

# The Quaker Hill Quill

August 2016

## Important Pool Information

### New Pool Company

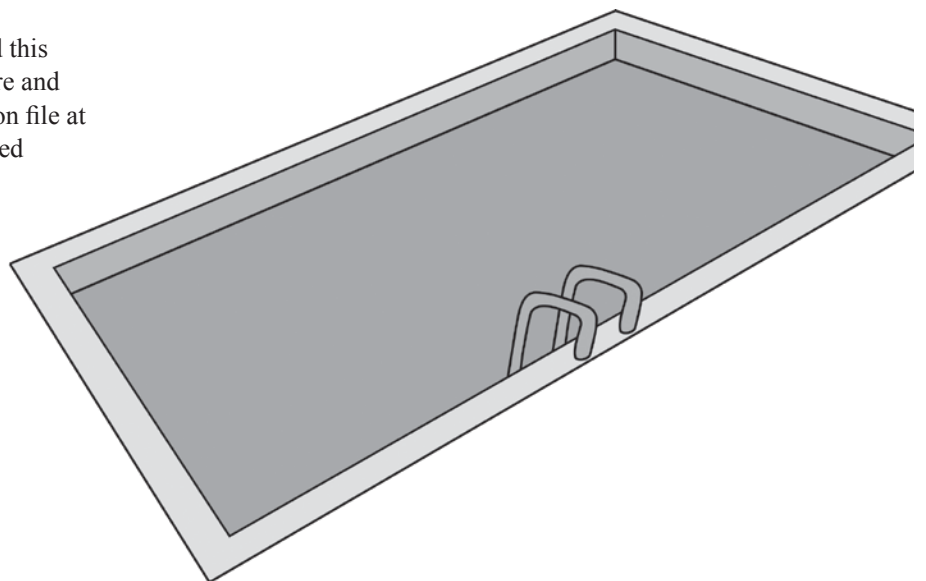
Thank you to all the residents who provided feedback on the new pool company. It was a rough start but has since improved. In recent weeks, the guest limit and age requirements have been more strongly reinforced. However, use of the pool for parties continues to be a concern. No more than five guests per household, per day, are permitted. Please remember that the pool is for the use and enjoyment of all residents during operating hours and should not be used as an extension of the community center. The community center may be reserved for parties by filling out the application located on the Quaker Hill Community Association website ([www.qhca.org](http://www.qhca.org)) and click on "Services and Amenities."

### New Pool Pass Process and Rule Reinforcement

A new pool admissions process was implemented this year in order to streamline the pool pass procedure and to identify authorized pool users. A book is kept on file at the pool for those who have completed the required paperwork for pool use. Northern Virginia Management (NVM) updates pool user records every Thursday to include completed and approved passes that were received the *previous week*. Please do not expect your paperwork to be on file any sooner and do not request an exception

even if you have identification or paperwork showing that you live in the community. Such identification does not automatically grant pool access.

The Board has asked the lifeguard to deny access to the pool if your name is not on file and to refer questions and concerns to NVM. The lifeguard's first priority must be the safety of the patrons in the pool and the pool area. Arguing or engaging the lifeguard about pool admission detracts from the lifeguard's main priority. Please leave the pool area immediately if your name is not on file or if you are asked to leave. Failure to do so may result in the suspension of pool privileges. If the lifeguard is required to engage with a resident about admission or any other issue and is unable to safely monitor the pool, all patrons will be instructed to get out of the pool until the situation has been resolved.





