



Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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ARCA JULY 2025 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, July 17, 6:30 snacks and chats
7pm meeting
Aurora Hills Community Center

VIDEO LINK TO ONLINE MEETING
<https://meet.google.com/bve-imqm-xby>

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PAY YOUR DUES

Our new online pay portal is nearing completion, 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.

GUESTS:
Robert Mandle, Deputy Executive Director National Landing BID
ARCA Executive Board Elections
Updates from ARCA community members

BOARD ELECTION
Join us and vote for our Executive Board for 2025-26, the slate is listed below. **Voting is in person only.** There are four candidates for "At Large" and only three can be elected. Please read their bios on arcaonline.org and come to the meeting to cast your ballot.

THE SLATE
President: Kateri Garcia
Vice President: Chris Adams; Julie Farnam; Richard Rebh; Fred Zimmerman
Treasurer: Godmund Schick
Communications: Kristin Filpi
Secretary: Christina Wolf
At Large Board Members (vote for 3) Jessica Dee; Tina Ghiladi; James Larsen; John Steele

Thank you to Arthur Fox, Robert Jamison, Bob Hyde and Maggie Gaffen for serving on the ARCA Board, with Arthur and Robert continuing on in Emeritua Advisory role

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT HUME SCHOOL MUSEUM
Aug. 5: ARCA is working with the Arlington Historical Society to co-sponsor a National Night Out event that will be held at the Hume School. National Night Out is held each year on the first Tuesday of August to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. More details will be sent out as we decide what to do! Please walk or park on adjacent streets as the parking lot will not be available. And while we are on parking at the Hume School, they have asked us to remind our neighbors that their lot is not a FREE PARKING ZONE! It is available for visitors to the museum only.

THANKS TO PAM VAN HINE

We join with our sister organization, Aurora Highlands Civic Association (AHCA) in thanking Pamela Van Hine for her incredibly thorough, almost daily updates on everything that affects our joint neighborhoods. She is stepping down as the AHCA representative on the National Landing BID. Her prolific coverage of everything we wanted to know (or didn't know we wanted to know) has been amazing, and she leaves with our very best wishes.

ARMY NAVY DRIVE & 23RD STREET IS DANGEROUS!

One of our board members lives at this intersection, and she reports regular accidents as cars turn into 23rd Street – 8 so far in the last several months, some serious. The police have been notified, signs have been erected, plans have been suggested, and the County promises a study in 6 – 9 months. How urgent is this? What next? Let us and the County know what you think could possibly make a difference as our very lives as well as those of our school children are in peril.

RIVERHOUSE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING CONTINUES

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/>

Government/projects/project-types/site-plan/RiverHouse

ARCA continues to represent the community in the public process for the RiverHouse Neighborhood Development currently undergoing public review via a Site Plan Review committee. Come to their next meeting on **July 28** to make your views heard.

AN ACE HARDWARE IN CRYSTAL CITY?

Every time we ask our neighbors what they would like to see in the neighborhood, they say a hardware store! (many years ago there was one on 23rd Street). And now, one is coming to 2051 S. Bell Street on the ground floor of The Zoe apartments. It will be "Twins Ace", by Ace Hardware family legacy owners Jeff and Craig Smith, and will be "much more than a hardware store, it will be a place where you can find everything from tools and paint to unique gifts, party supplies, plants and more."

LIBRARY'S BUDGET CUTS

Collections Reduced by 21%

library.arlingtonva.us

Despite the library budget cuts in FY26, the library "remains committed to offering a strong, diverse collection that meets the reading and learning needs of our community" says a library spokesperson. Patrons may experience longer waits for high demand titles and for digital e-books, and their digital "Grab and Go" for rapid readers will be phased out for FY26 but will remain for print books. The library has suggested some ways regular readers can help: write to the County Board about why the library matters to you; speak at budget hearings; donate to FOAL (Friends of the Library); spread the word and attend library programs and events, like the upcoming **From Barriers to Ballots**, an exhibition commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act which will be at several locations from Aug.1 – Nov.1. But most important – READ!

STUMBLING STONES HONOR ENSLAVED ON COLUMBIA PIKE

Two brothers born into slavery in the 1820s have been honored with new "stumbling stone" historical markers on Columbia Pike. The bronze emblems, embedded into the sidewalk at Columbia Pike and Ode St., honor the lives of Thornton and Daniel Check. The Check brothers were among the at least 2,750 individuals held in bondage between mid 1600 and 1864 and were enslaved by Basil Williams on his farm. Find out more about the stumbling stones and the enslaved they commemorate at <https://www.arlnow.com/2025/03/18/stumbling-stones-honor-the-stories-of-people-once-enslaved-in-arlington/>

BUCKLE UP IN THE BACK SEAT!

As of July 1, Virginia now decrees you must buckle up even in the back seat! You have been warned.

