

The Quaker Hill Quill

August 2026

Residents Who Arrive During Pool Season

Welcome to Quaker Hill new residents! 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 2026 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/2026 Pool Packet. The EPP must be shown to

the lifeguard each time an eligible pool user enters the pool area. And don't forget to check out!

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

- 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.
- 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.



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 August 24, 2026, there will be only one lifeguard all day.



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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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

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.

Birds, Bins, & Bugs: A Few Friendly Reminders

As we all know, we share the neighborhood with quite a bit of wildlife — raccoons, foxes, deer, and more! Have an unwelcome house guest? While Alexandria's Animal Services (703-746-4444; <http://AlexandriaAnimals.org>) loves a good wildlife rescue mission, Virginia law strictly forbids removing healthy wildlife unless said critter is sick, hurt, or actively trying to fight you. If unable to remove your furry roommate, Animal Services can provide contact information for a licensed wildlife removal specialist.

While we don't have our own Jimothy, several residents have spotted an orange raccoon!



Now, a few reminders. First, please do not approach our wild friends. Avoid leaving pet food or pet treats outside, make sure bird feeders are just for the birds (IE – NOT rats). Second, PLEASE keep your garbage INSIDE your garbage bins and do not leave garbage bags out by themselves on pickup day (usually pickup day is Tuesday, for more information on trash and recycling, head to <https://www.alexandriava.gov/RefuseCollection>)

When it comes to the invasive spotted lanternfly, you are hereby given permission to squash as many as you can or, for a chemical-free knockdown, localized spraying with essential oils like peppermint, tea tree, or lavender mixed with water can kill them on contact. While harmless to humans and pets, spotted lanternflies feed on sap from over 70 plant species, including local grapevines and fruit trees that can lead to leaf and branch dieback. They excrete a sticky, smelly waste called “honeydew” that promotes the growth of harmful black sooty mold that blocks photosynthesis in plants and also just looks gross. So, get stompin’!

A Breath of Fresh (and Quieter) Fall Air

It may still be hot out, but the leaves will drop before we know it. Free city leaf bags will be available sometime in late October and the residential leaf collection schedule should be announced soon (<https://www.alexandriava.gov/LeafCollection>). A reminder that Alexandria's gas-powered leaf blowers ban goes into effect November 16, 2026. Penalties for using non-electric leaf blowers are the same as a noise code violation—a violation notice followed by fines between \$100 and \$500 for repeated offenses. But most importantly—if a landscaping company a property owner hired is caught using a gas-powered leaf blower, the city says both could be fined. While electric-powered blowers can still be noisy, studies show that they produce lower decibel levels at frequencies that do not travel as far or penetrate homes as readily as gas-powered devices. And just in case you're really hoping to use your new electric blower: Leaf blowers are regulated under Alexandria's noise ordinance, which allows the devices to be used from 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. weekends and holidays.

Quaker Hill Community Association Board Schedule and Information

2026 QHCA Board Meeting Dates	General Meeting Information
Aug 27 (via Zoom)	• Meetings start at 7pm • Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month, which is not always the last Thursday. • Email SFMC at sfmcinfo@sfmcine.com before 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting OR sign up for the email notification list to get call-in information. • 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.
Sept 24 In Person	
Oct 22 (via Zoom)	
Nov 19 ANNUAL MEETING: Annual Meeting in Person!	
No Dec meeting – Happy Holidays!	
<i>NOTE: For in-person meetings, the community center meeting room capacity is 25 people.</i>	

Duke Street Land Use Plan

If you've been on Duke Street, you've probably seen the signs for the Duke Street Land Use Plan, which is Alexandria's ongoing effort to create a long-term vision for the Duke Street corridor (stretching roughly from Alexandria Union Station in the east to where Duke meets Van Dorn Street in the west. A common point of confusion is the relationship to **Duke Street In Motion**. The City states that the approved Duke Street Transitway concept—adopted in 2023—will remain in place.

It is expected to shape:

- where growth occurs,
- how dense future development can be,
- transportation and mobility investments,
- affordable housing strategies,
- parks and public spaces,
- and the overall character of one of Alexandria's most important east-west corridors.

After more than a year of collaboration, analysis, and community engagement, the working draft of the plan is now available online at <http://alexandriava.gov/DukeStreetPlan>. While yours truly makes no claim to be a city planning expert, it appears the proposal calls for transforming Alexandria Commons into a mixed-use area, with (fingers crossed!) many of the current businesses remaining on the ground floor and new apartments built above. The goal: a little more housing, less concrete, and hopefully the same neighborhood favorites we know and love. Have thoughts on the recommendations? **Public comment is encouraged and will be open for 30 days, through August 21.** Residents can review the draft, explore an interactive version, and share feedback through the Engagement Hub: <https://alexandriava.mysocialpinpoint.com/draft-recommendations>. Your feedback helps shape the future of Duke Street!

