

## 2011 Halloween Party a Success!

This year marked the sixth annual Halloween Party hosted by a group of Warwick Village parents with the support and assistance of the Warwick Village Citizens Association. Warwick Village kids of all ages came out dressed as witches, superheroes, princesses, animals and more for some pre-trick or treating fun. There were Halloween themed crafts including pumpkin painting, ghost making and a chalk wall, as well as spooky games and a story book corner. Pizza, snacks and drinks were generously provided by the WVCA as well as through donations from parents.



Thanks to all who contributed to this great event and to those who joined us for the fun!

—Liz Maya

## Warwick Village Meeting

**Monday, December 19, 2011**

WVCA Holiday Party and Board Election  
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Pot Luck or bring a canned good for the  
Carpenter's Shelter.

Please call Kathy Sugrue (703-549-2718)  
if you can volunteer for set up.

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.

## Mount Vernon Village Center

If you'd like to stay abreast of updates related to the Mount Vernon Village Center Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) application, please visit the project web page: [alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=53736](http://alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=53736). Below are some frequently-asked questions about this important transformation.

### What is the scope of the redevelopment project?

The property owner for the Mount Vernon Village Center at 3843 Mount Vernon Avenue

(formerly the Arlandria Center), where CVS and MOM are located, would like to redevelop the existing shopping center. The strip center and the old McCormick's Paint Store at 3809 Mount Vernon Avenue would be torn down, and two new buildings would be constructed, with an access drive between them. This drive would provide a direct connection to Four Mile Run Park for pedestrians and bicyclists. Each building would have retail space along Mount Vernon Avenue, with residential units above. The project would be constructed in two phases.

### Are MOM and CVS staying?

The applicant is working with the existing retailers and the goal is for them to stay on after redevelopment. The project will be built in two phases. Phase 1 includes the demolition of the former McCormick's Paint Store (3809 Mount Vernon Avenue) and CVS drugstore. The South building (and its associated parking) would then be constructed. If everything goes as hoped with the leasing agreements, MOM and CVS would move into this new building. Phase 2 includes the demolition of the remainder of the site and the construction of the North building (and its associated parking).



## Come to the December 19 meeting to elect your WVCA Executive Committee. On the ballot:

Glenn Christianson: President

Flora Buckalew: First Vice President

Mark Malseed: Second Vice President

Maryjo Baxter: Secretary

Alice Falk: Treasurer

The election will be held at the  
Holiday Party on Monday December 19,  
at 6 p.m. at the Pool House.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Upcoming Warwick Village Meeting Dates:

January 23, 2012

February 27, 2012

March 19, 2012

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## President's Column

Hi Neighbor,

I can't believe that I've been president for a year already. Being president has been an exciting and rewarding challenge for me. It has given me a chance to meet a lot of you and work with you on the common goal of making Warwick Village an even better place to live.

I need to thank all of you who have done your civic duty by volunteering or paying your membership to WVCA. A special thanks to our street representatives and Adopt-A-Park volunteers. As well as those of you who served as a board member or attended the leadership meetings. And last but not least, those of you who participated in an event like National Night Out or the

Holiday Party. All of these are important to the fabric of our neighborhood.

Speaking of the Holiday Party, it is December 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is a great chance to meet your neighbors and rekindle friendships with some of your neighbors you may not have seen in a while. Bring a dish to pass or a canned good to be donated to the Carpenter's Shelter.

Our January 23 meeting is very important to attend. That is the meeting where we open the floor to all members to speak up with ideas about what we could work on for the 2012 year. We may not be able to do everything on the list but it gives the leadership team direction to keep

us moving forward. You may always contact us through our website, Facebook, Twitter, or my email or phone number. All of these are published in the newsletter.

