

# The Warwick

# Village Voice

Warwick Village Citizens Association ■ 3000 Mt. Vernon

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## President's Column

Hi Neighbor,

We have a new Volunteer Coordinator. Kelly Ferguson has stepped forward and will be reaching out to people who express an interest in volunteering for WVCA. Check out Kelly's article in this issue to find out more.

The status of the Warwick Pool, as you know, is a large concern for the neighborhood. Please support your pool this summer. In fact, this year's National Night Out, hosted with Del Ray Citizens Association, will be located at the pool. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 2 for this fun event. All are welcome. We will have city officials, fun events and food.

**Please consider joining with me as a member of WVCA.** We need your membership so that when we ask the city to help us with the

pool house meeting room we can say we represent a large portion of the population of Warwick Village. Without your paid membership, the city is less likely to listen to our needs. So join and wear your loyalty to the Village proudly. It's just \$15 per person. You may join by filling out the application in this issue of the Village Voice or go online to [www.warwickvillage.org/](http://www.warwickvillage.org/). It's a great way to show your support for our organization.

It's looking like a very busy summer. Remember there are no membership meetings in July and August, so check the website for news and updates.

Have a great summer!

—Glenn Christianson, WVCA President

## Warwick Village Meeting

**Monday, June 20, 2011**

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

### Featured Speakers:

Cyndi Lake and Kristin Binkley  
Alexandria Health Department

To discuss mosquitos, bed bugs and other pests, and emergency preparedness

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.

## At Home in Alexandria! (AHA!)

At Home in Alexandria! is part of the "village movement" of organizations of volunteers helping the elderly stay in their homes. Villages offer a long list of services to their members—including rides to doctors, picking up prescriptions, light maintenance in the home, light landscaping, daily phone calls and social events. It is not all "services"—AHA! schedules periodic TGIF gatherings, brunches, museum visits and other events just to mingle and visit with members and volunteers. AHA! strives to be a friendly alternative for seniors who may be considering moving out of their homes because they cannot do everything for themselves.

Two years in the planning, AHA! moved into its office on Mount Vernon Avenue and inaugurated its services April 15, 2011. The first calls for service were just as anticipated: Minor furniture moving, repair on a cabinet, removal of a broken bulb in an overhead light, transportation on an errand. Both the members who requested and the volunteers who provided the services were gratified at the results. AHA! has scores of



volunteers ready to do the bidding of its scores of members—a good balance of supply and demand.

AHA! is governed by an unpaid Board of Directors made up of standout Alexandrians dedicated to volunteer work. An Executive Director handles the day-to-day office operation and an Advisory Board backs up the Board of Directors and participates in fundraising and publicity. The village is a 501 c(3) corporation recognized in Virginia as a charitable fundraising organization.

But that is the technicality. AHA! has been formed of friends and neighbors and civic activists who enjoy helping others and are

gratified to help the elderly remain independently in their homes. The Washington area has several villages; nationwide, there are more than 100 at last count. For national details, people can go through Google to find the Village to Village Network and see a national map and brief details on each village. It all started on Beacon Hill in Boston, a village that has grown to more than 300 members.

To learn more, contact AHA!: At Home in Alexandria, 3139 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305 703.231.0824; or via email at [athomeinalexandria@gmail.com](mailto:athomeinalexandria@gmail.com)

## School News

### Alexandria City Public Schools to Open After Labor Day for 2011-12 School Year

On Thursday, May 12, The Alexandria City School Board approved the proposed 2011-12 traditional academic calendar. Alexandria Public Schools (ACPS) students will begin the 2011-12 school year on September 6 (except modified calendar schools Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School and Mount Vernon Community School). The School Board voted unanimously to withdraw the Early Start Waiver request, submitted to the Virginia Board of Education in March, which would have allowed ACPS to begin the school year prior to Labor Day.

—Merikoeb Wondafrash

## A Note from our Volunteer Coordinator

Hello fellow Warwick Village residents,

I don't know about you, but I am ready for another fantastic Alexandria summer—warmth, fun in the sun, and plenty of opportunities to get outside and do new things. As you begin to plan the summer for your family, I ask you to consider volunteering for one, or many, of the activities that Warwick Village Civic Association has coming up this year.

