

November Meeting Presentation: Winterizing the Garden

It's been a lovely, warm fall, but winter is coming. Many people wonder what to do to prepare their gardens for winter. At the November meeting we'll address a lot of common questions about things like pruning, mulching, preventing disease, protecting tender plants, planting bulbs, strengthening lawns, and much more. Get horticultural tips tested and approved by the USDA through a Master

Gardener-led slide presentation and discussion with some Alexandria-only tips thrown in about services, ordinances, etc. There will also be handouts and freebies ranging from pamphlets to soil test kits to seeds and even, possibly, some plants. (Yes, you can still plant perennials, shrubs, and trees, and free is my favorite price.)

—Flora C. Buckalew

Warwick Pool Update

You may have noticed that the city has replaced the old fence around Warwick pool with a new one. The new fencing allows access to the picnic area and movement between that area and Landover Park. It really looks great—it significantly improves the curb appeal of the pool and opens it up so you can actually see that there's a pool back there! A big thank you to Ralph Baird, City Aquatics Director, for getting that work done.

Additional updates from the city:

"We plan to open and operate Warwick next Summer. It likely could get more use as we are planning to renovate Chinquapin (close it for the Summer). I had our general service property/facility manager tour Warwick last month. I am seeking their help to upgrade/improve the electrical service, plumbing fixtures, and ADA and other code compliance concerns to the site and bath house. I also asked them to install new flooring and ceiling tiles upstairs. And I will be seeking to re-plaster the main pool after adding stairs all the way across the shallow end (ADA access). We could also add tile under water that lap swimmers use to guide their way. We could use community support to power wash the bath house and pool deck next spring."

Alexandria Aquatics Advocacy Group Forming—Seeking Representatives for Warwick Pool: Bill Rivers, a local retiree, has

kindly volunteered to lead an advocacy group to improve aquatics in Alexandria. Bill has had previous success raising funds for public-private partnerships in the city so he knows the players and what needs to be done. This is a great opportunity for Warwick Pool. If you would like to participate in the group or learn more, please

contact Bill directly: William Rivers, 703.683.6526, rivers15@comcast.net. You can also attend a meeting on **Thursday, November 15 at 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.**

About the Advocacy Group:

In the City of Alexandria, the aquatics situation has worsened in recent years. Facilities have closed and others are aging with no replacement in sight, while demand for pool usage has grown. There are waiting lists for basic

swimming lessons; pools are overbooked with multiple different users seeking time; and the pool facilities are aging and in need of major replacement or repair, and no major capital funds have been set-aside for replacement of the pools.

In recognition that action is needed, the City commissioned a comprehensive aquatics study that was just recently completed. The City is seeking public input, but the study basically told us what we know—the pools are old and in

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Warwick Village Meeting Monday, November 19, 2012

Meet and Greet begins at 7:15 p.m.

Call to Order at 7:30 p.m.

Featured Topic

Our very own Flora Buckalew, Master Gardener, talking about winterizing the garden

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.

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Warwick Village Meeting Dates

The last meeting of the year is our Holiday party... Sunday December 16

2013 Meetings

January 28

February 25

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 15 or 16 Holiday Party/Elections

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President's Column

Hi Neighbor,

December is just around the corner. It's also one of our busiest months. We have Luminaria and the Holiday Party both at the pool house.

Come to the pool house on December 8 at 1:00 p.m. Help fill bags with sand and a candle. This will not only help get the Luminaria distributed, but you will have a great chance to meet your neighbors. It's a great project for volunteers of all ages. You can also help by lighting the bags in front of your house around 5:00 p.m. On Sunday, pick up the bags. Just dump the sand in the median strip and discard the bag and what's left of the candle.

The Holiday Party is on December 16. We are trying something new this year by having the party on Sunday afternoon. Stay tuned for the exact time. WVCA will have refreshments and some main courses. If you would like to bring

something to pass please do. Don't let cooking stop you from coming. Just bring canned goods or dry pasta instead. WVCA will donate them to the Carpenter's Shelter. Of course, everyone is welcome at this event. We will also elect the next board for 2013.

Coming to one or both of these events will make Warwick Village a better community. Please watch our Facebook, Twitter, and website postings for updates between newsletters.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

—Glenn Christianson,
WVCA President

Photo courtesy of
Trey Harris



Call for WVCA Officer Nominations

WVCA is seeking nominations for its 2013 President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The call for nominations will be open through the November 19. For information on serving as an officer or to seek nomination please contact Andy Duncan, a_duncan@comcast.net or 703-549-2727.

The Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates at the November 19 WVCA meeting. The committee will accept additional nominations from the floor at the November meeting. WVCA members will vote on the Officers at the December WVCA meeting.

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

Pool House, October 15, 2012

President Glenn Christianson opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Membership report: WVCA has 106 members for 2012, including 67 who are new this year. Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2012 dues. We are still accepting new and renewed memberships.

Treasurer's report: The association has \$14,676.19 in its bank account.

Police Report: Officer Leonard reported that it was a quiet month in Warwick Village. At the end of September there were two police calls on Landover and three calls to Hillside Park but no

arrests were made. The loud sounds on the evening of October 14 were just fireworks in Arlandria. Overall, crime is down 12% citywide.

With autumn's shorter days, don't forget to put on your porch lights. Always lock your doors when you go out, even if you're just walking the dog.

