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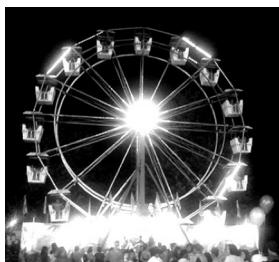
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ARCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 18, 7pm

Aurora Hills Community Center

PENPLACE SPRC MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 7pm

Aurora Hills Community Center

Topic: Urban Design Guidelines Part 2 (see page 2 for full details)

PUBLIC ART AT THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT

Arlington Cultural Affairs Public Art Program has overseen the design enhancement of the recently erected fence that runs along the bike trail behind the Water Pollution Control Plant. ARCA has invited its staff to the July ARCA membership meeting to present the concept to the neighborhood.

The fence is 1600 feet long; the goals of the artwork are to reflect the function of the plant, raise awareness of the watershed, water quality, wildlife habitat and biodiversity, to provide informal environmental education and to create distinct destinations along the fence with landmarks and gathering points.

22202 NEIGHBORS UNITED (22202-N-U)

We have talked a lot in this newsletter during the past year about a pilot Villages project in our neighborhood. However the pilot, which will be part of Arlington Neighborhood Villages, will not be ready to provide services until 2014, so in the interim 22202-N-U (22202 Neighbors United) is being organized as a volunteer-based initiative focused on creating a community which will enable residents to remain in their homes, maintain neighborhood ties and friendships, and foster multi-generational community connections. 22202-N-U volunteers will endeavor to meet basic needs of neighborhood residents in the near-term. We would like to hear from you if you are interested in either providing or receiving these services (free of charge). **Contact Diane Litman at litmandc@gmail.com or 703-920-7638.**

Potential service offerings in the short-term include:

- 1) **Regular Check-In** (call a neighbor regularly and/or after a power outage)
- 2) **Information & Referral** (familiarize folks with County, senior center programs (e.g., STAR cab to doctor); provide laminated listing of emergency numbers, frequently called numbers/contacts tailored to individual)
- 3) **Running Errands** (pick up/deliver items such as groceries, dry cleaning, prescriptions, mail, library books, etc.)
- 4) **Assisting with Chores** (help with gardening tasks such as weeding, planting, pruning, mulching, lawn mowing, raking; shoveling snow; organizing tasks such as making multiple appointments, creating filing system methodology, suggesting ideas for home reorganization/purging/de-cluttering/donations)
- 5) **Social Engagement** (invite/meet a neighbor at a nearby park, restaurant, etc. to chat and share life experiences and common interests; help folks read prescriptions, directions, etc.; read to a person who is sight-impaired)
- 6) **Knowledge/Skills/Hobbies** (engage in inter-generational discussions on variety of topics such as historical events, music, et al)

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES – PENPLACE & METPARK

METPARK

The MetPark 4/5 Final Site Plan (22-story building housing 699 apartments and a Whole Foods grocery on the ground floor) is in the final approval process that will culminate on **Saturday, July 13th** (after this newsletter goes to press) when the County Board was scheduled to hear, and vote on Vornado's application. After lengthy discussion, the Planning Commission approved the Plan with several minor modifications at its meeting on July 1st. However, it rejected a proposed amendment to the Pentagon City PDSP that would have allowed the construction of three 22-story buildings on MetPark and voted unanimously in favor of an amendment proposed by ARCA to authorize the construction of only the Phase 4/5 building at this time. To see a copy of ARCA's statement presented to the Commission, go to <http://www.arcaonline.org/2013/05/met-park-resolution-passed-by-arca-board/>

PENPLACE SPRC MEETING UPDATES

Meeting on Transportation, May 20

In April a joint letter from AHCA, ARCA, and Crystal City representatives was sent to County planning and transportation staff outlining the community's concerns regarding the impact of PenPlace and other planned development in the 22202 area, and included a proposed action plan. <http://www.arcaonline.org/development-updates/penplace>.

Attending the May 20 meeting were county transportation staff members Dennis Leach, Director, Wayne Wentz, Traffic Engineering and Operations, Steve Del Giudice, Transit, Rob Gibson, Transp. Planning, and Lynn Rivers, WMATA. Mr. Leach outlined county goals for improving street safety and walkability; he presented a map of traffic count locations and an updated chart of traffic volume count data on a selection of local streets; in discussing the transportation planning for PenPlace, Mr. Leach did not respond directly to the specific points in the community's action plan.

