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Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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ARCA SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, September 18

6:30pm snacks & meet the neighbors

7pm meeting

Aurora Hills Community Center

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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.

VIDEO LINK TO ONLINE MEETING

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

The meeting will start with updates from ARCA community members, followed by a brief update from Shahana Parvas, Aurora Hills Branch Library Acting Branch Manager. She will also solicit input on services that would reflect the needs and interests of the community.

Our main guest, Commissioner of Revenue (CoR), Kim Klingler, will talk about her roles and responsibilities as the Arlington County CoR, including assessing vehicle property taxes, ensuring vehicles are registered, and how her office provides assistance with business taxes, including home-based businesses and those operating accessory homestay rentals.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS – OAKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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 w/out 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/community-matters/the-walking-school-bus> for further information--and/or to click on the volunteer link!

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.

MOCA AT MET PARK: FALL FUN FAMILY Series
Sundays September 14 through October 26, 10 am – 1 pm at Metropolitan Park

All this Fall, we're having fun at Met Park. Join us for art making, live music, bubbles, and more each week

MOCA AT MET PARK: FALL ART SERIES
Thursdays from September 18 through October 23, 5 – 7 pm at Metropolitan Park

Join the Museum of Contemporary Art Arlington alongside NaLa Noches--a Latin Music series on Thursday nights this Fall. Each week will have fresh, fun activities with featured artists to guide and inspire your art making. Inspired by Hispanic Heritage Month. All skill levels welcome. Grab a friend and come by.

"PATCH OR SWAP: A TEXTILE RESCUE LAB" BY ROXANA ALGER GEFFEN

Saturday, September 20, 2025, 12:00 PM - 05:00 PM Clarendon Central Park, 3100 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201

We have all had clothes that we loved and lost—to coffee stains, rips or years of wear. This project is about rescuing those well-loved things and making them wearable again. Sculpture and collage artist Roxana Geffen, will show you simple ways to mend your clothes in a visible but cool way and give you some supplies to get started, either at the Arlington Art Truck or at home.

SEE & DO: Be inspired by viewing gorgeously patched and embellished fabrics by artist Roxana Geffen. Trade in your loved clothes for someone else to enjoy, pick up an artist-designed instructional zine and the supplies to sew and patch with us or save for a future project.

MEET: Roxana Geffen, a sculptor and collage artist from Washington, DC and a representative from our community partner, Arlington Visual Arts Studio Tour (AVAST)

LEARN: How to patch, sew and embellish the clothes you love, giving them a second life and about AVAST.

REASON 2 ROCK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sat. Sept 20, 2 pm – 8 pm

Solace Outpost Brewery in Falls Church

D.C.-area musicians will be coming together to support assistance to unhoused people. Four bands will perform and the event will donate 100% of its proceeds to the Arlington-based nonprofit PathForward.

STRATEGIC LOVE PLAY

Signature Theatre

Sep 23 – Nov 9, 2025

From *Succession* writer Miriam Battye comes a razor sharp, not-quite-romantic comedy about the absurdity of modern dating in the seemingly endless quest to find "the one." After matching online, a man and a woman meet for a date. Although they start off on the (very) wrong foot, they slowly begin to let down their guard in the hope that this time they've found something real.

THE REFRESH OF ARLINGTON'S PUBLIC SPACES MASTER PLAN

September 24 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Arlington is refreshing its [2019 Public Spaces Master Plan \(PSMP\)](#), an element of the County's Comprehensive Plan that helps guide the future of our public spaces and facilities. The Refresh builds on the progress made when the PSMP was adopted in 2019 and introduces new priorities and updates. Join us on for an open house at Lubber Run Community Center, Oak Room to inform the direction of Arlington's public spaces. RSVPs are helpful - <https://bit.ly/refreshrsvp>

DOWNHILL BIKE LANE & RIGHT TURN CONFLICT PILOT SAFETY PROJECT – SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK BY SEPTEMBER 26TH

This summer, we launched the Downhill Bike Lane & Right Turn Conflict Pilot Project to address potentially high-risk conflict points when a driver makes a right turn across a downhill-sloped bike lane.