We are all fortunate to live in a neighborhood that is relatively clean, well maintained and safe, with friendly neighbors—and with community buy-in, communication, and teamwork we can keep it that way. Volunteering for a WVCA project can be easy—be it maintaining a community park, cleaning up the area around Warwick Pool, or setting up for National Night Out (coming up

in August, stay tuned for more information), many hands make light work and ensure fantastic community events from which we all benefit.

I cannot emphasize this enough: No matter your previous experience, every single one of us has gifts we can offer for the well-being of our neighborhood. Be it physical strength, a penchant for organization or a creative mind, we all have something to offer.

To learn more, or to share your ideas for how to make Warwick Village a better place to live, please contact me at warwickvillage@hotmail.com. I look forward to getting to know you.

Sincerely,

—Kelly Ferguson  
Volunteer Coordinator



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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Monday May 16, 2011**

### Volunteer Coordinator

Welcome to Kelly Ferguson, the new Volunteer Coordinator for WVCA. Her goal is to act as a liaison among civic-minded individuals in our community and to reach out to recruit volunteers for the Village's various events. She can be reached via email at [kellymaureen711@gmail.com](mailto:kellymaureen711@gmail.com); telephone 570.242.6261. Kelly and her husband Matt are new neighbors who live on Landover.

Welcome as well to new neighbors Jamie Kaine and Tim Anderson.

### Traffic Calming

Frank Sokolove is working on a traffic calming project, focusing on drivers who exceed the 25 mph speed limit on Kennedy Street. Frank is looking into possible solutions. Discussion followed on others' observations, such as drivers making rolling stops through intersections instead of heeding the stop signs. Glenn Christianson mentioned that Rob McCubbin did some prior work on this some 8 or 9 years ago; Rob can provide some background on this to Frank.

A neighbor asked what the official speed is for service roads. The city has confirmed that it is 25 mph.

### Police Report

Officer Panesar reported that lights are on now at the pool, and turned towards Landover Park, for part of each evening. He will continue to work with the city to tweak the times and light conditions.

There were 3 calls for service in Warwick Village between April 18 and May 15.

Officer Panesar recommended that people jot down the serial numbers of all their electronics. If they should ever be stolen or lost, having

those serial numbers will be very helpful to the police as they canvas pawn shops.

House numbers do become faded or fall off over the years. Make sure they are clear and uncovered by bushes; purchase new ones if necessary. Black figures on a white background are ideal.

If you would like a residential survey to uncover weak spots in your home's crime prevention profile, contact Glenn Christianson, who can contact Officer Panesar's supervisor with the request. Officer Panesar works afternoons/nights only.

Kathy Sugrue suggested installing motion detector/solar lights as a low cost, environmentally friendly way to light the dark spots on one's yard.

### Parking

The link to the parking policy on [www.warwickvillage.com](http://www.warwickvillage.com) will soon contain a handout that one may print out and place on non-resident cars in the service road to remind errant parkers of the policy.

### Membership

Aaron Shriber reported that there are now 70 members in WVCA for 2011.

Adopt-A-Park is in full swing. Tom Williamson volunteered to take on Landover Park cleaning in November.

### Friends of Warwick Pool

Thanks to Jenny Malseed and Friends of Warwick Pool ([www.friendsofwarwickpool.org](http://www.friendsofwarwickpool.org)). WVCA gave a grant of \$1500 to the Friends for plantings and other supplies to spruce up our pool. The Friends also organized two work parties on May 7 and May 21 to get the pool ready for summer. All neighbors—come out this summer and spend some time at our pool. Show the city this summer how important it is to our community.



### Featured Speaker

**Sandra Marks, City of Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES). Subject: Potomac Yard Metrorail: Moving Closer?**

Sandra Marks of Alexandria T&ES spoke at the May 16 WVCA meeting on the status of the proposed Potomac Yard Metrorail station and the EIS—environmental impact statement—that is required to move forward.

The five miles of the Blue and Yellow Metro lines between Braddock Road and Reagan National Airport are the longest stretch of Metrorail inside the Beltway without a stop. The North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan would consist of a mixed use development of commercial and residential buildings, including redevelopment of the existing Shoppers/Target shopping center on Route 1, anchored by a Metrorail stop. (<http://alexandriava.gov/PotomacYard>)

The EIS is a two year process required to comply with various federal entities overseeing planning and construction of the Metrorail station. Between 2011 and 2013, the participating federal, state and local agencies will review eight possible locations to place the station in order to best capture ridership and minimize any negative effects. There is also a "no build" alternative on the table. Final recommendations on specifics of the project will be made in 2013.

