

The Quaker Hill Quill

August 2025

Residents Who Arrive During Pool Season

The Quaker Hill Community Association (QHCA) continues to use the electronic pool pass (EPP) system for admission to the pool. New residents must apply for a 2025 pool pass on the **PoolEntry App** that is available for free on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Follow the directions for obtaining a pool pass and other pertinent information on the QHCA website (qhca.org) by clicking on Services & Amenities/2025 Pool Packet.

The EPP must be shown to the lifeguard each time an eligible pool user enters the pool area. Please be aware that an EPP will not be issued to a homeowner or other eligible pool user unless all assessment fees or other charges owed to the QHCA are paid in full. Only those persons listed on the pool application will be allowed entry into the pool area.

QUAKER HILL POOL ADMISSION			
Age	Identification Required	Can attend alone	Can bring guests
18 or over eligible users	Government-approved ID	YES	YES
16-17	Government-approved ID	YES	NO
Under 16	NO	NO	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied throughout their stay at the pool by an eligible pool user who is 18 years of age or older.Guests, no matter their age, cannot attend alone. They must be accompanied at all times by an eligible pool user who is 18 years of age or older.The maximum allowable number of guests per household is 5.Dedicated lap swim time is from 7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m. daily.			

Pool Operating and Use Requirements

Pool operating hours are:

- Monday-Friday—noon to 7:45 p.m.
- Saturday/Sunday/holidays—10:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.
- Daily—dedicated lap swim time: 7:00-7:45 p.m.

The use of the Quaker Hill Community pool is a privilege, and by using this facility you agree to always respect the posted rules of conduct and the explicit instructions of the lifeguards. In the interest of pool safety and rule enforcement, the Board has instructed the lifeguards to exercise their discretion to ask pool users to leave the premises when infractions occur. On numerous occasions several swimmers have been involved in pushing and wrestling, which is a safety concern for parents of small children. Please do not abuse pool privileges or allow others to do so. This could result in liability issues to the homeowner, the pool company, and our community. Misuse may also result in the temporary or permanent loss of pool privileges.



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 Resource Recovery Division, 703-746-4311 or check the city of Alexandria website at www.alexandriava.gov/RefuseCollection for information on trash collection.

TMP

Quaker Hill participates in the city-wide Transportation Management Program (TMP) that promotes mass transit usage.

Part of our monthly assessment fee funds this program. As a bona fide Quaker Hill resident, you are eligible to add benefits to your SmarTrip cards at a 50% discount. SmarTrip cards are good for use on Metro rail, bus, and parking facilities as well as for use on other participating transit agencies.



ITEM	COST TO YOU
Transit benefit: \$250 maximum benefit per household per month (specified by resident per SmarTrip card)	\$125.00

How to Set Up a TMP Account:

1. Purchase a SmarTrip card(s) at any Metrorail station or commuter store (the nearest one is located in Shirlington). A SmarTrip card costs \$10 (\$2 for card and \$8 in stored value).
2. Send the card(s) serial number and resident's name to SFMC to set up an account. The card MUST be registered with SFMC to add transit benefits.
3. A maximum of four cards may be registered with SFMC.

How to Add Fare to your SmarTrip card:

1. After your card(s) have been registered with SFMC, send a check to SFMC requesting the amount to be added to each card.
2. Memo on check must note "FOR TMP BENEFITS".
3. Mail check to Quaker Hill Community Association, c/o SFMC, Inc., 9464 Innovation Dr., Manassas, VA 20110.
4. The outside of the envelope should include "Attn.: TMP Benefits".

All orders must be paid in full in advance before SFMC will add benefits. TMP benefits are added electronically between the 1st and 21st of each month and will be available the 1st of the following month. You cannot register cards issued by an employer through an employee benefits program.

Cards/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 Information

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The Quaker Hill Community Association Board of Directors meets via teleconference or in person at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month except for November and December. For ZOOM meetings, email SFMA at sfmcinfo@sfmc.com

before 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting for call-in information, or sign up for the email notification list. Questions, concerns and comments may be mailed to SFMC by noon on the day before the meeting. Participation via phone, ZOOM, or other virtual process is not available during in-person meetings.

Quaker Hill Condominium Association

Management Company: First Service Residential, 703-385-1133
 Association President: John Sesler, jsesler@comcast.net

Important Numbers to Remember

Police—Fire—Medical Emergency*	911
Police Non-Emergency	703-746-4444
Police Non-Emergency TDD line	703-838-4896
Online Crime Reporting	www.alexandriava.gov/police
National Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
Animal Control	703-746-4774

*The Alexandria Police Department is located at 3600 Wheeler Ave.; the closest fire station (#207) is located at 3301 Duke Street.

