

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Pool House, January 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. The Agenda was approved as presented, with the exception of a Sheriff's Report (report unavailable). The attendees introduced themselves.

### Police Report

Officer Leonard reported that larceny has been a major issue around the Village in recent months. There have been 5 instances of larceny since December 1, 2012 (they are seeing similar occurrences in Park Fairfax). Mainly, larcenies have occurred in unlocked cars where the suspect opened the car door and took the items. Additionally, in mid-December, a motorcycle was stolen from one of the high-rises—the motorcycle was loaded into an empty van and transported to another location. And, there have been a couple instances of hit and run accidents on parked cars.

Warwick Village residents are, as always, asked to report suspicious behavior, especially at odd hours of the day—call the police department just to be safe. An additional hint for cold weather: Do not start your cars on cold mornings if you are not sitting in the car with your keys unless you have a remote starter—someone could simply open the door and drive your car away.

Overall, crime was down in Alexandria in 2012 by 8-9%. Moreover, there were no homicides in Alexandria for the first time in many years.

The Alexandria Police Department is now accepting applications for the 29th session of the Police Citizens Academy. Get to know your Police Department! This is a 10-week program where you'll learn about administrative philoso-

phy, internal policies and the guiding principles of law and ethical conduct of Alexandria's police services. Class topics include patrol operations, gangs, crime prevention, crime scene investigation, criminal investigations and the Special operations Team. For more information, visit [alexandriava.gov/police](http://alexandriava.gov/police) or email Volunteer office at [Virginia.Obravnovich@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Virginia.Obravnovich@alexandriava.gov). (The application deadline for this session was February 10, 2013.)



### Traffic Calming

In April 2012, WVCA sent a letter to the City of Alexandria regarding several intersections in the neighborhood needing crosswalks (particularly at

Kennedy/Ancell and Ancell/Commonwealth). While WVCA did not hear

anything back from the city last year, the City has taken a renewed interest in making intersections safer and a new City contact has reached out to WVCA to follow up on our requests.

WVCA hopes to have a status update within the next month.

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that WVCA has \$14,852.75 in the Village bank account. Additionally, Jen Walker (local realtor) will continue to sponsor the printing of the WVCA newsletter.

### Membership Report

In 2012, WVCA's membership grew by 7% with a total of 122 paying members. Thank you to all! So far for 2013, WVCA has 17 members, including 10 new members. Dues are \$15 per adult, \$5 for seniors, payable by cash, check or on website with credit card. Thanks for your support!

## Warwick Village Meeting

### Monday, February 25, 2013

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

Call to Order at 7:30 p.m.

### Featured Topic

Gwen Wright, from the City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning, will present an update on the Potomac Yard / Route 1 Corridor. There are a lot of new developments as well as redevelopment of the retail space in Potomac Yard. Come find out the latest on the proposed Metro Rail Station.

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

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 15 or 16

Holiday Party/Elections

## Find and Follow Warwick Village

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

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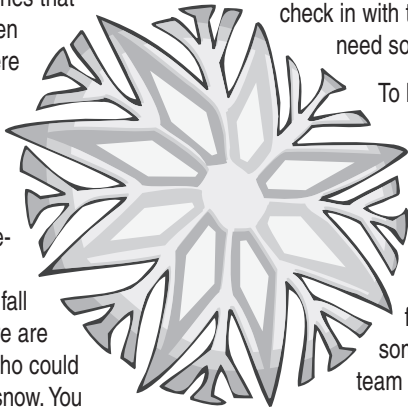
## President's Column

Hi Neighbor,

The Leadership Team and I have decided to focus on building community this year. There are studies that show that community is not only important for day to day living but also during emergency situations. Look around you. The people you live near are the ones that you will need to work with when there is a large scale crisis here in Alexandria.

Some emergency situations are obvious to us all. When there are storms or power outages. Some are less noticeable. Heat waves and cold weather can be deadly. Snow fall may not be as deadly but there are people in our neighborhood who could use your help with shoveling snow. You

could help out by signing up for the "Snow Buddies" program. Contact Volunteer Alexandria at 703.836.2176. We need to keep an eye out for our elderly or folks who just might need a little help. During those times when the weather or other emergencies make it difficult for us to get around or put a strain on us physically, try to check in with that neighbor you know may need some help.



