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The membership year is
July 1 – June 30.

INFORMATION PACKED SEPTEMBER 21ST MEETING! Aurora Hills Community Center, 735 18th Street, 7 pm

Arlington County Police Department officers will be on hand to inform us about, as well as how to protect ourselves from cyber/financial crimes which are on the rise in Arlington.

VDOT has finally completed its analysis of our neighborhood's exposure to dangerous levels of traffic noise from I-395, and made a determination as to our entitlement for **construction of a sound wall along Army-Navy Drive**. Representatives will share with us their conclusions and how they plan to proceed in the very near future to determine whether, where and when a sound wall may actually be constructed. Residents living in the vicinity of I-395 who are affected by traffic noise are particularly urged to attend in order to learn about their right to participate in, and the timing of a mail-ballot referendum that may ultimately determine whether a protective sound wall actually gets built.

And finally, after a year of studying how to purpose the vast real estate holdings it acquired last year from Vornado, and receiving input from members at our May meeting, **representatives of JBG/Smith will be returning** to share with us their vision and how they have now decided to proceed with the **Redevelopment of Crystal City and Potomac Yard**, creating a huge, new, continuous urban environment to the east of Route 1, extending well into Alexandria to the south. Given our proximity, these plans, and the timing of their execution, should be of considerable interest to members.

BOO HA HA

Oct 14, 3 – 6pm. Aurora Hills Community Center

The 10th annual Boo Ha Ha is a free, inclusive, family-friendly event bringing together residents from our three civic associations – Aurora Highlands, Crystal City and Arlington Ridge. Join us for an afternoon of Halloween fun featuring a hayride, face painting, a local banjo band, moon bounces, pumpkin decorating and more.

COMMUNITY INPUT FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Sat Sept 23: Community Engagement Open House, 10am – 2pm

Kenmore Middle School

The Arlington County School Board wants the community to know which issues will require some input from it during the upcoming school year. Join them at the open house for self guided tours and previews of upcoming planning projects.

This fall: Middle School Boundary adjustments;

Spring 2018: Elementary School boundary adjustments; **This year:** Plan for new seats at Arlington Career Center, Arlington Education Center, FY 2019-28 Capital Improvement Plan. More information at apsva.us

APS OFFICES TO MOVE TO SEQUOIA PLAZA

The Arlington Public Schools administrative offices move from the Education Center to Sequoia Plaza (2100 Washington Blvd) is scheduled for later this year, to be completed by April 2018. The move will make way for the Education Center's new use as a high school, as part of the "hybrid option" with the Career Center, adding 1,300 high school seats.

VOTE! Nov. 7

On the ballot will be the candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, House of Delegates districts 45 & 49, Arlington County Board and School Board. Vote absentee until Nov. 4. Full details at <https://vote.arlingtonva.us/elections/>

ARCA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

ARCA is badly in need of a **membership chair** who will welcome new members, arrange for use of space for meetings, maintain a database of new members' interests, propose topics and speakers for our meetings, and work with a committee for possible neighborhood social events.

We also need some **ARCA newsletter deliverers** for the following routes: **23rd St. from Ridge Rd to Army Navy Dr.** (20 homes); **20th St from Ridge to Army Navy** (22); **Ridge Road from 19th Rd – 395** (22). Please email us at arcaneighbor@gmail.com if you can help.

ROUTE 1 NAME CHANGE IN THE WORKS

The Alexandria City Council has voted to rename Jefferson Davis Highway within its jurisdiction. (The highway was named in the 1920s after lobbying by the Daughters of the Confederacy). Alexandria has appointed an advisory group that includes both Alexandria and Arlington representatives to solicit feedback and consider new names. The Arlington County Board needs state permission to rename its section of the highway, but is not hopeful of an affirmative vote. (Alexandria can do what it wants within its city limits). However, Arlingtonians have been invited to participate in Alexandria's survey, so you can have your say at

alexandriava.gov/JeffersonDavisHighway.

A MORATORIUM FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

Requests to add new residential permit parking zones will be on hold for two years while county staff studies the program's effectiveness. Existing restrictions will remain in effect and households that are already eligible may continue to participate. Staff proposes to gather data, engage in "deliberative dialogues" rather than try to build consensus around an issue that will always leave some upset, before its recommendations come before the Board for approval in May/June 2019. Issues brought up by County Board members about the current program include the differences between neighborhoods near metro stations and ones with single family homes; the legality of allowing any resident to park in any zone if they have an Arlington registration sticker; making parking more difficult in business districts; advantaging some residents on taxpayer funded streets; and when residents in new apartment buildings built with inadequate parking use adjacent streets. When the permit program began in 1973 in the Aurora Hills neighborhood, it was to prevent commuters from outside Arlington parking on local streets and walking to work in Crystal City (before Metro arrived). The Supreme Court upheld the program in 1977 when some of the same current issues were brought up.

