



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.

JULY 2022 ONLINE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, July 21, 7pm

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

Agenda: First on the agenda is the election of next year's ARCA Executive Board followed by an update on neighborhood activities including Rt. 1. Then we will open the floor to hear about your concerns and suggestions for future meetings.

VOTE FOR SLATE

Executive Board Slate for 2022-23

President: Kateri Garcia

Vice President: Robert Jamison

Vice President: Fred Zimmerman

Vice President: Arthur Fox

Vice President: Richard Rebh (new)

Treasurer: Bob Hyde

Communications: Maggie Gaffen

Secretary: Marlee Baucom

At Large: Patrick Collard, Erik Olson

At Large (new): Christina Wolf, Alyssa Marlow (both new)

Neighborhood Conservation: Lauren Bailey

INTRODUCTION OF PROSPECTIVE New Board Members:

Richard Rebh: Richard has lived in 22202 for 14 years. A small businessperson by profession, a lawyer by degree, and an individual who has been engaged in community matters wherever he has lived (a prior head of a homeowner association; on condo boards for over 20 years). He is married and has a particular interest in seeing the RiverHouse development executed to maximize the benefits for all of 22202 and minimize negative impacts.

Alyssa Marlow: Ms. Marlow is a former small business owner & risk based planner focused largely on domestic critical infrastructure, with multiple planning certifications recognized by the emergency management community. A 10 year resident of 22202 as both renter and condo owner she will offer a unique perspective to ARCA. She holds an M.S. in Resource Strategy (Security & Economics) & is active locally as a disability advocate.

Christina Wolf: Christina Wolf is a Chicago native. She has owned a condo at 1101 S Arlington Ridge Road for 10 years, and is active on committees there. She is a Senior Vice President at M&T Bank specializing in security: Cyber, Physical, and Financial Crimes.

RIVERHOUSE WALKING TOUR**Monday, July 25, 6 – 7pm****Meet at Pentagon Row, 1201 S. Joyce St.**

ARCA invites you on a walking tour of the RiverHouse property with members of the JBG Smith Development team, when you can share your thoughts on future development of the site. The walking tour **rain date** Wed. July 27, 6 – 7pm. **Please Register** at

<https://forms.gle/8yvbiiZ1SCtqbQSx9>

FREE CARDIO WORKOUT ON OFFER!**ARCA needs 3 Newsletter Routes covered**

Three of our trusty deliverers have moved – please let us know if you would like to sign up as a regular for one of the following: 1. 23rd St. from Ridge Rd. to Army Navy Dr. (24 homes); 2. 20th St. from Ridge Rd. to Army Navy, plus Army Navy from 20th St. to 1-395 ramp (36 homes); 3. 26th Rd. loop off Fort Scott (21 homes). No remuneration, but free cardio workout guaranteed, while doing good for the neighborhood! Please let us know if you can help. arcaneighbor@gmail.com.

CONCERNS ABOUT INCREASED CRIME IN 22202

ARCA, the Crystal City and Aurora Highlands Civic Associations have sent a letter to the Arlington Police Department voicing our collective concerns about the alarming and growing incidents of violence and property crime in the area -- carjackings, assaults, purse snatchings, and airbag theft: nearly 3 dozen were stolen from Hondas and Acuras. The associations urged the police to increase their presence in the “hot spots” in Crystal City and to conduct more drive-by patrols of residential streets while working with commercial establishments to discourage criminal activity near them. See the letter on our website at arcaonline.org

ROUTE 1 MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS

VDOT overview of the 2nd public information meeting on Route 1 Multimodal Improvements, held on June 15, can be found on our website at arcaonline.org

MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING POLICY

The draft missing middle housing policy framework calls for allowing multifamily housing from townhouses to eight-plexes, depending on lot size, with current zoning. In Arlington, most residential land is restricted to building single-family homes. Two of Arlington's advisory commissions (Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC) and the Forestry and Natural Resources (FNC)) have questioned aspects of the draft study, and the Arlington Civic Federation has serious reservations about it. The JFAC said “it was not clear from research in other jurisdictions with similar policies that they were able to accomplish the goals of inclusion, affordability and diversity”; and the FNC predicts loss of at least 584 acres of tree canopy as 59% of the present tree canopy is in residential zones R-5 – R-20. Arlingtonians for Our Sustainable Future (ASF) has expressed concern about unsound planning, rapid growth and overdevelopment, while groups like the “Yes in my back yard” of Northern Virginia have expressed support. The Arlington County Missing Middle Housing Study team shared the public feedback they received in phase 2 of the study, presented refined policy framework, and a look ahead at public engagement opportunities for Phase 3 to the July 12 work session.

(http://arlington.granicus.com/viewpublisher.php?view_id=2#work). Phase 3 will include consideration of Zoning Ordinance amendments, other policy recommendations such as General Land Use Plan (GLUP) amendments, and recommendations for areas of future study. An overview of the study www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1NW6mujoDU

HELICOPTER NOISE COMPLAINTS**New Ways to Complain about Helicopter Noise**

The constant helicopter noise is driving us all crazy, especially seeing more of us are trying to work from home. A new feedback outlet is most welcome, provided with the help of Rep. Don Beyer (D.8th), in collaboration with the Helicopter Association International and Eastern Regional Helicopter Council. Irritated residents can now complain online at <https://www.planenoise.com/dcmetro/>, or by voicemail at 877-209-3200.