Support our community again next year by paying your WVCA membership early in 2012.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

*-Glenn Christianson, WVCA President*



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## Mount Vernon Village Center, continued from page 1

### Will MOM and CVS stay open during construction?

The current plan is for MOM to stay open during the entire construction process. The only time it may be closed would be during its relocation from its current location to the new building to the South. CVS would be closed while the South building is built. The goal is that the pharmacy would remain open during the entire construction process. During Phase 1, the CVS pharmacy would be relocated to one of the smaller existing retail spaces on the North until the South building is complete. After the South building is complete, CVS would locate there and return to full operation.

### Will the other retailers stay?

The property owner is working with the other retail tenants as well; however, final leasing will not occur until each building is substantially completed.

### How would this redevelopment project impact traffic?

The proposed development would generate a moderate increase in traffic on the overall roadway network. Vehicles travelling to and from the North and passing through the intersection of Mount Vernon Avenue and South Glebe Road would continue to experience backups and delays during the morning and evening peak hours due to capacity constraints at the intersection. Intersections to the South would continue to operate at acceptable levels of service during both the morning and evening peak hour periods.

### How would this project affect Four Mile Run Park?

Because the proposed project and Four Mile Run Park share a border, special care has been taken to make sure that the buildings would interact well with the park. Currently, the park is

hidden from Mount Vernon Avenue by buildings. In the proposal, the central drive would provide a view of the park from Russell Road, and serve as an alternate gateway to the park for cyclists and pedestrians. The ground level apartment units facing Bruce Street and the park have been designed with front doors that would directly access the sidewalk, so that there would be activity on the street and "eyes" on the park for additional after-hours security.

The design also calls for a non-vehicular esplanade along the back of the property, between the buildings and the edge of the park. This area would be landscaped with pedestrian-scale lighting and trees, and is intended to serve as a buffer between the public park and the building. At such time that the Birchmere property redevelops, this walkway could be completed as a small road to provide additional park access.

### I have thoughts/questions/concerns. How do I share them?

Please contact the project planner, Maya Contreras, at [maya.contreras@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maya.contreras@alexandriava.gov) or 703.746.3816. You are also welcome to come to the public hearings and present your support or concerns. Information about speaking at the Planning Commission is available at: [alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=9364](http://alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=9364)

All persons, including applicants, wishing to speak before the Planning Commission must fill out a Speaker's Form. Speaker's Forms may be completed and emailed in advance of the meeting to [PlanComm@alexandriava.gov](mailto:PlanComm@alexandriava.gov). Speaker's Forms will also be available at the meeting and may be submitted to the Planning Commission Clerk, or online here: [alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/planning/Speaker%20Form.pdf](http://alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/planning/Speaker%20Form.pdf)

*For more information and current status, please visit [alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=53736](http://alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=53736)*

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Monday, November 21, 2011

Glenn Christianson was unable to attend this meeting. It was called to order by Flora Buckalew at 7:30 p.m.

### Membership and finances:

As of November 21, the account contains \$15,511.53. Anyone who joins WVCA for 2011 at this point will be a member for both 2011 and 2012.

### Nominating committee:

Andy Duncan reported that there is an uncontested slate of officers running for the 2012 WVCA Executive Committee: Glenn Christianson, Flora Buckalew and Maryjo Baxter will continue as President, First Vice President and Secretary respectively. New on the committee will be Mark Malseed as Second Vice President and Alice Falk as Treasurer. The election will be held at the Holiday Party on Monday December 19, at 6 p.m. at the Pool House.

### Police Report:

A jogger was attacked on East Del Ray Avenue the early morning of November. 21. A press release from the Alexandria Police Department was passed around the room. APD is investigating the attack.

### Upcoming WVCA Events:

**Annual Luminaria:** Saturday December 3. Michael Buening is organizing volunteers.

**Holiday Party:** Monday December 19, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Pool House. Volunteers are vital to the success of this event. Please contact Kathy Sugrue if you can help on the day of with food preparation, or if you would like to bring any food and set up.

### Featured Speaker: Steve Dolan

Please see Steve's article, "Did you know that...?" on page 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

—Maryjo Baxter

## 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](http://WarwickVillage.org)), Twitter ([Twitter.com/WarwickCitizens](https://twitter.com/WarwickCitizens)) and Facebook ([Facebook.com/WarwickCitizens](https://facebook.com/WarwickCitizens)).

