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Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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JANUARY 22, 2026, ARCA Online MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, January 22

7pm meeting

Aurora Hills Community Center

arrive at 6:30 to mingle & enjoy snacks

Or join us online

VIDEO LINK: <https://meet.google.com/bve-lmqm-xby>

Also posted on our website <https://www.arcaonline.org/> or scan the QR code on the top left of this page

We will start the meeting with updates from the ARCA Board and other community members, and then have a brief open forum. Please come with questions on all subjects, big or small. And let us know how we did last year and what you would like to see in 2026!

The discussion will be followed by an update on Virginia Tech Innovation Campus from Lauren Augustine, Virginia Tech Director of Government Relations & Community Relations.

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.

HELP SAVE TREES AND PRINTING COSTS

If you are willing/able to receive our newsletter via email instead of on paper, please send your name, email address, and street address to communications@arca22202.org.

HELP NEEDED – NEWSLETTER DELIVERY EVERY OTHER MONTH

The delivery area is 19th Rd & Ridge Rd from 19th Rd to 23rd Street. If you can help, please send an email to communications@arca22202.org.

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BREAKFAST BINGO IN NATIONAL LANDING**January 15 - February 15, 2026**

Start your day on a delicious note with National Landing's Breakfast Bingo challenge—from crave-worthy doughnuts to Cuban coffee to Filipino breakfast sandwiches and beyond.

Fill out your bingo card as you fuel up at eateries across National Landing to win up to \$300 in Open Rewards cash, from January 15-February 15, 2026.

<https://nationallanding.org/events/breakfast-bingo>

CURSOR HACKATHON D.C.**Friday, Jan 30, 2026 @ 11am - 6pm****National Landing Experience Center
241 18th St S**

Cursor Hackathon D.C. is an offline, one-day event in Arlington, VA, focused on shipping real AI projects. Hosted by Cursor Community and led by Abu Jalloh, Lucy Chen, and FORGE202, the hackathon invites developers, designers, students, founders, and first-timers to build solo or in teams. Expect free Cursor credits, prizes, and feedback from founders and institutional VCs. Registration is subject to host approval.

<https://luma.com/25suxy3s>

GET THE LOW DOWN ON THE LOW RESIDENTIAL STUDY

Despite Arlington's existing lot coverage and stormwater management regulations, impervious area is increasing countywide, especially in residential areas. Impervious area increases the risk of flooding and extreme heat, which are the two most dangerous weather threats facing Arlington today.

To help mitigate these risks and improve climate resilience, Arlington's County Board is considering the adoption of a maximum impervious area requirement in lower density, residentially zoned areas. The County Board has directed staff to study potential amendments to the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance (ACZO) to support Arlington's goals to improve the stormwater system and expand the tree canopy. Learn more at arlingtonva.us/lowresidentialstudy and visit the Study Engagement webpage to be the first to know when Phase Two engagement events are posted for spring 2026. Project Contacts:

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JOIN ECOACTION ARLINGTON FOR LUNCH ON FEB 12 - ROOTED IN OUR COMMUNITY**Thursday, February 12, 2026****11:30AM-1:30PM****Busboys & Poets Shirlington, 4251 Campbell Ave**

You are cordially invited to the inaugural Rooted In Our Community Luncheon on Thursday, February 12. At this luncheon, we will celebrate the first three years of our efforts to increase the tree canopy in Arlington and make green spaces accessible to every community member, regardless of where they live. EcoAction Arlington will highlight the work of our Tree Canopy Equity Program team as they increase community engagement and bring together partners, supporters, and community leaders to champion tree planting in every zip code in Arlington. Our goal is 40% tree canopy coverage throughout Arlington, and together, we will raise awareness and funding to support the critical work ahead.

This event kicks off a campaign to raise \$25,000 to support the work of our tree team this year. As part of the luncheon, we are pleased to share a challenge match for donations and sponsorships. The first \$1,000 in donations and/or sponsorships received will be matched 1:1.

Tickets are \$50 (\$40 early bird price if purchased by 1/27).

The deadline for ticket purchases is Tuesday, February 10. You can buy a ticket, make a donation, and become a sponsor on our online portal.