Questions to the County and committee included the role of the Columbia Pike Streetcar; concerns about heavy traffic on particular neighborhood streets; tour buses idling for extended periods and insufficient bus parking in general; the dangerous 23rd & Rt. 1 intersection; lack of capacity on the Blue Line to absorb future growth, and the fact that there is currently no mechanism to hold the developer accountable if Traffic Demand Management measures fail to achieve the 60% reduction assumed, resulting in more daily trips than estimated. The communities were pleased to have the opportunity to speak directly to staff, but remain skeptical about transit capacity, future traffic growth and its impact. A written response to the proposed action was promised.

SPRC Meeting on Urban Design Guidelines, Thurs. June 13, July 17

The subject of these two meetings is the Urban Design Guidelines presented by Vornado.

The June 13 meeting did not cover all they had hoped to and became bogged down on differing views of what the development should look like. ARCA's representative said that the SPRC chair noted that it would be helpful if Vornado and staff came up with a genuine vision for building "A Place", something more than a sterile office park, as well as a realistic plan for implementing it. Once this concept had been formulated and refined, all the other pieces would fall into place.

The second meeting on Urban Design Guidelines to be held July 17 and will deal with a recrafting by Vornado of the design guidelines in response to comments on June 13. The design guidelines can be accessed at the following link:

http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/planning/applications/site_plans/pdfs/file90010.pdf

The new version includes several changes from the previous one. According to the applicant, the changes include:

§ **Significant re-write of the Introduction** section to more clearly articulate the vision for the site and more closely match the Guiding Principles developed during the previous LRPC process.

§ **Reorganized the overall document**, in particular by creating general chapters for streets/transportation, open space and buildings/architecture, followed by more specific chapters for each scheme.

§ **Focused on Schemes 1 and 2** and eliminated Schemes 3, 4 and 5.

§ **Narrowed alternatives on 12th Street**, C-West is designated as Hotel and C-East as Office or Residential.

§ **Further defined commitment to a community amenity**/public-accessible space as part of A-East to help activate the site.

§ **Added several slides showing conceptual representations** of how retail uses, service uses and community amenity space will activate the site.

§ **Proposing a follow-up process for additional design of the open space.**

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee is currently working with the local Mormon singles congregation on a summer project scheduled for July 22nd where they will either do a summer evening cleanup of the planting beds on S. Joyce Street near the ball fields or a mid-summer weeding of Hume School. Between volunteer days, neighbors continue to provide some periodic maintenance at Hume School, I395/Ridge and the Fort Scott triangle. All ARCA members are encouraged to help with this project whenever time allows. Even an hour of pulling weeds can make a big difference!!

Chick Walter and Bonnie Flynn have been the stalwarts behind the Beautification Committee for several years, and would like to hand over the leadership to others. If you are interested, please contact either Chick chickandsandy@msn.com or Bonnie bflynn1914@verizon.net.

KIT WHITELY MEMORIAL — Thank You Everyone!

Thanks to many generous donors, we have exceeded our fundraising goal for the memorial bench and boulder to be installed at Ft. Scott Park to honor Kit Whitley. Extra funds will be used to purchase plants for the surrounding area and to offset some of the costs of the dedication ceremony. At the June 15th County Board meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve this project and three of the Board Members spoke about the many contributions Kit made to our community.

The dedication ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30th, 2013 – the one year anniversary of Kit's death. It will be held at Fort Scott Park from 11 AM to 1 PM – we hope you will join us. We will remind you of this event a little closer to its scheduled date.

SEE A STREETLIGHT OUT?

Recently many streetlights along Hayes Street near the Fire Station were out, making this well travelled stretch a dangerous place to walk at night. This outage has been reported, no word on if it has yet been fixed. **To report a street light outage:** Hotline: **703-228-6570**; You will need to provide the exact location and the pole number. The streetlight webpage is

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/traffic/streetlights/EnvironmentalServicesHb14.aspx>

COLUMBIA PIKE SUPER STOP DESIGN REVIEW

\$1 million for a bus stop????? Arlington County is conducting a comprehensive review of the performance, cost, design and construction of the recently completed and super-expensive Walter Reed Super Stop prototype, that is at Columbia Pike & Walter Reed Drive. The goal of the review is to facilitate the construction of the remaining 23 planned stops more cost effectively, quickly and to improve their functionality. If you are interested in putting in your 10 cents go to
<http://www.columbiapikeva.us/super-stops/>

INDIEFLIX!

