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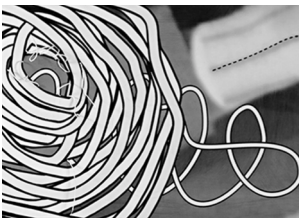
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**PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT ARCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 7pm  
Aurora Hills Community Center**

## AGENDA

**Speaker: John Vihstadt  
New Executive Board Elections  
Presentation of Certificates of Merit  
22202 NU Update**

## NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2014-5

Despite the summer doldrums, the annual July (17<sup>th</sup>) ARCA Membership meeting is one of our most important. Promptly at 7 p.m., County Board Member John Vihstadt will be on hand to inform us about matters of County-wide concern and to answer questions before having to charge off to another meeting. Thereafter, we will be electing a new Executive Board to deal with issues of particular concern to our Arlington Ridge neighborhood, e.g., traffic, schools, new urbanized development in Pentagon and Crystal Cities, the creation and implementation of our new, model aging-in-place organization known as 22202 NU (Neighborhood United), and overall neighborhood conservation, to name just a few. In addition, we will recognize a few of the great people who have given so freely of their time in recent years to representing and protecting our neighborhood. We hope you will attend.

## BIOGRAPHIES OF NEW BOARD CANDIDATES

The following candidates for the 2014-5 Executive Board have agreed to stand for election. A brief biography of them follows:

**Elizabeth Wirick** has lived in the Arlington Ridge neighborhood since 2003. The month after Elizabeth and her husband closed on their house, the baseball stadium plan came to light. Elizabeth was grateful for all the work others did in defeating that proposal, and vowed that when she had more time, she would get involved in development and zoning issues. It took almost a decade for her to make good on that promise, but Elizabeth attended many of the PenPlace meetings in 2012 and 2013. She works part-time as a Senior Staff Attorney at the National Credit Union Administration, the federal agency that regulates credit unions. She has also been involved in APS issues, including advocacy to ensure all APS students have a safe way to get to school and that APS considers the traffic implications in school expansion, as well as insuring that Oakridge students have the same amount of instructional time as most other APS elementary students.

**Lisa Gammon** has lived in our neighborhood for a decade with her husband who recently retired from the Air Force. Having grown up in a family heavily involved in civic activism, Lisa is looking forward to doing so herself after years of working in various capacities in sales and marketing.

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(Biographies cont) **Brenda Pommerenke** has been active in the community since arriving to Arlington in 1988. She was a member of the Aurora Hills Playgroup and the Babysitting Co-op, and chaired the ARCA committee to replace the playground at Fort Scott Park in the late 1990s. She has volunteered for the Arlington Public Schools since 1992, as chair of the annual Oakridge Book Fair; heading the Volunteer Committee at Gunston; as a PTA Officer at both Gunston and Wakefield and was appointed by the School Board to Chair the Budget Advisory Council for a two year term in 2009. Brenda received the School Board's Honored Citizen Award in 2006. She is employed by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency as a Contracting Officer. She received her BA from Carleton College and an MBA from the University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA). Brenda also serves as a monthly Counter (Financial) and teams with her husband to provide a quarterly Children's Message at Calvary United Methodist Church. Brenda and her husband, Larry George, have three children - Samuel, Christer and Isabel - who graduated from Wakefield High School in 2007, 2010 and 2014.

**Current ARCA Board Members**, Arthur Fox (VP), Maggie Gaffen (Communications), D. Mike Hill (VP), Meredith Dodge (VP) and Paul Hammer (Treasurer) have agreed to run for reelection for another term on the board. Their biographies can be found on the ARCA website at <http://arcaonline.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/ARCA-Board-Bios-13-14.pdf>

## SCHOOLS UPDATE

### School Board Adopts FY 2015-24 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

At its June 16 meeting the Arlington School Board approved its proposed CIP which is focused on meeting the capacity needs of Arlington's growing student population. As a result of population growth throughout the County, enrollment has grown steadily in recent years and is currently at its highest level in decades. Between 2009 and 2014 enrollment increased by nearly 3,000 students, a 19% increase, and enrollment is projected to reach 30,000 by 2023. Planning for the CIP included extensive community engagement, and various options were considered to add capacity at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Parents and residents were consulted, input was given by the School Board's Facilities Advisory Council, the School Board held six county wide community

meetings, 20 informal community conversations, four Twitter town halls, and encouraged the participation in many civic associations and PTA meetings.

