



Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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ARCA co-sponsors Aurora Hills Halloween Parade

ARCA was very happy to be a sponsor, along with the Aurora Hills Playgroup, for the 6th Annual Aurora Hills Halloween Parade. While it might be too much to say it went off without a hitch (it poured rain!), it was nonetheless a lot of fun. There was food and dancing, music and, thanks to the Walter Reed Fire Station, even a fire engine to play on. The little boys' costumes were mostly pretty fierce, and the little girls' costumes were mostly pretty sparkly, and the moms' and dads' and dogs' costumes were, well, hilarious! Everybody who wore a costume received a ribbon medal for their efforts.

It was pretty warm despite the rain, and throughout the day we saw well over 100 neighbors. At parade time, Sgt. John Rizik of the Arlington County Police Department ensured the 50 intrepid (again, pouring rain!) marchers made it safely around the block escorted by three police cars with flashing lights. The event was a complete hoot, so be sure to plan for it next year. Many thanks to the neighborhood families who made contributions of food, and a special thank you to parade coordinators Molly Watson, Dana Dougherty, Rita Enderle, and Ann Lane for keeping this fantastic neighborhood tradition alive.



ARCA Membership Meeting Postponed to January 2010

Our membership meeting scheduled for November 19, 2009, has been postponed until January 21, 2010. This change was necessary to allow our leadership and others to prepare for and participate in the next County Board meeting on November 14 and the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) meeting on November 19. The deadline for approval of the "Vision Plan 2050 for Crystal City" is approaching, and this will be an important opportunity to again engage with the County's planning staff and underscore ARCA's concerns. We will continue our efforts to draw their attention to pedestrian safety and traffic control impacts to our neighborhood, and to have these issues explicitly addressed by the LRPC in the Vision Plan. Of course, we will address other community concerns as they may arise in the meeting. This newsletter outlines our citizens' concerns about excessive noise and other neighborhood issues. A statement by a concerned neighbor to the County Board is on page 6. We believe that by bringing our activism and urgent voices to this Crystal City planning meeting and to the County Board meetings, we can better engage the County on the most important issues affecting ARCA citizens. If you are interested in supporting these efforts or would like to send us your thoughts, please email arcaneighbor@gmail.com.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season. It is the time of year to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and look forward to a new year of opportunities. May the New Year bring peace and joy to everyone. Hope to see you at an ARCA meeting next year.

Noise Issues in the Community

By Jeff Orner, Kit Whitely, Alison Tomlinson, etc.

The issue of noise is once again a hot topic in the neighborhood. Ever vigilant against airplane/helicopter intrusions and having learned to exist with the interminable construction at the water treatment plant, two new issues have been brought to ARCA's attention—dog barking and sports event related noise. The following excerpts from neighbors' emails describe the issues:

"I think most of us in the community understand that dogs will bark. Continued barking for more than 10 minutes is not just a 'dog being a dog'. It's a sign of owner neglect, a dog in pain, or something the dog perceives as a threat to the property..... Some of us work odd hours and need to rest at times when most people are awake. Other folks simply want to read peacefully in their back yards or on their lanai. Dog-barking is by far the most annoying and uncontrolled noise pollution we have....Please control your dogs. .. continual dog barking ...is not pleasant."

"I am a fan of sports.... and believe they are an integral component of communities by bringing people together for fun and exercise. However.... lack of oversight by Arlington County has turned a great pass-time into a disruptive and detrimental factor to our community. ...Increase in the use of the fieldshas had a significant negative impact in the form of increased traffic and noise levels... ..and is a nightly occurrence seven days a week. Cars with music blasting, ...racing in and out of the Gunston parking lot ...cars not fully stopping at the stop sign at S. Lang and 28th Streets causing horns to blare and

screeching tires. This goes on until 11pm each night ... The shrill sound of the soccer whistles and air horns blowing every minute or two followed by loud cheering and drums makes it very difficult to fall asleep at night. ...Overnight guests have commented on the noise levels and difficulty sleeping."

