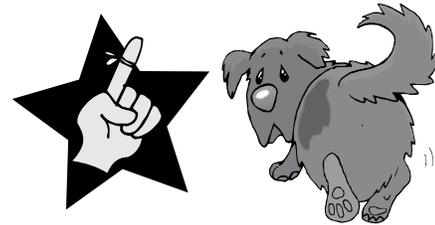
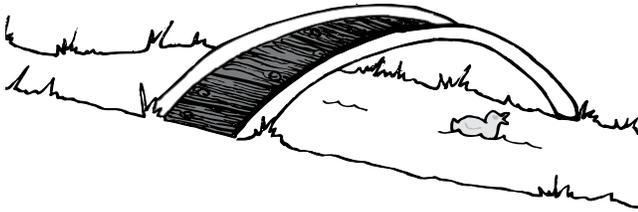
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## New Bridge Walkway

The short bridge over the trickle stream was recently replaced. It had begun to buckle, and the boards were loose. A synthetic wood product was used to replace the old bridge. Advancements in this type of product allowed for safer installation (no nails that can pop up) and tend to last for many years.



## Reminder: Pick up After Your Dog

Please respect our community and your neighbors' property by picking up after your dog. No one should have to worry about stepping in dog poop left by irresponsible dog owners. Those who do not comply will be issued citations and fined.

## Landscape Corner

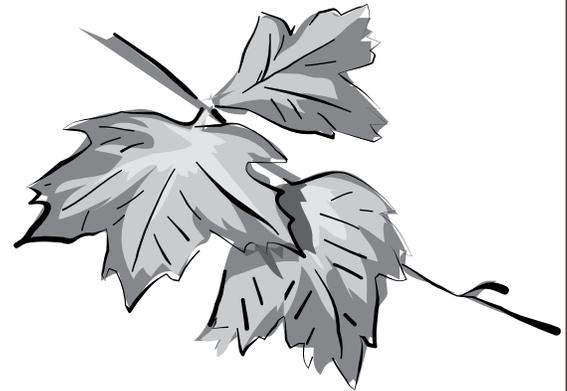
Thank you to the volunteers who purchased and planted the pool flowers. It is always a delight to see them every summer! And a special thanks to our lifeguard, Veliko, who waters them.

Two erosion projects were recently completed in Quaker Hill. The first project is on Yale Drive. Because of the slope gradient of a nearby hill and a subsurface spring, constant water runoff had created a gully. A rock "river" swale was created in this area, and plants were installed at its edges. The meandering "river," along with ground cover plantings that will be installed in the fall, should slow the water.

The second erosion project is on Ellsworth Street. A series of weirs (small check dam structures) were installed to slow and direct the water flow. The weirs are supplemented by rock to help dissipate the energy of surface water flow.

Photonia shrubs (similar to those surrounding the pool) will be planted in the fall along the wrought iron fence (Quaker Hill property line) on Ellsworth Street.

Please help us water trees and plants in common areas near your home during dry periods. Plants are stressed by the heat and dry weather that we've had this summer and are in need of a good soaking. The Quaker Hill Board has authorized Northern Virginia Management to water plants around the pool area and new plantings throughout the community, but additional watering by homeowners is always appreciated.



## Happenings in Alexandria

### Farmers' Markets

#### Del Ray

Saturdays year round, 8:00 a.m.-noon  
East Oxford and Mount Vernon Avenues

#### Four Mile Run

Sundays, May-November, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
4100 Mount Vernon Avenue  
[www.4mrrmarket.org](http://www.4mrrmarket.org)

#### Old Town

Saturdays year round, 7:00 a.m.-noon, Market Square  
Free parking in Market Square garage during market hours

#### West End

Sundays, May-November, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
4800 Brenman Park Drive  
[www.westendfarmersmarket.org](http://www.westendfarmersmarket.org)



### Alexandria Festival of the Arts

**When:** September 8, 2012 (10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.); and September 9, 2012 (10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

**Where:** King Street, between Union and Washington Streets

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** Alexandria Visitors Center, 703-746-3301

This annual event transforms King Street into an open-air art gallery for two days. Hundreds of artists from across the country showcase their paintings, sculpture, photography, jewelry, and pottery.

### Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition

**When:** Through September 30, 2012 (Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)

**Where:** Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street

**Admission:** \$2 (suggested)

**Contact:** 703-746-4994/[www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum)

The exhibit examines life in the City of Alexandria, which was seized and held by its own Federal government, following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in 1961.

### Sixth Annual Film Festival

**When:** November 1-4, 2012

**Where:** Venues throughout Alexandria

**Admission:** Varies

**Contact:** <http://alexandriafilm.org>

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Office of the Arts sponsors this event. The Festival brings high-quality short and feature length films, documentaries, and arts presentations by local, national, and international film makers to various venues throughout Alexandria.

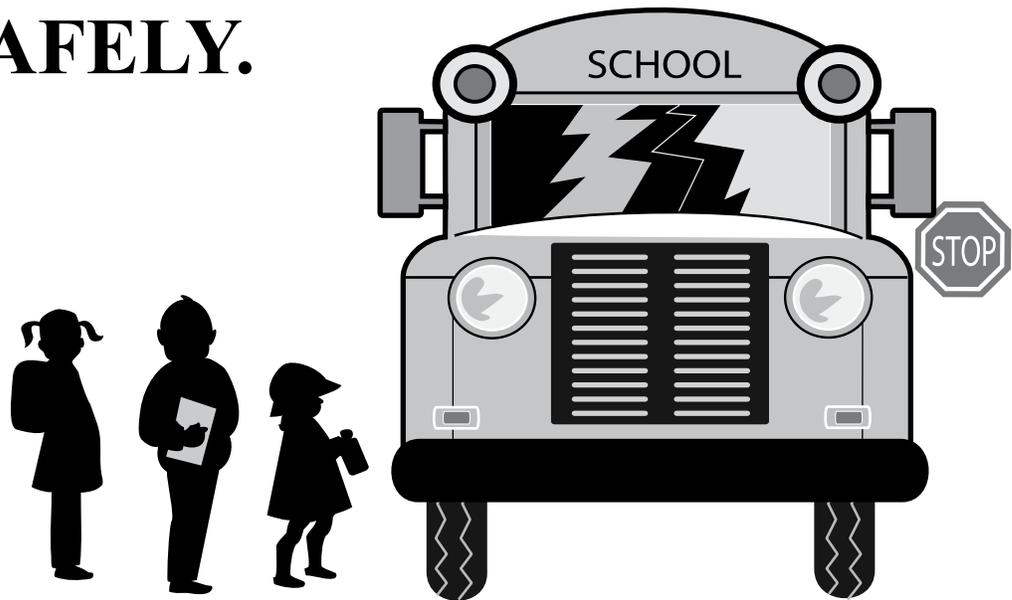


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