Updates will be posted on <http://www.potomacyardmetro.com/>. This website also contains details on the eight possible sites for the Metrorail stop.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

—Maryjo Baxter

### 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.



## City of Alexandria Hosts Olympic Day

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is hosting an Olympic Day Celebration Event at Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center, 1108 Jefferson Street, on Friday, June 17 at 5 p.m. The celebration features planned sporting activities, a visit from an Olympian, coordinated by the National Recreation and Parks Association, and a performance by NU ERA. Light refreshments provided.

Olympic Day is a worldwide commemoration of Baron Pierre de Coubertin's June 23, 1894, convening of the first International Olympic Committee (IOC) meeting at the Sorbonne in Paris, and the founding of the Modern Olympic Games. National Olympic Committees (NOCs)

throughout the world will also participate in the international celebration, with each Olympic Committee sending Olympic Day greetings to participating nations.

The celebration would not be complete without the musical bravado of NU ERA. From Washington DC, this group, comprised of five young men, appeal to all age groups, while singing classic Motown hits to their original music and sound.

For additional information, visit [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation) or call McKenya Dilworth-Abdalla, Center Director, at 703.746.5533.

## Bruce Johnson Named Alexandria's Acting City Manager

On April 27, 2011, Mayor William D. Euille announced that Bruce E. Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, has been named as the Acting City Manager for the City of Alexandria. City Council voted on Johnson's appointment on Monday, May 2. City Manager James K. Hartmann announced his resignation in January 2011 and his last day was on Friday, May 6. Hartmann has accepted an offer to become the County Manager in Seminole County, Florida, and will begin his new position in late June 2011.

"We are confident in Bruce's leadership," said Mayor Euille. "His excellent management and financial skills helped the City keep its strong financial footing during the good times, guided us through recent economic challenges, and has helped us to realize our current budget, which contains no shortfalls for the first time since 2008. While Bruce is not a candidate for the permanent City Manager position, he is the perfect choice to lead our City government operations during this transition. It was City Council's desire to appoint an Acting City Manager who was not going to be a candidate for the full-time position."

Johnson has worked for the City of Alexandria since October of 2003. Initially, he served as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and was promoted to the position of Chief Financial Officer in February of 2009. Previously, he spent 27 years working for the

Federal Government, serving as Budget Director for the U.S. Courts, and in staff positions in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, the U.S. General Accounting Office, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Johnson and his wife have resided in Alexandria for 30 years, where they have raised three children who graduated from T.C. Williams High School. Johnson received a law degree and master's degree in public policy from Duke University. He earned his undergraduate degree in government from Harvard University.

"I am excited and honored to take on this position," said Johnson. "My role will be to ensure that the City continues to move forward, address important issues and perform critical services for the public. We will build on the improvements that Jim initiated during his time here, and provide a smooth transition to a new City Manager when Council finishes making its choice."

Alexandria City Council has interviewed and selected an Executive Recruiter, Robert J. Burg, to facilitate the search for a new City Manager. City Council has also formed three focus groups to provide input to the Executive Recruiter on the characteristics and skills they believe Council should look for in the next City Manager. City Council's goal is to conclude the selection process by September 30, 2011.

## Duncan Library News

### Summer Quest Is Coming

June is the time to sign up for Summer Quest (ages 6 to 12) and Summer Quest Jr. (ages 0 to 5) with lots of fun activities sponsored every year by the Friends of the Duncan Library and the James M. Duncan, Jr., Foundation. Pick up a reading log and schedule during the last week of school.

### Lost And Found

The off-and-on warm, cold, rainy weather has left the Duncan Library with an unusual number of lost items, including jackets, umbrellas, water bottles and sippy cups. Some neighborhood small child named Brynn is missing her windbreaker. Ask at the circulation desk for your misplaced items; we are always happy to find the proper home for something that's been left behind.

### Book Sale Thanks

So many thank-yous are due to those who donated books, those who organized and worked the book sale, and those who purchased books and other items. Again, the Friends put on a record-breaking sale, and all the profits support the Duncan Branch. Several thousand Duncan Branch users benefit from the superlative fundraising efforts of the Duncan Branch Friends. Pick up a membership form at the library and join them!

### Book Discussion Group

The Duncan Book Discussion Group is reading *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones for their discussion on June 15 at 7 p.m. This gripping novel, set in a realistic but fictional Virginia county about 20 years before the Civil War, tells the story of a freed African American plantation owner who himself has slaves. Newcomers are welcome to join the group for a book that promises great discussion. For more information, call Ruth at 703.746.1705.