## Did you know that...?

*(With thanks to Steve Dolan for his interesting presentation at the November WVCA meeting.)*

- Warwick Village was built on the site of a country estate owned by Frank Hume in the late 1800's/early 1900's.
- The Aspen Apartments' land belonged to a different owner, Helen Calvert.
- Hume's summer home was located at the highest point of the Village, where Mosby and Landover Streets are parallel.
- His driveway began approximately at the end of today's Clifford Avenue, climbing up to the house on Mosby.
- In 1888, Mount Vernon Avenue was supposed to be a major highway from DC to Mount Vernon.

- An amusement park called Luna Park existed in the early 20th century at the corner of Eads and South Glebe, where the Arlington sewage treatment plant now stands.
- One night in August 1906, four elephants escaped from Luna Park and strolled about Northern Virginia for several weeks.
- Between 1954 and 1975, our homes were rental units. The original rent was \$118 per month.
- The split level homes were built by the same developer who built the brick townhouses and are considered to be Warwick Village.

## The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

The Alexandria Fire Department, along with Alexandria Fire Volunteers, C.E.R.T. members and Washington Gas Safety Team representatives, recently canvassed the Warwick Village area on Saturday December 10, 2011, to talk with residents about the dangers of carbon monoxide – or CO – poisoning. In the first week of December 2011, we have already had two very serious calls for carbon monoxide. In the first incident, a young family of three was transported with exposures to this poisonous gas. One of the incident's occupants was alerted by a neighbor's carbon monoxide detector, and the other was able to recognize the symptoms of CO poisoning and was able to alert the Fire Department for help.

Because of these two incidents and incidents in the past with the homes in Warwick Village, the Alexandria Fire Department wants to alert residents of CO poisoning and install carbon monoxide detectors in those homes that are not yet equipped with one. A task force of more than 50 persons were in the neighborhood on Saturday, December 10, starting at 10:00 a.m., and continued until each residence in Warwick Village had been given information on the dangers of CO, and those answering the door were offered a CO detector.

*– Joe Hoffmaster, Battalion Chief 211B*

### Here are a few tips to help you stay safe when the temperatures drop:

- Install a CO detector. The best location is in the room with the boiler/heater. Change the batteries when you set the clocks back.
- Keep the space around the burners clear. If the furnace or water heater don't have enough clean air they may not burn properly.
- Check the exhaust stack for rust, cracks or holes that might allow CO to escape.
- Inspect the vent for bird nests or anything that might inhibit airflow.
- If you can see the flames when the burners turn on, they should be yellow and blue if the appliance is burning properly.
- If any of these things are beyond your skill level you should hire a heating and cooling company.



## Holiday Donation Drive

Community Partners for Children's annual Holiday Donation Drive is being featured on ACTion Alexandria and we need your help making our fundraising goal! Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to help provide toys, clothing and grocery store cards to Alexandria families in need.

Please help us make this a successful effort by joining ACTion Alexandria to support the Holiday Donation Drive today.

A small donation of \$20 or more will help us make the holidays a happy time for all Alexandrians.

To help us spread the holiday cheer even further, the RunningBrooke Fund is providing up to \$500 in matching funds for this action! That means the first \$500 in donations will be doubled!

Please visit our action link on ACTion Alexandria to help: [actionalexandria.org/action/week-help-650-alexandria-children-get-new-toy-holidays](http://actionalexandria.org/action/week-help-650-alexandria-children-get-new-toy-holidays) (you must register for an ACTion Alexandria account to complete the action)

Happy Holidays! And THANKS for your continued support for Community Partners for Children.

*–Pat Miller*

## Project Play!

Join ACTion Alexandria, in a new, citizen-powered playground movement. Project Play is an exciting new effort to increase play opportunities and improve playspaces for Alexandria's children. We need you! If you care about play and playgrounds in Alexandria, sign up to be a part of Project Play: [actionalexandria.org/project-play](http://actionalexandria.org/project-play).

