

History of The Arlington Forest Community



And
The Arlington Forest Citizens Association
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**HISTORY
of the
ARLINGTON FOREST COMMUNITY
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This history is dedicated

to the residents of Arlington Forest

who have participated in the work of

the Arlington Forest Citizens Association.

Introduction to the 75th Anniversary Edition

Happy 75th Anniversary Arlington Forest! This book tells the story of our neighborhood from pre-historic times to mid-2015. It incorporates most of the content created by the editors of the previous three editions to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for documenting Arlington Forest's first 60 years: Fay Rosado, Alice Letzler, and Louise McCue (1969 edition); Elroy Nieweg and Paul Darnell, Jr. (1990 edition); and Elroy and Dorothy Nieweg (2000 edition).

This fourth edition includes new essays on history, geology, architecture, and neighborhood landmarks. It also includes new maps, vintage photographs, and additional first-hand reminiscences by past and current residents. The year-by-year chronology of events has been brought up to date, as have several of the historical essays contained in the previous editions. A bibliography has been added to aid readers who want to dig deeper into our history.

Numerous Foresters contributed content to this edition. Special thanks go to cartographer Larry Bowring who created the maps and to Marsha Lederman and her daughter Genna Schwartz who designed the cover. The front cover features a painting by Marsha Lederman of the Northside house of long-time residents Joe and Claire Cockrell. The back cover features the Arlington Forest 75th anniversary logo designed by Genna Schwartz and a 1956 photograph of the Arlington Forest Shopping Center by Richard Wheeler. Thanks also to Laura Smialowicz who did final formatting and to the staff of the Politics and Prose Bookstore which printed this book.

The first two editions of this book were titled "History of the Arlington Forest Citizens Association." The third edition (like this one) added that it is also the history of the Arlington Forest community. Yet, as is documented throughout this book, it is certainly true that most of the positive changes in the history of the Arlington Forest community have been the result of advocacy by the Arlington Forest Citizens Association -- for example, working with County officials to improve neighborhood amenities in areas such as transportation, street lighting, parks, and recreation.

Therefore, this book is dedicated to those neighbors – a relative handful at any given time – who have taken leadership roles in AFCA. Readers of this book are encouraged to participate in the vital work of their Association by paying dues, reading the *Arlington Forester* newsletter, attending AFCA meetings, serving as an Association officer, and participating in AFCA-sponsored events.

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Arlington Forest History

[Excerpts from Arlington Forest's successful 2005 application for listing on the National Registry of Historic Places. Written by Arlington County's Historic Preservation Program Coordinator Cynthia A. Liccese-Torres.]

Native Americans were the earliest inhabitants of the area today known as Arlington Forest. Artifacts from 8,500 years ago have been found along Four Mile Run, and a village site has been identified at the confluence of Four Mile Run and Long Branch.

During the 18th century, several large colonial land grants shared a common boarder at this same location. George Washington owned a parcel of land south of this point along Four Mile Run, marked one of its corners at the junction of Four Mile Run and Long Branch stream with a large oak tree. A marble pillar is now at that site in Glencarlyn Park and a section of the old oak tree is visible in Glencarlyn Library. [Editor's note: George Washington conducted that survey in 1785 during his short retirement between the end of the Revolutionary War and his return to public life leading to becoming our first president. He owned the land until his death in 1799.]

Most of the land that is now Arlington Forest was owned by John Colville, a British merchant and planter who owned trading ships along the Potomac in the early-1730s. Colville purchased a 1,400-acre Lubber Branch tract on Four Mile Run in 1731.

In 1847, construction began along Four Mile Run for the Washington & Old Dominion (WO&D) Railway, extending from Alexandria to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Water from Four Mile Run was used to fill train boilers. During the Civil War, train engineers frequently complained that their boilers overflowed with soap suds since thousands of Union soldiers washed their clothes in the water supply. During the Battle of Falls Church, a minor skirmish occurred in Lubber Run. [Editor's note: I have not found primary source documentation of such skirmish.]

As of 1878, the area of Lubber Run that now contains Arlington Forest was occupied by only two families, William CIPHER (or Sypher) and Charles Mix. By the advent of the 20th century, most of the land now within Arlington Forest was associated with the locally-prominent Henderson family.

Three houses dating to the 19th century are located in Arlington Forest. At 5512 North Carlin Springs Road is the Mary Carlin House, constructed circa 1800 by William Carlin, the tailor of George Washington. This one-story log home originally was part of his 165-acre tract purchased in 1772. Carling later gave the property to his granddaughters, Mary and Ann Carlin. The one-story Ann Carlin cottage at 117 North Galveston Street dates to around 1850 and was built as a tenant house or servants' quarters. Lastly, the two-story, frame farmhouse at 205 North Galveston Street likely dates from the 1820s to 1840s. During the Civil War, this property was owned by Charles E. Mix, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Prior to the platting of Arlington Forest, this area typified the rural character of Arlington County and contained only fields and woodland. A 1934 aerial photograph reveals that the Arlington Forest area prior to development was wooded, except for the open fields of a farm on North Galveston Street (now in the 200 block) and the historic Henderson estate (formerly at 4811 3rd Street North).

Ironically, the developers of Arlington Forest destroyed much of the wooded scenery during construction, which resulted in a barren appearance not in keeping with the lush surroundings implied by the neighborhood's name. Over time, the remaining trees have matured and new trees have been planted, once again creating a natural canopy reminiscent of the original setting.

Arlington Forest was planned and built by the Meadowbrook Construction Company led by Monroe Warren. Local architect Robert O. Scholtz designed several variations of the same basic floor plan for Colonial Revival homes. The first building permits were issued July 13, 1939 for a portion of the Southside section. By the end of April 1940, Meadowbrook already had sold 130 homes in Arlington Forest. Construction in Southside continued through the summer of 1940.

The homes in Southside were advertised for the price of \$5,990. Buyers needed only a cash down payment of \$590, which included all settlement costs. Loans from the FHA were available at 4 1/2 percent interest for a payback period of either 20 or 25 years. On the 20-year financing plan, monthly payments, including principal, interest, taxes and insurance, totaled \$42.94. Monthly payments on the 25-year plan were \$38.82.

The second phase of development also occurred in 1940 as Meadowbrook crossed Arlington Boulevard into the northern sector of the County east of Lubber Run Park. This Northside section was built on land historically associated with the Henderson family's estate. The first Northside building permits were approved on June 6, 1940. By October 1940, Meadowbrook had sold more than 230 Arlington Forest homes in just ten months. Building permits for Northside, including the Arlington Forest Shopping Center, continued to be issued through December 1941.

The third phase of the subdivision, known as Greenbrier (located west of Lubber Run Park) evolved in nine phases between 1941 and 1946. The first building permits for the Greenbrier section were issued on May 23, 1941. A considerable portion of Greenbrier was approved for construction during and soon after World War II. A final phase of construction occurred in 1948 adjacent to the western edge of Greenbrier.

Several additional small enclaves of homes dating from 1950 to 1968 border the original subdivision are more contemporary styled. In 1950 and 1951, an enclave of one-story brick homes called Forest Park were built on South Edison Street. Brick ramblers were constructed in 1956 on 2nd Street North, just east of Henderson Road. Four brick ramblers on North Carlin Springs Road [Editor's note: Uphill from Mary Carlin House] were constructed in 1958. Another group of seven spit-levels was constructed on the historic Mary Carlin property at 1st Place North in 1967 and 1968.

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Building Arlington Forest

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by Fay Rosado, Alice Letzler, and Louise McCue.]*

Most of the 850 homes in Arlington Forest were built by Meadowbrook, Inc., Monroe Warren, President. The architect for the initial homes was Robert O. Scholz. Ground was broken in 1939 for the first homes on Lee Boulevard (now called Arlington Boulevard) and South Park Drive. Section one included the homes on South Park Drive and South Aberdeen Street.

In 1940 the Meadowbrook Company started building additional homes on the north side of the Boulevard on land most of which had been part of the Henderson estate. In a few years the gently rolling hills of the Arlington Forest area were converted from daisy-covered fields and open woodland to neat rows of brick colonial homes. In those years, Arlington was partly a rural community with much open space, here and there a cluster of houses, and some large estates like the Henderson and adjoining Cathcart tracts. The neighboring garden apartment development, Buckingham, was among the first large-scale housing developments in the County.

Earlier, in 1936, another builder had planned on the same site a subdivision to be known as Parmalee. A succession of problems prevented construction, and two years later the property was bought to be developed by Meadowbrook, Inc. This earlier planned subdivision had been registered at the Court House with a covenant. The rural character of Arlington can be visualized from the following excerpt from that covenant:

No rubbish, debris, garbage, refuse, tall grass, weeds, underbrush, unkept shrubbery, or other unsightly, obnoxious, or unsanitary condition, and no offensive practice or activity such as may tend to endanger the health or reasonably disturb, or interfere with, embarrass, annoy, or inconvenience other residents of said subdivision, whether owners or tenants, or disturb their quiet and peaceful enjoyment and occupancy of their homes and property, shall be carried on, maintained or allowed to exist within said subdivision; and this covenant shall strictly prohibit such nuisances as stables, pig pens, temporary sheds and buildings, high fences and billboards, excepting as hitherto provided, fuel tanks above ground, saloons, taverns, night clubs, or other places of commercial amusement or entertainment, or any other similar structures or devices; and no chickens, hogs, cows, horses, goats or other livestock, or animals, excepting only house pets, shall be allowed to be installed, exist, occupy, remain, or be maintained or harbored within said subdivision.

Additional homes were built in the Greenbrier section (north of Arlington Boulevard and west of Lubber Run) in 1941. The shopping center was constructed in 1941. The first business

opened was the Forest Delicatessen, Jack and Pauline Cohen, Proprietors.

Other homes added in 1949 to the Arlington Forest community were a group built by M.T. Broyhill adjoining the Greenbrier section known as "The Broyhill Addition" and a semicircle of homes on South Edison Street; in March 1959, the Association accepted into membership the residents of a small group of newly constructed homes on 2nd Street North between North Pershing Drive and Henderson Road; and in 1968 several homes were built on 1st Street North near Carlyn Springs Road.



May 1942. Construction in the Greenbrier Section. Photo by Farm Security Administration photographer John Collier, Jr. Courtesy Library of Congress.



May 1942. Looking north on the 100 block of N. Greenbrier Street. Photo by John Collier, Jr. Courtesy Library of Congress.



May 1942. Looking north on N. Greenbrier Street from the intersection with N. 2nd Street. Photo by John Collier, Jr. Courtesy Library of Congress



May 2015. Same view as photo to the left.

The Arlington Forest Citizens Association

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In 1940, soon after the first Arlington Forest houses were occupied, a committee of residents met to consider the formation of a citizens association. The chief organizer of the Association, and its provisional president, was William C. Tucker. Mrs. Frank S. [Rosemary] Bruffey served as temporary secretary during the organizational meetings. Elton Layton shared with D.C. Scott Daniel and Sylvester W. (Bob) Keese the task of writing the Association's constitution and by-laws.

The first permanent officers of the new Arlington Forest Citizens Association were elected in January 1941 at a meeting at the Woman's Club of Ashton Heights. Chosen president was D.C. Scott Daniel; other officers were Daniel R. Dundon, Vice-President, Mrs. Bruffey, Secretary, and Thomas S. Shull, Treasurer. The same slate was re-elected the following year.

Subsequent meetings were held at the Lyon Park Community Center, in the basement of the St. Thomas More Church, in the small social hall of the Arlington Forest Methodist Church and later in the multipurpose room of the Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School. In the fall of 1967, meetings were moved to the Lubber Run Recreation Center.

Programs of the monthly meetings have sought to meet diverse interests of the membership. In the fall, the Association usually has held a Joint Candidates Meeting with other civic and PTA groups, at which local and State political nominees have discussed campaign issues. At many meetings, County officials and other leaders have spoken on community topics. Residents of Arlington Forest have given talks on their interesting occupations, hobbies, or experiences. The discussion of beautification for Arlington Forest homes and lawns has been a popular program. Occasionally the work of one of the Association's other committees has been presented. Home Demonstration Clubs, 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts, and music, drama and ballet groups have presented programs. Movies and documentary films have been shown. It has been a tradition to serve refreshments at the meetings.

The Arlington Forest Citizens Association is a member of the Arlington County Civic Federation. In this way the Association keeps informed about and participates in County affairs.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony was started as early as 1941. There is a record in 1945 of the children's Christmas Party at the Buckingham Theater and the Family Picnic in Lubber Run Park, and in 1946 the Annual Dinner. In the fall of 1967 the Executive Committee reluctantly decided to discontinue the children's Christmas Party and the summer Family Picnic, for in recent years there has been less and less attendance at these events. The Tree Lighting Ceremony, with caroling and Santa Claus for the children, and the Annual Dinner continue to be well attended. The Association continues strong and vital with a family membership of approximately 600.

Mrs. Daniel, wife of the first president, in reminiscing about the early years of the Association, wrote: "It was formed as a means of getting to know our neighbors and to influence the County School Board to make improvements in our school, Barcroft ... also to speak as a group for the betterment of all the County. At that time Arlington only had 35,000 people and only W-L High School and no elected School Board."

2015 Update

In recent decades, AFCA's elected officers and other volunteers have continued working to enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood. Current annual examples include the holiday party, the spring cleanup, the community yard sale, the tree planting grant program, and modest donations to the PTAs of our neighborhood schools. The popular Home and Garden Tour is held every three or four years. The *Arlington Forester* newsletter is delivered to the doorsteps of all 851 households eight times a year. The AFCA e-mail listserv sends out "breaking news" updates as appropriate and the AFCA website at www.arlingtonforestva.org provides 24/7 access to recent back issues of the newsletter and other information of neighborhood interest.

While paid membership has recently averaged around 350 households (down substantially from past decades) and some monthly AFCA meetings have been sparsely attended, the Arlington Forest community has come out in force in recent years when vital issues have arisen. Examples include the efforts to save the Lubber Run Amphitheater (2009-2011) and the Lubber Run Community Center (2011-ongoing).

In recent decades, AFCA secured County support for improvements such as the N. 2nd Street traffic circles (1995), the Southside buffers along Arlington Blvd. (1998), invasive plant removal in Lubber Run Park (2006-2010), the new playground at the foot of South Park Drive (2013-2014), and the neighborhood-wide sidewalk repair project (2014-2015). AFCA's advocacy prompted Dominion Virginia Power to take steps to improve electrical reliability in our neighborhood (2011-2014).



ARLINGTON FOREST CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

HONOR ROLL OF PRESIDENTS

1940	William C. Tucker	1970	Walter L. Frankland
1941-42	D.C. Scott Daniel	1971	B. J. Brink
1943	Silvester W. (Bob) Keesee	1971-72	W. Gregor Macfarlan
1944	Carl Behrens	1972-73	Joseph A. Keyes
1945	Elton Layton	1973-74	Bernard G. Loveless
1946	G. Arthur Fuller	1974-75	Daniel C. Flynn
1946-47	Fred B. Anderson	1975-76	Joseph C. Cockrell
1947-48	Carl Lans	1976-77	Stuart C. Steele
1948-49	Catherine Seeger	1977-78	Elizabeth Roslewicz
1949-50	W. Clark Iseminger	1978-79	Andrea Walker
1950-51	Clarence E. Larson	1979-80	Michael Hathaway
1951-52	Thomas W. McQueen, Jr.	1980-81	Peter Butler
1952-53	George L. Marshall	1981-83	John J. Rowsey
1953-54	Herbert S. Murphy	1983-84	Susan Fouts
1954-55	(No elected officers)	1984-85	David Mog
1955-56	James T. Redd	1985-86	John Rowsey
1956-57	Samuel E. Entriken	1986-88	Timothy F. O'Leary, Jr.
1957-58	Eugene S. Walker	1988-90	Elaine G. Squeri
1958-59	Harry D. Merold	1990	Jim Sims
1959-60	Oliver H. Bassuener	1990-93	Elizabeth Ballard
1960-61	Eleanor Sullivan	1993-94	Linda Kocher
1961-62	S. Thomas Staff	1994-95	(Vacant)
1962-63	Sterling P. Ingram, Jr.	1995-97	Howard Morland
1963-64	Ernest L. Lyons	1997-98	Steve Durkee
1964-65	Charles S. Cox	1998-2004	Howard Morland
1965-66	John J. Rowsey	2004-05	Don Beale
1966	Edward J. Peters, Jr.	2005-14	Julie Kirchhoff
1966-69	John A. Rosado	2014-	Allison Kennett
1969-70	A. C. Thompson		



The Arlington Forester

*[Written for the 1968/69 edition of this book by
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The Arlington Forest Citizens Association has the distinction of having published an outstanding news bulletin for a longer period than any other civic association in Arlington County. *The Arlington Forester* is an attractive five-page bulletin, 8 1/2 x 11, commercially printed on glossy paper. Its editor is appointed from the membership by the Executive Committee and receives a nominal fee for his services. Advertisements from the merchants in the Arlington Forest Shopping Center or nearby help to defray the cost of preparing and distributing the publication to more than 850 homes in the community. The remainder is budgeted as a proper expenditure of dues monies.

At the outset when the Association was organized, the officers spread the news of meetings by telephone or by a typed notice distributed by neighborhood boys. During 1942 and 1943 Joseph Stonesifer headed a committee that mailed to each resident a printed, oversized postal card with information about meetings. Because this proved too expensive, the committee decided to sell one-inch ads to six or seven merchants in the shopping center. The following year it was decided to get out a mimeographed sheet, in order to give more details about the activities of the Association's committees, messages from the president, and meeting announcements. This sheet was prepared by Samuel Entriiken from 1944 to 1946.

In 1947 a committee composed of Carl Lans, Fred Anderson, and Sam Entriiken formalized the bulletin into a four-page issue with variegated type, and they gave it its present title, *The Arlington Forester*. Under Sam Entriiken's editorship, *The Arlington Forester* presented vital issues of local interest in its pages, as there were many things of common concern to be discussed at that time; for example, a need for better schools, roads, streets and traffic lights, and bus transportation. The community was kept fully informed through its little paper.

The next year brought more changes in format. Mrs. Elise Gardner, who had been Associate

Editor under Sam Entriiken, succeeded him as Editor, with Thomas Cullen as her Associate Editor. Tom Cullen had a cut made of the stores and trees in the shopping center as background for the title, resulting in a distinctive masthead for all ensuing issues. This cut with minor changes is still being used. The bulletin was formalized further by changing from a two-column to a three-column page and by having ads as well as news items set in type. From then on it was a completely professionally printed little paper. [Editor's note: The oldest newsletter preserved in the Arlington County Library's local history collection is the January 1948 issue Volume 9, #1.]

Robert W. Howard assumed the editorship in 1949, with Thomas Cullen as Associate Editor. After the sudden death of Tom Cullen that fall his widow, Mrs. Meniffee Cullen, served in his stead and worked with Bob Howard until May 1952. Sam Entriiken acted as Editor for the next two months while new editors were sought to fill the vacancies. For a year there was a hiatus when no one could be found to assume the task. In July 1953 Bob Howard agreed to serve again and did so until April 1954, when the Association became inactive. That year no officers were nominated and no meetings were held. The Association was revived in the fall of 1955, and in 1956 Bob Howard was again urged to take the editorship of *The Arlington Forester*, which he held until July 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Letzler took over as Editors for the next five years, contributing well written, very interesting articles under attention-getting headlines. As was true of their predecessors, the Letzlers wrote most of the copy, but they also often solicited material from other residents. Mrs. Carl Gibboney regularly contributed fine articles on gardening for a column called, "Gardening in the Forest."

In 1963 Bob Howard again became Editor, and he has continued in that capacity to date. He transfers his deep interest in people and what they do to homespun articles for each issue. He has often said that anything newsworthy in the world eventually turns up in the story of a neighbor in Arlington Forest who has had some connection with that event.

2015 Update

Bob Howard remained editor until 1970 after holding the position on and off for 21 years. Richard and Louise McCue edited it for the next five years followed by a series of shorter-term editors. Door-to-door delivery by neighborhood youths began in 1977, replacing mail delivery. Frank Cary took over as editor from 1983 to 1988. Chris and Karen Scheer became editors in 1988 and held the position for an unprecedented 22 continuous years. During that period, the newsletter grew to 20 pages.

In fall 2010, John Naland became editor with Laura Smialowicz doing the layout. The newsletter currently averages 16 pages and is delivered eight times a year by a team of 12 neighborhood youths who are paid 15 cents per copy to place the newsletter on the doorsteps of the 851 households in Arlington Forest plus the Culpepper Gardens Senior Center. It is also posted on

AFCA's website at www.arlingtonforestva.org. Advertiser revenue covers most of the nearly \$1,000 per issue cost of printing and distribution. Several advertisers have a half-century relationship with the newsletter.

The distinctive *Arlington Forester* masthead, showing the stores and trees in the Arlington Forest shopping center, was designed by Forester Tom Cullen (Southside) and first appeared on the September 1948 issue. That design with only minor changes is still being used today.

The *Arlington Forester* plays a critical role in linking the three geographically-separated sections of our community. Through the newsletter, residents learn about neighborhood issues and are drawn together for communitywide events.

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The Architecture of Arlington Forest

[Excerpts from Arlington Forest's successful 2005 application for listing on the National Registry of Historic Places. Written by Arlington County's Historic Preservation Program Coordinator Cynthia A. Liccese-Torres.]

In its 1936 bulletin entitled *Principles of Planning Small Houses*, the Federal Housing Administration presented five sample house designs with gabled roofs to be used in new planned subdivisions or as infill in existing neighborhoods. In 1940, the FHA revised its *Principles of Planning Small Houses*, shifting the focus to creating a flexible system of interior and exterior space based not just on livability, but also on variability and expandability. The symmetrical, square-shaped house plans of Arlington Forest are derived from three of the 1936 FHA designs, yet also illustrate the standardization and variation of construction and materials advocated in the 1940 publication.

There are four different roof types used in the community. The side gable form is the predominant roof type, found in 85 percent of the houses. Of the other three roof types, there are 64 hipped models, 45 gambrel models, and only 10 pyramidal models. There is no discernable pattern to how [builder] Meadowbrook and [architect Robert O.] Scholz selected particular house types or color palettes per block.

Neighborhood amenities, which were installed and paid for by Meadowbrook, included sewers, water, electricity, gas, and paved streets with concrete curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. Shortages in building materials due to the onset of World War II resulted in modifications to houses being built in the central part of the Greenbrier section. These homes had a slightly smaller floor plan of 1,050 square feet versus the standard house size of 1,144 square feet.

For the purposes of this National Register nomination, the house types within Arlington

Forest were classified into ten different categories according to front entrance location, roof shape, and building materials. House Types 1 through 6 represent Meadowbrook's homes in the original sections of Arlington Forest. House Type 7 refers to those homes within Broyhill's Addition. House Types 8, 9, and 10 are additional variations used in only a few homes scattered throughout the original subdivision.

- Type 1: Front entrance, side gable roof, all brick construction [211 houses]
- Type 2: Side entrance, side gable roof, all brick construction [407 houses]
- Type 3: Front entrance, hipped roof, brick first floor with wood sided second floor [21 houses]
- Type 4: Side entrance, hipped roof, brick first floor with wood sided second floor [49 houses]
- Type 5: Front entrance, gambrel roof, brick first floor with wood sided second floor [8 houses]
- Type 6: Side entrance, gambrel roof, brick first floor with wood sided second floor [37 houses]
- Type 7: Central front entrance, side gambrel roof, all brick construction [59 houses]
- Type 8: Front or side entrance, pyramidal roof, all brick construction [9 houses]
- Type 9: Front or side entrance, side gable roof, brick first floor with wood sided second floor [10 houses]
- Type 10: Side entrance, hipped roof, all brick construction. [1 house]

[Editor's note: I added the house counts shown in brackets. The count excludes three houses built before 1939 and 39 houses built after 1948.]

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Neighborhood Landmarks

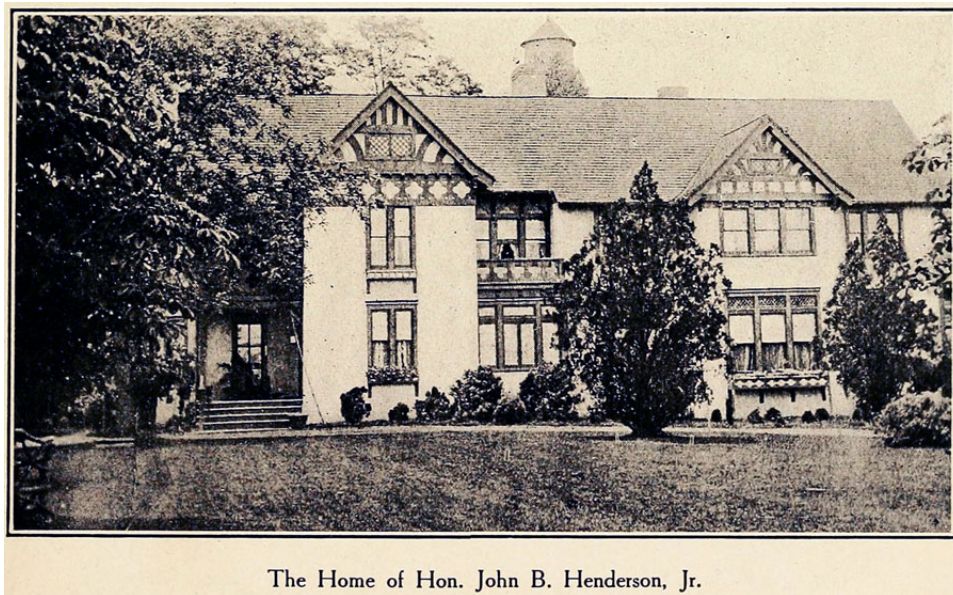
By John K. Naland

Mary Carlin House (5512 N. Carlin Springs Road) -- This home incorporates the original log house built around 1800 by William Carlin on a 165-acre plot of land that he purchased in 1772. It is probably the second-oldest structure remaining in Arlington (after the ca. 1750 Ball-Sellers House in Glencarlyn which is open to the public on Saturday afternoons from April to October). Mr. Carlin had been a tailor in Alexandria whose clients included George Washington. Mr. Carlin's granddaughter, Mary Alexander Carlin, a school teacher, was born in this house and lived there until her death in 1905. Hers was the last burial in the Ball-Carlin Cemetery adjacent to the Glencarlyn Library.

Ann Carlin Cottage (117 N. Galveston Street) -- This one story house is thought to date to around 1850 and to have been tenant house or servant's quarters to the Mary Carlin House.

Charles E. Mix House (205 N. Galveston Street) -- This former farm house was built between 1820 and 1840. It was owned by Charles E. Mix who was the Chief Clerk of the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs from 1838 to 1868 and served for a time as the Commissioner of U.S. Indian Affairs. Mr. Mix moved to Georgetown at the outbreak of the Civil War. He later he filed a \$3,680 claim (equivalent to \$85,000 today) against the federal government for damages to the house by Union soldiers and a \$6,908 claim (\$159,000 today) seeking compensation for the emancipation of his nine slaves (aged infant to 45). A large dead oak tree there that was cut down in 1984 was estimated to be 150 to 175 years old.

The Henderson House (stood on the current site of the Lubber Run Community Center parking lot) -- A large Swiss-style country estate built in 1894 by John B. Henderson, Jr. The house and adjacent land was owned by Herbert H. Porter between 1925 and 1951. He built a concrete dam across Lubber Run (portions of which a still visible downstream from the footbridge) to irrigate his large herb garden. In the 1930s, the federal government considered building the U.S. Naval Hospital (eventually built in Bethesda, Maryland) on the site. The Henderson House served as a U.S. Army officers club and billeting associated with nearby Arlington Hall from 1941 to 1951. It was purchased by Arlington County in 1951 and became the first permanent recreation center in Arlington County. It was demolished in 1954 after being heavily damaged by fire.



The Home of Hon. John B. Henderson, Jr.

Henderson House ca. 1907.

Lubber Run Community Center (300 N. Park Drive) -- Built in 1956 on the site of the former Henderson House.

Arlington Forest Shopping Center (N. 1st Street) -- Built in sections in 1941, 1946, and 1947 in the Colonial Revival style. The first business to open was Forest Delicatessen operated by Jack and Pauline Cohen. During some periods -- for example, the mid-1980s -- many shops have been vacant. Thus, AFCA via the *Arlington Forester* has consistently urged residents to think first of our neighborhood shopping center when they need a product or service.



Shopping center in 1956. Photo by Richard Wheeler. In 1983. Photo by Geoffrey King.

The Holly Tree (in the traffic circle in front of the Arlington Forest Shopping Center) -- In 1941, Monroe Warren (Arlington Forest builder) had a large American Holly tree moved from the middle of what is now N. Park Drive and 2nd N. Street to the entrance of Arlington Forest. That December, the residents held the first Tree Lighting Ceremony. It has been designated as a Notable Tree by Arlington County. As of 2015, the holly tree was in poor health.

Arlington Forest Park (in front of the Arlington Forest Shopping Center) -- This one acre site was designated a Natural Resource Conservation Area by the County in 2011 due to its rare plant community classified as a Dry Gravel Cap Poverty Oat Grass Glade (Oak-Heath Forest remnant).

Lubber Run Park (200 N. Columbus Street) -- The 30.5 acre site became the first public park in Arlington County on October 9, 1942.

