



Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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ARCA NOVEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, November 21, 6:30 snacks, meet the neighbors,

7pm meeting

Aurora Hills Community Center

VIDEO LINK TO ONLINE MEETING

<https://meet.google.com/bve-imqm-xby>

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WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

arcaonline.org

At long last we have a new website as promised, with a payment portal for your annual dues (\$25). With the help of board member Julie Farnham and tech guru Westcott Chen it is now live at the old location. Please give us suggestions for improvements and additional information you would like to see on the site at arcaneighbor@gmail.com

WALKING TOUR OF MELWOOD

Monday, Nov. 18, 12 – 1pm

750 23rd St. , meet at corner of 23rd & Grant

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Commissions-and-Advisory-Groups/Shared-Content/Commissions-PC-Hearings-Meetings/Site-Plan-Review-Committee-SPRC-On-Site-Walking-Tour-Melwood>

The Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) members will give a guided tour to see the existing conditions prior to the first Melwood SPRC meeting scheduled for that evening.

RIVERHOUSE SPRC

In the SPRC meeting the County said it was disappointed in the lack of density in the plan proposed by JBG Smith, and suggested that the County will not achieve its housing goals without more density at RiverHouse. It also highlighted a number of areas where the plan was in violation of the Sector Plan, the green ribbon, view corridors, tree buffer behind some buildings. Numerous community members spoke both for and against the current plan, and JBG Smith is revising its plans based on the feedback it received both from County and community.

PAY YOUR DUES

We are working on a new online pay portal, but in the meantime, please send your

\$25 annual ARCA membership dues to
ARCA, PO Box 2976,
Arlington, VA 22202-0976
The membership year is
July 1 – June 30.

ARCA AND AHCA TO CO-SPONSOR ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT

Fort Scott Drive/Grove St/Grant Street Intersection
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Arlington-Neighborhoods-Program>

ARCA and Aurora Highlands Civic Assn. have submitted a joint proposal to the Arlington Neighborhood Program (ANP) for a pedestrian safety project at the Fort Scott Drive and Grant Street intersection, with further safety measures to extend down Grant St. to 29th Rd. AHCA will be the lead on the project while ARCA will provide a block captain to gather signatures of support from impacted residents. If you would like to help or get more information, please contact Lauren Bailey, ARCA's ANP rep. at laurenabailey12@gmail.com

EHO/MISSING MIDDLE STRUCK DOWN BY JUDGE

Judge Schell ruled for the homeowners who brought suit against the County Board over its EHO (Missing Middle) ordinance. The EHO was enacted in 2023; the plaintiffs filed suit the next month. EHO allowed developers to build up to 6 unit buildings on nearly all lots that previously allowed only single family detached homes and the court ruled that the County failed to give any consideration to localized impacts on neighbors. The County said it will appeal the ruling. More on EHO at <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Building/Permits/EHO>

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL TO BE BUILT IN METROPOLITAN PARK IN 2026

Amazon and Arlington Public Schools (APS) have announced the future home for Arlington Community High School (ACHS) will be in Metropolitan Park with a custom-built space. Established over a century ago, it has never had a permanent home, and was most recently at the Career Center. It will be the new home for over 250 students and staff beginning in the 2026-7 school year. Amazon has been working in partnership with APS to finalize the plans for the diverse student body aged 16 and older, many of whom work full or part time jobs as they earn their high school diplomas. Amazon's partnership with the ACHS is part of its commitment to being a good neighbor and community partner, and by providing a home for the program will reduce the long term operating and capital costs for Arlington Public Schools. It was originally planned to be at Amazon's Pen Place.

ECOACTION TREE CANOPY FUND APPLICATIONS THRU JAN, 2025

<https://www.ecoactionarlington.org/community->

[programs/tree-program-overview/tree-canopy-program-tpp/](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/tree-program-overview/tree-canopy-program-tpp/)

Arlington residents can earn credit towards their Stormwater Utility by planting trees on their property, and large canopy trees planted through the Arlington Tree Canopy fund are eligible for a 5% credit. Owners of private property can apply to get a native tree planted on their property. It is administered by EcoAction Arlington in partnership with the County's Forestry and National Resources Commission. Check out the website above for application information.

ARCA NEEDS NEW A COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

ARCA's Communications Director is retiring next July after 13 years on the job and ARCA is looking for someone who is interested in doing all or part of the job after she retires. It consists of putting together and printing the newsletter, ensuring its delivery by a faithful group of volunteers, creating and sending out the e-newsletter, answering emails in *arcaneighbor*, and generally keeping track of events of interest. It is a job for one person with a lot of time on their hands, or perhaps two or three who can each take a piece. Let us know if you are interested in finding out more at arcaneighbor@gmail.com.

WALTER HOOD WINS ARCHITECTURE PRIZE

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Locations/Parks/John-Robinson-Jr.-Town-Square>

Landscape designer Walter Hood, who designed the John Robinson Jr. Town Square, received the National Building Museum 2024 Vincent Scully Prize for exemplary practice in architecture and urban design. Hood's design brings recognition to the history and community of historically Black Green Valley and its ties to Freedman's Village, a community for escaped enslaved African Americans and free persons established at the end of the Civil War on property that became the Pentagon and Arlington Cemetery.

FILL THE CRUISER

Sat. Nov 16, 11am – 3pm Our Lady of Lourdes, 830 S. 23rd Street

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/About-Arlington/Newsroom/Articles/2024/Police-Celebrate-Ten-Years-of-Fill-the-Cruiser-Toy-Drive-Events>

The Arlington Police Department holds an annual drive to benefit children in need and to spread holiday cheer to everyone by collecting a cruiser full of unwrapped toys at several locations in Arlington. Our cruiser will be at Our Lady of Lourdes

on 23rd Street. If you can't make it then, you can also drop them off at Freddie's Beach Bar, 555 23rd Street or the Long Bridge Aquatics Center in the provided drop boxes.

