

The Warwick Village Voice

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May '13

President's Column

Hi Neighbor,

It's time to thank all of you who sent emails and letters to city council advocating keeping the Warwick Pool and pool house open this summer. Reading between the lines of the feedback from city council and city staff, we got their attention. As of the printing of this newsletter we have done a great job but nothing is for sure until the May 6 vote to approve the budget. On April 29 began the the add/delete part of the budget. That is where we want city council to add the pool back into the operating budget and hopefully leave it there until the budget is approved on May 6. All in all, we (Del Ray Citizen's Association, Lynhaven Civic Association, WVCA, and many others throughout Alexandria) did a great job of bringing the neighborhood together with one clear voice. Keep the pool open.

Goings On About Town

Admission free unless otherwise noted. For more information and current time and admission information, please visit apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/

Bike to Work Day

Friday May 17 all day

Market Square in front of Alexandria City Hall

Ride your bike to Market Square and enjoy music, food, and gifts. There will also be various vendors on site offering information.

Civil War 150th Concert

Saturday May 18 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, 4301 West Braddock Road

Civil War 150th Concert featuring the Federal City Brass Band. Honor Armed Forces Day at an evening performance of songs from the Civil War era in the Fort Ward Park amphitheater. The

Now, I need to ask for your help again for the pool and pool house. With the plan that the pool will open this Memorial Day weekend, we need your help to clean the chairs, bath house, and pool deck. We have picked Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. to do the cleaning (Wednesday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. is the rain date). The pool is located at 3301 Landover Street. It should take four hours tops to get things ready. The key is you. We need you to come and help. If you have kids, even better: There will be things they can help with, too.

By helping get the pool ready this spring we will be showing the city just how important the pool really is to us. Remember: "Action speaks louder than words". We've used our words with great success. It's time for "action" to back them up.

Please come May 11, we really need your help.

—Glenn Christianson, WVCA President

Federal City Brass Band recreates the sound and appearance of a regular U.S. Army regimental brass band of the 1860s. A selection of mid-nineteenth century songs will be performed on original brass instruments.

Attics and Alleys Walking Tour

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Str.

Find out what mysteries lie behind the closed doors of four of Alexandria's historic sites! Attics and Alleys is a new three-hour walking tour featuring the rarely seen spaces of four sites—the Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, and Carlyle House—revealing the remnants of stories otherwise hidden. This behind-the-scenes access is in honor of National Preservation Month and Virginia's Year of the Historic Home, and tickets are limited.

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Find and Follow Warwick Village

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

Visit our website (WarwickVillage.org), Twitter ([Twitter.com/WarwickCitizens](https://twitter.com/WarwickCitizens)), and Facebook ([Facebook.com/WarwickCitizens](https://facebook.com/WarwickCitizens)). Or email us at voice@warwickvillage.org.

Warwick Village Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2013

Meet and Greet begins at 7:15 p.m.
Call to Order at 7:30 p.m.

Featured Speaker

Killian Cousins, a local Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) Professional.

To live safely and comfortably at every stage in your life, talk to a Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist professional about making the remodeling changes that will make your home a home for all times. From specially-designed bathrooms to the installation of a private elevator, a CAPS professional can help you create a space as functional as it is beautiful.

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.

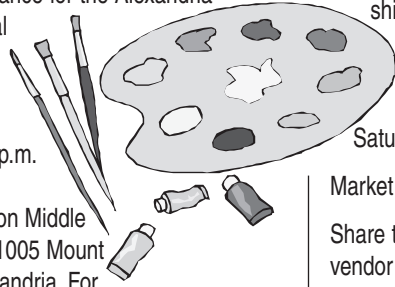
Mark Your Calendars Upcoming 2013 Meetings

June 17
September 16
October 21
November 18
December 15 or 16
Holiday Party/Elections

School News

Annual Youth Arts Festival Invites Students to Submit Creations, Present Performances

Come celebrate the Fourth Annual Youth Arts Festival and Father's Day with the City of Alexandria! Submit your best artwork or present your best performance for the Alexandria Youth Arts Festival 2013! The event will take place on Saturday, June 8, from noon until 4 p.m. on the field of the George Washington Middle School Campus, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. For more information call 703-549-7115, ext. 230.



—Merikoeb Wondafrash

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Tours begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Lee-Fendall House (614 Oronoco Street) and end around noon at Carlyle House (121 N. Fairfax Street). Light refreshments provided. Tour includes stairs, access to confined spaces, and walking over many city blocks, including through alleys. Walking shoes required; tour will be held rain or shine, no refunds. Photography welcome. (Admission: \$25)

Alexandria Armenian Festival

Saturday June 1, 2013 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Market Square in front of Alexandria City Hall

Share the Armenian Culture through food and vendor sales, and entertainment throughout the Festival.

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.



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Happy Mothers' Day!