Lubber Run Amphitheater (in Lubber Run Park) -- Inaugurated in July 1969. AFCA opposed its construction citing concerns about increased traffic and noise. When the County announced plans to demolish the Amphitheater in 2009, AFCA and other neighborhoods rallied to save it.

Arlington Boulevard (biseects Arlington Forest) -- Completed around 1935, it was originally named Lee Boulevard but was renamed around 1951 to distinguish it from Lee Highway. It is a part of U.S.

Route 50 (a major east–west route of the U.S. Highway system) which stretches just over 3,000 miles from Ocean City, Maryland to Sacramento, California.

Arlington Forest Signs (neighborhood signs located at four entrances to Arlington Forest) -- Designed by Northside's Larry Bowring and installed in 1992-93 funded by the County's Neighborhood Conservation Program. AFCA is responsible for trimming or removing vegetation blocking view of signs and for painting sign posts or supports if needed.

Playgrounds: Edison Park (213 N. Edison Street) is scheduled to be upgraded by 2020; Glencarlyn Park (beyond the foot of S. Park Drive) was upgraded in 2013-14; and Lubber Run Community Center playground.

N. 2nd Street Traffic Circles (four traffic calming structures from Henderson Road to Park Drive) -- Funded by the County's Neighborhood Conservation Program and installed in 1995 in response to neighborhood complaints about traffic problems. To secure County approval, the N. 2nd Street residents agreed to maintain the decorative vegetation inside the circles.

Four Mile Run (southwestern edge of Arlington Forest) -- The largest stream flowing through Arlington, draining approximately two-thirds of the County. As it passes Arlington Forest, it drops through the Fall Line (Fall Zone) which is the transition from Virginia's Appalachian Piedmont to the Atlantic Coastal Plain. The 9.4 mile long stream's center constitutes the official boundary between the Arlington Forest and Glencarlyn citizens associations. The name "Four Mile Run" first appears on a 1694 map and derives from the fact that its mouth is four miles upriver from Great Hunting Creek which was a major landmark for Colonial land grants.

WO&D Trail (southwestern edge of Arlington Forest) -- This 45-mile long trail between Shirlington in Arlington and Purcellville in Loudoun County was built on the right-of-way of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad and its predecessors which operated from 1859 to 1968. Sections of the foundations of some of the trail bridges pre-date the Civil War. The trail is owned by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

Colville's Mill (stood beside Lubber Run just upstream of its confluence with Four Mile Run). Built around 1754 by John Colville (early owner of most of the land that became Arlington Forest), it was grist mill for grinding corn and wheat.

Arlington Forest Run (eastern edge of Arlington Forest) -- A small stream marking the eastern boundary of southside Arlington Forest.

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History of the Henderson House

By Donald A. Wise

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In January of 1862, John Brooks Henderson was appointed U.S. Senator from Missouri, to replace Trusten Polk, who had been expelled from the Senate because of disloyalty to the Union. Henderson was elected to a full term the following year, and during his tenure he authored the Thirteenth Amendment (abolition of slavery).

On his retirement from the Senate in 1868, he married Mary Newton Foote, and moved to St. Louis to resume his law practice. In 1889, he retired, and the couple moved back to Washington, D.C., where he became active in real estate development, was appointed to the Pan American Congress, and served as a regent of the Smithsonian Institute.

The Henderson's had a son, John B. Henderson, Jr., born in 1870 in Missouri. John, Jr. went on to graduate from Harvard in 1891, and George Washington University (law degree) in 1893. He became secretary to John W. Foster, U.S. Secretary of State, and was later a Republican nominee for Congress. In 1911, he followed in his father's footsteps and became a regent of the Smithsonian Institute, and pursued his interest in marine biology. He made several expeditions on his yacht, collecting shellfish specimens from Maine to the West Indies, and Hawaii. He was considered one of the three top authorities in the U.S. on marine biology.

From 1893 to 1894, father and son purchased several adjacent parcels of land in Alexandria County, Virginia (now Arlington County), which totaled 234 acres. John, Jr. later bought an additional 234 acres in 1920, for a total of 468 acres in his Virginia estate. He built a two-story home on the property in 1894, in a Tudor style using half-timber and stucco construction. It was fairly grand by Arlington standards, and included a ballroom.

In 1903, John, Jr. married Angelica Schuyler Crosby. They lived at their country estate in Arlington only sporadically in the period 1905-1906, and lived primarily at his parents' mansion on 16th St. NW in Washington, D.C., the "Henderson Castle". In 1905, while domiciled at Henderson House, John, Jr. and Angelica announced the birth of their daughter, Beatrice "Trixie" Henderson. But it was rumored that they had in fact visited a foundling home in Charles Town, West Virginia, a facility with which Angelica's attending physician was affiliated.

John B. Henderson, Sr. died in 1913. By 1923, both John, Jr. and Angelica had passed away. Trixie, now 18 years old, was adopted by her grandmother, Mary Henderson. Shortly thereafter, Trixie fell in love with Joseph Wholean, a salesman for Rolls Royce automobiles, and Mary bestowed a \$400,000 wedding gift for the couple when they married. Mary then arranged for

Joseph to become a government trade commissioner, and the couple moved to Rome.

By this time, Mary had proven herself an apt successor to the real estate empire left by John, Sr. But when she offered the Henderson Castle to the U.S. government to serve as the Vice President's mansion, Trixie petitioned the District Supreme Court to prevent the donation, and declare her grandmother infirm. Mary soon passed away, however, and her will revealed she had left virtually her entire estate, valued at nearly \$6,000,000, to a niece and nephew in New York, leaving her granddaughter, Trixie, only \$100.

Meanwhile, back in Arlington, the Henderson House had remained vacant for many years. Mary Henderson had sold the property in 1925 after the death of John, Jr. (Trixie was a minor at the time). It was purchased by Percy and Florence Pickford, who later sold 6.76 acres, including the house, to Herbert H. Porter, a patent lawyer. Mr. Porter raised exotic herbs on the property, as a hobby, irrigating them with water from a dam across Lubber Run (portions of which are still visible near the pavilion).

In the 1930's, the property was considered as a site for the U.S. Naval Hospital (now in Bethesda). During World War II, the house was used as an officer's club, and for billeting military units assigned to Arlington Hall. Mr. Porter then sold the tract to Arlington County in 1951. Henderson House then became the first permanent recreation center in the County. But in 1954 Hurricane Hazel caused a fire at the Center, from an electrical malfunction, and most of the structure was consumed. The remainder was razed, and a new recreation center built in 1955.

Following is a chronology of the remainder of the Henderson estate in Arlington:

1930: Sold to Thomas H. Pickford, Pickwood, Incorporated

1936: Sold to Robert E. Heater Association Incorporation (\$173,478.00)

1936: Sold to William R. Parmele, Parmelee Inc, later Boulevard Corp, platted as "Parmalee"

1939: Sold to Monroe Warren, Sr., Meadowbrook Corporation, and named "Arlington Forest"

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Geology

By John K. Naland

Arlington Forest (38° 52' 00" N, 77° 07' 00" W) sits near the eastern edge of Virginia's Appalachian Piedmont as it transitions through the Fall Line (Fall Zone) to the Atlantic Coastal Plain. The upper terraces of the three sections of Arlington Forest, with a maximum altitude of about 274 feet above mean sea level, date from the late Miocene period about 5 to 11 million years ago. Those terraces overlie the "Potomac Formation" of unconsolidated sediments that were laid down by ancient rivers during the early Cretaceous period about 100 to 140 million years ago (the rounded

edges of the rocks were produced by their rolling long distances downstream over millennia). Houses on streets that slope down to Four Mile Run and Lubber Run sit on that Potomac Formation. Below that exposed along the river bottoms is a Cambrian layer of metamorphic rock that originated in an ancient ocean trench about 500 million years ago.

Four Mile Run drops from 197 feet above sea level at N. Carlin Springs Road to 182 feet above sea level at the foot of N. Greenbrier Street and to 155 feet above sea level at the foot of N. Park Drive. Lubber Run flows under N. Carlin Springs Road at 224 feet above sea level and exits Lubber Run Park under Arlington Boulevard at 206 feet above sea level.

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Remembrances: Early Decades

“Early Forest Memories”

By Anne Brooke Smith

Excerpts from March 1994 *Arlington Forester*

-- One of the First Foresters, Helped Organize AFCA, and Husband away at War --

My husband and I signed a contract for one of the first Arlington Forest houses in the fall of 1939. It was 43 South Park Drive. We were married in February 1940 and move our furniture there on February 14. Our monthly payments on a 30-year mortgage were \$39.60 – exactly what my husband’s weekly salary was then.

In January 1943, my husband went away to war. As I had a small baby and did not drive, my family insisted we spend the “duration” with them [outside of the area]. We rented [out] the house for \$75 a month. In the fall of 1945, when my husband returned and was transferred to another location, we sold the house for \$10,000.

My memory is that the shopping center in north Arlington Forest was opened in 1942. Prior to that, I had shopped at the D.G.S. [District Grocery Store] at the corner of Route 50 and Glebe Road. A puppy was a wedding gift, so three times a week Dino and I walked the mile to the store. They also delivered. Other days he and I explored the woods north of the boulevard and what would become Lubber Run Park. There was a bus service to Washington; a few in the early hours, one at 9:50 a.m. and none until 2:30 p.m. with more later in the day.

If I remember correctly, the Arlington Forest Citizens Association was started in 1940. I went door-to-door getting names of those who wanted to join. Our first activity was a formal dance at the Army-Navy Club.

The office of the Arlington Chapter of the Red Cross was in Clarendon. Already garments were being made for the refugees in Europe and some other young women and I started a branch in

Arlington Forest. Once a week, I took the bus and brought back materials. We met weekly in a home where there was a sewing machine for a potluck lunch and much conversation. Whatever [sewing] wasn't completed that day was taken home to be finished later so I could carry a large bundle back to [Arlington Red Cross] headquarters the next week.

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“Mrs. Post Remembers Rural Forest”

By Karen Scheer

Excerpts from the January 1990 *Arlington Forester*

-- Wartime Shortages, School Overcrowding, and a Farm where the Shopping Center is now --

Frances and Ted Post moved into Arlington Forest 50 years ago this month. Francis, a DC native, was impressed by the country-like atmosphere of the Forest. In fact, she recalls that a farm occupied the site of the Arlington Forest Shopping Center when she and Ted first moved into their South Park Street home and the Metro bus system ran only as far west as Buckingham.

The Posts were planning to buy a home in Maryland when a cousin in Arlington recommended the new Arlington Forest homes. Francis said the Forest homes offered “more house for the money” and the location was convenient to the District. The Posts move into the new home with sons Tommy, three, and Donald, nine months. Jimmy was born in the Forest.

Francis recalled that it didn't take long to develop strong friendships with her new neighbors because of the children and the unusual circumstances of a wartime economy. When a particular item became available at a nearby store, she said, the information was quickly passed from neighbor to neighbor. She said neighbors on her street met after every rainstorm to share tools to repair the bluestone [limestone found in the Shenandoah Valley] driveways that had “run” down the street.

Mrs. Post said she always enjoyed the parks and good neighbors in Arlington Forest. Her husband was active in the community. He was president of the Barcroft PTA. During the 40s, she recalled, Arlington schools received some negative press. Barcroft experienced overcrowding and physical plant problems which Ted helped meet as PTA president. Francis worked with him, conducting the school census in the neighborhood. Ted was also active in the Arlington Forest United Methodist Church and Francis still belongs to the church's Women's Society.

Frances stressed the importance of good neighbors in the Forest. She has seen many changes in the Forest. “I remember lots of boys playing on the street during the early years,” she said. “Then a quiet time, and now the children are coming back and livening things up.”

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“Arlington Forest in Life Magazine”

By Brendan Meyer

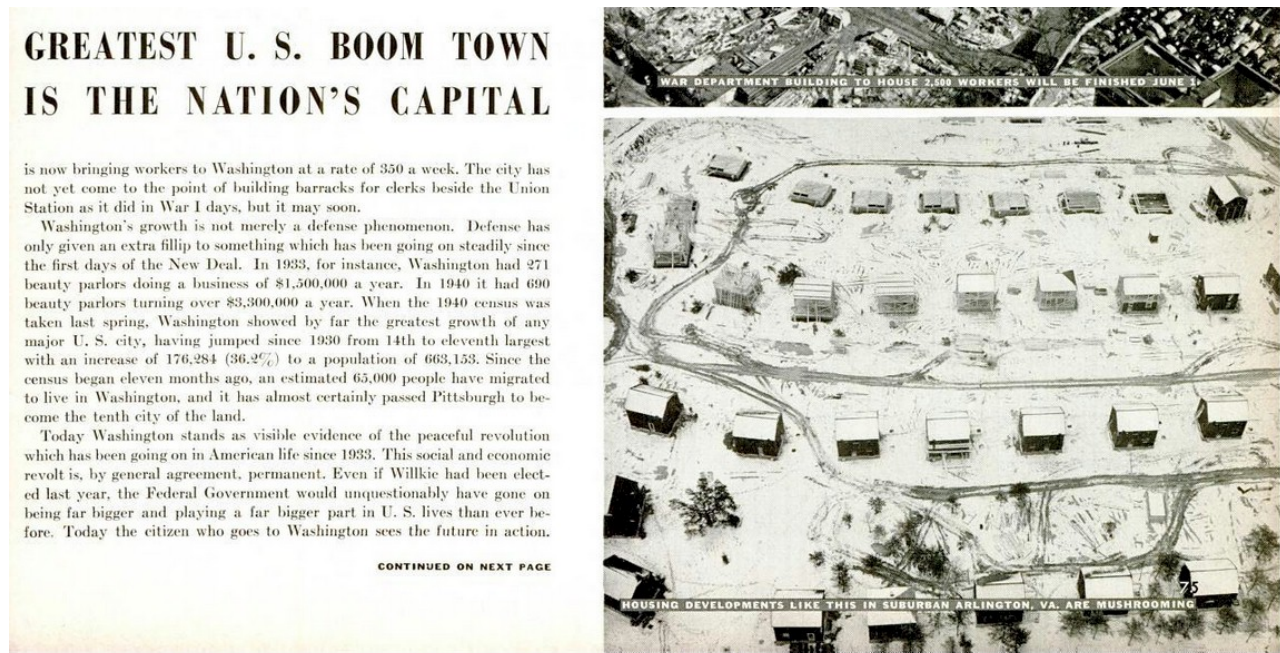
Excerpts from the February and March 1941 *Arlington Forester*

-- *Deciphering an Aerial Photo of Arlington Forest from Spring 1941* --

The accompanying photo is of our very own Arlington Forest from a 1941 issue of Life Magazine. When the Arlington Forest Historic District was created in 2005, the nomination mentioned a "rumor" of a feature in Life Magazine. But no one could find the photo, so it was chalked up to folklore; a historian's polite way of saying, "Yeah, right." Recently, I rediscovered the photo in my Life Magazine collection, made possible by our move to the Forest a couple of years ago.

In March 1941, the world was tearing apart. World War II was almost two years old. The U.S. wasn't in the war yet, but we were getting ready. Life Magazine's cover story for the March 10, 1941 issue was "Washington Worker," about a 22-year old California woman who came to work for the Navy. But the rest of the story was about how Washington was adding 75,000 defense jobs every month and was the biggest boom town in the country.

To illustrate the boom, Life included an aerial photo of a crop of new suburban homes being built in Arlington. After the Depression and a national housing shortage that had reached emergency proportions, a picture of so many houses under construction in the same place at once would have been remarkable to Life's readers.



Can you identify which part of our neighborhood is in the photo? There are three tricks to identifying the exact location: the snow, the lack of trees, and orientation. The snow tells us the photo is from the winter of 1940 or 1941. The Greenbrier section didn't start until spring '41, so that leaves Southside and Northside.

The second trick is that the builder, Meadowbrook, Inc., tried to keep two trees standing in the front of each house wherever possible. This was easy to achieve on Southside because it was densely wooded. So since the Life photo shows an area mostly devoid of trees, the photo is likely of Northside. An aerial photo from 1934 was included in the 1991 Arlington Forest Neighborhood Conservation Plan. In that photo you can see a large, treeless area roughly between Henderson, 2nd Street, Abingdon, and about 3rd Street. The last trick is to realize that the Life photo is oriented, not with north at the top like most maps, but with east at the top.

All together it becomes easy to see that the photo shows the houses between Wakefield and Park, 2nd Street and 2nd Road, and with Abingdon running across the center. While most of the photo is treeless, you can see at the bottom, along Park and closest to Lubber Run, that many trees were indeed kept by Meadowbrook.

You also see how our homes were massed produced in sequence, starting with the house in the upper right at the corner of 2nd Road and Wakefield. It's pretty much finished. Then going around the block clockwise, each house is a little less finished. All the houses on Abingdon are framed and most have their roof shingles. Only a few have their brick veneer walls completed and one is in the middle of the job, half-way complete. The houses on Wakefield show the progression of excavation, pouring concrete basements and framing first floors.

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“A Great Place to Grow up”

By Christine Dormer Clark

Excerpts from the February 2007 *Arlington Forester*

-- Air Raid Sirens, Victory Gardens, Ernest Hemingway and General Grant's Granddaughter --

I will try to tell it like it was growing up at 113 N. Columbus Street in the 40's and 50's. Our parents Edward and Helen Dormer bought the house in March 1941 – probably for about \$5,000! I was born the following November and lived there until I graduated from college.

I attended Kate Waller Barrett School from 2nd through 6th grade. I was at Wakefield H.S. from 7th through 12th grade. We were the only class which attended for six years. Wakefield was in its first year when we entered. I graduated from Mary Washington College in 1963.

My first memories of living on Columbus St. were the war years and being out in the backyard with my mother working in her “victory garden.” I also remember the air raid siren going

off at night during the black outs and screaming with fright. Most of my memories start around 1946 when I was five. I will describe the houses and who lived there.

Directly across the street were many interesting families. The first were the Hokes, German Jewish refugees. They were both physicians but could not get positions in the U.S. because of regulations, etc. The next family who moved in – in the summer of '48 – was the Hanburgers, Colonel Christian and his wife “Sis.” Their son Chris became my good friend. He later became a famous linebacker for the Washington Redskins. Colonel Hanburger fought in the Korean War while living there. The Hanburgers kept the house when leaving for their next assignment and another military family moved in, Air Force Colonel John (Jack) Hilger. Our mother always told us that Colonel Hilger flew in Jimmy Doolittle’s raid over Tokyo. In researching him on the Internet, I learned that he was second in command during the raid.

Two houses down from the Hanburger house and towards Arlington Boulevard was another famous family. It must have been in the late 40’s as I remember – Army Colonel Charles T. “Buck” Lanham was married and had one young adult daughter who used to walk their dachshund on Columbus Street. Buck Lanham was a close friend of Ernest Hemingway. They had met at the end of the war at the time of the Battle of the Bulge. Hemingway was a war correspondent living and working out of Paris. I first read this in Mary Walsh Hemingway’s autobiography “*How it Was*” and then mentioned this to my mother who replied “Oh, don’t you remember when Hemingway visited the Lanhams? All of the neighbors were hanging out the windows gawking!”

Next door to the Hanburgers, away from the Boulevard, was another German family – Paul Brussler and his wife and daughter. They had come prior to the war.

Crossing back to our side of N. Columbus and going toward the Lubber Run Park entrance three houses away from us were several interesting families. One, again in the late 1940s, was another Army family, Colonel Rostow, his wife and three sons. Once a month, a large black limo with driver would pull up and an elderly dowager-type woman would come out completely dressed in black. She was there to visit her great-granddaughter, Mrs. Rostow. The dowager was (as the story goes and I can’t document this) General Ulysses Grant’s daughter! [Editor’s note: Grant’s only daughter died in 1922, so the visitor could not have been her. But Grant’s eldest granddaughter, Julia Dent Cantacuzène Spiransky Grant, was a wealthy Washington, D.C. resident in the 1940s.]

I have described certain families in detail. But there were so many interesting people living in Arlington Forest at that time. People came from many different places, and at a young age I was aware of different states, countries, backgrounds, and religions. It was also a time when kids could roam the neighborhood freely and without fear. Lubber Run Park was a great place to play – you could sled down someone’s backyard to the park – or picnic.

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“A Recent Walk Through Lubber Run Park”

By Christine Clark

Excerpts from the March 2014 *Arlington Forester*

-- A 1941 to 1963 Arlington Forest resident returns for a visit --

I am walking down the path at the main entrance to Lubber Run Park. As soon as I reach the bottom, I immediately smell it -- the creek, the creek which runs the entire length of the park. This smell is unlike any I have experienced in New England where I have lived for the last 45 years. The creek smell is pungent, earthy, dank, and a little rank -- but, oh, the memories it evokes!

My first memory -- I was a child of three, wearing a little woolen coat and leggings with a matching hat with strings which tied under my chin. I was walking in the park with my father, holding his hand, crossing over the creek on a wooden bridge, stopping to gaze down at the ice, small bubbles of water appearing through cracks in the ice surface, patches of snow on the ground on either side of the creek. I was constantly talking, talking -- asking “Daddy” so many questions. You just couldn’t shut me up. He would always answer my questions. He gave me his full attention.

Later, when I was nine, Mom told me not to go to the park. “It is dangerous”, she said. “Bad things can happen there.” This was a ‘red flag’ for me. At the earliest opportunity, I went. Snowfall in Arlington in those days was a rare occasion, one to take advantage of. I was sledding with a group of friends. We were in one of the friend’s backyard on Columbus St. The yard sloped steeply down towards the park. The snow was coated with a top layer of ice. We got on our sleds--Flexible Flyers--wooden sleds with red metal runners. Our sleds literally flew, as we scrunched down on our stomachs as flat as we could, barely clearing the low rails of a wooden fence at the bottom of the hill. We could have killed ourselves that day. But once in the park, it was magic. Snow covered the park, the creek was frozen, and the wooden bridges were slick with ice. After that day, the park was mine to explore. I had broken the barrier.

Summertime was “picnic” time in Lubber Run. Today there are still picnic tables and those small iron grills of yesteryear scattered throughout the park. The grills are new-looking and I know they are not the original ones. But how wonderful that they look the same as I remember! They were just big enough to cook a few hot dogs or perhaps a small steak. Dad called these picnics “Weiner Roasts”. I remember Mom bringing the whole picnic dinner down to the park. The occasion, no doubt, a family picnic or get together with friends. I also remember Mom muttering under her breath saying, “I hate picnics.” But she was a sport and did it anyway. Our picnics were usually in the evening. We would linger over our s’mores until the mosquitos arrived. We would then pack up our baskets and head home, back up the path to our house at 113 N. Columbus Street.

Other memories of Lubber Run Park during those muggy Virginia summers: I was nine or ten and it was fun to go down with my friends and play in the creek. We would remove our shoes and go wadding. What fun! And watch the boys catch crayfish. Yuck! Let the boys do this -- not me! Or we

would walk to the other end of the park to the large culvert where the creek flows under Route 50. The water was deeper there. Playing in the culvert seemed more adventuresome and even a bit scary.

Another memory was when I was ten and almost at the end of childhood--a time when playing with dolls would soon end. Jeannie Hilger, my best friend who lived across the street, and I would bundle up our dolls and stuffed animals in paper bags. We would take them to the park where we would have "Doll Scout meetings." We prayed the boys would not discover us doing this!

Many years later I remember another picnic in the park. I was nineteen. I was with a new friend. He was a young CIA employee I had met at work. On a late afternoon in July, we had gone swimming at the new pool across the park--the Arlington Forest Club. Mom had packed us a gourmet picnic dinner of fried chicken, devilled eggs, rolls and butter, lemonade and a mouth-watering dessert. Seated on a picnic bench, we kissed and thus began a "summer romance". It ended too soon. In September, I sailed to Europe to study French for a year. I returned to Arlington Forest briefly, but my carefree days in Lubber Run Park had ended.

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"Only One Regret from Original Owners"

By Chris Scheer

Excerpts from the March 1990 *Arlington Forester*

-- A \$5,990 House, Hanging out at Cohen's Deli, and Easy Access to D.C. --

Miriam Herr liked the solid, red-brick house being built on North Wakefield near 2nd Street in the spring of 1941, but she had just moved to the "big city" [Washington, D.C.] from Chambersburg, PA, and wasn't sure she wanted to live "so far out in the country."

Husband John was working for the Navy in Washington while new wife Miriam explored housing possibilities during the day. He knew a bargain when he saw one, quickly realizing, as the salesman discussed the \$5,990 asking price for a new Arlington Forest home, that he could live more cheaply in his own home than by contending with apartment rents approaching \$75 a month.

"Ours was the last house being built in the development just then," John recalled. "The salesman said the first person that put \$200 down would get it." "We needed a little time to think it over," said Miriam. "When we got back to the house, another couple was looking it over," said John. "I found the salesman and gave him my check. We moved in in June."

Son James was a few months old when they moved in. He went to Barrett and Wakefield. One of his favorite memories is "hanging out at Cohen's Deli" in the "old" Arlington Forest Shopping Center – buying candy and snacks, reading comic books and eating "those great subs." Miriam and John recall the "old" shopping center wistfully, too. "We could walk there easily and find everything we needed for our daily shopping," said Miriam. "There was a great A&P grocery,

a drug store, hardware store, gas station, bakery – even a barbershop. I wish we still had them!”

The shopping center was part of the Forest’s appeal to the Herrs, along with the solid construction of the houses, the convenient location of Barrett School and the relatively easy commute to DC where John worked. Miriam, too, appreciated the Forest’s access to the “big city.”

John remembers the big victory gardens that filled his backyard during the 1940s. “It seemed like our whole backyard was filled with tomatoes, beans, asparagus, peas and chard. Everybody had a big garden then of course – our trees were young and the ground got plenty of sun.” Son Jim remembers growing up in a neighborhood of “over 20” kids his age.

One of the Herrs’ few regrets today is not knowing “every neighbor” like they used to. “We don’t have young children and other things in common with many of our neighbors,” said Miriam. “And life is different now. Mothers work, the kids are in day care, so you don’t see a lot of folks out during the day.

She and John agree that it is good to see a new generation of young families moving into the Forest and young children playing on the lawns again. “It’s like the Forest is being recycled,” said John, “and that’s good because these houses have a lot more life left in them. John said his only real regret about the Forest is that he didn’t buy two houses when he moved in back in 1941.

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“Mrs. Lyons Sees Repeat of ‘Forest Cycle’”

By Chris Scheer

Excerpts from the February 1990 *Arlington Forester*

-- A Country Feel, a \$50 Deposit to Buy their Home Site, and AFCA Beautification Efforts --

“We didn’t want to raise our kids in the city,” said DC-native Ernest Lyons. “That’s why we moved to Arlington Forest.”

Earnest and Evelyn Lyons made that move nearly 50 years ago when the Forest was still “in the country.” The city has grown up around the Forest since then, but Evelyn said her home, at the peak of North Edison Street hill backing onto Lubber Run Park, has never lost the country feel that she and Ernest sought. “We still enjoy sitting out on our back patio amongst the birds and the trees,” she said. “Each morning’s sunrise is as beautiful from my kitchen window as they were 50 years ago.”

They were living in a one-bedroom apartment in the District with one-year-old son Stephen and second son Richard on the way when they heard about the new Arlington Forest subdivision from Ernest’s uncle. “He was with an electrical contracting firm that had bid on work in the development,” said Earnest, “and he said the houses were among the best built he had seen. He told me the developers used the best materials – copper tubing, even specifically matched brick for each

house.”

Earnest and Evelyn took a look and in August [1941] put a \$50 deposit down on their North Edison lot. “Materials were getting scarce then because of the war and construction was slowing in the Forest development,” said Earnest. “Fewer houses were available and the week after we made the deposit, our salesman called saying that someone else wanting a house would give us \$100 cash for our lot. We kept the house!”

The Lyons visited their lot on weekends and watched the house go up. It was a later model than the first Forest homes built on the south side of Arlington Boulevard and east of Lubber Run Park.

“We Foresters were all in the same boat back then,” Evelyn said. “We were raising young children and worked together to help. It was before public school kindergarten, but the mothers started their own pre-school.”

Ernest said that pride in home ownership was evident from the start in the Forest. “The citizens association was strong and active from the beginning,” he said. “Its first home was the basement of the Arlington Forest United Methodist Church. The Beautification Committee was very active and the Forest has always been noted for its overall appearance and the care that homeowners give to landscaping.”

Earnest was deeply involved with the citizens association for over two decades. He served as president [1963-64] and headed a number of committees. He is particularly proud of the leadership role he played in changing county zoning requirements to allow construction of the Arlington Forest swimming pool in 1955.

Evelyn is a registered nurse by profession and Earnest was a longtime General Electric employee. His GE connection got him a television set in 1948, possibly the first set in the Forest. Sons Stephen and Richard graduated from Barrett and Wakefield schools.

Earnest admits that the Forest has changed in 50 years, but he still likes its natural beauty, “especially in the spring and fall.” He also likes the summer entertainment series in Lubber Run Park, living next to the park, and the variety of ages and backgrounds of those who live in the Forest. “It’s still a great place for kids,” said Evelyn as she noted the number of young children and parents flocking to the recently-renovated county mini playground a few houses down the street.

“There was a time 15 to 20 years ago when most of the original owners’ children had grown up and moved away,” said Earnest. “And those moving in seemed to be here only because of the convenient location close to work. But that’s changed over the last 10 years. Now I see more young couples and kids again, just like 50 years ago.”