The second issue requires assistance from the County to rectify. We notified the County Board of our concerns on 25 September 2009 and are awaiting feedback. We also discussed this with Capt. Berke at our quarterly police meeting. He explained the "reasonableness" related noise criteria in the County code had been declared unconstitutional and the County attorney is working on replacement verbiage. Until that is approved, we are left with a decibel/frequency matrix in the code for enforcement purposes. He encouraged us to continue to call the police on the non-emergency number if we identify noise issues. The police will continue to respond and work to have the noise abated. In parallel, ARCA plans to propose that the county adopt an earlier light curfew at Gunston (9pm vice 11pm) and 10pm on weekends and that loudspeakers be restricted.

We love dogs and like seeing people enjoying soccer in the fields but believe that some balance needs to be achieved with the needs of our neighbors to peacefully enjoy their homes and to get a good night's sleep. If you would like to send us your thoughts, please do so using our membership email arcaneighbor@gmail.com.

Women's Club to Hold Fundraiser for Hume School on 5 December 2009

On Saturday, December 5, the Aurora Hills Women's Club will hold its fourth annual "Holiday Boutique" to raise funds for the restoration of the former Hume School on S. Arlington Ridge Rd., now the Arlington Historical Museum. So far, the club has raised \$11,000 for the building fund, which is being used for restoration and painting of the windows and gables.

The Holiday Boutique will be held at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 935 23rd St. S. on 5 December 2009, 10am-4pm. This year's Boutique will again feature something for everyone: a wide variety of artisans selling quality hand-made gift items, jewelry, artisan chocolates, accessories, art and more. The Women's Club bake sale – the highest money maker in the past two years – is always one of the highlights, and

beautiful gift baskets and artwork will be raffled off. By doing their holiday shopping at the Boutique, neighbors can pick up one-of-a-kind gift items and support the Arlington Historical Society's work in restoring the Hume School building, a neighborhood landmark.

A delicious chili lunch will be available for only \$5.00 – thanks to a generous donation from the Crystal City Restaurant. Even if you're not in the mood to shop, come by for lunch and visit with neighbors. Coffee and baked treats will be available for dessert.

For information about the Aurora Hills Women's Club or the Holiday Boutique, contact Susan Small. Ph: 703-927-4109 or Email: small sue@mac.com

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Crystal City Redevelopment: Up-Zoning Introduction and Primer

By Nancy Swain

Zoning is the arrangement/contract between the government and its citizens, and specifies what will be permitted in the neighborhood. According to the Arlington County zoning code and as explained in "Comments and Recommendations" submitted by ARCA and AHCA to the County Board, "Zoning regulations must protect the health, safety, and welfare of the populace; [they also can include provisions for an economic return.] Any change in the zoning regulations planned for Crystal City redevelopment must ensure the safety and livability requirements of all residents of the 22202 community."

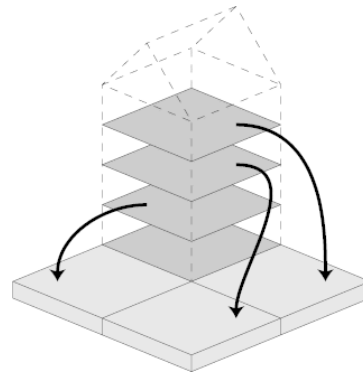
Re-Zonings (Up-Zonings) will play a large part in the Crystal City redevelopment plans. Understanding the amount of up-zoning will be useful because often higher zonings increase the negative impacts of density to our community, especially traffic, air, noise pollution, as well as visual height impacts.

Regarding Crystal City (CC) redevelopment, the County Board has approved a Concept Plan and Policy Framework, which will be linked to potential re-zonings. This document offers increases in building heights in various sections of CC. Understanding the existing zoning is important; comparing what exists currently to what would be allowed under the Concept Plan is necessary because it provides a general measure of the increase in density. When an actual re-zoning application is submitted, the zoning may be even higher than what is reflected in the Concept Plan because developers often ask for more than what is indicated. Areas to be especially monitored for zoning-related concerns in the CC plans are the transitional area on Fern Street between 18th and 23rd Streets. The plan allows building heights up to 330' feet (approximately 30 stories) on what is now the park area on 23rd Street (east of Route 1). In

addition, any change in zoning for Restaurant Row (23rd Street between Eads and Fern Streets) must be carefully scrutinized.

