



Carlin Hall

The Village View

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

At the GCA meeting in September we discussed Glencarlyn Park and the progress that is being made to repair the "100-year storm" damage it suffered in the spring. **Howard Hudgins** was kind enough to give us a very informed review of the situation and tell us what to expect for our park's bridges and fords.

As we discussed in the meeting, I was to meet with Ron Carlee, County Manager, the following day. I asked attendees what they would like me to discuss with him. **Sidewalks, curbs and gutters** seemed to be the consensus.

Mr. Carlee said he asked his staff to come up with alternative policies to cover the problem of sidewalk waivers, the lack of funding, the roads being in disrepair, and a way to address the multiple issues without causing the County to have to duplicate work to maintain infrastructure. That policy should be ready by December.

Mr. Carlee further stated that the policy, once in place, would put the onus of deciding which streets would have curbs, gutters and sidewalks and which would just be repaved, in the hands of the Neighborhood Conservation Committee. As soon as all the parameters are in place, we need to make our wishes known in a constructive manner to our local Neighborhood Conservation Committee.

GCA MEETING

Monday, October 2, 2006
Carlin Hall
5711 4th Street South
7:30 p.m.

TOPIC:

Neighborhood School Performance

SPEAKERS:

Frank Wilson, County School Board
John Word, Principal, Kenmore Middle School
Corina Coronel, Principal, Carlin Springs Elementary
Janice Adkisson, Principal, Campbell Elementary

Next GCA Meeting to Focus on Schools

On another front, please join us Monday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in Carlin Hall. **Frank Wilson** of the County School Board will be on hand with Principals **John Word** (Kenmore), **Corina Coronel** (Carlin Springs) and **Janice Adkisson** (Campbell) to answer questions and to discuss the challenges and accomplishments of our neighborhood schools.

Specifically they will address issues related to school performance and what the community must take into consideration in our multicultural environment. **This is our chance to talk to the folks most involved with our children's future. If you would like to hear, first hand, the problems and opportunities in our schools, this is the time and place to be.**

We hope to also hear what we can do as individuals and a community to help our

children excel in education. This may come down to, as Pogo, very liberally paraphrased, said, "meeting the problem and finding the solution in ourselves." Some consideration to volunteering to help can be a blessing to the children, and in many cases, to each of us as well.

It's nice to be interested in the world, the macro environment, but we can make the most difference in our own backyard. Making our neighborhood the best it can be and helping a child to excel has greater measurable impact than many more grandiose projects.

Kind regards,
David Backus

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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY

By Karen Anselmo, Assistant Principal

Dr. Jan Adkisson is New Principal

The staff and students at Campbell Elementary School, 737 Carlin Spring Road, are looking forward to another fantastic school year and have many reasons to celebrate.

First, we would like to welcome Campbell's new principal, Dr. Janice Adkisson. Dr. Adkisson worked as an administrator for Arlington Public School for several years in various positions including Early Childhood and Staff Development Supervisor, Special Projects Coordinator and Principal. In 1994, Dr.

Adkisson worked closely with Ms. Laurie Baker, Campbell's former principal to create the Campbell program. We are happy to have Dr. Adkisson back with us and look forward to her continuing Campbell's mission, beliefs, and vision.

Campbell Meets "No Child Left Behind" Requirements

In early September the staff received official notification that the students at Campbell made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) under the Federal No Child Left Behind Act! We are very proud of our students' accomplishments. This was very exciting news since initial reports identified Campbell as a school not making AYP.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in volunteering? Campbell offers a variety of volunteer experiences ranging from after-school tutoring to garden workdays. If you are interested in working with our students and helping us continue our mission of excellence please contact the school at 703-228-6770. As for garden workdays, we will be digging in the gardens and getting our hands dirty on the following Saturdays from 9 am-1 pm: September 30, October 21, November 18, March 24, April 14, May 12, and June 2. Come join us!

CARLIN SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

By Anne VorderBruegge

Carlin Springs Elementary has already had a great start to the new school year. We are celebrating having met the academic measures outlined in the No Child Left Behind Act!

We are awaiting final approval from the School Board on a new exemplary project which emphasizes differentiated instruction. Differentiated instruction allows a teacher to respond to each student's readiness, interests, and learning styles. It also includes opportunities to accelerate students so that all are appropriately challenged. The proposed exemplary project also emphasizes increased use of technology in instruction, such as **Smart**

Board Technology, United Streaming, and Adventures of the American Mind (Library of Congress sources).

Another way in which we respond to differences in learning styles and interests is through our after-school enrichment program. This fall, we are offering 16 different after-school activities. These include **Club Invention**, a hands-on science enrichment; the **Pond and Nature Club**, which takes advantage of our wonderful courtyard and local parks; and **Creative Theater**, which is offered through our new partner, the **Educational Theater Company**. And finally, our students will be running our own school-based branch of the Arlington Virginia Federal Credit Union.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Joan Rhodes, Librarian

GLENCARLYN LIBRARY 703-228-6548

FAMILY STORYTIME Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BOOK MONTH

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SCARECROW MAKING AT BALL SELLERS

Make your own scarecrow at the Ball-Sellers House on **Saturday, October 21, 2006, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Straw and advice will be offered by champion scarecrow maker Mary McCutcheon. Bring your imagination and your own clothes, such as torn jeans, panty hose, neckties, long-sleeved shirts, socks, gloves, and funny hats. Children of all ages are invited to this "spooktacular" event!

