

The Quaker Hill Quill

November 2017

New Association Fees

Monthly homeowner fees will rise slightly in 2018. The proposed 2018 budget was adjusted to maintain our reserve funds at recommended levels and to meet current contract obligations. The 2018 monthly assessments will be as follows:

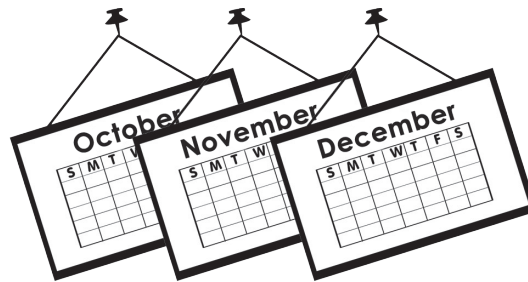
- ✓ Condominiums: \$68.94
- ✓ Townhomes: \$97.30
- ✓ Single-family homes: \$89.24

Association fees may be paid by using the coupons mailed to homeowners or via automatic debit payments. Contact NVM to set up debit payments. Bank (or credit union) accounts are debited on the 10th of each month or the closest business day if the 10th falls on a non-banking day.

Holiday Packages

Residents are reminded that package thefts tend to increase during the holiday season. Citizen reports are the most effective way to deter these incidents. Call 911 if you witness a theft and provide as much information as possible to the police. Residents are encouraged not to touch anything left behind by the thieves; fingerprints can be lifted from boxes that have been opened and left behind.

The Condo board reminds its residents that UPS most likely will not leave packages at condo residents' door unless someone is home to accept them while Fedex generally will leave packages at your door. If concerned about the security of your deliveries, residents are encouraged to use alternate shipping sites, such as a work address, Amazon locker, the FedEx office on Eisenhower Avenue, or ask your neighbor who works from home to be on the lookout for packages.



Annual Community Meeting— December 5, 2017

The Board invites all homeowners to attend the annual community association meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the community center. Attendance registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Two Board positions are up for election. Prior to the meeting, Northern Virginia Management (NVM) will mail information packets to residents. Please contact NVM if you have not received the information.

All residents and nonresident owners are encouraged to attend to hear about important community issues and recent and upcoming projects. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send your proxy vote to NVM via mail, fax, or email. NVM contact information is provided on page 2.

Suspicious Activity

On September 26, 2017, a Quaker Hill resident reported that a suspicious individual in a blue Honda was filming a townhouse in the 1200 block of Dartmouth Avenue. When approached about this activity, the individual became very aggressive and said he was “exercising his freedoms.” The incident was reported to the Alexandria police, who said they knew the individual and that he is involved in drug activity in this area. The vehicle is registered in Virginia and the license number is VYC 9643. Please report any suspicious activity to the police.

In other news, a Quaker Hill resident reported that the pool gate (near the driveway) was not locked and a couple was seen coming out of the women's bathroom. This incident occurred a week after the pool closed on Labor Day. Entering the pool area when the facility is closed is trespassing. If you witness trespassing or vandalism, please report it to the Alexandria Police. Trespassers will be banned from the property and charges will be filed.



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 per household, per month is \$250	\$125.00
SmarTrip Card	\$ 1.00
Alexandria DASH pass (1 month unlimited rides)	\$ 20.00

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.

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

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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

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

Condo News

Several projects were completed this summer, including repaving the parking lot, repairing sidewalks, and restoring gazebo metal roofs and replacing gutters. In late October, new trees were planted, dead trees were removed, and several trees were moved to different locations.

At its recent meeting, the condo board approved the installation of a sprinkler system this winter. The sprinklers will help to protect the condo's landscape investment and reduce the community's water bill.

Visitor Parking

Please be aware that there is a Quaker Hill Community Association policy that governs the use of the limited number of visitor parking spaces in our community. Residents may not use visitor parking as supplemental parking, and the use of visitor spaces is restricted to seven days in a 30-day period. If you feel you have an exceptional circumstance or a temporary situation that may require the use of a visitor space beyond the seven-day limit, please contact Northern Virginia Management for approval.

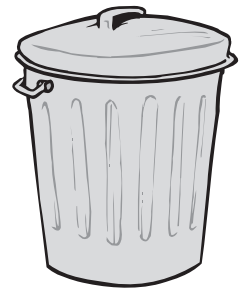
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Trash Collection Day Reminder

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When a holiday falls on Monday or Tuesday, trash collection slides one day. Check the City of Alexandria website at www.alexandriava.gov/refusecollection if you have any questions related to trash pick-up. Please be a good neighbor and store your trash cans out of sight and in a timely manner. Help keep our community looking beautiful.



