



Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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ARCA ELECTION SEPTEMBER 15

The election of the 2011/2012 slate of new ARCA officers will be held at our Sept 15th membership meeting. Since the July meeting, two nominees have removed their names from contention: Dan Troutman (floor nominated candidate for President) and Natasha Pinol (Vice President – External Affairs). The Nominating Committee has initiated a search for a replacement candidate for External Affairs VP and will report on the status of that search at the Sept meeting, with election to fill that role at a future meeting. The 2011/2012 slate is listed below. For bios see www.arcaonline.org

President: Katie Buck, 23rd Street South

Vice President for External Affairs: Arthur Fox, South Pierce Street

Vice President for Internal Affairs: Molly Watson, 26th Road South

Vice President for Internal Affairs: Patty Joyce, 21st Street South

Secretary & Parliamentarian: Scott McCoy, South Arlington Ridge Rd

Communications: Maggie Gaffen, Fort Scott Drive

Zoning & Development: Nancy Swain, 26th Road South

Transportation: David Litman, South Knoll Street, and Susan English, South Kent Street, will share this role

Any adult property owner within ARCA boundaries is eligible to vote. You do not need to be a dues payer to be a member, so everyone in ARCA should come to this important meeting. As we always have some guests from our neighboring associations, we will be asking everyone to sign-in (with their name and property address) when entering the meeting. ARCA members will be given a card to raise during the hand voting process to assist us in tallying the votes.

REPORT FROM THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

At the July 2011 membership meeting a motion was adopted “to form a committee to propose changes to the by-laws, by September, to support expansion of positions on ARCA’s expanded slate.” Accordingly, the Executive Committee appointed four ARCA members, John Quinn, Chairman, Bud Wood, Aleks Zelenovic and Arthur Fox, to serve on this Bylaws Revision Committee to carry out the foregoing membership resolution. Following a majority vote, the committee agreed to submit the following resolution to ARCA membership with a recommendation to adopt it at the 15 September meeting. In addition the committee proposed that a comprehensive review of the by-laws be undertaken promptly and recommended draft language for consideration in that review. This year the four additional positions will consist of Communications (1), Zoning/Development (1) and Transportation (2). For the complete report see www.arcaonline.org.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article V, Section I of the Bylaws shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be elected from the regular membership and shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall consist of the above named officers and upon election

*Never doubt that a
small group of
thoughtful,
committed citizens
can change the
world; indeed it's
the only thing that
ever has*

- Margaret Mead

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Next ARCA Meeting: September 15 at 7 pm

at Aurora Hills Community Center, 735 S. 18th Street, Arlington VA 22202
Come and vote for your 2011/2012 slate of officers

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by the membership of the Association, up to four additional persons whose duties shall be assigned by the membership. The precise number of additional members of the Executive Committee, if any, shall be determined from year to year by the membership of the Association, at a regular meeting of the Association held no less than approximately two months before the annual election of officers, depending on the amount of work to be done by the additional members of the Executive Committee during the ensuing year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Article IX, Section 2, of the Bylaws of the Association shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Vice Presidents. The four Vice Presidents shall, respectively, perform such specific duties, roles

and responsibilities, as the President shall, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, assign to the individual Vice Presidents, taking into account the amount of time any particular Vice President is willing and able to devote to the Association's affairs, the skills and capabilities of the respective Vice Presidents, and the anticipated level of effort required from year to year in order to responsibly fulfill the duties of office. In the absence of the President, or in the event of a vacancy in that office during the course of the term, the Vice Presidents shall, in the order determined from year to year by the President, and confirmed both by the Executive Committee and membership, either temporarily perform the duties of the President or succeed to the office of President.

PEN PLACE

Development of Pen Place, the 9.2 acre parcel located across from Costco on the vacant lot bound by Fern and Eads St, Army Navy Drive and 12th, is an extremely important and pressing issue facing ARCA. This development raises two key concerns for the neighborhood: 1) It changes the land use for that parcel from residential/hotel to office/commercial while also 2) increasing density (amount of building) by 1.8 million sq ft of office space, a use particularly impactful to surrounding communities. Pentagon City area is governed by a land use policy designed to provide smart growth around metro while preserving adjacent residential communities. This Phased Development Site Plan (PDSP) places emphasis on residential/shopping and a deliberate limitation on office development due to concerns about traffic, air, and noise pollution. When Vornado, the current owners, applied to use the land in a way that was not allowed by the PDSP, we became concerned for the following reasons:

- Traffic and pollution impact of office buildings is greater than that of residential development. The additional office space (4 office buildings) with 2250 parking spaces could result in 4500 daily trips.
- The height of one proposed building, 22 floors, is 10 stories higher than the adjacent office buildings. This impacts site lines and views to the city and is inconsistent with the overall tapering strategy, which calls for the tallest building over the metro station.