Streaming Indie Films from Arlington Libraries

Finding it hard to find good movies to rent from the library? Love Independent films? Arlington Libraries' IndieFlix lets you watch the best and quirkiest independent films around – free with only your library card. The thousands of films in their IndieFlix streaming movie collection are always available online and can be watched on your smartphone, tablet, Roku, Xbox, computer and more, and never have to be returned. You will need to establish an IndieFlix account to watch. See the full details at

<http://library.arlingtonva.libguides.com/indieflix>

CALLING ALL LEGO ARTISTS

Deadline August 17

Do you build amazing structures the whole world should see? Submit your LEGO creation for display at the library. Open to all LEGO builders 18 and under, as well as teams with at least one member under 18. Entries must be delivered to Central Library. Full details at

<http://library.arlingtonva.us/files/2013/07/LEGO-exhibit-flyer.pdf>

LARGE, LENGTHY VERIZON DSL OUTAGE

Large, lengthy Verizon DSL Service outage

Over 100 Verizon DSL customers lost service for up to eight days between June 11 & 18. The outage was due to flooding which damaged trunk cables. Calls to Verizon's repair service for updates produced no useful information: a call to the Virginia State Corporation Commission resulted in access to Verizon's "Appeals Office" but it took several days to get more detailed information. Should such a large outage happen again, customers need a way to get more timely reports and be given realistic restoration estimates. ARCA Board member (and Verizon customer) Susan English has promised to follow up on this issue. Comments or input to arcaneighbor@gmail.com.

ARCA MEETINGS

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

JULY 18, ARCA bi-monthly meeting, 7pm

Agenda:

Public Art Presentation
Development Update

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Through Aug 26 Crystal Screen: Outdoor film festival every Monday at dusk. 18th & Bell Sts., across from the Crystal City Metro. **Jul 22: A Beautiful Mind; Jul 29: Forrest Gump; Aug 5: The Help; Aug 12: Jaws; Aug 19: Inception; Aug 26: Jurassic Park.**

Jul 19 – Aug 17 I Do! I Do! The ups and downs of a married couple through 50 years of married life. American Century Theater. Theatre 2 @ Gunston. <http://www.americancentury.org>

July 24- Aug 4 A Midsummer Night's Dream: Synetic Theater's Helen Hayes Award winning "silent Shakespeare". Crystal City Theater. <http://www.synetictheater.org>

Jul 26 Much Ado About Nothing: Shakespeare's comedy is performed by The Traveling Players, a professional troupe dedicated to bringing good theatre to the great outdoors. 8pm Lubber Run Amphitheatre. Free. <http://www.arlingtonarts.org/venues/lubber-run-amphitheater.aspx>

Aug 1 – 24 Summer in the City: An all-member exhibit at the Arlington Artists Alliance Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. 571-483-0652

Aug 2 Tween Night at Aurora Hills Community Center.

Aug 3 HOG Pull: Help remove invasive plants in Haley Park, 9 – 11am. 2400 S. Meade Street.

Aug 2 Hexagon Theatre Company: The area's best volunteer theater company bringing a satirical and theatrical spin on current events. Free. 8 pm Lubber Run Amphitheatre. N. 2nd & N. Columbus Streets.

Aug 24 Bat festival: Enjoy a thoroughly "batty" evening at Gulf Branch Nature Ceenter: habitat walks, games and crafts, while learning about bats. Live bat show. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Register at 703-228-4747.

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ARLINGTON COUNTY FAIR

August 7 – 11

Thomas Jefferson Community Center
3501 S. 2nd Street



Fun rides, pig races, performances by local bands, a 5K run/walk, great food and more.

Love to sing? Arlington County high school students are invited to participate in an Idol Contest! The winner will receive an awesome prize and perform during Opening Ceremonies.

Shuttles will run from Ballston Metro, Arlington Career Center & the 1-66 parking garage.

<http://www.arlingtoncountyfair.us>