



May 2025

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ARCA MAY 2025 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 15, 6:30 snacks, meet the neighbors,
7pm meeting
Aurora Hills Community Center

VIDEO LINK TO ONLINE MEETING

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

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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.

GUESTS:

Arlington Historical Society will discuss their recent renovation

Harris Teeter will discuss their Potomac Yard store, where they may not restore their lease

Updates from ARCAcommunity members

POSSIBLE BOAD MEMBERS FOR 2025-6

They will be introduced, will speak a little about themselves, and voted for in our July meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY MAY 3

ARCA joined our neighbors on 17th and 18th Streets on May 3 for a Neighborhood Block Party, which was a huge success, with the predicted rain holding off till it was over. Board members Richard Rebh and Lauren Bailey set up a table for us, and engaged with neighbors from Aurora Highlands and River House on issues of concern for us all; River House, Arlington Neighborhood Program, highlights of our membership meetings, and lots of shared concerns. And the food and friends were great! Another one is planned for the fall. This is a great way for us all to work together and make new friends, while feasting on great food.

BIKE TO WORK DAY MAY 15

<https://www.bikearlington.com/bike/events/bike-to-work-day>

You can celebrate both ARCA's May meeting and Bike to Work day on May 15! And ride your bike to our meeting at the end of the day! With the help of Bike Arlington, you can also get a free breakfast and other goodies from local businesses, and enter to win bike stuff in a raffle.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM REOPENS!

The Arlington Historical Society reopened May 3 after undergoing substantial renovations and adding new exhibits. Arlington's written history begins in 1608 with the journals of Captain John Smith who chronicled his exploration of the Potomac River, sailing past the Arlington shoreline one year after the founding of Jamestown. Other exhibits are focused on honoring the contributions of individuals enslaved in Arlington between the 1660s and 1865, others feature Indian and Civil War artifacts, transit maps of 1920s trolley lines, a Black history exhibit and an exhibit on the September 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. Arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org

**DEDICATION OF 9/11 TREE IN FOREST HILLS
Saturday, June 7, 10am (rain or shine)**

Join the Forest Hills community for this tree dedication and installation of a plaque to remember September 11, 2001 Forest Hills resident Lt. Gen. Maude, and all who aided the victims on that day.

RESOURCE EXPO FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS

May 28, 12:30 – 5 pm

George Mason University, 3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/next-steps-resource-expo-for-federal-employees-and-contractors-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/next-steps-resource-expo-for-federal-employees-and-contractors-tickets-1320517305809?aff=oddttdtcreator)

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Over 40 employers will be in attendance to support area job seekers, with workshops on transferable skills, using AI for job search, and more.

COMMUNITY PICNIC AND JOINING FAIR

Central Library

Sat. May 31, 11am – 3 pm

Quincy Park

Bring a picnic or grab food from local trucks, meet neighbors, play games, enjoy music and explore clubs. Other library news: thanks are due to a group of Friends of Arlington Libraries and members of the public, who spoke of their deep love and appreciation of the library and the critical role it plays as a community hub,

Arlington approved an extra \$100K to its digital collection.

POET LAUREATE OPEN CALL

Apply by June

2<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Arts/Programs/Humanities/Poet-Laureate>

Arlington is looking for a Poet Laureate, who serves as an advocate for poetry and literary arts to advance Arlington's appreciation of spoken and written poetry. Applicants must be 18 or older, live in Arlington, and demonstrate a track record of experience presenting or publishing original poetry.

E-CARE

Arlington's Environmental Collection and Recycling Event

Sat. June 21, 7am – 1:30pm, 1425 N. Quincy St.

Donate old bikes, spare parts and accessories for bikes, also household hazardous waste, obsolete electronics and scrap metal for recycling.

ADVANCE ARLINGTON

Museum of Contemporary Art

Wed. June 11, 6:30pm

<https://www.advance-arlington.org>

Join MOCA for a celebration of community conversation, beautiful art and delicious sips and savories. Connect with fellow Arlingtonians to celebrate and be part of shaping a brighter Arlington.

