



Arlington Ridge Civic Association

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PAY YOUR DUES

We are working on a new online pay portal, but in the meantime, please send your \$20 annual ARCA membership dues to

ARCA, PO Box 2976, Arlington, VA 22202-0976

The membership year is July 1 – June 30.

SEPTEMBER 2021 ONLINE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, September 16, 7pm

STILL ZOOMING! We hope to be in person for our November meeting. We do have our trusty newsletter deliverers back from hibernation and ready to deliver your paper newsletter again!

Here is the ZOOM registration link for the September 16 meeting.

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Membership scheduled for 7:00PM (Eastern).

<https://bit.ly/ARCAMeeting-09-16-21>

SPEAKERS

BILL BROWNING & COLT GREGORY: "The Deer Guys": Master Naturalist Volunteers presentation of "White-tailed Deer and Forest Health in Northern Virginia." Join us for this fascinating look at our burgeoning wildlife – deer and coyotes in 22202, whoever thought it...

OTHER SPEAKERS

We are awaiting notice from representatives from the Arlington County Fair and Dominion Electric.

JOIN THE ARCA LISTSERV (please)

During the pandemic, we sent out only e-newsletters to our listserv, so those of you who were receiving only the paper news were out of the loop for over a year. It is important that we all know what is going on with the impending super increase in our neighborhood numbers via Amazon, and the activities that will be generated from it. Please consider joining the listserv to be kept up-to-date especially in development issues. We promise we will only send you IMPORTANT INFORMATION! Send an email to arcaneighbor@gmail.com to join

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1eRD6VoTA0>

Just in time for all those children now on our streets! Please be aware that now they are there when they weren't there a few weeks ago, and make sure they are safe.

COUNTY PENTAGON CITY STUDY

The County's blueprint for a future and MUCH taller and more dense Pentagon City is out. You won't believe it until you see it

at: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/pentagon-city-planning-study/>

Tired buildings are to be replaced by new structures with at least 2-3 times the square footage, and most currently vacant surfaces will be covered by new commercial buildings. From its inception, the Study focused entirely on where

new buildings could be located within Pentagon City, thus producing more rental income for commercial property owners and tax revenue for the County. During the 18-month Study, no attempt was made to estimate how many additional residents and 9-to-5 occupants these new buildings would house, all of whom would need a way to move about, both within 22202 as well as beyond, potentially creating congestion. Nor was any thought given to the amenities this new population would require, or new infrastructure that would be needed. Shortly after going public with a draft of its Study this summer, County staff did, at least, finally acknowledge that the existing roadway network in 22202 would not be able to accommodate much additional vehicular volume. However, they said that they hoped to be able to persuade the many thousands of new Pentagon City occupants to rely instead on public transit, walking and biking. Whether in the coming decades they will succeed, and the extent to which the coming 22202 population explosion may or may not compromise the ability of ARCA residents to move about remains to be seen.

THE FUTURE OF RIVER HOUSE

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/1400-s-joyce-st/>

Given its proximity to the Metro station, the County effectively annexed the River House to Pentagon City, at least for purposes of its Study which calls for upzoning the property from its current ceiling of 47, to 150 apartments per acre or roughly 5,000+ units. And to achieve that growth, the Study recommends construction of many new buildings to fill the open space on the property.

While structures immediately adjacent to the single family homes on 16th Street will not exceed 4 stories, or 8 stories if within 150 feet of the property line; beyond that the new buildings on the southern portion of the property can be as tall as the Ashley. However, new structures in the northern portion of the property will be able to exceed the height of the existing buildings. The Study also reroutes Joyce Street onto River House property.

LONG BRIDGE AQUATICS & FITNESS NOW OPEN!

<https://parks.arlingtonva.us/long-bridge-aquatics-and-fitness-center/>

Channel your inner Olympian, or splash and play with the family at Long Bridge Aquatic & Fitness Center! Long Bridge is now open -- check it out for the fine details of programming, and keep us the fittest!

Opening Celebrations on Sept 24, 25.

LIVABILITY – SCHOOLS

Livability22202's Schools Working Group is actively engaging to create more k-12 seats in 22202, and has called on the County to engage with APS to site an elementary school within walking distance of children in 22202. They also are asking for a plan to address capacity issues at Gunston Middle and Wakefield High Schools through construction or partnerships with industry or real estate developers. Contact Kateri Garcia (kateri.w.garcia@gmail.com) to get involved.

SUPPORT OAKRIDGE WITH AMAZON SMILE

Oakridge has asked us to urge our neighbors to support it by signing up for Amazon Smile whether we have students or not. Supporting your local elementary school is easy with Amazon Smile -- make a one time selection of Oakridge Elementary as your charity at smile.amazon.com. AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the school.

NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE

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

Learn how to become a neighborhood advocate and create positive change in your community through Arlington County's free Neighborhood College program. Applications for the fall 2021 session are now open. Class sessions will be virtual from Oct. 7 through Dec. 9. Classes will feature conversations with County Board members, County staff, and local nonprofit leaders, among others. For more information email nmartinez@arlingtonva.us.

MOVE THE FAIR TO LONG BRIDGE PARK?

Weigh in on it at info@arlingtoncountyfair.us

It's getting a bit muddy at Thomas Jefferson Center when the Fair is held there, so the Fair Board, the non-profit that runs it, is looking for some new

scenery for the event. They have suggested Long Bridge Park as a possibility, where the grass is fake. Size? Parking? Community impact? Metro access? Let them know your thoughts.