Following are some terms of interest/import:

- General Land Use Plan (GLUP) – "the primary policy guide for the future development of the County..." (Arlington County planning document). While CC is already high on the GLUP plan, the re-zonings will still significantly increase the density.
- Floor Area Ratio (FAR) - The easiest way to explain FAR is by example. If you have 1000 square feet of land, 1 FAR would cover the land with 1 story; 4 stories could be placed on ¼ that area (as shown below) and still be 1 FAR. Watching the potential increases in FAR's will be indicative of how much up-zoning the County and developer is seeking.



- Gross Floor Area (GFA) - the total area built including everything... elevators, stairways, etc.
- Measurements in "units per acre" are also important to us. On the west side of Route 1, the residences and hotels are measured in "units per acre."

Treasurer's Report

By Chuck McFadden

We have had a good year revitalizing the Civic Association. We went from 88 donors in 2008 to over 300 in 2009 which supported the new ARCA budget of \$5,400. The new funds allowed us to not only honor our prior commitments but to expand into new areas without going into the reserve. If we continue to have this kind of financial support, ARCA will be able to support more social events, beautification and senior activities in addition to the work of representing our community at the County Board meetings, the various County committees and interaction with other Civic Associations. Thank you for helping to get the

Association back on its feet. Do let us know your concerns or wants for this community.

I would like to answer some technical questions on the ARCA budget. Yes, we do have a budget and it is posted on the ARCA website. Last year, we changed the dues year to match the calendar year to try to lessen the confusion on when to contribute and to give the ARCA officials a better idea of the cash flow. If you have any questions about the timing and amount of your contribution, please contact me (CMSD100@comcast.net) or Renee Messalle (messalle@gmail.com).

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Crystal City Update

By Christopher Mailander

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) met on 22 October 2009 to review additional sections of the long-range redevelopment plan for Crystal City. Patty Joyce represented ARCA at the meeting. The next meeting of the LRPC is scheduled for 7 pm on Thursday, November 19th. The currently-scheduled location is the first floor conference room in the Navy League Building, at 2300 Wilson Boulevard. However, this location has been subject to frequent and last minutes changes in the past. Members of the community are encouraged to attend.

ARCA has been particularly focused upon ensuring that the redevelopment of Crystal City, a geographic area extending from the Potomac River to Eads St including the 23rd Street Restaurant Row, is executed in a manner that respects the adjacent communities of Aurora Highlands and Arlington Ridge. Both ARCA and the Aurora Highlands Civic Association (AHCA) have been active participants in the LRPC planning process, and jointly submitted a 28-page *Comments & Recommendations on Crystal City Vision Plan 2050* to the County Board and the LRPC on 17 August 2009.

This document addresses a number of concerns of the communities adjacent to Crystal City. The fundamental interest of ARCA and AHCA in preparing this comprehensive analysis and set of recommendations was to promote the understanding that the Crystal City, Aurora Highlands, and Arlington Ridge communities are highly integrated. This level of integration is reflected by the utilization of common community infrastructure in the 22202 zip code, including schools, parks, the library, community center, and roads. Therefore, as the density of Crystal City is increased in order to drive its economic vitality as a primary urban center in Arlington, the impact on the broader communities must be appropriately addressed within the 22202 zip code. ARCA and AHCA have advocated the following:

1. The critical importance of (i) continuous monitoring of vehicular traffic volumes in the Aurora Highlands and Arlington Ridge communities, and (ii) continuous monitoring of vehicular traffic behaviors and patterns, with a particular focus on ensuring pedestrian safety and pedestrian accessibility throughout the 22202 zip code. The long-range planning document must clearly define the mandate upon the County to prevent, manage, and remediate increases in vehicular volumes, and issues with persistent speeding, unaware driving, or impediments or

increased risk associated with the free flow of pedestrians and bicycle traffic due to vehicular traffic behaviors;

