

The Warwick

VillageVoice

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Warwick Village Online

We've been busy this summer, setting up Facebook and Twitter pages, and updating our website.

Join Warwick Village on Facebook & Twitter

In an effort to reach even more Village residents with the latest local news and happenings, WVCA launched its own social media pages this summer. Facebook users can "like" us at Facebook.com/WarwickCitizens and Twitter users can "follow" us at Twitter.com/WarwickCitizens. Most updates will be posted both to Facebook and Twitter—and for those who don't use social media, the posts can also be seen on the WVCA website at WarwickVillage.org. We welcome comments, retweets and other feedback as we get rolling. Whenever news of importance

to Warwick Village and Alexandria is breaking, we will aim to share it on Facebook and Twitter. Please join us and be social!

Visit us on the Web

Have you visited the Warwick Village website lately? Stop by WarwickVillage.org for the latest Warwick Village news. Featuring eNotes, the latest events and important neighborhood resources, the Warwick Village Citizens Association website is your best source for up-to-date information. Looking for more? Visit the website's social media hub to link up with WVCA on Facebook and Twitter. No matter how you like to keep up with neighborhood news, WarwickVillage.org is the site for you.

—Mark Malseed, Jack Cutts

Warwick Village Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2011

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

Featured Speakers:

Ms. Lou Williams,
Regional Program Director
Chinquapin Park Recreation Center

To discuss the future of the
Warwick Pool and Pool House

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.

Warwick Pool Update

The Alexandria community is abuzz with discussion over the future of the local Warwick Village pool, largely due to structural problems with the facility itself.

In the past five years, the City of Alexandria has spent \$300,000 in minor repairs, which have been largely designed to keep water from leaking out of the pool.

A city memo from 2010 said the "Warwick pool capital account currently [April 2010] has a remaining balance of just over \$300,000, which

will be used to keep the facility open and operational as long as possible." The memo went on to say that because of "the uncertain nature of the pool's condition" that amount could maintain the facility for "a few more years of operation or it may only last a single year."

An email from the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities said with the "multiple modifications" of the Warwick pool, "the expected life is reviewed on a year to year basis."

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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Warwick Village Meeting dates:

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19 (holiday party)

WVCA wants YOU!

Interested in helping out with WVCA activities? Have ideas for neighborhood activities or events? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kelly Ferguson, at kellymaureen711@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.



President's Column

Hi Neighbor,

Welcome back from our summer break. Over the summer, WVCA leadership team was hard at work. There was some great progress on our website thanks to Jack Cutts. Mark Malseed started up Facebook and Twitter accounts for WVCA as well. You may sign up for them right through our website at WarwickVillage.org. National Night Out was a huge success. Thanks to city council, staff, and city services that came to participate. Oh and thanks to all of you who came to hang out at the pool and partake in the hot dogs and veggie burgers. Of course this event wouldn't have been a success without John Starcher and Pat Miller who co-chaired the event.

I want to thank all of you who joined WVCA through the National Night Out flyer. We have so far received 40 memberships just through the flyers. That is great! If you haven't sent your flyer in, it's not too late... just drop it off at 44 Kennedy Street. Membership numbers are how we get the city's attention when we need help with a project or event.

Fall is a busy season ahead. In October, we sponsor the Halloween Party at the pool house. For our November meeting we are putting together an oral history of the village as our presentation. If you or someone you know has lived here a long time, please call or email me (703-549-8842, glennrc@verizon.net). We would like to start putting things in place for this

presentation. December is luminaria display and holiday party.

It is easier than ever to know what's going on and how you can volunteer via Twitter (Twitter.com/WarwickCitizens) and Facebook (Facebook.com/WarwickCitizens). I hope you will make time to come to a meeting or volunteer for one of the upcoming events. I'm looking forward to meeting you.

—Glenn Christianson, WVCA President

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Extend the Gardening Season

While you're harvesting tomatoes and peppers, don't forget that it's time to plant your cold weather crops. This is a great time to plant many things like lettuce, carrots, peas, cruciferous vegetables (cabbage, broccoli, etc.) and plants in the onion family. Many herbs, such as parsley and chives, will also do well in the fall. Most of these are things you can enjoy throughout the latter fall and even early winter (you can harvest leeks until the ground freezes, for example). You can plant garlic in the fall and harvest it next year. So, check out your local garden and home centers and the farmers' mar-

kets for seeds and seedlings. For garlic, you could even go to a grocery store, buy a fresh bulb of organic garlic, break it into cloves, and plant the cloves. If you have trouble finding supplies, as preparations for fall crops are not as popular here as they are some other places, consider nation-wide mail order services, such as

- burpee.com/vegetables/second-season-vegetables
- parkseed.com/vegetables/c/vegetables/filter/10000000104eq10000000119/

- territorialseed.com/prod_detail_list/fall_Winter_seed

Fall can also be a good time to plant trees, including fruit trees, so that they can get established before next summer's hot, dry weather.