## 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

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
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)	\$ 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](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 People You Should Know

## Board of Directors

Marjorie Stein, President  
Stephen Kahn, Vice President  
Stephen Stine, Secretary  
Rose Gillespie, Treasurer  
Ed Lacy, Director

## Committee Chairpersons

Landscape: Vacant  
Newsletter/website: Rose Gillespie

## Clubhouse Telephone

703-823-1911/1912

## Northern Virginia Management

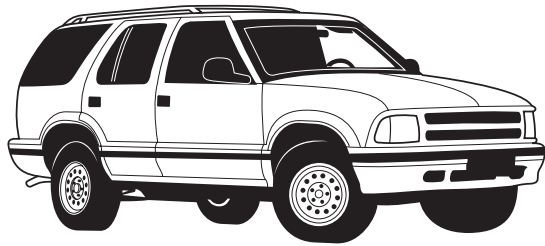
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The Quaker Hill Community Association Board of Directors meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Quaker Hill community center. Association members who wish to bring an issue before the Board should write to the Board in advance, 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  
Association President: John Sesler, [jsesler@comcast.net](mailto:jsesler@comcast.net)

[www.QHCA.org](http://www.QHCA.org)



## Police Report

In June, several residents in Quaker Hill Court reported thefts from their parked cars. Many personal and work items were taken, but the cars were not damaged. Alexandria police reports were filed, and fingerprints were taken. As of the end of July, no suspect has been arrested and charged with the crime. In response, Alexandria police added extra patrols in Quaker Hill and advise residents to lock their cars at all times and pocket the key, roll windows up tight, and remove valuables or stow away items in the trunk—out of clear view.

## Condo News

Enforcement of condominium covenants and bylaws has been transferred from the Board of Directors to Sentry Management. The company's covenants manager will visit the property regularly, note violations, and send notices to homeowners who are out of compliance. The first visits have already taken place and notices are expected to be sent any day.

Two major projects are underway:

- ✓ Work on breezeway ceilings began in early August and will require most of the month to complete.
- ✓ Retaining walls near units 1 and 10 will be replaced in August.

Condo residents should direct requests for information and questions to Sentry Management at 703-642-3246, x206.

## Presidential Election Year

Political signs may not be displayed on common areas in Quaker Hill. Residents may display political signs on personal property during presidential election years 30 days prior to a primary or general election. Signs must be removed the day after the election is held. In addition, signs must be no bigger than 12 x 16 inches.



## Rain Barrels

The Board has been asked about the use of rain barrels by homeowners. Although this is a sound ecological practice, there is a concern that rain barrels provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other insects. The Board is developing new community guidelines to address site placement, proper drainage, and the use of a cover to help eliminate mosquito-breeding areas and reduce exposure to these insects. In recent years, Alexandria has reported several cases of West Nile virus, a mosquito-borne disease, and is proactively addressing the latest concern about the Zika virus by sponsoring informational community meetings on Zika and mosquito control.

## City Sponsored Community Meetings on Zika Virus and Mosquito Control

The City of Alexandria encourages residents to attend Health Department-sponsored community meetings to learn more about the Zika and the West Nile viruses, what the City is doing to safeguard residents, and steps residents can take to protect themselves. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month through October at various locations throughout Alexandria. Go to [www.alexandriava.gov/Health](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Health) or call 703-746-4910 for more information.

Zika is spread when someone is bitten by an infected Aedes mosquito, which is found in many states including Virginia, and can be spread from human to human through sexual activity. This particular mosquito has distinctive black and white markings and breeds in containers. By July 21, Virginia reported 43 cases, 24 of which were in the northern region, which includes the northern Virginia suburbs. Thus far, all have been associated with travel abroad. Virginia has

been testing humans for Zika since April and began testing mosquitos for the virus in July.

The Department of Health offers the following tips to protect residents:

- ✓ Empty birdbaths and other water-holding containers, such as trays under flowerpots, at least once a week.
- ✓ Clean roof gutters and downspouts. Check corrugated black drainpipes for any water collection.
- ✓ Turn over wading pools, wheelbarrows, canoes, pails, trash can lids, children's toys, and any other objects that can hold water, including items stored under decks and porches.
- ✓ Repair dripping outdoor water faucets.
- ✓ Drain water from tarps and grill covers.

