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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.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Nov. 17, 7pm; 6.30 snacks and meet the neighbors
Aurora Hills Community Center**

In person and virtual :

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

We are back in person!! Join us at the Aurora Hills Community Center for our November meeting, or you can still log in at home as well. It's been such a long time -- have we aged, has our hair gone gray, will we recognize each other? (we will have name tags.) Come for a snack prior to the meeting, and chat with the neighbors.

GUESTS:

Matt Ginivan, Senior Vice President for Development, JBGSmith will share the new River House plans submitted to the County.
<https://riverhouseneighborhood.com/>

Mary Strawn, Chief Engineer, Arlington Co. Water Pollution Control Bureau and colleagues Andron Sutton and Brian Balchuna will talk about the lifecycle of Arlington water and plans to recover renewal resources from the wastewater.

ARCA BUDGET FOR 2023

We don't need to tell you that the price of goods has gone up lately, and this includes printing our newsletter. Our coffers are not as healthy as we would like, so at our November meeting we will ask for a vote to increase in annual dues from \$20 to \$25. If you think you are getting your money's worth from ARCA, please vote for the increase. We will also vote for the proposed budget for 2023.

RIVER HOUSE PLANS

Website plans: <https://riverhouseneighborhood.com/>

Press release: arcaonline.org

Matt Ginivan of JBGSmith will present the RiverHouse plan that was submitted to the County, and answer questions our members have about the development. Come prepared with yours.

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE CINEMA IS FINALLY HERE!

1660 Crystal Drive

<https://draffhouse.com/dc-metro-area/theater/crystal-city>

We have had several false starts for the advent of this upscale cinema, but now the 9 theater chain with swivel tables, power recliners, a 50 seat bar and "unparalleled food and beverage service" is here! The dine-in service brings your order to your seat by their "ninja-trained wait staff" and there is a kid and vegan menu. The space is aviation-themed (near the airport), with even a horde of snakes attack a plane at the entrance.

MISSING MIDDLE RESPONSES TO OUR SURVEY

Last month, ARCA requested membership atmospherics on the Missing Middle (MM) Study. 76 ARCA members responded to the survey - half (50%) were somewhat familiar with the Study, 38% familiar, and the remaining were not familiar at all. Of the possible benefits listed in the survey, increased housing supply (68.4%), more affordable housing (60.5%), and diverse housing options (60.5%) were most identified. 25% of respondents thought there were no possible benefits. In the free text responses, members frequently cited the desire for fewer “McMansions” and increased environmental benefit of smaller more dense housing. Of the possible detriments listed, increased cars and traffic (63.2%) was at the top of the list, with inadequate public infrastructure (50%) coming closely behind. 31.6% of respondents thought there were no possible detriments. Free text responses identified concerns about the lack of school seats, loss of neighborhood cohesiveness and community, and reduced tree canopy and green space in both single-family and multi-family zoning. On balance, 60.5% of members were in favor, 38.2% opposed, and 1.3% undecided. The factors most cited by those in favor were access to affordable housing, economic sustainability, and the desire to see more diverse housing types like multi-family duplexes and townhouses. Those opposed frequently cited concerns about large multi-family buildings and apartments, decreased property value, and inadequate infrastructure. ARCA will continue to examine the responses, and share the final analysis on our website and with the County. Thank you to members for responding to the survey.

MISSING MIDDLE ARTICLE IN ARLNOW

An excellent article in local news outlet ArlNow discussed the Missing Middle experiences in Minneapolis and Portland.
<https://www.arlnow.com/2022/10/31/portland-and-minneapolis-allow-missing-middle-housing-so-far-new-construction-has-been-modest/>

ROUTE 1 MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENT STUDY

Public Information Meeting

Nov. 14, 6:30pm

https://www.virginia.gov/projects/northernvirginia/route_1_multimodal_improvements_study.asp

VDOT will host a third Public Information Meeting for Phase 2 of the Route 1 Multimodal Improvements Study on Monday, November 14, at 6:30 pm, before our meeting, unfortunately, but you can check out what happened on their website. Send comments through Dec 5. On the agenda will be the evaluation of lowering speed limits to 25 mph, how VDOT plans to lower Route 1 traffic volumes without adversely impacting traffic on our local streets, and if VDOT has identified funding for this expensive project. VDOT staff and consultants will provide updates on their proposals for at-grade intersections at 18th and at 15th, as well as revised and improved designs for the redesign of Route 1. How many travel lanes, how wide will they be, will we have protected bike lanes, sufficiently wide sidewalks, and state of the art urban design for safe intersection infrastructure? Will pedestrians and cyclists crossing Route 1 at 18th be safe with an at-grade crossing? You can review the VDOT project website materials and the Livability 22202 Route 1 Working Group materials (<https://livability22202.org/route-1-working-group/materials>) before the meeting.

