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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.

Meeting will be Virtual.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION! NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGED!

New Date Wednesday, NOVEMBER 15, (Virtual Only) 7 – 9pm

Video link: <https://meet.google.com/be-imagm-xby>

Or dial (US) +1641-583-6023 PIN: 356 682 123#

ARCA's scheduled November Membership meeting unfortunately falls on the same day as an important River House Long Range Planning Committee meeting that ARCA and other members will be participating in. Please join us on **Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7pm** with Google Meet, link above.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA (Virtual)

ARCA will provide updates on local developments and on the **Livability Reboot** draft priorities, to include the input received at the information session on October 26, a very successful event with over 70 attendees from ARCA, AHCA and Crystal City Civic Associations. We will be asking members to share their thoughts on the updated Livability22202 draft priorities.

Next steps for Livability Reboot: Nov: Civic Association discussions; **Dec:** Priorities updated to CPCC (Crystal and Pentagon Cities Council) in December meeting, and input forwarded to the County.

Representatives from CPCC and Arlington Advisory Council (ArNAC) will provide local updates to the pending Arlington Neighborhood Kent Street sidewalk.

Please join us and bring suggestions for discussion.

The previously scheduled presentation for November, Virginia Tech, and the Arlington Parks and Recreation will join us at our January 2024 meeting.

RIVERHOUSE UPDATE

The RiverHouse development continues to be refined through the County's Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) meetings, the third of which will occur on **Thursday, November 16 at 7pm**. The proposed development currently includes 4 new multifamily residences (apartments and condos), senior housing and townhouses, in addition to open space and "green ribbon" connections. **Those interested can also attend the RiverHouse LRPC hybrid meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7pm** and sign up to provide public comment. <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Site-Plan/RiverHouse>

RECAP: LIVABILITY22202 is a coalition of the 3 civic associations of 22202 – Arlington Ridge, Aurora Highlands, and Crystal City – all of whom face common pressures from rapid commercial and residential development. In 2018 community leaders, activists, and interested citizens met to develop holistic strategies, based on shared themes, to create a better, more livable community.

Livability22202 (cont). In 2019 the coalition published an Action Plan and Framework, which have been used by the County, developers and even VDOT in their plans. In June 2023, County staff asked the Crystal and Pentagon Cities Council (CPCC) for a list of community priorities to help prioritize community benefits provided by developer and major projects in Arlington's Capital Improvement Plan. The CPCC, which comprises property owners, residents, and County staff and commission members – agreed that the 2019 Livability22202 priorities were the best starting point. Livability22202 leaders met to evaluate the current Framework and draft new recommendations incorporating feedback from the civic associations. **The updated priorities have been discussed at the October CPCC meeting, and a community meeting on Oct. 26.** <https://livability22202.org/livability22202-reboot/>

MELWOOD UPDATE

750 23rd Street S. Please take the Community engagement survey by Nov. 15

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

The County conducted a Tier2 General Land Use Plan (GLUP) study to evaluate the change in land use designation for the site that is currently occupied by Melwood Horticultural Training Center, and Nelly Custis Park. A request was submitted for the subject properties located on 23rd St.S. between S. Hayes and S. Grant Streets to change the GLUP designation from "Public" to "Low-Medium" Residential. The applicant wants to construct a primarily residential building of 5 stories for its operations and affordable and disabled housing units. The County and neighbors identified concerns in building height, density, building form and scale, transitions, use mix, and impacts on the adjacent park. Share your thoughts on the proposed height scenarios (45' and 60') and other guiding principles. Do we want multi-story buildings on a primarily residential section of 23rd Street and does this set a precedent for future development? Does the "affordable"

nature of the apartments outweigh its bulk? Let the County know what you think at <https://publicinput.com/j3400#1>

Also: email ARCA with your thoughts.

SNOUTS 'N STOUTS BENEFITS FROM COUNTY'S ENERGY HELP

The County has achieved its energy intensity reduction goal of 23% since 2009, announced at the White House by Arlington County board member, Christian Dorsey. As a goal achiever, Arlington joins other leading organizations driving portfolio-wide efficiency and emissions innovation on commercial property. One of those is the building occupied by **SnoutsNStouts**, at 2709 S. Oakland Street, "The only indoor dog park and bar in Northern Virginia", the County provided help with weatherization, electrification and water efficiency in upgrading the building's shell and HVAC. Check it out at <https://www.snoutsnstouts.com/>. And check out the County's do-it-yourself energy saver recommendations at <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/do-it-yourself-energy-savers-projects>.

STORMWATER UTILITY – A Fairer Way to Bill for Stormwater Services

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Sustainability-and-Environment/Stormwater/Stormwater-Utility-Fee>

A year ago County voters approved a County proposal to increase stormwater-related funding from \$33million to \$331million. Recent events have put the need for action into sharp focus; monsoon rains in July 2019 overwhelmed the County's stormwater infrastructure, causing millions of dollars in damage to individuals and merchants, and the severity and frequency of rainstorms since 2016 has reinforced the need for climate change. Arlington Civic Federation will discuss the issue at its November meeting, with County staff offering the current state of its remediation efforts and how climate generated threats affect all Arlingtonians.