GET TICKETS

<https://ecoactionarlington.app.neoncrm.com/nx/portal/neonevents/events?path=%2Fportal%2Fevents%2F26001>

FEEL THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL**February 21, 2026 from 12noon - 5:00****PM at Charles Drew Community Center**

Mark your calendar for the 2026 Feel the Heritage Festival — a joyful gathering for all ages to celebrate culture, history and community together! This festival will bring music, dance, food, family-friendly activities and plenty of opportunities to connect and reflect on the stories that unite us.

Don't miss out—**more information coming soon!** See our website for more information: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Feel-the-Heritage-Festival>

EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER HELP DESK

The Extension Master Gardener Help Desk is open for your emails, phone calls or walk-in questions! We welcome your garden-related questions, including those related to plant and insect identification. If emailing, please include photos to assist us with identification. The Help Desk is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). Contact us at mgarlalex@gmail.com, phone us at 703-228-6414, or stop by 3308 South Stafford St, Arlington 22206. If planning to come in person, give us a call ahead of your visit to ensure the Help Desk has volunteers available.

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM SERIES with Extension Master Gardeners

Friday, February 27, 2026, 10:00-11:30 a.m., ONLINE

Grow Your Own: A Beginner's Guide to Vegetable Gardening (Part I)

Join Extension Master Gardener Faatimah Muhammad for this two-part, beginner-friendly series on how to grow your own vegetables, from planning to harvest. This course offers actionable steps to help you build a productive, resilient vegetable garden in any space.

In Part I of Grow Your Own, learn how to choose the right site, improve soil health, and plan your garden layout. This session covers how to source seeds and plants, select tools, and set yourself up for success with research-backed strategies tailored to local conditions. FREE. RSVP online at <https://mgnv.org/rsvp-for-public-education-classes/> to receive the link to participate. You will also find other programs that are offered on their website.

Visit <https://mgnv.org/mg-virtual-classroom/> to watch video recordings of their online sessions. Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (Alexandria/Arlington)

ARLINGTON RIDGE ROAD/MOUNT VERNON AVENUE BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Four Mile Run Trail Underpass Closed at S. Glebe Rd.

The Four Mile Run Trail underpass on the Arlington County side of the bridge is closed during construction activity. Detour is available via South Glebe Road and South Lang Street.

<https://bit.ly/4mrconst>

COUNTY BOARD ELECTS NEW CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR DURING ITS ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Arlington County Board elected Matt de Ferranti as Board Chair and Maureen Coffey as Vice-Chair. In his remarks, [Chair de Ferranti laid out his vision for 2026](#), saying Arlington's "values, peace of mind, and, indeed, our people are under attack."

The Board also added double the number of in-person Open Door Monday sessions for 2026 [Learn more](#) about Open Door Mondays, the 2026 ODM Schedule, and how to register.

[Watch the 2026 County Board Organizational Meeting](#) or read full individual Board member remarks on priorities for the New Year on the [County Board webpage](#).

CRYSTAL CITY METRO CLOSURES

Please be advised that the Crystal City Metro Station will be closed for 10 weekends from February to June 2026 as construction ensues for a second entrance to better facilitate multimodal connections. There will be free shuttle service to bypass station closures at 8 to 10-minute intervals. **Closures in February are: Feb 14-16, Feb 21-22, Feb 28-Mar 1.**

LONG BRIDGE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

is underway. Project completion is anticipated in 2030. Email: info@LongBridgeProject.com. Call 202-769-1808. www.LongBridgeProject.com

CLAREMONT PTA FOOD PANTRY

[The wish list](#) includes the most needed food and hygiene items. Please consider adding them to your grocery order! You can drop off food at the school or have it delivered. [Monetary donations](#) are welcome. [Click here](#) to make a donation.

<https://www.claremontpta.org/foodpantry>

Kids' Corner

Instructions: use the hints to make a two word rhyme.

Example: unhappy father = sad dad

Sack for Old Glory:

Area for a sweeper:

A fear of flying:

A deflect in talons:

Scared of something with antlers:

Story about an ocean animal:

Thanks to Ori Garcia-Johnson for making the game!

CALENDAR

JAN 15 – FEB 15: Breakfast Bingo

January 22: ARCA Membership Meeting

January 30: Cursor Hackathon

February 12: EcoAction Arlington Luncheon

February 21: Feel the Heritage Festival

February 27: Master Gardeners Online Class

FEB – JUNE: Crystal City Metro Stop Closures

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