### Off To Peru

When you read this, I will be in Peru for 3 1/2 weeks with a group of University of North Texas library school students. We are helping to automate two school libraries in Cusco and set up from scratch one other school library in Urubamba, a smaller town near Cusco. I should have lots to talk about when I return!

See you in the library.

—Marilyn Doherty

## Draft for Waterfront Small Area Plan

On Saturday, May 14, the City Council held a public hearing on the draft Waterfront Small Area Plan. Following a staff presentation and public testimony, the City Council shared comments and questions and requested staff to respond in a Work Session. The comments and questions have been documented in a May 23, 2011 Memorandum from Faroll Hamer, Director, Planning and Zoning Department. A copy of the memorandum is available on the City's waterfront website (<http://alexandriava.gov/Waterfront>) for public review. The City Council Work Session

on the Waterfront Small Area Plan is confirmed for Saturday, June 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall. Staff will return at that time with responses to the comments and questions.

For questions regarding the waterfront planning process, please contact Karl Moritz, Deputy Director at [karl.moritz@alexandriava.gov](mailto:karl.moritz@alexandriava.gov), or Nancy Williams, Principal Planner at [nancy.williams@alexandriava.gov](mailto:nancy.williams@alexandriava.gov), Department of Planning and Zoning, 703.746.4666.

## Alexandria Art Market

### Market Dates:

7/2/11, 8/6/11, 9/3/11, 11/5/11

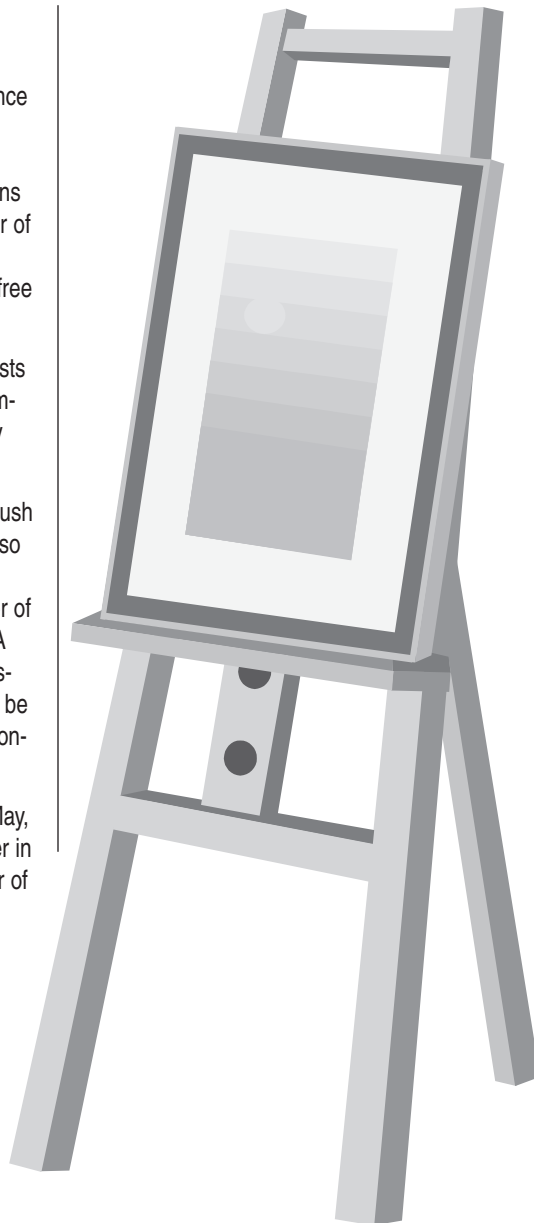
Del Ray Artisans (DRA) is pleased to announce its 2nd season of The Alexandria Art Market. The market will be held in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Park, adjoining the Del Ray Artisans gallery at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue (corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Mount Vernon Avenue). This is a rain or shine event and is free and open to the public.

A variety of original artwork from over 25 artists will be displayed for sale including, but not limited to, painting, photography, pottery, jewelry and glasswork.

Market Creator and Coordinator Kimberley Bush is so pleased that last year's art market was so successful that she was able to add an additional month (May) and increased the number of artists. She continues to believe that the DRA artists and artisans would benefit from consistent exposure to the art world. This event will be another opportunity and a perfect venue to connect with the community.