2. The Vision Plan currently provides some high-level discussion recognizing that in exchange for increasing density in the Crystal City area, there should be a realization of a commensurate 'extraordinary community benefit'. The Vision Plan does not articulate, however, what would constitute 'extraordinary community benefit', but it is commonly accepted that it is more than just additional restaurants and shopping within the geographic area of Crystal City. The Vision Plan should explicitly recognize that tangible community benefits could and should be realized as the economic engine and tax base of Crystal City is turned up further through redevelopment. For example, there should be a recognition of necessary improvements to parks and open spaces, as well as such community infrastructure as the library and community center. The Vision Plan should also set forth an explicit nexus between the increased County tax revenues associated with a reinvigorated denser Crystal City, and the spending of such receipts on community benefits directly within the 22202 zip code. In other words, as the Crystal City 'engine' grows and generates more revenues, a material portion of such gains should then be focused by the County on improved infrastructure, schools, and other tangible benefits specifically within the 22202 zip code (i.e., the broader geographic area that commonly shares the roads, schools, and other public services); and

3. A more robust discussion pertaining to the management of the transitional zone between high-density neighborhoods of Crystal City, inclusive of Pentagon City, Pentagon Row, and Potomac Yards, and the lower-density neighborhoods of Aurora Highlands and Arlington Ridge. Clearly this is an issue across the County, and has recently been recognized by the Civic Federation as a priority issue, but it should to be addressed in the Vision Plan as best as possible before the document is finalized.

The *Comments & Recommendations on Crystal City Vision Plan 2050* developed by ARCA and AHCA is available for your review on our website, www.arcaonline.org. Please send comments and suggestions to arcaneighbor@gmail.com.

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RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ridge Road/I-395 exit meeting with VDOT and State Legislators

ARCA is scheduled to meet with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on 18 November 2009 at 10am in the Hume School parking lot at 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Rd. Both Senator Ticer and Delegate Brink (or their staff) are invited. A prior meeting was held with Senator Patsy Ticer on 20 October 2009. A few years ago, she had helped us get the improved markings and speed sign on the exit ramp.

Our objective is to see the character of the intersection of I-395 and Ridge Rd. changed from an Interstate highway to a neighborhood road. Fixes wanted are:

- A means to slow traffic from highway speeds to residential neighborhood speed.
- A crosswalk for pedestrians safety.

Hume School Volunteer Day

All expectations for the Spring Volunteer Day for Hume School grounds [and the I-395 exit landscaping] were exceeded on September 26th. Thanks to 40+ participants and donors, we are gaining control over the invasives and weeds that have challenged us over the five years of effort that have brought us to this point. We are able now to devote an increasing proportion of volunteer effort to new plantings on the rear hill to choke out the weeds. In addition, our Mormon singles team, joined by Arlington Historical Society President Jennifer Sales and neighbor Stephanie Moran, put the finish coat of paint on the front iron fence. In addition, neighbors Eric Rishel and Steve Epstein did an above-and-beyond job of engineering stepped, gravel-filled dams to control the washout from the Museum's two roof drains that empty onto the hill.

We had a great response from several neighbors for plant donations, which our Garden Club and Mormon partners planted on the hill. We also received generous donations that will aid us in buying a more strategic group of plants for the next effort. As usual, a large turnout from the Mormon singles meant no weed on the back hill saw sunset that day.

Our nearby neighbors graciously provided much-needed overflow parking, which freed a few spaces for gravel deliveries and late arrivals.

- Correction of the current confusing and contradictory signage on the exit ramp and southbound on Ridge Rd.

We also plan to proceed to the intersection of S. Glebe Rd. and S. Ridge Rd. to discuss the lack of appropriate pedestrian space, left turn issues, and County redesign goals for the intersection.

Our goal is to establish a concrete plan with a timeline for specific action for both ends of S. Arlington Ridge Road.

