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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 2022 ONLINE MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESCHEDULED TO Thurs. SEPT 22 at 7pm

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

**Agenda:** ARCA will post the agenda on arcaonline.org prior to the meeting.

## RIVERHOUSE WALK

**arcaonline.org** Approximately 80 people joined in the RiverHouse walk with JBG Smith on July 25 to share the community's interest in the proposed development plans for the space. The feedback from both JBGSmith and those on the walk can be found on our website at arcaonline.org. Major concerns continue to be building height with a strong preference for low and mid-rise building; retention of the existing tree canopy buffers; interest in a mix of housing types; sufficient parking; design that strengthens neighborhood connections and a mix of heights and transition to low rise neighborhoods. Stay tuned for next steps.

## MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING STUDY

The Missing Middle Housing Study was created to explore how new housing types could address Arlington's shortfall in housing supply. After 2 years of public engagement, it is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> phase. From September to October 2022 the County Board will host 3 information sessions and 11 community conversations. Participants will have the opportunity to share their perspectives with Board members. The sessions are filling up fast and many are already full, but there is a waiting list. **Register** for community conversations or submit questions in advance.

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/County-Board/Missing-Middle-Housing-County-Board-Engagement>

## 10 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/About-Arlington/News/Articles/2022/2023-CIP-Media-Release>

The Arlington County Board unanimously approved a 3.9billion Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that focuses on stormwater management and flood response, climate and environmental programs, parks, transportation and community infrastructure.

**CRIME!**

Home and condo owner on Arlington Ridge Road condos are reporting an uptick in crime on the street and in their parking lots: trespassers; car, catalytic converters and airbags thefts; hijackings and smashed car windows. The police have increased their patrolling of the area which they report has helped. In addition, the rest of the ARCA neighborhood is also experiencing a rash of all kinds of thefts on the streets as well as near metro (bikes). The police have good advice for prevention at <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Police-Department/Crime-Prevention-and-Safety-Programs>

**LOVE ARLINGTON'S NATURAL SURROUNDINGS?  
Help Draft the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan**

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/forestry/arlington-county-forestry-and-natural-resources-plan.pdf>

Help Arlington steward its public lands and natural resources by helping develop the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan. There are loads of ways you can share your ideas about Arlington's trees and natural resources: we've got online options, you could come to an advisory commission meeting, or join us for a virtual learning and sharing meeting on **Thurs., Sept. 29, 7 p.m.**

Share your thoughts through Oct 3 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D8BRG5J>

**NO YELLOW LINE!**

**Major Blue and Yellow Line Construction thru May 2023**

<https://wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Major-Blue-and-Yellow-Line-Construction/>

Starting Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, Metro's Major Blue Line and Yellow Line Construction will rehabilitate the Yellow Line tunnel and bridge between Pentagon and L'Enfant Plaza stations and connect the new Potomac Yard Station to the mainline rail system. During the Potomac Yard prep work, six stations south of Reagan National Airport on the Yellow and Blue lines will be closed from Sept. 10 - Oct. 22, 2022. The Yellow Line tunnel and bridge rehabilitation work will require the Yellow Line tunnel near

L'Enfant Plaza Station and the bridge across the Potomac River to close for approximately eight months. Information at <https://wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Major-Blue-and-Yellow-Line-Construction/Newsletter.cfm>

**TELECONNECT SPACE AT COLUMBIA PIKE LIBRARY**

**Opening Ceremony Sept. 19, 4 – 6:30pm**

There is a new option for Arlington residents and visitors who need an internet connection and privacy for virtual meetings: Arlington Public Library's new Teleconnect Space at Columbia Pike Library. The Teleconnect Space is a single meeting room at the library outfitted with a hardwired computer equipped with web access to Zoom, Skype, and other video conferencing software. The space is reserved for virtual meetings for specific purposes including telehealth appointments, job interviews, social service appointments, health insurance sign up, and college interviews. This new resource is part of the County's digital equity initiative to ensure all Arlington residents have affordable, reliable access to high-speed internet and the technology. The Teleconnect Space may be booked online for two hours each day, up to two times per week. [library.arlingtonva.us/teleconnect-space](https://library.arlingtonva.us/teleconnect-space).

**LIBRARY HOSTING "1619 PROJECT" AUTHOR  
Sept. 20, 7pm Washington Liberty High School Auditorium**

[https://arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/9238420?\\_ga=2.95184860.1168089218.1661786364-235264991.1641421590](https://arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/9238420?_ga=2.95184860.1168089218.1661786364-235264991.1641421590)

Arlington Library is hosting Nikole Hannah-Jones, author of the Pulitzer Prize winning "1619 Project" as part of its "Banned Books Week". The project is an "effort to better explain and contextualize slavery's legacy, as well as Black American's contributions", says librarian Diane Kresh. Banned Books Week is an annual celebration by libraries and bookstores that highlights the value of free and open access to information. The event is first come, first served and will also be live streamed.

**ROCK-N-RECYCLE OPEN HOUSE****Sat. Sept. 17, 9am – 2pm****<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Recycling-and-Trash/Events/Rock-n-Recycle-Open-House>**

A family favorite returns for a third go-round as the Solid Waste Bureau opens its doors at the Trades Center in Shirlington. Explore the world of recycling, trash-to-energy and other key environmental services and see the big work machines up close, sit in the driver's seat and meet the experts who keep Arlington clean and sustainable.