—Flora C. Buckalew

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Duncan Library News

The library has been the coolest place in the neighborhood for kids this summer, with magicians, musicians, and puppeteers provided with the support of the James M. Duncan Jr. Foundation and the Friends of the Duncan Library. In September, we return to our busy schedule of regular programs: Baby Time for ages 0 to 11 months on Mondays at 11 a.m. (September 12, 19, 26); Stories & Songs for ages 1 to 4 on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.; Mother Goose Time for ages 12 to 24 months on Thursdays at 10 a.m. starting September 8; Story Time for ages 3 to 5 without an adult on Thursdays at 11 a.m. starting September 8; and Pajama Story Time for ages 3 to 7 on Wednesday, September 14, at 7 p.m.

For those with foreign language interests, we present Stories & Songs in Spanish for ages 0 to 5, with an adult, on Mondays at 10 a.m., September 12 and 26. We also have a German Story Time for ages 2 to 5, with an adult, on

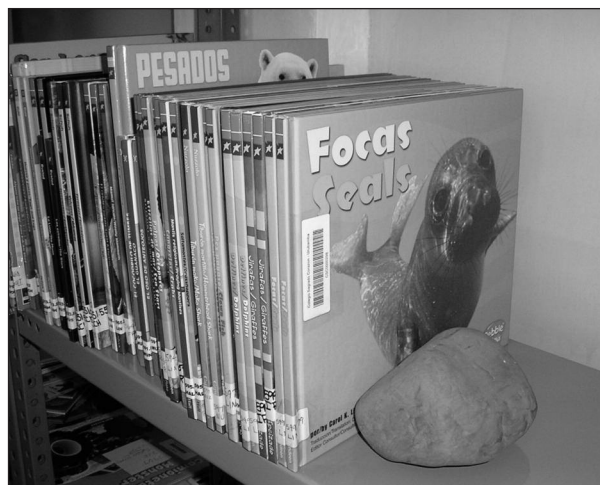
Friday, September 30, at 4 p.m.

School children in grades K to 5 only are invited to a Nature Program on Wednesday, September 14, at 3:30 p.m. and a Visit from the Animal Shelter on Monday, September 26, at 3:30 p.m.

Our new film series continues in September with the movie "Welcome" on September 7, at 7 p.m. A 17-year-old Kurdish boy travels across Europe hoping to find his sweetheart in Britain, but finds getting there is harder than he expected. The director pictures the immigrant community in Calais with particular skill. For more information on the movie, check the IMDB website.

Duncan's lively Book Discussion Group meets on Wednesday, September 21, at 7 p.m. This month, the selected title is "The Big Short" by Michael Lewis. Want to know why the mortgage crisis happened? Read the book and discuss it with the group. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Ruth at 703-746-1705, extension 4.

My trip to Peru with University of North Texas Information School students in early summer introduced me to a rich



culture with students keen to learn in both Spanish and English. My favorite pictures are those of children eager to read the books we brought to set up and automate three school libraries in Cusco and Urubamba.

The best news going into fall is that Duncan is now open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. as well as Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. We can help you with reading, reference, DVDs, public computers, WiFi and books on CD for two more evening hours every week.

Visit us in September and welcome the new Branch Manager, Ms. Pat Ryckman, who has moved here from North Carolina. She has a background in school libraries as well as public libraries.

See you at the library!

—Marilyn Doherty



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The facility, along with other Alexandria pools, is currently undergoing an aquatics assessment by outside consultants. The planning team behind the study is Kimley-Horn and Counsilman-Hunsaker, engineers and aquatic designers. In the first phase of the assessment, the team said that although Warwick pool has strong community usage, it also has "parking accessibility and structural concerns."

The consultants offered examples of several alternative types of aquatic facilities that the city could consider such as therapeutic pools, family-oriented "spraygrounds" and competitive facilities.