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“Growing Up in Arlington Forest: 1940-1958”

By John Cudd

Excerpts from the 2000 edition of this Book

-- Swimming in Lubber Run, Crawling through Storm Sewers, and the Day Japan Surrendered --

I was almost four years old when we moved into our new home at 122 North Park Drive in the winter of 1940/41. Bulldozers were still shaping the backyards on the day we moved in and it was a sea of mud. The house cost \$5,500, which included the optional screened porch and fireplace. The driveway must have been gravel and I think Dad [John Enoch Cudd] had to plant the lawn. There must have been no insulation because I can remember Dad putting the insulation in the attic about a year later. The insulation came in big cardboard boxes that we cut up to make blackout curtains for the windows so we could leave the lights on during wartime air raid drills.

It was a brand new neighborhood with new folks moving in just about every day and almost every house had a kid or two around my age. When the war started, most of the dads were called away and the moms started working, so a lot of us became what were known as “latch key kids.” We wore a string around our neck with the key to the house on it. We would be the last one out of the house in the morning for school and the first one home in the afternoon with several hours to “play” before adult supervision showed up. It was really kind of a wonderful situation for kids and, all things considered, it is a miracle that nobody ever got hurt or into any serious trouble.

There was Lubber Run Park to play in with box turtles to catch and a creek that came up to your chin if you knew precisely where to stand -- we did, of course. If you stood in the creek long enough, you would get leeches on you and you would bleed when you pulled them off. At the downstream end of the park was THE TUNNEL where the creek went under Arlington Boulevard into a kind of Southside never-never land into which we didn’t venture until we were much older. The pool at the far end of the tunnel was reportedly bottomless and it certainly appeared to be to our young eyes. With patience and a worm you could actually catch a fish in the creek back then, but I don’t recall ever eating any.

As often as not, we went to Lubber Run Park or other destinations by crawling through the storm sewers that underlay the whole neighborhood. We played a lot of action games and traveled this way to avoid being spotted by the Nazis, robbers, Indians, or the odd parent who might happen to be around to dampen our adventures. Lifting the sewer lids, particularly from the inside, required strength and teamwork. Mashed fingers were a common injury. Along about this time, they began to build the shopping center and this was also a great place to play. An air raid warning siren was in the cupola on the roof.

Also during the war, many families would have a maid about once a week who would ride the bus out from DC to do the wash and ironing and clean the house. Over the years we had two and I came to love them dearly. Their daily wage was \$5.00 plus 40 cents bus fare. The maids

added a kind of exciting dimension to life after school -- most of them played “the numbers” [Editor’s Note: “the numbers” is an illegal lottery wherein a bettor attempts to pick three digits to match those that will be randomly drawn the following day] and the phones would stay hot as the bets were placed in the afternoon. Once the police raided a house across the street because their maid was a little too active in the numbers racket. That was a lively afternoon.

I can remember once or twice during the war years seeing cars go down North Park Drive without tires on the wheel rims. Noisy and tough on the wheels, but better than walking I suppose. One the day the Japan surrendered, Arlington Forest went wild. People were hanging out of the windows cheering and beating on pots and pans. Those who had tires and gasoline drove around in their cars blowing the horn – ration stamps and “C” stickers be damned. Radios were dragged out on the lawns so we could stand around and visit and listen to the great news.

A friend and I would sneak down to the railroad cut where the Washington & Old Dominion trains went by on their way to and from Leesburg. We would hop on the train and ride a couple miles up to Bluemont Junction or beyond and then jump off and walk back. Obviously, this was a very slow train.

Kite flying would start mysteriously one day each year. We bought kites, made kites, and we repaired kites after they fell into the clutches of the big holly tree in the traffic circle by the shopping center. Jack Cohen’s Delicatessen in the shopping center was a neat store that was small and crammed to the ceiling with just about everything you could ever need. It smelled great in thee too. He was one of the most understanding and kindest men that we ever knew.

After we “graduated” from Barrett Elementary, we were at Thomas Jefferson Junior High. I cannot talk about T-J without touching on the tragic afternoon [Editor’s note: in 1950] that Freddy Lehman was killed coming home from school. We had all just gotten off the bus. Southside kids had to cross the four lanes of Arlington Boulevard to get home. There was no traffic light then. I didn’t actually see it happen, but we were not far away and we sure heard it. Suddenly, we were all right there. I won’t describe the scene, but it was one that I will never forget. It was a sad and sober milestone in the growing up process. The traffic light was installed not long afterwards.

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“Arlington Forest: 1940s”

By Pat Andress Flowe

Excerpts from the 2000 edition of this Book

-- Coal Furnace, a Six-Line Clothes Line, and Few Trees in “Arlington Forest” --

My Dad put a deposit down on the \$6,500 house to be built at 234 North Edison Street. Daddy had to pay an extra \$500 for the corner lot, which he picked because of the beautiful old oak tree which the developers had not succeeded in bulldozing down. Our family moved to Arlington

Forest on Labor Day weekend 1942. Since our house was built after the start of World War II, we had a coal furnace and double-hung windows instead of casement windows. After the war, we converted to oil heat and Daddy no longer had to start his winter mornings with shaking down the ashes from the banked fire and stoking up the furnace to keep us warm during the day.

I was enrolled in the fifth grade at Kate Waller Barrett School, which at that time consisted of only the middle portion of what is now Barrett School. There were four classrooms upstairs and a couple downstairs, I believe. Across the playground, you could see an old Tudor-style mansion [Editor's note: This was the Henderson Mansion which was torn down after suffering extensive fire damage due to a short circuit caused by downed wires during Hurricane Hazel on October 16, 1954] which we believed to be haunted. It had a picturesque old barn in the back where, according to schoolyard rumors, someone had been hanged.

The whole neighborhood had a very raw and bare look. The name "Arlington Forest" was sort of a joke since the developers had knocked down every tree except our big oak, and the grass had not had a chance to grow in so it was red dirt and scraggly little bushes for foundation plantings. The shopping center was a delight too. There was a brand new A&P which looked huge to me. It anchored the right side of the little strip and Peoples [Drug Store] anchored the other. In between there was Jack's deli, a cleaners and maybe a beauty parlor or barber shop. Beside the shopping center was the Esso Station.

We grew a "Victory Garden" and had wonderful tomatoes, radishes, beets and so forth. Daddy also put up a six-line clothes line and on wash day my mother (and often I) would haul the big wicker basket full of wet wash up the basement stairs and out to the back door to hang them to dry. The kitchen came with a gas stove, but we had to provide our own refrigerator, kitchen table and counter space.

The winters I remember seemed to have more snow, and all the kids would coast down Edison hill from 2nd Street to about the entrance to Lubber Run Park with was totally unimproved in those days. I also remember going down to a wide place in the creek [Four Mile Run] just down from Granada Street before it joined Lee Boulevard (which was later change to Arlington Boulevard) to ice skate occasionally.

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"Early Life in Arlington Forest"

By Ellie Eshelman

Remembrances written between 2011 and 2014 by the author

who lived in Arlington Forest as a child from 1941 to 1958.

-- WWII on the Homefront and a "Little Hike around the Neighborhood" --

In the late summer of 1941, my dad, Russell H. Jones, drove our family from our home in

Georgetown to our new home under construction in Arlington Forest. The front yards along North Abingdon Street had been graded but not sodded, so what I saw was dirt and unfinished driveways.

As best I recall, for I was only three and a half years old, we moved into our new house at 112 North Abingdon in mid-November '41, less than a month before WWII began. A few weeks later, while we were on our way to Sunday dinner at my Uncle's house, news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor came over the car radio. This event changed the neighborhood almost overnight -- a change that lasted beyond the war years. Military and Federal workers called to Washington needed housing immediately; while those men of draft age were leaving the neighborhood for the battlefronts.

Our phone number was Chestnut 3377. We shared a party line with the Ryman home on North Park Drive. If you heard the siren from the cupola at the shopping center and saw someone wearing a white helmet and yellow coat, that was the Air Raid Warden, which meant: take cover, and if at night, a Blackout: everyone should extinguish all lights and wait for the all clear. The shopping center siren was tested once a week at noon. Driving in a blackout was carefully restricted by neighborhood Air-Raid Wardens who made their rounds with a special flashlight and warned drivers that the auto's interior overhead light must be turned off, as well as their headlights. Radium displays on clocks and watch dials were in demand. Edibles were rationed: sugar, butter, coffee. Inedibles were also rationed: gasoline, rubber and tin.

Mail was delivered twice a daily. Families usually had only one car and that being parked in their driveway. When the neighborhood was young there were few fences. Fences started to go up for several reasons: To prevent children from taking shortcuts through yards and because dogs roamed freely through the neighborhood. There were no garbage disposals units under kitchen sinks so garbage was placed in a small can in the back yard. Dogs made neighborhood rounds knocking over garbage cans. I do not recall ever seeing a fox or deer -- there were plenty of skunks and possums though. We kids always found turtles in Lubber Run Park each summer. For years, there were Japanese beetle infestations; sometimes there was a black ant infestation in the kitchen.

The entire area behind the Arlington Forest Methodist Church was thick woods -- a good place to find a Christmas tree, chop it down and bring it home. Mr. Culpepper, who grew orchids and exotic plants had his home adjacent to these woods. In the 1940s, it wasn't unusual to see the Goodyear blimp over the neighborhood advertising Sonya Heine in the Ice Capades. I attended St. Thomas More, Thomas Jefferson Jr. High, and Wakefield -- first graduating class in 1956.

I wouldn't describe Arlington Forest along Rt. 50, back in the early days as "remote" but between the stop light at Glebe and Rt. 50, the next identifiable intersection was Seven Corners, beyond which, Rt. 50 ran off into the remote wilds of Fairfax County. Into the 1950's treadle activated stoplights dotted the neighborhood roads at Rt. 50's intersections. To get the light to change, an impatient motorist would reverse his car and back over the lever again. The Forest's entrance at Rt. 50 especially needed a light after the teenage boy [Editor's note: Freddie Lehman]

who lived on the south side was killed crossing the boulevard. Lt. Frank Palmer, Arlington PD, was the key person spearheading safety programs for children all through the fifties.

Washboards were in use, as well as the umbrella style clotheslines in the back yards. A few neighbors had large, wooden, awning-covered bench-type swings in the yard. Scissors, knives and blades could be quickly sharpened by a hawker driving a beat-up truck around the neighborhood with his grinding stone equipment on the flatbed in the back. He'd stop the truck and jump off, ready to sharpen your lawnmower, garden shears, or whatever.

Vacuum cleaner salesmen called on residents occasionally. Some residents used carpet sweepers or brooms to clean carpets. Any carpet a neighbor hung out on her clothesline to be beaten was a dead give-away for the salesman to ring her doorbell. Encyclopedia salesmen were also part of the neighborhood sales mix. My dad bought a full set of Brittanicas. At other times when the doorbell rang it might be a stranger who would ask for food, or money, in exchange for work. Newspapers delivered to the front door included the *Times Herald*, *Evening Star* and *Washington Post*.

The tunnel under Route 50 was a short cut to get from Lubber Run to Four Mile Run Park. This shortcut was especially useful when my brother, Buddy, and I launched off on a long hike one day. One reason we never minded getting wet [on summer days] was because we dried off quickly. Toward the lower end of Lubber Run creek, we carefully waded through the concrete tunnel. Rt.50 traffic traveled above us, but we couldn't hear it inside the tunnel. We did fancy footwork along the slippery concrete floor while our splashes echoed off the curved wall. The passage was dark except for daylight filtering in on both sides. At the Four Mile Run end there was a sizable water hole; rather than rushing right in, we took our time wading up to our elbows. After wading, we climbed the rocks and gained the higher ground to our hiking path about a quarter mile further down the creek; the railroad tracks running toward Shirlington.

Mom often said she worried we might catch typhoid on our hikes through the park, or come home with tick bites. Little did she know that the greater menace was being hit by a train. The trains didn't have a regular schedule and they didn't run often, but clearly, they did run. These were diesel freight engines of the old W&OD Railroad. When we were certain the vibrations were coming up through the ground, we'd move off to one side and let the heavy wheels grind by. If we were unsure, we would stop and put a foot on the rail to feel the vibration. When we came to the trestle, I was more afraid I would slip between the timber ties, lose balance and fall off, than get hit by a train. Buddy waited up on the tracks while I walked down the abutment, waded the creek, and climbed up the hill while hanging on to bushes and saplings, so we could continue our hike.

I don't know how far it was to Shirlington [Editor's note: About 2.5 miles], but when we got home we were tired, dirty, and ready for dinner. We looked weary and frazzled. Mom and dad wanted to know what we had been up to during the day. Buddy and I looked at each other across the dinner table, knowing nothing catastrophic had happened that day, and gave them a stock answer: We went for a little hike around the neighborhood.

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“Our First Foresters: Zabawas Recall a Young Arlington Forest”

By Chris Scheer

From the November 1989 *Arlington Forester*

-- Socializing, Dancing, and Vacationing with Neighbors --

Jim and Ruby Zabawa and their two young children moved to North Edison Street in Arlington Forest February 22, 1943. They were living in Hyattsville, MD when Jim's Pepco co-workers recommended the new homes being built in Arlington Forest.

It was wartime, a unique period characterized by shortages of things we take for granted; food, alcohol and gas were rationed. Weekly neighborhood gatherings offered inexpensive recreation and social outlets close to home. Life focused on the neighborhood then, according to the Zabawas. They socialized, danced and vacationed with neighbors.

“Our parties rotated from house to house with our record player,” recalled Jim. Ruby noted that, while neighbors socialized in each other's homes, children slept in their own beds which parents checked hourly. No babysitters needed then!

The Zabawa children -- Barbara Jane and Jim, Jr. -- attended Barrett Elementary School. There were no school buses then and the children cut across Lubber Run Park daily to and from school. Jim said that homes were not yet built on North 3rd Street where children skated on a pond during the winter. Ruby said Edison Street was closed that winter by snow storms. Sledding down the street became a favorite Forest activity.

The Zabawas remember the friendly neighborhood atmosphere of those early Forest years. “Neighbors had similar interests,” said Jim. “You either worked for the military or civil service.” Ruby recalled playing bridge with neighbors up to three times a day. The Zabawas still have a \$2 AFCA check awarded for winning the Arlington Forest Christmas house decoration contest in 1948. That tradition continued October 31 with the Zabawas' delightful display of lit pumpkins.

The Zabawas raised their three children [including third-born Jennifer Lynn] in the basic Forest house. In 1980, Jim and Jim, Jr. (who by then lived across the street) added a beautiful one-story addition to the house featuring a floor-to-ceiling brick fireplace, breakfast nook, large windowed living room, full bathroom and outdoor deck.

Two-career families aren't unique to today's Forest. During the war, Ruby worked as a secretary at Randall, Inc., a printing and publishing house. Childcare was handled by Jim's split shift schedule and a live-in maid. Ruby stayed home after her third child, Jennifer Lynn, was born.

The children have grown and moved, but they insist that the Zabawas remain in the Forest. Ruby said they still call it “their home.” Recently, one daughter visited and met an old friend and picnicked at a familiar site in Lubber Run Park. “Memories are important,” said Ruby.

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"Remembering Pauline and Jack Cohen"

By John K. Naland

From the January 2012 *Arlington Forester*

-- Beloved by Two Generations of Foresters --

Pioneer Arlington Forest merchant and resident Pauline Cohen died Nov 4 at age 95 in Culpeper. She and husband Isadore "Jack" Cohen (who died in 1998) were the first Arlington Forest Shopping Center merchants. They opened a grocery store in 1940 and converted it to Arlington Forest Delicatessen and Carry Out Shop in 1942 after the A&P Supermarket opened nearby (the location of their shop can be seen in the center of this newsletter's page 1 masthead which was drawn in 1948). Two generations of Foresters were satisfied customers for the next 43 years.

Initially prohibited from living in Arlington Forest due to the neighborhood's then-restrictive covenant prohibiting non-Christians, the Cohens eventually bought a house near the shopping center in which they lived until they closed the delicatessen and retired in 1984 after new shopping center owners tripled rents for all merchants.

Original Arlington Forest resident Ellie Eshelman (who lived here from 1941 to 1958 and now resides in Virginia Beach) recently provided this remembrance:

"I was almost four years old when my sister and I went to Jack's Deli for the first time. Mom gave each of us a penny. When I returned home and showed mom my little package of candy corn, she opened my other hand and saw that I still had the penny. (It never crossed my mind to give Jack the penny.) She told me the penny was for Jack, and sent us back to the deli. I handed Jack the penny and he received it with an easy smile. Jack's was a good place for me to return my soda bottles for a few pennies, and he never seemed to mind if I took a free look at the comic books because I usually bought a package of cupcakes before I left."

"Jack was a tall, nicely built man. He had a receding hairline and dark, wavy hair. Jack usually sat on a stool behind the register between the giant dill pickle jar and the meat case. He wore a white bib apron and always had a pencil tucked behind his ear. Sometimes his wife Pauline was there and sat on a stool beside him. Pauline was petite. She wore her long, dark hair in a hairnet and sometimes put a flower in it. She had beautiful hands and I noticed her nails were always polished."

"All sorts of exciting things were going on at the shopping center. Kids on bikes. A bus driver going for coffee at Mrs. Beasley's counter. The park workers going for lunch. Jack's screen door at the Deli opening and closing with kids buying candy and putting their roller skates back on. Jack and Pauline were always there; the shopping center's mainstay. They were an extremely kind and gentle couple."

[Editor's note: When Jack and Pauline announced their retirement after 43 years in business,

she gave this interview to the October 1984 *Arlington Forester*: "We made our place in a community [in 1940] that had hesitated to accept us because of we are Jewish -- that is, the Forest was a 'restricted community' back in the very early days, and there was a sign on the boulevard saying so. And when Mr. Abbot later sold us his house near the store, we were boycotted in the store for a while by some of the Forest residents." The newsletter editor added: "Some other Foresters recall signing a citizen-drafted petition urging acceptance of the Cohens as residents."]

[Editor's note: Following is the text of the provision from the 1939 "Restrictive Covenants pertaining to subdivision known as 'Arlington Forest,' Arlington County, Virginia" as reprinted in AFCA's 1987 "Arlington Forest Homeowner's Manual." Such restrictions were common in Virginia at the time: "No persons of any race other than the Caucasian Race shall use or occupy any building or any lot, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race domiciled with an owner or tenant."]

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"This Original Owner Still has the Answer"

By Karen Scheer

Excerpts from the April 1990 *Arlington Forester*

-- A \$80 Monthly Mortgage, the last-built Colonial homes, and no Leash Laws --

Helen and Frank Brugger moved to Arlington Forest in 1948. It was difficult to find a Forest home then. The houses were still new and no one was selling. Fortunately, the Broyhill addition to the Forest was being built on North Galveston. These houses, named for the builder, were noticeably different than the typical Forest home. Their entrances were in the front rather than the side porch. Each room was a little larger. A fireplace in the living room was standard and the Broyhill featured double-hung windows instead of casement.

Frank also noted that the Broyhill construction featured an eight-inch cinder block foundation from basement to roof. He recalled that the original Arlington Forest homes sold for \$6,000 then, and the Broyhill for \$13,000. He assumed a four percent mortgage with a monthly payment of \$80, compared to the \$60 a month rent he was paying at Barcroft Apartments. With three children in tow, the family happily moved to more spacious quarters.

Frank fondly remembers the neighborhood social activity of the 40s and 50s. Everyone had two, three, or four children and everyone, said Frank, had a dog. That was before leash laws. The Brugger children attended St. Thomas More School and enjoyed small classes. Helen stayed at home and was very active at the school, eventually teaching there for a while.

Frank, a specialist in French and German languages, went to work at the War Department in 1941. He was twice stationed in Germany and he missed participation in neighborhood activities. He recalls his time at home in the Forest as "one of the nicest things in my life."

“My neighbors are special – friendly and helpful,” he said. He recalls helping his neighbors in past years and now, as age and health problems arise, receiving equal treatment. Neighbors make sure his sidewalks and car are cleared of snow.

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"Origin of the Arlington Forest Club"

By Joan Malcolm

Excerpts from the September 2014 *Arlington Forester*

-- A Passion for the Safety of Children --

In preparing for a women's program detailing a part of my childhood, I came to the AFCA website (www.arlingtonorestva.org) to get an idea of how many homes are in Arlington Forest. Afterword, I thought others still living in my old neighborhood might want to read my thoughts. It was a talk on how the "butterfly effect" continues: a concept that small events can have large, widespread consequences.

In the early 1950s there were a lot of drownings in the Washington, DC area and each one devastated my father, Frank Malcolm. He had grown up on the Occoquan Creek and swam well. He had a passion to ensure the safety of children around water by the children knowing how to swim. A swimming pool in the Arlington area to teach children to swim was a necessity and he devoted himself to making it happen.

There was a piece of property on North Carlin Springs Road that was not suitable for houses to be built on. He knew about it because he had worked for the builder of Arlington Forest and he was now a broker/realtor with his office in the Arlington Forest Shopping Center, where Outback Steakhouse stands. He sent his salesmen out with petitions to have the homeowners sign to get the County to approve a swimming pool to be built. He instructed the salesmen to tell the people if they weren't interested or wouldn't use the pool, to "do it for the children."

As a result, on June 28, 1954 Arlington Forest Club opened. It is where I learned to swim and 2014 is its 60th season!

In 1956, my father built the Brookville Swim Club (BSC) in Alexandria. We moved out of 109 South Buchanan Street in Arlington Forest in 1961 to be nearer the Brookville pool and several years later the real estate office moved too. He ran the BSC for 21 years. Because of my father, thousands more children were taught to swim.

Did you learn to swim at the Arlington Forest Club or the Brookville Swim Club? If so, you are part of the butterfly effect.

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Remembrances: Recent Decades

“The Day the Washington Redskins Came to Arlington Forest”

By Jane (Denney) Taylor

Submitted in January 2015 for this Book

-- Every Kid in the Neighborhood was waiting in front of the House --

My family owned 304 N. Granada St. from 1963-1992. I went to Barrett, Kenmore, and W-L (Class of '77), then left on various life experiences, but considered that my home until my parents left in 1992. I have the usual memories from the 60's and 70's that everyone else has: the pool, Jack's Deli, Lubber Run, Walt the Barber.

But I have an interesting story that actually was in the Arlington Forester. I actually wrote the story and it was on the front page. It was in the fall of 1974. The day the Redskins came to Granada Street.

It was a Sunday morning in September 1974. I had just started 10th grade at W-L. The boy from directly across the street, Chuck, came running over yelling. I thought something was wrong so I went outside. He was yelling, "The Redskins are buying our washing machine!" His mother had put an ad in the *Washington Post* to sell their washer and dryer and according to Chuck, the Redskins were going to buy it.

This was very exciting news. The Redskins were pretty good in the early 70's [Editor's note: they played in Super Bowl VII in 1973] and were very popular with all the kids. Chuck's mom confirmed his story and said they'd be by at 2pm. News travelled fast and by 1 pm, every kid on Granada, Galveston and Greenbrier Street was in front of our house waiting.

2 pm came and went. I don't remember exactly when they arrived. We scrutinized every car that passed by. No one left. Finally, a pickup truck pulled up with two very big men. The Redskins!

It was Ron McDole [left defensive end] and Len Hauss [center]. They went in Chuck's House and came out, one carrying the washer and one carrying the dryer. No carts or dollies needed. After loading the appliances, they posed for pictures, signed autographs, and threw a football around. And that was the day the Redskins came to Arlington Forest.

[Editor's note: Former Forester Annemarie Glover submitted this note in January 2015: "Michael B. Hull, former Redskin, lived at the corner of 3rd St & Evergreen St. from 1983-1987 with his wife Connie. He played running back for the Skins from 71-74. When he lived in the Forest, he was a lawyer as was his wife."]

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Housing and Maintenance Goals

By Bob Biersack, Peter Husselman, Steve Muller, and Elaine Squeri

**Excerpts from the Arlington Forest Homeowner's Manual,
a 58-page booklet published by AFCA in 1987.**

-- A 1987 view of what it means to be a good neighbor --

To keep the high standards of the community quality which we enjoy, we hope that each resident will endorse the following housing and maintenance goals.

Usage of Arlington Forest property should be consistent with the overall character of the Forest which was thoughtfully designed as a community of single family homes. Traditionally respected aspects of such communities are well-kept homes, tended lawns and tasteful landscaping, orderly and attractive porches, cars parked in driveways that permit each of us to enjoy the uncrowded forested ambience so envied in a metropolitan area.

Property usage that generates noise, traffic, and unsightly support and recreational equipment is inconsistent with Arlington Forest. Renting to several individuals which may result in a "boarding house" status highlighted with four vehicles in front of a house, substantial commercial use, or granny flats used beyond their original intent creates the "urbanized" condition owners sought to avoid by living here.

Relationships, cordial ties between and among neighbors, link a neighborhood to assure security and peace. These ties are strengthened by block parties, cooperative projects like yard sales, citizens association support, annual banquets, etc. At the same time, the privacy, even anonymity, people value is honored. Disruption caused by noise from pets, vehicles, machinery would be diminished since each of us is aware of the person next door. Ugliness resulting from abandoned vehicles, dilapidated property, and careless parking would be non-existent for the same reason.

Maintenance, practically speaking, is care. It need not involve hundreds of dollars – it sometimes involves no money but only our energy: shoveling snow, raking leaves, carrying trash cans out of sight, regular lawn cutting, weeding grass strips, and considering adjacent sidewalks and road space as part of our property. Adequate standards of maintenance involve each resident, owner or renter. A blighted property is not only a financial loss but it may also become a psychological one from which the whole community may suffer in time.

Change is inevitable but it is often overlooked that change can be controlled. Through the Arlington Forest Citizens Association and civic participation, excessive traffic and commercialization can be stopped. With careful consideration of our goals, change within the neighborhood can also be managed for the benefit of all. Homeowners planning to change their lots with fences, sheds, additions or taking down trees would survey their land from all angles, keeping in mind how the proposed changes affect neighbors and a neighborhood known for its leafy cool and quiet in summer as well as wooded privacy in winter.

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“9/11/01 in Arlington Forest”

By John K. Naland

From the September 2013 *Arlington Forester*

-- Silent Skies, a U.S. Flag in front of every House, and Foresters go off to War--

Everyone who was in the D.C. metro area on 9/11/01 remembers the beautiful weather that day. As I left our Arlington Forest home early that Tuesday morning, I routinely placed our U.S. Flag in its holder outside our front door. I saw that the U.S. Navy veteran down the block was also flying the U.S. Flag as usual. I went to work and, like everyone else that fateful day, remember where I was when the attacks took place (in the Senate Dirksen Office Building which we evacuated only to see smoke rising in the distance from the Pentagon).

By the time I made it home late that afternoon, several of my neighbors had found their U.S. Flags and put them out. Within a few days, enough new flags had been purchased and mounting brackets installed so that literally all of the houses on our long block [first block of N. Granada St.] displayed the flag.

Over the next weeks, many Arlington Foresters stayed close to home concerned that follow-on attacks might be coming. My family, with daughters then aged 4 and 2, spent a lot of time at the N. Edison Street playground. While our daughters played, I remember looking skyward and seeing unusual clouds. With all commercial air traffic grounded for days, the only movement aloft was U.S. fighter jets flying a Combat Air Patrol. Cold air converted their engine exhaust into persistent contrails. With the jets flying in a circle orbiting the nation's capital, the contrails would have formed a single giant ring except that the prevailing wind blew them as they formed, thus stretching them into elongated loops that floated into the distance.

As time passed, fewer U.S. Flags flew on our block. Within about six months, it was back to just the Navy veteran and my family.

But invisible changes were coming that would have more consequential impacts on numerous Arlington Foresters. The 9/11 attacks set in motion international events that led to four federal employees on our block being sent to Afghanistan, Iraq, or Pakistan (I spent 2009-2010 in Basra, Iraq with the U.S. Department of State).

Other federal employees living elsewhere in Arlington Forest also got swept up in America's reaction to the attacks (for example, Southside resident Ronald Neumann served as U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan from 2005-2007). Many neighbors working in the private sector also found their jobs impacted by post-9/11 security concerns.

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“Rescuing the Lubber Run Woodland: A Legacy for Future Generations”

By Paul Kovenock

**Written in February 2015 by a prime mover of this project.
He was named “Arlington Conservationist of the Year” in 2013 by the
Northern Virginia Conservation Trust for his work over two decades
in improving County parks with a focus on removing invasive plants.**

By the end of the 1990s, the trees in Lubber Run Park had become the victims of a silent, green, invasion. In response, throughout the 2000s, Arlington Forest neighbors organized to fight back, restoring a healthy woodland for future generations to enjoy -- the Lubber Run Park Invasive Plant Removal Project.

English ivy (*Hedera helix*) is Arlington's kudzu. Like a promiscuous adolescent, the invasive ivy vine -- seeking the sun -- snakes up trees, encasing trunks and branches. It can misshape a handsome oak or hickory into a grotesque broccoli-like tree, its branches covered with green ivy. The ivy-covered tree canopy blocks the sun from reaching the tree's leaves. The ivy vines add weight to limbs and branches, causing mature trees to fall in storms and high winds. At the tree's base, the tightly coiled green ivy holds moisture -- year-round -- against the trunk, causing rot and decay. Eventually the tree is dead - choked to death.