ARLINGTON COUNTY FAIR**August 17 – 21,****Thomas Jefferson Community Center****3501 2nd St. S.****Arlingtoncountyfair.us**

Don't miss our annual event featuring great food, entertainment and fun -- rides and games, exhibitions, an entertainment stage and a kids court! And everything is free!

A (VERY) WALKABLE COMMUNITY!

Arlington has stepped to the summit in the world of walking, joining an exclusive Platinum group comprised of New York, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. This lofty status comes from the Walk Friendly Platinum Communities which previously set the County's wide ranging efforts to boost walking at gold status. Arlington has 527 miles of sidewalks, more than 50 miles of paved, multi-use trails and 14.5 miles of hiking/natural trails. Every day is a great time to explore the county on foot.

MELWOOD GLUP REVIEW

Last December, Melwood applied to Arlington County for a study to amend the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) for its property at 23rd Street and S. Grant St., which in its earliest days was an elementary school built in 1929. Their preliminary proposal is to replace the current 2 stories with a **five story building**, in which they would continue their current programming and add approximately 104 units of affordable housing with a small number of units for the disabled. The County's first phase of review, Tier 1, did not review a specific development proposal, but the County Planning Commission has now decided that "the subject property is appropriate to consider for a new land use designation". The review will now move to Tier 2 and Melwood will submit its specific development proposal. Our sister civic association, Aurora Highlands, has expressed concerns that the proposed amendment would allow for a building that is too tall and

massive for the surrounding neighborhood, and also has concerns about traffic and its impact on the adjacent children's park. It could also set a precedent for zoning changes on 23rd Street. (A member of the Transportation Commission voting for a Tier 2 review said that "23rd Street is an underdeveloped asset").

ARCA will keep our members informed regarding further developments.

More information:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Plans-Studies/General-Land-Use-Plan/Studies/Melwood>

LONG BRIDGE PROJECT

<https://railroads.dot.gov/environmental-reviews/long-bridge-project/long-bridge-project>

The Long Bridge is a 117 year old bridge that spans the Potomac River between Washington and Arlington. The Long Bridge Project will construct a new, two-track railroad bridge next to the existing Long Bridge to increase capacity. A new bike-pedestrian bridge also will be constructed, connecting Long Bridge Park directly to East and West Potomac Parks.

BIRDING BROTHERS CREATE FIELD GUIDE TO ARLINGTON BIRDS

Arlington high school students Max and Dante Julius want to educate us about our local birds and how to protect them; equipped with binoculars and a camera they have created a field guide of Arlington birds. "We created the guide to identify them, as well as protect them and foster ideas of conservation among our peers", says Dante, a student at W-L. They note one particularly annoying "bird" is the metal one, the "helicopter", whose frequent discordant noise disrupts the serenity of the park and can affect the health of the birds and their ecosystem. The brothers hope their website can serve as a community tool to "keep the chirps thriving in Arlington". Check it out at

<https://sites.google.com/view/chipperbirders/home?authuser=0>

CALENDAR

Thru Sept 4 A Journey Not Soon Forgotten: Artists share their personal experience with migration. Arlington Art Center. Arlingtonartscenter.org

Jul 22 Acoustic Music by Carl Gold: Virginia Highlands Park. 1 – 2:30pm. Free.

July 22 – Aug 26 Movie Nights at Arlington Mill Community Center: Jungle Cruise, Secret Life of Pets, The Princess & the Frog and West Side Story. 8 – 8:30. Free
<https://www.columbia-pike.org/movienights-2022/#arlingtonmill>

Jul 22 Wicked Sycamore: All female trio on guitar, mandolin and cello. Lubber Run Amphitheater. 8pm. Free. 703-228-1850

Jul 29 Belfast: Free movies at Aurora Hills Community Center. 12.30. Free. 703-228-5722

Jul 30 Blue Tapestry: Quebecoise vocalist Lynn Veronneau. Lubber Run Amphitheater. 8pm. Free 703-228-1850

Aug 5, 6, 7 Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Avant Bard, The Arlington Players and Encore Stage join for this fun and energetic musical, a theatrical experience for the whole family. Lubber Run Amphitheater. 8pm. Free 703-228-1850

Aug 11 Jewish Arlington: 1900-1940. Archivist Jessica Kaplan shares her research about Jewish immigrants, merchants, families and community builders. Register for In person or via zoom. Arlington Historical Society. Marymount University Library, or via zoom arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org

Aug 12 National Chamber Ensemble: A musical experience for both first time concertgoers and classical music buffs. Lubber Run Amphitheater. 8pm. Free 703-228-1850

Aug 14 Blue Sky Puppets: Lubber Run Amphitheater, 11am Free

Aug 26 The Power of the Dog: Free movie at Aurora Hills Community Center. 12.30. Free. 703-228-5722

ALL SUMMER LONG AND ABSOLUTELY FREE!!

LUBBER RUN AMPHITHEATRE
N. 2ND & N. COLUMBUS STREETS
June 10 – August 14
Sat 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.

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