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THURSDAY, NOV. 21 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

GUESTS: County Board Member **Eric Gutshall** will join us for an update on Arlington issues; and the new president of the Crystal City BID (Business Improvement District, Tracy Gabriel, will fill us in on its plan to become the National Landing BID, which will encompass Pentagon City as well as the new Amazon presence. Also a representative from Arlington Public Schools will discuss the issues involved with the upcoming process to best align boundaries and programs.

PAY YOUR DUES! We are running out of money!

You get a lot for your \$20 annual ARCA membership dues: vigilance on issues of zoning, development, schools, transportation, budgets and neighborhood conservation. For the past two years we have had a massive reduction in dues and donation receipts from our members, a fall of almost 40%. Dues sent in the envelopes in May were also drastically down, so we are urging those of you who feel an active civic association is vital in a thriving neighborhood with many upcoming issues please show your enthusiasm! You can also include a donation with your dues if you are able. Thank you! Paypal online or send donations to P.O. Box 2976, Arlington VA 22202

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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.

RESTAURANT ROW IS “THREATENED BY CRYSTAL HOUSE EXPANSION”

Owners along 23rd Street Restaurant Row are demanding changes to the proposed expansion of the Crystal House complex, which will take over the parking spaces used by the restaurant patrons along 22nd St. The developer, Roseland, plans to build a 7 story apartment building on that lot, with an underground parking garage for residents. The 23rd St. owners say that eliminating the parking will strangle their business, and complain that they were not invited to any of the Site Plan Review committee meetings which are designed to solicit input from major stakeholders prior to development. The plans also show that the alley space behind the restaurants now used for deliveries and trash collection will be replaced by trees and green space. The Crystal City Sector Plan names the restaurant row a “major community asset and should be preserved and protected.”

HOW SHOULD THE COUNTY BE SPENDING OUR MONEY?

County Manager Mark Schwartz is seeking early public input as he develops his proposed budget for the County's 2021 fiscal year. You can help his decision making by going to the County's [engagearlington](https://engagearlington.com) website to share your experience of living or doing business in Arlington; your budget priorities while keeping Arlington diverse and inclusive; and your ideas to help close the gaps and improve outcomes for us all.

<https://engagearlington.76engage.com/content/what-do-you-think-about-arlington>

THE CENSUS

April 1, 2020

One of the most important events of 2020 is the Census, which every 10 years counts everyone living in the country, regardless of immigration status. A fair and accurate count is at the heart of our democracy and is the basis for determining legislative representation, helps plan for needs and services, and is the basis for federal funding. As a result, Arlington receives millions of federal dollars for transportation, public safety, education, health and human services, and more. An invitation to participate will be sent to every address in Mid-March, and you can participate online, by phone or with a form. arlingtonva.us/census.

MAP SHOWS ARLINGTON 100 YEARS AGO

<https://arhistorical.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=b050c1251f384513b6a00eee1950d730>

A new historical map of Arlington allows users to explore what the county looked like 100 years ago. The digital map, made by Arlington resident and historian Charlie Clark for the Arlington Historical Society, depicts a mix of new and old pictures, showing the buildings that were standing in the 1920s. By clicking pinpoints, users can check out businesses and homes that are, or were, located there. Clark assembled photos from the era from his own records and public archives, and was surprised at how many homes from that time are still around today. The map features everything

from multi-family homes in Green Valley to houses with sweeping porches in Westover, Ballston churches and Crystal City brick kilns.

FAA URGED TO RECONSIDER FLIGHT PATH CHANGES: More Noise Near Us!

Without consulting the Reagan National Community Noise Working Group, set up for this purpose, the FAA announced plans to adjust National Airport's flight path to "address Secret Service concerns" of planes coming too close to the White House and Lincoln Memorial. The changes move the planes further westward over Arlington, resulting in "shaking homes and interrupted sleep, more flights early in the morning and late at night." Congressman Don Beyer says the new paths mean more noise for to his constituents, who are frustrated that their concerns are not being heard by the FAA. Beyer joined his Maryland colleagues in urging the FAA to halt implementation of the proposed changes until it can demonstrate a need for these changes as well as considering the concerns of the affected communities by the environmental review process. You can submit your noise complaint at <https://www.flyreagan.com/dca/dca-reagan-national-submit-noise-complaint>

GLASS RECYCLING NEAR YOU

Aurora Hills Community Center, Access at the loading dock on 18th St. S.

We now have a glass-only collection bin at our community center, where you can drop off used glass jars and bottles. The glass is taken to Fairfax County where crushing machinery turns it into sand and gravel used in area paving, construction and landscaping. The holes in the sided of the collection bins are sized to allow bottles and jars while keeping out larger items that could contaminate the loads.

FREE TREES

<https://www.ecoactionarlington.org/community-programs/trees>
Arlington County's Tree Canopy Fund is once again taking applications for free trees to be planted on your property March/April 2020.

