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# Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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## NOVEMBER 17, 2025 ARCA Online MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Monday, November 17\***

**7pm meeting**

**Online only – no in person meeting**

**VIDEO LINK TO WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL AND WILL BE POSTED ON  
<https://www.arcaonline.org/>**

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Please join us for a Special VIRTUAL Membership Meeting on November 17th. Our guests, JBG Smith, will be sharing the latest updates on the RiverHouse Neighborhood Development. The Development proposal is nearing completion and will be going in front of the Transportation, Planning, and Park and Recreation Commissions before going in front of the County Board for approval in December. And please check our website in the upcoming weeks for a survey soliciting your thoughts on the proposal!

**\*THIS MEETING REPLACES THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.  
THERE WILL BE NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON 11/20\***

## 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.

## THE ARLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO SERVE AS A SCHOOL BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

Please note that appointments will be for a one-year term only, in preparation for the new advisory committee structure that will take effect in 2026–27.

<https://www.apsva.us/citizen-advisory-groups/>

## UPDATE ON THE JOINT ANP PROJECT AT FT. SCOTT/GROVE ST

ARCA and AHCA proposed a joint project to the Arlington Neighborhood Program to improve pedestrian safety at the Fort Scott Dr/Grove St intersection. The program requires at least 69% of affected homeowners to sign on in support of the project for it to advance to the funding round. Despite repeated efforts to reach homeowners and explain the importance of the project, we did not reach the necessary threshold and therefore, the project has stalled. Thanks to Lauren Bailey and those involved for their efforts on this project.

## **TWO OAKRIDGE STUDENTS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE AACHEN/ARLINGTON FAMILY EXCHANGE FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

In October, 5th graders from Aachen, Germany, Arlington's sister city, joined 5th graders from across the county, staying with Arlington families. In March, the Arlington students will visit Aachen. The exchange was established in 1993 to enhance and promote the region's international profile and foster productive exchanges in education, commerce, culture, and the arts. (Pictured below (L-R): Lenya Schmidt, Natalia Pepe, Ruby Mott, Johanna Lambrecht)



## **ARLINGTON EMPLOYMENT CENTER CAREER WEBINARS – NOVEMBER 18, 20 & 24**

Open to all but please register to attend.

**\*\*Career Q&A: Ask Questions and Get**

**Feedback**- this is a chance to sign up for a 30-minute session with a career counselor for feedback on your resume, cover letter, LinkedIn profile or help you prepare for your upcoming job interview. For an overview and upcoming calendar, please visit [Job Fairs and Workshops – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government](#)

## **FAMILY STORYTIME AT AURORA HILLS LIBRARY Thursday, November 20, 2025 10:30am - 11:00am - Eads Room**

For families with young children 0-5 years and an accompanying adult. This fun and interactive program combines activities such as read-aloud stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and flannel boards and introduces children to listening skills, picture books, the library, and the joy of reading. For more information, contact 703-228-5715

## **2025 ARLINGTON TURKEY TROT – NOVEMBER 27 Community Partners United In Service to Others It's the 20th year of the Arlington Turkey Trot 5k!**

Join us, near Lyon Park Community Center as Arlington trots through the streets of Lyon Park and Ashton Heights on Thanksgiving morning to give thanks for all we have to give. Official start time is 8:00 am. <https://bit.ly/Arltrot>

## **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF @ SIGNATURE THEATRE Nov 4 – Jan 25, 2025**

The iconic musical gorgeously staged in-the-round in Signature's intimate setting and directed by Joe Calarco (*Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Gypsy*). Tevye, a poor Jewish milkman, his family and their tightknit community honor tradition but must contend with a changing world and a rise in antisemitism at their home in Czarist Russia.

## **THE LODGE AT NATIONAL LANDING FESTIVAL METROPOLITAN PARK | NATIONAL LANDING, VA DECEMBER 6, 1-7PM**

**Admission:** Free

This ski-inspired winter festival returns to Metropolitan Park this year with more seasonal fun. The event will feature a holiday vendor market, craft stations, performance tents, a dog holiday sweater contest, and more all-ages fun. Adults 21+ can stick around for The Lodge After Dark, featuring a Holiday Karaoke Showdown and festive cocktails.

## **ARMY NAVY DRIVE BIKE LANE PROTECTED BIKE LANE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Starting the week of November 10, crews will begin preparations for construction between South Joyce Street and Memorial Drive.