In the presentation, the consultants also noted that the property is not city-owned. In 2007, the city renewed its lease on the pool and corresponding Landover Park for an additional 35 years after Warwick residents pleaded for its survival. The pool and park are both owned by the Virginia Theological Seminary and were inherited through a bequest. A memo from 2007 outlines the lease agreement and states that the city pays close to \$10,000 a year for the pool and \$3,000 a year for the park which is adjusted every five years for inflation.

Residents in Warwick Village and other parts of Alexandria have been working with the city to make repairs to the pool through a volunteer network known as Friends of Warwick Pool. Volunteer coordinator Jenny Malseed said the goal of the group is to keep the pool functional for as long as possible. The organization has repaired both the interior and exterior parts of the facility including the pool house and the entrance area.

The Warwick Village Citizens Association also has contributed to the renovations. According to WVCA President Glenn Christianson, \$500 was spent last year on pool maintenance and a

remaining \$1,500 has yet to be spent but has been reserved for curb appeal.

Christianson also emphasized the importance of the pool house for the WVCA, which holds its meetings there. He said there is no other meeting space specifically located in the Warwick Village area other than that facility.

The final master plan for the aquatics facilities is projected to be finished by late summer or early fall.

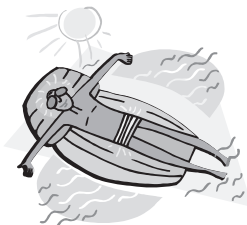
So far, initial data collection and discussion has occurred and a fiscal impact overview and plan will have to be formed before any decisions are made concerning any of the city's pools.

—Maddie Christy

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Old Town Alexandria Patch and Del Ray Patch are community news websites covering Old Town and Del Ray. They can be found online at oldtownalexandria.patch.com and delray.patch.com

If you would like to learn more about the future of Warwick Pool, please attend the WVCA meeting on Monday, September 19. If you would like to receive email updates and volunteer opportunities, please email contact@friendsofwarwickpool.org and we will add you to our mailing list. Thank you from the Friends of Warwick Pool! (friendsofwarwickpool.org)



City of Alexandria Reports 41.4% Increase in Recycling

The City of Alexandria reported a 41.4% recycling rate to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for 2010. This figure reflects an increase of nearly 13 percentage points, the result of a more than 50% increase in both commercial and residential recycling collections, in combination with decreasing trash tonnages.

The City also earned more than \$463,000 in revenue from the sale of recycled materials and saved more than \$1.3 million in disposal costs by diverting materials from the waste stream. The City's Eco-City Alexandria initiative and recycling initiatives that contributed to the City's improved rate include:

- Furnishing residents with 35- and 64-gallon recycling carts, which are easier to use and provide increased capacity. This change in equipment increased both the level of participation in the recycling program and the volume of materials collected.
- Collecting more than 9,400 tons of seasonal leaf and yard waste from residential properties, a 46% increase.
- Improving education, outreach, and enforcement resulted in a 50% increase for the Commercial Recycling program.
- The City also reported a 24% increase in collections at the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics site, a 146% improvement in the City facilities and schools recycling program, and expanded recycling collections at more than 20 special events throughout the City.

For more information, visit alexandriava.gov/Recycling or call 703.746.4025.

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.



Find and Follow Warwick Village

It's easier than ever to know what's going on and how you can volunteer...

Visit our web site (WarwickVillage.org),
Twitter ([Twitter.com/WarwickCitizens](https://twitter.com/WarwickCitizens)) and
Facebook ([Facebook.com/WarwickCitizens](https://facebook.com/WarwickCitizens)).

Warwick Village Parks Update

You may or may not know that Warwick Village has five parks! Two of them even offer your traditional park services, such as big open space and a (newer) playground area (Goat Hill Park and Landover Park). There are lots of open spaces offered by the City of Alexandria and as such it is difficult for City officials to monitor the daily, weekly or even monthly status of every location. It is up to us, the residents of Warwick Village, to keep an eye on our parks and communicate issues.

As your Warwick Village Parks point of contact, I would love to hear your suggestions, comments, and/or concerns about our Parks. The City has limited funds, but basic maintenance or other cost-conscious ideas could be considered for integration into future plans.

The recent modifications to Hillside Park are a perfect example of some low cost park improvements. Hillside Park has been the focus of Warwick Village parks-related discussions over the past few years because of the unsavory activity that has occurred there. Through the cooperative efforts of Warwick Village residents, the Alexandria Parks department, and the Police, changes have been made that improve the area tremendously. Some of the related efforts and changes include:

Alexandria Police Department

- Coordinated with Grace Episcopal Church to help increase night lighting which improves pedestrian and resident safety.
- Increased Police presence in and around the Park has helped to deter illicit activities and also promotes safety.