ENJOY ARLINGTON, SUMMER 2025

Recreation classes and nature and history programs

Summer Registration begins May 13 – 15

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Programs/Classes>

SUMMER ART PROGRAMS MOCA ARLINGTON

June 23 – August 22

<https://mocaarlington.org/education/camp/>

A wide array of summer programs for middle and high school students – from drawing and painting to sculpture and pottery.

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>. The League of Women Voters will hold a voter registration event at Eads & 14th Street outside a donut shop (!) on May 17, from 10am – 1pm.

WE ARE LOSING SOME BUS STOPS

<https://wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/index.cfm>

We will no longer have a bus stop at Ridge Rd. and S. Glebe, 23rd St. and S. Ives St., Army Navy and S. Eads and Crystal Drive and 20th St. The eliminations are part of the Better Bus Network Redesign project, which is consolidating bus routes in an effort to improve ride frequency.

10 CYCLING INNOVATIONS IN NATIONAL LANDING

<https://nationallanding.org/post/exploring-arlington-s-top-10-bike-infrastructure-innovations>

Discover the innovative bike infrastructure that is transforming Arlington streets into cycle-friendly pathways. National Landing notes the improvements: Bike Boxes; Bike Lanes; Buffered bike lanes; HAWK beacons; Green Bike Lanes; Multi-Use Trails; Protected Bike Lanes; Sharrows; Sidewalks; Wayfinding. Find out about these and other bike updates at the National Landing website!

ARLINGTON PALOOZA

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Arlington-Palooza/main>

Celebrate all things Recreation and Music at the Lubber Run Community Center! May 17, 11am – 4pm

The Arlington Palooza is back and bigger than ever – live music and street fair! There's something for everyone, food trucks, moon bounces, games, stories, crafts and dance

lessons.

HEALTHY SOIL, HEALTHY GARDEN

Master Gardeners of No.VA. Video

https://www.youtube.com/embed/1y0krho_QxE?feature=oembed

The Master gardeners tell us that the key to successful gardening is cultivating healthy soil, teeming with insects, bacteria and fungi, providing nutrients and water to plants, sequestering carbon and slowing runoff. The video gives key strategies to do this.

FALL 2025 TREE PLANTING

<https://www.ecoactionarlington.org/community-programs/tree-program-overview/>

Apply for a free native tree that will be planted on your property. Applications close June 23. EcoAction is dedicated to expanding our tree canopy through its tree planting program, and could also get you a 5% credit on your stormwater utility bill.

NOTE: Spraygrounds open on Memorial Day weekend.

WATER SAFETY DAYS

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Locations/Indoor-Facilities/Long-Bridge-Aquatics-Fitness-Center>
May 24, 25 at the Aquatic Center: Make sure all members of your family are confident and safe in the water.

POLICE PLAN COMMUNITY MEETINGS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/About-Arlington/Newsroom/Articles/2025/Police-Invite-Public-to-Quarterly-Community-Meetings>

The Arlington County Police Dept will begin hosting quarterly community meetings covering community issues, crime prevention tips beginning May 2025. The May meeting will be at the Lubber Run Community Center on May 15, at 6:30pm.

CALENDAR

Thru Jun 22 Hedwig and the Angry Inch:

The radical rock musical explodes with glam, grit, glitter and heart. Signature Theatre. Sigtheatre.org

May 1 – 24 Hamlet: A bold new interpretation of Hamlet, directed by Kathleen Akerley. Avant Bard. Theatre Two at Gunston. Avantbard.org

Thru May 25. Something to Do With My Hands, installation at Museum of Contemporary Art, by artist Joshua Challen Ice. A “surreal construction site”. Mocaarlington.org.

May 30 – June 8 The Wizard of Oz. Encore Stage. Thomas Jefferson Theater. encorestage.org

May 31. Argentine Festival.
Argentinefestival.org

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