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Mary Ann Redmond
Lubber Run
Amphitheatre June 14



ARCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 16, 7pm

Aurora Hills Community Center

PENPLACE SPRC MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 20, 7pm

Aurora Hills Community Center

Topic: Transportation in 22202 (see page 2 for full details)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee for the ARCA Executive Board will report to the membership on its proposed slate for 2013-4. Nominations from the floor will also be taken, so if you are interested in serving on this very important neighborhood group, you can do so at the meeting. Annual Executive Board elections are held in July each year for a one year term beginning in September.

ARLINGTON'S AIR GETS "F" GRADE FOR SMOG

The state of Arlington's air is not very good, according to the American Lung Association, whose data comes from official monitors for ozone and particle pollution throughout the country. Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax and the District of Columbia earned an "F" for ozone pollution, and the DC area as a whole ranked as the 9th most polluted city in the nation, up from 13th last year. The report suggested that the DC area has improved in terms of particle pollution in recent years, in keeping with the trend across the nation; however, the area has experienced more unhealthy days of high ozone. "Cleaning up major air pollution sources through steps like cleaner gasoline and cleaner vehicle standards will drastically cut both ozone and particle pollution", the American Lung Association says. And less traffic?

KIT WHITLEY MEMORIAL BENCH

We are almost at our goal of \$1,800 for the Fort Scott Park memorial to ARCA Board member Kit Whitley. A special thanks to all those who have contributed. Any money over the goal will be set aside for mulching, planting, and maintenance, and towards the planned dedication in October. We have received official approval from the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee, the Historical Affairs Landmark & Review Board and the Parks & Recreation Commission -- next step is County Board approval, which will be sought at its June 15 meeting. The bench will be ordered by mid-late June, with installation by October 30, 2013. Our goal is to have the bench installed by then so we can have a small ceremony on that date – the one year anniversary of Kit's death – to celebrate the joy she brought to all our lives.

WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL 60th ANNIVERSARY MAY 17 – 18

Wakefield is celebrating its 60th Anniversary with a weekend chock full of activities: Friday night's alumni dance; Saturday's open house has the school buzzing with mini-reunions, tours, displays and old photos, hard-hat tours of the new building, and the sale of bricks and other building memorabilia in advance of the old building demolition next fall. Checkout all activities at <http://www.wakefieldalumni.org>

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES – PENPLACE & METPARK

PENPLACE / TRANSPORTATION AND 22202

PenPlace SPRC Meeting, May 20, 7 pm at Aurora Hills Community Center.

Your attendance at this meeting that will be about transportation in 22202 is very important, and will help convey to the County our continuing concern about the additional 1.8 million sq. feet of office space proposed for PenPlace that will generate an additional 6,800 cars a day on our neighborhood roads. The meeting will include a comprehensive review of traffic in 22202 as well as information on projections and monitoring. An effort will be made to be responsive to a joint letter and action plan from the Arlington Ridge and Aurora Highlands Civic Associations, and representatives from Crystal City. (Please next article). Time permitting, we have been informed that questions will be taken from the audience.

PENPLACE TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC PROPOSED ACTION PLAN

The communities surrounding and including the PenPlace site -- Crystal City, Aurora Highlands and Arlington Ridge Civic Associations -- have identified many transportation and traffic related issues for discussion during the Site Plan Review Committee process. Under the signatures of all three, they have sent a letter and proposed action plan to Arlington County's Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development that identifies specific concerns with the traffic and transit related studies provided them by the County. Their action plan identifies concerns, discusses potential transportation related impacts and provides possible actions for County implementation to mitigate the transportation impacts. The community recognizes that our zip code, 22202, is at the beginning of a long-term redevelopment with at least two projects under construction, two approved and two under active review. The action plan requests that the County identify specific transportation plans that will be implemented to address needs as the build out occurs. These plans may include Metro capacity and access, VRE capacity, MARC train service, ART bus service, the streetcar, regional bus service, shuttle bus service, car shares, roadway improvements, traffic monitoring and control and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. **The full text of the report and letter to the County can be found at: <http://www.arcaonline.org/?p=1398>**

PENPLACE SPRC UPDATE

March 18, April 29 SPRC Meetings

The PenPlace Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) met in Shirlington on **March 18th**. The location was unfamiliar, and the cold rainy weather contributed to a sparse turnout. At the three hour meeting, height and massing were discussed; the all-important density issue was considered but not concluded. Height and density will be discussed at a future SPRC meeting. The developer made a brief presentation of a slightly different optional way to develop the site -- however, this is an option and the basic application has not changed.

