

The Quaker Hill Quill

February 2025

Newly Elected Board of Directors

The Quaker Hill Board officers were elected January 23, 2024 at the Association meeting. They are:

President:	Dominique Mack
Vice President:	Laura Evans
Secretary:	Ashley McCurry
Treasurer:	Rose Gillespie
Director:	Lester Simpson

Covenants Inspections

Covenant inspections will be conducted this spring to assess needed repairs and to bring homes in our community up to compliance. With spring just around the corner, please inspect your home now for needed repairs. Covenant inspections focus on deferred maintenance items only, not on design violations.

Before taking on a project, please refer to the design and covenants guidelines posted on the Quaker Hill website (www.qhca.org) under “Updated Design Standards 8/25/10. The Board reminds residents that requests to change the exterior of a home, e.g., paint color, storm doors, etc., must be submitted through the design review application process and approved by the Board. Information on the design review application process is available on the QHCA website (www.qhca.org).

2024 Year in Review

As we reflect on the state of Quaker Hill in 2024, our community continues to be financially sound, and our replacement reserve funds are fully funded, as recommended by the Quaker Hill Condition Assessment and Reserve Plan completed in 2022. Quaker Hill is also on track to meet common area maintenance and replacement recommendations noted in the assessment. The Board uses the assessment, which is updated every five years, to fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities regarding the financial health of the community.



Thank you to all our residents and volunteers who have spent their time, energy, and talent to make our community a great place to live. Your input is invaluable, and your attendance at monthly meetings is much appreciated. In particular, the Board is grateful to volunteers serving on the architectural review, covenants, parking, and snow committees.

Several projects, both large and small, were completed in 2024. The trickle stream is up and running after a long and complicated process to find a company that had the expertise to custom build an intake pipe, repair water lines, and revamp infrastructure to ensure that future maintenance and repairs will be more easily accessible and less costly. The bioretention/drainage project behind the townhomes on Dartmouth Road and Quaker Hill Drive is well underway and should be completed in early 2025. Pool furniture also was replaced in 2024.

The Board continues to use technology to streamline the parking registration and pool admission process, thereby reducing paperwork and time. We also piloted the FLOCK camera program, which provides real-time information to law enforcement and enhances the safety of our community. Additionally, the Board established a low-tech signal system for homeowners who want to opt out of lawn herbicide treatments.

Last but not least, volunteers designed and funded a “Little Free Library” in honor of a former resident. Since its dedication in April 2024, the Little Free Library has been visited often, and many books have been exchanged. It is a much appreciated gift to our neighborhood, and the Board encourages all residents to visit the library at the north end of the pond. Thank you to those who have cared for it and kept it stocked.

The Board encourages all residents and homeowners to register their emails with SFMC. It has greatly improved our communication efforts!





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

Board of Directors

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 Laura Evans, Vice President
 Ashley McCurry, Secretary
 Rose Gillespie, Treasurer & Newsletter
 Lester Simpson, Director

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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@sfmtcinc.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.

www.QHCA.org

2025 QHCA Board Meeting Schedule and Information

2025 Meeting Dates	General Meeting Information
February 27 (via ZOOM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings start at 7 p.m. • Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month, except for November and December. • 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.
March 27 (via ZOOM)	
April 24 (IN PERSON at Community Center) Participation will not be available via phone, Zoom, or other virtual process.	
May 22 (via ZOOM)	
June 26 (via ZOOM)	



New Landscape Chairperson

Thank you to Caroline Morris for volunteering to be the new Landscape Chairperson. Caroline has assembled several possible projects for the community, such as planting butterfly gardens, refreshing the community signage bed plantings, replacing tree mulch with ground covers and many other worthwhile projects. She is also assembling information about the multiple resources available to homeowners and the community, including native plant and tree lists. If you are interested in joining the landscape committee, please send your information to SFMC (Jody Lee) at jlee@sfmcinc.com. We will also try to send an email blast to the community when there are opportunities to participate directly (such as planting, watering or attending special events).