On the ground, English ivy competes with the tree roots for moisture and nutrients. Its matted vines suppress native plant life. This creates an ivy mono-culture that impedes tree succession and diminishes the native plant diversity needed to sustain wildlife. Mosquitoes and rats found shelter in the thick ivy.

What was the source of the Lubber Run ivy? It was the wayward ivy in backyards of the 70-plus homeowners adjoining the park. Residents had neglected to control their ivy groundcover. Over the years, the vines had crept under and over backyard fences into the park. Eventually the park's slopes became a sea of green ivy. The Lubber Run woodland was in a downward spiral.

Beginning in the winter of 2001, Arlington Forest neighbors joined together to begin the inch-by-inch process of cutting by hand the invasive vines off the trees. Among the first volunteers were Scouts from Arlington Forest United Methodist Church, led by Scoutmaster Jeff Lund. Using hand pruners, small saws, and prying screwdrivers, the scouts and other volunteers severed the vines at the base of each tree, leaving the upper vine segments to wither and die. Some volunteers also pulled ivy out of the ground around the base of the tree, making a 2 foot "life saver ring," ivy free, around the tree in an effort to prevent further infestation.

Over the subsequent years 2002-2004, neighbors sought out additional volunteers throughout the County to join them in this labor intensive manual work in our neighborhood park. Volunteers came to Lubber Run from the County's Tree Stewards, Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment

(ACE), Arlington ReLeaf, The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, the Virginia Native Plant Society, the Nature Conservancy, and the newly-formed Arlington R.I.P. (Remove Invasive Plants) group. Tree-by-tree the trees became largely ivy free. But green English ivy still covered the park's slopes, threatening to resume its characteristic climb into trees.

In 2005, the Arlington Forest Citizens Association (AFCA) stepped in to seek financial resources for professional management to complete the invasives removal work in the park. Following several well-attended community meetings, discussions were held, an e-mail list was created, and a plan and budget were proposed.

Through AFCA's representative in the County's Neighborhood Conservation Committee (NCC), Timothy O'Leary, a \$232,000 NCC grant was approved to finance a five-year project. In 2006, the County hired Invasive Plant Control, Inc. (IPC), a well-respected firm. Among its clients were the National Park Service, the Smithsonian, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

From 2006 to 2011, IPC's seasonal efforts completed the removal of the residual English ivy. IPC also attacked other exotic invasive species. Most conspicuous was the early spring-blooming Lesser celandine, the "buttercups" spreading down the steep slope from the N. 3rd Street watershed. Other invasive species controlled in the park were bamboo, porcelainberry, Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose, Bush honeysuckle, Tree-of-heaven, Asian mulberry, wineberry, and Japanese knotweed.

While the Lubber Run Invasive Plant Management project was proceeding incrementally within the park boundaries, neighbors worked with the adjacent property owners to remove English ivy from the abutting back yards. Some 70 homes border the park. Homeowners were visited and encouraged to remove all English ivy from their yards, either by pulling it out themselves or by paying day laborers to remove it, supervised by neighborhood volunteers.

Seeing that ivy within the park was being removed, nearly all of these adjacent homeowners co-operated in managing the ivy within their backyards. Exceptions were absentee landowners, often living distant from Arlington Forest. Some adjacent homeowners hired IPC, on a private basis, to control the ivy in their backyards.

In subsequent winters, two Arlington Forester neighbors, Jim Graham and David Mog, circumnavigated the park's boundaries and removed by hand all wayward ivy beginning to encroach into the park from a few adjoining neglected private properties.

Wildflowers began to re-appear in Lubber Run Park as the invasive ivy was removed. Particularly spectacular in early spring has been the waves of Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*) with its two-inch snow white flowers massed along the steep ravine across the stream from the park's picnic shelter, just south and west of the 4th street park entrance. In 2012, field botanists hired by the County identified 181 different species of native flora thriving in our restored Lubber Run woodland.

[Editor's Note: The battle against invasive plants can never be fully won. All of the time,

money, and effort spent on restoring Lubber Run Park could be lost unless residents -- especially those living next to parkland -- continue the fight. Ultimately, it is far easier to prevent invasives from becoming established than it is to remove them. Also, past successes can be consolidated by encouraging the growth of native plants.]

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“Saving the Lubber Run Amphitheater”

By Patricia Freeman

Written in February 2015 for this Book

“All the world’s a stage... and Lubber Run is ours. Let’s keep it!!”

from a sign by Judy Lewis at a County budget hearing

The 2009 January *Arlington Forester* headline cheerfully reminded readers that the neighborhood was celebrating its 70th anniversary. No one imagined that by year’s end Arlington Forest would confront the prospective loss of its beloved Lubber Run Amphitheater (LRA) and embark on a multi-year campaign to save it.

Residents countywide were caught off guard in late winter by the release of the proposed FY2010 budget. Libraries, community centers, nature centers and other popular county services were targeted for restricted hours and outright closures because of the continuing economic downturn. The stage at LRA remained dark for the entire season because no funding for performances was allocated. Foresters were disappointed at the loss this summertime pleasure, but not yet alarmed.

In mid-July, however, the County Board approved a plan to convert the former Newseum into a cultural center to showcase the arts and revitalize Rosslyn. Promising that no new taxes were required for new center’s operating costs, County Manager Ron Carlee said, “Re-directing our existing Cultural Affairs resources to the Cultural Center provides the best return for the constrained resources that are available.” Neighbors facing a deserted LRA were skeptical about this re-direction of funds.

Lack of routine maintenance at LRA became all too apparent when Steve Thurston alerted neighbors to safety concerns at the venue via his Buckingham Herald Tribblog. A pole that held lighting for the stage had fallen onto a wall in August and was finally being removed in October, along with additional corroded poles. AFCA immediately invited Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (DPRCR) to discuss the situation at its November meeting.

The well-attended event proved to be a turning point in AFCA’s history. Residents came to listen, but left determined to act. DRPCR said that \$10,000 for programming for the past season had been added to the budget, but no one was informed because it was too late to use it. Additionally,

staff insisted that the stage itself was unsafe. It was the sense of those in attendance that without an aggressive effort, there would be a continuing pattern of deferred maintenance at LRA and that a treasured part of the neighborhood would be lost to budget cuts and competing performing arts facilities. Soon after the meeting the County removed the steps leading to the stage and erected orange plastic fencing around the structure to emphasize "safety" concerns.

AFCA's campaign "Save the Season 2010 +" was launched in January 2010 to advocate for LRA. A photo of the forlorn, fenced-off platform covered with snow accompanied an online petition directed toward the County Board asking signers to "fully support repair, restoration and renewed programming for Lubber Run Amphitheater to preserve its unique role in the community." Almost 700 people responded and a printed version of all comments was presented at the March budget hearings. A Facebook page was created to reach a wider audience.

AFCA representatives met with County staff at the amphitheater in March in a final attempt to preserve a short schedule of live entertainment for the coming summer. While the County was willing to spend the previous year's \$10,000 for programming, no money was available for repairs to the stage. The projected cost of stage repairs and new lighting ranged from \$80,000-\$200,000. These proved to be the first of many estimates.

LRA supporters immediately moved forward to address both long-term and short-term goals for the beloved venue. Greg Kunkle, with the pro bono assistance of his law firm, created a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt LRA Foundation to receive donations for LRA. Civic Federation delegate Sal D'Itri worked to build support across neighborhoods.

Other supporters focused on the political realities of addressing the County Board at the annual budget hearing, Board meetings, and through an aggressive letter and email campaign directed to the County Board and Manager. Despite that collective effort, no money for performance or capital improvements was included in the FY 2011 budget.

However, the persistence of the community paid off as (temporary) lights blazed again at LRA in the summer of 2010. Arlington TV's Rob Farr produced the "Sunset Boulevard meets Arlington Boulevard" movie series that premiered in June with a montage of films and TV shows with Arlington locations. LRA supporters made a strong statement by filling seats at the amphitheater on hot and humid evenings to view movies featuring actors and locations with an Arlington connection.

Lubber Run Amphitheater had the unwanted distinction of heading the Arlington Heritage Alliance 2010 list of "Most Endangered Places" and as the year ended there was nothing suggested that anything had changed. The County hired an architectural firm that summer to assess the facility; it was asked to consider three options: full rebuilding, modest restoration, and demolition.

While the study was completed by September, it remained "under review" for six additional months as staff considered the complexities of construction options related to the venue's location in a Resource Protection Area (RPA) within the 100-year flood plain and also compliance issues related

to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Despite lack of access to the study, LRA advocates continued to press for a ‘no frills’ renovation in time for a 2011 season, but County Manager Barbara Donellan hinted at what the review might contain when she said that there was no money in the budget, placing the cost of renovation at “several million dollars.” Days prior to the March budget hearings a devastating report appeared online describing a venue neighbors did not recognize as LRA including a rotted façade, open trenches, and a deteriorated parking lot.

Armed with a camera, LRA Foundation members documented a pointed rebuttal that was delivered to the County and simultaneously issued as a press release. LRA’s fans attended the budget hearings en mass to support four speakers requesting restoration of the amphitheater within its existing modest footprint.

In April, LRA Foundation invited all five County Board members to tour the site to assess conditions there for themselves; the members visited and expressed interest in finding solutions to keep the amphitheater operational. The Civic Federation also voted to request funding of repairs to LRA.

These efforts led to a public meeting the following week with the County Manager and senior staff hosted by LRA Foundation. While stressing the ongoing safety and ADA issues, the manager announced that some repairs could be done in time for a short 2011 season. Shortly thereafter \$45,000 was made available for programming with \$100,000 for a flood plain study and to address capital needs for restoration.

A few weeks later, the previously insurmountable difficulties with ADA and RPA issues were tackled without spending the projected millions of dollars to do so. The removal of paving bricks and addition of grass satisfied some of the resource protection concerns while extensive ADA accessibility modifications brought handrails, seating and parking. As crews worked to replace the stage and install new lights, the LRA Foundation joined with county staff to publicize the series with banners, posters, and signature fans to hand out at performances.

In record-breaking July heat, Mary Ann Redmond, the amazing jazz/rock/pop vocalist, opened the series, filling the amphitheater and surrounding grounds with cheering patrons who enjoyed lemonade and cookies. Lubber Run Amphitheater’s supporters were finally able to again celebrate summer in the beloved open-air performance space thanks to the efforts of so many people that led to its restoration

[Editor's note: While numerous residents from several neighborhoods worked to save LRA, the effort was led by Foresters Esther Bowring, Patricia Freeman, and Marsha Lederman. Key roles were also played by Foresters Janet Irwin and Chris Scheer.]

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“A True Neighborhood: The Recent History of One Block”

By John K. Naland

Written in February 2015 for this Book

When our family moved to the 100 block of N. Granada Street in the summer of 1999, our new neighbors immediately made us feel at home. Within days, one neighbor took us to swim at the Arlington Forest Club. Another neighbor made sure that we knew about the upcoming annual block party.

Within a few years, my wife and I took over coordination of the block party which consistently draws two-thirds of the block's residents to a Saturday-afternoon pot-luck meal. Several years ago, after a sharp rise in the number of children on the block, a neighbor suggested holding the party twice a year since it allows kids to play safely in the closed-off street while their parents enjoy talking to other grownups. And so we have done so to this day.

In April 2008, a neighbor along with a friend from N. Galveston Street organized a volunteer cleanup of Four Mile Run below the foot of N. Greenbrier Street. The trail there linking Arlington Forest to the WO&D trail had become overgrown with invasive plants and had long been a dumping ground for all kinds of junk (including rusting compressed gas cylinder that we had to call the Arlington County Fire Department to safely remove). There was such good participation from neighbors that the cleanup became (and remains) a semi-annual event.

To further beautify the trailhead, in 2011 a group of us applied for a \$15,000 Park Enhancement Grant from the County. The result is the info kiosk, trash can, and seating bolder that you see now at the site. The grant also paid for invasive plant control contractors to come in three years in a row to battle the tenacious invasives.

Using the e-mail addresses collected at block parties, the females on our block organized the Ladies of North Granada Street in 2010. LONGS gathers at a member's home about once a month for wine, finger food, and conversation. They also have stepped in on occasion to fix meals for the family of a neighbor who was sidelined with illness. (So far, the one meeting of Dads of North Granada Street (DONGS) has not been repeated.)

We look out for each other on our block. We check porches for packages when a neighbor is away. When I was stationed in Iraq during the snowy winter of 2009-2010, neighbors several times shoveled our sidewalk before my wife and young daughters had a chance to do so. The keys to four neighbors' houses hang on a hook in our kitchen for our daughters' use in their “Paws-itive Pet Care” service.

These are the kind of things that make a true neighborhood and make us glad to be living in Arlington Forest.

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Remembrances: Looking to the Future

“The Hundred Year Flood”

By John K. Naland

From the October 2013 *Arlington Forester*

-- It Could Happen Tomorrow: Water 39 Feet Deep in Lubber Run Park --

Imagine water 39 feet deep in Lubber Run Park. That is the “hundred year flood” projection by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the newly revised Flood Insurance Rate Map and 2013 Flood Insurance Study for Arlington. The hundred year flood has a one percent chance of happening each year. It is just as likely to happen this year as it is 99 years from now or in any year in between. But, eventually, it will happen.

FEMA calculates that the hundred year flood would place 12 feet of water at the north end of Lubber Run Park, 28 feet of water in the middle of the park (near the amphitheater), and 39 feet of water at the southern end. At that point, constrained by the culvert at the south end of Lubber Run Park, the water level will rise until it flows over Arlington Blvd at the foot of N. Edison St. and forms a 42 foot high waterfall down the other side of the highway as the water rejoins Lubber Run for the short distance to Four Mile Run.

Obviously, this temporary "Lake Lubber Run" will cause significant damage to the submerged parts of the park (amphitheater, bathroom, picnic pavilion, etc.). The rushing water would block and could damage Arlington Blvd at the foot of N. Edison St.

Four Mile Run (the flow of which is not constrained by narrow culverts) is calculated to rise just 11 feet as it flows under the Arlington Blvd overpass during the hundred year flood.

What about the houses bordering Lubber Run Park and the Four Mile Run riverbank? As best as I can tell from the FEMA map (which contains clear graphics superimposed on a blurry aerial photograph), no water is projected to touch any Arlington Forest house. However, a few back yards on S. Columbus St. do look partially submerged.

The FEMA map can be found on the County website by searching “Flood Insurance Rate Map”. Arlington Forest is on map 51013C0076C (keep hitting “enlarge” in your browser until you can discern neighborhood details). Charts showing flood profiles for Lubber Run and Four Mile Run can be found in the accompanying FEMA 2013 Flood Study of Arlington County.

If it is any consolation, the “five hundred year flood” is barely higher. Apparently, there is a physical limit to how long and how hard it can rain.

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“The Future of Arlington Forest”

By John K. Naland

May 2015

What will Arlington Forest be like in 25, 50, or 75 years? Nobody knows, of course, but here are six factors that will help to determine the long-term future of our neighborhood:

Civic Engagement: In the coming years, will enough residents continue to step forward to take leadership and other volunteer roles in the Arlington Forest Citizens Association so it can keep working to enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood? Or will membership decline, meeting attendance drop, and annual AFCA events be discontinued for lack of participation?

Community Spirit: Will the residents of each block continue to form a local community that enjoys each other’s friendships and watches out for each other? Or will more individuals become isolated from their neighbors and thus lose that community spirit?

Neighborhood Amenities: Will residents continue to attend Lubber Run Amphitheater shows, patronize our convenient Arlington Forest Shopping Center, and utilize local recreational facilities? Or will declining usage of those amenities lead to their closure?

Personal Values: Will Arlington Forest continue to be a community of well-kept homes, tended lawns, and considerate neighbors? Or will house maintenance standards decline and nuisances increase?

External Pressures: Will our neighborhood of single family homes and public parkland be preserved? Or will outside economic or political pressures prompt residential rezoning, the loss of green space, or other land use changes that dramatically reshape our community?

Natural Environment: Will residents maintain our beneficial tree canopy by controlling invasive vines and planting new trees to replace those that inevitably succumb to age, disease, or weather? Or will the passage of time slowly take the “forest” out of Arlington Forest?

While some change is inevitable in the coming decades, hopefully the positive scenarios outlined above will prevail. But hope is not a strategy. Instead, the future of Arlington Forest will depend on the actions of our residents – both individually and collectively – to preserve the attractive characteristics that enticed us to move here.



Year-by-Year Activities and Events

As reported in *The Arlington Forester*

1940-1944

No written record of the years 1940 through 1944 is extant. Talks with members who were active at that time brought to light some of the history of the Association's beginnings. Following is a list of those officers and those activities that it has been possible to identify:

Founder and Provisional President - William C. Tucker - 1940

1941 and 1942 (two terms)

President	D.C. Scott Daniel
Vice-President	Daniel R. Dundon
Secretary	Mrs. Frank [Rosemary] Bruffey
Treasurer	Thomas Shull

1943

President	Sylvester W. (Bob) Keesee
Vice-President	No record
Secretary	No record
Treasurer	No record

1944

President	Carl Behrens
Vice-President	Joseph C. Harry
Secretary	No record
Treasurer	Mrs. Philip Seeger-pro tem

Officers were first elected in January 1941 at the Woman's Club of Ashton Heights. The Association held social events to encourage neighbors to become better acquainted. One of the first such socials was a dance held in the basement of St. Thomas More Church.

In 1941, Monroe Warren (Arlington Forest builder) had a large holly tree moved from the middle of what is now North Park Drive and 2nd Street North to the entrance of Arlington Forest. That December the residents held the first Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Major concerns of the Association were working for better schools and obtaining good bus service for the community. There was also much interest in developing a thriving shopping center. The young Association worked to obtain a bridge for children to use in getting to Barcroft School, and it cooperated with the builder and County officials in planning a free access lane paralleling Lee Boulevard (now Arlington Boulevard).

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1945

President	Elton J. Layton
First Vice-President	G. Arthur Fuller
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Fred W. Henshaw
Secretary	Mrs. Philip G. Seeger
Treasurer	Mrs. Fred W. Evans
Newsletter written by	Elton J. Layton

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic in Lubber Run Park in August was attended by 250 people.

Through the efforts of Joseph Harry, a children's theatre Christmas party was arranged with the Buckingham Theatre. The Theatre also gave four passes each month, as door prizes, at the Association's meetings. There were over 400 children and adults at the Christmas party. A large crowd was present at the lighting of the community tree. [Editor's note: The Children's Christmas Part was held annually until 1967.]

An Arlington Forest recreation club, sponsored by the Association, opened on March 15, 1945, in the rear of the Forest Barber Shop.

The Association issued a regular news bulletin. It was a single mimeographed sheet coming from the president and including information on programs and brief notes on activities.

The membership for 1945 reached 525 (comprising 250 homes). AFCA meetings were held at the Arlington Forest Methodist Church.

The Association's Public Utilities Committee, headed by James Castles, concerned itself with safety

on Lee (now Arlington) Boulevard. The committee worked for and secured the installation of street lights throughout the community and the reduction of bus fare to North Greenbrier Street from 15 cents to 10 cents. The committee also tried to secure a traffic light at Lee Boulevard and Park Drive.

"Hereafter the new section will be referred to by your President as the Greenbrier section." [March 1945 *Forester*]

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1946 (January to May)

President	G. Arthur Fuller
First Vice-President	Fred B. Anderson
Second Vice-President	Carl G. Lans
Secretary	Mrs. Philip G. Seeger
Treasurer	Ward B. Huzzard
Newsletter written by	Elton J. Layton (January)
	G. Arthur Fuller (February to May)

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Monthly programs informed members about the political and financial operation of Arlington County. Meetings concluded with informal group singing and refreshments were served.

A family dinner was held in March at the Fairfax Hotel at a cost of \$1.25 per person.

The Association worked to secure and maintain clean conditions in the shopping center.

Proposed bus fare increases were opposed.

A mimeographed news sheet was distributed to Forest residents prior to each meeting.

The Association asked the County Manager to install a sidewalk on Lee Boulevard from North Columbus Street to North Granada Street.

Mr. Fuller announced his resignation in May, and a new election was held at that time for all officers. After this, all slates of officers were elected for the period from June of one year to May of the next.

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1946-1947

President	Fred B. Anderson
First Vice-President	Carl G. Lans
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Philip G. Seeger
Third Vice-President	Francis E. Thomas
Secretary	Mrs. Henry W. Stowell
	Mrs. Ida Revie
Treasurer	Ward B. Huzzard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic was held in Lubber Run Park in July.

A Christmas party was arranged for the children with Santa Claus at the Buckingham Theatre, and that same evening the adults enjoyed a tree lighting ceremony and carol singing around the holly tree in the shopping center.

A Japanese beetle extermination program was subscribed to by 80 percent of the community.

The Association worked to obtain an additional teacher for the overcrowded first grade at Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School.

The Association supported the movement for Arlington School improvement, including election of School Board members.

Committees from the Arlington Forest and Glencarlyn Citizens Associations cooperated in efforts to obtain improvements in roads and public transportation for the area.

In March 1947 the first issue of a four-page monthly bulletin, *The Arlington Forester*, was prepared by a committee under the chairmanship of Samuel Entriiken.

The Association was very active this year with a membership of more than 500. The members were drawn together by a community effort to eradicate the Japanese beetle and by strong leadership in the vital need to improve the local as well as the countywide schools.

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1947-1948

President	Carl G. Lans
First Vice-President	Mrs. Philip G. Seeger
Second Vice-President	W. Clark Iseminger
Third Vice-President	Edward C. Hall (resigned)
	John C. Grille
Secretary	Mrs. Henry W. Stowell
Treasurer	Ward B. Huzzard
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Samuel E. Entriiken (March-June)
	Elise C. Gardner (September)

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic was held in July.

The children's Christmas Party at the Buckingham Theatre was attended by 600, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony attracted many adults.

The Annual Dinner was served by the Women's Class of the Arlington Forest Methodist Church at \$1.50 per person. Guests of honor were Congressman Marion T. Bennett (R-MO), who showed slides taken abroad on a congressional tour, and Mrs. Florence Cannon, member of the Arlington County Board.

The Association cooperated with the Barrett PTA in seeking recreation areas for Barrett School in Lubber Run Park and adjacent Alexander Field. It surveyed the need for a new school for the Greenbrier Section.

A voter registration drive resulted in registering 100 new people in Arlington Forest. The Association worked to get a precinct registrar for Arlington Forest.

AFCA membership totaled 78 percent of households.

There was concern about the shopping center's appearance. The Association opposed a beer and wine license for the Forest Grill.

The Association was interested in having a war memorial park established on a nine-acre tract adjacent to the Arlington Forest Methodist Church on Lee Boulevard.

The main concern of the community at this time was school improvement. George A. Parker represented the Association at the School Board Nominating Conference. He and others canvassed the area in support of the school bond issue which made possible the much needed addition to the Barrett School.

"[A] six to eight room addition will be made to the critically overcrowded Kate Waller Barrett School." [December 1948 *Forester*]

Advertisers in January 1948 *Forester*: Moncure Agency (Insurance & Real Estate), John C. Grille (Insurance and Bonding), Forest Grill, Block Radio Service, Markham's ESSO service, Forest Hardware and Appliance Store, William C. Tucker (Poultry & Eggs), Ferdinand Incorporated "ALLSTEAK", Victory Bicycle Shop, Forest Beauty Salon, Electrical Repairs (Don R. Dundon), and Piano Instruction (Mrs. Robert Siemon).

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1948-1949

President	Mrs. Philip G. Seeger
First Vice-President	W. Clark Iseminger
Second Vice-President	John C. Grille
Third Vice-President	George A. Parker
Secretary	Mrs. Henry W. Stowell
Treasurer	Ward B. Huzzard
Assistant Treasurer	Robert W. Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic in July featured Inspector Dick Mansfield and his "Safety Circus" chalk talk.

The Children's Christmas Party, the Tree Lighting Ceremony and a home lighting contest were held.

The Annual Dinner was given in March at the Fairfax Hotel, with D.C. Scott Daniel as Master of Ceremonies. Seventy-three attended at a cost \$1.25 each.

"Arlington Forest Night" featured Monroe Warren, Forest builder, as speaker.

The Association's major concern was school improvement; resolutions were passed approving a higher school budget and encouraging citizens to register and vote.

A beautification campaign was begun. Herb Murphy supervised the planting of 75 trees and shrubs in park areas.

Members participated in a golf tournament at the Fairfax Country Club; gifts were distributed by Forest merchants.

The Association, with two basketball teams, participated in the newly formed Arlington Recreation Association.

The Association formally protested a change in zoning at 4610 Henderson Road from R-6 to RA8-18. The County Board voted to reject the change. The home atmosphere of Arlington Forest was preserved through efforts of its own citizens.

The bus company extended regular service to Carlyn Springs Road, with express service to Buckingham. Underfoot conditions at bus stops were improved.

"It has also just been learned that the M.T. Broyhill Construction Company is preparing plans to construct 150 homes adjacent to Arlington Forest along Carlyn Spring Road." [January 1948 *Forester*]

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1949-1950

President	W. Clark Iseminger
First Vice-President	Clarence E. Larson
Second Vice-President	Thomas W. McQueen, Jr.
Third Vice-President	George L. Marshall
Secretary	Mrs. Robert W. Gardner
Treasurer	Mrs. John W. Smith
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic in August was very well attended. John Grille and Tom McQueen added two new attractions for the children: the sidewalk parade and the amateur hour.

The children's Christmas Party was given at the Buckingham Theatre; for the second year Mrs. Wade Lathram organized a group to sing carols throughout the community and at the Tree Lighting Ceremony; prizes were awarded for the best decorated homes at Christmas.

The Annual Dinner was held in May at Dardanelles Restaurant in Falls Church. The speaker was Congressman Brooks Hayes (D-AR).

The Association sponsored three basketball teams.

The Association planted holly trees in park areas of the Forest. The high bank going from North Edison to North Granada Street was stabilized with the planting of grass and vines.

A traffic island was constructed in 1949 at Lee Boulevard and Park Drive. In the spring of 1950 traffic lights were installed at that location. The Association had been trying for many years to secure these lights. The death of young Freddie Lehman, caused by his being struck by a car at that corner, so shocked the community that the Association demanded and got immediate action by the State.

The Association informed the County Board that the sidewalk facilities to the Glen Carlyn School were urgently needed.

Boy Scout Troop 648 was officially established in Arlington Forest.

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1950-1951

President	Clarence E. Larson
First Vice-President	Thomas W. McQueen, Jr.
Second Vice-President	George L. Marshall
Third Vice-President	Herbert S. Murphy
Secretary	Mrs. Henry D. Greene, III
Treasurer	Robert T. Siemon (resigned)
	Joseph P. Leahy
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic in July was attended by 300. Ernie Lyons and his committee took over the games and track events.

The children's Christmas Party was given at the Buckingham Theatre, and that same evening the adults enjoyed a tree lighting ceremony with caroling.

The Annual Dinner was held at Good Food Shop (formerly Dardanelles Restaurant) in Falls Church. State Senator Charles R. Fenwick (D) spoke on "The History of Arlington County." Sarah McClendon O'Brien was Mistress of Ceremonies. Mrs. Hornish received first prize in the "Best Suggestion Contest" for her suggestion that a "historian be appointed to summarize the minutes of early meetings and things of interest that have happened in Arlington Forest."

At a monthly meeting the Association's Recreation Committee presented members and coaches of the three basketball teams sponsored by the Association, including the 155-pound championship team.

An Arlington Forest teen-age club was organized.

The Association kept after the County authorities until they directed the filling in of the "swamp" on the south side of Lee Boulevard.

The Association and others petitioned the County Board to make it unlawful for any dog, licensed or not, to run at large in Arlington County.

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1951-1952

President	Thomas W. McQueen, Jr.
First Vice-President	George L. Marshall
Second Vice-President	Herbert S. Murphy
Third Vice-President	J. M. Hansborough (resigned)
	Eugene S. Walker
Secretary	Mrs. Frances W. Edwards (resigned)
	Mrs. Robert W. Gardner (pro tem)
	Mrs. Henry Stowell

Treasurer
Forester Editor

Joseph P. Leahy
Robert Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

"'Arlington Boulevard' was the name approved by the members [of the Association]... Ernie Lyons was instructed to forward it to Senator Charles R. Fenwick for consideration in changing Lee Boulevard to another name. Persons visiting Arlington for the first time find themselves on Lee Boulevard when they wanted to be on Lee Highway and vice versa." [February 1952 *Forester*]

By action of the General Assembly in Richmond the name of Lee Boulevard is changed to Arlington Boulevard. [Source: Reference Librarian, Central Library]

The Family Picnic in July was attended by 300 to 400. A music group toured the area in a truck to stimulate interest in the picnic. There was a sidewalk parade for the children at one o'clock and the Amateur Hour after supper.

The children's Christmas Party and the Tree Lighting Ceremony, as well as a home outdoor lighting contest, were held. The Arlington Forest Methodist Church presented the fourth edition of the Living Nativity on the grounds adjoining the church. There were live animals in the corral.

The Annual Dinner was given in May at Hogate's Seafood Restaurant, with Frank Carey as Master of Ceremonies. Skits on the history of Arlington Forest (script by Mr. Carey) were presented. The speaker was Robert Peck, a member of the County Board.

The Association was concerned with civil defense, cleaning up the entrance to Arlington Forest, sponsoring basketball teams, and with traffic situations on Arlington Boulevard, North Columbus Street, and Carlyn Springs Road.

