

# The Quaker Hill Quill

February 2019

## Board of Directors

Quaker Hill Board officers were elected at the January 23, 2019 Association meeting. They are:

- President: Marjorie Stein
- Vice President: Stephen Kahn
- Secretary: Stephen Stein
- Treasurer: Rose Gillespie
- Director: Ed Lacy (ARHA)

All Quaker Hill residents are encouraged to attend Association meetings held at the clubhouse on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.



## Pool Company— 2019 Season

The Board evaluated the performance of the new pool company and decided to renew the contract with AquaSafe for the 2019 swim season, but with amendments. While the 2018 contract required a second lifeguard daily during specified hours, a second lifeguard was not always provided, and credits were not consistently applied. The new contract will require a second lifeguard and the billing will be itemized to reflect actual hours worked. These requirements will serve as an incentive for the company to provide the required second guard as needed, to track hours worked, and to bill properly.

## Annual 2018 Meeting Highlights

The Quaker Hill Community Association (QHCA) annual meeting was held on December 4, 2018. It provided an opportunity for residents to hear about important issues and upcoming projects. The Board highlighted several projects that were undertaken in 2018, including a major renovation of the community center bathrooms, which was the first update since the original construction. New floors, doors, shower stalls, sinks and new lighting were installed. Other minor repairs also were done to the guard room and storage areas. In the pool area, replacement umbrellas were purchased and minor white coat patching of the pool was completed. The renovations were finished in time for the 2018 pool season.

In line with the five-year *QHCA Condition Assessment and Reserve Study* recommendations, major asphalt repairs were made to the Quaker Hill Court parking area in summer 2018. While addressing the asphalt repairs, visitor parking spaces were clearly marked, which should help with parking issues. In addition, a speed bump was installed on Quaker Hill Drive to reduce speeds in that part of the community.

An erosion issue on Yale Drive was mitigated by planting a variety of grasses to help slow water flow, stabilize the soil, and beautify the area. During fall 2018, new grasses and flora also were planted along the pond. The health and viability of the new plantings will be assessed in the spring to determine which species thrive best in this environment and whether additional or different plants should be considered.

At the annual meeting, the Board also discussed chimney repairs to the Community Center, the performance of AquaSafe, the landscape report, and information regarding the application of a stormwater utility fee credit for Quaker Hill homeowners. The Board and homeowners in attendance also discussed their concerns over the increasing traffic cutting through the Quaker Hill/College Park neighborhoods.

Rose Gillespie, QHCA's treasurer, reviewed 2018 expenditures and the factors that determined 2019 assessments, such as running rates, actual contract costs, and long-term projects recommended by the Reserve study to maintain the community assets. As the need for additional projects and repairs are identified (such as more complex erosion designs), the Board will review costs and schedules and factor them into future assessments.



## 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

The City of Alexandria requires Quaker Hill to participate in the city-wide Transportation Management Program (TMP) that promotes the use of mass transit. Part of our monthly assessment fee funds this program. As a bona fide resident of Quaker Hill, you are eligible to purchase certain mass transit media at a reduced price. The TMP offers:



ITEM	COST TO YOU
50% off Metrorail fare	
Amount to be specified by resident per SmarTrip card	
Maximum benefit <b>per household, per month</b> is \$250	\$125.00
SmarTrip Card	\$ 1.00
Alexandria DASH pass (1 month unlimited rides)	\$ 22.50

### How to Place an Order for SmarTrip cards or Alexandria DASH passes:

1. Call Northern Virginia Management at (703) 941-9002 and leave a message.
2. Email Northern Virginia Management at [nvm@northernvirginiamanagement.com](mailto:nvm@northernvirginiamanagement.com).

*Please note that all orders must be paid in full in advance before NVM will send your media. Make checks payable to Quaker Hill Community Association.*

### How to Add fare to your SmarTrip card:

1. Register your SmarTrip card with NVM. A maximum of four cards may be registered with the NVM.
2. The \$250 maximum benefit may be split among the four registered cards. You cannot register cards issued by an employer through an employee benefits program.
3. Mail your payment in advance to:  
Northern Virginia Management  
4306 Evergreen Lane, Suite 101  
Annandale, Virginia 22003
4. If the household has registered multiple cards with NVM, the card number must be noted, along with the amount to be added per card.

Cards and 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

Marjorie Stein, President  
Stephen Kahn, Vice President  
Stephen Stine, Secretary  
Rose Gillespie, Treasurer & Newsletter  
Ed Lacy, Director

### 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. Please email NVM to obtain the minutes of monthly QHCA board meetings.

### Quaker Hill Condominium Association

Management Company: Sentry Management, 703-642-3246  
Association President: John Sesler, [jsesler@comcast.net](mailto: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	<a href="http://www.alexandriava.gov/police">www.alexandriava.gov/police</a>
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](http://www.QHCA.org)



## Condo Association News

Resident and guest parking permits are now available for 2019-2010. Unit owners and/or tenants can register and obtain permits for up to two vehicles and one guest parking permit per household, with the option of purchasing one additional guest parking permit for \$10. ARHA residents must get their parking permits from the ARHA representative.

To verify residency and vehicle ownership, the application for parking permits must include:

1. a copy of settlement papers (HUD-1 form) *or* a copy of the current lease listing residents; a written statement from off-site unit owners listing the names of individuals residing in their unit is acceptable and must be on file with the management agent.
2. a photocopy of one of the following documents: vehicle title, state registration, or city registration for each vehicle.