New Pond Contractor

The Board has hired a new pond maintenance company, Virginia Water and Wetlands, to monitor and assess pond health. The pond is monitored monthly for nuisance aquatic vegetation and for litter removal from the pond's surface water. The pond also may be treated, as needed, for filamentous algae, pond weed, and duck weed. Virginia Water and Wetlands also provides additional services on a contractual basis to include water quality analysis and aerator repair.

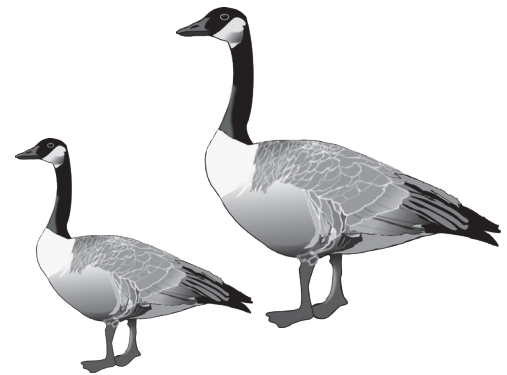
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You can find them at www.QHCA.org.



Reminder re Visitor Parking

Guest vehicles must be registered to park in our community. Go to www.qhca.parkingattendant.com and fill out the registration form, including the private passcode provided to each homeowner. Failure to do so may result in immediate towing, immobilization, or fees. Unregistered visitor cars are subject to immediate towing, without warning.

Please be mindful that visitor parking spaces are reserved for visitors and not for resident overflow parking. All residents are urged to familiarize themselves with Quaker Hill policies related to vehicle use, parking, and storage. Go to www.qhca.org for more details.



Please Don't Feed the Geese

It's that time of year when large numbers of Canada geese congregate at the Quaker Hill pond. Supplemental feeding encourages the geese to stay for an extended time, causing several problems. Goose droppings make a mess of walkways and common areas and produce high-nutrient concentrations in the pond that affect water quality and are harmful to fish and other aquatic life. One goose can produce one pound of waste per day!

Duke Street Closures for Landmark Mall Redevelopment

According to a recent Alexandria City press release, Duke Street near the former Landmark Mall site will be closed to traffic until August 1, 2025. The closure is tied to the installation of roadway infrastructure for the new Inova Alexandria Hospital complex. Specifically, lane closures and detour routes for the 5700-6000 blocks of Duke Street are as follows:

Traffic traveling eastbound on Duke Street to the Van Dorn Street ramp will be detoured through neighboring streets.

- From Duke Street, right onto South Walker Street
- Left onto Stevenson Avenue
- Signs will direct traffic onto Van Dorn Street

Traffic traveling on Van Dorn Street to the eastbound Duke Street ramp will be detoured through neighboring streets.:

- Signs will direct Van Dorn Street traffic onto Stevenson Avenue.
- Right onto South Walker Street
- Signs will direct traffic onto Duke Street

During this period, both ramps will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians. Traffic control devices will be installed for safety purposes along the detour route. All businesses along Duke Street will remain open during this period.

Commercial and DIY Construction Hours

With Spring just around the corner, homeowners renovation/repair projects are sure to follow. The City of Alexandria regulates construction activities by permitted days and hours.

Commercial contractors must limit their use of construction and power equipment to:

- Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Sunday, and holidays: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- See Section 11-5-4(6) for additional information

Homeowner construction and/or repairs must be limited to:

- Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Sunday, and holidays: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- See Section 11-5-4(7) for additional information

All construction is prohibited on the following holidays [Sec. 11-5-5(a)(5)a]:

- New Year's Day (the first day of January)
- Memorial Day (the last Monday in May)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Labor Day (the first Monday in September)
- Thanksgiving Day (the fourth Thursday in November)
- Christmas Day (December 25)





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