Citizens worked for a service road on the north side of Arlington Boulevard from North Edison to North Columbus and for an underpass linking North Greenbrier with the south side of the Boulevard, or traffic lights at this point.

In November 1951 the Arlington Recreation Department opened its new Community House at 4811 Third Street North (the Henderson House).

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1952-1953

President	George L. Marshall
First Vice-President	Herbert S. Murphy
Second Vice-President	Harry Schoeneman
Third Vice-President	Frank Major
Secretary	Mrs. Henry W. Stowell
Treasurer	Joseph P. Leahy
<i>Forester</i> Acting Editor	Samuel E. Entriiken

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic was held in August. It had to be somewhat abbreviated because of a heavy downpour, which resulted in postponing the children's amateur show to the September meeting of the Association.

The usual children's Christmas Party and Tree Lighting Ceremony were held.

The Association cooperated with the Arlington Recreation Department in sponsoring the Tip-Top Club for teen-agers.

The Association was concerned with street and shopping center improvement.

Two boys' baseball teams were sponsored by the Association.

The rezoning of certain property at Carlyn Springs Road and North Harrison Street was opposed by the Association.

An important accomplishment during the year was the installation of traffic lights on Arlington Boulevard at North Granada Street and at North Edison Street.

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1953-1954

President	Herbert S. Murphy
First Vice-President	Eugene S. Walker

Second Vice-President	Llewellyn B. Griffith
Third Vice-President	Richard M. Wood (resigned)
	James T. Redd
Secretary	Mrs. Maud Majors
Treasurer	Larry B. Britts
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Association apparently held no formal meetings during the year, but a number of newsworthy efforts and events took place. Dues were lowered from \$2.00 to \$1.50 in an effort to encourage more residents to become members.

The Family Picnic in Lubber Run Park in October opened the fall season. It was attended by 200 residents.

The children's Christmas Party, the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and a contest for the best decorated Arlington Forest house were held.

The State Highway Department extended culverts over Lubber Run at Arlington Boulevard and announced plans to build a service road over one of the culverts as soon as fill dirt became available, in order to connect North Edison and North Columbus Streets.

The Association sponsored both boys' and girls' basketball teams in the Arlington County Basketball League.

During heavy snows in February 1954, North Granada Street was officially barricaded between Greenbrier and Edison for coasting by the youngsters.

The first set of twins to be born to a Forest family arrived in April 1953. They were Joan and June Graham, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Graham.

"On Sunday morning, May 9th, Elizabeth Graham, beloved wife of John H. Graham...passed away. Two weeks previous Mrs. Graham had given birth to twin girls, her first children." [May 1948 *Forester*]

President Murphy initiated the idea and investigated the possibility of having a swimming pool built

for Arlington Forest residents. He appointed a large committee who devoted considerable time and effort toward planning the pool, soliciting memberships in a club to own the pool, and finally bringing the club (now known as Arlington Forest Club, Inc.) and its pool into existence.

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1954-1955

The Association was inactive during this year.

Hurricane Hazel struck the region in October 1954. The storm blew down electrical wires causing a fire that badly damaged the historic Henderson House which was later torn down and replaced by the Lubber Run Community Center.

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1955-1956

President	James T. Redd
First Vice-President	Eugene S. Walker
Second Vice-President	Henry W. Stowell
Third Vice-President	Samuel Entriiken
Secretary	Mrs. Martha Zsakany (pro tem)
	Mrs. George E. Sullivan
Treasurer	Larry B. Britts

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

"Here We Go Again" [April 1956 *Forester*]

In the fall of 1955 new officers were elected and the Association was again active, although there were no formal programs. Meetings were held to discuss local problems of interest to Forest residents and to transact Association business.

The Annual Dinner was held at Hogate's Arlington House in June 1956. The speaker was Frank L. Ball, Sr., an Arlington resident for 70 years and former State Senator, who talked on "Growth of Arlington County."

A streetlight was installed on the walk-through between Second and Third Streets North.

Arlington Forest residents were concerned about how Forest children would reach the new Kenmore Junior High School, scheduled for opening in September 1956. The Association appointed a committee to look into these questions: Will the State Highway Department build a sidewalk along Arlington Boulevard? Will Arlington County build a sidewalk on Carlyn Springs Road to the Old Dominion Railroad? If there are no sidewalks, will the School Board provide buses? Through the committee's persistence, the Association got favorable action on these questions.

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1956-1957

President	Samuel E. Entriken
First Vice-President	Eugene S. Walker
Second Vice-President	Harry D. Merold
Third Vice-President	Oliver Bassuener
Recording Secretary	Mrs. George E. Sullivan
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene S. Walker
Treasurer	Thomas Gachet
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic was held in September in Lubber Run Park.

The children's Christmas Party was given at the Buckingham Theatre, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony was conducted in the shopping center.

The Annual Dinner was held at Britt's Cafeteria in June, with Mrs. Myrtle Cheney Murdock speaking on "Our Capitol and Our Heritage."

A teen center for Arlington Forest youth was established in a room at the Recreation Center.

A chess and checker tournament was conducted for all interested Arlington Forest residents.

The Association protested the proposed construction of an amphitheater in Lubber Run Park. The

County Board referred the matter to the Planning Commission. At a meeting held September 1st, the Planning Commission recommended to the County Board that the amphitheater not be built because of lack of parking facilities, lack of sanitary facilities, over-intensive use of the area, and noise nuisance. [Editor's note: The Lubber Run Amphitheater was inaugurated in July 1969.]

The Association urged Arlington Forest residents to shop as often as possible at the Arlington Forest Shopping Center.

For the first time the Association's officers were elected in April, because the constitution had been amended to allow the election at this earlier date.

"The Safety Committee ... has written to the police department advising them that vehicles are making a raceway of Carlyn Spring Road at Arlington Forest – and asked that it be patrolled." [May 1956 *Forester*]

Earl Giel, Troop 148, and Zackary Taylor, Troop 648, received Eagle Scout awards.

"J.M. 'Doc' Hansborough of Arlington Boulevard is to be the manager of the new Peoples Drug Store in Shirlington, Va. ... [I]n 1941 [he] opened the drug store in Arlington Forest. [January 1957 *Forester*]

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1957-1958

President	Eugene S. Walker
First Vice-President	Harry D. Merold
Second Vice-President	Oliver Bassuener
Third Vice-President	Mrs. George E. Sullivan
Recording Secretary	Mrs. C. W. Sheretz
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Ralph F. Morrison
Treasurer	Thomas Gachet
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

"Something new has been added for this [membership] drive -- a history of Arlington Forest and the Association, in brochure form, that has been prepared by Mrs. Sarah McClendon O'Brien of North

Park Drive." [February 1957 *Forester*] [Editor's note: Forester Sarah McClendon was a noted White House correspondent during the second half of the 20th century.]

The Family Picnic was held in July in Lubber Run Park. Tom McQueen and Leonard Hilder put on a fine amateur show with youngsters from the Forest.

The Association celebrated the Christmas Season with a children's party at the Buckingham Theatre, the lighting of the holly tree in the shopping center with caroling, and a home decoration contest.

The Annual Dinner was held at Hogate's Arlington House in May, with W.H.M. Stover, President of Leadership Training Institute of D.C., as speaker.

The Association sponsored a Little League baseball team, The Arlington Foresters.

The Arlington Forest Teen Canteen continued operation at the Recreation Center.

The Association sponsored the Teen Club basketball team in the Recreation Department league (the first one sponsored since 1954).

Arlington Forest stores and the Methodist Church provided food and warm shelter for 300 stranded persons on the night of the big snow in March 1958.

The Association went on record as being opposed to the rezoning to commercial of a piece of ground on Arlington Boulevard between the Arlington Forest Methodist Church and North Pershing Drive.

"The Newest Thing On Wheels – Bob Plaisted of North Columbus Street is selling the new [Ford] Edsel for the Mount Vernon Motors." [September 1957 *Forester*]

"The Confucius Kitchen on Columbia Pike, owned by Leonard Wu of North Galveston Street, opened in November 1957." [November 1957 *Forester*]

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1958-1959

President

Harry D. Merold

First Vice-President

Oliver Bassuener

Second Vice-President	Mrs. George E. Sullivan
Third Vice-President	Ralph F. Morrison
Recording Secretary	Mrs. C.W. Sheretz
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	Eugene S. Walker
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard (July-August)
<i>Forester</i> Acting Editors	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred A. Letzler (September-January)
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred A. Letzler (February 1959)

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Frank Bruffey closed his hardware store in the Shopping Center and moved to 1107 West Broad Street, Falls Church.

The Arlington Forest Club participated in its first competitive swimming meet - lost to Dominion Hills.

The Family Picnic was held in July in Lubber Run Park.

The Association's usual Christmas activities (children's theatre party, tree lighting, caroling, and home decoration contest) stimulated additional festivities by individual members (at-homes, cocktail parties, open-houses, New Year's Eve parties, neighbors entertaining neighbors and visiting relatives).

The Annual Dinner was given in May at the Arva Motel, with state Senator Frank L. Ball, Sr., discussing Arlington's past and the importance of the founding of the Jamestown colony.

At an Arlington County Board public hearing "the so-called Highway 66 and the highway to the new airport to be located at Chantilly," and plans to widen Arlington Boulevard were discussed.

A new block of houses joined the Association in March 1959 (2nd Street North between Henderson Road and North Pershing Drive).

The Association sponsored an essay contest for high school students on "Why Every Resident Should Be a Member of the Citizens Association of His Community," with prizes of \$50, \$30, and

\$20, which were awarded to Neota Hall, Susan Schneier, and Morgan Morrison, respectively.

The Association tried to stimulate interest of residents in the stores in the shopping center and made suggestions to the merchants to improve their service. Suggestions were made also for improvement in parking conditions near the stores.

"The Arlington Forester was surprised when the People's Drug Store closed [on] May 4th. Rumors were 'a dime a dozen' but most of them ended with 'they will not renew their lease.'" [May 1958 *Forester*]

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1959-1960

President	Oliver H. Bassuener
First Vice-President	Mrs. George E. Sullivan
Second Vice-President	Ralph F. Morrison
Third Vice-President	S. Thomas Stagg
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Raymond E. Pascoe
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	Eugene S. Walker
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred A. Letzler

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Bruffey's Hardware returned to Shopping Center in January 1959.

The Family Picnic was held in July at Lubber Run Park. The shopping center merchants, as they had done in the past, donated prizes which were awarded to the holders of lucky numbers in a drawing.

The children's Christmas Party was given at the Buckingham Theatre. That evening a tree lighting ceremony was conducted at the shopping center. There was also a contest for the best Christmas home decorations.

The Annual Dinner was given at Key Bridge Marriott Motel in May, with Judge Hugh Reid speaking on "Kids--America's Principal Natural Resource."

At the Association's request, the County installed street lights at the intersections of North Columbus

Street and Arlington Boulevard and North Columbus Street and 1st Street North.

The Association recommended William M. Lightsey, a Forest resident, for appointment to the Arlington County School Board. [Editor's note: He later served in the Virginia House of Delegates and as Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.]

The Association's three vice-presidents as usual spearheaded the annual membership drive.

The names "Dorothy's" [Women's and Children's Wear] and "Peoples" [Drug Store] are deleted from The Arlington Forester masthead. [August 1959 *Forester*]

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1960-1961

President	Mrs. George E. Sullivan
First Vice-President	S. Thomas Staggs
Second Vice-President	Sterling P. Ingram, Jr.
Third Vice-President	Clifford J. Spilker
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Umberto Spadetti
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	Eugene S. Walker
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred A. Letzler

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic was held in September at Lubber Run Park.

The Christmas home decoration contest was discontinued because of insufficient interest, but the usual children's Christmas Party and Tree Lighting Ceremony were held. Gene Walker played Santa in a bright new outfit.

The Annual Dinner, held in May at Marriott Key Bridge Motel, featured Inspector Bernard Suttler of the FBI, who combined a description of FBI cases with reminiscing, stories and poetry; afterwards, there was dancing.

The Arlington Forester began a teen-age employment service with "Help" ads in June 1960.

In December 1960 the Association gave a birthday party to celebrate the coming of age of both Arlington Forest and Carol Scruggs, the first Arlington Forest baby. Carol arrived December 1, 1939, a few weeks after her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scruggs of 19 South Park Drive, had moved into their new home.

"It has been observed that some shelves are being removed at the A&P [Food Store]." [January 1961 *Forester*]

"Bon Foods [Market] was able to celebrate, on March 9, its Grand Opening." [March 1961 *Forester*]

The Beautification Committee influenced the State to inspect the area on both sides of Arlington Boulevard from Henderson Road to Granada Street. As a result the kudzu vine was cut back 20 feet and the slope was cleaned.

The Association appropriated \$200 toward having the County clean up both sides of Arlington Boulevard and for additional planting.

The Association was represented at a public meeting of the County Planning Commission at which presentation was made of promised land uses in the area north of Arlington Boulevard and west of Glebe Road.

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1961-1962

President	S. Thomas Stagg
First Vice-President	Sterling P. Ingram, Jr.
Second Vice-President	Clifford J. Spilker
Third Vice-President	Ernest L. Lyons
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Eugene S. Walker
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	Arden K. Stauffer
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred A. Letzler

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic was given in September in Lubber Run Park. Three Hawaiian girls gave a charming performance of Hawaiian songs and dances.

Since the recent court decision on the Sunday closing law, [hardware store owner] Frank Bruffey has been enjoying a deserved rest at home on Sundays, and those merchants who have their doors open will sell only permitted items. Plan ahead." [October 1961 *Forester*]

"Our President, Tom Stagg, cut the ribbon at the official opening of the George Mason – Carlyn Springs interchange on Oct. 7." [October 1961 *Forester*] [Editor's note: That bridge is scheduled to be rebuilt in 2016.]

Don France and Bob Loveless, Troop 648, received Eagle Scout awards.

"A babysitter's cooperative club, organized by Arlington Forest a parent, ... is operating." [November 1961 *Forester*] [Editor's note: The coop operated for over 60 years until becoming inactive in 2013.]

The November meeting preparedness speaker emphasized that, "every individual and family must be self-sufficient for two weeks in the post-attack period." [December 1961 *Forester*] [Editor's note: This refers to a Soviet nuclear attack.]

The children's Christmas Party and the Tree Lighting Ceremony with caroling highlighted the Christmas festivities in Arlington Forest.

The Annual Dinner was held in May at Holiday Inn. Dr. Nieman spoke on "Training Methods in Primate Research" and Bill Wheless, vocalist with the American Light Opera Company, presented popular and classical solos.

Interesting stories of Arlington's past were brought to an Association meeting by Mrs. Eleanor Lee Templeman, author of *Arlington Heritage*.

The Association devoted its energy toward shopping center improvement and sponsored "Arlington Forest Shopping Center Week." About 250 people came to the shopping center for the drawing of prizes at week's end.

The Association contributed to the following worthwhile projects: Arlington Forest Shopping Center (to encourage increased patronage), Arlington Museum, and Arlington Civic Symphony.

John Rowsey, Scout Master of Troop 648, received the Silver Beaver award - the highest honor awarded to volunteer adult leaders.

"In view of the uncertainties and confusion connected with the Sunday closing law, and the current practice in the area, Frank Bruffey has concluded that, in fairness to his customers in the Forest and to himself, Bruffey's Hardware will be open from 10 am to 2 pm on Sundays during the spring planting period." [March 1962 *Forester*]

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1962-1963

President	Sterling P. Ingram, Jr.
First Vice-President	Ernest L. Lyons
Second Vice-President	Charles S. Cox
Third Vice-President	Frank Bruffey (resigned)
	Thomas J. McCormick
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Henry Watts
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	Henry E. Foulds
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred A. Letzler

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The children's Christmas Party was given at the Buckingham Theatre. That evening there was a tree lighting ceremony with caroling at the shopping center.

The Annual Dinner was held in May at the Holiday Inn, with the Reverend Ernest K. Emurian, minister of Cherrydale Methodist Church, and author, musician, lyricist, and actor, as after-dinner speaker.

A fashion show by Ellen's of Arlington was staged in May in the parking area of the shopping center. Clothes were modeled by Forest young people.

The Beautification Committee, headed by Mrs. Philip Seeger, suggested block meetings to stimulate interest in improving the appearance of the community.

The Association arranged for Westcott Nurseries to consult with Forest home owners on landscaping.

The Association made a contribution to the Arlington Civic Symphony.

"Are you converted—to educational TV that is? Washington's own educational television station (WETA-TV channel 26) is now on the air." [November 1962 *Forester*]

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1963-1964

President	Ernest L. Lyons
First Vice-President	Charles S. Cox
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Ralph F. Morrison
Third Vice-President	Thomas J. McCormick (resigned)
	Pete Banholzer
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Richard Mitchell
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	Henry E. Foulds
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred A. Letzler (May-June)
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard (August 1963- July 1964)

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The new Glencarlyn Public Library was dedicated on June 16.

The Family Picnic was given in Lubber Run Park in September with entertainment by the Fife and Drum Corps, sponsored by American Legion Post 139.

Christmas Season activities of the Association included the traditional children's theatre party, tree lighting with caroling, and inspection of outside home decorations.

The Annual Dinner was given in May at Arva Motel, with Lewis H. Lederer, a Forest resident and Middle East Editor of the Voice of America, as speaker.

A "Gripe Night" was held, when residents discussed why the shopping center was not more widely patronized.

The Association encouraged residents to improve their homes and gardens through such things as

remodeled kitchens, air conditioning, post lamps, hedges, and additions.

The Association complained to the County about the failure of leaf pick-up.

The Arlington Forest swimming team had one of its finest seasons in its history.

"The Charlie Scruggs...have left Arlington Forest to have a go at living and working in Florida... [Mr] and Mrs David B. (Carol Scruggs) Sudduth have moved into the [old family] house – beginning a new cycle. The Charlie Scruggs were the seventh family to move into Arlington Forest...on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in 1939. Daughter Carol was born December 12, 1939. Charlie maintained that he bought his home for “ten dollars down” all he had in his pocket and the salesman took it. Charlie assured him that he would be back the next day to complete the down payment." [April 1964 *Forester*]

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1964-1965

President	Charles S. Cox
First Vice-President	Mrs. Ralph F. Morrison (resigned)
	Arthur E. Dooley
Second Vice-President	Pete Banholzer (resigned)
Third Vice-President	Arthur E. Dooley (reassigned)
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Gary H. Boggs
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	Mrs. John R. Moreau
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Jack and Pauline Cohen, Arlington Forest Delicatessen and Carry Out Shop, are the only original tenants left in the Shopping Center. Their shop burned in October with a lot of water, smoke and heat damage, but reopened in November.

The Family Picnic was given in September in Lubber Run Park. There was a sidewalk parade at one o'clock and games later in the afternoon in the park.

The Association celebrated Christmas with the usual theatre party for the children and a tree lighting

ceremony with carol singing.

The Annual Dinner was given at the Knights of Columbus Hall, with Reverend Ernest K. Emurian, minister of Cherrydale Methodist Church, as speaker.

The Association honored E. Gordon Lambdin, who had been the scoutmaster of Troop 148 for more than twenty years.

The Association was represented at a Zoning Board hearing regarding a proposed parking lot on Henderson Road. The Board denied the application but invited the applicants to re-apply in three years if they were still interested.

Continuing concerns of the Association were: vacant stores in the shopping center; traffic on Carlyn Springs Road, Edison and North Columbus Streets, and North Park Drive; and the condition of streets, sidewalks, and gutters in the Forest.

Upon the objection of the Association and residents who signed a petition, a judo club decided to seek a more suitable location than the Arlington Forest Shopping Center.

John Markham sold his service station to Marie S. Ludlow who operates it as Arlington Forest ESSO.

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1965-1966

President	John J. Rowsey
First Vice-President	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Second Vice-President	Harley W. Davidson
Third Vice-President	Edward J. Peters, Jr.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Gary H. Boggs
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Robert Brent
Treasurer	Mrs. John R. Moreau
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The 7-Eleven Food Store opened for business Sunday, April 25th.

The Family Picnic was held in Lubber Run Park; the youngsters who turned out enjoyed the games, contests, and sidewalk parades.

"This picnic started years ago when the early settlers had to find the answer to two important questions—how could we entertain ourselves because the bus route ended in Buckingham and you had to have tickets to get your gasoline because of World War II." [June 1966 *Forester*]

The traditional children's Christmas Party, Tree Lighting Ceremony with singing of carols, and outside home decorations contest highlighted the Association's Christmas activities. Awards were granted for the best decorated homes.

"Some 26 bulbs were taken from this year's Christmas tree that will have to be replaced." [February 1966 *Forester*]

The Association celebrated its 25th anniversary, starting with the June 1965 banquet, which was given at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Dr. F. Regis Riesenman, psychiatrist, spoke on "A Modern Day Concept of Extrasensory Perception." Past AFCA presidents were honored.

Mrs. Howard Lehman of South Aberdeen Street was chairman of the Schools Committee of the Civic Federation, which was awarded *The Evening Star's* trophy for 1965.

The Association was concerned with county planning as it affected Arlington Forest and also explored areas for suitable parking and recreation places. At a meeting of the Association "Freedom of Choice in Housing" was discussed.

An ideal of the Beautification Committee was to make Arlington Forest one of the most attractive residential communities in Greater Washington.

William M. Lightsey, of North Evergreen Street, was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates.

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1966-1967

President	Edward J. Peters, Jr. (resigned)
	John A. Rosado
First Vice-President	John A. Rosado (reassigned)

	Harley W. Davidson (resigned)
	A. C. Thompson
Second Vice-President	Harley W. Davidson (reassigned)
	A. C. Thompson (reassigned)
	Joseph C. Cockrell
Third Vice-President	A. C. Thompson (reassigned)
	Joseph C. Cockrell (reassigned)
	T. Dan Callaway
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft (reassigned)
	Mrs. Alfred Letzler
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Robert Brent (resigned)
	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	A. Leroy Bushnell
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic was given in August in Lubber Run Park. The usual children's Christmas Party and Tree Lighting Ceremony with caroling were held.

"The Arlington Forest Grandparents Club has a new member, Mrs Charles Scruggs. Her daughter Carol and her son-in-law David Sudduth have a daughter Anne Colleen. Mrs. Sudduth, nee Carol Scruggs, was the first baby born in Arlington Forest." [August 1966 *Forester*]

The Annual Dinner was held in May at the Knights of Columbus Hall. James Bostain, a scientific linguist with the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, spoke on the English language. Harley Davidson, Mayor of "Level Town" [South Edison Street] delighted the audience with a report on his "home district." Mrs. Eugene Kraft handled the arrangements for the dinner.

The Association paid tribute to Joseph Brisebois and John Rowsey for Boy Scouts leadership and to Robert Howard for long dedication in behalf of the Arlington Forest community.

In connection with the beautification program, the Association sold crepe myrtle trees to residents for \$1.25 each.

On request of the Association, Legum & Gerber Realty Company (as agent of the owners) cleaned the shopping center and made necessary repairs to the parking area.

The Association went on record as favoring a traffic light at Henderson Road and North George Mason Drive to help school children cross safely. Also, a letter was sent to County authorities protesting the bad condition of gutters and curbs in Arlington Forest.

At a Court of Honor, Allan B. Frol, Troop 648, was presented with his Eagle Scout award.

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1967-1968

President	John A. Rosado
First Vice-President	A.C. Thompson
Second Vice-President	Joseph C. Cockrell
Third Vice-President	T. Dan Callaway
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Alfred Letzler
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	A. Leroy Bushnell
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Family Picnic was given in July in Lubber Run Park. The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with carol singing, Santa Claus, and refreshments for all, was very well attended.

"There will not be any MOVIES for the children at the Buckingham Theater this year ... the Association's show was competing with cartoon programs that are shown every Saturday morning on TV." [December 1967 *Forester*] [Editor's note: Children's Christmas parties were permanently canceled.]

The Association did not sponsor a Home Light Competition ... "[I]t was not in the best interests of the Community to encourage the residents to put up extensive lighting displays and have them vandalized." [December 1967 *Forester*]

Lawn clinics were held in early fall in cooperation with Mr. Francis Lay at the homes of Mrs. Philip Seeger, Mrs. Allen Wilson, and Mrs. Ralph Morrison. Forsythia bushes bought by the Association were planted by the County in the Forest. The Association participated in "Cleanorama," with Joseph Cockrell in charge.

The Annual Dinner was given in May at the Knights of Columbus Hall. A one-act play, "Box and Cox," was presented by The Arlington Players.

The Association, with much help from Bob Howard, worked to save many oak trees from obscure scale. Trees with the disease were identified and neighbors were encouraged to get together and have their trees sprayed.

The Association's constitution and by-laws were revised by Alfred Letzler and Bernard Loveless. [Editor's note: That document remained in effect until it was revised in May 2014.]

The Association's 28-year history was prepared by Mrs. John A. Rosado, Mrs. Alfred Letzler, and Mrs. Richard McCue.

The Association opposed the granting of a use permit for a private school requested by the Assembly of God Church. The County Board denied the permit. The Association voted in favor of granting a variance to Atlantic Printing, Inc., and the County Board granted the variance.

The Association recommended W. Gregor Macfarlan for appointment to the Arlington School Board.

Every store in the shopping center was occupied for the first time in several years.

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1968-1969

President	John A. Rosado
First Vice-President	Walter L. Frankland
Second Vice-President	Marvin W. Burris
Third Vice-President	B.J. Brink
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Alfred Letzler
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	A. Leroy Bushnell
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Robert Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

There was an excellent turnout for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Santa distributed gifts to the children. Carol singing and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Electrification for the Christmas tree in the shopping center was put underground.

The Annual Dinner was scheduled for May 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, with W. Gregor Macfarlan as the speaker.

The history of the Association, revised and brought up to date, was printed in booklet form.

"Robert Loveless III...drew the picture of an Arlington Forest home for the 1969 edition of the History of the Arlington Forest Citizens Association." [April 1969 *Forester*]

The following statement of editorial policy now appears in each issue of *The Arlington Forester*: "*The Arlington Forester*, official publication of the Arlington Forest Citizens Association, Arlington, Va., is nonpartisan and nonsectarian in policy and serves the common interests of the residents of Arlington Forest."

The Association this year was interested in plans for the Potomac Overlook Regional Park. Mr. Alfred J. Denney presented the Association's views at a public meeting.

The Executive Committee kept a watch on developments with respect to redevelopment of neighboring Buckingham Community Apartments and sent representatives to several meetings at which this matter was discussed.

Additional concerns of the Association included: aircraft noise over the Forest, deteriorating condition of some curbs and gutters, the need for snow removal from sidewalks along Arlington Boulevard, and more frequent cutting of grass in the right-of-way along the Boulevard. These matters were brought to the attention of the County Manager and State authorities.

[Editor's note: This marks the end of the 1968/69 edition of this book.]

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1969-1970

President	A.C. Thompson
First Vice-President	Walter L. Frankland
Second Vice-President	B.J. Brink
Third Vice-President	Marvin W. Burris
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Allen C. Crowell
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	A. Leroy Bushnell
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Bob Howard

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Lubber Run Park Amphitheater was dedicated on Saturday, July 19th. With some 800 Arlingtonians in attendance, County Manager Bert Johnson presented the theater to County Board Chairman, Dr. Kenneth Haggerty, who accepted it in the name of all residents of Arlington County. The U. S. Navy Band and the Sea Chanters provided the entertainment.

Arlington County Board awarded a contract for improvements to Carlin Springs Road. Sidney R. Johnson Company was to widen the road from North Second Street to North Edison.

The William Carlin House, 5512 North Carlin Springs Road, was recognized by the Arlington Historical Society as one of four homes in the county to be available for tours on Arlington Historical Day. The original two-story house was built in 1800 with two bedrooms on the second floor, living room, dining room and a lean-to kitchen on the first floor, plus a cellar. [Editor's note: The house is now known as the Mary Carlin House, named for Mr. Carlin's granddaughter and the last family member living in the house.]

"Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moe attended a reception on Capitol Hill for the families of soldiers captured by the North Vietnamese. Their son Captain Thomas Moe, USAF, is a prisoner." [November 1969 *Forester*]

Christmas Tree lighting on December 20th. Carol singing was led by Ron Freeman, Director of Music, Arlington Forest United Methodist Church.

Association faced a financial crisis. To keep dues affordable the Executive Committee had: eliminated the family picnic, eliminated the Buckingham Theatre Christmas Party, moved to Lubber

Run Recreation Center, and increased *Forester* advertisers from 15 to 20 merchants. To accommodate an increase in printing and mailing costs, however, the Association raised the dues from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Association membership-615 of 852 households: Southside-130 of 178 households; Northside-235 of 285 households; and Greenbrier-250 of 390 households.

One hundred twenty-five Foresters attended the annual banquet in the Arlington Forest United Methodist Church social hall. A.C. Thompson presided; John Rosado installed new officers; Walter Frankland supervised distribution of door prizes; and Wilhelmine Gibboney chaired banquet committee. Tickets cost \$4.00.

Scout Mike Brady, Troop 648, was awarded his Eagle Scout Badge.

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1970-1971

President	Walter L. Frankland (resigned) B.J. Brink (reassigned January 1971)
First Vice-President	B.J. Brink Edmund B. Lambeth (reassigned January 1971)
Second Vice-President	Michael E. McIntire (resigned) Joseph A. Keyes (appointed January 1971)
Third Vice-President	Edmund B. Lambeth Francis S.C. Mason (appointed March 1971)
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Allen C. Crowell
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	A. Leroy Bushnell
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Richard and Louise McCue

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Arlington Forest Citizens Association reaches its 30th anniversary.

