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## IMPORTANT MEETING UPDATE!

**DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, WE WILL MEET **WEDNESDAY**, NOV. 19, RATHER THAN THURSDAY, OUR USUAL MEETING DAY.**

7pm Aurora Hills Community Center

## **HEAR YE, HEAR YE!! COSTCO BLOCK TO BE REDEVELOPED!!**

**Our featured speaker will be Geoffrey Glazer, Mid-Atlantic chief of Kimco, owner of the entire Costco block known as Pentagon Center, who will preview Kimco's plan to begin construction in 2015.**

This block is destined to become the "hub" of Pentagon City, its "town center", which, given its proximity, the ARCA community will inevitably share. This is your opportunity to listen and ask questions about this important new development project.

**LINDA CHANDLER, CEO OF LINDEN RESOURCES**, will also be on hand to speak about their annual **Miracle on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street**, our traditional kick-off of the local holiday season. This year it is on **Friday, December 6 at 6:30pm**, at 750 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Attendees will enjoy a festive tree lighting, Santa Claus arriving atop his brightly lit fire engine sleigh, hundreds of cookies and holiday refreshments, holiday music with a brass band, children's activities and local dignitaries.

## WASHINGTON POST FEATURES ARLINGTON RIDGE

The Washington Post real estate section featured our neighborhood on November 1. We know what a great place it is; now everyone else does too! Check it out at:

<http://www.arcaonline.org/2014/11/arlington-ridge-featured-in-washington-post/>

## DEVELOPMENT

### PUBLIC LANDS FOR PUBLIC GOOD

In a recent petition submitted by Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement, more than 10,000 people who either live or work in Arlington called for action to support affordable housing needs. In response, the County Board directed the County Manager to identify publicly owned sites with the greatest potential for affordable housing development and for public school development. The County Manager has analyzed 678 parcels, and has narrowed the list to 24 sites, based on size, environmental constraints, distance from Metro stations, zoning and existing land use. The Manager is recommending 8 of these sites for further consideration for affordable housing. They include Rosslyn Highlands Park/Fire Station; Courthouse Square & Plaza, land adjacent to Lee Gardens and Fire Station #8; the Edison Complex; Lubber Run Park and land adjacent to Jennie Dean Park.

In the recent "Update from the County Board" by Chair Jay Fisette, he notes that there is "growing interest and misunderstanding" about this report. "It was never the intention...to place stand-alone housing in an officially designated park, nor was it the intent to disturb existing natural or park area."

At its November meeting, the Arlington Civic Federation will consider a resolution with regard to this initiative, and whether, and under what conditions, public land can be used for low-income housing. For more information:

<http://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/land-use/public-land/>

### CRYSTAL CITY UPDATE

Vornado's proposal to build two 300+ foot towers (one huge office and one smaller residential) on the corner of Crystal Drive and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Crystal City is scheduled for its first SPRC meeting November 17. More information at

<http://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/223-23rd-st/>

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR LEED RESEARCH

ARCA is looking for someone who is willing to do a little research on how other jurisdictions reward developers with additional density for buildings that are LEED certified (leadership in energy & environmental design). ARCA's zoning committee is concerned that Arlington's "rewards" do not appear to adhere to hard and fast rules about additional density. Let us know if you can help. [arcaneighbor@gmail.com](mailto:arcaneighbor@gmail.com)

### THE SUBURB OF THE FUTURE IS HERE

#### How One City Avoided the Worst of Suburbanization and Revealed the Path Toward Sustainable Urban Development

The July 6, 2014 issue of *Salon* has an article about Arlington that is well worth reading. It makes some interesting points about the past 50 years of our growth: "Despite the influx of tens of thousands of workers and residents (since 1960), traffic has thinned"; "Arlington is the most important suburban place in the country; if you don't understand Arlington you don't understand the future of the country"; "It may be the only American suburb where fewer than half the residents drive to work"; and "No suburb can urbanize without the support of its residents". This thought provoking article will make you look at Arlington in a whole new light. Read the article at

