

# The Warwick

# Village Voice

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## Luminaria December 8

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.



Photo courtesy of Trey Harris

## Holiday Party and 2013 Elections December 16

The Holiday Party is on December 16. We are trying something new this year by having the party on Sunday afternoon from 4:30 p.m to 7:00 p.m. WVCA will provide refreshments and some main courses. If you would like to bring something



to pass please do (contact Kathy Sugrue at 703.549.2718). Don't let cooking stop you from coming. Just bring canned or dry goods instead. We 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.

## Driving and Parking in the Village

Speeding and parking are ongoing problems throughout the Village. If you are driving, please drive safely. If you are parking, please follow our practices and courtesies.

Point one: People who are driving through the Village, for the most part, live here. We have vendors, commercial interests, pizza delivery folks, and others going through here, but for the most part, the folks going through here are us.

A few people are in a hurry. Some of our roads have curves and hills in this residential area with limited visibility, with more kids living here than when I moved in twelve years ago. I think that speeding is a problem. Not a big one, but I find it troubling in the few cases when drivers, many of them residents, demonstrate that they are unconcerned about the safety of their neighbors. I don't want to see a kid, or anybody for that

matter, getting hurt. Or worse. I don't think you do, either.

The police generally get involved in a situation when there is a big problem involving a larger offense or a larger number of people, an accident, or a death. When it gets to that point, they are more likely to become involved. For the current situation, roughly four officers, over the years, have told me that we don't have a problem.

I say we do. Not as bad as some other areas, but we have a problem here.

Do me a favor: Drive safely. Show concern for your neighbors and their kids. Speed limits are there for good reasons. This is not a limited access highway; this is a residential area with a speed limit of twenty-five. Please stay within the speed limit.

## Warwick Village Meeting

**Sunday, December 16, 2012**  
**Holiday Party 4:30-7:00 p.m**

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

#### 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

Point two: If you live in the village, you have the right to one parking space (two if you have an end unit). If you are a visitor, you are welcome to use the street parking. If, as a resident, you have a party, guests, etc., please tell them about the policy and ask them not to park in your neighbors' spaces; ask them to park on the street, not directly in front of the houses.

The City's take on the situation is that residents can park in residents' parking (you can park in my space and vice versa), but the gentlemen's agreement is that we park in front of our own house, not in front of another resident's house.

Thanks for your cooperation.

—Frank Sokolove, Street Representative  
for Kennedy, Volunteer Coordinator

## President's Column

Hi Neighbor,

We have had a great year and I'm looking forward to 2013. We have changed some things around this past year but kept most of our projects and events intact. I think it's important to check and see if we are heading in the right direction. With that in mind please come to our December and January meetings. I'm very interested in hearing what is important to you for the coming year.

Maryjo Baxter is stepping back as Secretary. She has served for 4 years on your board. Maryjo will still be doing our Welcome Wagon and serving on our leadership team. Thank you Maryjo for all you've done and your continued service to WVCA.

Many thanks to the board, leadership team, street representatives, and those of you who volunteered or ran a project. Without these great

folks' work (a lot of the time in the background), the projects and community building events we run wouldn't happen. Our newsletter wouldn't be printed and delivered to every home. So, I sincerely thank you all for your efforts to WVCA and our neighborhood.

Last but not least: Thank you all who paid your membership dues in 2012 and I hope you will see the value in joining again in 2013. Your membership is a vote that we have purpose. That helps the leadership team keep working to make Warwick Village even better.

Please come to the Holiday Party on December 16 from 4:30 p.m to 7:00 p.m. It's going to be a great ending to 2012 and a wonderful start for 2013.

—Glenn Christianson, WVCA President

## Find and Follow Warwick Village

It's easy to know what's going on and learn how you can volunteer...

### Website

WarwickVillage.org

### Twitter

Twitter.com/WarwickCitizens

### Facebook

Facebook.com/WarwickCitizens

### Email

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## WVCA Leadership &



## Street Representatives

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## December Holiday Trash Pick-up Schedule

### Week of December 24:

City offices are closed Monday and Tuesday

Trash & Recycling collections are on regular schedule for Monday and delayed one day for the rest of the week:

- Tuesday collection will be Wednesday
- Wednesday collection will be Thursday
- Thursday collection will be Friday

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Pool House, November 19, 2012

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

Office Leonard gave the Police report. Crime throughout the city is down 11% since last year. There was one case of ID fraud reported and two larcenies from autos on Sycamore. In other neighborhoods in the city, there have been cases of package theft reported. If you are expecting a package, track it online and consider asking the shipper to deliver in a less obvious place such as beside your steps.

Nominations for the 2013 WVCA Leadership Committee: Andy Duncan is the head of the Nominations Committee. Please contact him at [a\\_duncan@comcast.net](mailto:a_duncan@comcast.net). All positions are open but we especially need a Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: The Association has \$14,157.77 in its account. The Leadership Team voted to donate \$100.00 to the United Way for the Sandy Hurricane relief fund. WVCA also contributed \$250.00 to the Del Ray Business Association towards printing the goodie bags for the Halloween Parade. Since the parade was cancelled this year due to Hurricane Sandy, the bags will be stored and used next year.

