

The Quaker Hill Quill

November 2015

Annual Community Meeting

The annual Quaker Hill Community Association meeting will be held on December 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the community center. Attendance registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Three Board positions are up for election: two Board members will be elected for three-year terms and one Board member for a one-year term. Residents interested in serving on the Board should contact Northern Virginia Management (NVM) to get the required candidate application forms.

All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to hear about important community issues and recent and upcoming projects. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send your proxy vote to NVM via mail, fax, or email. NVM contact information is provided on page 2.

New Association Fees

Monthly homeowner fees will rise slightly in 2016. The proposed 2016 budget was adjusted to meet current contract costs and to maintain our Reserve Funds at recommended levels. The 2016 monthly assessments will be as follows:

- Condominiums: \$64.42
- Townhomes: \$92.75
- Single-family homes: \$84.72

New coupon books will be mailed before the end of the year.

Major Changes to the Transportation Management Program

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), also known as Metro, recently announced its plans to “go paperless” by March 2016. All sales of paper fare cards, including bulk sales, will be discontinued when all (450) Metro fare-card vending machines are upgraded to dispense SmarTrip® cards rather than paper fare cards. Metro expects to complete the upgrade in January 2016. King Street Metro has already been upgraded, and paper fare cards can no longer be used and/or added to SmarTrip® cards at this location. Paper fare cards can only be added at major Metro sales offices. The closest offices are located at the Pentagon Transit Center and Metro Center, 12th and F Street NW, Washington, DC.

The Quaker Hill TMP will continue to offer reduced transit fares, but the process will change significantly because of Metro’s plans to go paperless. Important points to remember in the coming months:

- NVM is setting up an online system that will credit your SmarTrip® card account. You must register your SmarTrip® card with the Quaker Hill TMP in order to increase your credit balance. NVM will provide details on the new process as soon as it is established.
- The Quaker Hill TMP will not sell paper fare cards after December 2015. If you have paper fare cards, add them to your SmarTrip® card as soon as possible. This transfer ability will be available only at major Metro sales offices (noted above) until June 2016 before the value of the paper fare cards will be lost.
- If you do not have a SmarTrip® card, please email NVM at nvm@northernvirginiamanagement.com to get one. The fee is \$1.00 per card. (The SmarTrip® card costs \$2.00 at Metro stations.) NVM will send you a SmarTrip® card(s) along with an invoice.
- Senior citizens (age 65 and older) may purchase Senior SmarTrip® cards, but they must be obtained in person from a Metro sales office. Proof of age must be established using a valid government-issued photo ID card (driver’s license, non-driver’s ID or passport). Senior citizens are eligible for discounted fares on Metrorail, Metrobus, and other participating bus service providers. The nearest office for purchasing a Senior SmarTrip® card is located at the Shirlington Station Commuter Store, 2975 S. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA. Other locations are listed on the WMATA website.
- Quaker Hill residents should also register their SmarTrip® cards at <https://smartrip.wmata.com>. This service provides credit balance protection if the card is lost, stolen, damaged or malfunctions.



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
\$20.00 Metrorail farecards (limit 3 per household per week)	\$10.00
SmarTrip cards	\$1.00
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

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

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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

Update on Rush-Hour Plans for West Taylor Parkway to Telegraph Road

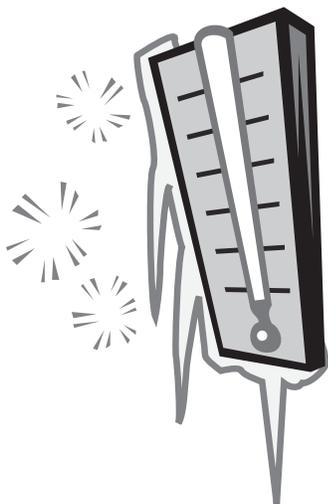
The City of Alexandria is working to address the increasing rush-hour traffic cutting through our neighborhood streets to reach the Telegraph Road entrance to I-495. Several proposals were presented in a recent online survey to all Alexandria residents to elicit community feedback. One proposal would restrict access from West Taylor Run Parkway to the Telegraph Road ramp, a major choke point during afternoon rush hour. To accomplish this, the City proposes restricting ALL access to our and other nearby neighborhoods from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No one (including residents) could turn from Quaker Lane onto Trinity Drive or from Janneys Lane to Yale, Cambridge, or Cloverway. The only way Quaker Hill residents could access our homes during those time periods is from Duke Street (onto the Cambridge/Bishop Ireton access street or from Yale.)

This proposal has caused quite an outcry from not only Quaker Hill residents but also from other neighboring communities. When this proposal was discussed at the neighborhood meeting in July, no one supported this option. Residents wanted access and exceptions for their visitors and contractors. Moreover, this option may not be realistically enforceable. The real issue involves drivers trying to get OUT of our neighborhoods to make a left turn onto Duke Street. But the City listed the proposed option as a full restriction for all drivers into our neighborhood.

Other proposals included in the survey are: 1) a new access point to Telegraph Road from eastbound Duke Street, 2) speed light indicators, and 3) increasing the penalty for speeding in our neighborhood (at all times, not just rush hour) to \$200. Stay tuned for more information about this issue.