After holding the position on and off for 21 years, from 1963 to 1970 without a break, Bob Howard retired as editor of *The Arlington Forester*. Richard and Louise McCue published their first issue in

September 1970.

Improvements to Carlin Springs Road between North Second and North Edison Streets completed. Cost of work was \$184,000.

Arlington's Department of Transportation promised the widening of Arlington Boulevard and a grade separation at Park Drive to occur in from one year to five years.

Gene Beverly replaced Robert Weiser as Principal of Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School.

Nearly 250 Foresters attended Christmas Tree lighting--one of the largest crowds ever.

"Among the hundreds of Americans held prisoner in North Vietnam is an Arlington Forester, Thomas N. Moe... Tom ejected from his damaged aircraft...almost three years ago." [January 1971 *Forester*]

Plans to handle intensive redevelopment of Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor were discussed by Arlington County planner. "The arrival of Metro is expected to trigger a rush for construction of office buildings and apartments."

"The name 'Rosslyn' comes from William Henry Ross who in 1860 acquired a large farm on the Virginia waterfront opposite Georgetown [which] overlooked a 'lyn,' a waterfall or pool." [January 1971 *Forester*]

"Late in the 18th century a member of the [Ball] family established an 'ordinary' or tavern at what is now the intersection of North Glebe Road and Wilson Boulevard, then called Ball's Cross Roads." [January 1971 *Forester*]

"10 Years Ago in the Forest: People are still talking about the big snow on Inauguration Eve. Forest scouts ushered at the reviewing stand in front of the White House."

Annual banquet was held at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge. Entertainment was a musical comedy, "The Apple Tree," presented by the Arlington Players.

Membership stood at 532 families and dues still \$2.00.

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1971-1972

President	W. Gregor Macfarlan
First Vice-President	Joseph A. Keyes
Second Vice-President	Bernard G. Loveless
Third Vice-President	Francis S.C. Mason
Recording Secretary	Barbara Spadetti
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eugene C. Kraft
Treasurer	A. Leroy Bushnell
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Richard and Louise McCue

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Arlington County has officially decreed that the “Carlin” in Carlin Springs Road will henceforth be spelled with an “i” rather than a “y.”

Walt Ferrebee succeeded Fred Chandler as manager of the Forest Barber Shop. Hired French woman barber. She is Mrs. Elisabeth Colas, 4 feet 9, a slim brunette with a piquant face. [November 1971 *Forester*]

Lubber Run Amphitheater had successful season. Attendance varied from 200 to 1,000. Twenty-one groups performed.

Elton J. Layton, 81, a founder of the Association, died. Mr. Layton, who was an original owner on the south side of Arlington Boulevard, wrote the constitution and bylaws in 1940.

More than 100 persons from the Association, Stonewall Jackson Citizens Association [Editor's note: now Bluemont], and Barrett PTA, listened to 19 candidates for elective office. Termed the "best turn-out" in the county. Newly enfranchised 18 year-olds were in the audience.

"10 Years Ago in the Forest: The best food in town was served at the Arlington Forest voting precinct."

New street lighting for the Forest was endorsed. The lighting system would consist of colonial style lamps on 14-foot posts placed 134 feet apart on alternate sides of the street. Wiring would be underground.

Young Foresters Tim Cockrell, Debbie Macfarlan, Scot Reynolds and Venetia Crowell were members of the "Snow Queen and the Goblin" cast.

Santa rode a County Fire Engine to Forest Christmas Party and ran out of gifts for the children because of the large crowd.

In 1971, 45 homes were sold in Arlington Forest at an average price of \$32,800

Home for elderly proposed for Culpepper site at North Henderson Road and North Second Street.

Annual banquet held at Tom Sarris' Orleans House in Rosslyn. Barbara Spadetti was chairman of arrangements. "Fishbait" Miller was banquet speaker. Esther Kraft retired after 14 years of service to the Association. Membership was at record high: 655 families; annual dues still \$2.00.

Richard Bowen became manager of the Arlington Forest ESSO.

The Alfred B. Moes of S. Columbus St. received seven letters from their son during January, February and March. Tom has been a prisoner of war since January 1968. [April 1972 *Forester*]

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1972-1973

President	Joseph A. Keyes
First Vice-President	Bernard G. Loveless
Second Vice-President	Francis S.C. Mason (resigned) Daniel C. Flynn (reassigned Feb. 1973)
Third Vice-President	Daniel C. Flynn L. Murray Mould (assigned Feb. 1973)
Recording Secretary	Barbara Spadetti
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Carl N. Gibboney
Treasurer	A.L. Bushnell (died Feb. 1973) Elroy L. Nieweg (appointed Mar. 1973)
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Richard and Louise McCue

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Scott Macfarlan (Troop 148) and John and Gene Ferguson (Troop 648) became Eagle Scouts.

Laid end to end, the half-million shingles Robert J. Kilby, Jr., has installed on Arlington Forest roofs would extend 170 miles, or roughly from here to Lynchburg. [September 1972 *Forester*]

Long Branch Nature Center, containing a library and exhibits of local wildlife and geological features, was opened.

Mrs. Janet Leman, Arlington classroom teacher for 17 years, replaces Gene Beverly this fall as principal of Barrett School. [September 1972 *Forester*]

Samuel E. Entriiken of N. Carlin Springs Road died; served as the first editor of the predecessor to *The Arlington Forester* from 1944 to 1946.

County Director of Transportation informed an Association meeting that there was a 10-year long range plan to widen Arlington Boulevard to six lanes, install a concrete median, and reconstruct the Carlin Springs Road interchange. [Editor's note: This project was implemented from 1986 to 1988.]

Fireman Frank R. Higgins (Northside) cited for bravery for his part in preventing a robbery of an elderly couple near the Fairlington Fire Station.

Voters in Impressive turnout: More than 78 percent of the Forest electorate cast their ballots. [December 1972 *Forester*]

Neither sub-freezing temperatures nor nippy winds prevented the Christmas Tree lighting from being enjoyed by a large group of Foresters. Santa arrived with two fire engines.

Michael Goodman of Scout Troop 648 received the Eagle Award.

A. Leroy Bushnell, treasurer of the Association since 1966, and a Forest resident since 1944, died on February 18th at the Northern Virginia Doctors Hospital after suffering a stroke.

USAF Captain Thomas Moe, five-year Vietnam POW, was reunited with his family.

Sparkling entertainment and delicious food were highlights of the Annual Banquet held at the K of C Hall. Frank Carey was Emcee.

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1973-1974

President	Bernard G. Loveless
First Vice-President	Daniel C. Flynn
Second Vice-President	L. Murray Mould (resigned) Susan Berry (reassigned Mar 1974)
Third Vice-President	Susan Berry Karen Steed (appointed Mar 1974)
Recording Secretary	Janna Schmidt
Corresponding Secretary	Candace Edgerley
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Richard and Louise McCue

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Twenty-six summer 1973 performances at the Lubber Run Amphitheater from June 21 to August include two multi-performance musicals; various Army, Navy, and Air Force bands; two movies; two rock bands; and other performances.

Twenty-fifth anniversary of *The Arlington Forester* Masthead

Express bus lanes to be constructed along Arlington Boulevard from Seven Corners to Fort Myer.

Frank Carey (Greenbrier) was honored by the American Psychiatric Society for the excellence of his writing in the fields of science and health.

Membership stood at 582 families: Greenbrier-287; Northside-216; and Southside-79. Dues \$2.00.

In response to a Barrett PTA petition, the County Board approved a crossing guard at the intersection of North George Mason and Pershing Drives.

"Graceful White Oak Predates Revolution--still stands on North 1st Street [Greenbrier]...trunk diameter of 4 and 1/2 feet...limb spread over 75 feet...between 200 and 300 years old." [November 1973 *Forester*] [Editor's note: The tree died prior to 2000.]

Foresters opposed major construction on Route 50 (Arlington Boulevard) to raise it to interstate highway standards; but split on issue of supporting construction of I-66 through Arlington.

"10 Years Ago in the Forest: *The Forester* editor noted that Arlington Forest was the home of seven of the first 10 valedictorians at Wakefield High School."

Even with subdued lighting on the Christmas Tree, because of the energy crunch, Arlington Foresters enjoyed another traditional celebration.

Arlington Forest at last has an ornamental entrance sign erected in the holly tree circle by John Fuka as part of his work for the Eagle Scout award.

The Annual Banquet, held at the K of C Hall, honored "original owners." With over 200 Foresters in attendance, Alice Letzler presented "First Citizens" certificates to 141 families. [Editor's note: The families' names are listed in the July 2000 edition of this history.]

Fire Station No. 2 to be moved to vicinity of Wilson Boulevard and George Mason Drive when its building at North Stuart Street is razed for Metro construction.

The County will collect newspapers separately from other trash. The newspapers will be recycled into newsprint.

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1974-1975

President	Daniel C. Flynn
First Vice-President	Janna Schmidt
Second Vice-President	Stuart C. Steele
Third Vice-President	Candace Edgerley
Recording Secretary	Sarah Porter
Corresponding Secretary	Clifford J. Spilker
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Richard and Louise McCue

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

New Forest Valet, E.C. McIntosh, sponsored the Forest Valet Cubs in Arlington Little League 13-year-old league.

With higher enrollment than expected, Barrett Elementary School was expanded. The new addition

included a gymnasium and library. Older sections are to be remodeled.

Frank Carey (Greenbrier) retired after a 36-year career with the Associated Press.

Maurice A. "Duck" Duckson, who carried mail in Greenbrier for 23 years, left the Forest for medical reasons to take an easier route in Buckingham.

After long and concerted effort by Mary Alice Glover, the County Board approved funding for a tot-lot on North Edison Street.

At Candidates' Night, nearly 100 Foresters questioned office seekers about their position on: I-66, needs of older citizens, amnesty for war dissenters, County expenditures, real estate assessments, and effectiveness of the Neighborhood Conservation Program.

A citizens committee studied the middle schools grade division concept as a feasible alternate to the junior high plan.

Bus lanes on Arlington Boulevard were put into operation during rush hours. Some 70 buses per day made use of the lanes.

Record crowd of 250 Foresters celebrated Christmas Tree lighting.

Installation of new street lights, which began in early December, delayed because petitions for several streets were missing and several other petitions had insufficient support. At February meeting, Foresters gave overwhelming support to new lights.

In response to Foresters' concerns, Arlington County Detective Donald Attanasio presented a program on how to protect one's home from burglars. In addition to installing recommended deadbolt locks, he suggested participation in the "Operation Identification" program.

The Annual Banquet was held at the K of C Hall. J. Elwood Clements, Arlington County Sheriff, was the speaker and told "Tales of Arlington."

The Association Objectives: To foster community and civic interests; to promote friendship among residents; to represent Arlington Forest on county issues; and, to publish a neighborhood newsletter. [March 1975 *Forester*]

Vandals ripped off the lower half of the rustic sign placed in the shopping center circle by Forest Boy Scout John Fuka.

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1975-1976

President	Joseph C. Cockrell
First Vice-President	Stuart C. Steele
Second Vice-President	Janna Schmidt
Third Vice-President	Candace Edgerley
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Roslewicz
Corresponding Secretary	Charles R. Brown
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Richard and Louise McCue (resigned) Richard and Frances Cronin (appointed Feb 1976)

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Capt. Thomas N. Moe received a master's degree in Russian and Eastern European Affairs from Notre Dame University. He was recently awarded a second Silver Star for acts of courage while a prisoner of war, giving him a total of 17 service medals.

Taking a cue from the Nation's mood, the Association Executive Committee chose the Bicentennial as theme for 1975-76 programs.

The Association protested County plans to convert Lubber Run Center meeting room into office spaces; the County put the plan on "hold."

"10 Years Ago in the Forest: A resident of North Granada Street made news in *The Arlington Forester* by having central air conditioning installed in his house."

Nearly 175 persons attended Candidates' Night. Among seven bond issues that were discussed was one for \$25 million to support Metro construction.

Foresters took a special subway preview ride from the Rhode Island Avenue station to Metro Center and return.

Two old homes, located on North Galveston Street and built by a granddaughter of William Carlin, were cited in the context of the Bicentennial. The farm house at North Second Street and the cabin in the Galveston cul-de-sac were built on a tract of land willed early in the 1800s to Ann Carlin.

Lubber Run Center stands on the site of Henderson House, built in 1894 by John R. Henderson, Jr. as his country residence. His father, Senator John R. Henderson, Sr., is remembered for authoring the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution (Abolition of Slavery) and voting against the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson. Much of Northside is built on the Henderson Tract, jointly owned by the Hendersons. [Source: Arlington Historical Society Magazines of October 1968 and October 1969. Excerpts can be found starting on page 16 of this book.]

Christmas Tree lighting celebration sparkled by Santa on a new Yellow fire engine. A third generation of Foresters was in attendance. Joe Cockrell led the caroling.

Under a new County ordinance, dog owners must clean up after their dogs, and dogs must be on a leash when not on the owner's property.

County's newspaper recycling program was ended December 31 as an economy measure.

By unanimous vote of the Foresters present, the Association dues were raised from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

Kenmore Junior High School PTA celebrated its 20th anniversary by inviting all past students to festivities.

Barrett Elementary School students presented a program "America Forever" as a Bicentennial project and played to standing room only crowds.

Fire Station No. 2 was opened at North George Mason Drive and Wilson Boulevard.

Annual Banquet held first time at Marymount College. Theme was "Discover Your Neighbors in '76." Six past presidents of the Association presented a special award to the retiring *Forester* editors Richard and Louise McCue for their excellent service.

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1976-1977

President	Stuart C. Steele
First Vice-President	Elizabeth Roslewicz
Second Vice-President	Penny Bledsoe (resigned)
	Mike Norelli (appointed December 1976)
Third Vice-President	Robert K. Jones
Recording Secretary	Judy Parente
Corresponding Secretary	Charles R. Brown
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Richard and Frances Cronin

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

County Board approves construction of the N. Edison Street playground on what had been a small parking lot. Local resident Mary Alice Glover proposed the project which AFCA endorsed.

Association meetings had a "financial" flavor as Foresters first learned about real estate investment risks and then took on the 1976 Tax Reform Act.

Annual Christmas Tree lighting was held in appropriately chilly weather. Santa dispensed candy and good cheer to everyone from his yellow fire engine sled.

Public Input Workshop held to discuss the alternative corridors for constructing Metrorail. Of interest to Foresters was the "K-Route" from Rosslyn to Vienna.

NASA awarded its Exceptional Service Medal to Tom Hagler (Northside).

Susan Bradford (Northside) and Debbie Macfarlan (Greenbrier) chosen to attend Girls State. Diane Roy, David Skolnick and Emily Nieweg (Greenbrier) elected to the National Honor Society at Washington-Lee High School.

The Association replaced the Annual Banquet with a Spring Picnic.

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1977-1978

President	Elizabeth Roslewicz
First Vice-President	Mike Norelli
Second Vice-President	Andrea Walker
Third Vice-President	Henry Watts
Recording Secretary	Sarah Hatfield
Corresponding Secretary	Charles R. Brown
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Tom and Elizabeth Roslewicz

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Large crowd of Foresters listened and learned about tax assessments, appraisals and appeals.

Candidates' Night was held in Culpepper Garden retirement home for the first time.

Report from Barrett School: Lionel Seitzer, the new principal, comes to Barrett from a ten-year stay at Glencarlyn. [November 1977 *Forester*]

Foresters celebrated Christmas all day: Ornament making at the Recreation Center, caroling at Culpepper Gardens, and, in the evening, tree lighting and more caroling led by the Cockrells.

Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation reset the traffic lights to increase crossing time on Arlington Boulevard at Henderson Road and Park Drive.

Door-to-door hand delivery of *The Arlington Forester* began (replacing mail delivery). First delivery team: Larry Brown, Tommy Brown, Pat Gallagher, Peter Poggioli, Jason Roslewicz, Kim Steele, Melissa Steele, Spence Walker and Vance Walker.

Paden Tract, North Park Drive and Carlin Springs Road, re-zoned to permit construction of a 76-townhouse development.

Troop 648 is proud of George Ericson and Jimmy Whitney who are now Eagle Scouts. [June 1978 *Forester*]

Arlington Forest began study to determine how to participate in the County's \$1.7 million

Neighborhood Conservation Program. [Editor's note: The Arlington Forest Neighborhood Conservation Plan was finalized in May 1991.]

Construction of home additions including the risks, costs, and benefits were discussed at an Association meeting. Good interested crowd. Robert Kilby and C. W. Fields, both with long experience in the field, offered their advice.

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1978-1979

President	Andrea Walker
First Vice-President	Henry Watts
Second Vice-President	Rowland Bowers
Third Vice-President	Myron Arledge
Recording Secretary	Sherri Hickey
Corresponding Secretary	Charles R. Brown
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Tom and Elizabeth Roslewicz
<i>Forester</i> Interim Editors	Richard and Frances Cronin

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

County Board approved the site plan for the development of 76 condominium townhouses on the Paden Tract, North George Mason and Park Drives. Construction expected to start in summer 1979.

Foresters voted unanimously to participate in the Neighborhood Conservation Program.

Second Annual Yard and Bake Sale in the Arlington Forest Park on Arlington Boulevard in front of the shopping center was a huge success.

At its November meeting, the Association supported the following resolution: "The Arlington Forest Citizens Association encourages Klingbeil Management to proceed with the renovation of the Buckingham Apartments with 29 percent scattered housing set aside for low and moderate income families."

Christmas was celebrated with the traditional tree lighting, caroling, and Santa in his fire engine.

Foresters also caroled at Culpepper Garden retirement home. Later in the holidays, a "grinch" vandal came by and stole some 100 bulbs off the tree.

Due to Tom Roslewicz's heart attack late in December, Richard and Frances Cronin became interim editors of *The Arlington Forester*.

Three new Eagle Scouts in Troop 648: Larry Vance, Nathan Turner (Southside) and Franklin Molin (Greenbrier). These young men are the 57th, 58th, and 59th Eagles to be produced by Troop 648.

Second Annual Barrett School Spring Fair was a large success.

Neighborhood Conservation questionnaire showed that Foresters were concerned about Route 50 traffic, park renovation, vandalism, landscaping and the desire to keep the community an area of single family homes.

Third Annual Picnic (of the modern era) held in Lubber Run Park.

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1979-1980

President	Michael Hathaway
First Vice-President	Myron Arledge
Second Vice-President	Edward Guryansky
Third Vice-President	Larry Swett
Recording Secretary	Jesse Butler
Corresponding Secretary	Charles R. Brown
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Elaine Neumann

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Arlington County Public Works Director Henry Hulme told Foresters about plans to begin the Lubber Run Sewer Project, funded for the 1980 fiscal year.

Bob Howard, editor of *The Arlington Forester* off-and-on for some 21 years, died on September 5, 1979.

Twenty candidates joined a host of Foresters for Candidates' Night at the Culpepper Garden. It was an interesting session since it was held jointly with the sewer project discussion.

Fay and John Rosado celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. John was Association president from 1966 to 1969.

Neighborhood Conservation subcommittees began work. They addressed such areas as historical resources and natural environment, neighborhood improvement, shopping center, recreation, and neighborhood schools.

The annual Christmas Tree lighting was able to be held only after the Lubber Run Recreation Center donated lights for the tree. Santa came again in his fire engine. Foresters caroled at Culpepper Garden.

Arlington Foresters took action as individuals to ask the County Board to keep Lubber Run Recreation Center open.

Arlington Forest homes assessments raised some 18 percent to a fair market value of \$90,000.

Over 130 Foresters participated in the first Arlington Forest house tour. Ten houses, with a variety of additions, were open for inspection.

The combined yard and plant sales were a terrific success. One important aspect of this success is the cooperation of Foresters in planning and running these affairs.

Arlington Forest Swim Club celebrated its Silver Anniversary.

Annual picnic was held in Lubber Run Park on June 8th.

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1980-1981

President	Peter Butler
First Vice-President	Edward Guryansky
Second Vice-President	Larry Swett
Third Vice-President	Marc Malik

Recording Secretary	Angela Burright
Corresponding Secretary	Charles R. Brown
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Elaine Neumann (resigned)
<i>Forester</i> Co-Editors	Susan Fouts and Jane Stevens (appointed September 1980)

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Arlington Forest marked its 40th anniversary.

Rejecting the objections of the Association, the County Board approved the Lubber Run Sewer Project to begin construction in October at a cost of \$1.1 million. New storm sewer to be laid under Lubber Run stream bed.

Fifty Forest homes participated in the community-wide yard sale. Shoppers were provided with Forest maps and directions between the sections.

What was billed as the first annual Community Run was held on September 27. In the one-mile race, there were 10 entrants aged 13 and under. Twenty-four older runners covered a course of 2.75 miles. Shopping Center merchants donated the prizes.

Candidates' Night was held October 22 at Culpepper Garden.

One hundred Foresters braved the first cold snap of the winter to see the Christmas Tree lighting. Santa arrived on his fire engine with goodies. The celebration continued the next day with a party at Lubber Run Center and caroling at Culpepper Garden.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 648, 17 boys and four adults, made a 6,677 mile odyssey to 21 states and three Canadian Provinces.

Foresters Larry Swett and Judy Cloe (Greenbrier) were designated observers for Lubber Run Sewer Project.

Over 124 Foresters enjoyed the second Arlington Forest house tour. It was organized and run by Judy Cloe (Greenbrier) with nine houses open to visit. The gracious owners: Clarence and Jan Lyons, Bill and Kathy Harper, John and Fay Rosado, Doris Moore, Tim and Helen Lee, Warren and Dale Kane,

John and Janet Weber, Joe and Joyce Tamer, and Clay and Greer Woods.

The June issue of *The Arlington Forester* discontinued. *Forester* delivery team members - Greenbrier: Jimmy Whitney, Tommy Brown, Kevin, Kim, and Melissa Steele, Stephanie Nielsen; Northside: Camille Guryansky; and Southside: Spence Walker, Jason Roslewicz, Nathan Fouts.

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1981-1982

President	John Rowsey
Northside Vice-President	Ed Rissing
Southside Vice-President	John Baber
Greenbrier Vice-President	John Weber
Recording Secretary	Angela Burright
Corresponding Secretary	Position abolished
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Co-Editors	Susan Fouts and Jane Stevens
	David and Jane Stevens (appointed Jan 1982)

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

For the first time, the September 1981 *Forester* listed vice presidents by the sections they represented. [Editor's note: The Association's by-laws were not amended to formalize this new arrangement until May 2014.]

After 19 years, two months, and two days of service, Walt Ferrebee closed the Forest Barber Shop due to an increase in rent.

Buckingham apartments to be completely renovated and converted to Buckingham Village under a cooperative form of ownership.

Annual Candidates' Night held at Culpepper Garden. John Baber (Southside) organized and chaired the event.

Declining enrollment threatened closing of Barrett School. In addition to a general decline throughout the County, a reason closer to home was the conversion of Buckingham to cooperative

apartments.

Forest Delicatessen celebrated its fortieth anniversary. Jack and Pauline Cohen said the 40 years passed like a day.

County police officer conducted a program on crime prevention in November. Detective Haines stressed installing deadbolt locks, keeping shrubbery trimmed back so that it would not shield a burglar, and keeping the outside of homes well lighted.

Christmas Tree lighting was held on schedule because the New Forest Valet contributed money for new lights. Santa arrived on his fire engine sled with goodies for all. The party continued at Lubber Run Center and wound up caroling at Culpepper Gardens.

Following the general trend, the Arlington Forest Exxon station opened self-service gas pumps.

Forester heard first "news" of "Ballston Galleria" - proposed multi-million dollar development to include over 100 stores, high rise offices and a new parking garage.

Proposed plans for the modification of the Arlington Boulevard and Carlin Springs Road intersection, introduced in 1972, were discussed. Construction start date was not announced.

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1982-1983

President	John Rowsey
Northside Vice-President	Ed Rissing
Southside Vice-President	John Baber
Greenbrier Vice-President	David Mog
Recording Secretary	Susan Fouts
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Editors	David and Jane Stevens

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Arlington Forest United Methodist Church celebrated its fortieth anniversary.

September Yard Sale held in the Arlington Forest Park was great success.

The "Ballston Galleria" reported last year was renamed "Ballston Common" before construction started.

Forty interested Foresters held meeting in the Lubber Run Park. Topics covered: Neighborhood Conservation, crime prevention and the need to organize block captains for improved communications.

The Shopping Center was discussed in November meeting (three stores vacant, maintenance deteriorating, rising rents, and a proposed zoning change to permit installing video games). The Foresters voted to oppose the rezoning. County Board later defeated the proposed change.

Twenty-five years ago in the Forest: "Every boy and girl of Arlington Forest was invited to a Christmas Party at the Buckingham Theatre. Admission was free and small gifts were given out."

More than 75 Foresters braved a cold, cold night for the Christmas Tree lighting. Santa came with two fire engines and everyone enjoyed the hot chocolate. Sue Fouts (Southside) baked 30 dozen cookies for the festivities.

Kevin Darnell, Troop 648, received his Eagle Scout award.

Barrett Elementary School may be closed due to decreasing enrollment. School Board to monitor the situation during the school year because Buckingham to remain as rental units.

Arlington Boulevard and Carlin Springs Road improvements scheduled to begin in the spring of 1984.

Dennis Bodson (Northside) became an Eagle Scout.

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1983-1984

President

Northside Vice-President

Southside Vice-President

Susan Fouts

Jeff Champagne

Chuck Carter

Greenbrier Vice-President
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Forester Editor

David Mog
Jane Stevens
Elroy L. Nieweg
Frank Carey

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Association began the 1983-84 year without a *Forester* Editor. In November, Frank Carey (Greenbrier) volunteered and was welcomed into the Executive Committee.

In July the Shopping Center was offered for sale, price \$1.5 million. It was bought by three Arlington-based persons who began a restoration and renovation program with a Jefferson-type colonade but "no substantial change in the kind of shops" to be housed in the center.

FAA conducted a 90-day "scatter" plan for National Airport. Many Foresters complained about the noise. The Association registered a formal protest with the FAA.

The Association voted against "Granny flats" in single-family residential neighborhoods.

Santa made a big hit when he arrived with two fire engines and lots and lots of goodies for the Christmas Tree lighting.

The vacant, vandalized, and dilapidated Husbands house (Greenbrier) was sold at public auction.

Nearly 100 "Barrett People" celebrated the 45th anniversary of Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School. Barbara Baker (Northside), a key figure in saving the school from being closed, presided at the celebration.

The Arlington Forest United Methodist Church sponsored a continuous reading (over a 20-hour period) of the New Testament in observance of "The Year of the Bible."

A list of remaining original owners was assembled by President Sue Fouts. [Editor's note: The list was published in the July 2000 edition of this history.]

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1984-1985

President	David Mog
Northside Vice-President	Peter and Marjorie Hickman
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Doug MacTavish
Recording Secretary	Jane Stevens
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Frank Carey

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A Forester was a Silver Medalist oarsman in the Olympics. Walter "Chip" Lubsen, Jr. (Greenbrier) was a member of the U.S. Eight which placed second to the Canadians by 2/10ths of a second.

Forest-wide house/addition tour, planned by Elaine Squeri (Southside) and with 10 homes open for inspection, was declared a success.

Why live in Arlington Forest? From informal interviews with House Tour folks: "Nearby schools and churches, available public transportation ... easy access to D.C., shaded and established neighborhood sites, active citizens association, convenient and attractive shopping center, parks and recreational opportunities, community center, swimming pool and tennis association—and a Santa Claus who arrives in a fire engine!" [February 1985 *Forester*]

Amid great turmoil of closings in the Shopping Center, Pauline and Jack Cohen closed their Forest Delicatessen and retired after 43 years of service to the community.

Shopping Center continued to be focus of change. Mrs. McGregor's Garden Shop, Lee's Deli (a combination grocery/delicatessen), American Computer Rental, the Video Den, and La Maisonette opened.

Thanks to Peter Hickman (Northside), Christmas Tree lighting ceremonies were moved to Lubber Run Recreation Center grounds. Santa and his fire engine did not get lost with his goodies for the young folks.

Arlington Forest "Manual for Home Owners" was begun by the Neighborhood Conservation Program Housing Committee under the guidance of Elaine Squeri (Southside).

Forest experienced 10 break-ins during the winter. Arlington Police Detective Susan Beuchert (Greenbrier) urged Foresters to protect their homes by expanding the Neighborhood Watch program and having a Home Security Survey.

The Irish editor wished all Foresters a Happy St. Patrick's Day with a "Green" Arlington Forester. [March 1985 *Forester*]

Foresters learned about "equal access" a term made famous by the Bell System divestiture. They learned that C&P [Chesapeake and Potomac] would continue for local service; but that AT&T, a separate company, would compete to sell long distance service and equipment.

The "Mrs. McGregors" opened their Garden Shop.

Nearly 135 Foresters turned out for the revived Annual Banquet at Marymount College. Elaine Squeri chaired the team; Joe Cockrell presided. Jack and Pauline Cohen were guests of honor.

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1985-1986

President	John Rowsey
Northside Vice-President	Peter and Marjorie Hickman
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Doug MacTavish
Recording Secretary	Jane Stevens
Treasurer	Elroy L. Nieweg
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Frank Carey

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

John Rowsey, of 201 N. Edison Street, began serving his fourth term as Association president, a record in the Forest.