Landscape News

A new landscape committee has been formed. The landscape committee advises the Board and may recommend desired improvement for common area landscape needs. Email Mayada Logue, the committee chair, at mayadalogue@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.



Leaf and Snow Removal

As in past years, Chapel Valley Landscape Company will remove leaves from common areas and townhomes in December and January. Please consider using leaves to mulch your flowerbeds and shrubs. Leaves replenish soil nutrients and provide protection from cold temperatures.

Emery will remove snow when two or more inches have fallen on private streets in our community: Quaker Hill Court, Dartmouth Court, and Quaker Hill Drive, west of the community center. The City of Alexandria is responsible for removing snow on Ellsworth Street, Dartmouth Road, and Quaker Hill Drive in front of the condominiums.

Emery also will remove snow from the sidewalk on the west side of the pond and on Quaker Hill Drive from the community center to the intersection of Yale Drive. Homeowners are responsible (and liable) for removing snow from sidewalks in front of their home. Be a good neighbor and clear areas around fire hydrants, mailboxes, and storm-water curb inlets.



Recent Study on Safety of Drinking Water

The Environmental Working Group (EWG), an independent nonprofit organization, released a comprehensive database of contaminants in water systems across the United States and compared them to health-based guidelines and established legal limits. In Virginia, 10 contaminants in drinking water were found to be above health-based guidelines and 6 were above legal limits. To access the July 2017 database, go to <https://www.ewg.org/tapwater> and then select the state where you live, and you'll see state-level data. For local information, enter your zip code, which will direct you to a page that shows water utilities in your area. Select your city to see which contaminants put your families at risk.

What can we do to protect ourselves? According to EWG, water filters can reduce contaminant levels. There are many types of filters, including carbon, deionization, and distillation filters. Each has its pros and cons, and different filters remove specific contaminants. If you find that your local water supply has a particularly high level of a contaminant, you can search for a filter that blocks that substance. Check out the EWG guide to buying water filters at the above website. To find the most effective filter, look for certifications from the Water Quality Association (www.wqa.org) and NSF International (www.nsf.org).

Weird Pond Water Color

No, you weren't seeing things...the pond was a strange color on several occasions! As part of regular pond maintenance, Solitude Lake Management applies a dye to the water to help shade the pond from sunlight, thus preventing the growth of algae and aquatic weeds. The application of dye is particularly important during hot summer months.

The rapid and abundant growth of algae and aquatic weeds lowers oxygen levels in the water, which affects fish and the overall health of the pond. The products used for pond treatment in our community are EPA registered and labeled as appropriate and safe for use in lakes, ponds and other aquatic sites.

Stay Off the Pond Ice

Before cold weather arrives and the pond freezes, the Board would like to remind everyone, particularly children, to stay off the pond ice. After a few days of frigid weather, ice may form around the edges of the pond, but don't assume the pond is safe to walk on. Three aerators keep the water moving, and moving water takes longer to freeze. Tragedies involving people falling through the ice are all too common in the winter months. **Be safe. Stay Off the Pond Ice.**



Happenings in Alexandria

Tuesday's Tots

When: November 21 and 28, 2017, 11:00 a.m.-Noon

Where: Beatley Central Library, Duke Street

Admission: Free

Children ages 1-4 (with an adult) are invited to join Library staff in songs, stories, and other activities. Check the Library website at www.alexlibraryva.org for a calendar of activities held at other library locations throughout the year.

Alexandria Tree Lighting Ceremony

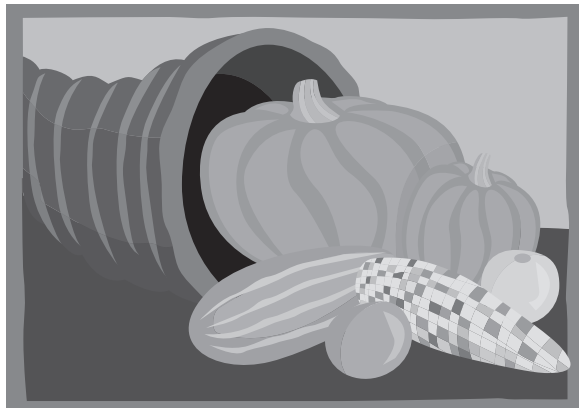
When: November 24, 2017, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Where: Market Square, 301 King Street

Admission: Free

Contact: 703-746-4343

This City-sponsored event includes holiday greetings from the Town Crier and Mayor, holiday performances, a visit by Santa.



*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



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