Join us on Nov 18th if you can. For further information or to air your concerns, call or email Andrea Walker at 703-838-6244 or tasteless@verizon.net.

A great deal of our success this time can also be attributed to Rich Kelly's generous use of his maintenance crew to mow, weed-whack, and chemically treat the rear hill over the past few months. In addition, his hotdogs and chili fueled a pleasant social time at lunch.

Our County Parks and State Extension Service partners continue to support our volunteer days with tools and supplies through their joint Remove Invasive Plants program, which was instrumental in seeding this whole effort about 4 years ago.

We also appreciate the independent effort of the local Ladies' Club to fund the painting of the school, including much-needed restoration of the windows. This effort is ongoing, and was funded by the Club's annual Bazaar. In addition, Dick Herbst, ARCA's past President, has been doing interior carpentry to support the massive effort undertaken by Linda Guoaze to inventory and organize artifacts owned by the Historical Society.

Thanks to everyone for your continuing support for the Museum and grounds.

Chick Walter
Coordinator, Friends of Hume School

Keep Sidewalks Clear

The July 2009 ARCA newsletter included a reminder to "Keep Sidewalks Clear" but this continues to be a problem in our neighborhood. Over the next few days, walk the sidewalk in the front and/or side of your property. If it is overgrown, cut bushes back to allow comfortable space for two people walking abreast, a parent with a twin stroller, or a tall person with an umbrella. Thank you!!

Neighbor's Statement to the County Board

The following statement was made by an ARCA member to the County Board during their 2-minute public comment period on October 24, 2009:

My name is Joan Quinn. I live in the 2200 block of South Knoll Street, a dead-end street off of South 23rd Street. I have lived here 37 years, since 1972, and experienced the impacts on my house and in my person of the development of Crystal City and of Pentagon City. I speak today not for myself alone but for my many neighbors concerned about the Crystal City redevelopment plan and the utter disregard of the impacts that overdevelopment will have on our neighborhood.

Among the many negative side effect of the current plan are sharply increased traffic through our neighborhood, increased air pollution, and major safety issues. Such impacts could be mitigated if they were acknowledged and planned for. However, the County has chosen to ignore any negative side effects and, thereby, any negative consequences. We are asking you to recognize the adverse impacts the development will have on the neighborhood and work with us toward mitigating their effects.

Traffic is our keystone issue. Your own data notes that we can expect a new automobile trip for approximately every 1,500 square feet of new office space. The Crystal City plan calls for almost 16 million

square feet of new office space. Under your own scenario, this would generate over 10,000 new peak hour auto trips. This, on its own, with no consideration of all the trips that are presently being and will be generated by Alexandria's redevelopment efforts impacting the Route 1 corridor.

You propose to accommodate the thousand of new peak hour automobile trips generated by Crystal City's redevelopment through the construction of new streets within Crystal City. Further, you assert that these streets--designed to increase traffic capacity in Crystal City would decrease the amount of traffic traveling through our neighborhood to reach Crystal City. This defies common sense and past experience.

In Crystal City, and against widely stated County policy, you are planning 30-story buildings that are a half mile walk from the closest metro station entrance--but these buildings will be 1/10th of a mile (528 feet) from single family homes; oppressive and overpowering. We ask for fairness and equity--the same kind of consideration regarding the surrounding context and the capping of building heights that occurred at the Clarendon Metro station and the same kind of consideration for the preservation of our neighborhood that Lyon Village received.

Thank you.

Joan Quinn (email: jquinnest@gmail.com)

County's Budget Issues May Impact Our Neighborhood

ARCA and AHCA need to get organized and involved in the upcoming budget cycles. If last year seemed tough, this year will be worse. It is likely that we will face a cut in services as well as a tax increase. We have a vital stake in this process and we need to be engaged.

Let's consider neighborhood specific items at risk: Aurora Hills Library may be a target for a partial or full budget cut back; the Neighborhood Conversation program, which funds neighborhood improvements, could be frozen; the Wakefield rebuilding schedule could be pushed back further; Oakridge, Claremont and Gunston could face reduced services and functionality; park maintenance could be deferred. And we already have one of the least functional community buildings (aside from the Senior Program) in the County.