[http://www.salon.com/2014/07/06/the\\_suburb\\_of\\_the\\_future\\_is\\_here/](http://www.salon.com/2014/07/06/the_suburb_of_the_future_is_here/)

On this same topic, Brookings Fellow Chris Leinberger also gave a talk in Arlington in November, 2013 as part of the Roundabouts Speaker Series on "The Urbanization of the suburbs; why Arlington is the national model and where do we go next", which you can see on the Arlington TV webpage at <http://arlingtonva.tv/christopher-b-leinberger-on-urban-design/>

### ART INSTALLATION LIGHTS UP ROUTE 50

Two recently completed bridges along Route 50 -- at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and N. Courthouse Road -- now look more colorful, thanks to a public art installation by artist Vicki Scuri. She designed concrete panels on the side of the road and metal grillwork on the overpasses that has an LED light show that backlights the grillwork at night. The light display is programmed as a 15 minute loop that fades and gradually transitions between sets of colors. The artist said, "The art installations reflect Arlington's "classical architecture", making a clear entry to Arlington that complements its lively, refined streetscapes."

### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

#### FARMERS' MARKET NEWS

More choice for your fresh fruit and veg starting April 2015 -- Sundays from 9am -- 1pm at the **Fairlington Community Center**, 3308 S. Stafford St. And don't forget our neighbor just to the south, the **Four Mile Run Farmers and Artisans Market (4MR)**, also held on Sundays from 9am -- 1pm, running

through November 23. It is held in Four Mile Run Park, 4109 Mt. Vernon Avenue, just over the bridge from S. Glebe Rd. In addition to the freshest produce, FMR features a regular concert series on its stage; a composting service; artisan cheese and yogurt; baked goodies from the Bulgarian baker; hand crafted soaps, and more.

**BLANKET DRIVE FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES  
NOV 1 - 21**

Help Syrian families who left their homes with only what they could carry on their backs by donating clean, folded blankets. Collections take place Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm at the Human Services Center, 2100 Washington Boulevard and the lobby of Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard.

**KEEP ALERT FOR HOME REPAIR SCAMS**

Kamram Afzal, Commander 2<sup>nd</sup> district police team has sent us the following alert: The police department responded to a residence in the 2300 block of S. Meade Street on November 6, 2014, in reference to four males possibly engaged in a scam involving the cutting and trimming of trees. All four suspects were stopped and interviewed; while charges directly relating to fraud could not be obtained, the suspects were cited for operating a business without a license. This incident was consistent with other home repair and yard work scams that have been previously investigated by the Police Department. The suspects tend to target older residents and have them pay large sums of money for work that is either not done, not completed, or not worth the amount charged. Two typical scams involve cutting down/pruning trees and sealing driveways. The above case was brought to light by a neighbor who observed the suspects possibly targeting the victim, approached the suspects, and then called the police. While approaching suspects is a choice that each individual needs to make for themselves, the fact that the neighbor recognized something that seemed out of the ordinary and called the police was important because it enabled the police to intervene. A few things to keep in mind are: Be wary of individuals soliciting repair work that you have not contracted; Do not pay for work before it has been completed; Do not let multiple individuals in your house; If you are not comfortable with the individuals then ask them to leave and shut the door; If you observe someone who appears to be acting suspiciously call the Police Department.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION**

**BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD FOR THE 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET PRIORITY PROJECT**

The plan deals with S. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from Arlington Ridge Rd to Army Navy Drive, and proposes a new 5' sidewalk on the north side with curb and gutter and a 7' utility strip. The plan would considerably narrow the street, and parking was eliminated on the north side. Approved for consideration for funding by Arlington's Neighborhood Conservation, the concept was presented to the property owners October 2. More than 40% of the affected property owners voted "no" to the proposed Arlington County street design. ARCA's Neighborhood Conservation representative, Natasha Pinol, will request a new design from the County that will address these issues. We hope to work with the County staff to find a plan that everyone can agree on.

