



Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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*The Grandsons will appear at
 Lubber Run Amphitheater
 on June 16 at 8pm*



THURSDAY, MAY 17 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Aurora Hills Community Center

735 18th St. S.,

6:30pm Refreshments, 7pm Meeting

Come early to enjoy light refreshments, and meet with neighbors

STATE SENATOR ADAM EBBIN, GUEST SPEAKER

We will be honored to have our State Senator on hand to apprise us of the political scene in Richmond this year. Senator Ebbin has represented the 30th District in northern Virginia since January, 2012; he previously served eight years in the House of Delegates. His District includes the southeast sector of Arlington, most of Alexandria, and a portion of Fairfax County further south along the Potomac River. The unexpectedly close election last November substantially narrowed Republican control of Virginia's legislature. Senator Ebbin will discuss the extent to which the political dynamic during the recently concluded legislative session changed as a result. He will also describe key legislative initiatives, wins and losses, and where things stand moving forward. And he will entertain your questions. Come prepared.

RIDGE ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

The Arlington County Board has approved a \$1.9 million contract to replace the nearly century-old water main beneath Arlington Ridge Road. The nearly one mile long segment to be replaced runs from Oakcrest Road in the south all the way north to Nash St. at Prospect Hill Park. ***The project is expected to get underway very shortly and may require up to a full year to complete.*** Work will only occur between rush hours when short sections of one lane of the roadway will be blocked off, with "flaggers" alternating the two-way traffic onto the other side of the roadway. Homes temporarily impacted by water outages will be notified in advance via door knob "hangers." The new 12-inch main should reduce maintenance, extend life, and support neighborhood demand. County staff will on hand at the membership meeting to provide additional information and answer what are sure to be many questions about the project which will inevitably impact our entire neighborhood for the coming year. More information at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/arlington-ridge-road-water-replacement/>



You can pay your \$20 annual ARCA membership dues online using PayPal!

www.arcaonline.org,

by check or cash. Send to ARCA, PO Box 2976, Arlington, VA 22202-0976

The membership year is July 1 – June 30.

In addition, beginning May 7, **water mains will be replaced from 26th Place S. from 26th Street S. to S. Hayes St) and S. Hayes St. from 26th St. S. to**

Fort Scott Drive. Call 571-274-2257 if you have any questions.

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/arlington-ridge-road-water-replacement/>

DCA AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION – CONGESTION

Time permitting, there will also be a short presentation on the status of the ongoing construction at the airport which is causing massive vehicular congestion and huge delays. Our best advice to travelers using the airport – use Metro from Pentagon City for the last leg of your travel to the airport. Metro, cabs, Uber and Lyft are your options when traveling home from the airport.

SOUND WALL APPROVED

Wall alignment and design at www.arcaonline.org

ARCA has just been notified by the public information officer of the 395 Express Lanes Project, Geoffrey Vetter, that the proposed sound wall on 395 has been approved by the affected ARCA residents. The sound wall will stretch from Glebe Road along northbound I-395 and Army Navy Drive to the overpass connecting Arlington Ridge Road to and from I-395. The final alignment of the wall can be found on our website. Based on comments received from the community during balloting and feedback at outreach meetings, a textured stone finish has been selected for the community-facing side of the wall, which you can see on our website. Mr. Vetter assures us that their project staff will keep the neighborhood informed of the construction timeline and any expected impacts during construction.

DOG PARK UPDATE

ARCA met with county officials about our dog park application, mentioned in our last newsletter. They acknowledged the need but rejected both of our proposed sites: at the back of Fort Scott Park (residents would be concerned about the loss of the wooded area), and the S. 31st Street lot (controlled by

the Water Control Plant and they are not willing to give it up). Back to the drawing board!

OAKRIDGE UPDATE

Elementary School Planning Initiative to review Elementary Boundaries/ Location Analysis, Released by the School Board April 30

Check out the latest analysis released by the School Board, and stay up to date on continuing changes to the Arlington elementary schools boundary and option programs, and share your

comments on the ongoing discussions at <https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Apr-30-Analysis-Final-2.pdf>

DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES JUNE 12

On June 12, you can choose either to vote in a Republican Primary to select the nominee for the US Senate (Corey Stewart; Nick Freitas & E.W. Jackson), or a Democratic Primary to select a nominee for County Board (Matthew de Ferranti & Chanda Choun). Register to vote by May 21. <https://vote.arlingtonva.us>

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS DIAMOND FIELD STATUS CHANGE

From “Permit Only” to “Permit Takes Priority”

As the County’s Public Spaces Master Plan was being updated, it was felt that the community could benefit from more open fields and public spaces. Parks & Recreation has developed a pilot program to convert 21 “Permit Only” fields to “Permit Takes Priority”, with Virginia Highlands Diamond Field one of those selected as a pilot. From now until mid-November, groups of 10 or less that are not part of an organized group can enjoy the fields during daylight, weather permitting. Neighbors can throw a Frisbee, kick a ball, fly a kite, or just put out a blanket and read a book. The only prohibited activities are structured games, practices or special events. More information at <https://parks.arlingtonva.us/accessing-arlington-countys-athletic-fields/>

LUBBER RUN AMPHITHEATER TO OPEN JUNE 15

Arlington’s own “Wolf Trap” brings Music, Dance & Theatre all Summer Long and Absolutely Free!