#### The CIP includes:

**A new elementary school at the property adjacent to Thomas Jefferson Middle School**, capacity 725, to be completed by Sept. 2018.

**Addition and renovation at Abingdon Elementary School**, adding 136 seats.

**Addition and renovation at McKinley Elementary School**, adding 241 seats.

**Improvements at Washington Lee High School**, adding 300 seats.

Planning and design to add 1,300 secondary seats at a location to be determined in the northern part of the County.

Staff from Arlington Public Schools and Arlington County government has begun work on designing a process to make the final determination by Jan. 31, 2015 regarding locating the new elementary school at the Jefferson site. If it is not selected additions will be built at two southern Arlington elementary schools. In addition, they will include consideration of a secondary school to be built on the APS owned Wilson School property on Lee Highway, west of Rosslyn, with a capacity of 1,300.

#### More information:

[http://www.apsva.us/cms/lib2/VA01000586/Centricity/Domain/110/C-1\\_Motion\\_CIP\\_061614](http://www.apsva.us/cms/lib2/VA01000586/Centricity/Domain/110/C-1_Motion_CIP_061614).

## BOARD ADOPTS UPDATED NOISE ORDINANCE

The Arlington County Board approved substantial updates to the County's Noise Control Ordinance to bring the ordinance into compliance with a 2009 Virginia Supreme Court ruling, and to address community concerns and a growing Arlington. The Board voted 4 to 0 to approve the updated Noise Ordinance.

#### Some of the adopted changes include:

**New methods to determine a noise violation** that is above grade, including motor vehicle noise and sound reading collections at high-rise locations and multi-unit buildings. **Clarity on allowed noise exemptions during emergencies**, including the use of generators, repairs and public utility work.

**Enhanced prohibited acts** to address issues such as loud music, nighttime gatherings in residential districts, idling commercial vehicles, the use of lawn and garden maintenance equipment and animal noises.

**Stronger construction requirements** to have developers and owners determine and provide industry standard sound mitigation solutions at work sites.

(Noise Ordinance cont) **Civil penalties** on violators after a warning is issued or posted on the premises.

**Criminal penalties** for violations would increase from \$25 to not less than \$100 or more than \$2,500 upon conviction.

**Civil appeal processes:** Introduces process for appeal and establishes, as a protection to the community during the period of appeal, a civil citation remains in full force and effect pending the final outcome of the appeal.

More Information:

<http://building.arlingtonva.us/resource/noise-ordinance/>

### **NEW SECOND DISTRICT COMMANDER**

With the retirement of our trusted friend Brian Gough as Second District Commander of the Arlington Police Department, Captain Kamran Afzai has been selected to replace him. The position will be formally transferred July 13.

Captain Afzai has been with the Police Department for over 21 years, as a member of the Command Staff, Special Operations Section, Support Management Section, and most recently the Human Resources section. A longtime resident of Arlington, Captain Afzai holds a BS in Economics and a Master in Public Administration. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Senior Management of Police Institute. We join with all our neighbors in welcoming him to our community, and hope to have him to one of our future meetings to meet us all.

### **RETURN TO SENDER! NOT KNOWN HERE!**

#### **It's ARCA Dues Envelope Mailing Time and Post Office Professes to Know Nothing About Us!**

Everyone received an annual dues envelope with the May Newsletter, and because of a mix-up at the Post Office Box-Holder Department, many of those envelopes that you so diligently returned to us were returned to sender as "Unable to Forward"! Ah me, bad timing for us... So if you were one of these people, please affix another stamp and send it again; the Post Office promises they now know who we are. Sorry about that!

### **ART ON THE BUS**

It has been scientifically proven that being surrounded by art improves your mood and your productivity; you can test this out on your bus commute with ART ON THE BUS, a mobile gallery on one of Arlington County's ART buses. The unique

program is run by Artisphere, and features original works by Arlington artists. The current exhibit features artist **Maribeth Egan**, and will be on rotating ART bus routes through September.