ARLINGTON GROUP ASSISTING RESETTLING AFGHAN REFUGEES

<https://www.ecdcus.org/>

Arlington based Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) is one of three organizations authorized to resettle refugees from Afghanistan with Special Immigrant Visas, and they are working with them on housing, health screening, schooling and more. Volunteers are welcome, but so are cash donations. Check their website.

TRANSITWAY TO BE EXTENDED

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/crystal-city-potomac-yard-transitway/>

The project will extend the Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway to the north, providing a direct connection to the Pentagon City Metro station. The first segment has been completed, and the next phase will start early 2022. The dedicated roadway will eventually run from Braddock Rd. Metro to Pentagon City Metro.

APS ADDS ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES

<https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/arlington-to-add-first-electric-school-buses-for-a-cleaner-fleet/>

Arlington has received a grant from the state to be spent on three fully electric buses that will replace those with diesel engines. The funding comes from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust, intended to provide the state with \$93 million to mitigate the excess nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions caused by VW's use of illegal emissions testing devices.

PREPARING FOR DISASTERS

<https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/preparing-for-disasters-protecting-everyone-you-love/>

National Preparedness Month (NPM) stresses the importance of preparation, with the theme **"Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."** As our nation continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no better time to get involved. Follow @ReadyArlington on social media and visit their Preparedness Month webpage.

FOOD SCRAPS COLLECTION BEGINS SEPT 6

<https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/food-scraps-collection/>

Put out your food scraps in the green bin beginning September 6. Check the website for full details.

ROCK-N-RECYCLE OPEN HOUSE

<https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/events/rock-n-recycle-solid-waste-bureaus-open-house/>

Sat. Sept 18, 9am – 2pm,

Trades Center, 2700 S. Taylor Street

Go behind the scenes to explore the world of recycling – rock crushers, tub grinders, food composters, and creative fun for the kids with the Art Truck.

CLEANUP OF INVASIVES AT FORT SCOTT PARK

Next scheduled cleanup: Sat. Sept. 25

In addition to our monthly cleanup of invasives at Haley Park on S. Meade St. adjacent to Oakridge, (1st Sat. 9 – 11), we now have a monthly cleanup planned for Fort Scott Park on the 4th Saturday of the month from 9 – 11 am. The usual rules apply: wear appropriate clothing, bring water and gloves, and tools if you have them. If not, they will be provided. Information from Terri McPalmer at terri.mcpalmer@gmail.com

GET A FREE NATIVE TREE

<https://environment.arlingtonva.us/register-for-your-free-tree/>

Beginning September 7, Arlington is giving away 500 young native trees to Arlington residents this fall as part of its mission to expand the urban tree canopy. Potential tree varieties available include black gum, red cedar, dogwood, fringe tree, hornbeam, sweetbay magnolia, red maple, red oak, white oak, redbud, river birch, sassafras and serviceberry.

NATIVE PLANT SALE

<https://parks.arlingtonva.us/native-plant-sale/>

Want to beautify your yard? Then it is time to go Native! We are offering a great selection of plants that are accustomed to local climate and wildlife. Orders must be placed by **Sept. 22**. Pick-up day is **Sat., Oct. 2 from 1-4 p.m.** at Kenmore Middle School. You will be contacted in advance to schedule a pick-up time. For more information, call 703-228-6535.

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

CALENDAR

Beginning Sept 9 A Tribute to the Desegregation of Arlington Lunch Counters. Arlington Arts visiting artist Amos Paul Kennedy has made letter pressed cards to honor the 60th anniversary of the lunch counter sit-ins in 1960.

<https://publicart.arlingtonva.us/temporary-installations/visiting-artist-amos-kennedy/>

Thru Oct 29 Fridays at the Fountain: Live music outdoors 5 – 8, food & drink. NationalLanding.org

Sept 17, 18 East of the Sun and West of the Moon:

The original Norwegian fairy tale. Lubber Run Amphitheater. 7:30, 2pm. Free.
<https://arts.arlingtonva.us/lubber-run/spotlight/>

Sept 18 Festival Argentino: Celebrating tango, folklore, food. Thomas Jefferson. 4 – 10pm
festivalargentino.org

Sept 23 “Written in Arlington”: Readings by Poet Laureate and others of “Portraits in Poetry”. Lubber Run Amphitheater. 7:30pm Free
<https://arts.arlingtonva.us/lubber-run/spotlight/>

Sept 24, 25 Long Bridge Aquatics Open House.
Noon – 5pm
<https://parks.arlingtonva.us/events/long-bridge-aquatics-fitness-center-open-house/>

Sept 24, 25, 26 Together at Last, A Musical Revue: Arlington Players kicks off its season with a musical revue, with musical numbers from every decade of the past century. 7:30pm. Lubber Run. Free Amphitheater. <https://arts.arlingtonva.us/lubber-run/spotlight/>

Sept 25 Community Eco-Shred. Free. Calvary Methodist Church, 23rd & Grant. 11:30 – 1

Oct 1 Jane Franklin Dance: New and recent works, and one inspired by Arlington itself. Lubber Run Amphitheater. 7:30pm. Free
<https://arts.arlingtonva.us/lubber-run/spotlight/>

Oct 9 Spooky Songs & Scary Stories. Colonial era stories. Ball-Sellers House.
ArlingtonHistoricalSociety.org

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AUTUMNFEST COLONIAL GARDENS

Sun. Sept. 26, Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S.3rd S.

A lively celebration of Fall with mini-workshops on gardening; a tour of the historic Ball-Sellers House across the street, and learn about the selection, placement and uses of plants in colonial times. Also learn how to sharpen your tools, and consult with Master Gardeners. Free