

The Quaker Hill Quill

August 2014



Reminder: Board Members Are Your Neighbors

Please remember that Board members are volunteers and Quaker Hill residents, just like you. There have been a few incidents in which neighbors have obtained the private email addresses of Board members or have called them at their workplace. Please be considerate of their time and privacy.



New Pool Umbrellas

The Board approved the purchase of new umbrellas. They are an updated style and material and have a more conventional tilting mechanism. We hope you enjoy them!

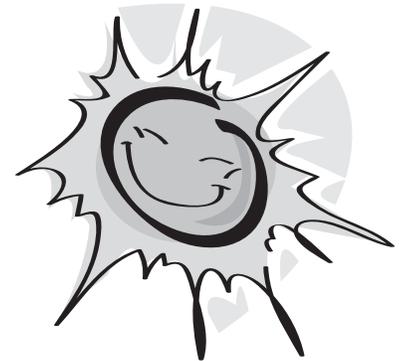
Our Lifeguard Veliko

As many pool users remember, Veliko was our lifeguard in 2012. Welcome back Veliko! We are happy to see you back at Quaker Hill.

Veliko hails from Varna, Bulgaria, a resort city located on the Black Sea. Its population ranges from approximately 500,000 during the winter months to about 1 million in the summer. Veliko enjoys playing sports, especially soccer. During his free time here, he enjoys spending time with friends and visiting new places.

Veliko finished his studies in Finance at the University of Economics in Varna. His future plans include working for a couple of years in business and then getting a master's degree in behavioral finance (a blend of psychology, sociology, and finance according to Veliko). He hasn't decided whether to pursue a graduate degree in Europe or the United States.

After pool season ends, Veliko intends to travel around the United States. Good luck to you, Veliko, and thanks for keeping the pool shipshape and making our summer an enjoyable one. We will miss you. Please keep in touch.

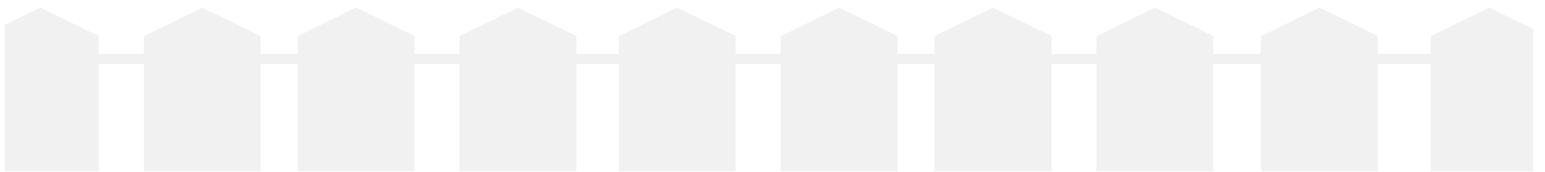


Concerns about Children's Safety

Nothing sounds more like summer than the sound of children playing and having fun. We all remember the days when our parents kicked us outside and said not to come home until supper. However, fast forward to Quaker Hill 2014 and that doesn't work anymore. Backyards are small, vacant lots and woods are gone, and the world is faster paced. Children playing in our community most likely means that they are playing in our streets, parking lots, and in places not designed for play.

Recently, after several near misses with children on bikes racing around the condo parking lot and complaints about large numbers of children (not all residents of the condos) playing in the courtyards and elevators, Alexandria police instructed residents to call the non-emergency number, and officers will be dispatched.

Children playing are a joy to watch. However, a child on a bike is no match for an SUV.





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) 519-3486 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)	\$20.00

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@northernvirginiamanagement.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

Landscape: Vacant
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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.

Quaker Hill Condominium Association

Management Company: Sentry Management, 703-642-3246, x206
Association President: Robert Bracken, 703-309-3087

Major Pedestrian Accessibility Project

The Board is moving forward with the pedestrian accessibility project that will create a pathway from behind the townhouses on Quaker Hill Drive to the Alexandria Commons shopping center. The area is heavily traveled by residents; this traffic in combination with the steep slope has caused heavy erosion. The Board engaged a professional design consultant to address the complex issues presented by the topography, location of utilities (lines and boxes), limited space, severe erosion, pedestrian traffic, and trash

can paths. The new design will incorporate a gently sloping concrete-paver walkway with wide, low-rise steps (for both pedestrians and trashcans), drainage swales, bio-retention areas, and plantings to help control water erosion. The Board opted to have short railings at each step to provide pedestrians with a hand-hold to help pull trashcans up the steps to the curbs. The Board will be soliciting bids and hopes to have the walkway completed in the fall.