The remainder of the meeting featured a discussion with our guest speaker, Jack Browand, a Division Chief for Alexandria's Parks and Recreation. (See article below.)

The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

—Maryjo Baxter

Parks Planning

Jack Browand is a Division Chief for Alexandria's Parks and Recreation. On October 15, he spoke with Warwick Village neighbors about the planning process for local parks and answered questions from neighbors. Jack also works with special events and waterfront park issues.

The City Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities is undertaking a nine-month public outreach process directed at the City's six large multi-use parks. Two parks are close to Warwick Village: Four Mile Run Park, located in Arlandria between Mount Vernon and

Commonwealth Avenues, and Simpson Stadium Park, on Monroe Avenue near Route 1. The goal of this effort is to study and understand the existing conditions and future needs for each of the parks.

Park planning staff want to know how you use the parks, what you like in the parks, and what you hope to see in each of these parks in the future. Workshops on the individual parks took place in October and early November but it is not too late to submit your ideas and comments via the drop boxes at the parks or on the web site: alexandriava.gov/65170.

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need of repair/replacement and that to do so will require a large amount of capital.

There are only four public pools left in the City—Chinquapin, Warwick, Old Town, and Charles Houston, with Houston being the only one recently built. Pools at Ewald, Colasanto, and Lee have been closed. There are advocates for each of the pools that remain open, but of necessity, those advocates have focused on their own pool needs.

Some of us believe that there should be a **city-wide advocacy group** for aquatics that can reflect a unified voice and seek to work with the City to build a public/private partnership to create a better Alexandria by creating a new aquatics infrastructure. New pools, new

approaches, and new energy will allow us to realize an aquatics system that will rival others in our area. However this can only be done if the entire aquatics community makes a collective effort to work towards a solution.

We wish to create an organization that will work in partnership with the City administration, the Park and Recreation Commission, the City Council, the private sector, and charitable organizations to solve the pool problems. Please contact Bill Rivers or Jenny Malseed if you feel able and willing to work for a better aquatics program in your City.

—Jenny Malseed, Friends of Warwick Pool
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Duncan Library News

Duncan's Book Discussion Group meets Wednesday, November 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This month's book is *The Cave*, by Saramago. This is a friendly group that is always open to new participants.

November brings back a full schedule of children's programs. Remember, we will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving, but open on the Saturday.

Meet a K-9 Dog and a Sheriff's Deputy on November 12, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. The Deputy will explain what he and the dog do and how the dog is trained. This program is for grades K-5 only.

Our Holiday Crafts Program is limited to 24 children, so please come a bit early and sign up with the librarian. This program is for children in grades K-5, on Wednesday, November 14, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Later in the month, we'll have a visit from the animal shelter, a naturalist from the Buddie Ford Nature Center, and German Story Time for pre-schoolers. Pick up a full calendar at the library or check the website at alexandria.lib.va.us under events.

DVDs are now renewable! (I saved the best news for last.) We understand that life often makes it hard to get an item, checked out for only a week, back on time, so we now offer two one-week renewals on DVDs, so long as no one has placed a request for that item.

See you at the library!

—Marilyn Doherty

Aging Alexandrians

Aging Alexandrians in our community can consult the City's resource guide to get information and learn about services available that specifically address their needs. The guide is designed to assist aging Alexandrians in living independent, healthy lives. For more information, visit alexandriava.gov/Aging

House Numbers

Does your house have a visible street number? Over 50 homes in Warwick Village don't. City code enforcement will be issuing notices.

Warwick Village Pet of the Month

He's no turkey and he's cute as can be!

Jasper is a new addition to Warwick Village. His new family have been Village residents for a while now and recently rescued Jasper from Lost Dog Rescue (lostdogrescue.org). Lost Dog frequently has pet adoption events at PetSmart, and that's where Jasper met his new Warwick Village family. They just went to meet new dogs, but they fell in love with Jasper immediately and had to bring him home straight away! Since Jasper's family had previously adopted from Lost Dog, the adoption process was even faster than normal.

Jasper has boundless energy and really loves to be around people and other dogs. He also likes kids, which is great because he has not one but two young boys with which to play and expend some of his boundless energy.

If you see Jasper out and about, stop by and say hello. Jasper will just love it!

Gobble, gobble.

We need you... to nominate your pet to be our monthly superstar! There are so many pets in Warwick Village and we'd like to feature them all in the Voice—cats, dogs, lizards, fish, birds, and all pets alike! It's easy: Just send a high resolution picture and a few words about your pet 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.



Jenny Malseed and Donald Trump at the Annual Village Halloween Party. Photo courtesy of Maryjo Baxter

Autumn Frolics in the Village

Boo!

October is a glorious month in our area. Cooler temps and showers of colorful leaves replace summer's crushing heat. Neighbors are out and about socializing before winter's darkness and cold.

Halloween celebrations mark the high point of autumn. WVCA financially supports two big annual events: We donated \$250 to the organizers of the Del Ray Halloween Parade on Sunday October 28 and contributed \$100 to the Parents Group for the October 31 party at the Pool House.

Joining WVCA for just \$15 per person per year helps your association support fun events such as these that make our community such a special place to live.

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

Warwick Village
 established 1953

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.

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Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Mail this coupon with your check (payable to WVCA) to WVCA, 35 Ancell Street, 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.).

What's on your mind?

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