



Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 Refreshments, 7pm Meeting

Aurora Hills Community Center, 735 18th St. S.

Come early, enjoy light refreshments and meet with neighbors

The Arlington police will join us for a discussion of the recent uptick in crime in the neighborhood, especially car break-ins and holdups in the Pentagon Mall parking garage, and what we can do to minimize our risk. We will also have an **update on the "Missing Middle"** from a member of the County Board.

A representative from the **Census** will underscore the importance of full participation by everyone on **April 1**.

<https://topics.arlingtonva.us/census-2020/>

And more locally, County staff will update us on neighborhood transportation projects.

NEW ARCA BOARD MEMBERS

The ARCA Executive Board has a one year term, and each year we have a few vacancies. We will be creating a slate for 2020-21 in May, and would like to hear from neighbors who can spare a few hours a week to take on this really important work. It is only with the input of dedicated and knowledgeable people that we can keep 22202 the terrific place it is to live and work. The board monitors County development and the many changes that are coming with the arrival of Amazon, environmental, parks and recreation and fiscal issues and meets every month to share information on these issues. If you would like to join the board please let us know at arcaneighbor.org/

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT UPDATE

Open House: April 16, 6 – 8pm

Gunston Cafeteria

projects.arlingtonva.us/rppreview

The next phase of the public engagement for the ongoing review of the Residential Parking Permit Parking will be an Open House where you can share your thoughts on various policy options for those who participate and those who do not. There will also be a public feedback online form available later in April.

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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.

LIVABILITY WORKSHOPS UNDERWAY

The joint civic association "Livability Framework", a long range plan to guide the development of 22202 in the years to come, has so far held two workshops that have been attended by a sell-out crowd of interested neighbors: Open Space and Housing Affordability. On the schedule will be **The Future of the Underground/Community Facilities on March 28 and Route 1 East-West Connectivity on April 18**. For full information see livability22202.org.

AMAZON UPDATES

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/amazon/>

MISSING MIDDLE STUDY

The Arlington Missing Middle Housing Study comes on the heels of a push in the VA House of Delegates to pass a statute allowing the redevelopment of single family neighborhoods to permit "middle housing," which the statute defines as two-family residential units, including duplexes, townhouses, cottages, and any similar structure.

As the House of Delegates and the County government begin to consider ways to provide more housing options, ARCA will follow these developments to determine how they could impact 22202.

<https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/arlington-county-missing-middle-housing-study/>

NO SCOOTER ZONES

Have you been forced off the sidewalk lately by a speeding scooter? The County will begin posting signs making it clear where e-scooters and e-bikes are not allowed. No-go zones include ones in Crystal City: **S. Eads Street between 12th and 22nd Streets S. and between Fort Scott Drive and S. Glebe Road**. Signage will be installed at these locations. Other stretches are being evaluated for inclusion, "in the interest of public safety and welfare". More information at ridedockless.com.

SCHOOL YEAR TO START AUGUST 31, 2020

The Arlington School Board has approved a new pre-Labor Day start for the next school year. Motions to be lenient to students missing the first week of school or to ensure the first week would be "light on instruction" failed. The August 31 start would not unduly shorten the summer breaks thanks to this year's late Labor Day holiday on Sept 7. Neighboring jurisdictions except for Alexandria have all approved a pre-Labor day start.

ARLINGTON SMART GROWTH JOURNEY

Recently the Library has featured a link to this really interesting historic video, created in 2010, that traces the story of how Arlington's visionary leaders - and residents who passionately loved their community - together transformed an aging suburb into a national model of transit oriented development. Even those of us who were living here during some of this transformation will find it fascinating to go back in time.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFHs1_P4qTU

CENSUS

March 12 – 20: Arlingtonians will receive official Census Bureau mail that includes detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online and by phone.

March 30 – April 1: The Census Bureau will count people who are experiencing homelessness, including people in shelters, at soup kitchens and mobile food vans, on the streets and at outdoor locations.

April 1: Census Day: Tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020, including everyone living in your home.

Got a college student, military personnel, extended family living with you, foreign student...check it out at <https://2020census.gov/en/who-to-count.html>

And some advice from the future, Arlington first graders...

Video from Hoffman Boston first graders

<https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/census-students-count/>

"GOOD NEWS BUDGET"

County Manager Mark Schwartz presented his 2021 FY Budget to the County Board with no tax rate hikes, saying "this is a good budget year". On the plus side, library fines have been eliminated and county staff will get raises. The average homeowner can expect to pay an additional \$376 in property taxes, Schwartz says. Under consideration is adjusting its stormwater tax to charge more for properties with large impervious surfaces.

SHARE YOUR CAPITAL PRIORITIES

As part of this year's budget season, residents are invited to share input on capital priorities: where should they make investments? which types of projects top your list? This input will help guide development of the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) for fiscal years 2021 – 2030, the 10-year plan for building, maintaining, upgrading or replacing facilities, equipment and infrastructure, including water, sewer, stormwater, transportation

infrastructure, libraries, parks, community centers, technology and more.

Share your input **through April 30** at <https://engage.arlingtonva.us/engagement-initiatives/early-input-capital-budget>

ATHLETIC FIELD AVAILABILITY & UTILIZATION

Public Meeting March 23, 7 – 9pm

Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th St. S.

Does your family play soccer, softball, basketball, tennis on County fields? Help Arlington ensure its athletic fields are utilized effectively and efficiently - the County Board has called for an analysis of availability, utilization and allocation to help make field use processes more efficient. Share your thoughts at this public hearing.