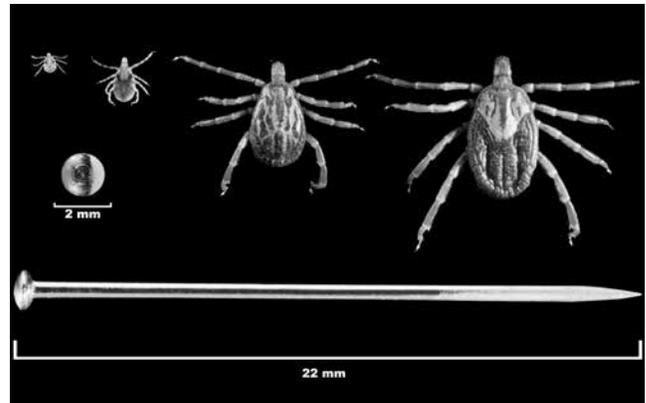
Pets

At Quaker Hill, we love our pets. Stand by the pond on any summer evening and watch the endless parade of dogs of every variety walking around the pond. For a dog lover, it is wonderful. However, sometimes those walks may present risks to our canine friends.

While fleas aren't currently a problem in our community, ticks can show up even in the best neighborhoods. Ticks can be found in our pond, front yards and courtyards, and in nearby neighborhoods. Squirrels, chipmunks, and even dogs bring these parasites into our community. They lay in wait for weeks and can latch on to a dog even during the coldest of days. Diseases carried by ticks can prove fatal. Lyme disease is the most documented, but others are just as deadly to both dogs and their human companions.

Prevention is the answer:

- ✓ Avoid tall ornamental grasses and other long grasses;



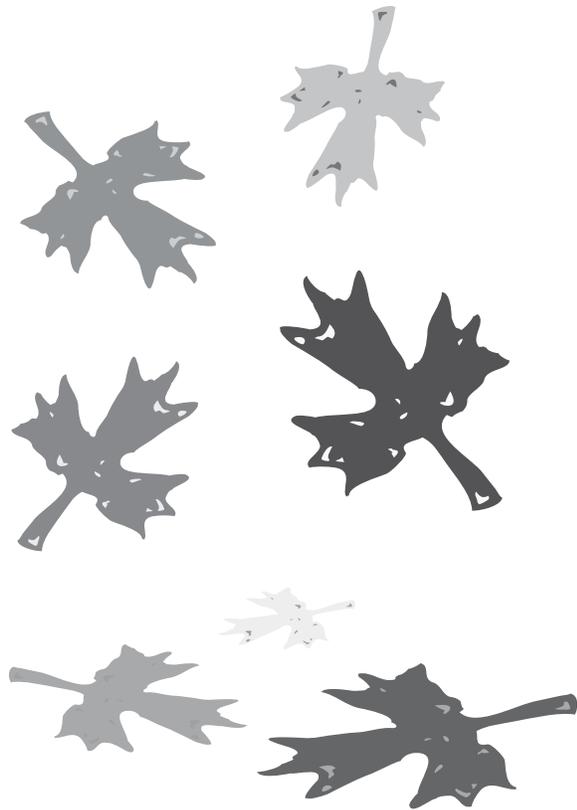
- ✓ Use a six-foot leash (easier to see what your dog is doing and to clean up after);
- ✓ Check your dog after every outing; and
- ✓ Use the appropriate monthly topical treatments.

Following these steps will keep your pet healthy and happy.

Community Note

Many Quaker Hill residents have observed and inquired about the presence of a security guard in front of the condos for much of the past winter and spring. Our recent record breaking cold winter was the reason. The low temperatures caused a number of pipes to burst in the condos, including those in the sprinkler system. The attic and other various parts of the system also needed major repairs. While the system was down, the insurance company and the Alexandria Fire Marshall required the presence of dedicated persons keeping a fire watch.