David Cuccia (Greenbrier) became an Eagle Scout in a Court of Honor held aboard the USS Barry at the Washington Navy Yard.

With so many oak trees, Gypsy moth infestation became a grave subject in the Forest. Foresters

learned how to find them, count them, report them, and (yuck) destroy them.

Catherine Seeger, first woman president of the Association, elected in 1948-49, died after a long illness.

Some 62 Foresters participated in a successful Yard Sale organized by Chuck Carter (Southside). Contributions to the Association, however, failed to cover cost of newspaper advertisements.

The Association formally requested the County Board to veto a proposal to make Arlington Boulevard a "limited access" highway.

Foresters learned more details about the \$200 million plans for Ballston Common and about the project to modernize Arlington Boulevard and Carlin Springs Road.

More than 100 Forest young people celebrated the Christmas Tree lighting at Lubber Run Center. Santa arrived once more on his "private" fire engine with treats for all.

Video Den experienced three thefts for a loss of nearly \$5,400.

Bill and Eleanor Lightsey (Greenbrier) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Duron Paint Store, Little Quiapo, and Forest Pizza opened for business. All Shopping Center stores were filled again.

Over 150 Foresters enjoyed the Annual Banquet with the theme "The Forest in the Fifties" at Marymount College. Ernie Lyons (Greenbrier) emceed; Elaine Squeri (Southside) chaired the team.

####

1986-1987

President	Timothy F. O'Leary, Jr.
Northside Vice-President	Barbara Morland
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Joyce Tamer
Recording Secretary	Jane Stevens
Treasurer	Peter Hickman

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

At the spring banquet, Elroy Nieweg retired after serving 13 years as Treasurer, and John Rowsey retired after serving a fourth term as president.

Greenbrier "blitz bunch," organized by Vice-President

Joyce Tamer collected \$600 in dues - a record for the Forest.

The massive Arlington Boulevard and Carlin Springs Road reconstruction project was reported about 50 percent complete. Completion expected by summer 1988.

Arlington Boulevard project workmen accidentally started a fire on the steep high hill between North Edison and Granada Streets which burned a goodly length of fence on top. The fire was extinguished without further damage. The next morning project workmen returned and replaced the burned fence, at no charge.

The Association officially voiced its opposition to the elderly care facility planned for construction on Wilson Boulevard near Bluemont Park. [Editor's note: Now Sunrise Senior Living]

Harold Hoekstra (Northside) received the 1986 Distinguished Service Award from *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine.

Following a rash of 21 burglaries in fewer than four months, the crimes suddenly stopped. County police advised Foresters to remain vigilant and keep doors and windows locked.

Former Troop 648 member Andy Sullivan (Greenbrier) received his Eagle Scout award.

A crowd of 200 Foresters came to Lubber Run Center for the Christmas Tree lighting. Peter Hickman (Northside) organized the ceremonies and led the caroling. Santa also attended, arriving in his bright yellow fire engine with his usual treats.

The Association voted to seek County Board action to narrow Carlin Springs Road right-of-way to eliminate hazards from speeding and erratic drivers.

Nearly 120 Foresters came to the Annual Banquet to "meet their neighbors," eat, socialize, dance (first time in years), and enjoy the Difficult Run Jazz Band. The new Arlington Forest Citizens Association *Homeowner's Manual* was sold at the banquet.

####

1987-1988

President	Timothy F. O'Leary, Jr.
Northside Vice-President	Barbara Morland
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Joyce Tamer
Recording Secretary	Michelle (Mickey) Marie
Treasurer	Peter Hickman
<i>Forester</i> Editor	Frank Carey

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The summer and fall were noisy with another visitation of the 17-year locusts (cicadas).

Some 75 Foresters came to listen to a lively discussion by the contenders on Candidates' Night at Lubber Run Center.

Boy Scout Troop 648 took a 9,852 mile trip to Alaska (and back) in their bus nicknamed "The Eagle."

As the Arlington Boulevard/Carlin Springs Road intersection project was completed, the County began a \$250,000 project to widen Carlin Springs Road between North Kensington and Second Streets. At the same time, the Association sought support to reconfigure Carlin Springs Road to reduce traffic speed.

Barrett Elementary School, which faced with closing in 1982-83 because of small enrollment, had 340 pupils (capacity 234).

The Annual Christmas Tree lighting at Lubber Run Center was enjoyed by a large crowd. After Santa and his fire engine, the entertainment highlight was the Old Dominion Cloggers.

Anti-gypsy moth aerial spraying proposed for the first time.

Arlington County installs a small concrete bridge across Four Mil Run at the foot of N. Greenbrier Street at AFCA urging.

Tamara Wexler (Greenbrier), a junior at HB Woodlawn High School, scored 240 (perfect) on the PSATs.

After a lapse of 31 years, the Arlington Forest United Methodist Church presented an outdoor "Living Nativity" play.

For the first time in 40 years, the Forest was without a local garage. Markham's Esso Service began advertising in the January 1948 issue of *The Forester*. Bryden's Arlington Forest Exxon station was forced to move from the Forest on January 1, 1988.

In January, a large group of Foresters were advised to approach very carefully the Tax Reform Act of 1986, a "once in a generation blockbuster," and the preparation of the 1987 Form 1040.

Robert Glover was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

Annual Banquet, theme "Best Features," held at Marymount; great fun, music, food, "home grown" door prizes. Frank Carey was recognized for seven years' service on *The Arlington Forester* desk.

"Thai Empire" restaurant opened.

The Arlington Forest Swim Club team won five dual meets and the Northern Virginia Swimming League Division XII title.

Chris and Karen Scheer announced the birth of Jonathan Adam on March 4, 1988.

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1988-1989

President

Northside Vice-President

Southside Vice-President

Elaine G. Squeri

Barbara Morland

Chuck Carter

Greenbrier Vice-President
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Forester Editors

Connie Hawkins
Margaret Frick
Peter Hickman
Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Ann and Frank Carey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Arlington Forest Babysitting Cooperative celebrated its 27th anniversary.

Barrett Elementary School celebrated its 50th anniversary with an enrollment requiring the addition of five trailer classrooms.

“Tristran,” a light brown and white Welsh Corgi whose ability to walk and run, cut off by paralysis of his hind quarters, has been restored thanks to an ingenious device called a “K-9 cart” which literally puts his derriere on wheels. [February 1989 *Forester*]

More than 100 revelers enjoyed the Holiday party at Lubber Run Center. After many dark years, our Forest Circle holly tree was again lighted, thanks to Chuck Carter.

Neighbors' Night Out with dinner at the Thai Empire Restaurant was held twice this year; two excellent opportunities to meet, greet and eat together.

Chuck Carter sponsored another successful Forest Yard Sale in May. Some 42 households took advantage of a fine day.

Our initial Neighborhood Conservation Plan was completed and submitted in May to County authorities. Howard Morland (Northside) led the massive project which was begun in 1977 by President Elizabeth Roslewicz. [Editor's note: The County Board approved the final version in May 1991.]

A survey conducted for the Neighborhood Conservation Plan drew responses from 31% of Foresters. Results include: 94% own their homes, 53% have lived in their home for over 10 years, 56% of homes have additions, 39% of households include a government employee, the average household have 2.6 members, 21% are under age 18, and 16% are over age 65.

During this year, 80 Foresters have been active in the Association as officers, *Forester* editors, block captains, committee members, representatives to other groups and mediation advocates. As we near our 50th anniversary, this network is the strength of our community.

Mediation is a new Forest endeavor in neighborhood problem solving. Under mediation, Foresters worked to settle three issues: commercial vehicle, high fence and drug dealing. All were resolved, two with support from the County Board.

Foresters have spoken out in favor of holding a neighborhood picnic this year in lieu of the traditional banquet.

The 1989 Forest House Tour was held in May with 18 homes open for the show and more than 200 Foresters making the tour.

Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School celebrated its 50th anniversary May 8-12.

The Forest Picnic on June 3rd was the social event of the year complete with games, food, drinks and prizes.

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1989-1990

President	Elaine G. Squeri
Northside Vice-President	Suong and Larry Thomas
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Connie Hawkins (resigned)
	Barry & Cathy Proctor (appointed)
Recording Secretary	Margaret Frick
Treasurer	Peter Hickman
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Arlington Forest Citizens Association celebrated its GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

Halloween was particularly ghoulish in Greenbrier this year with an absolutely scary "haunted" house on North Granada Street.

Plans were revealed for the "rejuvenation" of the stores at North Pershing Drive and North Glebe Road, to be called "Buckingham Town Center." To begin the process, the Post Office is to be moved to the old Buckingham Theatre.

It was a real Arlington Forest Holiday Season with bright lights on the Shopping Center holly tree, Santa's visit by fire engine and caroling.

Cheryl and Lee Siebert (Southside) prepared the second draft of the Arlington Forest Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

Five 50th Anniversary LOGO contest winners were awarded \$50 savings bonds (the judges just couldn't make a choice). The winners are: Larry Bowring (Northside); Matt Gibert (Northside); Mary Alice Glover (Greenbrier); Sharon Hickey (Northside); and Kathy Shay (Greenbrier). Eighteen handsome entries were received.

Karen Feinstein (Greenbrier) was awarded a Weekend for Two at the Hyatt Hotel in the "Special Block Captain" drawing.

Carlton Lampkins was appointed Kenmore Intermediate School principal replacing Walter Taylor who retired.

At the January meeting, a goodly crowd of Foresters enjoyed a scrumptious birthday cake, designed and baked by Dodie Granofsky (Southside), commemorating the Association's 50th anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed MacIntosh, New Forest Valet owners, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Crystal Thai restaurant opened.

Carole Scruggs Taylor, first child born in Arlington Forest: "Arlington Forest was not just a place. It was a time...of young families, hopscotch, dill pickles from the deli, cherry smash drink from People's, the Good Humor man and so much more. I treasure my 21 years in Arlington Forest. Each one was special. My warmest wishes to a wonderful community." [May 1990 *Forester*]

Pam Gibert (Northside) assembled the list of Original Owners for the Association's 50th anniversary. [Editor's note: That list is in the 2000 edition of this history.]

[Editor's note: This marks the end of the 1990 edition of this book.]

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1990-1991

President	Jim Sims (resigned due to illness, November 1990)
Acting President	Elizabeth Ballard (remainder of 1990/1991)
Northside Vice-President	Elizabeth & Bill Ballard
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Barry & Cathy Proctor
Secretary	Alexa Terracin
Treasurer	Peter Hickman
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Arlington Forest mobilized against the county locating an alcohol detoxification facility on North Kensington Street - just off Carlin Springs Road. Thirty-five Foresters attended an advisory committee meeting to voice their concern and some 200 Foresters telephoned the county staff. As a result the committee deleted the Kensington Street location from its list.

AFCA learned of plans to extend North Quincy Street from Wilson Boulevard to Glebe Road. Foresters voiced concerns about greatly increased non-local traffic on Henderson Road. AFCA requested assurance from the County that the intersection of Henderson Road and Arlington Boulevard would not be expanded to encourage more through traffic.

The Arlington Forest Neighborhood Conservation Plan was reviewed, debated and passed by the 53 Foresters who attended November 1990 meeting.

In the last event celebrating our 50th Anniversary, more than 100 Foresters dined and danced at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The annual Forest Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting was held December 7th with some 200 Forester carolers in attendance. Shortly after the tree was lighted, Santa arrived aboard Fire Station Number 2's engine--right on schedule!

New Forest Valet: Arlington Forest Shopping Center's oldest continuing business had its beginnings in 1941. Ed MacIntosh, Sr. and Jr. bought it in 1966. Now in 1991, with Ed Jr.'s sons working, it is going strong on the family's third generation. [February 1991 *Forester*]

In March 1991, Arlington County Board approved Quincy Street extension land buy; directed county manager to work with AFCA to maintain "the residential character" of Arlington Forest.

Our Neighborhood Conservation Plan, which was begun nearly 15 years ago, gained Arlington County Board approval on May 16th.

Chuck Carter sponsored another successful Forest-wide yard sale.

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1991-1992

President	Elizabeth Ballard
Northside Vice-President	Bill Ballard
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Chuck McCullough
Secretary	Alexa Terracin
Treasurer	Peter Hickman
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MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

AFCA Traffic Committee continued to work with the County staff to mitigate the effect of Quincy Street extension on Forest streets. The County Board-approved Neighborhood Conservation Plan gives AFCA credibility in these dealings.

The Exxon Corporation agreed to clean up the soil contamination caused by leaks at the service station in the shopping center.

Work began on the Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP) proposal to install Arlington Forest signs at four locations: 1) Carlin Springs Road north of Arlington Boulevard; 2) George Mason Drive and Park Drive intersection; 3) North Park Drive and Arlington Boulevard; and 4) a Southside location to be determined. The final design, by Forester Larry Bowring, was approved by AFCA in

March 1991. NCP funding was received in December 1991.

Work also began on the Neighborhood Conservation Plan proposal to control traffic along North Second Street in Northside. County staff estimated that street narrowing would cost \$430,000 and suggested consideration of curb nubs or traffic circles.

AFCA and county staff started planning for Southside buffer strip project.

No Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles facility will be placed at the shopping center. In response to shopping center lawyers, Arlington County staff determined that this was not an appropriate use. [November 1991 *Forester*]

Threatened with a suit, the Exxon Corporation agreed to clean up the soil contamination caused by leaks at the service station in the shopping center.

Chuck Carter sponsored the successful traditional Forest-wide yard sale.

Devra Wexler (Greenbrier) nominated for the Governor's School for the Gifted in humanities and science.

Home and garden tour enjoyed by many Foresters. Over three hundred tickets are sold and each of the 14 houses reported well over 100 visitors.

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1992-1993

President	Elizabeth Ballard
Northside Vice-President	Linda Kocher
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Chuck McCullough
Secretary	Alexa Terracin
Treasurer	Peter Hickman
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Arlington Forest United Methodist Church celebrated its 50th anniversary. October 25, 1942 was the date of the first service, in the old Glen Carlyn School. Rev. Harry P. Baker officiated.

Arlington County Department of Public Works proposed that temporary traffic circles be tested at certain locations on North Second Street, Park Drive and in the vicinity.

Three hundred Barcroft Elementary School kindergartners, first, second, third and fifth graders moved into brand new classrooms on the first day of school this fall. Renovation of the 67-year-old building began in June 1991 and is scheduled for completion in June 1993.

Outback Steakhouse arrived in the Shopping Center.

Kenmore Middle School parents and staff fought an "image Problem," that of being considered inferior to local alternative or magnet schools. They consider Kenmore's diversity - 31 percent Latino, 26 percent black, 26 percent white and 17 percent Asian - one of its strongest selling points. [November 1992 *Forester*]

Arlington County School Board approved plans for \$2 million in improvements for Barrett School. The addition will include ten classrooms and a music room.

Arlington Forest Neighborhood Conservation Plan was distributed at February 1993 meeting.

Ben Winslow (Greenbrier) won a special election to fill the unexpired county board term of William T. Newman, Jr.

Crystal Thai celebrated its third anniversary with a special Buddhist ceremony blessing the restaurant.

On May 15th more than 50 Forest families took part in the Forest-wide yard sale - another success story.

At a special meeting in June, AFCA members approved plan for installing traffic nubs along Carlin Springs Road.

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1993-1994

President	Linda Kocher
Northside Vice-President	Mario Doreste
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Mark Riley
Secretary	Chris Scheer
Treasurer	Stephen Finley
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Major renovation and expansion have begun at Barrett School and over 400 students, faculty and staff have moved to Gunston Center for the year.

Barcroft School held a formal ceremony to mark completion of its \$3.5 million remodeling and expansion project.

Jarret Baker became Troop 648's 75th Eagle Scout.

Eagle II, the troop's new bus, was christened and dedicated July 4th. The white bus covered with eagles was completely refurbished by Forester Gene Dauma (Northside) over a 10-month period. Gene has been involved with Troop 648 more than 25 years. [September 1993 *Forester*]

Lubber Run Recreation Center reopened after months of asbestos removal and renovation. AFCA meetings returned to the Center.

Police Lieutenant Stephen Holl (Southside) received a Police Service Award from the International Association of Police Chiefs recognizing his heroism in rescuing eight hostages, including five children, from an armed gunman.

Arlington County voters approved a referendum providing for a return to an elected school board (first member will be elected in November 1994).

Arlington Forest neighborhood signs were installed on Carlin Springs Road, at George Mason and North Park Drives and Route 50 and North Park Drive.

Outback Restaurant responded to neighbors' complaints; owner said, "I will do all I can to address their concerns."

Northside traffic tests began with "concentric white circles" painted at four intersections along North Second Street.

"Those [drivers] who use Carlin Springs Road to make their way to Ballston know that periodically the notorious speedway slows to its legal 30 m.p.h. crawl thanks to intensive radar patrolling. A police spokesman noted that Carlin Springs Road is a 'chronic complaint' area. Many Foresters wish the [patrol] effort were permanent." [April 1994 *Forester*]

More than 60 houses participated in the May 21 Forest-wide yard sale.

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1994-1995

President	(Vacant)
Northside Vice-President	Linda Kocher
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Mark Riley
Secretary	Chris Scheer
Treasurer	Stephen Finley
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Renovated Barrett School opened September 8 (on time) and welcomed the return of 410 students. In addition to ten new classrooms, there are dozens of improvements, including 11 renovated bathrooms and 17 new bathrooms and all are handicapped-accessible.

Who was Kate Waller Barrett? Kate Waller was born in 1857 in Falmouth, VA. During the Civil War her family fled the fighting and was reduced to poverty at war's end. She was 18 when she married the Reverend Robert South Barrett with whom she had six children. They worked in the slums of Richmond and in Kentucky and Georgia. She enrolled in the Women's Medical College in Atlanta and earned her medical degree in 1892. Kate joined the Florence Crittendon Missions to provide support and training for unwed mothers and their children. In 1896, Dr. Barrett was the General

Superintendent of the missions and remained active until her death in 1925. When she died, the flag over the Virginia State Capitol was flown at half-staff. [November 1994 *Forester*]

AFCA members approved the rehabilitation plan for the “Buffer Strip” on the south side of Arlington Boulevard and cleared the way for the plan to be presented to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Council for funding consideration.

After a more than six-month test of temporary circles, Foresters voted for four permanent circles on North 2nd Street from Henderson Road to Park Drive. Arlington County staff reported that its postcard survey showed 165 voters favored and 52 opposed the circles. The vote enabled the AFCA to request funding through the Arlington County Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Council. [Editor's note: To secure County approval of these traffic-calming circles, the North 2nd Street residents agreed to maintain the decorative vegetation inside the circles.]

Some 250 protest marchers, from Glencarlyn and Arlington Forest, sent a successful “Don’t close our library” message to the County Board.

Dr. Herbert Ware, principal of Barrett School for 13 years, announced his retirement effective July 1, 1995.

Culpepper Garden celebrated its 20th anniversary. AFCA has always considered its residents as Arlington Forest residents.

"One of our most enduring institutions is the Arlington Forest Babysitters’ Cooperative. Six Foresters attended the first meeting on October 18, 1961 to approve the organization...and it’s been going strong ever since." [March 1995 *Forester*]

Some 48 families participated in another successful Arlington Forest yard sale.

The Arlington Forester-led clean-up of Lubber Run was a success. Some 30 adults and Scout scoured the stream bed and left it much cleaner than they found it.

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1995-1996

President

Howard Morland

Northside Vice-President
Southside Vice-President
Greenbrier Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Forester Editors

Steve Durkee
Chuck Carter
Mark Riley
Chris Scheer
Stephen Finley
Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Informal auto sales along Arlington Boulevard service road were stopped by concerted efforts of John Roby (Greenbrier). After many fruitless telephone calls to county and state officials, VDOT finally installed signs at both ends of the road that prohibit such commercial activity.

Teresa (Terry) Bratt (Greenbrier) was named Barrett Elementary School principal. She comes to Barrett from W-L High School where she was assistant principal.

Culpepper Garden was selected by the Administration on Aging as one of 13 housing projects, nationwide, to receive the "Best Practices" award. The awards program recognizes the positive effect on elderly residents when the retirement housing facility encourages and coordinates community support efforts.

Ballston Common Mall began planning a large expansion to include a multi-screen movie theater. Target date for opening the theater is Christmas 1996.

In November, Forester Ben Winslow (Greenbrier) was defeated for reelection to the Arlington County Board.

Forest Holiday traditions continued. Santa arrived courtesy of an Arlington County Fire engine and listened to the Christmas wishes from the many children attending.

Robert Kilby hung up his hammer. At age 76, Bob planned to go into the construction consultant business.

Justin Mog (Greenbrier) graduated from Oberlin College with *Highest honors* and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

More than 40 families participated in another successful Forest-wide yard sale.

David L. Cuccia, son of Bob and Carol Cuccia, died in a traffic accident in Tallahassee, Florida. David, an Eagle Scout, received Scouting's Heroism Medal in 1988 for helping two women escape from a burning car after an accident.

####

1996-1997

President	Howard Morland
Northside Vice-President	Steve Durkee
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Mark Riley
Secretary	Chris Scheer
Treasurer	Stephen Finley
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Bill and Eleanor Lightsey (Greenbrier) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Arlington Forest United Methodist Church welcomed its new minister, the Reverend Mason Cosby. His last church was the Great Falls United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Clare, have three children.

Arlington Forest (Precinct 25) polling place moved to Culpepper Garden. Handicap accessibility to Lubber Run Recreation Center found to be inadequate.

The North Quincy Street extension project through Ballston to Henderson Road was begun -- several buildings were demolished.

The Arlington Forest Babysitting Coop (well-known to many Forest couples) celebrated its 35th anniversary.

After 44 years as a pharmacist, 42 years at his Fairfax Drive location and after filling more than two million prescriptions, Roland Galley closed his center.

Within seven days in April, some 225 Foresters enjoyed a rainy but successful house tour and over

80 Forester homes participated in Chuck Carter's traditional yard sale.

After a fire ravaged a North Granada home, Arlington County Fire Department advisors were welcomed by a room full of Foresters. The "word" was have a plan - a working (tested) smoke detector on at least every floor, a rehearsed evacuation plan and sleeping behind closed doors.

The Ron Freeman Chorale celebrated its 25th anniversary. Ron has served as director of music for 30 years at the Arlington Forest United Methodist Church.

The 14 Forest homes that were sold in the spring of 1997 reflected a median price of \$219,900 (high: \$248,500; low: \$184,900).

Southside Buffer Strip beautification plan approved. Before work can begin, it must be approved by the Virginia Department of Highways.

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1997-1998

President	Steve Durkee
Northside Vice-President	Don Beale
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Mark Riley
Secretary	Elizabeth Freed
Treasurer	Stephen Finley
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Work was started on Culpepper Garden's pink walls to repaint them in compliance with the 1992 County conditional permit to build the new wing.

After nearly two years of mystery, a Northside prankster was discovered exploding fireworks during the middle of the night.

Red Top Cab Company put into service five new wheelchair accessible taxi-vans, purchased with Arlington County funding.

A California Congressman and Virginia's Lieutenant Governor visited Barrett School to review its multi-cultural program supporting a student community of 27 nationalities speaking ten languages.

Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Station, the oldest operating firehouse in Northern Virginia, was designated a Virginia Historic Landmark. The building was built in 1918, but the history of the department dates back to 1898.

Dr. John A. Word, Sr., replaced Carlton Lampkin as the principal of Kenmore Middle School.

Construction of the Arlington Boulevard buffer strip began in late January.

Arlington County's more than 2000 red fireplugs are turning yellow as a new public safety measure. The color of fireplug caps is also being changed to indicate the flow-rate of the hydrant: light blue = 1500 gallons per minute (gpm) or more; green = 1000-1499 gpm; orange = 500-999 gpm; and red = 500 gpm or less.

Arlington Forest first website (www.capaccess.org/com/forest) became operational on the WETA/CapAccess computers located in the WETA's Shirlington Offices. Elroy Nieweg is webmaster. [Editor's note: In 2010, it moved to www.arlingtonforestva.org]

Planning was begun for an additional Culpepper Garden wing to serve the frail elderly.

Isadore (Jack) Cohen, owner-operator of the Arlington Forest Delicatessen for 43 years, died in February.

In March AFCA returned to Barrett School for its monthly meetings.

Foresters Colleen Shanley and Casey O'Neal (Greenbrier) released their first CD called "Let's go for that ride."

AFCA donated \$200 each to Barrett and Barcroft PTAs, Kenmore School Focus Advisory Committee, Boy Scout Troop 648 and Girl Scout Troop 953, and \$100 each to Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment and Friends of Four Mile Run.

####

1998-1999

President	Howard Morland
Northside Vice-President	Marsha Lederman Schwartz
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Michael R. Nelson
Secretary	Elizabeth Freed
Treasurer	Don Beale
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Robert J. “Bob” Kilby, Forest building contractor for over 40 years, died on September 18, 1998.

Construction was begun on the Harris-Teeter supermarket at Glebe Road and Randolph Street.

Northside traffic circles were landscaped with attractive large stones (to deter cut-across traffic) thanks to Joe Cockrell (Northside) and water spigots to assist in required watering.

AFCA initiated the Plant-a-Tree Grant Program with a proposal to award up to \$75 to Foresters who buy and plant a tree in their front yards.

Barrett School began planning for its 60th anniversary in May and Washington-Lee High School was looking forward to its 75th anniversary in the spring of 2000 with a concert, dance and parade.

The Arlington Boulevard Southside buffer strip project was completed.

According to a Virginia Education Association survey, Arlington County spent \$9,783 to educate each of its students for the 1996-1997 school year. This total is second only to Falls Church which spent \$9,848 per student. The state average was \$5,907. [March 1999 *Forester*]

Barrett School third graders passed all sections of the new Standards of Learning (SOL) tests. Congratulations!

Ed Skeen was selected to be Washington-Lee High School principal replacing William Sharbaugh, who retired after 24 years as principal. W-L is Arlington’s oldest high school and has a population of 1,300 students.

Joe Cockrell (Northside) became AFCA representative on the Arlington Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee. Cheryl and Lee Siebert filled the position for 10 years. Congratulations and thank you both!

Foresters did well in the Washington-Lee High School Science Fair. Nicholas Mackie-Jones took a first in computer sciences; Ariel Peters and Zach Schwartz took seconds in physics; Caitlin Howell received a second place in botany; and Rachel Scheer a third in microbiology.

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1999-2000

President	Howard Morland
Northside Vice-President	Linda Kocher
Southside Vice-President	Chuck Carter
Greenbrier Vice-President	Chris Scheer
Secretary	Elizabeth Freed
Treasurer	Don Beale
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ARLINGTON FORESTERS CELEBRATE NEIGHBORHOOD'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY:

On November 7, 1999, 300 Foresters, current and former, old and new, gathered at Ballston Common's Rock Bottom Café to celebrate Arlington Forest's 60th anniversary.

Participants were immersed in community from sign-in to the last dance. AFCA President Howard Morland (Northside) greeted Foresters as they lined up at the registration table, inviting them to “pin-in” at the large Arlington Forest map. Each party goer stuck a pin in his or her address location. By the end of the evening, the map was covered with good representation from each of the Forest's three sections: Greenbrier, Northside and Southside. The North Evergreen Street cul-de-sac stood out, however, with pins marking all but one address.

Inside the restaurant, exhibits provided a look at Arlington Forest's past. A series of old photos documented the construction of an Arlington Forest house. Original sales promotion literature quoted home prices at below \$6,000. Other exhibits displayed arm bands and caps worn by Forest

World War II air raid wardens and photos of Forest victory gardens. A collection of *The Arlington Forester* front pages from the 1940s through the 1990s was a popular handout.

The evening began with two special treats. Morland welcomed all Foresters and presided over a brief formal program. County Board member Chris Zimmerman presented Morland a message of congratulations from Arlington County. Arlington Foresters Colleen Shanley and Casey O'Neal provided their popular brand of country blues and the Rock Bottom Restaurant provided their trademark ale, brewed on the premises specially for Arlington Forest. Dee Jay Rob Hanna played the music of the Forest's six decades and kept Foresters dancing well into the night.

Arlington Forest original home owners in attendance were called forward for photos and recognition. Fifteen Foresters responded: John and Cecelia Kilian (Greenbrier), Mabel Nicholson (Northside), Martha Zsakany (Greenbrier), William Lightsey (Greenbrier), Ruby Zabawa (Greenbrier), Eleanor Lightsey (Greenbrier), Minnie Borlik (Southside), Martin Roudabush (Greenbrier), Betty Hunter (Greenbrier), Mildred King (Southside), Dorothy and Bernie Loveless (Northside), and Herbert Koehne (Greenbrier). [Editor's note: A photo of them is in the July 2000 edition of this history.]

Five former presidents joined Morland for a group photograph: Greg McFarlan (1971-1972), Stuart Steele (1976-1977), Elizabeth Ballard (1990-1993), David Mog (1984-1985) and Joe Cockrell (1975-1976). Then came more local entertainment. The renowned Washington-Lee High School Madrigal Singers performed.