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

At the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) hunger and the demand for free groceries has reached an all time high. In the past three years the number of their clients has grown 45%, with over 2,200 families coming each week for fresh and healthy supplemental groceries. The need shows no sign of abating, and AFAC is holding a series of events in September throughout the county to encourage residents to help end hunger, with food drives at Giant Food stores, churches, on ART buses, and even a golf club. See how you can help at www.afac.org/food-drive

LEAF VACUUMING TO BEGIN NOV. 13

Vacuum trucks begin rolling **November 13**, and continue through mid-December. Dates for pickup can be found online. Bag pickup continues year-round (paper bags only). recycling.arlingtonva.us/residential/yard-waste/leaf-collection

E-CARE RECYCLING AT NEW LOCATION

Oct. 14, 8:30am – 1pm. Yorktown High School, 5200 Yorktown Blvd.

Dispose of hazardous household materials, recycle bikes, small metal items, shoes, clothing and more. www.arlingtonva.us, search for "E-CARE".

FOOD SCRAPS DROPOFF

**4300 S. 29th St., Green bins at Earth Products Recycling yard. 7:30am – 3pm
703-228-6570**

Arlington has begun a pilot program allowing residents to drop off their food scraps, to be processed using a composter. The resulting product will be used by Arlington to amend topsoil for landscaping projects in public spaces.

FREE TREES!

The annual free tree distribution takes place every fall with one free tree per residential property. The trees are "whips" ranging from 2 – 4' in 2 gallon containers. First register on-line and then pick it up on Sat. Oct 14 from 8am –

3pm at the Arlington Co. Nursery at 4240 S. Four Mile Run Drive, or on Wed. Oct 18 from 5-8pm at the Quincy Street parking lot, 1021 N. Quincy Street. Register at <https://environment.arlingtonva.us/register-for-your-free-tree/>

TOUR SUNNY & SHADE GARDENS AT BON AIR

Sun. Oct 1, 2 – 4pm

850 N. Lexington Street

Master Gardeners of Northern Va. are holding tours of their sunny and shade demonstration gardens (next door to the amazing rose garden in Bon Air Park), and will give out free seeds and useful advice to all gardeners. Learn which plants will withstand shade, need full sun, and volunteers will attempt to answer all your gardening questions.

FALL SEED COLLECTION

Sat Oct 7, 1 – 3pm

Lubber Run Park, 200 S. Columbus St.

Join Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) in collecting acorns and other tree seeds, which will be sent to the state nurseries to be grown into tree seedlings to eventually be redistributed throughout the state for forest restoration projects. Register at <https://www.arlingtonenvironment.org>

FOUR MILE RUN STREAM RESTORATION

Ribbon Cutting, Sept 23, 1pm

Viewing platform on Arlington side of Four Mile Run, park at 3256 S. Glebe.

Join the County Board, friends and neighbors to celebrate the completion of the Four Mile Run Restoration Project. See the restored stream banks, living shorelines, rebuilt multi-use trail, new viewing platform and public art, with tours after the ribbon cutting.

CRIME REPORT! BURGLAR CLEANS APARTMENT!

Arlington Police report that a Rosslyn resident reported a break-in while he was out of town, to return to find nothing missing, but the apartment had been thoroughly cleaned. The police have no suspects. *(We wonder if they checked with his mother...)*

ARCA BI-MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**Aurora Highlands Community Center, 7pm****3rd Thursday, Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sept/Nov****CALENDAR**

Sept 25 Banned Books Picnic: Bring a blanket, a picnic basket, and listen to passages from banned books read by Arlington librarians. 6 – 8pm. Outside Central Library. 703-228-5990

Oct 3 – Nov 26 An Act of God: God and his archangels inhabit the bodies of a talented cast, and set the record straight about the creation, the end of times, and everything in between. Signature Theatre. Sigtheatre.org

Oct 6 – 21 Pippin: The Tony-award winning musical with lots of memorable songs. The Arlington Players. Thomas Jefferson Theatre. TheArlingtonplayers.org

Oct 7 Columbia Pike Fall Festival: Food, drink, music, street performances, kids events, and an array of wines and beers. 2 – 7pm. Adams St & Columbia Pike. <http://columbia-pike.org>

Oct 14 A Night in the Garden of Spain: The exotic rich musical culture of Spain with music by de Falla and Albeniz, and dance by Bowen McCauley Dance. **New location: Theatre one at Gunston. 7:30pm. Nationalchamberensemble.org**

Oct 14 Turn Your Lens on Arlington Wildlife: For adults: Learn how to photograph wildlife. Long Branch Nature Center. 10am – 2pm. 703-228-6535

Oct 18 – Nov 17 Adventures of Peter Pan: Peter Pan and his Lost Boys battle the sinister Captain Hook with acrobatics that will leave you on the edge of your seat. Age 7+. Synetic Theater. Synetictheater.org (**Oct 29: Pirate's Ball** 2pm, with family activities, meet the cast)

Oct 25 Spooky Secrets Community Bike Ride: A leisurely family-friendly bike ride round Arlington, with costumes, hidden graveyards and the best Halloween decorations. Bikearlington.org

BEEES**Their Importance to Life on Earth**

www.savingourbees.org



One of our beekeeping neighbors has directed us to the website www.savingourbees.org and asked that we encourage neighbors to be aware of the essential role bees play in our food chain, and what we can do to help them. The world bee crisis is a threat to important bee species, and a threat to humans as well. Our vital crops worldwide rely on bee pollination, if we lose the bees, we lose much of our food. Check out the website for accurate and up-to-date resources on all things “BEE”, the bee crisis and how we can help as individuals in our community.

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