## 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](mailto:kellymaureen711@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you.

## Alexandria Named One of the Nation's "100 Best Communities for Young People"

For the fourth time, the City of Alexandria was named one of the nation's "100 Best Communities for Young People," by the America's Promise Alliance. The competition recognizes the 100 outstanding communities across America—large and small, rural and urban—that are the best places for young people to live and grow. More than 300 communities nationwide applied for the honor this year. A list of all 2011 winners can be found at [www.americaspromise.org/100best](http://www.americaspromise.org/100best).

The City's support for its children and youth encompasses a comprehensive array of programs and services in areas such as teen pregnancy prevention, juvenile delinquency, education, post-secondary education, mentoring and youth development.

The America's Promise Alliance, founded by General Colin Powell, provides a catalyst for community-based efforts to demonstrate how

children receive the Five Promises—caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, an effective education and opportunities to help others.

Being a "100 Best" community not only demonstrates commitment to local young people; the award fosters local pride, bolsters economic development and shines the spotlight on the people and programs that are building better communities. The competition also facilitates the sharing of best practices among communities nationwide.

For more information, contact Ron Frazier, Director of Youth Services, at [ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov](mailto:ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov) or 703.746.5967.

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## Holiday Tree Collection

*From alexandriava.gov/YardWaste*

For two weeks after Christmas, the City collects holiday trees to create wood mulch. Residents who receive City trash service have two collection days to set-out trees for recycling pick-up. Trees are collected at the curb during this service.

To prepare trees for collection, residents are reminded to:

- Remove all ornaments, tinsel and stands.
- Do not place in plastic bags.
- Place the tree at the curb **no earlier than 5 p.m. on Friday and no later than 6 a.m. on Saturday.**

The exact collection days are announced in the Alexandria Gazette and on the City's cable channel and website, and through eNews ([alexandriava.gov/goto.aspx?u=http%3A/enews.alexandriava.gov/&i=26&s=content&h=eNews](http://alexandriava.gov/goto.aspx?u=http%3A/enews.alexandriava.gov/&i=26&s=content&h=eNews)).



## Waste Removal in December and January

### December 23 Christmas Eve (observed)

City offices are closed; trash & recycling collections are on a regular schedule

### December 24

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections Drop-off Center is closed

### December 26 Christmas Day (Observed)

City offices are closed; trash & 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

### January 2 New Year's Day (Observed)

City offices are closed; trash & recycling collection are on regular schedule; Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections Drop-off Center is closed

### January 14 Holiday trees collected at curb

Holiday trees must be out by 6 a.m. Saturday for collection

### January 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Observed)

City offices are closed; Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections Drop-off Center is 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

### January 21 Holiday trees collected at curb

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## Warwick Village Pet of the Month

### And the 2011 Warwick Village Holiday Pet of the Month is...MAX!

I'd like to thank my parents, Ann & Bill Stat, from 241 Aspen Street for nominating me, Max, as Warwick Village's December Pet of the Month. Many of you have probably seen me in our front window as you walk down to the bus stop or drive down to Russell Road. However, I spend most of my day time lounging on our

screen porch. I've been living here on Aspen Street since June 2005, when I was adopted during National Adopt-a-Pet-Month from those great folks at King Street Cats! (Check them out!)

Other than storing up sleep, I beg for food, look handsome, and play with my mom every night before they go off to bed. Then, when all is quiet, I look for mice. In spite of my paunch, I'm

actually deceivingly athletic! I keep up my agility and endurance by stalking and shredding pom-poms all over the house. I am also most curious about all of the squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons, opossums and birds that I see and hear outside. But not to worry, I have everything under control here at the Aspen Street entrance to beautiful Warwick Village. What a wonderful place to live!



Ummmm, more tuna please.

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!

*Warwick Village*  
 established 1953

Sign up for 2012 now, and get the rest of 2011 free! 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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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