Pencils, Pumpkins, & Paying It Forward

On Monday August 24, 2026, it's back to school! (Mark your calendars, kids, summer break starts 17 June 2027).

Please be aware of your speed and speed enforcement at our nearby (and all!) schools:

- Bishop Ireton High School
- Douglas MacArthur Middle School

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

Alexandria's fall calendar is full of ways to escape the homework routine. Treat yourself during **Alexandria Restaurant Week (August 14–23)**, admire local artists at the **King Street Art Festival (September 26–27)**, stroll through Del Ray for **Art on the Avenue (October 3)**, grab some injera and enjoy the flavors of the **Ethiopian Fall Festival (October 11)**, then cap off the season by parading your best costume at the **Halloween Parade in John Carlyle Square (November 1)**.

Looking for extra credit? Think hyperlocal! Quaker Hill depends on volunteers to help with committees like Covenants, Landscape, Architectural Review, Parking, and Snow. Whether you have a few hours or want to take on a bigger role, your time and talents make our community a better place to live. Want to make an impact beyond the neighborhood? Head to <http://VolunteerAlexandria.org> to discover opportunities throughout our city. Need a few ideas to get started? I can personally attest to the great work of ALIVE!, the importance of being a Snow Buddy for neighbors, the satisfaction of cleaning up one of our waterways to help protect the Potomac, the mental health benefits that come with extra snuggles as a temporary foster for furry friends, or the chance to learn about AND be part of our town's history when pitching in at one of Alexandria's many festivals and events.





Don't let Alexandria Go to the Dogs!

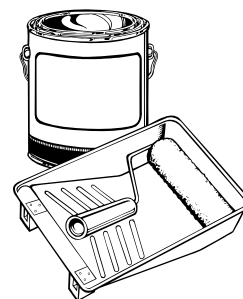
I know your dog is the goodest boy or girl. I also know your canine buddy probably believes every squirrel, goose, and passing jogger is dying to meet them. The City of Alexandria, however, has a different opinion.

- ✓ **Dogs must be on an actual leash.** Electronic collars don't count. If your pup is making executive decisions about where to wander, that's a **\$50 fine** (Ordinance 5-7-35).
- ✓ **Parks are not off-leash racetracks.** Letting your dog run free in public parks or playgrounds can earn you a \$100 fine (Ordinance 5-7-33.1). That's a lot of dog treats.
- ✓ **Playgrounds are for kids—not canines.** Even leashed dogs aren't allowed on public playgrounds or school property. That violation carries a \$50 fine (Ordinance 5-7-42(5)).

Was your dog born to run free? Alexandria has seven fenced dog parks and 11 unfenced off-leash areas. You can find these spots at <https://www.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 or Animal Control at 703-746-4774.

Covenants Update

The committee is putting the finishing touches on the updated standards draft, which will go before the board and the community. In the meantime, please remember that the Board may still issue violation notices for maintenance and structural issues.



Addressing concerns early is always in your best interest, as small repairs are often far less costly than waiting until they become major problems.

As previously shared, Quaker Hill will not be using a third-party inspection company going forward. Instead, we're looking for resident volunteers to help conduct neighborhood reviews. Inspections will be completed in small sections, making the process more manageable while ensuring our community standards are maintained.



Reminders on Parking, Scooters, and Bikes

Please remember that visitor parking spaces are reserved for guests and should not be used for resident overflow parking. Residents are also prohibited from parking in fire lanes or blocking another resident's driveway. All residents are encouraged to review Quaker Hill's policies regarding vehicle use, parking, and storage. Additional information is available at <http://www.qhca.org>.

The City of Alexandria prohibits electric scooters and bikes from operating on sidewalks, and several dockless mobility operators are no longer permitted to operate within the City. For more information, visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/docklessmobility>. To report an improperly parked or abandoned scooter or bike, please submit a report through Alex311.



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Signs of Fall in Quaker Hill

The pool says, “See you all next year!”

The pumpkin spice folks loudly cheer.

The grills cook their last meat,

As art fairs pop up on King Street

The leaves are pretty... until they drop,
And soon we're due for a Standard Time swap.

So here's to fall in Virginia

And a link to events for ya:

<https://visitalexandria.com/fall/>