Replacements of the damaged portions of the sprinklers are now completed, and the fire watch has ended.



Yard Waste

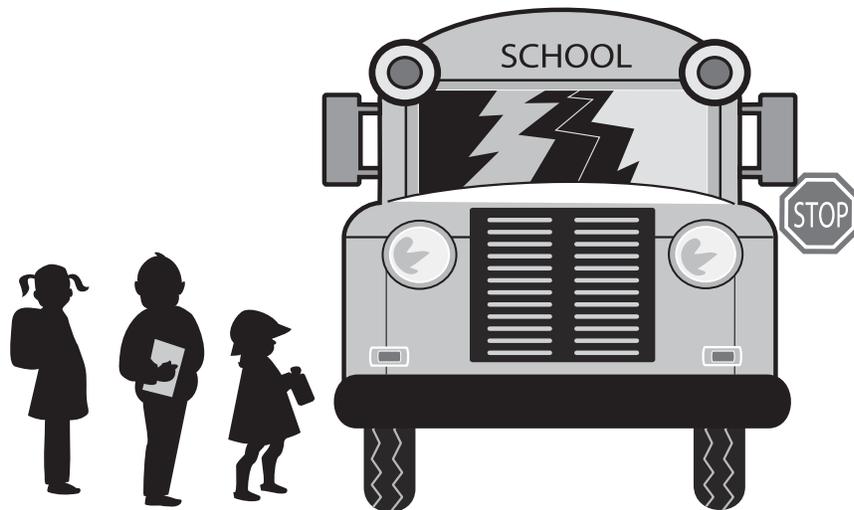
The City collects yard waste during regular collection days and by request. Yard waste includes grass, leaves, and brush and branches less than 10 feet long and less than 18 inches in diameter. Alexandria processes the yard waste to create compost or mulch.

Place your yard waste into a rigid/reusable container or paper yard-waste bags and put them next to your refuse containers. Bags must weigh less than 45 pounds. Dirt, sod, stumps, rocks, and stones are not acceptable; residents must arrange for private disposal of these items. Material placed in plastic bags will be thrown away as trash and not composted.

Larger branches and logs that are too heavy or bulky to fit in a container will be collected curbside by request. Place these materials curbside at least 10 feet away from parked cars. Use “Call. Click. Connect.” on the City website (www.alexandriava.gov) to schedule a pickup.

Under no circumstances should your yard waste be deposited in common areas.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!



SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 2



Happenings in Alexandria

Chamber Music Concert

When: September 7, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

Where: The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street

Admission: Free (donations accepted at door)

Contact: 703-799-8229

The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association is sponsoring a piano concert, featuring the music of Federico Mompou, a 20th century Spanish composer. The pianist, Mr. Haskell Small, is a composer, pianist, and music teacher in Washington, DC.



12th Annual King Street Art Festival

When: September 13, 2014 (10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.); September 14, 2014 (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

King Street is transformed into an outdoor art gallery with original pieces from 200 artists from the United States and abroad. You'll find paintings, sculptures, photographs, jewelry, and pottery. Interactive art activities will be featured as well.

Frederick Douglass and Alexandria: A Lecture

When: September 20, 2014, 10:00 a.m.-noon

Where: Alexandria Archaeology, 105 N. Union Street, #327

Admission: Free

Contact: 703-746-4399

Local historian Jay Roberts will discuss the visit Frederick Douglass made to Alexandria in September 1894, just five months before his death. Mr. Douglass came to Alexandria to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology. Light refreshments will be served.

18th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade

When: October 26, 2014, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Where: Mount Vernon Avenue, south of Bellefonte

Admission: Free

Contact: Del Ray Business Association, www.visitdelray.com

Wear your Halloween costume and walk through the streets of Del Ray. Adults, children, and dogs are all welcome to join the fun.

Soldier-led Tours in Honor of Veterans Day

When: November 8, 2014, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Where: Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road

Admission: Free

Contact: 703-746-4848

Tour the historic Union fort with an interpreter who will portray a Civil War veteran returning to Fort Ward and reminiscing about his army experience. The 90-minute tour begins in the museum. The tour is weather dependent.



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