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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 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

Wondering what is happening at the proposed Queen Street development site, the parking lot for JBG's new low rise plan for the PenPlace site on 12th Street, and the proposed reconfiguration of Arlington Ridge Road and S.Lynn Street? Come to our meeting to find out the latest information on our resolved and unresolved neighborhood issues, and bring questions and suggestions on issues you think ARCA should be addressing. Come early and meet your neighbors, while enjoying light refreshments.

ARCA "DUES" REVENUE DWINDLE

This budget year there has been a huge drop so far in ARCA's revenue. By the end of August, when we typically have received over 90 percent of our annual budgeted revenue, we have received only slightly more than 50 percent of our expected revenue. At this rate, we will have a deficit of \$1,500 for the year.

While we call it "dues," ARCA is unique among most County civic associations in that it considers every homeowner within its boundaries to be a "member" whether or not they contribute modest "dues" to support their neighborhood watchdog and civic advocate. We are all volunteers working tirelessly to protect and enhance our community's welfare. While the majority of our expenditures are for communications (newsletter, website, etc.) and support of local organizations (e.g., Oakridge Elementary School, Halloween Parade, Hume School, etc.), we must also build and maintain a "rainy day fund" in order to be able to retain experts from time to time and cover other unforeseen expenses.

As "members," we urge all ARCA homeowners to chip in \$20 annually to support ARCA's civic mission and advocacy on your behalf. We thank everyone of you who takes a moment to make your "dues" contribution either by PayPal or by sending a check to our P.O. Box 2976 in the near future.

DOG PARK STATUS**Eads Park Being Considered**

ARCA submitted a dog park application to the Dept. of Parks & Recreation in March. After study, its Staff rejected the two sites we had proposed (behind the tennis courts at Fort Scott Park and west of the bus driver parking lot on South 31st Street) on environmental and future-use grounds. With some reluctance we have agreed to consider part of Eads Field as a potential site, the alternative proposed by Staff. The area would be south of the paved path along Fort Scott but would not affect the playground or the soccer fields. It has some issues, such as parking, tree removal, neighborhood opposition and the open location, but has positive features as well. Staff is currently tightening its feasibility study before making a final decision. Thereafter, higher level approvals will be necessary before our initiative may be realized, as well as finding the necessary funds in a tight budget year.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**November 6**

This year we vote for our senator, house of representatives, school board, county board, 2 constitutional amendments and several bond referenda. Check out the issues at vote.arlingtonva.us.

AWARD FOR NATASHA PINOL

At the July meeting, ARCA presented a Community Service Award to Natasha Pinol, who led our Neighborhood Conservation committee from 2011 – 2017. During that time she oversaw the first complete revision of the ARCA Neighborhood Conservation Plan in 40 years, which required coordinating the activities of six subcommittees, organizing and drafting the final 192 page document, and shepherding its approval by the Arlington County Board. She also secured funding for several infrastructure improvements and was a tireless advocate on the Arlington County Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee. ARCA formally acknowledged its deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Ms. Pinol for her years of unselfish public service,

and we are a better place because of her efforts.

SUBDIVISION ON S. IVES STREET

Late News! Developer Troutman has notified ARCA that he plans to subdivide the lot at 2618 S. Ives Street (22,841 sq. ft) and put two residences on it. ARCA will monitor his plan and report as we have more information.

UBER/LYFT LOT ON S. EADS STREET

All 3 local civic associations have reported their concern about increased traffic at S.Eads St. and Fort Scott Drive from the Uber/Lyft lot that was moved from the airport. The County Board is attempting to have the entrance changed from S. Eads Street to Route 1. Also, the traffic cutting through CVS and MacDonald's on S. Eads Street to reach Route 1 has reached epic proportions, and fair warning, the police are now monitoring both!

EXPANSION OF ARLINGTON CEMETERY**Bicyclists and Pedestrians Input Needed**

To manage demand through 2050 with room for up to 60,000 additional interments, plans for the 70 acre expansion of Arlington National Cemetery are moving ahead. It has prompted a major traffic realignment around the heavily trafficked Columbia Pike and Washington Boulevard, but we are told it will not have negative effects on local residents commute. However, we received a special request for bicyclists and pedestrians to weigh in on the plans as the proposed design has cyclists either sharing a sidewalk with pedestrians or a road with cars and no protection. Their comments can help improve the design so that walking or cycling is safer. **Comments are due by Sept. 22.** <https://susmo.org/biking/east-pike-realignment/>

FALL COMMUNITY FEST OCT. 27

Aurora Highlands Civic Association (AHCA) is in the planning stages for a possible neighborhood fall festival, but to make it happen they need lots of volunteers: tweens, teens and adults. If you can remember what fun everyone had at the late lamented Boo Ha Ha, (an AHCA event), please think about volunteering for this neighborhood

replacement festival. If you and/or your family is interested, please email Natasha Atkins, AHCA president at natashaatkins1@gmail.com

FALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARY PROCESS

“Getting Started” Community Meeting, Sept. 26, 7pm, Kenmore Middle School

Due to the increased school enrollment, school boundaries are being adjusted to take effect in September 2019. The Boundary Process will help balance enrollment across several elementary schools, one of which is the very overcrowded Oakridge. There will be opportunities for input throughout the process, with the first one on Sept. 26, which will be live streamed at

<http://www.apsva.us/engage/livestream/>.