On April 29th the 12th SPRC meeting participants looked at open space, parking spaces and street presentation.

The re-scheduled May 20th meeting on traffic, see details above, will consider issues from ARCA'S, AHCA'S, and CC's letter and accompanying traffic issues.

QUESTIONS ON PENPLACE POSED AT THE MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ARCA received a response from Arlington County Planning staff to the PenPlace questions posed by those attending our March Membership Meeting. The answers are being reviewed by ARCA and can be found on our website (link below). Mr. Duffy, Arlington's Planning Director, has indicated a willingness to meet and discuss the answers in more detail.

Check them out. <http://arcaonline.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Final-Draft-Responses-to-ARCA-Questions-4-13.pdf>

METPARK RESOLUTION PASSED BY ARCA BOARD

The final phase build-out of apartment buildings on this mega-block in Pentagon City – across Fern Street from Costco that is currently filled with warehouses – is scheduled for consideration and approval by the Planning Commission and County Board in June. However, buried in Vornado's application, that is expected to be supported by County Planning Staff, is approval to build on MetPark an additional 930 apartments originally required to be built on PenPlace. By transferring this allotment of residential units from PenPlace to MetPark, Vornado will not only increase the density of MetPark, but also pave the way for approval of its application to build four tall and massive office buildings on PenPlace, with commuter parking for an additional 2,235 vehicles traveling to and from Pentagon City along I-395, Jeff-Davis, and through our neighborhoods every day. ARCA's Executive Board recently approved a resolution, posted on ARCA's website and forwarded to the County, opposing transfer of all 930 residential units from PenPlace to MetPark and reaffirming the November resolution adopted by ARCA members calling for construction of at least one residential building on PenPlace in lieu of an office building filled with commuters. Member support for that resolution at the Planning Commission and Board meetings in the coming month could be absolutely critical if we are going to be successful in persuading the County to downsize, albeit modestly, Vornado's construction plans for Pentagon City and assuring that its final build-out will be less dense, and include a wholesome mix of uses that will actually conform to SMART GROWTH. **Watch for ARCANeighbor email messages in the coming days to learn more about how you can help!!**

ARCA Resolution on MetPark: <http://www.arcaonline.org/?p=1408>

NOISE ORDINANCE UPDATE

The Arlington Noise Ordinance was updated recently to remove reference to "reasonable person standard", which the Virginia courts identified as unconstitutionally subjective. A "noise disturbance" is an activity that exceeds the decibel limitations established for a zoning designation or that is produced by a motor vehicle. The County revised how noise disturbances are measured at properties, motor vehicles and within multi-unit structures like apartments and condominiums. If you have a problem: Noise disturbance during working hours: call 703-228-3232, or email codeenforcement@arlingtonva.us. Outside normal business hours call the police non-emergency number at 703-558-2222. For more information: <http://building.arlingtonva.us/question/noise-control-ordinance-faqs/>

VILLAGES REPORT

Do you want to be part of a very worthwhile endeavor in which neighbors help neighbors enhance and extend a useful quality of life in their own homes? Then become part of the Arlington Villages effort, which aims to create a community for residents to continue to be active participants in the world by remaining in their homes and using a network of volunteers to make this happen! It's early days yet, so by becoming involved now, you have an opportunity to shape the implementation of Arlington Villages within our neighborhood. You can make your voice heard in one of two ways: (1) by participating in the County-wide effort; or (2) through the local boots on the ground neighborhood pilot implementation. Andrea Walker (tasteless@verizon.net; 703-838-6244) serves as the County-wide coordinator, and Linc Cummings (Linc@CummingsLeeds.com; 703-548-2611)/Diane Litman (litmandc@gmail.com; 703-920-7638) are now leading the pilot implementation. Your involvement would be most welcome, so let us know your area of interest! <http://www.arlingtonvillages.org>

SAY NO TO BOTTLED WATER! TAKE THE PLEDGE!

Arlington County's "TAP in Arlington" goal is to have 10,000 people sign the pledge (no, not to give up alcohol, but to "choose to drink tap water instead of purchasing single use water bottles.") They would like to reduce the purchase of these bottles, and to make Arlington a model for the nation on sustainable plastic water bottle practices. Some

disturbing facts about bottled water: 1,000 bottles are used per second in the US; 70% are not recycled; it takes 700 years for the bottles to decompose; and 17 million barrels of oil are used annually to produce bottled water! And tap water is much cheaper! More at <http://www.tapinarlinton.com>

OUTDOOR GARDEN TALKS AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

Arlington Food Assistance Center and the Master Gardeners are hosting free weekly vegetable gardening talks every Wednesday from 7 – 8pm at the demonstration garden at Central Library. Topics will include irrigation, vertical gardening, herbs and container gardens, pollinators, composting and more. Information at: http://library.arlingtonva.us/ai1ec_event/wednesday-expert-gardening-talk-central/

ARMY NAVY COUNTRY CLUB MASSIVE PIN OAK

Army Navy County Club has the largest pin oak, *quercus palustris*, in the commonwealth: it is more than 18' around, has a 100' crown spread and is 90' high! It is only beaten for national champion by a tree in Indiana.