To help you introduce yourselves, WVCA will sponsor "Street Meet" over the next few months. I'll be working with your street representatives and setting up a day for you to come to their front yard. We will have someone from the leadership team and refreshments. This will

give you a chance to stop by and get to know more of your neighbors. Right now we are planning to do this on a street by street basis. So, your day may not be the same day as someone living on another street here in Warwick Village. We will notify you in the newsletter or with a flyer of your date, time and location.

As always, be safe and look out for each other.

*–Glenn Christianson, WVCA President*

To apply for the "Snow Buddies" program, contact the Office of Citizen Assistance at 703.838.4800 or TTY 703.838.5056. To become a volunteer for the "Snow Buddies" program, please contact Volunteer Alexandria at 703.836.2176 or email [emergencyresponse@volunteerallexandria.org](mailto:emergencyresponse@volunteerallexandria.org). For more information about snow removal, and tips for being prepared for snow events, visit [alexandriava.gov/snow](http://alexandriava.gov/snow).

## WVCA Leadership &



## Street Representatives

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## Duncan Library News

Next time you pick up books or DVDs, stop by and welcome our new Branch Manager, Stephanie Clark, who started the New Year at Duncan on January 7. An Alexandria resident, Ms. Clark was formerly the Director of Planning and Assessment for Georgetown University. She has also served as Senior Program Officer for the Institute of Museum Services, managing grants, and in numerous positions in the Spartanburg County Public Library System in South Carolina. Let her know what a great neighborhood she's working in, and what you would like to see happening in our library!

Duncan's Book Discussion Group meets Wednesday, February 20, at 7 pm. This month's title is *The Big Sleep*, by Raymond Chandler. Reference librarian Ruth Hailu coordinates this group and can give you more information at 703.746.1705, ext. 3.

Nature Program: A Buddie Ford Center naturalist comes to talk about animal-related topics for children in grades K-5 only. Frequently, she brings along a live animal companion. This is an after-school program on Wednesday, February 20, from 3:30 to 4:15 pm.

Miss Venetta continues our popular Stories and Songs program every Tuesday morning, 10 to 10:30 am or 11 to 11:30 am. Songs, finger-plays and stories for children aged 1-4, with an adult.

Our popular Film Noir series takes place on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:45 pm. Check the library website at [alexandria.lib.va.us](http://alexandria.lib.va.us) for the movie details, or give us a call at 703.746.1705. Thanks to the Friends of Duncan Library for organizing these film programs.

See you at the library!

—Marilyn Doherty

## Alexandria Mentoring Partnership Seeks Mentors

Mentor a child, change two lives! Help a child stay on the right track by becoming a mentor. Mentoring helps improve graduation rates, enhance self-esteem and change behavior. Mentoring also decreases crime and gang involvement, substance abuse and teen pregnancy. We have the kids, we need the adults! Mentor a child one to two hours a week, and change two lives for a lifetime. Visit [alexandriava.gov/Mentoring](http://alexandriava.gov/Mentoring) for more information.

Some specific mentoring opportunities include:

### iMovie Mentors Program Seeks "A Few Good Men"

The iMovie Mentors program is looking for male volunteers to serve as mentors. No movie making or mentoring experience is needed. iMovie Mentors pairs boys with men to produce short movies. Mentors make a one-year commitment to the program and attend Tuesday evening workshops, from April to November, to establish a mentoring relationship, learn the fundamentals of filmmaking and help the boys acquire life and technological skills. The workshops include the use of Apple technology and lessons in digital video, storyboarding and film editing. Movies will be presented at a community film festival. To be added to the annual mentor

orientation Evite list, send an e-mail to [iMovieMentors@alexandriava.gov](mailto:iMovieMentors@alexandriava.gov). For more information, visit [alexandriava.gov/iM2](http://alexandriava.gov/iM2).