From Sept. 26 – Oct. 10, stakeholders are invited to share their input on the potential boundary scenarios at an online questionnaire at <http://www.apsva.us/engage>.

Oct 17 “What We Heard” Community Meeting, 7pm Kenmore Middle School. Review boundary proposals and hear about community input. Final decisions will be made at the School Board meeting on **Dec 6**.

BANNED BOOKS PICNIC

Mon. Sept 24, 6 – 8pm, Arlington Central Library

Central Library is honoring Banned Books Week with a picnic after work to listen to passages from challenged and banned books, read by librarians. The books read will be ones challenged in libraries, schools and bookstores throughout the country. Other Banned Books events are being featured at many Arlington libraries September 23 – 29.

NATIVE PLANT SALE

Sept 22, 1 – 3pm Long Branch Nature Center, 703-228-6535

A great selection of plants that are accustomed to local climate and wildlife, for sun and shade, and even deer resistant plants.

FREE TREES

Arlington is providing 400 native trees to Arlington residents as part of its mission to expand our urban tree canopy. Registration opens **Sept 4**. Pickup on Oct 20 (Arlington County Nursery, 4240 S. Four Mile Run Dr., and Oct 24 at Bon Air Rose Garden parking lot. <https://environment.arlingtonva.us/register-for-your-free-tree/> Information at 703-228-6521.

OPEN HOUSE AT SUNNY & SHADE GARDENS Sunday, Oct. 14, 1-3 p.m., Bon Air Park, 850 N. Lexington St.,

Fall is a great time to see the demonstration gardens in Bon Air Park. Extension Master Gardeners will show children leaf-rubbing, give tours, answer questions, give away seeds, and raffle off a few plants. No matter your growing conditions, this is the place to get ideas and advice for your garden. Free. Questions? Telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT

At our July membership meeting, Arlington County Dept. of Environmental Services staff presented plans for upgrading Arlington’s aging waste water treatment plant on Glebe Rd. Mary Strawn, Chief Engineer of the plant, made a brief presentation of the need to upgrade the facility and discussed criteria and alternatives that a study group had examined. She and Tom Broderick, Water Pollution Control bureau chief, addressed the County Board’s desire to continue exploration of a ‘regional’ solution with the Blue Plains plant in D.C. while moving ahead with immediate upgrade needs. They also discussed the need for further assessment of environmental impact, especially of ozone produced by flaring methane gas which, in turn, will be produced by the proposed Class A treatment process staff hope to buy and install in the coming years.

ARCA BI-MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
Aurora Hills Community Center, 7pm
3rd Thursday Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sept/Nov

Thru Sept 23 Passion: Sondheim musical set in 1860s Italy, with gorgeous music and a love triangle. Signature Theatre. Sigtheatre.org

Thru Sept 29: Coastal Tales: Artists Wes Muntain and Shirley Groman use printmaking and ceramic techniques to tell stories about life around the ocean. Lee Arts Center. Leeartscenter.org

Sept 29 Nature Photography Hike: photograph nature, get tips on photography and learn about local wildlife. Long Branch Nature Center. 3:30 – 5pm. 703-228-4747

Sept 29 Crystal City Oktoberfest: Live music, food and craft beers and ciders from regional, national and international brewing companies. The Lot at 220 20th St. S. 12 – 6pm.

Sept 29 Champion Trees Bike Ride: Marvel at some of Arlington's most spectacular trees on this leisurely ride, stopping at points of interest along the way. Age 12+. Meet at Barcroft Park. 703-228-1863.

Sept 29 Colonial Harvest: Living History. Colonial re-enactors will show how people lived in the oldest house in the county, the Ball Sellers House, with tastes of their beverages and desserts. 1 – 4:30. 5620 3rd St. S.

Oct 13 Homebuyer and Tenant Info Fair: Talk to housing experts, realtors, mortgage companies, banks, and Arlington County housing representatives: Arlington Mill Community Center, 10am – 3pm. www.arlingtonlife.org, 703-228-3765

Oct 20 Masters of the Italian Baroque: National Chamber Ensemble opens its season with the music of Vivaldi, Corelli, Albinoni and Pergolesi. Theatre one at Gunston. 7:30. Nationalchamberensemble.org



OCTOBER EVENTS

“Engaging our community in caring for our environment”

Oct 13 Annual Fun Ride: 8AM – Noon

A scenic family friendly bike ride on the paved trails of the “Arlington Loop”, with rest stops in Crystal City, Columbia Pike, Ballston and Rosslyn. Hosted by Phoenix Bikes and EcoAction Arlington.

**Oct 19 EcoAction Arlington
 EcoExtravaganza, 7 – 9pm**

Join Arlington's environmental leaders in celebrating the 40th anniversary of EcoAction, while sampling the region's best sustainable cuisine at the Arlington Arts Center. CEO of Busboys and Poets, Andy Shalal, will give welcome remarks. His restaurants have been at the forefront of environmental stewardship with their local/sustainable food movement.

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