**FALL VOLUNTEER DAY A HUGE SUCCESS**

Fall Volunteer Day exceeded expectations, and more was accomplished in less time than ever before due to the record turnout of over 70 volunteers – our core group of neighbors and young Mormon's responding to their "Community Day of Service". Many thanks to them all.

**TREE STEWARD TRAINING FEB. 2015**

Want to protect and promote our urban tree canopy? Join us as a volunteer Tree Steward. The next training starts Feb 3, 2015 at Fairlington Community Center. Find out more at <http://www.treestewards.org>

**DO YOU HAVE A NOTABLE TREE?**

Since 1987, Arlington has identified its most notable trees, as well as the residents who care for them. What makes a notable tree? Its size and age; its historical or community interest; uniqueness of species and special significance to the neighborhood. Notable trees receive a plaque, they are placed on the County's register of notable trees, and can be included in neighborhood walking tours. Beautification Committee volunteers and County staff measure and evaluate the tree's health and condition; the final recommendation is made by the Committee.

**ARCA BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS**

All meetings are held at the Aurora Hills Community Center at 7pm. Please Join Us!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Thru Dec 7 Sex With Strangers:** A raging snowstorm traps two strangers in a secluded cabin. Signature Theatre. [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org)

**Nov 15, 16 Lee Arts Center Annual Show and Sale:** One of a kind gifts made by the studio artists of Lee Arts Center: pottery, prints, jewelry. 5722 Lee Hwy, Sat. 10 – 4pm, Sun Noon – 4pm. [www.leeartscenter.org](http://www.leeartscenter.org)

**Nov 18 Open With Care:** A staged reading featuring six interwoven stories about risk, courage, fears and failures of the human connection. First Draft Theatre. Theatre on the Run. [www.firstdraft.org](http://www.firstdraft.org)

**Nov 19 Cinderella:** Encore Stage will present a free performance of its upcoming musical adaptation of Cinderella. Aurora Hills Library. 4pm. [www.encorestage.org](http://www.encorestage.org)

**Nov 21, 22 Daddy Issues:** Peter Aguero, raconteur and host of The Moth, takes the audience through a raw and sympathetic look at his relationship with his father. 8pm. Artisphere. [www.artisphere.com](http://www.artisphere.com)

**Nov 22 The Magic Flute: Children's Opera.** Opera NOVA presents a condensed version of the Mozart classic for its annual children's opera. 2pm. Thomas Jefferson Theatre. [www.operanova.org](http://www.operanova.org)

**Dec 4 – 7 The Nutcracker:** Classic tale of Clara and the nutcracker brought to life by the dancers of BalletNova. Thomas Jefferson Theatre. [www.balletnova.org](http://www.balletnova.org)

**Dec 5 – 6 Improvised Shakespeare Company:** Based on audience suggestions, the company creates a fully improvised play in Elizabethan style – a tragedy, comedy, history...Artisphere. 7 & 9pm [www.artisphere.com](http://www.artisphere.com)

**Dec 6 – 14 Holiday Craft Show at Fort CF Smith Park:** Juried arts and crafts for sale by local artisans. 2411 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street. 703-243-7329.

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**We would love to hear from you!**

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Neighborhood Conservation comments/questions to [arca.ncac.representative@gmail.com](mailto:arca.ncac.representative@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!****Oakridge Needs Tutors**

Tutor 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students twice a week for 30 – 45 minutes: includes rereading familiar books, playing word games, writing and reading. Contact Belinda Folb, 407-414-3364.

**Central Library Needs a Tech savvy Volunteer**

Provide one-on-one sessions for those who need help with their computers, devices and library e-sources. – creating an email account, Excel help, borrowing e-books: 2 hour shifts on Saturdays from 10am – 5pm. Call Barbara Dean at 703-228-7688, [bdean@arlingtonva.us](mailto:bdean@arlingtonva.us)

**AHC Needs Volunteer Tutors**

AHC Inc is a local affordable housing developer who needs volunteers who help middle and high school students who live in their buildings with their schoolwork. Contact Cindy Rozon, [rozon@ahcinc.org](mailto:rozon@ahcinc.org), 703-486-0620