

# The Quaker Hill Quill

November 2014

## New Association Fees

Most monthly homeowner fees will stay the same in 2015. The proposed 2015 budget keeps most assessments at current levels, but it reallocates funds to allow for a two percent increase in Reserve Funds. The slight increase in fees to townhome owners (five cents per month) is due to an adjustment to the mowing and lawn care costs provided to the townhomes. The 2015 monthly assessments will be as follows:

Condominiums: \$62.11

Townhomes: \$89.43

Single-family homes: \$81.63

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

## Police Report

All has been quiet in our community, which is good news! However, all residents are reminded to be vigilant, especially during the holidays.

## Annual Community Meeting

The annual Quaker Hill Community Association meeting will be held at the community center on December 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Attendance registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Two Board directors will be elected for three-year terms. 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.

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## Pedestrian Accessibility Project Update

The Board selected a contractor for the Pedestrian Accessibility Project, located between 1273 and 1275 Quaker Hill Drive. The work began in late October. Please note that the new walkway area is limited to Quaker Hill property so it will not extend all the way down the hill into the shopping center parking lot. Several residents have expressed how pleased they are that this issue is being addressed. A special thank you goes out to neighbors near the project site for putting up with the temporary disruption caused by the construction.

## Condo Parking Policy

The Quaker Hill Condominium Board recently began enforcing its parking policy. Owners of vehicles that do not display parking permits or visitor hang tags will be notified that they are in violation of the policy. In addition, vehicles that are not in good repair and/or not in compliance with state and local registration regulations are considered to be in violation of condo parking policy. Repeat offenders are subject to fines and/or towing.

An updated copy of the parking policy was distributed to condo residents in late summer. The parking policy also is available on the Quaker Hill Condo page of the Sentry Management website, or it can be obtained by contacting Sentry Management.





## 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	\$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](mailto: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  
Newsletter/website: Rose Gillespie

### Clubhouse Telephone

703-823-1911/1912

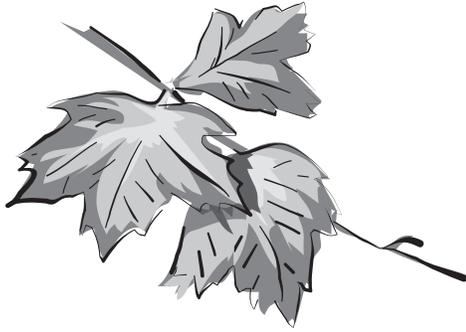
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The Quaker Hill Community Association Board of Directors meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Quaker Hill community center. Association members who wish to bring an issue before the Board should write to the Board in advance, 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



## Landscape Corner

### Leaf Collection

Chapel Valley Landscape Company will remove leaves from common areas and townhomes between November 1 and December 31, 2014. Two leaf collections have been scheduled during this period. Please consider using leaves to mulch your flowerbeds and shrubs. Leaves replenish soil nutrients and provide protection during the harsh winter months.

### Fall Pruning

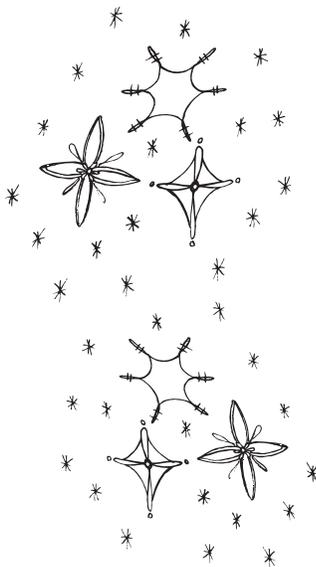
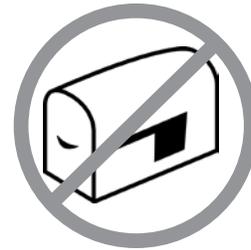
Fall is a good time to prune braches and clean your yard. The City will pick up branches and brush if they are tied in bundles that are no more than four feet long and weigh no more than 7 pounds per bundle. Logs or stumps are not accepted. Set out your bundles on regular trash collection day.

## Neighbor Contact Information

Does a friendly neighbor know how to contact you in case of an emergency? If you're at work or on vacation, and a neighbor sees water running from your home (actual situation), can your neighbor get in touch with you? Because there are privacy and maintenance concerns related to posting a public directory on the Quaker Hill website, it is highly recommended that every resident entrust their contact information to a vigilant neighbor who can look out for you.

## Do Not Put Mail in Homeowner Mailboxes

Only U.S. mail carriers may put mail in mailboxes. Do not put flyers, ads, or other unstamped materials in homeowner mailboxes. It is a federal offense.



## Snow Removal

As in previous years, Emery Snow Removal, Inc. has been hired to 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.

Emery will remove snow when it accumulates two or more inches. Homeowners are responsible (and liable) for removing snow from sidewalks in front of their homes. Be a good neighbor and help clear areas around fire hydrants, mailboxes, and storm-water curb inlets.

Accuweather forecasts a cold winter but not as prolonged and snowy as last year's. We're most likely to see the colder-than-normal temperatures begin in mid-January. Snow totals are forecast to be about half of what we saw in winter 2013-2014.

## Letter from the Animal Rescue League

Neighbors: the Board received the following letter from the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, introducing the new executive director and offering the League's services to our community. The League is no stranger to Quaker Hill. For example, they have rescued ducks that had fallen into a window well; came to our pond to rescue an elderly, emaciated cat that was left there (the cage was opened and she had crawled to the edge of the pond); cared for a kitten that was thrown in the pond (who survived); and responded to concerns about baby raccoons found nesting in the trees near the pool.

