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# Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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## ARCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 21

7pm meeting

Aurora Hills Community Center

arrive at 6:30 to mingle & enjoy light refreshments

Or join us online

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

**The video link is also on our website**

We will be joined by [Susan Cunningham](#), Arlington County Board Member, who will talk about the efforts she is championing in the county and answer questions from membership.

She will be followed by a presentation on the Westpost – Site Plan Amendment by Geoff Sharpe, Vice President - Creative Planning & Development for Federal Realty.

We will also be providing an update on other activities in the neighborhood and voting on the ARCA Executive Board slate. Nominations will be accepted from the floor!

### 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](mailto:communications@arca22202.org).

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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! 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>

### **1101 S. JOYCE ST - PENTAGON ROW (WESTPOST) (MINOR SITE PLAN AMENDMENT)**

The owner of Pentagon Row has requested a site plan amendment to remove retail requirements for a grocery store and drug store tenant. Condition #52 of the current site plan requires the developer to maintain two specific retail uses on site. These include a full-service grocery store in building “A” of 40,000-70,000 square feet, and a full-service drug store consisting of 8,000 to 20,000 square feet. The applicant states they have tried to extend the lease for the existing Walgreens or locate a new drug store in this location, but has been unable to do so and therefore proposes to eliminate Condition #52 in its entirety and allow any retail uses otherwise permitted by the Zoning Ordinance in this location.

Geoff Sharpe of Federal Realty will be discussing this at our May 21 membership meeting. Please come share your opinion and get more information.

### **UPDATE ON 750 23RD STREET S – MELWOOD SITE**

At the March 18, 2026, Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) public hearing, the HALRB made a motion that the Nelly Custis Elementary School met two of the 11 designation criteria enumerated in Arlington County Zoning Ordinance (ACZO) section 11.3.4.A.6 as necessary to receive a local historic district recommendation. This recommendation was forwarded to the County Board for further consideration.

On April 22, 2026, the Arlington County Board adopted a resolution to initiate an Arlington County Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding the Local Historic District (LHD) Designation for the Nelly Custis Elementary School property (also known as the Milwood site) located at 750 23rd St. S.

Initiation of this amendment was for procedural purposes only. Staff will proceed with following the required steps identified in section 11.3.4, Establishment of Historic Districts, of the ACZO.

### **ARLINGTON JUNCTION PARK OFFICIALLY OPENED ON APRIL 11**

#### **1051 S. EADS STREET, ARLINGTON, VA 22202**

The park was built on the small triangle of land Vornado (JBG Smith’s predecessor) donated to the

county in 2012. Originally considered as a streetcar barn site, some of us argued in 2013 for the land to be turned into a public park once the Arlington streetcar project was cancelled. It has taken over a decade for that to happen, but we’re pleased that it



is finally being realized.

Nearby residents will now have a small but nicely designed place to picnic, socialize, and

enjoy trees, flowers, and a small lawn. The park’s design team, Christopher Consultants, County Board member Takis Karantonis, Director of Parks Jane Rudolph, and Crystal City resident Carol Fuller gave remarks in appreciation.

The historical marker tells the story of this corridor and site as part of the Alexandria Canal (1843) which carried goods north from Alexandria to markets in

Georgetown, and later as part of the trolley line (1896-1932), the Washington, Alexandria, and Mt. Vernon Electric Railway, which offered

service between Mt. Vernon and Washington, via Rosslyn. Residents of Addison Heights—part of today’s Aurora Highlands—could take the trolley to work in D.C.



### **CRYSTAL CITY TO REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT MULTIMODAL CONNECTION – FEEDBACK SUMMARY AVAILABLE**

The base concept design of CC2DCA—the bridge to the future VRE station and the airport—is available at <https://bit.ly/CC2DCA>. You can view a summary of the feedback that was submitted on this project. Go to the website above, then scroll down and click ‘Read the Engagement Summary.’

### **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](mailto:info@LongBridgeProject.com). Call 202-769-1808. [www.LongBridgeProject.com](http://www.LongBridgeProject.com)

#### **ARLINGTON RIDGE ROAD/MOUNT VERNON AVENUE BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE**

Bridge Closure May 16-23. The bridge will close during off-peak hours on May 16-23 to allow crews to install steel beams. Closure hours will be 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

#### **SOKO BUTCHER IS COMING TO CRYSTAL CITY LATE THIS SUMMER**

Soko Butcher is opening a 1,600-square-foot retail space at 269 19th Court S., Suite 95, on the ground floor of the Grace and Reva apartments. Their cheesesteak called “The Philly,” was named one of the areas best sandwiches last year by the Washington Post. In addition to offering 2 dozen sandwich options, breakfast burritos and loaded fries, Soko will be a full service butcher. They plan to sell retail beer and wine, as well as Soko’s monthly “Butcher Club” subscription service.

#### **SIGNATURE THEATER – PIPPIN MAY 12 – JUL 26, 2026**

Stephen Schwartz’s (*Godspell*, *Wicked*) musical masterpiece of purpose, ambition, lust and glory sizzles for summer, thrillingly staged as only Matthew Gardiner can do.

A traveling troupe of performers bring to life the story of Pippin, the restless heir of Charlemagne, on his quest for purpose. Dreaming of greatness, he dives into war, passion, and even murder—only to find himself disillusioned at every turn in this dazzling and provocative coming-of-age parable about what it means to be extraordinary.

Join us for this sardonic and witty extravaganza, flush with spellbinding dance and the iconic songs “Corner of the Sky,” “Magic to Do” and “Morning Glow.”

#### **AURORA HILLS LIBRARY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MAY 30 12PM – 4PM**

Join us as we celebrate **100** years of the Aurora Hills Library! Come celebrate a century of stories, community, and connection! There will be drop-in activities, crafts, visual historical displays, outdoor activities (weather permitting), and recordings of written and oral memories of the library.

Representatives from the [Friends of the Arlington Library](#), the [Crystal City Civic Association](#), the [Aurora Highlands Civic Association](#), the [Friends of Urban Agriculture](#), the [Charlie Clark Center for Local History](#), and the [Arlington Historical Society](#) will be on site to present information on Arlington history and answer questions about their organizations.

Remarks will be made at 2pm, followed by cake and light refreshments. *Refreshments available while supplies last.*

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED. By registering, you will receive event updates. *For more information, contact Aurora Hills Library at 703-228-5715.*

#### **MOCA ON THE MOVE: CELEBRATING SPRING FAMILY FUN SERIES**

##### **METROPOLITAN PARK 1330 FAIR STREET S**

We’ll be in the park every Sunday this spring with live music, lawn games, bubbles, and hands-on art making activities for the whole family. Local artists will guide art making through the series. Face painting and temporary tattoos available for purchase from vendor, [Otterly Artistic Events](#). This event is free, and no RSVP is required. Check out our website to see the upcoming activities happening through June 14, 2026:

<https://bit.ly/mocaonthemove>

**KID'S CORNER – GOVERNMENT WORD SCRAMBLE**

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**CALENDAR**

**MAY 12 through JULY 26 – Pippin @ SIGNATURE THEATER**

**MAY 30 – Aurora Hills Library Centennial Celebration**

**EVERY SUNDAY THIS SPRING – MOCA ON THE MOVE**

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