Meanwhile, the wastewater treatment plant expansion will continue with no special benefit to our neighborhood and the Crystal City Plan continues on with few community set-asides. So, we may face reduced services and higher taxes, while living next to the #1 commercial tax-generator in the County and the only truly County-wide resource (i.e. the wastewater plant).

We, as a neighborhood, need to be organized and thoughtful in our participation in the process. We have too much at stake not to participate. For more about the 2011 County Budget process, see: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/ManagementAndFinance/budget/page72453.aspx>

Based on the AHCA November 2009 newsletter

Spike in car and bike thefts in our neighborhood

In the overnight hours of October 29th, 2009, several vehicles were entered and valuables taken in the 3000 block of S. Hill and High Streets and the 2700 block of S. Grant Street. Most of these vehicles were left unlocked with valuables in them. Please be vigilant and report suspicious persons to the police at 703-558-2222.

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Schools News

Wakefield High School

Wakefield opened the school year with an unforgettable visit from President Barack Obama, who gave a keynote education speech to the entire Wakefield student body that was widely covered in the media and televised on several television channels and websites.

The WHS Drama Department will present the tragic-comedy "Dearly Departed" on November 13, 14, 20 & 21, at 7:00 p.m. (It was made into the movie, Kingdom Come, with stars Whoopi Goldberg and Jada Pinkett Smith.) The show is best suited for ages 13 and up. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. The community is welcome.

Paul Ferguson, Arlington Circuit Court Clerk and former County Board member, has written an open letter encouraging residents to support the Wakefield Scholarship Foundation, which included the following: Since 1986, the Foundation has awarded 196 scholarships and donated \$966,669 in scholarship money to Wakefield graduates. In addition to outstanding achievement, many of these students have overcome challenging personal and family circumstances. All of the Foundation's work is done by volunteers, so 100% of all donated funds go to graduates. Please send a check payable to the Wakefield High School Education Foundation, at P.O. Box 41675, Arlington, VA 22204. Note the name of your civic association on the memo line of the check. You can also contribute through the United Way Campaign number 8707 or the Combined Federal Campaign number 66600. Please email Mr. Ferguson at information@wakefieldalumni.org with questions.

Rebuilding WHS Update: In June, the School Board approved the Schematic Design (what the building and grounds will look like). Since then, the architects, Bowie, Gridley Architects, along with the APS Design & Construction team have worked diligently on the building's Design Development phase--finalizing what the interior of the school will look like. It is expected that this design will be brought before the School Board for final approval next spring. The expected construction start date is 2013-2014 and should take two to three years for completion. The new Wakefield not only will meet all school and educational specifications, but is also expected to meet the Gold LEED (Leader in Environmental & Energy Design) designation. Currently the School Board has requested the design team to determine the ability, the costs and the payback of installing a geothermal heating and cooling system. For more information

and visuals on the current design phase please go to: www.boarddocs.com/vsba/arlington/Board.nsf. Click on Enter public site, then on 9/24/09 School Board Meeting; then click on Monitoring, and then on Report on Wakefield. The PDF file is on that page.

Gunston Middle School

Gunston is fully accredited, passing all SOL's, and has 640 students. Fall sports are underway through November. Gunston offers 24 clubs; new clubs include glee club and Zumba Dance club.

GMS seeks neighbors to serve as mentors for several programs, including Science Fair, Reading, Community Mentors & Literature Circles (for students learning English). Interested? Contact Mary Callow, Activities Director, at 703.228.6906 or mconklin@arlington.k12.va.us.

Over 500 Gunston students and staff participated in a Fannie Mae mini-walk to End Hunger and Homeless on Friday, October 24. They raised several thousand dollars for AMEN (Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs) and A-SPAN.