Admission is free. Parking is available at the Glencarlyn Library on the corner of South Kensington and South Third Streets.

The Ball-Sellers House, Arlington's oldest dwelling, is located at 5620 South Third Street. Its original owner was John Ball, who in 1742 received a land grant from Lord Fairfax. The simple log cabin built by Ball in about 1750 is a rare example of the homes lived in by ordinary Virginians during the 1700s. Within the house are typical furnishings of the period and historical displays. A demonstration garden features vegetables and herbs common in John Ball's era.

The Arlington Historical Society owns and maintains this property, which was donated by Marian Sellers Wallace in 1975. The house is open to the public on all Saturdays and for special events on designated days.

St. John's Harvest Tea

St. John's Episcopal Church will hold its Harvest Tea on Saturday, October 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the undercroft (415 S. Lexington St., Arlington; 703-671-6834). The price of the tea is \$20 per person. A portion of the proceeds will again go to Habitat for Humanity's Gulf Coast relief. All are welcome!



Glencarlyn Park Hardest Hit by Summer Storms

According to Howard Hudgins, Park Management Supervisor, the county park system suffered several million dollars in damage during last summer's torrential storms, with Glencarlyn Park being the hardest hit.

Major flooding caused extensive damage to bridges and fords; it tossed debris, picnic tables and a Port-a-Potty throughout the park, and wrecked havoc on trails. Sparrow Pond also suffered heavy silting and will need to be dredged later this winter.

Thanks to the hard work of county parks personnel, however, much of the debris has been removed; three of the seven fords have been repaired; and picnic areas have been restored. The pavilion storage area and restrooms, which were flooded and muddied, have also been cleaned.

Although much has been done to return the park to its pre-storm condition, the repair of heavily damaged foot bridges and fords awaits funding. It will take \$30 thousand to repair one of the fords and over \$70 thousand to repair two foot bridges. Arlington County is working with FEMA to obtain as much reimbursement as possible for the storm-related expenses.



photo by Larry Workman

Foot bridge near playground is closed indefinitely.

Donna Dowling Robinson Dies at 41

Excerpted from an article in the Aspen Daily News

Donna Dowling Robinson, of 5810 1st St. S., died August 31 at Arlington's hospice care center. She had been diagnosed with malignant melanoma in February, and was just 41 years old.

Donna was born in New Jersey and graduated from Purdue University. A journalist by training, Donna started her career at the Los Angeles Times, and worked at other newspapers in California and Colorado. Donna and her husband Curtis moved to the Washington area in 2001.

Donna was an accomplished artist as well as a writer, and the Robinson's Glencarlyn home is filled with her work, particularly photos of people and places in Mexico, where part of Donna's family is from. Her mixed-media collage that captured the questions and reactions of a nation in mourning following September

11th was exhibited in Washington and Colorado. And the birth of the Robinson's son, Finnegan, in July 2004, sparked an extensive photo project.

Donna and Curtis were close friends with the late Hunter S. Thompson, and helped edit two of his books. Donna is quietly credited for being instrumental in the books' publication -- doing most of the work of sifting through Thompson's vast collection of letters.

"Donna was a bright light in this world," said a close friend and former colleague. What made Donna shine and a joy to be around was the passion she poured into all she did and shared with all she knew. It's no wonder she had so many friends from so many different walks of life. She saw art in everything and saw the heart in everyone."

VIEW FROM THE GARDEN

By Judi Funderburk, Master Gardener

Despite periods of drought and down-pour, the Community Garden is still greeting its visitors with a colorful display. Yellow Melampodium, orange-red Hibiscus, and yellow-pink Lantana brighten the Library entrance, but have you noticed the many shades of purple in the Garden?

Purple hyacinth beans provide a magenta and pink backdrop along the parking lot fence, while Vitex shows off its blue-violet sprays in the middle of the Medicinal Garden. Ruellia stands tall sporting cone-shaped lavender flowers just behind the arch and sign next to the Cemetery, while New England Aster creates a haze of violet blooms along the Cemetery fence in the back garden. The 7-foot tall purple spikes of Tartarian Aster tower over the small purple spikes of Lirope in the Sun Garden next to the Ash tree. In the Memorial Garden, the Setcreasea named

“Purple Heart” has deep magenta leaves and a small pink-purple flower, while back in the Parking Lot Garden, the Verbena Homestead Purple is showing off its pretty violet blooms.

Did we miss some - perhaps a plant or flower in mauve or lavender-pink? Look around and tell us what you see in Mother Nature’s fall garden. Do you think purple is her favorite color?

CATERPILLARS FILL UP FOR FALL

On Monday, September 18th the Carlin Hall Pre-School children counted eight Black Swallow Tail Caterpillars eating their fill of parsley in the garden. The caterpillars wear beautiful shades of bright green, yellow, black and some white in stripes around their bodies. They were all different sizes,



some having fattened and lengthened by eating more (they seemed to prefer the curly parsley to the flat leaf)! By Tuesday, September 19th the curly parsley was reduced to 5 empty stalks, but the caterpillars were fat and happy. And that is the way it should be in a Garden that caters to wildlife and children with hopes for lots of Black Swallowtail Butterflies next summer.



Black Swallow Tail Caterpillar

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Location: St. John's Episcopal Church
415 South Lexington St., Arlington, VA 22204

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