N. Columbus & N. 2nd St., 2 blocks from Route 50

Every weekend from June 15 till September 16, Lubber Run brings great family performances to its amphitheater set in the leafy glades of Lubber Run Park. Bring the kids, your dog (special “Pops for Pets” with the Arlington Philharmonic on June 24), and a picnic, and enjoy a bucolic evening at one of Arlington’s most beautiful parks. 703-228-1850; Schedule:

<https://culturecapital.com/organization/36/lubber-run-amphitheater>

UPGRADING PLANS FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT

ARCA's board has been monitoring the plans of the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) for its upgrade over the next several years at its regular outreach meetings for residents and stakeholders. WPCP plans to use a "digestion-based" technology that reduces bio-solid material and provides a potential for resource recovery of biogas and phosphorus. The opportunity to generate natural gas could potentially be used for the ART bus facility across the street. An emissions study confirmed the new technology will not adversely impact the air quality for residents and businesses nearby. After a presentation at our sister Civic Association, Aurora Highlands, they recommended that the WPCP negotiate with DC's Blue Plains to truck the solids there as they already have the infrastructure and are already processing solids into usable fertilizer. More information at www.projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/water-pollution-control-plant-solids-master-plan

A 8 – 10' FREE TREE!

Deadline June 11

Arlington's Tree Canopy Fund is accepting applications for shade trees to be planted on private property. The trees are free and are

planted at no cost to you! Arlington is trying to restore the diminishing tree canopy, which has many benefits for us all. 8 varieties of trees are available, including American holly, pin oak, white oak and more. Trees will be planted Oct. 2018 – Jan 2019.

Applications:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FallTrees2018>

ALL ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS

vnps.org

Find out everything about planting native plants, native plant nurseries and climate-wise landscaping at this website of the Virginia Native Plant Society.

BUSY BEES

May 22, 24, 30 – 4.15pm; Ages 5+

Long Branch Nature Center, 703-228-4747

Discover what the buzz is all about with these

amazing insects, and see them in action in the flower garden.

BIKE TO WORK DAY MAY 18

BikeArlington invites you to join thousands of area commuters for a celebration of biking as a fun, healthy and sustainable way to get to work. Meet up with neighbors and co-workers at one of the 100 regional pit stops to enjoy food, music and activities. The first 20,000 people to register get a free t-shirt, and are entered into raffles with great prizes. Bikearlington.com/bike-to-work-day.

BE A MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER

Tuesday, May 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford St., Arlington 22206.

Come and find out what the Volunteer Master Gardener Training program includes, and about our mission to share urban agriculture and sustainable landscaping best management practices with our community. Free. Questions? Telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

ARCA BI-MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**Aurora Hills Community Center, 7pm
3rd Thursday Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sept/Nov**

Thru May 27 Titus Andronicus: Synetic Theater's "Wordless Shakespeare" version of his revenge driven tragedy. Age 16+. Synetictheater.org

May 16 – 30 Belly Dancing Classes: Saffron Dance will hold hour long classes each Wednesday at 6pm in Rosslyn at Freedom Park. 1101 Wilson Blvd. 703-276-2355

May 18 Live Animal Presentation: Join Arlington Natural Resources Cliff Fairweather to learn about local animals that may be in your backyard. Bonus: get up close to a box turtle, a small snake and frogs! 1 – 2pm. Aurora Hills Community Center

May 19 National Chamber Ensemble's season finale features the music of local classical and jazz composers. Theatre One at Gunston. Nationalchamberensemble.org

May 22 – Jul 1 The Scottsboro Boys: The Tony Award winning musical, a true story of racism and injustice in the American south. Signature Theatre. Sigtheatre.org

May 23 The Hume School: Local History Talk.
Arlington Historical Society presentation at Aurora Hills
Library. 7 – 8:30pm 703-228-5715

Jun 1 – 10 Pinocchio: Encore Stage presents the
classic tale at Gunston's Theatre One.
encorestageva.org

**Jun 15 – Sept 16 Lubber Run Amphitheater Summer
Concert Series:** Free performances each weekend,
music., dance, theatre. 703-228-1850
[https://culturecapital.com/organization/36/lubber-
run-amphitheater](https://culturecapital.com/organization/36/lubber-run-amphitheater)

Jun 24 Pops for Pets: Arlington Philharmonic presents
a benefit for the Animal Welfare League with music your
pet will love! Lubber Run Amphitheatre. 703-228-1850



ARLINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB MAJOR DONOR TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Kudos to the Aurora Hills Women's Club, that has
given in excess of \$64,000 to the Arlington Historical
Society over the past years for the maintenance and
upkeep of the iconic "Hume School" building, which
houses the Arlington Historical Museum.*

*The Aurora Hills Women's Club was founded in
1958 by a group of military wives who raised money
for community projects. It is a nonprofit whose
members live primarily in south Arlington. It meets
monthly and supports many local charities, living up
to its motto of "Continuing Community Commitment."
For more information about the Club, please visit
their website.*

www.ahwc1958.org

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