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Pool Capacity

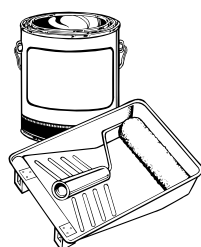
Alexandria City Code Sec 11-11-63 requires one lifeguard per 25 patrons, which restricts the number of patrons at the pool. A second lifeguard is scheduled from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on weekdays and from noon to 6:00 p.m. on weekends, which raises the pool capacity to a maximum of 50. When public school resumes on August 18, 2025, there will be only one lifeguard all day.



Covenants Inspections

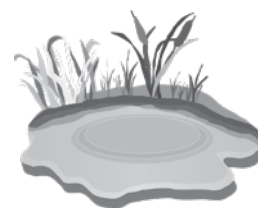
Community Inspection Services (CIS) recently completed maintenance inspections and mailed the results in late June to homeowners on Yale, Ellsworth, and Quaker Hill Court. CIS inspects for items that need repair/replacement, applying industry standards to its inspection process.

Only structural deficiencies were cited. CIS maintains a photo database and tracking system for all single-family homes and townhomes.



Pond Aerators

Following a temporary power outage, the pond aerators stopped working. An inspection revealed a new compressor was needed, and a replacement was ordered. The new compressor should be installed by late August. Pond aerators are critical to the health of the pond, providing increased oxygen and helping to balance the ecosystem. Aeration also encourages the growth of beneficial bacteria which helps to decompose organic matter that settles on the pond bottom.



2025 QHCA Board Meeting Schedule and Information

2025 Meeting Dates	General Meeting Information
August 28 (via ZOOM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings start at 7 p.m.• Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month, which is not always the last Thursday.• For ZOOM meetings, email SFMC at sfmcinfo@sfmcinc.com before 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting for call-in information or sign up for the email notification list. Participation via phone, ZOOM, or other virtual process is not available during in-person meetings.• Questions, concerns, and comments may be emailed to SFMC by noon on the day before the meeting.• Agendas will be provided to homeowners on the email notification list and those who contact SFMC for call-in information.
September 25 (IN PERSON)	
October 23 (via ZOOM)	
November 20 (ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON)	
<i>NOTE: For in-person meetings, the community center meeting room capacity is 25 people.</i>	

Visitor Parking

The Quaker Hill Board thanks the community for using the Parking Attendant app for guest vehicle registration, which has greatly reduced the incidence of Visitor parking space abuse.

Recently however, there has been an increase in the improper use of Visitor parking spaces by residents for their personal vehicles. This has been especially prevalent around the townhomes on the Quaker Hill Drive circle and Quaker Hill Court. *Please be aware that the Quaker Hill Community Association will be stepping up enforcement of parking violations, and penalties for repeated abuse will include towing and/or fines.* Please review the following reminders for proper utilization of Visitor parking spaces:

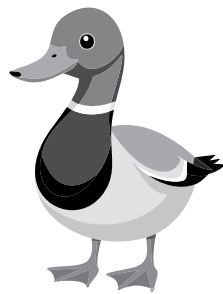
- All vehicles in Visitor spaces **must** be registered on the Parking Attendant app by using the QR code on the sign located throughout the community OR by using the registration code assigned to each unit. Please contact SFMC if another code is needed.
- Residents who have NOT registered their personal vehicles in the Parking Attendant app may be refused a visitor pass. **A single unit may not register for Visitor parking spaces for guest(s) for more than 7 days in any rolling 30-day period.** The days need not be consecutive. If you have a special circumstance that requires use of Visitor parking for more than the allotted 7 days, please contact SFMC for this request and for any other concerns or questions regarding the parking bylaws.



- Visitor parking spaces may be used for **guests only** or to **relocate your personal vehicle to accommodate a work truck for short-term situations, e.g. no more than 7 days. They may not be used as resident overflow parking. Quaker Hill residents should consider applying for a City parking permit for your vehicle.** Parking permits are available at City Hall, Room 1510 or at the City's West End Finance Office, 4850 Mark Center Drive, Suite 2011, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Proof of residency is required. The fee for the residential parking permit is \$40 for the first vehicle, \$50 for the second vehicle.
- **Blockage of the roadway is prohibited, even in front of your own vehicle or driveway.** Such vehicles may be subject to immediate towing. Driving lanes must be kept clear for emergency vehicles and access to fire hydrants. "No parking" areas are clearly indicated through Fire Lane signage throughout the community.
- All vehicles parked in the Quaker Hill Community must be properly registered and in good working order. Any derelict vehicle may be subject to citation or towing.

