

The Warwick

Village Voice

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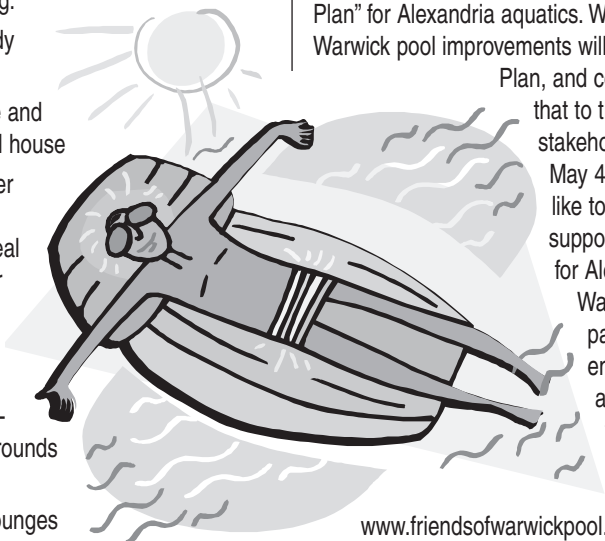
Warwick Pool Opens May 28th!

We hope to see you at the pool this summer! Read below or visit www.friendsofwarwickpool.org for news or to get involved with efforts to maintain, improve and promote the pool.

Warwick Pool is Getting a Facelift

The city has allocated funding for basic repairs to the Warwick pool and hopes to complete them soon, including:

- New toilets (already installed)
- Painting the inside and outside of the pool house
- Removing the outer fence, which will improve curb appeal and make it easier to move between the pool and Landover Park
- Replacing the interior fence that surrounds the pool
- Purchasing new lounges and chairs



City Aquatics Assessment Underway

As you may know, funding to improve Warwick pool is not in Alexandria's Capital Improvement Budget. We recently learned that this is because Alexandria has no long-term plan or strategy for its aquatics facilities. The city hired a team of independent consultants who are conducting an Aquatics Assessment and developing a "Master Plan" for Alexandria aquatics. We hope that Warwick pool improvements will be part of that

Plan, and communicated that to the city during a stakeholder meeting on May 4th. If you would like to express your support of public pools for Alexandria, and Warwick Pool in particular, you can email the Mayor and City Council today. It's easy to contact city officials. Visit www.friendsofwarwickpool.org for details.

The city is open to additional repairs and to partnering with us. We also contacted the city landscape designer to request a new sign and a design for the property.

Swim Lessons & Pool Memberships Available This Summer

Youth swimming lessons will be offered at Warwick pool this summer. To sign up or learn more, visit <http://alexandriava.gov/Recreation>. The city can arrange individual and group lessons pending instructor and space availability. If these classes perform well this year, the city hopes to add more next year. You can also purchase seasonal membership passes to Warwick Pool. They cost \$105 for an individual and \$288 for a family up to 4. Children ages 0-4 are free. Visit <http://alexandriava.gov/Recreation> and click on "Fee Schedule" for more information.

Get Involved

Strong participation in volunteer projects shows the city we care and improves the pool – a win-win! Sample Activities:

- Work parties to clean/improve the pool (Saturday, May 7 and Saturday, May 21, 1-3 p.m.)
- Information table at Del Ray Farmer's Market (Saturday, May 21, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.)
- Information table at the Four Mile Run Farmers' Market (dates TBD)
- Community survey (dates flexible)
- Flyers to advertise the pool (dates flexible)
- Pool party! (Monday July 4): Help organize/host a community BBQ at the pool. More information to come.

Email contact@friendsofwarwickpool.org if you'd like to participate.

About Warwick Pool

Warwick Pool is an Alexandria City recreation facility and is one of only two large outdoor pools in Alexandria. The pool primarily serves residents of Del Ray, Rosemont, Lynnhaven, and Warwick Village. But it's open to anyone, including visitors!

Warwick pool is located at 3301 Landover Street, in Alexandria (22305), next to the Aspen Apartment complex, and has been in the same location for over 25 years. For operating hours, visit http://alexandriava.gov/Pools#outdoor_large_pools

About The Friends Of Warwick Pool

The Friends of Warwick Pool is a group of concerned Alexandrians whose goal is to maintain and improve Warwick Pool. Email contact@friendsofwarwickpool.org if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

*– Jenny Malseed
Volunteer, Friends of Warwick Pool*

Warwick Village Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2011

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

Featured Speaker

Sandra Marks
Transportation Planning Division Chief
City of Alexandria
to discuss Potomac Yard Metro Station

WVCA meetings are held at the Warwick Pool House at 3301 Landover; located a short distance down the hill from the entrance to Aspen Apartments.

