

The Quaker Hill Quill

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After Two Years —The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Everyone can relate to the concept of how quickly time flies by. Is it *already* mid-September?? Is my “baby” *already* graduating from high school?? Who is that person I see in the mirror each morning?? Do we really only have about 100 days until Christmas??

Calm down and consider this. Yes it’s mid-September and the potential we won’t hear the constant roar of air conditioners; graduation puts your “baby” one step closer to moving out and earning his/her own living; you can purchase a softer light for the bathroom (or stay in denial which currently works for me) and you have more than enough time to lose those 10 pounds you will gain right back by end of year.

All this being said, the good news is my husband and I are coming up on the two year anniversary of living in the Quaker Hill community. We could not be happier. We have never lived in a community where with so very little effort, you can meet almost all your neighbors – especially if you have a dog to walk. And after meeting and getting to know them, you really like them! If this has happened to you, don’t take it for granted – it’s not like this in most places.

The bad news is there is plenty to do

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Letter from the President

Our community is changing and improving! The new management company, Northern Virginia Management, started on March 1st, the financial transition has been completed and several projects are underway.

Additional lighting around the pond has been installed on the northwest side of the pond and has provided a safer, better lit area for our residents. The removal of some trees for better safety and lighting reasons has been completed, and more enhancements are well underway!

We have met with our landscape maintenance company, Valley Crest Landscaping, and we have completed an overview of the community needs. We walked the entire premises, identified the priorities, problems and projects in the community and established the grounds for a solid communication and feedback system. We have reviewed our Transportation Management Program, we have met with the City to review our progress, and we are pleased to announce that we are currently able to support an enhanced discount for our transit media fare!

Formal engineering studies are underway concerning the dredging of the sedimentary materials in our pond. A preliminary study revealed that the level of materials near the input areas will need to be targeted.





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. 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)751-5130 or check the City of Alexandria website at <http://ci.alexandria.va.us>.

TMP Program

Just a reminder that transit media is available for half-price through the Quaker Hill TMP program.

The program offers:



ITEM	COST TO YOU
\$20.00 Metrorail farecards (limit 3 per household per week)	\$10.00
Metrobus tokens (20)	\$12.00
Alexandria DASH pass (1 month unlimited rides)	\$15.00

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 — NVManagement@erols.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, we can arrange to send the passes each week, every other week etc. Please note that all orders must be paid for before subsequent orders can be processed.

Quaker Hill Community Association People You Should Know

Board of Directors

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Effective March 1, 2006

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 clubhouse. 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.

Paint Color Specifications

This summer, many Quaker Hill homeowners are undertaking repair and repainting of their homes. As NVM has received a number of inquiries from homeowners requesting information on the paint and materials originally used in the community, this article is intended as a courtesy to clarify guidance given in the Quaker Hill Covenants.

Paint

The original paint used in the community is McCormick paint. The approved paint colors are from McCormick's Colonial Color Collection. If paint from a different manufacturer is used, it should be matched exactly to the original color used on the home.

Residents repainting their homes in the colors originally used on their unit do not need to seek approval through NVM, however, all requests to change paint color or materials used in the exterior finish of a home, to include changing to another color from the McCormick Colonial Color Collection, must be approved through the community application process. Homeowners should submit applications to NVM according to the guidance provided in their copy of the Quaker Hill Covenants.

Original background trim colors are as follows:

- Homes on Ellsworth, Yale and Quaker Hill Court: McCormick #108 Wheat.
- Homes on Quaker Hill Drive, Dartmouth Road, Dartmouth Court, and Princeton: McConnick #101 Amber White.

Shutters and front doors generally should be painted the same color. Requests to paint a unit's shutters and front door different colors will be considered individually. Homeowner should submit an application to NVM according to the guidance provided in their copy of the Quaker Hill Covenants.

Original paint colors used on shutters, front doors, roofing, and other appurtenant structures in the community are:

- McCormick #111 Tavern Beige; #117 Fawn; #215 Cobblestone Grey; #220 Georgetown Green; #224 Deep Forest Brown; #225 Old Colonial Red; #470 Smokey Pewter; and #479 Cape Blue.

Trim Materials Other Than Wood

Use of trim material other than wood must be approved through the community application process. Color of material other than wood should match the basic trim color as closely as possible. Homeowners should submit applications to NVM according to the guidance provided in their copy of the Quaker Hill Covenants.

Decks and Patios

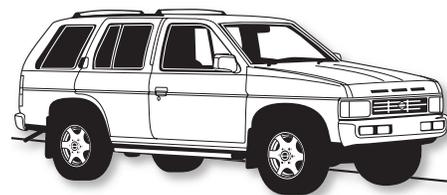
All decks and patios must be approved. If materials other than wood are to be used to construct a deck, the materials are considered an integral part of the design, and must be approved. Additionally, approval must be obtained to paint or stain a deck. No approval is necessary to treat a deck with a clear wood sealer.



Replacement Mullions

Replacement mullions/grills for windows with removable muntins/grills may be obtained at local building supply stores. To order the replacements, the dealer will need to know: the manufacturer (MW Windows), the type of window (that is, whether double-hung or casement), type of frame material (all windows in Quaker Hill originally had wood framing), and the height and width measurements of the glass portion of the window section missing the mullions/grills. Phone numbers for several local building supply stores located within 10 miles of the Quaker Hill community where the replacements can be ordered are: Smittys Building Supply (703) 780-7800, Smoot Lumber (703) 823-2100, TW Perry (703) 451-6500, and Lowes (703) 765-8011.

**Coming soon... watch for
our new website www.QHCA.org**



Please be considerate of the look of the community and park your vehicles in a designated parking space, not along the curbs or behind another vehicle. Vehicles that double park will be towed without notice.

