

## President's Column

Hi Neighbor,

Welcome to 2011! I'm Glenn Christianson and the president this year of Warwick Village Citizens Association, your volunteer neighborhood association. Let me take a moment to introduce myself in case we haven't had the chance to meet.

I live on Ancell Street (look for the Packer flag) and have lived here almost 20 years. I've held various leadership positions at different times and most recently served as 1st Vice President the last three years. I also have been a street representative for most of the years I've lived here. Typically, I stay in the background. Now I'm president of WVCA and I'm excited and looking forward to working with you and the City in the year ahead.

We are fortunate to live in two of the most unique and vibrant communities in the country; Del Ray and the Village. I firmly believe that, and in my nearly 20 years living in the Village, I've seen our funky but challenged neighborhoods grow into the amazing communities that they are today. That didn't happen by accident. It came about because of the involvement of many people who live or have lived here over the years and through a strong partnership with the City.

Just like your personal health, in order to keep our community healthy, one must stay active and take the right steps forward. There is no

better or easier way to keep our community healthy than to work together as an engaged, productive group of citizens in the WVCA.

Our next meeting is 7:30 p.m., Monday, January 24 at the pool house on Landover. The January meeting is where we will listen to your concerns and take ideas from you for ways to improve Warwick Village for the upcoming year.

I will need your help in moving our organization forward in 2011. You can help by joining WVCA. Membership is just \$15.00 per person this year. Fill out the application in this newsletter and send your check for \$15.00. You may also join online at [www.warwickvillage.org](http://www.warwickvillage.org). A strong membership is important when we present our positions to City Hall and hopefully receive the funding, materials or services we are requesting.

We still have work to do with our parks. We need to finish the improvements in Landover Park and we will focus our attention on Hillside Park. Our pool house is our only meeting place and is badly in need of repairs.

If you have paid your membership, thank you very much. If you haven't, please take this simple but important step to support your community in 2011. Every membership counts!

Thank you for choosing to live in Warwick Village.  
— Glenn Christianson

## Warwick Village Meeting

**Reminder: Due to the holiday weekend, January's monthly meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of the month.**

**Monday, January 24, 2011**

Meet and Greet begins at 7:15 pm,  
Call to Order at 7:30 pm

### Featured Speakers:

#### Residents of Warwick Village

The next WVCA monthly meeting is the time of year that YOU get a chance to voice what you would like to see the Executive Leadership Team to focus on for the following year, to let us know what is important to you, and what is on your priority list of things to be accomplished.

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**Roger Blakely,**  
**City of Alexandria Department of**  
**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities**

WVCA meetings are held at the Warwick Pool House at 3301 Landover Street, just downhill from the entrance to the Aspen Apartments.

## Luminaria a Success!

Once again Michael Buening and his band of merry elves lit up the neighborhood in style! On December 4, 2010, Village streets were lined with candles to usher in the holiday season. It was much less windy that 2009, so the candles stayed lit for hours.

Don Stark was busy decorating the pool house for the annual WVCA holiday party while the volunteers were hard at work (see accompanying photographs). As always, Kathy Sugrue and Don did a fantastic job pulling off the festivities!

Special thanks to all volunteers who filled the bags, placed them on the curbs with military precision, lit the candles at dusk, and cleaned up in the morning. It's truly an amazing Warwick Village tradition.

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## Solid Waste Holiday Collection Calendar

January 18, 2011—*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Observed)* City offices are closed.

Trash and recycling collections will be delayed one day.

Monday collection will be Tuesday  
 Tuesday collection will be Wednesday  
 Wednesday collection will be Thursday  
 Thursday collection will be Friday

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections Drop-off Center is Closed.

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[www.WarwickVillage.com](http://www.WarwickVillage.com)

## WVCA Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2010

The December meeting of the WVCA took place on Monday, December 13, 2010 at the pool house during the Annual Holiday Party.

Kathy Sugrue and Don Stark once again transformed the pool house into a festive, twinkling party site, filled with food and friends. The festivities paused midway through the evening for a few points of business.

Lt. Scott Gibson, Warwick Village Police Liaison for most of the last 20 years, will retire from the Alexandria Police Department effective January 1, 2011. The WVCA offered Scott it's most sincere thanks and presented him with a token of appreciation. As he is remaining in the area, we may yet see him from time to time in his new role as a civilian.

WVCA also bade farewell to John Starcher, who is stepping down from the presidency of the WVCA after three years. Thank you, John, for your tireless leadership of the WVCA.

A slate of candidates was presented for Executive Leadership Team of the WVCA in 2011 and elections were held by voice vote.

The following people were nominated and elected:

President - Glenn Christianson  
 1st Vice President - Flora Buckalew  
 2nd Vice President - Aaron L. Shriber  
 Secretary - Maryjo Baxter  
 Treasurer - Harry Falconer

The next WVCA monthly meeting will take place on Monday, January 24, 2011, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday occurring on the third Monday of the month.

—Maryjo Baxter



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## Street Representatives

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## Duncan Library News

### Alexandria Library Foundation

Many of you responded generously to the Library Foundation's request for contributions to help us continue to provide the excellent services and materials that Alexandria residents deserve. As you know, the Library's budget has been reduced by nearly one million dollars over the past two years.

You can help by sending a tax-deductible contribution to The Alexandria Library Foundation, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22304-2903, to support the purchase of books, electronic resources, and other library materials and activities. You can honor a family member or friend by endowing an area in any Alexandria Library. For more information, please call (703) 746-1701 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

### Children's Programs

January programs include the popular Miss Adrian's pajama story time on Wednesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. This story time serves children 3 to 6 years old who can enjoy the stories without an adult.