The four pilot locations were chosen because they feature right hand turns across downhill bike lanes, three of which were identified during the High-Injury Network safety audit of Clarendon Blvd:

- Clarendon Blvd & 17th St N

- Clarendon Blvd & N Scott St
- Clarendon Blvd & Driveways Across from N Troy St
- Wilson Blvd & N Manchester St

Share your feedback at:

<https://publicinput.com/b46231>

2025 ARLINGTON ARTWALK

October 4, 3 pm – 8 pm

Join us for the fourth Annual Arlington ArtWalk, a vibrant celebration of creativity stretching from Clarendon to Ballston. Discover an exciting mix of galleries, artist studios and interactive art activations. Immerse yourself in live music, hands-on workshops, curated exhibitions and a bustling artisan market — all in one dynamic walkable experience.

ARMY 10-MILER - October 12, 2025

MARINE CORPS MARATHON – October 26, 2025

Best of luck to the runners! Be alert of road closures as the course does include Rt. 1, Army Navy Drive and other roads in the area.

TOUR THE BALL-SELLERS HOUSE WITH ARCA!

Saturday, October 18 at 10 am

5620 S. Third St., Arlington, VA 22204

Glen Carlyn Neighborhood

The Ball-Sellers House is a captivating historical site near the heart of Arlington. Built c. 1750, this farmhouse is one of the oldest structures in the region and offers a unique glimpse into the life and times of the 18th century. The Ball-Sellers House is not just a museum; it is a living history experience where you can learn about the challenges and triumphs faced by those who lived in this home.

Annette Benbow, Volunteer Coordinator and Docent, will give us a private tour of the house. She needs a headcount, go to

<https://bit.ly/ballsellersrsvp>

21st ANNUAL AURORA HIGHLANDS HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 25, 3 – 5pm

NEW LOCATION - Oakcrest Park

This beloved annual event is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and either dress up or check out the costumes of those

who do!

Festivities start at 3pm at Oakcrest Park, with music, snacks, fire truck tours, and a costume competition. Parade starts at 4pm.

FOUR MILE RUN FARMER ARTISAN'S MARKET

Sundays from 9 am – 1 pm

4109 Mount Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22305

4MRMarket's mission is to bring fresh, nutritious food to people of all income levels, provide an opportunity for local artisans and producers of goods to bring their wares to market, strive to reflect the diversity of the community, and improve the quality of life for Arlandria residents and visitors.

They are also part of an overall vision to expand and improve Four Mile Run Park and serve the surrounding neighborhood. We're helping to fix a park, restore a stream and build community. Every year, 4MRMarket donates its proceeds from market operations to the Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation for various park improvements and programs.

VOTING 2025

<https://vote.arlingtonva.gov/Home>

This year we are voting for governor, Lt. governor, attorney general, House delegates, County Board members and school board members. Check out complete information at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov>.

ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY GARDEN TALKS

Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 7:30pm Outside:

Central Library Plaza, No Reservation Required

Wednesday night garden talks are presented by the [Arlington Friends of Urban Agriculture](#) (FOUA) and the [Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia](#). All talks (except for April) are held on the patio next to the FOUA demonstration garden, unless otherwise indicated. In the event of inclement weather, the Garden Talks will move to an indoor meeting room.

- **Sept. 17: Fall Foraging:** There are good things to eat all around you. Learn to identify and prepare safe edibles found in our wild (and not so wild) areas.

- **Oct. 1: Bees & Honey:** More than just pollinators!
- **Oct. 15: Garlic! Plant it Now:** Are you a garlic lover? Learn about how to plant and when to harvest garlic, plus the history and many types of garlic to choose from.

CALENDAR

September 18: ARCA Membership Meeting

September 25, 3-6 PM: Enjoy your favorite flavor of ice cream - 25% of proceeds go to EcoAction Arlington. Jeni's Ice Cream at 4150 Campbell Ave, Shirlington EcoAction Arlington!

Sunday, September 28 @ 3:00 PM

Mt. Olivet Cemetery Tour

(1500 N. Glebe Rd.

FREE) <https://arhist.org/event/mt-olivet-cemetery-tour/>

October 14: Buy Your Tickets for the Arlington Historical Society Banquet. Tickets are \$150 each for non-members. Sponsorships are also available. Order your tickets at arhist.org/annual-banquet/ **Banquet contact: Cathy Hix at apscathy@gmail.com.**

October 12: Army 10-miler

October 18: Ball-Sellers House Tour

October 25: Halloween Parade

October 26: Marine Corps Marathon

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