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Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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ARCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 19

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-imqm-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 a home fire safety presentation from Capt. Waterfall, Arlington County Fire Dept!

Next, Arlington County Board Vice-Chair Maureen Coffey will answer our questions.

Then ANC Director of Engineering Col. Andrew Wiker, ANC Chief of Design and Construction Michael Horace, and ANC Historian Tim Frank will give a brief history of Arlington National Cemetery & updates on the Southern Expansion.

After the guest speakers, we will vote on the 2026 Nominating Committee and get updates from the ARCA Board and community members.

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.

SAVE ARLINGTON GYMNASTICS

Arlington County wants to close [Barcroft Sports & Fitness Center](#) and eliminate every gymnastics program that calls it home — adaptive programs for children with disabilities, recreational classes, Arlington Aerials, and Arlington Tigers. Eight communities. One facility. Click here to sign the petition opposing this decision: <https://savearlingtongymnastics.com/>

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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.

JOIN THE OAKRIDGE WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Yes, you too can “drive” a Walking School Bus by walking a small group of kids to Oakridge Elementary one morning a week. You’ll get your steps in, the kids will learn to safely get from here to there without relying on mom, dad or the family car—plus Oakridge will have fewer cars choking the neighborhood!

The cost? About one hour of your time one day a week. (Of course, your vacation schedules and other commitments are accommodated.) We’ve got the (adorable) student “passengers,” but we need more neighbors to be “drivers.”

Training and background check are provided + safety vests for all. Ready for a test drive? Please go to <https://www.support.oakridgepta.org/our-community/the-walking-school-bus>

Think about it, particularly those of you who’ve retired or are thinking about retiring. It’s not a major commitment but can have a major impact on all involved.

SIGNATURE THEATER – A NEW MUSICAL: SAFETY NOT GUARANTEED MARCH 2 – APRIL 12

An imaginative indie-rock musical by Guster’s Ryan Miller and Nick Blaemire (*Soon, Glory Days*) based on the film of the same name.

**GLEBE HOUSE EVENT WITH ARLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARCH 28 10AM – 1PM
4527 17th St N, Arlington, VA 22207**

Northern Virginia Conservation Trust is excited to announce the first ever Glebe House Day, where community members are welcome onto the grounds to learn about the second oldest home in Arlington County! This event is brought to you in partnership between the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust and the Arlington Historical Society. Historians and NVCT staff will be on site to provide tours of the grounds that cover the property’s history as well as its story of conservation. The home will not be open to the public.

No registration required. We hope to see you there! This event is free and open to the public. Photos will be taken by the Northern Virginia Conservation

Trust and Arlington Historical Society, and both organizations reserve the right to use photos of attendees at the event in their publications.

CRYSTAL CITY TO REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT MULTIMODAL CONNECTION - CC2DCA FEEDBACK DUE BY MARCH 29

The base concept design of CC2DCA—the bridge to the future VRE station and the airport—is now available <https://bit.ly/CC2DCA>. We encourage everyone to respond, using the feedback form (scroll down and click the ‘Share Your Feedback’ button), due by March 29. The National Landing BID has offered some key recommendations to include in your feedback, based on project goals and previous survey results.

This project has great potential for area economic development, with rail/airport/trail connectivity, including spectacular views north from over the GW parkway. To succeed as planned, however, it needs some key changes:

- Full weather protection is essential. The canopy should cover the entire length of the bridge, not stop at the parkway.
- It could include a few strategically placed benches that don’t obstruct the flow of travelers.
- The bridge needs to be pedestrian priority. The width cannot accommodate separate lanes for bikes and pedestrians. There are three other access points to the Mt. Vernon Trail that do not require dismounting, and the VRE stairs from the bridge down to Crystal Drive create a problem for bikes and scooters. There is currently one elevator to accommodate the elderly, families with luggage, and bikes. We strongly suggest a second.

