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You can pay your \$20 annual ARCA membership dues online using PayPal! www.arcaonline.org, by check or cash. Send to ARCA, PO Box 2976, Arlington, VA 22202-0976
The membership year is July 1 – June 30.

Membership Meeting, Wed. Nov 18, 7pm

Aurora Hills Community Center

(Please note the change of day! We usually meet Thursdays)

Please join us on Wed. November 18 when we have invited Erik Beach, Planning Supervisor for Arlington County's Dept. of Parks & Recreation to discuss the next phase of the **Long Bridge Park Project**; and we will also have updates on the **Four Mile Run Wetlands Rehabilitation Project**, **Vornado's River House Development initiative** and the **South Arlington Schools Selection Site**.

LONG BRIDGE PARK PROJECT

Long Bridge Park opened in 2011 with 3 athletic fields, an esplanade, rain gardens and picnic areas. The second phase of the County's master plan for the park calls for park expansion and construction of an Aquatic Health and Fitness Facility. Given the passage of years, the County has decided first to check in with the community to ensure it is still on track. They would like input on which amenities are most important to us, or if you do not believe the County should invest in the facility at all. This input will help guide staff and the Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee to provide input to the County Manager who will then make recommendations to the County Board. Suggested amenities include a 50m pool, diving tower, gym, teaching pool, iconic architecture and warm water pool for rehabilitation.

Please take the survey at <http://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/parks-open-space/long-bridge-park/long-bridge-park-project-survey/>

FOUR MILE RUN RESTORATION PROJECT

The project's master plan envisions making Four Mile Run into a model of urban ecological restoration through the sustainable integration of a restored natural stream channel with an active urban environment. New tidal wetlands will be created by removing, lowering and terracing the riverside portion of Four Mile Run Park. Aileen Winquist, Arlington County's Watershed Outreach Program Manager will update the ARCA membership on the project.

MIRACLE ON 23RD STREET: Friday, Dec 11, 6pm

The annual Miracle on 23rd Street, presented by Linden Resources at 750 S. 23rd Street, will feature a grand tree lighting ceremony on one of the oldest and tallest spruces in Arlington, Santa arriving on a fire truck, holiday musical entertainment, food from local restaurants and children's activities. New this year is a Jingle Bell Rockin' Raffle and a pre-event online auction. Proceeds will benefit Linden Resources' Vets Ready2Work Program. www.linden.org

FIOS IS COMING!

Those Verizon trucks in our neighborhood stringing wires are bringing FIOS to the residents of 22202 who do not have access to it! It is due to be available in December. Hooray!

AURORA HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER**Renovation Update**

In June 2015 the County held a community meeting to discuss the planned refresh project for the Aurora Hills Community Center. The project is currently in the planning phase with the design phase expected to begin this fall, when meetings with the community to get feedback on the evolving design will be held. Actual construction is not expected to begin until late summer of 2016 and will last a minimum of 8 months when the Center will be closed. The renovations will include new kitchen cabinets, receptionist desk, flooring and new ADA compliant bathrooms. The County is developing a plan to relocate Center programs and classes: options being reviewed include Walter Reed and Gunston Community Centers. The Library will also have some minor infrastructure renovations, but plans to stay open during the work. The AHCC Senior Advisory Council is an interested participant in the project, and David Litman is a council representative. For more information, please contact him at david.litman@verizon.net.

AURORA HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB**Annual Wreath Sale**

It's time to order your holiday wreath from the Aurora Hills Women's Club! All proceeds from the sale benefits the Arlington Historical Society for the upkeep of the Hume School, and the Animal Welfare League. Wreaths come in two sizes, 12" and 16", and have festive decorations in many colors. They will be delivered to households Dec. 5th. Order at www.ahwc1958.org

22202-NU UPDATE

22202-NU (Neighbors United) is wonderful neighborhood resource that provides free services to those in 22202 to help them stay in their own homes as they age. It began providing services in 2013, and so far has been able to answer 287 requests for errands, chores, transportation, knowledge sharing, social activities and more. They also put out a newsletter with general news of the neighborhood, holiday recipes, informational get-togethers and even a little history. To receive services and/or the newsletter, please contact Diane Litman at litmandc@gmail.com.