Here are some events in Alexandria to help you celebrate:

Mother's Day Open House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum

Gadsby's Tavern Museum is pleased to offer free tours on Mother's Day for all visiting mothers! Treat Mom to a tour by our Junior Docents of the historic tavern and City Hotel made famous by John Gadsby. Notable visitors

(other than your beloved Mother) include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. Tour times are from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Free Mother's Day Tours, Apothecary Museum

The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum is pleased to offer free tours on Mother's Day for all visiting mothers! Tour times are from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Mother's Day Open House at Friendship Firehouse

The Friendship Firehouse Museum is free for mothers and their families on Mother's Day. Mom can take home a complimentary photograph. The firehouse photographer will be on hand to take portraits of families as they stand alongside the historic equipment, used for fire-fighting in early 19th century.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Introductions

The meeting was promptly called to order at 7:30 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented, with the removal of the Traffic Calming, Parks Report, and Sheriff's Report items.

Police Report

As is the usual case, the most crime in the area resulted from unlocked doors and windows. It is very easy for suspects to enter cars and homes when you make it easy for them! There were few instances of forced entry, including four unlocked cars broken into and one home burglary by a suspect known to the home owners.

Additionally, there was one ticket given for public intoxication, one instance of destruction of property by a vehicle, and a scooter was stolen (although again, it was unlocked).

Officer Leonard suggested the following ways to help the Police Department help the Village:

- Lock your doors and windows.
- Turn on exterior lights at night or install motion lights. This is especially handy if they are chasing a suspect.
- If you have the means, install video cameras.
- Call the police if you see any suspicious people in the parks or in the neighborhood. The non-emergency number is 703.746.4444. Do call 911 in a true emergency though.

Finally, someone requested police surveillance in the alley behind the homes on Commonwealth / Kennedy / Ancell.

Treasurer's Report

Currently, WVCA has \$13,261.84 in the bank.

Membership

There are currently 51 paid WVCA members. Also, WVCA is using social media and a new email format to spread the word about activities in the Village.

Street Meet Recap

WVCA Street Meets are coming up this summer. These mini-block parties will be sponsored by the WVCA street reps in most cases, and will be a way for neighbors to come together on a local street level. More information coming soon!

Earth Day 2013

The city was selling trees again this year for Alexandria's Earth Day celebration on April 20. Additionally, there was a semiannual native plant sale at Park Fairfax April 27.

Adopt-a-Park Fundraiser

From April to November, WVCA residents can volunteer for one month stints to clean up the various Warwick parks each Sunday of their chosen month. This is an easy fundraiser for WVCA, as the city comes around to score the clean-up efforts each Monday, and actually pays WVCA depending on how well we score. Last year WVCA scored well, making \$1,800. Although the schedule is booked through June, volunteers are still needed. Contact Glenn Christianson to sign up.

Status of Warwick Pool

WVCA got the City Council's attention. We have been sent a few thank you letters from members, and it gives us hope that the pool will remain open. April 29 is the start of the add/delete process for the City budget, however,

nothing is final until May 6. The Pool clean-up date, if it remains open, is scheduled for May 11 at 10 a.m. May 15 will be the rain day.

Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA) and the Warwick Pool Situation

Bill Rivers, representing AAA, attended the meeting to briefly introduce their organization, whose mission is to provide a collective voice for aquatics in Alexandria.

During the April 3 City workshop, the Council came up with several proposed strategies to meet the City's aquatics needs, including the option to keep Warwick Pool open, either as a stainless steel pool, or as a spray ground. The Council is leaning towards the stainless steel pool option, but whatever they decide, the Council will keep the Virginia Theological Seminary looped in, as they own the property on which Warwick Pool is situated. On May 1, the City is meeting with a company who manufactures stainless steel pools to discuss their pros and cons. A more durable stainless steel pool is preferred for the Warwick Pool because of the topography of the land (the current pool is sliding down the hill).

At this point, the city needs to come up with \$92,000 to keep the pool open this year, plus an additional \$25,000 to keep it open in future years. There were several options suggested to help the city cover those costs, including sponsorship and food sale possibilities.

All in all, WVCA and its residents should keep pressure on the City until the final outcome of the pool is decided on May 6 to support not only the funding of the Warwick Pool, but also funding for aquatics in Alexandria as a whole.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 9 p.m.

—Nikki Nelson, Secretary

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Warwick Village Pet of the Month

Would you like some tea with your Biscuit?

Biscuit, at the young age of twelve months, has already been granted eight of the nine lives with which cats are supposedly blessed. The offspring of feral cats that roam the sewers and backyards where Tennessee meets Landover, Biscuit was the only member of her litter that could be trapped when eight months old and spayed by her new family. The domestication of the adorable black and white, green-eyed, "rebel with a cause" is a work in progress. Thank heaven she fell in love with the idea of a litter box... when outside for an hour or two she always comes in to use her private com-mode.

Biscuit spends her inside hours rounding up her toys and various people items to place in her basket. She loves being petted but is not yet a lap cat. She converses loudly when her human appears and when the snap of the cat food can is heard. Most often Biscuit can be found stretched out by the window gazing at her former cohorts from the warmth of her couch blanket. The true purring begins when she dreams about the perks of being on the inside.

Calling all Warwick Village 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.



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, www.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 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.