**ALPACAS HAPPY HOUR AT PERUVIAN BROTHERS
1450 S EADS STREET, ARLINGTON**

Come for the Alpacas, stay for the specials! Peruvian Brothers is hosting happy hours in April with a few special guests. Friendly and fluffy mini alpacas will be on site between 5PM and 7PM every Thursday in April. Come visit with these sweet and curious creatures and grab some delicious food and

drinks from your favorite neighborhood Peruvian spot.

ARLINGTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MODERNIZATION

Arlington County launched [Arlington Re-Gen](#), a major modernization of its Water Pollution Control Plant on South Glebe Road. This will be the initial phase of a multi-year upgrade effort to make the facility cleaner, greener, and ready for the future.

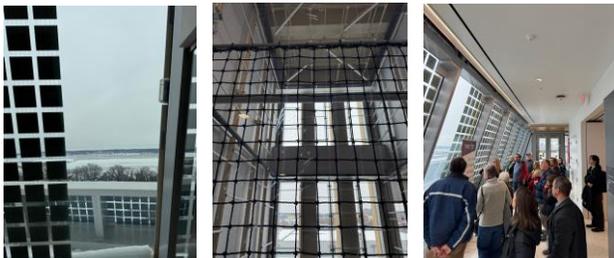
Activities in the “Early Work Package” will focus on grading, building demolitions, relocation of utilities and foundation work for future treatment systems. This work will take place entirely within the Plant’s fenced boundaries, and wastewater treatment operations will continue without interruption.

Next, the County will begin construction as part of the “Main Work Package,” anticipated to start in late 2026 and extend through spring 2031. Crews will build the new solids-handling facilities that form the core of the Re-Gen program, including thermal hydrolysis and anaerobic digestion systems to produce renewable resources using modern dewatering and screening equipment, improved truck loading and advanced odor control. The Arlington project has been in the works for several years and is unrelated to the [recent DC Water sewage spill in the Potomac River](#).

Click here for more info:
<https://bit.ly/WWTPUpdate>

VIRGINIA TECH ACADEMIC BUILDING ONE TOUR WAS A SUCCESS!

On February 6, over 15 community members took a tour of the Virginia Tech Building near Potomac Yard. We learned about the campus as well as their offerings for kids and adults.



HISTORICAL ARTICLE BY NEIGHBOR CIRO TADDEO ABOUT THE STONE TOWER ON ARLINGTON RIDGE

As a member of the Arlington Historical Society and a contributor to the magazine, *Ciro’s* emphasis has been on American Suffragist Gertrude Lynde Crocker and The Little Tea House on Arlington Ridge Rd. This article is about the Stone Tower. <https://bit.ly/teahousehistory>

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. **Upcoming closures are: May 9-10, May 16-17, May 30-31, June 6-7, June 13-14, June 19-21.**

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

See the website for a list of 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.

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

WHAT HAS THE ARCA BOARD BEEN UP TO?

- On March 3, several board members represented ARCA at the Oakridge Elementary International Night.
- Sent a letter to Senator Elizabeth Bennett Parker & Delegate Adele McClure, Virginia General Assembly, Commonwealth of Virginia RE: Opposition to SB388 / HB1279, Support for Local Policies to Increase Affordable Housing Opportunities. Link to the letter:

https://bit.ly/ARCA_SSB388_HB1279

Kids' Corner

Unscramble these words:

- GRSIPN**
- REFOLWS**
- ATSPNL**
- CAIAONTV**
- RMWA HTEWREA**
- OETIUDS**
- UBSG**
- BOMOL**

If you would like the answers or want to submit a game for the newsletter, email communications@arca22202.org.

CALENDAR

MARCH 2 – APRIL 12 SAFETY NOT GUARANTEED @ SIGNATURE THEATER

MARCH 28 – GLEBE HOUSE DAY

MARCH 29 – DEADLINE TO GIVE FEEDBACK ON CC2DCA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

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