President's Column

Hi Neighbor,

The Village Cleanup went well with 20 or so volunteers. Adopt-A-Park is in full swing with all the months filled with volunteers through November for Goat Hill and Hillside parks. We have just November available for Landover Park. The website is looking great thanks to even more volunteers. Thank you all for stepping up and making all these activities happen. Without your efforts Warwick Village would not quite be the great, clean and electronically visible place to live.

John Kirchofer has worked tirelessly pulling together articles and editing the Village Voice for over 3 years. Thank you. All your patience, troubleshooting and commitment to WVCA have helped the Village Voice keep all of us in

touch with what is happening. John is stepping back and Patti Gaston has volunteered to take over as the newsletter editor. Welcome aboard, Patti.

Just to let you know John Starcher, our past president isn't gone. He still sends out our weekly e-notes. John not only served as president for 3 years but did all this electronic information as well. If you want to sign up for e-note notifications just send an email to warwickvillage@hotmail.com. They are also posted on our website at warwickvillage.org.

Summer is around the corner so we only have two more meetings (May 16 and June 20) before we break for the summer. We will have a presentation about the Potomac Yard Metro Station in May. The June meeting will

be a presentation from the Health Department about all those indoor and outdoor pests.

I see our volunteer numbers growing and I apologize for not mentioning all of you in this article. But, thank you all for all you do.

—Glenn Christianson, WVCA President



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Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday April 18, 2011

Glenn opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with introductions—WVCA welcomes our new neighbor Geetha on Aspen Street.

Police Report

Alexandria Police Officer Panesar reported that the police and the city are jointly looking into the possibility of turning one of the existing pool lights towards Landover Park after dark in the hopes of discouraging people from hanging out there. Or will it do the opposite? This does present a quandary: Since the park is supposed to be closed after 10pm, the city does not want to light a park after that time which may encourage its use. No decisions have been made.

Administration

Minutes of the March 21 WVCA meeting were approved.

Harry Falconer reported that Warwick Village's current accounts contain approximately \$13,500. We have 4 new members, bringing the total to 66 members for 2011.

Adopt-A-Park volunteers for Landover Park are needed. The sign-up sheet was passed around. If anyone is interested, please contact Robbin Christianson. Speaking of cleanups, the Village Earth Day Cleanup was scheduled for Saturday 4/23. The Cleanup event is being organized by Shanie Bartlett, who also chairs the Parks Committee.

Changes to Route 1:

Maryjo Baxter reported on a recent public meeting of the Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway Operations committee. By 2013, Arlington and Alexandria municipalities and Metro will launch new "Premium" bus service along Route 1 between Braddock Road Metro and Crystal City (and eventually Pentagon City). Rush hour service will be more frequent than today's Metrobus Route 9 service. This is the first step in the infrastructure that will serve the future Potomac Yard mixed use buildings and eventual re-development of the shopping center. (There was no specific mention of the future Metrorail stop.) Current local service (Dashbus and Metrobus Route 10) will not change.

Timeline:

- Summer/Fall 2011: Potomac Avenue, a new street, will open to traffic. It runs from South

Glebe Road (near Harris Teeter) to Monroe Avenue. This will relieve some of the congestion along Route 1.

- End 2011/early 2012: Construction of new bus lanes along Route 1. New bus stops will be in a median strip, requiring the creation of new northbound lanes on Route 1.
- 2013: Start of new rapid transit service.

For more information, check out the project's website at www.ccytransit.com.

Featured speaker: Chris Love, Development Manager, UDR, Inc. Subject: Calvert update

A full background on the Calvert Apartments project can be found in the May 2010 Village Voice, online at www.warwickvillage.com.

Chris Love spoke about the current status of the Calvert Apartments Redevelopment, confirming that the Calvert redevelopment project is on course. It will add 145 rental apartments in a new five-story mid-rise, in addition to rehabilitating the existing high-rise building containing 187 apartments. He stated that the number of parking spaces being created will be in accordance with Alexandria City ordinances.