Resident Ducks

In recent weeks, children were seen throwing rocks at our resident ducks. This is unacceptable behavior and parents are asked to talk to their children about respecting wildlife. Virginia law prohibits cruelty to and abuse of animals and fowl. Mallards and other duck species are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which makes it illegal to harm these birds, and depending on the context, fines could be imposed.



Alexandria Named Fifth Best City in the United States



Travel + Leisure's annual "Best Cities in the U.S." list names Alexandria as the 5th best city in 2025. This is the fourth consecutive year Alexandria has earned this recognition and represents the best showing to date. The 2025 ranking places Alexandria with other destination cities, such as Savannah (#4), Charleston (#3), New Orleans (#2), and Santa Fe (#1). Travel + Leisure noted Old Town's colonial architecture, the waterfront, the King Street shopping district, and its proximity to Washington, DCs as outstanding features.

Alexandria's Leash Laws for Dog Owners

The City of Alexandria recently highlighted its leash laws for dog owners, with fines of up to \$100 for those who do not comply. City ordinances are focused on keeping everyone safe by requiring dogs to be on leashes:



- Dogs must be physically restrained. This means a leash – electronic collars do not count. The fine for not following this rule is \$50 (Ordinance 5-7-35).
- Dogs may not run free in public parks and playgrounds. Breaking this rule is punishable by a \$100 fine (Ordinance 5-7-33.1).
- Dogs are not allowed on public playgrounds or school property, even with a leash. Breaking this ordinance results in a \$50 fine (Ordinance 5-7-42(5)).

Want to let your dog run free? Alexandria has seven fenced dog parks and 11 unfenced off-leash areas. You can find these spots at alexandriava.gov/Dogs or on the ParkLink app.

If you see aggressive or off-leash dogs causing problems, you can call the Alexandria Police Department's non-emergency number at 703-746-4444.

City Composting Services

On July 1, 2025, the City of Alexandria launched its voluntary, fee-based food waste composting collection program for residents receiving City trash and recycling services. Eligible households that sign up will be enrolled in the program on a rolling basis until the maximum capacity of the program is reached. Subscription cost for qualifying residents is \$5.00 per month or \$55.00 per year, and includes a free start-up kit and the ability to place items such as fruit and vegetable scraps, meat, and bones in a dedicated bin for food waste collection instead of putting food waste in the trash. More detailed information can be found at the City's website: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/waste/project/curbside-food-waste-composting>

For the latest information on trash and recycling services, go to www.alexandriava.gov/ResourceRecovery to access the *2025 Guide to Trash and Recycling Services*. As noted in the Guide, the City adjusts its recycling program to account for changes in markets, sorting technologies, and packaging designs. The Guide also provides a helpful list of acceptable/non-acceptable items for both recycling and trash collection.

Alexandria collects trash from 20,200 customers each week, and the resulting solid waste is processed at the ReWorld Alexandria/Arlington Waste-to-Energy Facility at 5301 Eisenhower Avenue. The City reports that this facility burns 975 tons of solid waste daily, which produces 21 megawatts of energy, enough to power 15,000 homes.

City Bans Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

On May 17, 2025, Alexandria City Council unanimously approved an ordinance banning gas-powered leaf blowers, making Alexandria the first jurisdiction in Virginia to enact such a prohibition. The ordinance establishes an 18-month phase-out period, with the ban going into effect on November 27, 2026 for residents and businesses, while City government operations will transition away from gas-powered leaf blowers by July 1, 2026.

This ban addresses both noise and environmental concerns. According to Alexandria City staff, running a gas-powered leaf blower for one hour produces pollution comparable to driving a new car from Washington, D.C. to Miami—approximately 1,100 miles.

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Quaker Hill Community Association

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School Starts August 18, 2025

Please drive carefully and adhere to the posted speed limit when school signs are flashing. To improve traffic safety and reduce speeding at several schools, the City has installed speed cameras at the following schools:

- Francis Hammond Middle School
- John Adams Elementary School
- Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School
- George Washington Middle School
- Alexandria City High School (King Street campus)
- Alexandria City High School (Minne Howard campus)]
- William Ramsay Elementary School



The speed limit is 15 mph when lights are flashing. Failure to obey posted speed limits may result in a \$100 fine for each offense.