



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.

MAY 2022 ONLINE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 7pm

GUESTS

Matt Ginivan, JBG Smith Senior VP of Development, will discuss feedback they received from the community and RiverHouse residents, and update us on the RiverHouse development planning schedule

Matt Mattauszek, Arlington County Master Planner, Crystal City/Pentagon City Planning Coordinator, will discuss the Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) process and the Virginia Highlands Park Master Planning effort.

Google Meet link <https://meet.google.com/bve-imqm-xby>

The ARCA Board will introduce the **2022/23 Executive Board Slate**: it closes at the end of the May meeting after any new nominations from the floor.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON THE FUTURE OF ROUTE #1

Joint Civic Assn. Meeting Planned for June 15

The three 22202 Civic Associations will be sponsoring a joint membership meeting on June 15 to consider various design options for lowering Route 1 to grade at its 15th and 18th Street intersections as the Virginia Dept. of Transportation (VDOT) insists it is now planning to do. Our joint Livability Route 1 Workshop is planning to gather both VDOT's and its own architects' various renderings, illustrations and analyses to share with you, and to solicit your input and ranking. This could be your primary, if not only, chance to have a very important impact on 22202 traffic and biker/pedestrian safety, as well as east/west connectivity within 22202 in the coming years. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Reminders will be sent as we firm up the time.

DUES ENVELOPES

ARCA is still working on an online portal for dues, but in the meantime we are including a self addressed envelope with the May newsletter for you to send in your \$20 membership dues. Our expenses have gone up now we are once again printing the newsletter, so your contribution is for a really good cause – letting the neighborhood know what's up!

Thanks in advance.

**LIVABILITY 22202 Route 1
Multimodal Improvements Study Phase 2
VDOT Unveils Concepts on Pedestrian/Cyclist
Crossing of a lowered Rt.1**

<https://www.arlnow.com/2022/04/29/vdot-unveils-concepts-for-pedestrian-cyclist-crossings-along-a-lowered-route-1/>

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shared the latest concepts of its plan to lower Route 1 at 15th & 18th Street intersections. During this phase, VDOT will begin new studies and update others: a travel demand management plan to lower traffic volume; to study possibly lowering the speed limit to 25mph; the feasibility of a pedestrian/bike crossing over or under Rt. 1; major safety enhancements at the 23rd Street/Rt.1 intersection. Three public information meetings will also be held.

**INITIAL REVIEW: MELWOOD GLUP AMENDMENT
CHANGE LRPC meeting May 12**
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Plans-Studies/General-Land-Use-Plan/Studies/Melwood>

A request was submitted for the property at 750 23rd St. to change its GLUP designation from "Public" to "Low-Medium" Residential with an associated rezoning so they can put a 5 story building on the site to house 104 affordable residential units ranging in size from 1 – 3 bedrooms, 30 of which will be set aside for people with disabilities. Our sister civic association, Aurora Highlands, has come out strongly against the change, and we would like to hear from ARCA members on this issue. We will share an update on the LRPC meeting at our membership meeting, and welcome comments then or via email at arcaneighbor@gmail.com

MISSING MIDDLE PHASE 2
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Housing/Housing-Arlington/Tools/Missing-Middle/Phase-2>

The public engagement for Phase 2 of the Missing Middle Study is now open. "Missing Middle" refers to the range of housing types that fit between single family detached homes and mid-to-high rise apartment buildings, e.g. duplexes, triplexes, townhomes. Phase 2 Community engagement opportunities will include studying design alternatives, economic feasibility, impacts and local considerations and will offer virtual walking tours.

STOP PRESS!

Two "Infill" buildings at 1600 S. Eads Street

Dweck Properties has filed plans with Arlington County for two new infill buildings on the Crystal Towers property at 1600 S. Eads St., a 10 story residential building with 209 units and a one story retail building on the current parking lot.

**SHARE YOUR OPINION ON ARMY NAVY COUNTRY
CLUB TRAIL**

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgzGpFqPVhxPvgxhLfrfbkkDLqZTm>

Arlington County staff has created two possible concepts for the connector trail along the north side of the I-395 overpass, from 13th Rd.S. near Hoffman-Boston School to Memorial Drive, giving a connection between Columbia Pike neighborhoods and the Aurora Highlands and Pentagon City neighborhoods. Share your feedback on the two concepts by **May 22**.

JOHN ROBINSON JR. TOWN SQUARE OPENS
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Public-Art/Public-Art-Collection/Upcoming-Projects/John-Robinson-Jr.-Town-Square>

The brand new town square in Green Valley that opened May 7 will serve as a community gathering place for events and education about the neighborhood's rich heritage. Designed by landscape architect Walter Hood, the space features a public art piece entitled "Freed", an outdoor stage, open space and a plaza. It is named for the dedicated community activist John Robinson Jr. who was born and lived in the Green Valley neighborhood all his life. He died in 2010. Inspired by his work with Martin Luther King Jr., he founded and directed the community center for 40 years, providing help for those in need whatever their race. Dubbed "The Mayor of Green Valley", Robinson received numerous awards, from the Urban League, the NAACP, the Arlington Bar Foundation, and many more.