STORMWATER Virtual Q & A Session: Dec. 6, 11:30 – 12:30: Want to know more about Arlington's new Stormwater Utility fee, that is based on the impervious area on a property? The website outlines the possible credits

available through Jan. 15, 2024, that include such actions as tree planting, and installing pervious surfaces, and a fee estimator map.

ARLINGTON RIDGE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS OPEN HOUSE

Tues. Nov 14, 7pm. Carver Community Center, 1415 S. Queen St.

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Transportation/Events/Arlington-View-Arlington-Ridge-Transportation-Projects-Open-House>

Join Transportation staff for an upcoming projects open house highlighting projects affecting the community, and share your input on these projects with managers and staff. On the agenda will be the ANCC trail connector; Army Navy Drive PBL missing link; Columbia Pike and Vision Zero School Slow Zone tactical speed humps.

PERFORMANCE PARKING PILOT UPDATE

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Transportation/Parking/Performance-Parking-Pilot>

4500 sensors have been installed in street parking spaces throughout the County to measure usage patterns in the Rosslyn-Ballston and Rt. 1 corridors. Watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wrOm0VCv3s>, and attend the open house on Wed. Dec. 6 to talk with the project team. Details on the project page.

BUY A WREATH AND SUPPORT THE HUME SCHOOL: Shop Lynch Creek Farm for beautiful wreaths

<https://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/teams/301038>

The fundraiser will earn cash back with every purchase, with the funds used for the preservation and renovation of the Arlington Historical Museum located in the 1891 Hume School on Arlington Ridge Road, the oldest extant school in the County.

FREE TREES!

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

Owners of private property can apply to get a native tree planted on their property through the County's Tree Canopy Fund. Full details on species available can be found on the website. Our horticultural expert and AHC neighbor Natasha Atkins manages the program for Aurora Highlands, and has offered to put in requests for ARCA residents as well. She can be reached at natashaatkins1@gmail.com. Let her know your choices and she will do the rest.

HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/DHS/Public-Assistance/Holiday-Giving-Program-aka-Secret-Santa>

You can make the holiday season a little happier for some of Arlington's most vulnerable residents by taking part in this program. Donate gift cards from area grocery, drug, clothing and other stores. Send a check made out to "Treasurer, Arlington County HGP" to: Holiday Giving Program, c/o Kurt Larrick, Dept. Human Services, 2100 Washington Blvd. 4th Floor, Arlington, VA 22204

TEEN TAKEOVER:: Fall Fest at Gunston!

Sat. Nov 18, 7 – 10pm Gunston

Calling all middle and high school teens! Bring your friends for some Fall fun & activities: sports and games, try out esports, show off your best art project, play board games, and more.

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Programs/Programs-for-Teens/Teen-Night-Events/Teen-Takeover-Gunston>

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS UNITY DAY CHALLENGE

During Bullying Prevention Month, several middle schools challenged one another in a contest in the spirit of unity, and to build a positive climate and culture.

Students wore orange and participated in activities that instill kindness and respect for one another.

Unity Day at Gunston, TJ

<https://vimeo.com/878404892/be574b5b12>

CALENDAR

Thru Jan 7 Ragtime: The triumphant Tony Award winning musical portrait of America at the turn of the 20th century. Signature Theater. Sigtheatre.org

Thru 11/19 Mystery of Shady Acres: Help uncover the mystery at the Shady Acres Hotel. Encore Stage. Thomas Jefferson. Encestage.org

Nov 7 – 19 How Sweet It Is: The men of Soul Cabaret Series. Signature. Groove to the classic soul of "Try a Little Tenderness" and "A Big Change is Going to Come". Sigtheatre.org

Dec 1 – 3 The Lodge: National Landing, Met Park: Join the National Landing BID at the Lodge, a ski-themed holiday festival to ring in the most wonderful time of year, with a dog bone bar and pet caricature artists, seasonal bites and cozy drinks. Nationallanding.org/do/national-landing-lodge

Dec 7 – 10 The Nutcracker: Join BalletNova at this holiday tradition, a professional production and a great way to introduce children to ballet. Kenmore School. Balletnova.org

Dec 8 – Jan 7 The tale of the Fisherman and the golden Fish: Synetic Theater. Synetictheater.org 1800 S. Bell Street.

Dec 9 Arlington Philharmonic: Brass Ensemble Concert. 2 – 3pm. Central Library. Arlingtonphilharmonic.org

Dec 9 – Jan 6 The Snow Maiden: A lonely boy builds a girl from snow, and she comes to life. What will happen when the ice melts?. 1800 Bell St. Synetic Theater. Synetictheater.org

Dec 16 Holiday Cheer: with violinist Dylana Jensen. National Chamber Ensemble. Unitarian church of Arlington. Nationalchamberensemble.org

WINTER ARTFUL WEEKEND

DEC. 8 – 10

Arlington Artists Alliance
Fort CF Smith, 2411 24th St. N.

21st Annual show and sale of the work of 40 local artists: painters, ceramic artists, jewelers, woodworkers, glass artist and much more. Arlingtonartistsalliance.org



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