Mark your calendars:

13 Nov., 6-8 p.m., FIT Gunston, a school-wide event that is open to the community. It's an evening for the entire family featuring fitness information and activities, including information on how to read a nutrition information label, blood pressure and BFI screenings, stress reduction techniques, hearing and vision screenings, diabetes, and asthma awareness. They will have mini lessons on yoga, belly dancing, zumba dance, hula hoop, tae kwon do, hip hop, kick boxing, juggling, strength training and dance demonstrations.

1 Dec., 7:00 p.m., Gunston Open House for 4th and 5th graders and their parents, so that they can get to know all the wonderful opportunities at Gunston.

4 Dec., 7:00 p.m., is a special basketball game between the Gunston and Swanson Middle School staffs. Come cheer on the Gunston staff!

Oakridge Tutors

The Oakridge Tutoring Program is just getting underway, and more tutors are needed. Tutoring is after school, at Oakridge, 3:40-4:45 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sign up for one or both days, for a single assigned student or be a substitute. There is support from staff and other tutors. No outside prep necessary, all materials are provided. Ends mid-April. An interesting and rewarding experience. Contact Oakridge librarian Malcolm Tronic at malcolm_tronic@apsva.us

Missing Links Program

The Missing Links program is funded by Arlington County's Neighborhood Conservation Bond Funds and its purpose is to complete portions of missing sidewalks in residential areas. To qualify, gaps in sidewalk must span 3 properties or less. Preference is given to locations within 1/2 mile of schools or bus stops. Small tress may be removed, but any spaces requiring utility or light pole relocations will not qualify.

Do you have missing sidewalks in front of your house? Applications are due in November and require homeowner signatures. For more information, contact Michael Reamy by November 25th, 2009 at Ph: 703-683-7499 or Email: mreamy3@comcast.net

Calvary Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 14 10:00 am. – 2:00 pm
at Calvary United Methodist Church
23rd St. S. and Grant Street, Arlington VA 22202

There is no entrance fee
Shop – Eat Lunch – Auction

Items to be sold: Handmade items, Christmas gifts,
Children's Games, Housewares, Collectables,
Furniture, Bake Sale and Toys

ARCA MEETING SCHEDULE

◆ November 14, 7pm – County Board Meeting, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. ARCA members are encouraged to attend, or watch the meeting live online at: http://arlington.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

◆ November 19 – ARCA bimonthly meeting
CANCELLED

◆ November 19, 7pm – Long Range Planning Committee meetings on Crystal City at 2300 Wilson Blvd. Location subject to last minute changes. ARCA members are encouraged to attend.

◆ January 21, 2010 – ARCA bimonthly meeting

Check www.arcaonline.org for updated event details.

For bulletins of neighborhood interest, request to join: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/4D-A/>. The group is administered by Alice Andors of AHCA.

Please email ARCAnighbor@gmail.com with your phone no. and email address for ARCA's membership records. Your contact information will be used for official ARCA notifications only.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ The Pentagon Row Skating Rink is now open. Holiday Festival on November 14, 5-7pm. Nightly picture-perfect snowfall November 15-December 31, 7pm.

◆ November 26, 2009 through January 10, 2010 - Holiday Magic at the Conservatory East Gallery and Garden Court, 1556 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, D.C. Visit an enchanted storybook garden with trains popping in and out of a landscape that includes Snow White's cottage and the Owl and the Pussycat's beautiful pea green boat. Free.

◆ December 1, 6pm – Duke Ellington Nutcracker and other Holiday favorites by the U.S. Army Blues Band at the Millennium Stage, Kennedy Center, Washington D.C., Free. For more concerts, see: <http://www.usarmyband.com/event-calendar.html>

◆ December 12, 7pm – County Board Meeting, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. or watch the meeting live online at: http://arlington.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

◆ January 27, 2010 – Police Quarterly meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 830 S. 23rd Street.

◆ Saturdays, 8:00am-12:00noon, year round – Arlington County Farmer's Market, 14th St. & N. Courthouse Rd.

ARCA Officers and Points of Contacts

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We would love to hear from you!

Please send comments and questions on the contents of this newsletter to the editor:

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