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to keep our community appealing but just not enough time or “hands” to accomplish it. But if we work together for the good of the area, we can continue to be “a great place to live”. For starters, simply pick up trash you see, no matter how small, even if it’s not in your yard. Dispose of it in one of our pretty new black trashcans. Plant some flowers in a pot and put them by your front door – sure they may die eventually but maybe not so soon if you actually water them. Who doesn’t appreciate seeing a pretty flower pot in a trash-free yard?

The ugly news is that no area is exempt from the occasional “suspicious” character or activity. We pay a premium to live in Alexandria and for that, we should have expecta-

tions of how responsive our local law enforcement and governing officials need to be. But they can’t be everywhere. As citizens, we have the responsibility to report suspicious and/or unacceptable behavior to the appropriate agency. Thankfully, the most suspicious activity we’ve had to report is our trash can gone missing – honestly. Even so, we found the City of Alexandria to be extremely responsive.

Be a good neighbor. Next thing you know, 5 more years will have gone by like a rocket. What will you have to show for it? Botox is starting to sound pretty good to me...

—Respectfully submitted by MJ Tucker

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How Children Should Act With Their Parents in Public

- Always call them “Mother” and “Father,” or “Dad.”
- Always introduce people to your mother. No matter how important the other person is, begin: “Mother, I’d like you to know”?
- When your parents introduce you to their friends, make them proud. Stand up for an introduction, and acknowledge it with the friend’s name: “How do you do, Mrs. Carter.” Don’t sit down, while either your mother or Mrs. Carter is still standing.
- If your parents’ friends ask questions, even though they seem a little foolish, answer. Never say, “I dunno” or just giggle. Admittedly, “You’ve grown so, haven’t you”? is silly; but it becomes sensible conversation if you answer, “Yes, I’m nearly two inches taller than I was last year.”
- If your dad tells a story involving you and gets some of the facts wrong; let it go. Setting him straight in front of an audience just sounds quarrelsome and childish.
- Let your mother precede you into a train or bus, or down a theater aisle. In these places, walk ahead of your father.
- Treat your mother like a lady and your father like a gentleman, and you can’t help impressing the world with your own charm and poise.



Times Have Certainly Changed!

Landscape Corner



This year the Landscaping Committee is focused on the pond and community pool area. We are adding some additional interest and beauty with six additional planters at the pool, which will hang over the wrought iron railing on the pond side.

We are also excited about a “new face” to the trickle stream. The Board approved Kingstone, a rockscape contractor, to add boulders and other stone

materials to the area. This will eliminate the plastic look and authenticate the stream. We are hoping to add a couple of large seating boulders to the open meadow around the pond.

We have lost a number of community trees and they have been removed and replaced. The Sugar Maple on the pond, the dead pyracantha at the end of Ellsworth, and some fallen and/or dead trees on Quaker Hill Drive and Quaker Hill Court will all be removed. Our community trees have matured and several will also need to be trimmed and shaped.

Look for our plaques in the “adopt a bed” program in the community! Several families have agreed to keep a flower bed weeded and clean and we will show our appreciation by placing a plaque in their name in their “adopted” flower bed!

Our community is really a pretty place to live and our pond area has become a beautiful focal point in our neighborhood, so let’s keep it clean! The trees offer shade to our waterfowl and to our residents, so please do not break off tree limbs! We appreciate everyone’s efforts to keep the area clean and well kept!

—Enjoy!

You Need to Know:

City Codes on Motorcycles and Mopeds

The city code that deals with motorcycles and mopeds is 10-3-13. In summary the motorcycle portion reads:

- 1) One person can ride unless there are a seat and foot pedals designed for a passenger.
- 2) Operator shall wear a face shield, safety glasses or goggles and a protective helmet.

In summary the moped portion reads:

- 1) Operator shall wear a face shield, safety glasses or goggles and a protective helmet.

The state codes that deal with these vehicles is more expansive—

46.2-100—Moped under state code is defined as a conveyance that is either a bicycle like device with pedals and a helper motor with a max speed of 30mph or a motorcycle with an engine displacement of 50 cubic centimeters and a max speed of 30 mph. This code covers those “mini-motorcycles” that are popular right now. There is no prohibition on moped passengers.

46.2-914—No moped can be operated faster than 30 mph or by persons under 16.

46.2-905—Moped riders cannot ride more than two abreast. They must ride as close to the right edge or curb as possible.

46.2-1015—The must have lights at night.

46.2-1078—No earphones.





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Common Area Parking Spaces Regulations

The following paragraphs constitute the official parking regulations for the Q.H.C.A. as adopted by the Board of Directors on March 10, 1997.

All townhome dwelling units without a garage shall have two reserved parking spaces designated by the Board of Directors. The Board may assign and reassign such spaces at the Board's discretion. Only Unit Owners or their lessees or guests may park in the spaces, reserved for specific units. All residents with reserved parking spaces may be required to register their vehicles with the Association and to display on such vehicles a parking decal issued by the Association which evidences the right of such vehicles to park in the reserved spaces.

All common area parking spaces which are not reserved for non-garage townhome units are designated by the Board

of Directors as reserved for the exclusive use of visitors and guests of residents and available on a "first-come, first-served" basis to such visitors and guests, subject to the following conditions:

- a. No non-resident vehicle may be parked in a space reserved for visitors and guests for a period longer than seven (7) consecutive days or more than a total of seven (7) days in any calendar month.
- b. If there is a special need for an extension of the seven-day parking limit, the affected resident must contact the Association's managing agent to request a special pass. Either the Board of Directors or the managing agent may approve the special pass, if warranted, in their sole discretion.

Attention Townhome Owners on Quaker Hill Drive

Please do not park in the Condominium lot. The lot is for use by the Condominium owners and residents only.

