



Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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Sat. June 8
2700 S. Taylor St. 9 - 3



THURSDAY, MAY 16 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Aurora Hills Community Center, 735 18th St. S.,
6:30pm Refreshments, 7pm Meeting
Come early to enjoy light refreshments and meet with neighbors

BIG CHANGES COMING TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

As most of us are aware, one of the big changes coming to the neighborhood now that Amazon on its way is the planned construction of a large number of high-rise apartment buildings. Attorney Nicholas Cumings will be on hand to acquaint us with the most recently announced project that will add four new buildings containing 798 apartments to the Crystal House community on its 17-acre site between 22nd St. S and 18th St. S. and Fern and Eads Streets. Come with your questions for Mr. Cumings on the ramifications of such a large increase to our community.

As we noted in our November newsletter, there are a large number of residential units nearing completion in Pentagon and Crystal Cities, and another just announced that will raze the two TSA office buildings at 601-701 12th St. S. and replace them with four 14 – 26 story residential and office towers. ARCA is urging the County to take into consideration the potential strain on 22202's infrastructure and schools by these explosive new building projects.



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HOLISTIC STUDY TO GO AHEAD

For its part, however, the County has finally granted two of ARCA's requests to overhaul two of its Planning and Development procedures in light of the explosive growth. At its working session with staff this past week, the County Board announced that it would (#1) contract with an **independent consultant to conduct a comprehensive, holistic study** of the capacity of its Pentagon City infrastructure to accommodate (#2) **all of the growth** developers are hoping to add in the coming years, not just one building at a time where its easy "to lose sight of the forest by focusing on just one tree at a time."

INVESTIGATIVE HELP NEEDED -- WHY BONUS DENSITIES?

Arlington County uses bonus density in a variety of land-use and planning ways as incentives for developers to provide "community benefits," an undefined and seemingly elastic term that can mean whatever County staff and developers wish. Who gets bonus density, how much and why? We have heard rumors of spurious reasons...are they true? Trees on the property? Inaccessible parks? Green building? Affordable units? ARCA would like to know more as we are the bulls-eye for much of Arlington's upcoming development. Is there a neighbor-volunteer who could help us research and expose this practice? Email arcaneighbor@gmail.com. No remuneration, only personal gratification.

COUNTY BUDGET PASSES

The County's \$1.4 billion budget passed with an increase in the real estate tax of 2 cents per \$100 assessed value, with the additional revenue going to the schools and the County arts program according to *ArlNow*. Cuts have also been made, with County Board Chair Christian Dorsey saying "I would think of this not as government getting smaller, but...getting smarter", and Board member Erik Gutshall noting that they went over the budget "with a fine tooth comb" to insure a budget "without an ounce of fat". Fees that will change are some Parks and Recreation fees, fees for a lifetime dog license, solid waste and water rates will both increase (water) and decrease (solid waste); and the good news is that the proposed slashing of support for the arts program has been mostly restored.

CRYSTAL CITY BID WANTS TO EXPAND TO PENTAGON CITY, POTOMAC YARD

The Crystal City BID (Business Improvement District) has requested the County Board to approve the expansion of its borders to include Pentagon City and Potomac Yard. The BID is funded by a tax on commercial properties that is set by the Board. The BID is pitching the expanded area as a "downtown" for Arlington

that would help to lure new companies and residents to the area. The new area would include most of Pentagon City and Route 1 (Richmond Hwy) to Four Mile Run.

AIRPLANE NOISE

The County Board in partnership with Montgomery County has approved a contract to hire a consultant to analyze airplane noise, to create a fact-based record to understand the effects of the noise on our residents and to more effectively lobby the federal government and the Metropolitan Airport Authority.

RICHMOND HIGHWAY or RICHMOND BOULEVARD?

Did you know that Jefferson Davis Highway was so named in 1922 as a way to make it clear that people of color would not have equal rights in Virginia despite the Civil War? So another change is long overdue, and the Arlington County Board has passed a resolution asking the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to allow it to rename the highway. In 2012, the Va. General Assembly changed the statute that prohibited the CTB from renaming highways, bridges or interchanges that were named by the General Assembly, thus granting them the authority to go ahead and get rid of Jefferson Davis Highway. The really hard question for them now is whether it will be Richmond Highway or Richmond Boulevard? The Post Office is OK with either.