Membership Report: Mark Malseed reported that we now have 116 paid members for 2012. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter ([Twitter.com/WarwickCitizens](https://twitter.com/WarwickCitizens)) and friend us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/WarwickCitizens](https://facebook.com/WarwickCitizens))!

Parks Report: Tom Williamson reported that the Association submitted input to the Capital Improvement Plan for Hillside Park requesting lighting.

## 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](http://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.

Turkey Trot: Starts at 9:00 a.m. this year, one hour earlier than in past years.

Volunteers: There are lots of ways to volunteer for small jobs that bring a lot of joy. Frank Sokolove is the volunteer coordinator. Please contact him for more information at 202.298.0800 (voice mail) or [frank\\_sokolove@yahoo.com](mailto:frank_sokolove@yahoo.com).

For example, our annual Luminaria will take place on Saturday December 8. Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs ranging from bag folding in the days prior to the event and on Saturday at the pool house starting at 1:00 p.m. to fill the paper bags with sand and candles. Other neighbors will drive through the village in the afternoon and drop off the bags in front of each house. Candles are lit at dusk and clean up is the next day.

Holiday Party and Elections: Sunday December 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Kathy Sugrue is coordinating the menu. Please let her know if you would like to bring a pot luck item. You may also bring canned or boxed food to donate to the Carpenter's Shelter. Don Stark will transform the Pool House into a Winter Wonderland—helper elves are welcome.

The evening's guest speaker was Flora Buckalew, Master Gardener, who did a presentation on winterizing your garden.

The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

—Maryjo Baxter

## Duncan Library News

**Holiday Open House.** Join us on Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for our anniversary celebration of the opening of the James M. Duncan Jr. Library in 1969. You won't be able to resist the urge to dance in the library to the music of the Irish Breakfast Band, and there will be refreshments as well. Until then, bring an unwrapped gift for Community Partners for Children to share your holiday spirit with those less fortunate.

**Holiday Safety.** On Monday, December 10, 7 p.m., a police department representative will give tips and answer questions about staying safe during the holiday season.

Tired of buying books for your e-reader? The library has a great collection of e-books, and, on Tuesday, December 18, from 4 to 5 p.m., we'll have a training session at Duncan on how to use them on your e-reader, smartphone, mp3 player, or computer.

*Strapless: John Sargent and the Fall of Madam X* by Deborah Davis is the fascinating subject of the December Book Discussion Group. As well, the group will be selecting titles for the next six months. This group welcomes new members, so join in on Wednesday, December 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

See you at the library!

—Marilyn Doherty



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## Warwick Village Pet of the Month

### Calling all Warwick Village Superstar Pets!

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](http://homewardtrails.org).



## Getting Involved in Warwick Village

Welcome to Warwick Village! If you are looking for a place to get involved with your neighborhood, you've found it... Whether you're an OWNER or RENTER, the following list offers several ways to get started.

The Warwick Village Citizens Association is a volunteer group of residents that put on events and represent and advocate for the neighborhood within the City of Alexandria. Owners and renters are both welcome!

### WVCA Meetings and Membership

Meetings are held monthly (except July and August) and open to all neighborhood residents. Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m. Becoming a Member of WVCA is easy: It's just \$15 per adult (\$5 for seniors) annually. Your dues support activities and events and strengthen our voice in the city. Join online at [warwickvillage.org](http://warwickvillage.org) or fill out the form below.

### Parents & Kids Activities

We have many young ones in our neighborhood, ranging from babies through school age. There are many activities available for children and parents, including the playgrounds at Landover Park and Goat Hill Park, as well as Warwick Pool. Each spring, kids get together for an Egg

Hunt, and there's a Halloween Party in October. Email [voice@warwickvillage.org](mailto:voice@warwickvillage.org) to get involved.

### Adopt-a-Park

Village residents pitch in to keep neighborhood parks clean from April through November annually. Volunteers pick a month and a Village park, and once a week pick up loose trash to keep things beautiful. The time commitment is 20-30 minutes a week. The best part: By doing a good job, WVCA earns awards from the City that support our events. Contact Andy Duncan, WVCA Adopt-a-Park Coordinator at [a\\_duncan@comcast.net](mailto:a_duncan@comcast.net).

### Share news for The Village Voice

The Village Voice is hand-delivered to all residents every month. But it takes a village to write the stories and take the photos that make it interesting. Contact editor Patti Gaston at [pategaston@aol.com](mailto:pategaston@aol.com) to contribute.

### Garden Club

Help with gardening projects around the neighborhood or just learn about gardening in the Village. Contact: Flora Buckalew, Master Gardener, at [flora@warwickvillage.org](mailto:flora@warwickvillage.org) or 703.836.6599.

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

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, 35 Ansell Street, 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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