BIKE TO WORK DAY
Friday, May 20, 2022

Get out your bike and ride with your neighbors on Bike to Work Day on May 20. Working from home or commuting to the office, you can join people all over Arlington to celebrate this free fun, healthy, and sustainable activity. Arlington will have ten pit stops including National Landing at Long Bridge Park in our area.. If you pre-register you can pick up

your free Bike to Work Day t-shirt on the big day. Registration is open now at <https://www.bikearlington.com/bike-to-work-day/>

WALKING SCHOOL BUS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Oakridge Intergenerational walking school bus, which has seniors accompanying elementary students to school has started with the enthusiastic response of kids, but now they need more adult volunteers. The pilot project runs until the end of the school year, June 19. If you are interested in getting a great workout while helping out, For further information call the organizer of this great program: Andrea Walker, 703-725-1387 Check out the 55+ recruitment video at <https://youtu.be/UF2fkpcVvU0> The US BUS segment starts 10:19 minutes in.

LIVABILITY22202: HIGHLANDS URBAN GARDEN

This collaborative project to establish a demonstration urban garden in Virginia Highlands Park is sponsored by the National Landing BID and Arlington's Parks and Recreation, and, with the help of a team of neighborhood volunteers, is creating a small-scale garden demonstrating modern, sustainable agricultural practices such as low-impact design principles, sustainable water management and smart technology to collect agriculture metrics. Get involved at info@arlingtonurbanag.org

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION

Many years ago ARCA applied for new sidewalks on **Kent Street between 21st & 23rd Streets** through the Neighborhood Conservation program. The program has had issues with its funding stream, but we have finally got to the head of the queue and expect to hear more about the implementation plans in the not too distant future. We will also be requesting a stop sign at 20th and Kent Street at the same time.

ARLINGTON'S PARK SYSTEM IN TOP 3 IN

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/About-Arlington/News/Articles/2022/Arlingtons-Park-System-Jumps-into-the-Top-Three-in-U.S>

County Board chair Katie Cristol noted that our parks are a key contributor to our quality of life, with 99% of residents living within a 10 minute walk to a park, the importance of our 150+ parks was acutely felt during Covid. The score by the Trust for Public Lands evaluates amenities, and more recently equity – measuring the distribution of parks between neighborhoods by race and income. They found residents living in neighborhoods of color have access to 36% fewer nearby park than those in white neighborhoods, and residents in lower income neighborhoods have 32% fewer park spaces than those in higher income ones. Check the website for more interesting facts.

TREE CANOPY FUND

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

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, and the second best time is today! We don't need to tell you how important trees are to the environment – please consider planting a free one. The Tree canopy fund makes it easy for you: they will plant a 7'-8' tree of your choice on your property (free). **Deadline June 24.** Check the website guidelines.

PLOT AGAINST HUNGER SPRING GARDEN KICKOFF

Sat. May 21, 10am – 1pm

**Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St.
arlingtonurbanag.org**

Expert panel on gardening in climate change, Arlington heat island study, tool swap, garden advice and summer seed giveaway.

FREE PAPER SHREDDING

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Recycling-and-Trash/Inert-Materials-Paper-Shredding>

4300 29th St. S.

1st Sat. of the month from 8am – 4.30pm

County residents only.

ARCA BI-MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Virtual until further notice

3rd Thurs. Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sept/Nov**CALENDAR**

Open Door Mondays: Every Monday from 7 – 8:30pm you can speak to a member of the County Board on any topic. Bit.ly/arl-board-Mondays

May 21 Festival Argentino: Celebrate Mayan week and Argentine National Day. Kenmore. 3:30pm.

May 21 Marvellous Mozart & Mendelssohn. National Chamber Ensemble. Gunston. Nationalchamberensemble.org

May 21 Halau O’Aulani Hula: Hawaiian culture and dance. Shirlington Library. Free 10am 703-228-6545

May 25-June 18 Suddenly Last Summer. Avant Bard. Gunston. Avantbard.org

May 31 Ruth Asawa & Her Art: Japanese sculptors nature inspired wire creations. Shirlington Library. Lovelace, 703-228-6545

**ALL SUMMER LONG AND
ABSOLUTELY FREE!!**

**LUBBER RUN AMPHITHEATRE
N. 2ND & N. COLUMBUS STREETS
June 10 – August 14
Sats at 8pm, Sun at 11am**



Since 1969 generations of Arlingtonian families have enjoyed the free summer events in the sylvan venue nestled in the woods just 2 blocks from Rt. 50. Come for big bands, blues and classical; cabaret and theater – the best the area arts can offer.

703-228-1850

June 4 – 5 Jane Franklin Dance. Only You. Theatre on the Run. Janefranklin.com

June 9 Bennett v. Garrett: In 1922 Clarendon tried to secede from Arlington, and the resulting court case helped make Arlington what it is today. Arlington Historical Society. Virtual or zoom. Arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org

Through June 12 The Upstairs Department. After a serious illness, a young man wakes up with the power to communicate with the dead. He and his sister test this talent at a spiritualist community with interesting results. Signature Theatre. Sigtheatre.org

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