PUBLIC SPACES MASTER PLAN APPROVED

Arlington's Public Spaces Master Plan has been updated to provide a framework for plans to preserve natural resources and public activities as part of the broader comprehensive plan. Recommendations included adding 30 acres of new public space over the next 10 years; managing public space assets efficiently; supporting casual, impromptu connection with nature; improving the tree canopy; and expanding multi-use trails. More Info. at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/public-spaces-master-plan-psmp-update/>

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PROGRAM STUDY

Arlington County has launched an assessment of its Neighborhood Conservation program that enables neighborhoods to identify needed public improvement projects. For over 50 years it has helped enhance neighborhoods across the county, and ARCA has benefited from several. In recent years, challenges have included cost increases and the lengthy time it takes to get projects completed. A working study group will be appointed this May that will include broad representation of the communities affected. Completion of the study will be coordinated with deliberations for the next 10 year capital Improvement Plan. Information:

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation/>

NO MORE GLASS RECYCLING

Due to the lack of a market for recycled glass, the County now asks residents to put all glass items in their black trash bins. Or better, try not to buy anything that comes in glass (box wine anyone?) There will be some designated drop off locations for glass which will be taken to Fairfax County for an experiment they are conducting to pave roads with pulverized glass. These drop offs are at Quincy Park (N. Quincy & Washington Blvd) and Arlington Trades Center, (2700 S. Taylor St.) and more are in the works.

<https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/arlington-shifting-glass-residential-recycling-carts/>

BIKE TO WORK DAY Friday, May 17, 2019

Keep your car parked, hop on a bike, and celebrate bicycling as a fun, healthy, and sustainable way to get around on Bike to Work Day! Meet up with your neighbors, coworkers, and first timers at one of the 115 regional pit stops to jump start your Friday with some fun.

Bike to Work Day is a FREE event and open to all area commuters whether you're new to riding or ride every day. Arlington hosts a bustling 10 pit stops around the County (morning and afternoon) to make it easy for

you to join the fun no matter which route you ride. <http://www.bikearlington.com/bike-to-work-day/>

SUNNY & SHADE DEMONSTRATION GARDENS OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, June 2, 1 - 3 pm, Bon Air Park, 850 N. Lexington Street, Arlington 22203

Visit two Extension Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens at once for information from experts for your own garden. Whatever the conditions in your yard you will find plant selections, combinations, and ideas from Extension Master Gardeners. Free. Questions? Telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com

NOTABLE TREES IN ARCA NEIGHBORHOOD

Two trees in 22202 have been designated as "Notable Trees" by Arlington's Urban Forestry Division. Size, age, historical or community interest and uniqueness of species are taken into consideration in the annual decisions. Check them out on your next neighborhood walk: our two are a white oak at 1722 Arlington Ridge Road and a willow oak at 1027 S. 22nd Street.

FREE TREES!

Application due June 24

<https://www.ecoactionarlington.org/community-programs/trees/>

Get a free tree, professionally planted, thanks to the Tree Canopy Fund program. Trees available are American holly, Southern Magnolia, Pin Oak, River Birch, Common Hackberry, American Sycamore and Swamp White Oak.

OAKRIDGE SPRING FLING

Sunday, May 19, 2 - 6pm

Bring your whole family for a day of great fun while connecting with our vibrant community. This is Oakridge's biggest community event and an important fundraiser. There will be bouncy houses, great food, lots of games, a cake walk, music, a silent auction, and much more.

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

CALENDAR

May 1 – Jul 31 Twilight Tattoo: an hour long military pageant featuring vocalists from Downrange, US Army Band Voices, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and the US Army Drill team. Ft. Myer Va.
<http://twilight.mdw.army.mil/schedule>

Through May 31 Mister Rogers: Just the Way You Are, a mixed media portrait by Artist Wayne Brezinka, Crystal City Shops at 2100 Crystal Drive. Made possible by PBS and JBG Smith.

Through June 23 Spunk – Three Tales by Zora Neale Hurston: Three tales of the early 20th century African American experience, from the fierce determination of a resilient washerwoman, to the zoot suit struts of 1940s Harlem, to the bittersweet innocence of young married love. Signature Theatre. Sigtheatre.org

Jun 1 Fort Scott walking Tour: Built by the Union Army in 1861, the fort has a commanding view of the Four Mile Run Valley and protected approaches to Washington from the south. Explore the remaining earthworks while discussing how and why the fort was built. 10am 703-228-4775

June 8 Rock-n-Recycle Open House: Go behind the scenes and explore the world of recycling, trash-to-energy; big trucks and machines including the Rock Crusher, Tub Grinder and Food Composter, music, food trucks and more. 9 – 3pm. Trades Center, 2700 S. Taylor St. 703-228-6488

Jun. 26, Fossils of Long Branch Ages 6 to 10. Thanks to the Appalachian Mountains, fossils are everywhere and right here at Glencarlyn Park. We'll learn how fossils are made, then search for them in the creek. 3 – 4pm Information: 703-228-6535. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center. \$5.

MAKE YOUR MARK!

Sat., May 18, 11am – 3pm

Arlington Arts, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Dr.

<https://arts.arlingtonva.us/makeyourmark2019/#>



Immerse yourself in a multicultural coming together of artists and makers ready to ignite your creativity in a participatory event for the whole family. Learn the latest innovations in papercutting, 3-D printing, mask making, pottery, weaving and much more from an amazing group of artists and makers. Fun for your whole family (including those with 4-legs). FREE

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