Police Report

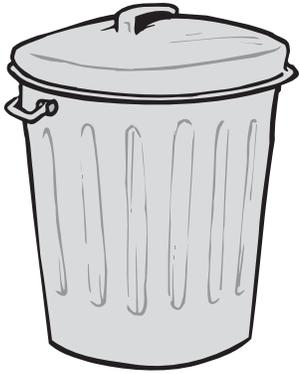
Sgt. Dan Plank, Alexandria Police liaison to our community, spoke to the Board about reported package thefts in the area. He wanted to remind residents that package thefts tend to increase during the upcoming holiday season and that citizen reports are the most effective means of addressing these cases. He urges citizens to call 911 if any thefts are witnessed and to provide as much information as possible. Sgt. Plank also urged us not to touch anything the thieves may have left behind because fingerprints can be lifted from empty boxes and other evidence at the scene.



Pool Repairs

The community pool required a few major repairs this year. A City inspection determined that the pool walls needed to be repaired and re-plastered. This work was anticipated and paid for with our reserve funds (approximately \$9,800). The community also purchased a new pool cover (approximately \$5,200); our old pool cover had been patched many times and had survived several harsh winters. Minor pool repairs on vacuum and return fittings that maintain steady water pressure, filters, and pumps are addressed annually before and after the pool season.

Want to view past issues of our newsletter? You can find them at www.QHCA.org.



Trash Collection Day Reminder

Our regular trash collection day is Tuesday. During a week when Monday is a holiday, trash collection slides one day. Check the City of Alexandria website at www.alexandriava.gov/refusecollection if you have any doubts or questions related to trash pick-up.

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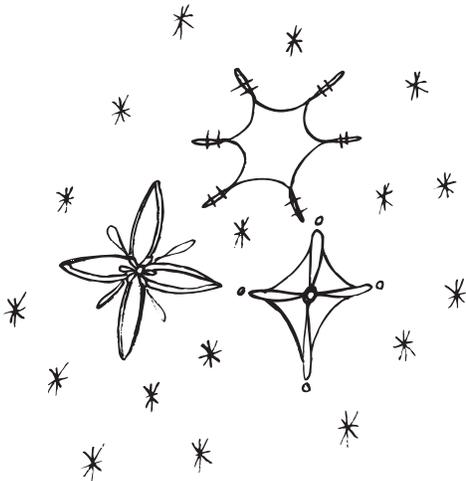
Leaf Collection

As in previous years, Chapel Valley Landscape Company will remove leaves from common areas and townhomes between November 1 and December 31, 2015. Two leaf collections have been scheduled during this period. Please consider using leaves to mulch your flower beds and shrubs to provide protection during winter months.



Pond Ice

Before frigid weather sets in and the pond freezes, the Board would like to remind everyone, particularly children, to stay off the ice. Although ice may form around the edges of the pond, don't be fooled into thinking the pond ice is safe to walk on. Three aerators keep the water moving, and moving water takes longer to freeze. Tragedies involving children falling through ice are all too common in the winter months. Be safe, stay off the ice.



Snow Removal

Emery Snow Removal will remove snow on private streets in our community: Quaker Hill Court, Dartmouth Court, and Quaker Hill Drive, west of the community center. Emery also will remove snow from the sidewalk on the west side of the pond. The City of Alexandria is responsible for removing snow on Ellsworth Street, Dartmouth Road, and Quaker Hill Drive in front of the condominiums.

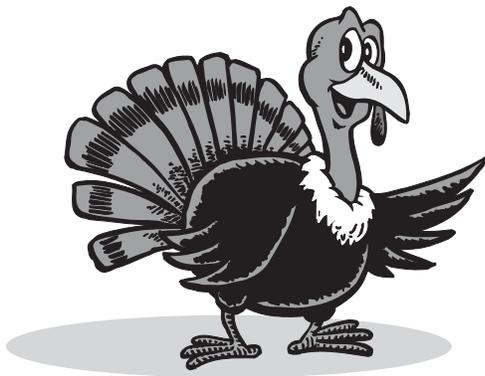
Please remember that Emery will not remove snow accumulations of less than two inches. Homeowners are responsible (and liable) for removing snow from sidewalks in front of their home. Be a good neighbor and clear areas around fire hydrants, mailboxes, and storm-water curb inlets.

Please Keep Our Community Clean

When walking back from Alexandria Commons along the new stairs, please be mindful of your neighbors and don't litter. Increasingly, fast food containers, bottles, candy wrappers, and cigarette butts have been found in this area. Please enlist your child's help with this issue as well, letting them know we need to respect our community.

Happenings in Alexandria

40th Annual Turkey Trot (5 Mile Run)



When: November 26, 2015; 7:30 a.m.

Where: Race starts and ends at George Washington Middle School

Admission: Registration fee

Contact: www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com; 703-258-4516

This community event is an annual Thanksgiving tradition. Run with your neighbors and elite runners before you sit down to Thanksgiving dinner. The five-mile run includes stroller and dog divisions as well. Bring two non-perishable items with you to benefit those less fortunate. Alive, a nonprofit organization serving Alexandria's needy, will collect the food at the George Washington Middle School gym entrance. Prizes will be awarded beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Alexandria Holiday Market

When: December 4, December 22-23, 2015; 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Where: John Carlyle Park, 300 Carlyle Street (near King Street Metro and Patent and Trademark Office Building)

Admission: Free

Contact: www.alexandriaholidaymarket.com; 703-624-0245

Alexandria's Holiday Market is an annual event that transforms the Carlyle District into a lively festival. While shopping for unique art and craft items, enjoy live entertainment, food and drinks. A children's corner is open Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. The event also features the Holiday Sharing program, which supports families in need through Volunteer Alexandria in partnership with the City of Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services.



*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



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