While there is no firm date to begin the two year construction project, UDR is looking at a potential start at the beginning of 2012. Current leases at the Calvert are only running until the end of 2011. The new units will be ready to occupy by Spring 2014.

Retail space will shrink from 16,000 to 11,000 feet. The specific retail tenants are not yet known. Decisions will be made closer to the opening time in 2014. There will be a retaining wall and fencing at the back, on the Kennedy Street side, and two active driveways onto Mount Vernon Avenue, as there are now.

When asked if he can assure that there is sufficient financing for the project, Love said yes, as UDR is a publically-traded company. There is little risk of the Calvert project being started, then abandoned, even in this current real estate market.

The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m..

—Maryjo Baxter

Warwick Village Earth Day Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, 23 April 2011 – A very special thanks to the neighbors who came out and helped clean up our Warwick Village streets and parks in celebration of Earth Day. The rain held off long enough for the clean-up and after party! Among the streets that benefitted from this effort were Kennedy, Ancell, Hickory, Sycamore, Landover, Gentry, Mosby, Guthrie, Tennessee and even the ally parallel to Mount Vernon Avenue. Hillside, Landover and Goat Hill Parks got a little spruce up, too. Thank you, also, to Kevin Williams, Park Manager for the City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities, who provided large trash bags and gloves.

—Shanie Bartlett



Keep Four Mile Run Clean!

Remember that what goes into Village storm drains ends up in Four Mile Run, untreated. A single quart of motor oil down the storm drain can contaminate up to two million gallons of water. Please keep hazardous waste and trash out of the storm drains.



Visit our web site at
www.WarwickVillage.com or
www.warwickvillage.org

Warwick Village Pet of the Month

Sadly, no one nominated their pet to be featured in the May edition of the Voice. It takes less than 15 minutes—send me a few lines and a picture—to make it happen. Any pet can be featured, not just cats and dogs. Lizards, fish, birds and any “nontraditional” pets are welcome. I would love to feature your pet in the next Voice! Please send a high resolution picture and write-up 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.

—Shanie Bartlett



Duncan Library News

Summer Movie Nights at the library!

Join us for a series of entertaining and thought-provoking productions at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

- June 1: Only When I Dance—a 2009 documentary about two kids trying to dance their way out of the favelas of Rio.
- July 6: Alamar—a father and young son take an epic sea voyage.
- August 10: Bomber—an elderly Englishman and his grown son take a journey to Germany (comedy/drama).
- Sept. 7: Welcome—a Kurdish teenager from Iraq has adventures across Europe.

All Alexandria Reads!

This year's selection is *Shadow of the Wind*, by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Pick up a brochure at the library or consult the website for many discussions and activities throughout the system. The Duncan discussion group meets Wednesday, May 11, at 7 p.m. Earlier in the day, Au Domaine, at 802 N. Fairfax, sponsors a Spanish wine and cheese tasting, from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

For children, we have *Silly Spanish Stories* for ages 2 and up, Saturday, May 7, at 11 a.m. Gary Lloyd amuses the family with funny tales from Spain and Mexico. The following Saturday, May 14, at 11 a.m., Bill Jenkins entertains with Spanish music and demonstrates instruments

unique to the Iberian peninsula (also for ages 2 and up). On Saturday, May 21, at 11 a.m., bring the kids (ages 1 to 6 with adult) for interactive stories in Spanish. At 3 p.m. that day, come to learn basic Spanish phrases and words in a Spanish language workshop (adults only).

Miss Adrian's Pajama Story Time is Wednesday, May 11, at 7 p.m. for children ages 3 to 6 without an adult. The Alexandria Animal Shelter makes a surprise animal visit to the library for children in grades K to 5 on Monday, May 16, at 3 p.m. The Kaydee Puppets are coming on Wednesday, May 18, at 4 p.m. for ages 3 and up, to perform the Sheepdog Mystery puppet show. A program on Animal Adaptations takes place on Wednesday, May 25, at 3:30 p.m., for grades K to 5.

PLEASE NOTE: The Alexandria Library System will close all day Friday, May 20, for staff training, and Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day.

Thanks to so many library supporters for their donations to the Alexandria Library Foundation, which this year is funding a significant portion of book purchases due to previous cutbacks in materials purchases. All of Alexandria's readers and listeners benefit from your generosity.

See you at the library!

—Marilyn Doherty

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

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.

Warwick Village
 established 1953

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.).

What's on your mind?

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