ARMY NAVY COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/Army-Navy-Drive-Complete-Street>

The project will provide all road users on this 1.2 mile segment between Pentagon City and Crystal City with safety and access improvements: widened sidewalks, shorter pedestrian crossings, a 2 way curb-protected bike track, and additional dedicated bus lanes. Arlington Board Chair Katie Cristol said it would “help achieve the County’s plans for an 18-hour city in Pentagon and Crystal City with a vibrant range of places to live, play and work, all easily accessible no matter how you get around.” The cycle track will connect to the future Crystal City Bike Network, allowing all

bike riders to access the Mount Vernon trail and future Long Bridge bike and pedestrian bridge.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK: ARLINGTON TRANSIT STRATEGIC PLAN

www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/Arlington-Transit-Strategic-Plan

The Arlington Transit Strategic plan is kicking off the first round of public engagement for this planning process. They want to know more about your goals, objectives for ART and how you use transit today.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

<https://bit.ly/3RN5Raj>

Are you an Arlington senior looking to get more exercise while helping your neighbors with children trying to simplify their morning commute? Make walking to school easier while maximizing the health benefits and reducing congestion around schools. Andrea Walker, our Arlington Ridge pedestrian and aging advocate, was a key player in developing the County's Walking School Bus, including the pilot program for Oak Ridge students.

LIVABILITY

A New Performance Venue

The local arts nonprofit Embracing Arlington Arts (EAA) has a business plan for a future "Arlington Performing Arts Center." It proposes a 14,000 sq.ft black box space seating 150, and would include rehearsal space, dressing rooms and lobby/box office. EAA will raise funds for the theater, and plans to rent it out to other groups. Amazon has already helped fund the business plan, but so far there is no evidence that the space will be in Crystal City. EAA President Janet Kopenhaver says "Our goal is to have a vibrant facility that also serves as a community partner and good neighbor."

LEAF TRUCK begins Nov. 14

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Recycling-and-Trash/Residential/Organics-Waste/Leaf-Collection>

Pick up bags at the library

How you can help...there is a shortage of drivers and helpers for the vacuum leaf collection, and they have urged us to do all we can to make the job easier with the limited staff: please reduce the need by leaving the leaves on your garden as fertilizer (**no** leaf blowers please!); compost the leaves for enriching leaf mold; use biodegradable paper bags, NOT plastic ones.

GREEN MANOR GARDEN CLUB FALL ADVICE

It's time to clean up your garden beds before winter - pull up old annual flowers, rake up leaves and clean up perennial debris. While it may be tempting to leave plant material for the birds and other critters, this needs to be balanced against providing cover for garden pests including slugs and aphids. While fall is NOT the time to prune shrubs and trees, it is a good time to remove weak or damaged branches that could fall off in a snowstorm.

OAKRIDGE SCHOOL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE PILOT

Feedback at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OakridgeSchool>

The Vision Zero transportation safety project – the temporary road closure along 24th Street between S. Ode and S. Nash – wants feedback from neighbors. The closure is timed for arrival and dismissal times. Please send your views by Nov. 20

HOLIDAY WREATH SALE TO BENEFIT HUME SCHOOL

The Arlington Historical Society (AHS) is working with local residents from the Aurora Hills Women's Club for an online holiday wreath sale, which will help with the renovation fund of their 1891 building. Order yours at www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/300152

CALENDAR

Nov 18 Aurora Hills Harvest Fest: Celebrate the fall with friends, live music and refreshments. Bring a donation of non-perishable food for AFAC. Aurora Hills Community Center. 1 – 2:30pm. 703-228-5722

Nov 18 The Bootleggers Guide to the Parks: Join Park Historian John McNair for stories of local bootleggers and government raids during Prohibition, taking a short walk to one of our area's drinking establishments. Adults only. Register at <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Parks-Events/2022/Nature-History-Events/The-Bootlegger%E2%80%99s-Guide-to-the-Parks>

Nov 30 Great Books for Fall and Winter: Discussion with Aurora Hills Librarian Vicky McCaffrey on book and author recommendations. Aurora Hills Community Center. 703-228-5722

Arlington Arts Center Becomes the Museum of Contemporary Art

The Arlington Arts Center has changed its name to the Museum of Contemporary Arts: to increase its visibility and reflect its position as a premiere hub for contemporary art and the most cutting edge art by local, regional and national artists, and the only art museum in Arlington.



Through Dec 18

Lex Marie: Let them be kids: The artist examines the joys of Black childhood, employing images from her personal life. <https://mocaarlington.org/exhibits/2022/lex-marie-let-them-kids-be-kids/>

Dec 1 – 23 Snow Maiden: Dazzling dance, acrobatics and movement give a magical take on this folk tale (Snegurochka), a tale of hope, friendship and the power of dreams. Synetic Theater. 1800 Bell St. synetictheater.org

Dec 2 – 11 A Fairytale Christmas: Mother Goose, the big bad wolf, Cinderella, the 3 little pigs, Old King Cole all help create a new twist on the traditional Dickensian story. Gunston Theatre 2. Encocestageva.org

Dec 8 Trooper Pride: Buffalo Soldier, Patriot and Pawn: An inside perspective on the Buffalo Soldiers following the trail of trooper Pride, with untold stories of the racism, segregation and broken promises of the US government to the Buffalo soldiers, who thought their participation would lead to full citizenship. Arlington Historical Society. 7pm. Zoom or in person. Arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org
Thru Jan 29 Into the Woods: A trove of storybook characters' paths intertwine as they chase their deepest desires through an enchanted forest. Signature Theatre. Sigtheatre.org

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