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MARCH 15 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**to Feature JBG/Smith and Erik Gutshall, Our Newest
County Board Member**

Aurora Hills Community Center

735 18th St. S., 6:30pm Refreshments, 7pm Meeting

PENPLACE DEVELOPMENT TO GET UNDERWAY SOON

JBG/Smith representatives will be on hand to show us their plans to construct the first two buildings on their newly acquired PenPlace property along 12th Street across from Whole Foods in Pentagon City. As many will recall, Vornado, the prior owner of PenPlace, secured County approval to construct a hotel and 4 huge and very tall office buildings totaling 2.1 million square feet after a contentious fight with ARCA a number of years ago. Purportedly, we are in for a **big surprise** to learn what JBG/Smith has in store for us. Come to our meeting and find out.

ERIK GUTSHALL, who just joined the County Board in January, will also be on hand to share with us his perspective and goals for the County going forward. Erik lives in Lyon Park, has three daughters in Arlington Public Schools, and is a small business owner of Clarendon Home Services. Most recently, Erik served as Chair of the Planning Commission where he supported strong public engagement in the planning process which, in his view, needs to ensure that private development will contribute to residents' quality of life and that any potential negative impacts of development must be mitigated. The meeting will be your opportunity to ask Erik questions not only about County-wide issues, but also issues unique to 22202. Come prepared.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE ARCA BOARD

We are always on the lookout for neighbors willing to volunteer to assist ARCA as members of its Executive Board. Terms are for one year, and members take on tasks such as transportation, development, zoning, neighborhood conservation, County issues, parks, and anything else that impacts us. If you think we live in one of the best neighborhoods in Arlington, maybe you would be willing to spare a few hours a month to help keep it that way! Let us know at arcaneighbor@gmail.com.

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July 1 – June 30.

OAKRIDGE UPDATE**Oakridge Walk Zone Review: Community Feedback Needed**

APS is conducting a full review of the current walk zones around each elementary school in order to identify possible areas for walk zone expansion and to take an inventory of 'walkability needs' on which to work with the County Dept. of Transportation. This could result in both a larger walk zone for Oakridge as well as some infrastructure improvements to make walking to Oakridge more accessible.

Please respond to the APS survey**Links at arcaonline.org**

APS is seeking community feedback in a survey, **due March 19**, and they are specifically looking for feedback about which planning units should be moved into the Oakridge Walk Zone as well as what infrastructure is needed to facilitate walking to school. A planning unit is a segment of our neighborhoods defined by Arlington County to facilitate these boundary changes. Links to a map of our planning units, walk zone, and other Oakridge data can be found at arcaonline, together with a link to the survey.

Who should fill out this survey?

- Families outside the current Oakridge walk zone who are interested in walking.
- Families who are inside the Oakridge walk zone but think we need infrastructure improvements to facilitate walking.

DOG PARK IN 22202

ARCA has been working with Arlington's Department of Parks and Recreation to create a dog park ("Community Canine Area") in 22202 and we have initiated a petitions drive and queried local listserves to demonstrate community support. The response has been extraordinary and ARCA intends to submit a formal application in the coming days. We are hopeful that Aurora Highlands will join us in sponsoring this project. No location has yet

been identified although we will be working with Parks and Recreation to finalize its placement. Initial reaction by the County to space behind the tennis courts at Fort Scott Park has not been favorable, however the County has shown interest in an area next to the ART bus drivers parking lot on 31st St. South. We hope that the final plan will include separate spaces for both larger and smaller dogs.

COUNTRY CLUBS GIVEN HUGE TAX BREAK

A state bill targeted at "helping" country clubs in Arlington would cost the County \$1.5 million in tax revenue. The bill, proposed by Prince William delegate Tim Hugo (R), passed the House of Delegates and would apply only to Arlington and Loudoun Counties. It "reserves to the Commonwealth the power to classify golf courses as land dedicated to open space" for tax purposes, instead of currently as "large acreage parcels", valued at \$12 sq. ft. Should the legislation pass, the assessed value will be 50 cents sq.ft.

FY2019 BUDGET, CIP SURVEYS

Arlington residents can now take a 5 minute survey sharing their thoughts for the County's 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), a blueprint for how officials will shape Arlington from 2019 – 28. The plan focuses on building, maintaining, upgrading or replacing County facilities and infrastructure over the 10 year period, including libraries, parks, community centers, transportation infrastructure, neighborhood conservation funding, new schools and Metro funding. **Survey at <http://www.arlingtonarts.org>**

Also, the County Manager has proposed a \$1.27 billion budget for FY2019 that includes a combination of spending reductions and fee and tax increases to close a \$20.5 million budget gap. (The residential tax rate will remain unchanged this year.) The County wants to know what we think, you can fill in the survey and the County will share your feedback with the County Board as they

review the proposed budget before adopting the final budget on April 21. You can also weigh in at public hearings scheduled for April 3 and 5.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FY19BudgetFeedback>

E-CARE

Mar 31, 8:30am – 2pm

Yorktown High School, 5200 Yorktown Blvd.