Deadline is Dec. 20. Twelve different trees are available, both large and small. Trees increase your property value, lower your air conditioning bill and reduce flooding. Contact neighborhood volunteer Kathy Landis at landis59@gmail.com for help with tree selection and placement.

STORMWATER STORY MAP

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d0bb906589d144e5939281b60160b583>

These are challenging and disruptive times but we can all play a role in pivoting our government and community towards resilience to increasingly frequent and intense storm events. A just-published, visually-rich **Story Map** illustrates how Arlington's peak 20th century development took place amid few standards for stormwater — and the ramifications for today's more frequent, intense rain storms. The system includes 10,000 storm drains, over 330 miles of storm sewers and 33 miles of natural stream challenges.

8 MILLION SQ. FT OF NEW DEVELOPMENT FOR POTOMAC YARD

JBG Smith has submitted early concept designs for the development that will replace Target and the other Potomac Yard stores in Potomac Yard. While the area is known today as a big-box shopping center with surface parking, the majority of the new development will be office and residential spaces in a large grid; ten of the buildings will have retail, with optional retail at the southern end of the site.

<https://www.alxnow.com/2019/11/07/eight-million-square-feet-of-new-development-in-the-works-for-potomac-yard/>

2020 LEGO EXHIBIT : CALL FOR BUILDERS

Submit your creations to the January exhibit at the Library. Open to LEGO builders age 18 and under, and teams that include at least one member under 18. Must be original, fit on a 10" x 10" base. Deadline Dec. 16

<https://library.arlingtonva.us/2019/10/24/2020-lego-exhibit-call-for-entries/>

PENTAGON ROW ICE SKATING RINK OPEN!

Our winter skating rink at Pentagon Row will be open through mid-March 2020, and in addition to skating for everyone, it offers skating lessons and birthday parties and has a stone fireplace to warm up between rounds. Admission is \$10, and \$9 for children and seniors.

DOG PARK UPDATE

Pentagon City Dogs has submitted a proposal to the County asking for a 25,000 sq.ft. dog park within Virginia Highlands Park. Currently 22202 has no dog park, and dogs must be on a leash at all times. The organization has suggested the space between the softball field and 15th St. with "easy access from high-rise and single family homes without any disruption of the quality of life for the neighbors." The volunteers in the group have promised to maintain the space, and say that it could be established at "minimum cost that they would be willing to help fund. Also under consideration is a possible dog park in Eads Park.

MADE IN ARLINGTON POP-UP SHOPS

Thurs 11am – 2pm, Courthouse Plaza Library

This pop-up retail market is dedicated to unique things beautiful, wearable and edible from innovators and artisans in Arlington, like the handmade chocolates of Artisan Confections and pies from Livin' the Pie Life. Support our local artists!

DON'T PARK IN BIKE LANES!

More than 300 instances of vehicles blocking bike lanes were counted in one day in Crystal City and Rosslyn using the new "How's My Driving" app, created by Mark Sussman. A map of the violations shows Crystal Drive and Lynn Street in Rosslyn consistently blocked, says Sussman. Despite some efforts, the county has long struggled to enforce the violations, while activists are pushing for more protected bike lanes. However the police are beefing up enforcement, so you have been warned!

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

Thru Jan 4 Chorus Line: Winner of 9 Tony Awards overflowing with sensational ballet, tap and jazz dance numbers. Signature Theatre. Sigtheatre.org

Nov 20 Romance 101 with author Angelina M. Lopez. Join the romance author to learn how romance deals with heavy topics while also being fun escapism. 7pm. Aurora Hills Library. 703-228-5715

Nov 23, 24 Artful Weekend: Artwork by 35 local artists will show their work at the historic Hendry House, Ft.CF Smith. Arlingtonartistsalliance.org

Nov 30 – Dec 1 The Nutcracker: Ballet Nova's professional production that includes children, and is a great way to introduce ballet for the first time. Kenmore Middle School. 703-778-3008 balletnova.org

Dec 3 – 29 The Snow Queen: Join Gerda, a little girl with gumption, on her quest to save her best friend from the Snow Queen. Synetic Theater. Synetictheater.org

Dec 7 Fort Scott Park Walking Tour: Built by the Union Army, the fort had a commanding view and protected approaches from the south. Meet at the park at 4pm. 703-228-4775

Dec 10 Book Club Discussion "The Hidden Life of Trees". Aurora Hills Library. 7pm. 703-228-5715

Dec 13 Afternoon Tea and a Movie: Little Women. Watch a 1994 version of the classic Little Women starring Winona Ryder, Christian Bale and Susan Sarandon. 1.30pm Aurora Hills Library. Registration required. 703-228-5715

Aurora Hills Womens Club Wreath Sale -- Order Now!



The Aurora Hills Women's Club is made up of neighbors who actively support organizations and projects that help make our community great. This year their annual hand-made wreath sale will support the historic Hume School, and "Jill's House", a non-profit that provides overnight respite care for children with special needs. **Order by November 22:** the wreaths come in 4 different sizes and styles, and will be delivered to you by Dec.7 Order online at ahwc1958.org.

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