**GREEN MANOR GARDEN CLUB TIMELY TIPS**

The Green Manor Garden Club is not "new", having been around since 1957, but it is new to the ARCA newsletter, and they agreed to give us timely gardening tips for our newsletter. This month, their advice is on perennials, especially peonies. Fall is the ideal time to transplant them; when you do, feed the plant roots with phosphorus (bone meal). At the end of the season, when not transplanting, cut back the foliage and "let them be", they advise. The club was named for the neighborhood where the members lived in 1957, Green Valley Manor Estate, acquired in the late 1700s by the Fraser family, and included Army Navy Country Club, and the grounds around Oakridge and Gunston and the streets that run west to Army Navy Drive. The club sponsors numerous projects to stimulate interest in gardening, assisting in neighborhood beautification and highlighting the importance of protection of our native trees, flowers and birds.

**NATIVE TREE GIVEAWAY**

Arlington needs more trees, and you can help. We are giving away **500 young native trees to Arlington residents this fall**. The trees you plant are part of our mission to expand and enhance Arlington's urban tree canopy. The available trees are generally termed "whips" in the nursery trade and are in two-gallon containers ranging from 2–4 feet in size. **Registration opens Sept. 6.** For more

Information, including tree pick up dates/location, click [here](#).

**ARCA President Kateri Garcia** has been appointed to the School Board's Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs, which assists the School Board in the continuous, systematic review of school facilities and the capital improvement program.

**WALKING SCHOOL BUS****<https://vimeo.com/724986408/9ceb4d9628>**

The Walking School Bus continues to invite additional neighbors to participate in its program to accompany students to and from school. Check out the video to see how important this program is to the students who are participating...making new friends, getting exercise, enjoying the gardens on their way. Contact: Andrea Walker at [tasteless@verizon.net](mailto:tasteless@verizon.net)

**WHERE'S THE BUS APP now available****<https://www.apsva.us/transportation-services/bus-transportation/wheres-the-bus/>**

Arlington Public School buses are equipped with GPS technology that may benefit your household. The **WheresTheBus** parent app lets you know precisely when your student's bus will arrive at your bus stop. This app is free to all APS bus riding households. The system also helps APS Transportation efficiently manage our bus fleet.

**VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS PARK****FREE SEPT. AND OCT EVENTS****follow@aurorahighlands for more information**

Join in the free community led events at Virginia Highlands Park during the fall...on the schedule are Music Saturdays from 6 – 7:30pm; Zumba on Saturday mornings at 10:30am; food trucks on Saturdays (Jaleo, Asian street food, Nepalese dumplings, Hungry Panda and Latino/Mexican. And you can order a pizza from Extreme Pizza Pentagon City to be delivered directly to the park. And finally, a Scavenger Hunt and more on Halloween, beginning at 3pm. Wear your costume!

## CALENDAR

**Sept 12, 19, 26 Virtual Open Door Mondays.** Meet with a member of the County Board and share your concerns. 7 – 9pm.  
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/County-Board/Open-Door-Mondays>

**Sept 16 Acoustic Hour in the Park with Carl Gold.**  
 Relax and enjoy the music: bring a blanket or chair; free lemonade. 703-228-5722

**Sept 17 – Oct 2 Host and Guest:** based on a Georgian epic poem, it tells the ancient story of a family who takes in a lost stranger to discover he is from an enemy clan. Performed around the world, HOST AND GUEST is a timely and relevant tale of war, strife, the beliefs that tear us apart, and the humanity that brings us together. Synetic Theater.  
[Synetictheater.org](http://Synetictheater.org)

**Sept 19 "Parker Addison Philosopher", by Ambrose Bierce.** Short Story Reading and Discussion, Aurora Hills Community Center, 1 – 2:30pm. Free. 703-228-5722

## POTOMAC YARD STATION 70% COMPLETE!

Construction of the Potomac Yard Metro station is 70% complete, see below, and the Alexandria mayor says he hopes it will open this fall. They are working with WMATA to push forward as quickly as possible.



**Sept.20 Wise Gals: The Spies who built the CIA and changed the future of espionage.** Via zoom or in person. Arlington Historical Society. Best selling author Nathalia Holt will talk about four women who were critical in building the CIA: "smart, courageous and groundbreaking officers at the top of their class", instrumental in developing innovative tools for intelligence gathering.  
[Arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://Arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org)

**Oct 1 Bee Day at Ball Sellers House:** Celebrate the honeybee and beekeeping history in Arlington, with the dedication of a historically accurate "bee skep" built by a local boy scout troop. Honey based food and drink will be served, advice on native plants, invasives and kids activities. 300 S. Kensington St. 703-907-9318  
[Arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/events/putting-the-bee-in-ball-sellers](http://Arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/events/putting-the-bee-in-ball-sellers)

**Thru Oct 9 The Color Purple:** An exuberant celebration of community and female empowerment. Signature Theatre. [Sigtheatre.org](http://Sigtheatre.org)

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