CARS2GO ON OUR STREETS!

A few cars2go, tiny blue and white car-sharing vehicles, have been spotted recently parked on neighborhood streets designated exclusively for vehicles with parking permits. It turns out that the County has granted cars2go permission to do so as part of a year-long study of "point-to-point" car sharing, where those who become "members" can pick up one of the parked cars, drive it, and then park and abandon it anywhere else in the county without having to feed meters or worry about residential zones. You can tell the County what you think of this program at <http://transportation.arlingtonva.us/parking/car2go>

CRYSTAL CITY MULTIMODAL CENTER

Wondering what is happening on 18th & Eads Streets when you walk to the Crystal City Metro? It is part of the Multimodal Center project, which will improve vehicle and pedestrian safety and traffic circulation, and expand bus stop capacity around the Metro station. The first phase of the work is the 18th Street reconstruction, to create new bus bays underneath the bridge, and is expected to last till early 2016.

SECRET SANTA PROGRAM

Brighten the holiday season for some of Arlington's most vulnerable residents by donating gift cards from area stores to the County's Secret Santa Program, which helps children in foster care, people with disabilities, low income seniors and families. Last year more than 1,000 needy people received help. You can send gift cards not exceeding \$25 from grocery stores, drug stores, clothing stores and Target, or a check made out to "Arlington County Treasurer" to Secret Santa Program, c/o Kurt Larrick, Dept. of Human Services, 2100 Washington Blvd. 4th Floor, Arlington, VA 22204.

MULTIPLE VEHICLE BREAK-INS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Our police department reports that approximately 30 vehicle break-ins occurred on Army Navy Drive, S. Joyce, S. Nash and S. Eads Street in mid-October. All had windows shattered with force. The police have identified one suspect and are working on information given them by one victim. Call 703-558-2222 to report a break-in.

ADD PIZAZZ TO YOUR XMAS LETTER

Mon. Nov 30, 7pm

Aurora Hills Library

Tired of trying to make the mediocre accomplishments of your family sound superlative in your holiday letter? Attend a "DIY University" workshop at our local library, and have help adding creativity, colorful graphics, pictures and pithy prose (without actually lying). Bring a flashdrive to save your work. Register at 703-228-5715.

PEARL HARBOR DAY REMEMBRANCE WITH WWII VETS

December 7, 1 – 3pm

Aurora Hills Library

Commemorate Pearl Harbor Day with tales of World War II from veterans of the war, and learn to conduct your own history of veterans from a representative of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. Veterans from Fairfax United Methodist Church will present a film about their service during the war. 703-228-5715.

SKATE IN THE SNOW!

Pentagon Row Ice Rink Now Open

The ice rink, at 1201 S. Joyce Street, is the largest outdoor rink in Northern Virginia, and will open through March 15, from 10am – 10pm weekdays and Sunday, and 10am – 11pm Friday and Saturday. And from Dec. 7 – Jan 1 you can skate in lightly falling snow each night at 6:30 & 8:30pm! <http://www.pentagonrowskating.com>

COUNTY RECYCLING NO LONGER ACCEPTING PLASTIC BAGS

You can no longer put your plastic bags in the blue bin! Instead you can either find another use for them (crocheting a coaster, braiding them for a jump rope, stuffing pillows, use instead of bubble wrap...) or take them to the grocery store for recycling. Arlington's Environmental Services says that plastic bags are difficult to recycle because they are flimsy and get stuck in the machines.

HALEY PARK INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

2400 S. Meade Street, 9 – 11am.

1st Saturday of the month, year-round

Do you like working outside? Join community volunteers to protect the local environment from invasive plants. This continuous project reclaims the natural area between Haley Park, Oakridge School and Gunston Middle School. Wear heavy clothing and bring garden gloves and tools if you have them; if not some are

available for loan. Volunteers aged 9 and older are welcome.