Tuesday, January 18, at 4:00 p.m., we have a German Story Time for children age 2 to 5. This new program has attracted many from across the City.

The Nature Center is back with a program on Wednesday, January 19, for children in grades K through 5. Usually there's a surprise animal involved.

On Monday, January 24, 3:00 p.m., we present "How to Train your Dog" for children in grades K to 5.

### Book Discussion Group

RABBIT RUN by John Updike is the group's choice for its January meeting. Join the group on Wednesday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. The group will choose books for the coming months, so come with suggestions. The coordinator is Ruth, who can be reached at (703) 746-1705.

See you at the library!

—Marilyn Doherty

## Snow and Ice Control

Snow and ice storms produce an average accumulation of 15 inches annually in Alexandria, generally spread over several events in a typical winter. Clearing streets and sidewalks is a difficult process that takes time, hard work, and good communication between residents, business owners, and the City.

The City clears snow from 521 lane miles of roadways, 20 miles of publicly owned sidewalks, walkways, and pathways, and 44 acres of municipal parking lots and publicly owned squares. Typically, alleys and non-municipal parking lots are not part of the City's snow removal operations.

City crews treat and plow primary roads (which include snow emergency routes), followed by secondary routes (including hills). After these priorities are addressed, crews will begin plowing residential streets.

Mt. Vernon Avenue and Russell and Glebe Roads are deemed primary snow routes. Commonwealth and Mount Ida Avenues, and Ancell, Kennedy, Landover, and Aspen Streets are considered secondary snow routes. The northern ends of both Landover and Hickory Streets are considered hills. The remainder of the roads in and around the Village are considered residential.

Sidewalks, driveways, and entrances are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner,

occupant, community association, or business for snow removal. Snow and ice must be cleared from all paved sidewalks abutting your property within 24-72 hours of the end of the snowfall, depending on the storm response level (Level 1 = 24 hours; Level 2 = 48 hours; Level 3 = 72 hours).

City crews coordinate road clearing and sidewalk work depending on the severity of the storm. Accessible curb ramps, sidewalks and pathways that abut publicly-owned property are cleared by crews from City departments or Alexandria City Public Schools personnel.

The City will maintain its **snow emergency hotline**, (703) 746-4488, before, during and after potential snow emergency events. Once a snow emergency is declared by the City, pay special attention to news broadcasts, the City's website, eNews alerts, Facebook, and Twitter for announcements that a snow emergency plan is in effect.

Be prepared for winter weather by maintaining an adequate supply of shovels, salt or sand for your sidewalks and driveways. Clear ice, snow and leaves from around fire hydrants and storm drains, and avoid shoveling snow into the street. Following these tips will help the City return to normal operations as quickly as possible.

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## Warwick Village Pet of the Month

### Happy New Year Warwick Village from Sparky & Sid!

You're not seeing things... Sparky and Sid are Chinese Cresteds, and although there isn't much of a resemblance, they are from the same litter! Sparky moved to Warwick Village approximately eighteen months ago, and Sid arrived around one year ago. One of the accompanying photos is of them as babies, and the other is what they look like now.

Sid is a true hairless Crested; with only a small Mohawk on his head and small poofs of hair on his tail and paws. His skin is as soft as a baby's bottom. Sparky, on the other hand, is a "hairy hairless"; with a full shock of hair on his head and some fuzz along his back. It is surprising (wink, wink) to see the funny looks they get from passer-bys when they bark out the window of their Mt Vernon Avenue home.

While they are lap dogs during the week, Sparky and Sid love nothing more than heading out to the country on summer weekends and chasing groundhogs, squirrels, birds, and deer. (I hope they are careful of those



groundhogs!) Surely you can imagine why Sparky and Sid don't like the cold weather very much. So, it is a good thing, on those cold days when they can't be coaxed outside, that they are pad trained

(well, mostly)! It is also not surprising that Sparky and Sid also love to burrow under the blankets, and as such, they are the perfect remedy for a cold winter night.

Sparky and Sid's favorite hobbies include torturing their feline house-mates, Dylan and Newman; snarling at their human neighbors; and, oh yes, eating mulch! Can you tell they are characters of their own contrivance, or is it demise?



Although Sparky and Sid attract a whole lot of attention, if you see them on a walk, don't let their cuteness fool you. They are easily spooked and will snap at strangers if they feel threatened: you would too if you were small, naked, on a leash, and in the great big outside world!

Would you like your pet to be featured in the Voice? If so, please send a high resolution picture and write up for your pet to Shanie at shanie\_bartlett@hotmail.com.



Are you looking for a pet of your own? Adopting saves lives. Homeward Trails is one of the many great sources for adoptable pets looking for their forever home, [www.homewardtrails.org](http://www.homewardtrails.org).

## Want to make a difference in our neighborhood? Join the Warwick Village Citizens Association Today!

*Warwick Village*  
 established 1953

Start 2011 off on the right foot. Your membership helps the Association achieve positive change and gives you the opportunity to have a greater voice in what goes on in our neighborhood and the City. Just \$15.00/person, \$5.00 for seniors, gives you that voice.

Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this coupon with your check (payable to WVCA) to WVCA, 44 Kennedy St., Alexandria VA 22305, or bring to the next meeting. Membership is good for the entire calendar year.

**Get involved!** It only takes an hour or two of your time here and there. Please list volunteer opportunities that interest you (i.e., parks, street rep, etc.).

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### What's on your mind?

Let us know what your main concerns are for the Village this year.

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