Safely dispose of hazardous household materials, recycle bikes, small metal items, shoes, clothing and more; swap your old CFL light bulb for a new LED bulb. Bikes for the World is accepting donations of unwanted bikes, bike parts and accessories, and portable sewing machines. You may also bring in obsolescent computers, electronics, household goods for low income families in Honduras, eyeglasses for El Salvador and durable medical equipment. Call 703-228-6570

BECOME STORMWATERWISE IN 2018

Help keep pollutants out of Arlington streams. The StormwaterWise Landscapes program provides matching grants to property owners to reduce stormwater runoff from their property. Approved projects include pavement removal, pervious driveway and patios, rain gardens and conservation landscaping. Applications by March 30. Information: <https://environment.arlingtonva.us/stormwaterwise>

IMPROVING THE STREET SPACE IN CRYSTAL CITY & PENTAGON CITY

The County has recently been installing a variety of short term street enhancements at multiple locations in Crystal City and Pentagon City. The changes are a test of how vehicles, bikes and pedestrians can better share the street space. They include **new protected and buffered bike lanes** along Army Navy Drive; **intersection improvements on S. Eads St. at 22nd & 23rd Streets**; continuous bike lane with buffered sections on S. Eads St. from Army Navy to Glebe Rd.; and new green pavement

markings to make walking/biking clearer and more visible to users. Other additions are planned for 2018, such as connecting S. Eads St. bike lane to the Four Mile Run Trail and adding green pavement markings throughout the neighborhood.

UNDERGROUND BIKE RACES IN CRYSTAL CITY

Back by popular demand, the Crosshairs Garage Races (formerly known as Wednesday Night Spins) resume on Wednesday on the G4 level of the Crystal City underground garage at 201 12th Street. Amateur and elite cyclists compete weekly for prizes in beginners, women, Feds and Contractors, tandem and cargo bike categories. Spectators are encouraged and are free; participants pay \$15. More information at www.crystalcity.org/item/registration-opens-for-crosshairs-garage-races

SIGN UP EARLY! SUMMER IS NEARLY HERE! SUMMER CAMPS:

Arlington County camps: arlingtonva.us
Arlington Arts Center, Visual arts for children and teens 4 – 18. Daycare available. Arlingtonartscenter.org

Synetic Theater Spring and Summer Camps: Ages 6 – 13. Storytelling, acrobatics, dance, puppetry, pantomime and visual art. <http://synetictheater.org/camps>

Encore Stage theater camps for ages 4 – 18, at various locations. Encorestageva.org

POTOMAC RIVER WATERSHED CLEANUP

Apr 14, 10am – Noon.

Join Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment is joining a multi-state network of supporters working to make the watershed cleaner and raise awareness about the problem of litter in our region. Register at arlingtonenvironment.org

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

Mar 17 Your Child's Development Fair: A resource and information fair for parents and caregivers, covering development, nutrition, early literacy, positive parenting and getting ready for preschool. Kenmore Middle School. Arlingtonresourcefair.com

Mar 21 Julia Rhinehart Powell: An Arlington "Yeomanette" in World War I. Annette Benbow, Arlington Historical Society VP, will share the story of Julia Rhinehart who enlisted as a US Navy Yeoman in WW1. A great way to celebrate the centenary of WW1 and celebrate women's history month as well. Aurora Hills Library. 7pm.

Mar 24 Strings Fever: Brahms and Mendelssohn: National Chamber Ensemble presents an evening of the lush sounds of these two master musicians. Unitarian Universalist Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd. nationalchamberensemble.org

Mar 24 Family Bird Walk: Families age 7 and up can watch for the early spring birds, easier to see with no leaves to hide them. Learn how to use binoculars and field guides, identify and find birds. Loaner binoculars available. Long Branch Nature Center. 703-228-6535.

Mar 26, Apr 23 Open Door Mondays: Come and chat informally with a member of the County Board and share your concerns. 7pm, Aurora Hills Library.

Apr 6 – 15 James and the Giant Peach: Roald Dahl's classic musical presented by Encore Stage. Gunston Theatre One. Encorestageva.org

Apr 13 – 28 Sweeney Todd: The Arlington Players presents Sondheim's classic story of the demon barber of Fleet Street and his mince pies. Thomas Jefferson Theater. Thearlingtonplayers.org



CIVIL WAR WOMEN: NURSES, SOLDIERS & SPIES: Mon. Mar 26, 3 – 4:30pm

To celebrate women's history month, Arlington Central Library will take a look back at the many unsung heroines of the Civil War, fascinating stories of little-known women who played significant roles as early organizers of support for the troops, as nurses, soldiers and even spies and spymasters. Presented by Bonnie Mangan, Vice President of the Society for Women in the Civil War and docent at Arlington House. Arlington Central Library Auditorium.

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