- Two of the office buildings are proposed as secure DOD buildings, necessitating they be more isolated from the street. This is not in keeping with a vibrant, residential mixed-use community-which is one of the current land use guiding principles.
- Historically when large zoning changes are requested, Arlington requires specific community benefits to offset the impact of the change on the affected community. No benefits have been worked with the surrounding civic associations and we remain very concerned about preserving our neighborhoods, reducing the impact of traffic and pollution, and preserving the guiding principles of a vibrant 24 hour mixed use community

Our community has experienced the impact of past development: increased traffic, lack of open space, overcrowded schools, and pressure on our library and community space. The yardstick that will be used to assess the Pen Place proposal and its resulting impacts are its "Guiding Principles", developed by the Long Range Planning Committee, and scheduled for adoption in September. We have asked for these principles ASAP to allow time for community review and impact assessment. Please join us at the Sept 15th meeting where we will determine what actions should be taken by ARCA. Constructive community input, combined with creative problem solving, will yield the most favorable results to our community. For more information see www.arcaonline.org

SCHOOLS UPDATE *****OAKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS TUTORS**

Oakridge's neighborhood volunteer tutoring program continues to make a difference in the lives of the children in our community. Tutors work with a 3rd, 4th or 5th grader in reading, math and homework on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3.30 – 4.45 pm. Volunteers receive training and are provided with materials. Contact Tom Martin at 703-521-5005, or email him at tom_martin542@hotmail.com

GUNSTON (see calendar)

MEMBERSHIP CALL

Thanks for supporting our 2011 membership drive. We have nearly 350 dues-paying members in over 200 households. For those who haven't yet paid, go to www.arcaonline.org "Join Us". Please indicate your areas of interest. Your dues give us resources for our bi-monthly newsletters, to maintain the website and to contribute to support various neighborhood causes including the annual Halloween parade, Hume School cleanup & Passport for Summer

FALL VOLUNTEER DAY AT HUME SCHOOL

1805 So. Arlington Ridge Road. 9 am - 12 noon

Come get to know your neighbors while we battle to control invasive plants and weeds at Hume school and the I395 entrance. We'll plant bulbs at the S. 23rd Street/Fort Scott Triangle and tackle some new sites with the goal of beautifying our public spaces. We'll provide drink and food. Wear comfortable clothing - long pants and shirtsleeves--knobby-soled shoes are encouraged. If you have them, bring garden tools and gloves. Consider donating any extra plants in your garden (day lilies, liriopse, etc.) by leaving them behind the school on the 22nd or 23rd We'll plant them on the 24th. See you then.

***** See arcaonline.org Sept Virtual Newsletter** for full body of articles edited for print including links to PEG submittals and CCCRC metrics.

WAKEFIELD

Construction on the new high school has begun! Building completion is projected for 2013 and grounds completion for 2014. Construction has been targeted to achieve LEED® Silver certification. For more information see <http://www.apsva.us/Domain/2021>

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION ***

Micro project application deadline has been postponed while County continues implementation of those projects the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee supported in June. The County anticipates the next round no later than Spring 2012.

CCCRC UPDATE ***

Your CCCRC reps and workgroup members, in coordination with our counterparts in Crystal City, provided metrics that will be used to monitor the successful 40-year build out of Crystal City. Status of these metrics will be reported to the County Board throughout implementation with the goal of supporting the plan's overall objectives while preserving the attributes of our wonderful community. If you have questions or suggestions, please forward to Katie Buck (kathrynlbuck@gmail.com) or Rich Kelly (richkelly@aol.com).

PARK ENHANCEMENT GRANTS (PEGs) ***

ARCA submitted 3 proposed PEGs to Arlington County on 27 August--safety enhancements for Ft Scott Park, replacing grass with liriopse at I395-Ridge and enhancements to Prospect Hill Park. All were endorsed by AHCA. Finals due 14 October; County Board vote scheduled for Jan 2012.

**8TH Annual Aurora Hills Halloween Parade Oct 29, 3 – 5pm *****

The parade is open to all neighbors in costume or with costumed little ones, of the two or four legged variety! It is a nice, manageable march, beginning at 26th Road S., moving along Oakcrest, Fort Scott and back to 26th. Or just cheer it on...remember how much you loved Halloween when you were little? Channel those feelings – set up a lawn chair on the parade route, or just step out your front door and admire the crazy-cute costumes! If you would like to help with this all-volunteer effort, please call Molly Watson at mollyswatson@gmail.com or at 703-549-6457.

ARCA MEETINGS

All meetings held at Aurora Hills Community Center, 735 S. 18th Street.

Sept 15 ARCA bi-monthly meeting

Agenda:

7pm Opening remarks
 7:10 Admin/Calendar
 7:15 By-Laws Committee Report & Vote
 7:35 Nominating Committee Report
 7:40 2011/12 Executive Committee Election
 7:50 Recognition of New Officers
 8 pm PenPlace
 8:30 Open Floor
 8:45 Closing Remarks

Oct 12 (tentative) Meet the Candidates Night Joint AHCA/ARCA

Nov 17 ARCA Bi-Monthly Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 23 Gunston Fall Fest 6 – 9pm

Sept 24 Hume School Volunteer Day 9am – 12noon

Sept 27 Gunston Back to School Night 6pm

Oct 1 HOG Pull Haley Park 9 – 11am ***

Oct 4 Arlington Civic Federation Candidates Night
 7pm W-L High School Auditorium

Oct 15 Fall E-Care Recycle Event at TJ Middle School
 8:30am – 3pm

Oct 22 Boo-HAHA Aurora Hills Community Center 4pm

Oct 26 Quarterly 2nd District Police Mtg OLOL 7pm

Oct 29 Halloween Parade 3 – 5pm

Nov 5 HOG Pull Haley Park 9 – 11am ***

Nov 9 AHCA Monthly Meeting Report of 2010 Census data

Check www.arcaonline.org for additional / updated event details. *** See www.arcaonline.org Virtual Newsletter for more information on this event.

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We would love to hear from you!

Please send comments and questions on the contents of this newsletter to
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For bulletins of neighborhood interest, request to join: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/4D-A/>. The group is administered by Alice Andors of AHCA.

Save \$ and Trees!

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