*Dear Community Group/Property Representative,*

*I am the Executive Director of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. We operate the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter on 4101 Eisenhower Ave in Alexandria and the City's Animal Control Services.*

*I am writing to introduce myself so that you have my information if you or members of your community ever have animal related needs and would like our assistance. I have been the Executive Director for a little over a year and am working on continuing to improve our services to the community. Please let me know if you have suggestions or ideas for us.*

*If you would like to receive our monthly e-newsletter "All About Alexandria's Animals," please email [efuller@alexandriaanimals.org](mailto:efuller@alexandriaanimals.org).*

*Thank you for your support,  
Megan Webb  
Executive Director*

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(p) 703-746-5506, (f) 703-746-4775  
[www.AlexandriaAnimals.org](http://www.AlexandriaAnimals.org)*

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## Unleashed is a State of Mind. Leashing our Dogs is the Law

The title above is a quote from a national pet store chain, but it comes very close to how we live in Quaker Hill. The City of Alexandria requires that dogs be leashed when off our individual property. At Quaker Hill, that means when your dog is outside your unit, house, or fenced-in backyard. Although the term "leashed" can be defined as being tethered to a human, it also can mean different things to different people depending on the type of leash used. Several types of leashes are noted here.

✓ *Six-foot leash*, i.e., the old-fashioned leash. Constructed of nylon, cloth, or leather, this type of leash is the choice of trainers and handlers. By using a six-foot leash, dog owners can improve control and more easily recognize what his/her dog is doing. At the same time, a six-foot leash may help a dog feel more connected to its owner/walker.



✓ *Flexible/retractable leashes* are not an acceptable alternative to a six-foot leash according to most dog handlers and trainers. It is difficult to control your animal or see if he/she is behaving correctly when the animal is 15 feet away. In addition, if some unwanted event occurs, such as aggressive behavior from another dog, reeling in your pet from 15 feet away can take some doing.

✓ *E-collars* are a good training device.

However, they are designed to be used by hunters and ranchers who require their dogs to obey commands from a great distance. Alexandria does not consider e-collars to be an acceptable alternative to a leash.

Enjoy walking your dog but remember: as a dog owner, you are responsible for its behavior.

# Happenings in Alexandria

## Farmers' Markets

### Alexandria Farmers' Market

**When:** Saturday, 5:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Old Town Market Square

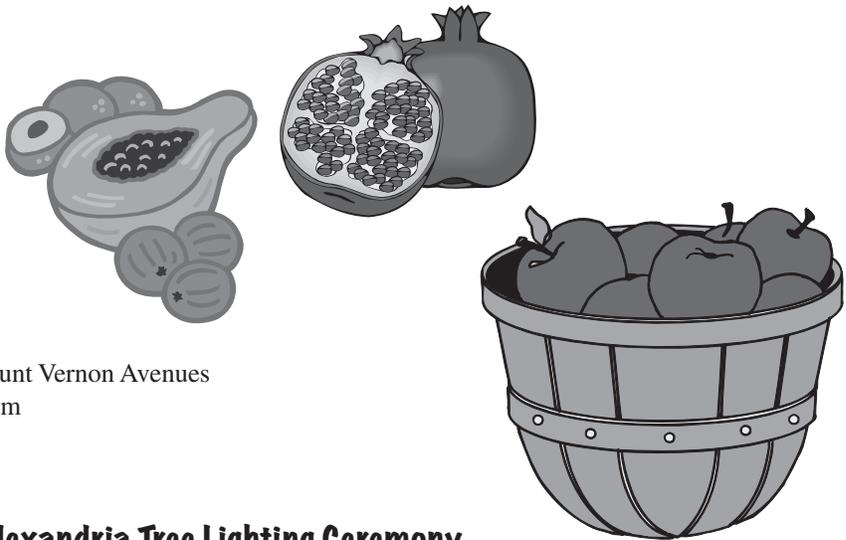
**Contact:** 703-746-3200

### Del Ray Farmers' Market

**When:** Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-Noon

**Where:** Corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon Avenues

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



### City of Alexandria Tree Lighting Ceremony

**When:** November 28, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Market Square, 301 King Street

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 703-746-3301

Bill Euille, the Mayor of Alexandria, and Santa Claus will light the tree. The event features live performances, caroling and community sing-along, and visits from Santa.

## First Night Celebration

**When:** December 31, 2014, 2:00 p.m.-midnight

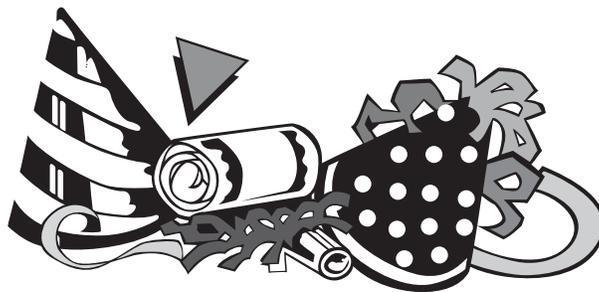
**Where:** Various indoor venues throughout Alexandria

**Admission:** \$15 before December 18; \$20 after that date.

Tickets for children 12 and under and active-duty military are free.

**Contact:** 703-746-3301/[www.firstnightalexandria.org](http://www.firstnightalexandria.org)

Celebrate the New Year at this family-oriented and alcohol-free event. More than 100 live performances are showcased at 22 indoor venues and include a battle of the bands, dancing, and children's entertainment and activities. The event's finale features a fireworks display over the Potomac River.



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*Happy Thanksgiving*