Park Operations

- Distributed new mulch throughout the park, improving the appearance and helping to alleviate erosion.
- Cleaned out the cement gutter at the bottom of the hill which also improves appearance and reduces standing water—minimizing the mosquito population.
- Trimmed the shrubbery which allows for increased lighting and visibility around the park.
- Repositioned one of two park benches, stopping illicit activity that used to occur at the bench when it was out of sight from the Park entrance.

- Installed a new City park sign at the further entrance reminding users of City ordinances.

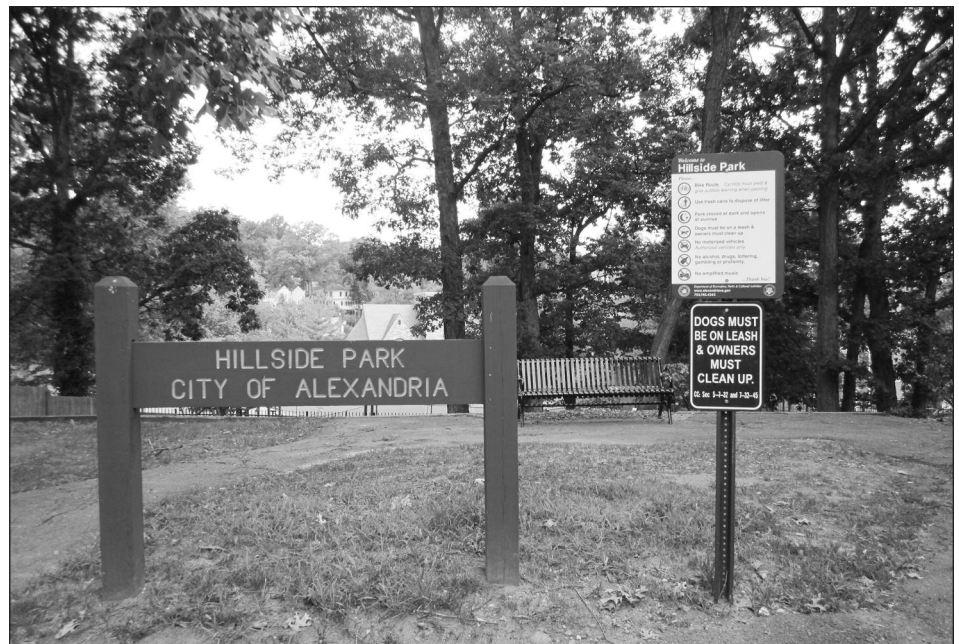
The overall goal of changes to Hillside and any of our parks is to make each area appealing for all residents to enjoy.

The next low cost park-related focus is the treed area of Goat Hill Park. The plan is to coordinate with area Boy Scout / Eagle Scout troop(s) to volunteer their time and pick up debris and

fallen branches. We will also work with Park Operations for the use of a wood chipper to mulch the wood collected.

If you see illegal activity in our parks, please call the Police immediately. If you have park-related suggestions, feel free to email me @ shanie_bartlett@hotmail.com.

—Shanie Bartlett



Hillside Park



Landover Park

WarwickVillage.org
Twitter.com/WarwickCitizens
Facebook.com/WarwickCitizens

Warwick Village Pet of the Month

Buckley the Beagle is our September 2011 Pet of the Month and is helping us kick off a new round of the Village Voice!

Buckley is the newest, and temporary, addition to a now three dog house! His two canine pals, Bucie and Rascal, were featured in the November 2009 Voice. Buckley was living on Tennessee Avenue, but when his family was sent overseas by the State Department during

the summer of 2010, he moved to Landover Street. Rather than leave Warwick Village, Buckley (center in photo) decided to crash with his good buddies Bucie (right) and Rascal (left). He's hanging out with them until mid-2012 when his forever family returns.

Buckley is a seven-year-old Beagle who isn't fat—now, isn't that something! He keeps his figure by flinging himself against the front door

after his foster Mom goes to work, barking in the back yard, going to daycare once a week, and running around at the dog park. He's a real cuddler, and likes to "spoon". Buckley is a recent graduate of Paw Paws Canine College in West Virginia and he's still getting follow up lessons. His foster Mom hopes Buckley, and the other two pooches, are well-behaved soon! In the meantime, however, she apologizes for all the barking in the early morning whenever Buckley, Bucie and Rascal see another dog on their walk around the neighborhood.

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, 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.).

What's on your mind?

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