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE SUMMER CAMP

July 15 – 17, 10am – 3pm; July 29 – 31, 10am – 3pm. Children will learn how to be responsible pet owners, all about wildlife in Arlington, the different kinds of companion animals, bite prevention and more. \$150. More information and registration at <http://awla.org/services/humane-education>

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS

Get your lunchtime food fix in Crystal City on Thursdays from 11am – 2pm at a selection of food trucks, including Doug the Food Dude, A Lo Cubano, Red Hook Lobster Pound, Something Stuffed and Curbside Cupcake. Find them in the parking lot at 223 S. 23rd St. (cnr. 23rd & S. Clark Sts)

TWO WHEEL TUESDAYS AT AURORA HILLS LIBRARY

A casual and fun way to get information about biking: savvy cycling tips, bike types and gear, routes and direction and more. You don't need a bike to join: from May 7 – 28 the weekly meetings will be held at Aurora Hills Library from 7 – 8:30pm; June programs at Columbia Pike Library and the July programs at Central Library. More information at <http://www.bikearlinton.com/pages/two-wheel-tuesdays/>

ARCA MEETINGS

All meetings are held at Aurora Hills Community Center, 735 S. 18th Street and begin at 7pm.

May 16, ARCA bi-monthly meeting, 7pm

Agenda:

Nominating Committee Report
MetPark 4 & 5 Resolution
PenPlace Update
22202 Transportation Presentation

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Through May 25 Gentlemen's Club/Love Torn: A comedy about four heart-broken men's search for love. Teatro de la Luna. Theatre Two at Gunston. <http://www.teatrodelaluna.org>

Through May 25 No Man's Land, by Harold Pinter. WSC Avant Bard's founding actors Chris Henley and Brian Hemmingsen star in this play of wit, deceit and the battle between memory and imagination. Theatre on the Run. <http://wscavantbard.org/>

Through June 9: The Three Musketeers: Synetic Theatre presents a fiery, bombastic ensemble as they fence, wine, dance and fling their wit in the story of young D'Artagnan who wants to become a Musketeer. 1800 S. Bell Street. <http://www.synetictheater.org>

May 18 Truck Day at Central Library: The 3rd annual parking lot full of cool work vehicles: find out how they get the job done: trucks for construction, fire and rescue, trash pickup, police cars, a commuter bus, sewer truck and more. The east parking lot of Central Library. 9 – 11am. 703-228-7692.

May 18 Festival Argentino USA: Celebrate the May Revolution of 1810 with a spectacular show featuring folk dance, tango and pop music. Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 5:30pm. 125 S. Old Glebe Rd. <http://www.culturecapital.com/event.php?id=25116>

May 20 Poetry Workshop: Join an informal group of writers at Shirlington Library: members write and read original poetry and exchange constructive criticism. 7pm. 703-228-6545.

June 1 HOG Pull: Help remove invasive plants in Haley Park, 9 – 11am. 2400 S. Meade Street.

June 14 – August 3 Lubber Run Amphitheatre Summer Series: Free Performances by Mary Ann Redmond, Halau O' Aulani & the Aloha Boys, the Army Blues, Black Muddy River Band, and more. Fri & Sat at 8; Sun at 6pm. S. 2nd & S. Columbus Sts., 2 blocks from Rt. 50. <http://arlingtonarts.org/venues/lubber-run-amphitheater.aspx>

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SCHOOLS INFORMATION

May 19 Oakridge Spring Fling Carnival, Auction and Book Fair: Music, Zumba, a cake walk, used book fair, auction and delicious treats. Donate gently used books, video games, DVDs at the donation bin at the Aurora Hills Library. Info: oakridgepta@gmail.com.

May 21 Wakefield Orchestra and Choir Concert, 7pm.

May 23 Wakefield Band Concert, 7:30pm.

Incoming 9th Grade Wakefield families: Be sure to sign up for the PTA Booster list serv now; send a "subscribe" message to Wakefield_Booster_PTA-subscribe@yahoo.groups.com, which will sign you up for messages to parents, emergency announcements, PTA, sports schedules, college planning and volunteer requests.