The market is held on the 1st Saturdays of May, June, July, August, September and November in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Park on the corner of Commonwealth and Mount Vernon Avenues from 10-4 p.m., rain or shine.

For more information about the Alexandria Art Market, to apply for an artspace at the market, or inquire about being a food purveyor or musical act, please contact Kimberley Bush at 703.627.7656 or email [DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com).



## City of Alexandria Announces Spring & Summer Concert Schedule

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is pleased to announce the Spring and Summer 2011 concert schedule. Held at a variety of locations throughout the City of Alexandria, enjoy the sounds of the Alexandria Harmonizers, Villa Synfonia String Orchestra from San Francisco, "The Band of the Nation's Capital," the 257th Army Band, and many more.

Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/concerts](http://www.alexandriava.gov/concerts) for a complete list of what the City has to offer.

## Warwick Pool Update

### Warwick Pool opened Saturday May 28!

We hope to see you at the pool this summer!

**Directions:** Warwick Pool is located at **3301 Landover Street.**

**Operating Hours:** Visit <http://alexandriava.gov/ Pools> or call the pool at 703.519.0616 to confirm:

- May 28 - June 26: Sat-Sun 11AM – 6PM
- June 27 - August 21: Mon-Fri 12PM – 7PM; Sat-Sun 11AM – 6PM
- August 22 - September 2: Mon-Fri 4PM-7PM; Sat-Sun 11AM – 6PM
- Holiday hours: Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day 11AM – 6PM

### Fees:

- Children 0-4: Free
- Youths 5-17: \$1
- Adults 18-59: \$2
- Seniors 60+: \$1
- *Season Passes available*

**Swimming lessons** are available for children aged 3-6. For information and to register, visit <http://alexandriava.gov/Recreation>

The Friends of Warwick Pool are volunteering time and resources this summer to ensure that our public pool remains a vibrant community space. Have an idea? Want to volunteer? Email [contact@friendsofwarwickpool.org](mailto:contact@friendsofwarwickpool.org) or visit us at [www.friendsofwarwickpool.org](http://www.friendsofwarwickpool.org)

– Jenny Malseed  
Volunteer, Friends of Warwick Pool

Visit our web site at  
[www.WarwickVillage.com](http://www.WarwickVillage.com) or  
[www.warwickvillage.org](http://www.warwickvillage.org)

## Warwick Village Pet of the Month

### In Search of a New Home!

Meet our summer 2011 Pet of the Month — Rosco! Yes, that's Rosco, as in *Rosco P. Coltrane*, for all you Dukes of Hazards fans!

Rosco is a sweet, sweet eleven year old yellow lab mix. Sadly, after eleven years with his family, they have decided that they don't want him anymore. He may be on the older side, but he is full of joy and love and he just needs a nice place to lay his head and a grassy back yard in which to play. Rosco was rescued in the nick of time by a family member who lives here in the Village, but he can't stay with his family friend forever. We hope that a Warwick Village resident might open their home and heart to this wonderful boy. Or maybe you know someone looking for a fantastic companion and who will enjoy Rosco in his later years.



Rosco has no known medical issues, other than the typical benign fatty lumps that Labradors (and other breeds) are prone to get. He listens really well, is house broken, leash trained, and loves to play with his toys. He is shy with other dogs at first, but does really well in the dog park. He likes everyone and apparently every living thing . . .

a few years ago, he was caught loving and playing nicely with a big frog. Nope, he didn't eat it!

If you are interested in Rosco, we'd need to come by and conduct a home visit, talk over veterinarian plans, and discuss other pet care plans. Rosco does need to be let out on a regular schedule and more frequently than a younger dog. Rosco has all his current vet paperwork, proof of license for

Fairfax County, and will come with a signed surrender statement from his previous owner. Email me if you'd like to meet Rosco!

As a side note, in my experience as a dog foster, I come across lots of dogs needing a home and it isn't my practice to advertise these dogs in the Voice. However, Rosco is a special case since he is not affiliated with any animal rescue and is living (temporarily) here in the Village.

Thank you to the folks that have nominated their pets for the September and October Voice!

Calling all Warwick Village superstar pets — cats, dogs, iguanas, fish, birds and all pets alike — we would like to feature you in the Voice! Please send a high resolution picture and write up to Shanie @ 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).



—Shanie Bartlett

## 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.).

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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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