NEW WALKABOUT BROCHURE

Jam packed with 25 self-guided neighborhood walking routes (including our own Crystal City one) the 2015 edition of WalkArlington's brochure is now available. The colorful, pocket-sized brochure has been updated to include six new routes developed since 2012. Route maps are also available online at walkarlington.com/walkabouts. For more information contact info@walkarlington.com

ARLINGTON'S COSTUMELAB

The CostumeLab, located at Gunston Middle School and part of Arlington Cultural Affairs, is one of Arlington's original recycling programs. The collection of more than 20,000 costumes and vintage clothing items is used by area performing arts groups and movie and tv productions (lending is limited to qualified groups and not individuals). It's core is primarily 19th and 20th century clothing, donated by Arlington residents, but its staff also creates original pieces, including costumes for Signature Theatre's award winning production of "Passion" which were later lent to the History Channel for its "Lincoln" documentary. Anyone cleaning out an attic or the wardrobe and looking for a home for vintage clothing in good condition should contact costumes@arlingtonva.us

SOUTH ARLINGTON WORKING GROUP (SAWG) REPORT TO SCHOOL BOARD

The final report of the SAWG was submitted to the School Board Nov. 5 with the following recommendations: A new neighborhood elementary school to be built on the Thomas Jefferson site; Students from Patrick Henry Elementary will be moved into the new school when it opens in 2019; The Montessori program currently at Drew Model School will be moved to the Patrick Henry building, leaving 400 seats at Drew available for neighborhood use. The report strongly recommends that planning begin for a second elementary school in the Pentagon City area as soon as possible. Report: www.arcaonline.org

In addition, the **Community Facilities Study committee** will submit its final report on Nov. 10. Arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wpcontent/uploads/sites/5/2015/11/CFS_Final_Report_web.pdf.

ARCA BI-MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**Aurora Hills Community Center, 7pm****3rd Thursday of the month: Jan/May/Jul/Sept/Nov****Nov 20, 21 Magic, Illusion, Escapism and Fakirism:**

Teatro de la Luna presents Juan Estrella in an art that is truly magic, suitable for the whole family. 7:30pm Rosslyn Spectrum. www.teatrodelaluna.org

Nov 21 A Library Star Wars Celebration for All Ages:

Star Wars crafts, games and refreshments, team trivia contests, costume contest. Central Library, 2 – 4pm. 703-228-5946

Nov 21 Children's Opera: The Barber of Seville.

Introduce your children to the wonderful world of opera in Rossini's comedic opera. Thomas Jefferson Theatre. 2pm. www.operanova.org

Nov 25 – Dec 20 Holiday Memories: A lyrical reminiscence of Truman Capote's boyhood in Depression era Alabama. Theatre on the Run. www.wscavantbard.org

Dec 3 – 6 The Nutcracker: BalletNova brings the magic of Tchaikovsky's ballet to Arlington. Thomas Jefferson Theatre. www.balletnova.org

Dec 5 Messiah Sing-Along with the Metropolitan Chorus: Bring a score or rent one when you get there, also bring canned goods for donation to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. 4pm. Free. 1st Presbyterian Church of Arlington, 601 N. Vermont St.

Dec 10 – Jan 17 As You Like It: Synetic Theater's wordless Shakespeare takes on this wild and boisterous comedy. 1800 S. Bell St. www.synetictheater.org

Dec 12 National Chamber Ensemble Holiday Concert. Classical maserpieces and holiday favorites. Rosslyn Spectrum www.nationalchamberensemble.org

Dec 16 – Jan 3 West Side Story: Innovative adaptation of Romeo & Juliet. Signature Theater. www.signature-theatre.org

Deadline Jan 11: Moving Words Poetry Competition: Write a poem of 10 lines or less to be displayed on ART buses between April & Sept. 2016.

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We would love to hear from you!

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WANTED! A SECRETARY FOR ARCA

ARCA's great secretary has moved away, and we need a replacement for her. Duties include taking minutes at monthly Board Meetings (gourmet snacks provided) and at our bi-monthly membership meetings. Help the neighborhood by helping ARCA.

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