In the first weeks of work, crews will be installing tree protection which will be in place for the duration of construction, demolishing the center median at the South Joyce Street intersection, as well as manhole work and other work within the road.

During this time, the lanes closest to the median will close on Army Navy Drive between South Joyce Street and South Lynn Street. Car traffic will shift to the outer lanes. The northbound bike lane will be closed, and bicyclists will share the car lane.

This project will add a two-way protected cycle track on Army Navy Drive between South Joyce Street and Memorial Drive. The bike facility will connect with the new cycle tracks built as part of the [Army Navy Drive Complete Streets](#) project between South Joyce Street and 12th Street South.

**2025 JINGLE BELL RUN****Saturday, December 6 9:00AM****West Post National Landing**

Get ready for this year's Jingle Bell Run, the original festive race for charity brought to you by the Arthritis Foundation. Wear your favorite holiday gear, and let's jingle all the way toward a cure! Whether you're running, walking, or strolling, bring your friends, family, and coworkers along for the ride. Together, we're spreading joy and making strides towards a brighter future — saying "YES" to life, despite arthritis.

**FOUR MILE RUN FARMER ARTISAN'S MARKET****Sundays from 9 am – 1 pm****4109 Mount Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22305**

Visit 4MR Market on **December 7th** for their 4th Annual Holiday Makers' Market with 40+ artisans, two musical guests, great food, a pop-up Nature Center, face-painting, and a visit from Alexandria's Mobile Art Lab. This is an outdoor event, running from 9am to 3pm, rain or shine. Fun! Festive! Family Friendly! You won't want to miss it! Visit: <http://4mrmarket.org/holidaymarket>

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – DECEMBER 13**

Teach the next generation the value of freedom. It's the mission of Wreaths Across America. You can join us by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering or partnering with us on National Wreaths Across America Day and every day. This will be taking place at Arlington National Cemetery as well as other cemeteries throughout the US.

<https://www.wreathsafteramerica.org/>**MELWOOD'S MIRACLE ON 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET  
DECEMBER 13 5-8PM**

Grand Tree Lighting, Fun Activities, Photos with Santa, Ice-skating, Crafts, Live Music, Refreshments, and More! Free and open to the community.

Please bring a non-perishable item for Melwood's food drive.

**DAYDRIFT CAFÉ AND BOOKSTORE – NOW OPEN  
CRYSTAL CITY**

A West Coast-inspired café and bookstore recently opened at 1550 Crystal Drive. It is located across from Water Park, and offers sandwiches, bowls, pastries, smoothies and a coffee bar.

<https://www.daydriftva.com/>**ARLINGTON COUNTY LEAF COLLECTION SERVICE  
RETURNS**

As foliage falls, leaf collection service begins in neighborhoods across Arlington. Leaves piled on Arlington curb space will be vacuumed up and recycled into mulch. Find your neighborhood on the online schedule and get your yard ready. Go to this website to see the schedule.

<https://bit.ly/ARLLeafCollection>**SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES THIS HOLIDAY**

Many of our local businesses were adversely affected by the government shutdown. If you are able to eat out or plan to shop for gifts, please consider patronizing our local restaurants and shops.

**WESTPOST OUTDOOR ICE SKATING – OPEN FOR  
THE SEASON - 1201 S. JOYCE ST., ARLINGTON**

This 7,200-square-foot rink in Westpost (the district formerly known as Pentagon Row) is the largest outdoor rink in Northern Virginia and the second largest in the state. In addition to offering open skate times for up to two hours of gliding, you can book a birthday party or sign up for youth and adult group lessons or private instruction. Tickets cost \$10-\$13 and skate rentals are \$6.

**HELP NEEDED – NEWSLETTER DELIVERY  
EVERY OTHER MONTH BEGINNING IN JANUARY**

The delivery area is 19<sup>th</sup> Rd, Ridge Rd from 19<sup>th</sup> Rd to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Email

[communication@arca22202.org](mailto:communication@arca22202.org).

**Kids' Corner**

Instructions: start with the bottom word and switch one letter at a time to make a REAL WORD all the way to the top word.

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Thanks to Ori Garcia-Johnson for making the game!

**CALENDAR**

**November 17: ARCA Membership Online Meeting**

**November 27: Turkey Trot**

**December 6: Jingle Bell Run**

**December 6: The Lodge Winter Festival**

**December 7: 4 Mile Run Artisan's Market**

**December 13: Wreaths Across America**

**December 13: Melwood Miracle on 23<sup>rd</sup> St**

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