**ABOUT THE EXHIBIT:** The art created for the new Art on the ART bus exhibit began as images taken accidentally on the artist's cell phone. Rather than deleting some of the photos as mistakes, she chose to look at them as mysterious blurry treasures to be built upon. Maribeth Egan has been an Arlington resident for over 20 years and more recently exhibited at Artisphere's Mezz Gallery and the Transformer Annual benefit auction in Washington, DC.

### **GROUNDBREAKING FOR CRYSTAL CITY POTOMAC YARD TRANSITWAY**

**Friday, July 18, 9am**

**Corner of 33<sup>rd</sup> St. & Crystal Drive, in Potomac Yard.**

The Washington metropolitan area's first right of way dedicated to "premium surface transit operations" will have its groundbreaking on July 18. This innovative transit system will provide faster, more reliable bus service along the congested Route 1 corridor, with amenities designed to attract new riders. This new all-day dedicated transit lane in Potomac Yard will have a peak period transit lane in Crystal City and seven new transit stations, implementing new infrastructure between the Crystal City and Braddock Road Metrorail station.

### **ENVISION COURTHOUSE SQUARE**

**July Workshop, Wed. July 23, 7 – 9pm**

**1310 N. Courthouse Rd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.**

Envision Courthouse Square is a community planning effort to re-imagine the County's civic center and to update the vision outlined in the 1993 Courthouse Sector Plan Addendum, which identified a state-of-the-art government center and signature public space as critical to the area's development. The update will provide a visionary plan, strategies, policies, development standards and implementation steps. At the July workshop you can get a look at the three draft design concepts that have been developed, each one based on input collected during the first two community workshops. More information: [http://sites.arlingtonva.us/courthouse/process-and-schedule/?doing\\_wp\\_cron=1404578063.4683580398559570312](http://sites.arlingtonva.us/courthouse/process-and-schedule/?doing_wp_cron=1404578063.4683580398559570312)

**ARCA BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS**

All meetings are held at Aurora Hills Community Center, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St., and begin at 7pm

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Through Sept 25 Food Truck Thursdays, Now With Fashion!** Get your lunchtime food from food trucks, now you can outfit yourself in the newest way to shop, on the sidewalk! 11am – 2pm 18<sup>th</sup> St. and Crystal Drive.

**Thru Sept 21 Gina Matchitt: Being There:** The Maori artist uses weaving as a tool to explore her photography, creating woven objects using Maori techniques. Open Studio at Artisphere.  
<http://www.artisphere.com>

**Thru Aug 25 Crystal Screen "In Flight":** Free outdoor movies every Monday at sundown – bring a picnic. 1851 S. Bell Street. Info:  
<http://crystalcity.org/do/crystal-screen-in-flight>.

**Jul 18 – Aug 16 An Evening With Danny Kaye:** Helen Hayes Award winner Brian Childers returns to American Century Theater for an evening with one of Broadway and Hollywood's greatest showmen. Theatre 2 @ Gunston.  
<http://www.americancentury.org>

**Jul 18 – 27 Once Upon a Mattress:** Carried on a wave of wonderful songs both hilarious and romantic, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic, "The Princess and the Pea" provides a side-splitting evening. Encore Stage. Thomas Jefferson Theatre.  
<http://www.encestageva.org>

**Jul 24 - Aug 4 Painting Uncorked:** Create a piece of art while sipping wine (over 21 only). Studio Underground artist Justyne Fischer holds the 2 hour class that will result in an original artwork to take home. 6:30pm. Gallery Underground.

**Jul 27 Shenandoah Run:** Folk Music. Lubber Run Amphitheatre. 8pm.

**Aug 15 Rose Moraes –** Brazilian Music. Lubber Run. 8pm.

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**LUBBER RUN AMPHITHEATRE  
Summer Performance Series**

**A summer of FREE great performances in music, dance and theater...pictured above is Synetic Theater's *The Music Box* on July 18 & 19 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> & N. Columbus Streets (2 blocks from Rt. 50 & N. Columbus St.)**

**Complete Schedule:**

<http://www.arlingtonarts.org/venues/lubber-run-amphitheater.aspx>