ARCA SENIORS WOULD LIKE SOME EQUITY!

Both ARCA and Aurora Highlands Civic Association have created a petition to urge the County to open our community center for senior programming five days a week, in line with the rest of the county's senior centers. Eileen Garvin-Akers (egarvinakers@live.com) is spearheading the push, along with David Littman of Aurora Highlands. Email 55+@arlingtonva.us to support them.

SUPPORT ECOACTION AT THE GIANT! BUY A BAG **[giantfood.2givelocal.com](https://www.giantfood.com)**

This November support EcoAction every time you purchase a \$2.75 reusable bag at our local Giant on S. Glebe Rd: \$1 will be donated every time you buy one.

GUNSTON STUDENTS PRODUCE SAFETY VIDEO

<https://secure.smores.com/n/4sa5h#br9si95a2c>

As part of Safety and Preparedness Week, Gunston Middle School media journalism class produced a video on safety, focused on what it means when a school calls a "Hold" status. And more video news: APS' **Every Student Counts video** spotlights Social studies with a focus on different perspectives on history with Wakefield's AP African American studies and Washington-Liberty's Geopolitics class. See it at <https://secure.smores.com/n/4sa5h#br9si95a2c>

MEMORIALIZING OF THE ENSLAVED IN ARLINGTON

<https://arhist.org/enslavement/>

"The Memorializing of the Enslaved in Arlington" (MEA) project has borrowed the idea of stumbling stones from the project of a German artist which has placed over 70,000 of the stones throughout Europe to honor Holocaust victims. With the help of Arlington County MEA will place stones throughout Arlington at sites of enslavement to honor the lives and contributions of once enslaved people and tell their story. The markers will be engraved with individual names and stories. MEA is a project sponsored by the Arlington Historical Society and the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington, and brings our county's African American history to light and their important contributions to the development of Arlington County since the late 1700s which have often been misrepresented or left out. Our neighborhood's stumbling stone will be installed at 2345 S. Ode Street, where Mary and Levi Jones Jr

were enslaved by Anthony Fraser.

100 TREES TO BE PLANTED AT ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/About-Arlington/Newsroom/Articles/2024/100-Trees-to-Be-Planted-at-Arlington-Public-Schools>

Arlington's Urban Forestry Office is partnering with Arlington Public Schools to plant 100 trees on school properties towards its eventual goal of 40% tree canopy coverage. Priority will be given to schools located in neighborhoods with lower tree coverage and planting will take place through the end of 2024.

METRO MARKET SQUARE ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

Thru Nov. 22

<https://publicinput.com/n88855>

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Metro-Market-Square>

What would you like to see at Metro Market Square? The project will develop a Park master plan and design guidelines for a new park in Crystal City bounded by Crystal square, 18th Street, Crystal Drive and S. Bell St, and the County would like input from neighbors on its design.

WAKEFIELD PICKLEBALL

Wakefield has embraced competitive pickleball, and now has 18 members. Like all the rest of Arlington, they want their tennis courts to be modified to accommodate them, and to start teams at our other high schools. Good luck, and those in opposition will just have to wait for tennis to become cool again.

ARLINGTON'S MOST WALKABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

arlingtonmagazine.com

Arlington Magazine featured Arlington's most walkable neighborhoods in its October issue: Featured, not surprisingly, are Crystal City, Aurora Highlands, National Landing (Crystal City, Pentagon City and Potomac Yard). They also note that Arlington has been the nation's fittest city for 7 years running, obviously because we are all walking! They laud the County's sidewalks, parks, walking trails and entertainment districts built around public transportation.

ICE SKATING AT WESTPOST OPENS

<https://www.pentagonrowskating.com/>

Outdoor ice skating is back at Westpost, 1201 S. Joyce Street despite the warm temperatures we have had recently. Check their website for hours

and rental fees; there is a whopping \$1 off if you are a senior.

CALENDAR

Thru Jan 12 A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum. Signature Theatre. One of the funniest musical comedies of all times, we are told. Signature Theatre. Sigtheatre.org

Nov 16. Carmina Burana – Abound: Carl Orff's choral classic, with the Arlington Chorale and Alexandria Symphony. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Alexandria.
<https://alexsym.org/performance/carminaburana/>

Nov 21 – 24 The Nutcracker: Balletnova presents its annual ballet, at Kenmore Middle School, 200 Carlin Springs Rd. balletnova.org

Nov 22 Tiny Tots programs at Long Branch Nature Center: Snake Tales, Nature Explorers, Animal Parents. Check out their programs for ages 18mos – 3.

Dec 6 – 15. Jingle Bell Jam: A winter revue of heartwarming holiday scenes and songs. Gunston Theater 2. Encestage.org

Dec 7 LAC Studios Show and Sale: LAC is a fully equipped professional studio for artists working in ceramics and printmaking, and its annual show and sale will offer unique works created by them. 10am – 4 pm. 5722 Langston Blvd.
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Arts/Programs/LAC>

Dec 13 – 15. Winter Artful Weekend: Arlington Artists Alliance presents its annual art fair full of unique artworks and gifts by 40 local alliance members. Fort C.F.Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th Street. Arlingtonartistsalliance.org

Dec 14 Holiday Concert: The National Chamber Ensemble brings the finest classical masterpieces and holiday favorites. Unitarian Universalist Church

of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Boulevard.
Nationalchamberensemble.org

Dec 19 – Jan 4. The Little Comedies: This captivating production by Synetic Theater combines physical theater, dance and mime for a journey through fantasy and comedy for audiences of all ages. Theater on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Synetictheater.org

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