MORE FOOD DISPOSAL BINS FOR APARTMENT DWELLERS

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Recycling-and-Trash/Residential/Organics-Waste/Food->

Scraps-Collection

Apartment residents can now compost their food waste in some of the 24 bins being installed by the County. We have 89,000 households living in apartments who don't have access to our green bins for food waste. Since the program for apartments began in 2024, 89,000lb of food has been placed in the bins, keeping it out of the trash. The County also has some requests: eat your leftovers! Eat less! Only buy what you need! Consume fresh food first! Order out wisely!

LUBBER RUN SUMMER CONCERTS

S. 2nd St & Columbus St. 703-228-1850

Plenty of on street parking

The Lubber Run concert series runs all summer long and is absolutely free! Our very own Wolf Trap but no admission charges! Highlights include: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown by the Arlington Players through August 1, Friday, Saturday and Sunday; the U.S. Navy Band Commodores on July 19; Project Loceca July 25: a multi-ethnic jazz fusion ensemble with folk music from many countries; Big Howdy Aug 1, a progressive bluegrass band. Bring your picnic and a cushion, and enjoy an evening of first class music in the bucolic setting of Lubber Run. 8pm. S. Columbus St. and S. 2nd Streets. Plenty of on-street parking.

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Arts/Programs/Lubber-Run>

MOCA AT MET PARK

Sunday, 10am – 1pm

Join MoCA's Sunday fun with live music, hands-on art, bubbles, chalk for the whole family. 1331 Elm St. July 20: Paper Mosaics, July 27: Watercolor prints. Also activities at the MoCA Innovation Studio at 525 S. 14th St. mocaarlington.org

ARLINGTON COUNTY FAIR

Aug 13 – 17: Thomas Jefferson Center. 3501 S. 2nd Street

Enjoy rides, games, food and fun for ages. It is

“the largest free event on the east coast” they say! Free admission. Arlingtoncountyfair.org

ECOACTION STUDENT BOARD

EcoAction is seeking students interested in joining its leadership as student members of its Board of Directors. Interested in the environment and creating a sustainable community by improving our natural environment, encouraging environmentally friendly behaviors, and ensuring justice and addressing the climate crisis? Middle or high school students, deadline July 31. Ecoactionarlington.org

FEEDBACK WANTED ON PUBLIC SPACE AT RIVER HOUSE

<https://publicinput.com/b32583>

Arlington's Dept. of Parks and Recreation just launched a community engagement for the public space at the RiverHouse development and would like to hear from our community member. Share your thoughts thru July 20

WAKEFIELD GRANTS \$549,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://wakefieldalumni.org/scholars.html>

The Wakefield Education Foundation provided \$549,000 in scholarships to its 2025 Wakefield Scholars, who are off to college: William and Mary, UVA, George Mason, University of Pennsylvania, and many more. The funding is by the generosity of alumni, staff, parents and friends of Wakefield. Since its inception, 650 students have been assisted with scholarships and grants.

PICKLEBALL NEARBY!

In case you picked up a case of the Pickleballs since all our tennis courts have been adapted for the sport (which is a bit easier on the aging body than tennis), you will be please to know that the two classes at all levels of the sport are being held in our neighborhood at Fort Scott Park and Hayes Park, taught by Bounce Boom Racquet Sports, who promise to pass on a lifelong love of the game.

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Programs/Sports/Tennis-and-Pickleball/Dual-Court-Schedule>

CALENDAR

Thru Sept 7 Kids in America: Artist Kelli Williams combines stop-motion animation, photography and more to explore coming of age as an experience and media representation. Museum of Contemporary Art Arlington. MoCAarlington.org

Jul 18 – 27. Footloose: Ren s shocked to discover that in his new town has banned dancing and rock music; he challenges the status quo as he struggles to fit in. Encore Stage.Thomas Jefferson Theater. <https://encorestage.org>

Jul 19 Navy Band Commodores: Premiere Jazz ensemble. Lubber Run Amphitheater. 8pm. Free 703-228-1850

Jul 20 Rainbow Rock Band: Winner of Parents Choice Fun Stuff Award with their mix of folk, pop rock and rockabilly. 11am Lubber Run Amphitheater. Free 703-228-1850

Jul 23 Share the love with Animal Welfare League of Arlington: Grades K – 5: Come and meet a certified Dog Trainer, and learn how to train and understand your dog. Aurora Hills Library. 703-228-5715. No Registration necessary.

Jul 26 Wanted Man Plays the Rolling Stones: Their unique blend of rock surf is a tribute to the Rolling Stones. Lubber Run. 8pm 703-228-1850

Jul 27. A Sidewalk Stroll: Join Encore Stage on a journey bringing park adventures to life. 11 am. Lubber Run Amphitheater. 703-228-1850

Jul 27 15 minute History Spotlight: The Family Tea House. Caroline Tso will discuss her new exhibit at the Arlington Historical Museum: The Family Tea House: Where culture and cuisine met in Arlington. This young high school historian will talk about the first Chinese

restaurant in the county, its place in history and what she found out about it. 2 pm 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Rd.

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