### SOHO (Space Of Her Own) Program Seeks Mentors

SOHO is an art-based mentoring program that allows local low-income pre-teen girls to attend workshops with mentors; together they participate in team-building activities, develop life skills, and learn about artistic concepts and techniques. Based loosely on popular HDTV programs, SOHO culminates in remodeling of the pre-teen's bedroom. Each mentor is responsible for designing the new room, incorporating her mentee's artwork, and ample lighting and study space, using a shoestring budget of just \$250. An art exhibit and reception features a before-and-after bedroom renovation video. Each mentor commits to a year-long relationship with her mentee, to attend 90% of the Thursday evening sessions from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., to spend a weekend on a room renovation, and to complete eight hours of community service with her mentee. For more information on the SOHO program and volunteer opportunities, visit [alexandriava.gov/SOHO](http://alexandriava.gov/SOHO). If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail [SOHO@alexandriava.gov](mailto:SOHO@alexandriava.gov).

## February Holiday Trash Pick-up Schedule

**Monday February 18 • President's Day (Observed):** City offices are closed. Trash and recycling collections will be delayed one day for the rest of the week.

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Exciting News! We now have "thank you" for all 2013 WVCA members—they will be distributed soon! The first 200 members who join during the 2013 calendar year will get a fancy blue Warwick Village frisbee! This is a great way to sport your Warwick Village pride!

### 2013 Events:

In 2013, WVCA is considering the following events. More ideas welcome!

- Shoveling Squad—Publicize through newsletter, street reps, website, etc., that help is available to shovel sidewalks in the case of a heavy snowfall. More information coming soon as necessary.
- Street Meets—Organized by street reps or other volunteers by each WVCA street as short events (2-3 hour gathering, etc.) where local WVCA neighbors can come out, meet neighbors on their streets, learn about WVCA membership opportunities and events, etc. WVCA will contribute to help host each Street Meet. More information coming soon!
- Kite Building—Family-friendly event in preparation for spring kite flying events. More information coming soon!
- National Night Out
- Spring Clean-up
- Adopt a Park
- Luminaria
- Plantings
- Holiday Party
- Egg Hunt
- Halloween Party

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Thanks to all who attended!

—Nikki Nelson, Secretary

## Warwick Village Pet of the Month

### *Tedi is trotting our way to wish us all a Happy Valentine's Day!*

Tedi will be fifteen years old this July and became part of the Warwick Village community in 2004. Tedi is a beloved companion of a long term Burgess Avenue resident. Unfortunately, you won't see Tedi grazing in Hillside or Landover Parks, because he has acres and acres of pasture in Centreville where he frolics and plays with a bunch of his buddies. In fact, the word in the barn is that Tedi is quite the pasture show off! He's been heard naying "Hey guys, watch this!" ... which leads him to be a regular with the equine veterinarian.

Tedi is a big guy standing nearly 6 feet tall, or 17 hh (hands high), if you want to sound like an equestrian. For those of us non-equestrians, horse height is measured "from the ground in a straight line up to the highest point of the withers" (withers is pretty much where the top of the saddle would sit, just below the mane). A "hand" equals four inches. See [cowboyway.com/HowTo/HorseHeight.htm](http://cowboyway.com/HowTo/HorseHeight.htm) for more information.

Tedi is a professional and struts his handsome self in competitions called Eventing, which typically includes three types of events: Dressage, cross country and show jumping. What a talented guy! Now, if he'd only stay out of trouble in the pasture.



Tedi likes all kinds of treats, but is especially a sucker for peppermints and wheat thins, and he denies any monkey ancestry by spitting out bananas.

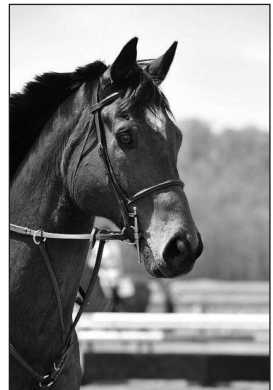
Tedi's Warwick Village siblings include a canine little brother, Toby, and a canine little sister, Noodle.

Folks, if you would like these little articles to continue, we need you to submit your pets! Please nominate your pet for 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](mailto: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, of course, they won't have horses! Check them out at [homewardtrails.org](http://homewardtrails.org).



## 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.

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.

**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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