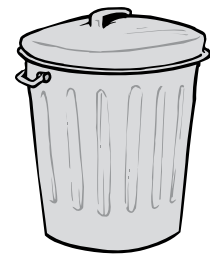
Permits will be mailed to residents following the receipt of a completed registration with required attachments for each vehicle. Parking permits should be placed inside the driver's side rear window, lower corner.

As required by the City of Alexandria, vehicles must display a current State of Virginia license plate, inspection sticker, and a current registration sticker. This requirement does not apply to military personnel who display their current home State license plates.



## New Snow Removal Company

The Board hired a new snow removal company—VCI Commercial Snow Removal—for the 2019 season. The previous company had been charging a non-refundable monthly retainer fee, and there had been difficulties in having the fee applied to actual charges.



## Trash Problem on Windy Days

On windy refuse-collection days, trash and recycled goods are blown into yards and scattered throughout the community. Please weigh down your trash/recycled goods by using a heavy item or bundled newspapers on top of the bins and position the bins so that wind gusts are less likely to blow open the lid.



## Pick up After your Pets

Owners are required to clean up after their dogs, and winter is no exception. In recent weeks, residents have complained about dog owners/walkers not picking up after their pets. No one should have to worry about stepping in dog poop. Please note that front yards are usually *private* property, and pets should not be allowed to relieve themselves in these areas. Please respect our community and its residents.

## Landmark Mall Redevelopment Update

According to Mayor Justin Wilson, a community-replanning process for the Landmark Mall redevelopment project is underway, and Alexandria residents can expect movement on the project when the Carpenter's Shelter moves out of the former Macy's store in about 18 months. As noted in previous newsletters, one of the challenges to this site redevelopment was having three owners, and no one entity could do anything without permission from the other two. The Howard Hughes Corporation purchased the main section of the mall years ago and later acquired the Macy's store when it closed. That leaves Sears which is owned separately. Howard Hughes Corporation is currently working toward a deal with Sears on the future of that site. Once redevelopment of the 51-acre site begins, it will take anywhere from 5 to 20 years to complete.

As part of the replanning process, the City of Alexandria has facilitated a series of community meetings. City staff indicates that the meetings will help them amend and refine the redevelopment plan. Three community meetings have been held thus far: one on November 14, 2018; a second on December 17, 2018; and a third on January 26, 2019. To access information provided to attendees, please visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Landmark](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Landmark).

## New Street Light Outage Reporting



Residents can now report street light outages on the Alexandria City website ([www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov)) by clicking on "I want to" from the main menu bar at the top of the page, and selecting "Report" Street Light Outage." This will direct you to "Call, Click, and Connect" where a map of the City will appear, allowing residents to pinpoint the exact location of the street light outage. The information will be shared with City staff and Dominion Energy, which has responsibility for maintaining most street lights in Alexandria.

Streetlights outages on private streets within the Quaker Hill community should be reported to NVM. They are Quaker Hill Court, Dartmouth Court, and Quaker Hill Drive west of the community center.

## Stormwater Fees



All homeowners in the

City of Alexandria are assessed a stormwater utility fee to provide dedicated funding for existing stormwater management services and new capital projects to reduce sediment and nutrient pollution in our local waterways. The stormwater utility fee is billed twice a year concurrent with real estate taxes; most homeowners will see the fee as a line item on their real estate bill that is received either directly or through their mortgage company in May and October each year. Property owners who do not pay real estate taxes will receive a bill for just the stormwater utility fee. Single-family residential property owners are billed flat fees based on the types of property they own. The City used geographic information systems (GIS) analysis of impervious areas (hard surfaces) for all single-family residential properties in the City to determine fees.

All property owners may apply annually to reduce their stormwater utility fee by earning "credits" described in the comprehensive *Stormwater Utility Credit Manual* available at [www.alexandriava.gov/stormwater](http://www.alexandriava.gov/stormwater). Examples of credits include a "no fertilizer pledge," the installation of a cistern or dry well and permeable pavement, and the addition of trees to slow runoff. Property owners seeking a credit for these and other practices listed in the *Manual* must submit a credit application annually as well as a self-certification statement that the installed stormwater mitigation projects have been inspected within the past 12 months and are properly functioning. Certification for structural stormwater management facilities, such as a dry well, must be completed by a landscape architect, engineer, or a person who works under their direction.

The City will review the application and approve/deny the requested credits. Approved credits will be applied to the following year's stormwater utility fees and split between the May and October bills.

## Happenings in Alexandria

### **The Underground Railroad: An Exhibition of 50 Color Photographs**

**When:** February 1–March 16, 2019

**Where:** Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street

**Admission:** Suggested \$2.00

**Contact:** 703-746-4356

Photographer Jeanine Michna-Bales spent more than a decade researching fugitive slaves and the ways they escaped to freedom.

### **George Washington Birthday Celebration Parade and Historic Alexandria Open Houses**

**When:** February 18, 2019; 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Parade begins at 1:00 p.m.)

**Where:** Throughout Old Town Alexandria

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 703-746-4242

The annual parade honoring our first president is the oldest and largest in the country. It features fife and drum corps and high school bands. After the parade, enjoy free visits to historic Alexandria sites, such as the Carlyle House, Christ Church, Friendship Firehouse Museum, and Gadsby's Tavern, where George Washington dined and danced.



### **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Alexandria Earth Day Celebration**

**When:** April 27, 2019, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Lenny Harris Memorial Field at Braddock Road (adjacent to George Washington Middle School)

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 703-746-5592

The program includes children's activities, community groups' exhibits, food sales, and Arbor Day tree planting.



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