CROSSHAIRS GARAGE RACES IN CRYSTAL CITY

March 17, 24, 6 – 9pm

201 12th Street. www.crystalcity.org/do/crosshairs-garage-races

Tuesday evenings through March cyclists descend on the garage at 201 12th Street in Crystal City to compete in an event described as “the best use of a garage that doesn't involve your car”. Amateur, elite and non-traditional cyclists compete for prizes and points, in beginners, women's men and women, relay races and cargo bikes. Minimum age 15.

AIRPLANE NOISE (AGAIN!)

Comment Period thru March 30.

**9-ATO-DCA-HOLTB-SID-Comments@faa.gov,
cc to countyboard@arlingtonva.us**

After changing the routes for planes taking off from National, the FAA is holding a public comment period. Libby Garvey, County Board, said “We strongly encourage all community members who are negatively impacted by this new flight procedure to submit comments. County staff is reviewing all documentation to inform next steps”.

COUNTY BOARD CANDIDATES DISCUSS THE ARTS

**Apr. 6, 6:45pm. Gallery Underground,
2120 Crystal Drive**

The two County Board candidates, Libby Garvey and Chanda Choun, will discuss the arts in Arlington -- numerous studies have shown that a vibrant arts scene is good for the economy, and we know it is good for your well-being. If you believe the arts is an important part of life in Arlington, come and find out more. Sponsored by Embracing Arlington Arts.

FLOOD MITIGATION USING SENSORS

**Flood Resilient Open House, Mar 26, 6 – 8pm
Washington-Liberty High School Little Theater,
1301 N. Stafford St.**

<https://environment.arlingtonva.us/events/stormwater-management-open-house>

A flood sensor pilot program will be put into place in Arlington after last year's devastating flash floods, with sensors at two key intersections that indicate hazardous levels of water. It will also include dozens of residential sensors that could be installed in some of the most vulnerable homes, like smoke detectors, providing early warning to residents. County staff said the sensors could be distributed the way the Fire Department installs smoke alarms. Find out about the sensors and other ongoing stormwater resiliency efforts at the Open House on March 26, and give your feedback.

COMBATING OAK DECLINE

Mar 24, 6:30 – 7:30pm

Central Library Auditorium

Find out how to protect your oak trees from the prevalent oak decline with advice from the Urban Forestry staff.

PLOT AGAINST HUNGER

**Weekly Garden Talks at Central Library
Wednesdays at 7pm.**

<https://afac.org/plot-against-hunger/pah-events/>

ARLINGTON HOME SHOW & GARDEN EXPO

**Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am 4:00 pm, Kenmore
Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road
<http://arlingtonhomeshow.org>**

This year's family-friendly community event includes classes on turf alternatives to the traditional lawn, solar energy, and strategies to prevent basement flooding. Extension Master Gardeners at the “Ask the Master Gardener” table will answer your questions on a variety of topics. Free.

GARDEN SPRING CELEBRATION & PLANT SALE

Sunday, May 3, 10 am 3 pm,

Glencarlyn Library Community Garden,

300 S. Kensington Street,! Join us rain or shine. The sale will include native and locally propagated plants, t-shirts and nature-related items. Extension Master Gardeners will be available to help with plant selection and gardening questions.

Questions? glencarlynlbrarygarden@gmail.com

All proceeds support care and maintenance of the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden. Free.

ARCA BI-MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
Aurora Hills Community Center
3rd Thurs. Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sept/Nov

CALENDAR

Thru Apr 5: Suddenly Last Summer: Tennessee Williams masterpiece includes exotic locales, tortured psyches, lyrical language and vivid characters. Avant Bard. Theatre Two at Gunston. Wscavantbard.org

Mar 21 The Remarkable Four Seasons of Vivaldi: National Chamber Ensemble wows the audience with its creative revival of Vivaldi's work, featuring reading of the sonnets. Gunston Theatre One. Nationalchamberensemble.org

Mar 22 Forest Meditation Walk: Explore the forest through a meditation style walk moving slowly, experiencing the forest through our senses. (Adults). Long Branch Nature Center. 11am – 1pm. 703-228-6535

Mar 23 Open Door Monday with the County Board: A member of the County Board will meet with residents at the Aurora Hills Library from 7 – 9pm.

Mar 24 – Apr 19 Camille Claudel. Turn-of-the-century French sculptor Camille Claudel was a groundbreaking artist but her life was determined by the men around her. Signature Theatre. Sigtheatre.org

Mar 27 – Apr 2 ArtFest Week. Arlington Artists Alliance presents a week of art at Fort C.F. Smith and an art show and sale in the historic Hendry House, with free workshops. Opening reception Mar 27, 6 – 8pm. 2411 N. 24th Street.

Mar 30 Construction Conversation about Met Park: Clark Construction, JBG Smith, Amazon and the BID will answer questions . 6:30 – 8pm. Synetic Theater.

Apr 18 – May 3 Spamalot: A hilarious, “lovingly ripped off” adaptation of Monty Python and the Holy Grail! Arlington Players. Thearlingtonplayers.org



WOMEN'S WORK, THEN AND NOW

Thru Apr 2 Arlington Public Library exhibition commemorates both Arlington County's 100th anniversary and the 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the vote. Included in the exhibition are stories, photos, letters and memorabilia which spotlight individuals and groups of Arlington women who dedicate their work to improve their community and the lives of others. Included are features from the Center for Local History's "Women's Work" project showcasing trailblazers and visionaries such as Margaret Syphax, Gertrude Crocker and Carrie Jackson.
 Central Library.

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