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## City Implements 9-1-1 Texting Service

9-1-1 text-messaging service is now available in Alexandria. The expansion of Alexandria's 9-1-1 service to include text messaging accommodates the increase in cell phone usage and recognizes the decrease in the number of landline telephones in the City.

Residents can text the nature of their emergency and location to 9-1-1, and a dispatcher will begin a dialogue with the individual and send first responders. According to the City Department of Emergency Communication, the Federal Communications Commission requested cell phone carriers to provide improved 9-1-1 services to residents and local governments. This request put the onus on major cell phone carriers in our area to provide this service, which means the upgrade came at no cost to the City.

The use of text messaging makes it easier for speech and hearing impaired individuals to directly contact emergency services rather than using a relay system to send a voice call. It also will benefit people in dangerous situations, such as a break-in or domestic violence incidents, when a voice call would jeopardize the caller.

The Department of Emergency Communications reminds residents that the voice call remains the ideal way to reach a dispatcher.



# Happenings in Alexandria

## Summer Restaurant Week

**When:** August 19-28, 2016

**Where:** Throughout Alexandria

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

More than 50 restaurants participate in this annual event that offers special pricing for lunch and dinner.

## Movies under the Stars

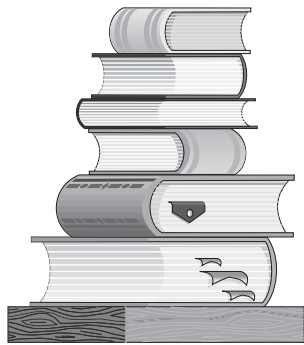
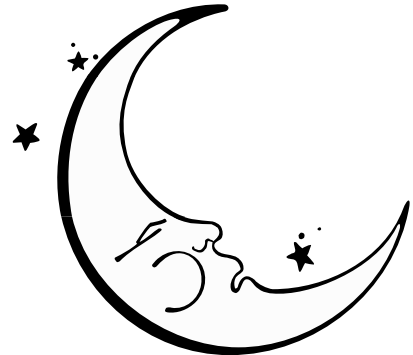
**When:** August 20 and September 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Avenue

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 703-746-5592

Bring a blanket and refreshments and enjoy the free movie.



## Wee Ones Story Time

**When:** Every Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** 1555 King Street (Hooray for Books)

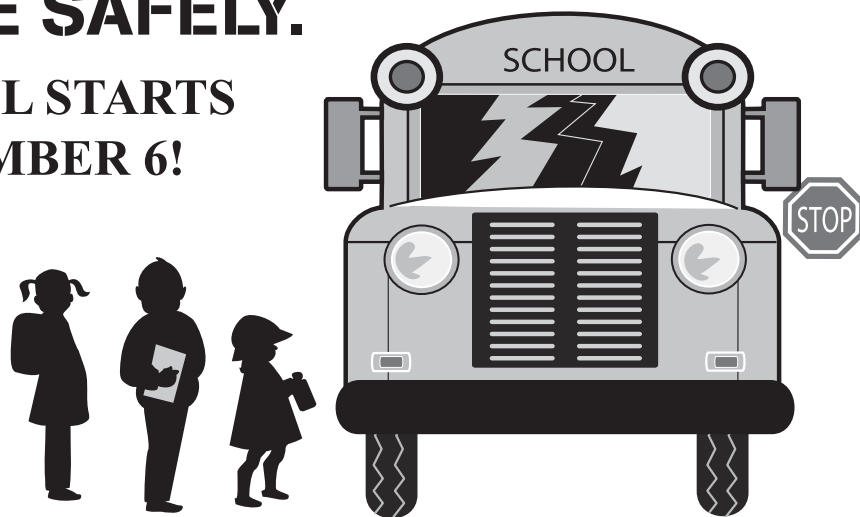
**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 703-548-4092

Join children's book experts as they read a selection of new and old favorite stories and sing songs for the 2 years and under crowd. Story time is also scheduled on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old.

# DRIVE SAFELY.

## SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 6!





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