AFCA gave special thanks to all the Arlington Forest Shopping Center merchants who donated the prizes: Mrs. McGregor's Garden Shop (also provided centerpieces and floral decorations), Country Curtains, Little Quiapo Restaurant, Crystal Coiffure, New Forest Valet, Fiesta Oriental Store, Crystal Thai Restaurant, Outback Restaurant, and Roma Pizza. Their generosity confirmed the positive role the shopping center has played in Arlington Forest through its 60 years. AFCA also thanked Esther Bowring (Northside) for organizing the celebration and Bob Strawn (Greenbrier section) for taking photos.

On December 10, Santa Claus came to Arlington Forest for the annual Arlington Forest holiday party at Lubber Run Recreation Center. Over 100 happy Foresters of all ages helped light the big tree outside the Center, sang carols and waited for Santa's traditional arrival via the siren- screaming fire engines. Then it was inside for Christmas and holiday treats, for kids to get up close and personal with Santa and for moms and dads to get some great snap shots.

Arlington Forest entered the year 2000 with its own e-mail address (ArlingtonForest@aol.com) and

inaugurated a listserv drawing an initial 100 subscribers.

On April 1, 2000, customers in the 703 area code, including Arlington County, began dialing 10 numbers for local calls. Arlington County's population stands at 188,100.

In the year 2000, Boy Scout Troop 648 completed its 50th year in Arlington Forest with 90 Eagle Scouts "and counting" according to Bob Cuccia, long-time troop leader.

Forty four Arlington Forest houses were sold during 1999, with a median sale price of \$243,000. Top price was \$340,000.

County Board and School Board candidates spoke at the September AFCA meeting. State Senate and House candidates spoke at the October meeting.

Northside volunteers are doing a great job of keeping the N. 2nd Street traffic circles looking nice.

Eleven foresters received \$75 grants from AFCA in 1999 to plant shade trees.

[Editor's note: This marks the end of the 2000 edition of this book.]

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2000-2001

President	Howard Morland
Northside Vice-President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice-President	Cindy Reesman
Greenbrier Vice-President	Chris Scheer
Secretary	Carol Miller
Treasurer	Don Beale
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris & Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The 2000 third edition of The History of Arlington Forest, edited by Elroy and Dorothy Nieweg for the neighborhood's 60th anniversary, went on sale for \$7.

AFCA expressed concerns to County officials about overcrowding in the Buckingham Village Apartments along Henderson Road.

November 2010 voting tally at the Arlington Forest precinct: Al Gore 63%, George W. Bush 32%, and Ralph Nader 5%.

Thirteen homes and two gardens were on the triennial Arlington Forest House and Garden Tour.

AFCA began working with County officials to get Arlington Forest listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Neighborhood volunteers organized by Paul Kovenock worked to remove the English Ivy threatening trees in Lubber Run Park.

Thirty six houses participated in the annual Arlington Forest Community Yard Sale.

Summer 2001 performances at the Lubber Run Amphitheater were held on 43 dates between June 9 and August 20. Folk/rock legend Richie Havens opened the season.

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2001-2002

President	Howard Morland
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Julie Kirchoff
Greenbrier Vice President	Michael Nelson
Secretary	Christine Tarroni
Treasurer	Don Beale
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris and Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Residents were encouraged to report dead birds to the County so the birds can be checked for West Nile Virus.

Eleven classrooms were added to Barrett Elementary School, increasing capacity to 600. Design

work begins on a new Kenmore Middle School that will increase capacity from 750 to 850.

U.S. Flags fly throughout Arlington Forest in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks. AFCA donated \$250 to the Arlington Chapter of the American Red Cross for relief efforts.

Arlington Forester Benjamin H. Winslow, former member of the Arlington County Board and civic activist for decades, died November 13 at age 69.

Forester Paul Kovenock organized two English ivy pulls in Lubber Run Park. Foresters Ralph Orlik and Michael Caron organize a trash and debris cleanup of the park.

AFCA surveyed residents regarding their concerns as AFCA began work on updating Arlington Forest's 1991 Neighborhood Conservation Plan. [Editor's note: That update was not completed.]

Annual events: AFCA Holiday Party, Arlington Forest Community Yard Sale (38 sale sites depicted on the *Arlington Forester* map), and AFCA May membership picnic.

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2002-2003

President	Howard Morland
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Julie Kirchoff
Greenbrier Vice President	Michael Nelson
Secretary	Julie Kirchoff
Treasurer	Don Beale
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris and Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

County officials asked residents to water trees in the public right-of-way in front of their houses during the ongoing drought.

As in past years, Christmas lights were hung on the holly tree in the circle in front of the Arlington Forest Shopping Center and on the tree on George Mason Drive behind the Lubber Run Community Center. The holly tree was moved to its current location in 1941 from what is now

the middle of the intersection of North Second Street and North Park Drive.

2002 sales statistics for Arlington Forest: 40 houses sold; average sales price \$382,463; average days on market 19; high/low prices \$449,900/\$308,500.

Forester Stephen Holl is named Arlington's acting Chief of Police.

Barcroft Elementary School principal Miriam Hughey-Guy is named Principal of the Year by Arlington Public Schools. Barcroft will move to a year-round calendar in August 2003.

Twenty-six volunteers worked to remove invasive English ivy from Lubber Run Park.

Washington-Lee High School principal Marion Spraggins retired and was succeeded by Gregg Robertson.

Arlington Foresters in this era feature a multi-page "Around the Forest" section that includes lists of new arrivals to the neighborhood (provided by local realtors) and notes on awards and honors won by neighborhood students.

Arlington County's population declined to 189,927 as of July 2002.

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2003-2004

President	Howard Morland
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Julie Kirchoff
Greenbrier Vice President	Michael Nelson
Secretary	Chris Scheer
Treasurer	Don Beale
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris and Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A resident who had recently bought a house near the entrance of the Lubber Run Amphitheater complained to the County about noise levels and hours of performances during the summer 2003

season. AFCA and 40 Arlington Forest residents spoke out in favor of continued programming in its present form and sent letters expressing that consensus to County Board members.

Tropical Storm Isabel on September 18 downed trees and limbs, knocking out power in most of the neighborhood for up to six days. Nevertheless, six months later, many residents objected to Dominion Virginia Power's extensive tree cutting work to protect power lines along the Washington & Old Dominion Regional Trail.

Marius Farioletti, one of the last remaining original owners, died December 25, 2003 at age 95 in his Arlington Forest home.

Forty volunteers conducted invasive plant removal in Lubber Run Park.

Newsweek magazine named Washington-Lee High School the 23rd best high school in the nation based on the *Washington Post's* "Challenge Index" which focused on the percent of students taking Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests.

Foresters join others across the County in raising concerns about increased aircraft noise caused by changes in takeoff and landing procedures and routes at Reagan National Airport since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Landscaping in the four North Second Street traffic circles has fallen into disarray due to a drop off in volunteer cleanups. AFCA hired a firm to replant and revive them.

The triennial Arlington Forest Home and Garden Tour drew 300 participants.

Excerpts from the "Forest Index" in the May 2004 Arlington Forester: homes in Arlington Forest-854, dues-paying AFCA members-380, attendance at April AFCA Meeting-8, and number of foresters who volunteered time to 2003-2004 AFCA sponsored activities-5.

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2004-2005

President	Don Beale
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Julie Kirchoff

Greenbrier Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Forester Editors

Thomas Smialowicz
Chris Scheer
Marnie Beale
Chris and Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Summer 2004 performances at the Lubber Run Amphitheater cut to 20 (down nearly 50 percent from the previous year) due to “budget constraints”. An AFCA representative spoke at a County Board meeting urging increased funding for programming next season. Some 551 residents signed a petition in support of increased funding.

Arlington Forest was added to the National Registry of Historic Places as “one of the best examples of a mid-20th century planned, mixed-use community - the neighborhood typifies the innovative trends of World War II-era subdivision planning, incorporating curvilinear streets and cul-de-sacs, community parkland and a neighborhood shopping center in to its original design.” The designation does not restrict property owners from altering or tearing down their homes.

AFCA successfully urged the County to install traffic calming measures along North Henderson Road and North Park Drive.

Arlington Forest property assessments followed County trends which saw single-family dwellings increase in value by 24 percent.

Over 100 children attend the annual Arlington Forest Holiday Party at the Lubber Run Recreation Center.

AFCA urged residents to be good neighbors by clearing their sidewalks of snow. [Editor's note: The County Board enacted a snow removal requirement in 2010.]

Foresters did an ivy pull in Lubber Run Park in February and a trash clean up in April. AFCA asked the County fund a comprehensive project to remove invasive plants from Lubber Run Park.

State Delegate Al Eisenberg spoke at the April AFCA meeting.

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2005-2006

President	Julie Kirchhoff
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Douglas Sims
Greenbrier Vice President	Thomas Smialowicz
Secretary	Chris Scheer
Treasurer	Marnie Beale
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris and Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

In September 2005, the County Board approved a \$236,300 Neighborhood Conservation project to remove invasive plants, such as English Ivy, from Lubber Run Park to restore the natural forest ecology there. The first treatments began in spring 2006.

Martha T. Zsakany, one of the few remaining original owners, died June 15, 2005 at age 94.

Kenmore Middle School students moved into their new building in September. Current enrollment is 725. In April, ground is broken for the new Washington-Lee High School building.

Boy Scout Troop 648 shored up 300 feet of trail beginning at the entrance to Lubber Run Park on N. Edison Street near Arlington Blvd.

Barrett Elementary School's enrollment dropped from 495 last year to 340 due to the closing of many Buckingham rental properties, with a significant decrease in English as Second Language students.

The AFCA tree grant program continues with the maximum grant increased from \$75 to \$125.

A rare Fox sighting took place near Lubber Run Recreation Center.

Trout fishing season on Four Mile Run opened March 18 after County officials conducted their annual stocking of the stream with rainbow trout in Bon Air Park.

AFCA sponsors Arlington Forest Fun Day on the Lubber Run Recreation Center grounds in July.

Mrs. McGregor's Garden Shop leaves the Arlington Forest Shopping Center after 21 years of business.

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2006-2007

President	Julie Kirchhoff
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Douglas Sims
Greenbrier Vice President	Thomas Smialowicz
Secretary	Chris Scheer
Treasurer	Marnie Beale
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris and Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A six-inch downpour damages Lubber Run Park in June, destroying the bridge located downstream from the amphitheater. [Editor's note: A new bridge was completed in January 2008.]

Several hundred residents attend the first Arlington Forest Fun Day at the Lubber Run Community Center in July. The event features kids' games, catered food, and live music.

AFCA President Julie Kirchhoff, AFCA historian Elroy Nieweg, and cartographer Larry Bowring lead 60 people, including County Board member Walter Tejada, on a 2.3 mile "Walkabout" tour of historical and nature sites in Arlington Forest in September.

The 45-year old Arlington Forest Babysitting Co-op has 22 members.

AFCA's tree grant program issues its 76th grant (for \$125) since 1999. A total of \$5,112 has been distributed to help keep the "forest" in Arlington Forest.

Santa has "personal conferences" with more than 100 kids at the annual Arlington Forest Holiday Party at the Lubber Run Recreation Center. AFCA and County Staff decorate the shopping center circle Holly Tree with Christmas lights as usual. [Editor's note: Tree decorating was stopped the following year due to a lack of volunteers.]

Twenty houses are on the triennial Arlington Forest Home and Garden Tour this year.

Boy Scout Troop 648 completes a series of conservation projects in Lubber Run Park.

State Senator Mary Margaret Whipple speaks at the May AFCA membership meeting and picnic.

The County Board approves a sweeping plan to redevelop the 17-acre Buckingham community.

The Lubber Run Amphitheater Summer 2007 season runs June 8 to Aug 12 with 31 performances including four radio simulcasts and two movies. The annual Speedy Tolliver Fiddle Contest was held at the amphitheater in September.

At Ballston Mall: Hecht's becomes Macy's and the ice rink opens for business.

Forty-four percent of Arlington Forest residents paid the \$5 annual AFCA dues this year.

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2007-2008

President	Julie Kirchhoff
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Douglas Sims
Greenbrier Vice President	Thomas Smialowicz
Secretary	Chris Scheer
Treasurer	Barret Hildebrand
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris and Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Southside residents pulled invasive plants from the Arlington Boulevard traffic berms between South Columbus and South Abingdon. The County later planted over 100 new trees in that area.

County Board Chairman Paul Ferguson joined his parents and 65 other Arlington Forest residents on AFCA's "Green & Fit Walkabout" tour of historical and nature sites in Arlington Forest in September.

Greenbrier section residents, with AFCA support, ask the County to install a pedestrian-activated

crossing traffic light at Harrison Street near the Arlington Forest Club. [Editor's note: The signal was installed in April 2009]

The new Washington-Lee High School building opened in January 2008. Construction began April 2006.

Barrett Elementary School's kindergarten class of 94 children is the largest in five years.

Arlington Forest real estate assessments dropped in 2008 after years of double-digit increases.

Arlington Forester letters to the editor urge dog owners to pick up their pet's poop.

Lubber Run Park is looking more open and natural as it enters year three of the five year project to remove invasive plants.

North Granada Street neighbors in April hold the first of what later become semi-annual cleanups of the trail area leading from the foot of North Greenbrier Street to the WO&D trail.

Barrett Brownie Troop 5837 delivered 23 cases of Girl Scout cookies to recuperating troops at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The County conducts aerial spraying to control gypsy moths that threaten oak and other trees.

Annual events: AFCA Holiday Party, Arlington Forest Community Yard Sale (30 sale sites depicted on the *Arlington Forester* map), AFCA May membership picnic, and 25 performances at Lubber Run Amphitheater.

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2008-2009

President	Julie Kirchhoff
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Douglas Sims
Greenbrier Vice President	Thomas Smialowicz
Secretary	Jim Graham
Treasurer	Barret Hildebrand
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris and Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The County's budget eliminated funding for summer concert programs at the Lubber Run Amphitheater. The County attributed the cut to falling property tax revenue due to the national recession and to declining attendance at performances in recent years. AFCA protested.

Once again, the Lubber Run Community Center did not make the final cut for funding for rehabilitation in the County's biennial Capital Improvement Program bond proposal.

Lubber Run Park as that "dug up" look as contractors clean and reline 2,000 feet of 24-inch sanitary sewer pipe running the length of the park.

Police increase patrols to stop homeless people from sleeping in Lubber Run Park in violation of the County's "Park Safe" ordinance.

Northside resident Joe Cockrell retires from writing his monthly "Neighborhood Notes" column in the *Arlington Forester* in which he chronicled daily life in the neighborhood since the 1990s.

Southside residents form an "Aging in Place" group to find ways to help aging adults stay in their Arlington Forest homes.

Arlington Forest is profiled in the *Washington Post's* "Where We Live" feature. The article highlighted the generational taking place with the increase of families with young children.

The County's curbside recycling program replaces the long-used small yellow bins with blue 65 gallon wheeled carts. Residents no longer have to separate cardboard from plastic and metal.

North Galveston Street residents hold their annual kid's 4th of July parade.

No species of oak tree produced acorns in the Metro area in fall 2008, leaving squirrels and deer facing a lean winter.

AFCA increases its annual dues from \$5 to \$10 per household.

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2009-2010

President	Julie Kirchhoff
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Douglas Sims
Greenbrier Vice President	Thomas Smialowicz
Secretary	Jim Graham
Treasurer	Barret Hildebrand
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris and Karen Scheer

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Following the cancellation of summer 2019 performances at the Lubber Run Amphitheater, the County removed the three light towers and placed orange plastic fencing around the stage citing “safety” concerns. Concerned Foresters, supported by AFCA, began a “Save the Season” committee. Members spoke before the County Board, launched an online petition, and sought support from neighboring civic associations.

Countywide, residential property values continue to slide with the average residential assessment down 7.1 percent from the pre-recession peak in 2007.

The County’s biennial Capital Improvement Program contains no funds for the Lubber Run Community Center and flags it for possible future closure due to inadequate upkeep.

Arlington Forester Michael Kerley is elected president of the Arlington County Civic Federation.

Arlington Forest’s Boy Scout Troop 648 is awarded the County’s Bill Thomas Park Service Award for volunteering 1,500 service hours annually for park-related projects - most of them benefiting Lubber Run Park.

Snowmageddon dumps 18 inches of snow on Arlington Forest February 5-6, 2010. Afterward, the County Board adopted the first sidewalk snow removal ordinance.

212 residents toured 15 houses and one garden during the triennial Arlington Forest Home and Garden Tour in May.

Northside resident Esther Bowring convinced the County to install signs limiting commercial

parking in the streets adjacent to the Lubber Run Community Center.

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2010-2011

President	Julie Kirchhoff
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Douglas Sims
Greenbrier Vice President	Thomas Smialowicz
Secretary	Jim Graham
Treasurer	Barret Hildebrand
<i>Forester</i> Editors	Chris & Karen Scheer (through October) John Naland (starting November)

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Two years of advocacy by Arlington Foresters that included one-on-one meetings with all five County Board members ended in success with the County Board approving \$45,000 to resume programming at the Lubber Run Amphitheater and \$100,000 to study and make repairs. A short season of performances began in July 2011 with singer Mary Ann Redmond.

AFCA endorsed efforts by Southside residents to get the County to install a traffic-calming median at the Arlington Boulevard exit onto South Columbus Street. The project was completed in 2012.

Responding to County complaints, AFCA approved \$650 for emergency weed cutting on the North 2nd Street traffic circles. Afterward, AFCA recruited local volunteers to maintain the sites as per the County's condition for installing the circles in the mid-1990s.

The effort to remove invasive plants from Lubber Run Park that began in 2006 is 95 percent completed.

Over 125 Foresters, including Boy Scout Troop 648 and Cub Scout Pack 548, participated in inaugural neighborhood-wide spring cleanup organized at six sites by John Naland.

Chris Scheer stepped down after 22 years as *Arlington Forester* editor. John Naland became editor. Laura Smialowicz took on layout which, for the first time, utilized desktop publishing software that

produces a sharper printed product. The typical issue dropped from 20 to 16 pages.

The annual Halloween parade from the Arlington Forest Shopping Center to the Lubber Run Community Center playground drew dozens of little princesses, ninjas, and other costumed children.

In November Congressional and local elections, 1064 of 2186 registered voters cast ballots in Arlington Forest's Precinct 025 at Culpepper Gardens. That 48.7% turnout compared to the 43.2% countywide average.

The November *Arlington Forester* inaugurates a “Kids for Hire” listing of seven neighborhood youths offering snow shoveling help. By the May issue, that section lists 16 teens and tweens offering babysitting, pet sitting, and other services.

Over 300 Foresters turned out for the annual AFCA Holiday Party at the Lubber Run Recreation Center. As usual, Santa arrived on a siren-screaming Arlington County fire truck.

Original Arlington Forester William M. Lightsey, who served in the Virginia House of Delegates and led the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, passed away on June 1, 2010 at age 99.

The New Forest Valet entered its 44th year of operation in the Arlington Forest Shopping Center. Chris McIntosh runs the business started by his father and grandfather.

President Barak Obama visited Kenmore Middle School on March 14, 2011 to deliver an address on national educational policy and meet with students. His motorcade drove through Arlington Forest on Arlington Boulevard.

AFCA’s e-mail listserv has over 400 subscribers. The AF Moms listserv has over 180 subscribers.

A 5.8 magnitude earthquake shakes the metro area on August 23, 2011.

Seen in one Greenbrier Section backyard this year: deer, foxes, rabbits, owls, hawks, opossums, bats, and chipmunks.

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2011-2012

President	Julie Kirchhoff
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Douglas Sims
Greenbrier Vice President	Thomas Smialowicz
Co-Secretary	Jim Graham
Co-Secretary	Jennifer Walter
Treasurer	Erin Clougherty
<i>Forester</i> Editor	John Naland

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Arlington County School Board proposes the site of the Lubber Run Community Center as the possible location of a new 600-student elementary school. AFCA passes a resolution opposing the proposal. The School Board later shelves the idea.

The County Board approves \$485,000 for an AFCA-supported project to expand the playground in Glencarlyn Park near the foot of South Park Drive. [Editor's note: The project was completed in 2014.]

Arlington Forest Park (in front of the shopping center) is designated a Natural Resource Conservation Area by the County due to its once commonplace, but now rare, plant community called “dry gravel cap - poverty oat grass glade”.

AFCA unveiled its new website (www.arlingtonforestva.org) with expanded content, including back issues of the *Arlington Forester*. Laura Smialowicz is the webmaster.

After several extended winter power outages, Dominion Virginia Power representatives briefed a well-attended AFCA monthly meeting on their initiatives to improve reliability.

Barrett Brownie Troop 6100 sold 1,600 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies.

Lubber Run Amphitheater conducts its first full season in three years with 23 shows from mid-June to early-August, 2012.

The May 2012 *Arlington Forester* publishes a new map of Arlington Forest and adjacent areas

made by noted cartographer (and Northside resident) Larry Bowring.

Well-attended annual events: Halloween Parade, AFCA Holiday Party, neighborhood-wide spring cleanup, AFCA spring potluck picnic at the Lubber Run Park shelter, and the Arlington Forest Community Yard Sale.

Jeff Lund, the long-time leader of Boy Scout Troop 648 at Arlington Forest United Methodist Church, passed away.

Arlington Forester delivery crew: Sam and Elli Bosch, Alex Brown, Sarah and Spencer Brown, Alex Hendel, Colin Mashkuri, Markia Mortimer, Cris Mutty, Alice Naland, Ryan and Justin Szczerbinski, and Truman and Jackson Towle.

AFCA membership: 324 out of 851 households. Participation rates by section: Greenbrier-39%, Southside-38%, and Northside-36%.

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2012-2013

President	Julie Kirchhoff
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Douglas Sims
Greenbrier Vice President	Thomas Smialowicz
Co-Secretary	Jim Graham
Co-Secretary	Jennifer Walter
Treasurer	Erin Clougherty
<i>Forester</i> Editor	John Naland

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The newly renovated Lubber Run Amphitheater hosts its first full season in three years between June 15 and August 3, 2012. The 23 performances are well attended.

The June 29, 2012 derecho storm with 70 mile an hour winds leaves Arlington Forest (and over 2 million in the metro area) without power for four days. Falling trees and branches damage dozens of Arlington Forest homes and vehicles. Hurricane Sandy hit on October 29 causing additional

damage. Dominion Virginia Power briefed a well-attended AFCA monthly meeting in February 2013 on their plans to improve electrical reliability.

Edgar “Mac” McIntosh, Jr., who co-founded the New Forest Valet in 1967, died July 25, 2012 at age 67. His son Chris still operates the business in the Arlington Forest Shopping Center.

Subway sandwiches opens in the Arlington Forest Shopping Center.

Neighbors on the first block of N. Granada Street secure a County \$15,000 Park Enhancement Grant to beautify the trailhead at the foot of N. Greenbrier Street. The project adds an information kiosk, creates a seating area, and removes invasive plants.

As it has done annually in recent years, AFCA makes \$200 donations to the PTAs of Barcroft and Barrett elementary schools.

Several hundred Foresters attend the AFCA Holiday Party as they have annually since 1946. As in recent years, Chris and Karen Scheer organized the event, David Mog and Fire Station 2 brought Santa, and Chris Bosch and Ken Schellenberg played holiday music.

80 residents participate in the third annual Arlington Forest spring cleanup at six sites.

Forester Paul Kovenoch is named Arlington County Conservationist of the Year by the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust in recognition of his role in eliminating invasive plants from Lubber Run Park and elsewhere in the County.

314 out of 851 households (37%) paid AFCA dues.

The *Arlington Forester's* “Kids for Hire” section now lists 26 kids.

The Arlington Forest Babysitters’ Cooperative, which was founded in 1961, ceases to function due to low membership. New parents were not joining to replace those whose children aged out.

2012 sales statistics for Arlington Forest: 35 houses sold; average sales price \$607,396; average days on market 42; high/low prices \$975,000/\$385,000.

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2013-2014

President	Julie Kirchhoff
Northside Vice President	Allison Kennett
Southside Vice President	Douglas Sims
Greenbrier Vice President	Thomas Smialowicz
Co-Secretary	Jim Graham
Co-Secretary	Jennifer Walter
Treasurer	Erin Clougherty
<i>Forester</i> Editor	John Naland

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The future of the Lubber Run Recreation Center (LRCC) was thrown into doubt as the County Board instructed its staff to consider redeveloping the site into government-subsidized housing and the School Board considers it for the site of a 1,200-student middle school.

The LRCC issue dominated the AFCA meeting agendas for much of the year. While some residents support utilizing the site for a school or high-density housing, an online survey sponsored by AFCA which drew 278 respondents showed that 91% prefer replacing the current center with a similar facility, 95% opposed building a large housing development on the site, and 88% oppose building a large school there.

130 residents attended the April meeting (the largest turnout in memory) and approved a resolution urging the County to rebuild LRCC solely as a recreation center. Later, AFCA members met at LRCC with all County Board members to discuss the issue. The School Board later tabled the middle school proposal.

The Holly Tree, transplanted to the Arlington Forest Shopping Center traffic circle in 1941, is “still holding on” despite being rotted on one side.

AFCA begins marking the 75th anniversary of Arlington Forest.

The first comprehensive survey in 25 years of Arlington Forest sidewalks identified 104 sections that present a serious tripping hazard. A report containing photographs and a location map is sent to the County for action. John Naland coordinated the project assisted by Larry Bowring (Northside), Todd Lee (Greenbrier), and Brett Mikoy (Southside).

An *Arlington Forester* article recalled the appearance of an aerial photo of under-construction Arlington Forest in the March 10, 1941 issue of *Life Magazine*.

The Mathnasium learning center opened in the Arlington Forest Shopping Center in the former location of Ms. McGregor's Flower Shop.

Barcroft Elementary welcomes new principal Colette Bournet, replacing Miriam Hughey-Guy. Barrett Elementary welcomes new principal Dan Redding, replacing Theresa Bratt.

Longtime AFCA treasurer, webmaster, and historian Elroy Nieweg died February 5 at age 88. He co-edited the 1990 and 2000 editions of this book.

AFCA updated its Constitution and Bylaws for the first time in 40 years to formalize changes in election procedures that were made over the years.

Julie Kirchhoff stepped down in May after an unprecedented nine continuous years as AFCA president (2005-2014) following four years as Southside VP (2001-2005).

Several hundred residents attended the annual holiday party. One hundred neighbors participated in the fourth-annual neighborhood-wide cleanup. Thirteen homes and one garden were on the triennial Arlington Forest Home Tour. Forty six houses were listed on the map for the annual Community Yard Sale. The Lubber Run Amphitheater summer 2014 season featured 30 performances, including three September shows.

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2014-2015

President	Allison Kennett
Northside Vice President	Joel Yudken
Southside Vice President	Erin Clougherty
Greenbrier Vice President	Thomas Smialowicz
Recording Secretary	Char Mahoney
Corresponding Secretary	Esther Bowring
Treasurer	Lauren Mikoy
<i>Forester</i> Editor	John Naland

MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The future of the Lubber Run Recreation Center (LRCC) dominated the AFCA agenda during the year. Arlington County formally agreed to move forward to replace the aging LRCC, but did not rule out including a large government-subsidized housing component in the new building.

An online survey conducted by AFCA which drew 223 respondents showed that a majority wanted the LRCC site to maintain its current amount of green space. Most respondents supported a new community center that was somewhat larger than the current facility, but 89% opposed a new building that would be more than one story higher and occupy more than a 25% larger footprint.

County Board Members J. Walter Tejada and John Vihstadt inaugurate the expanded playground in Glencarlyn Park near the end of S. Park Drive. The \$485,000 project was proposed by AFCA and was funded by the Neighborhood Conservation program.

Timothy O'Leary, who has represented AFCA on the County's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee for 15 years, is looking for another resident to assist him on that committee through which Arlington Forest obtains funding for projects such as new playgrounds.

Over 500 adults and children enjoyed games, food, and music at an AFCA Family Fun Day at the Arlington Forest Shopping Center in September. All 13 merchants participated and shopping center co-owner C.O. North supplied two Moon Bounces. John Naland and New Forest Valet owner Chris McIntosh organized the event.

AFCA celebrated its 75th anniversary at a gala dinner at the Ballston Holiday Inn on October 18, 2014 attended by nearly 100 residents. A resident who moved to the Forest in 1963 as a young boy won the prize for longevity. Julie Kirchhoff led the volunteers who organized the event.

County work crews began repairing or replacing the 104 sections of damaged sidewalk that were documented in AFCA's spring 2014 comprehensive survey.

In the most-discussed County Board election in a quarter century, 64.7% of Foresters voted for Independent candidate John Vihstadt who called for the County to focus its spending on core services. Only seven of Arlington's 52 precincts gave him higher support.

For the second year in a row, residents took advantage of all of the \$125 matching grants offered by AFCA to encourage the planting of approve shade trees to keep the "forest" in Arlington Forest.

Residents complained about poor mail delivery service in the Forest. Two USPS supervisors spoke at an AFCA meeting, but afterward reports persisted of mis-delivered or missing mail.

For the first time ever, one of Arlington Forest's iconic red-brick Colonial Revival homes is facing demolition as new owners are reportedly making plans to tear down the house at 234 N. Greenbrier St. (built in 1948 by M.T. Broyhill & Sons) later in 2015.

Arlington Forester delivery crew: Alex Brown, Nikki Brown, Sarah and Spencer Brown, Ely Constantine, Emily Engelken, Jack Holt, Emilio Luz-Rica, Colin Mashkuri, Abigail and Catherine Taylor, and Sean Werfel.

Dozens of families participated in the annual Halloween parade and campfire organized by Jen Beer. Nearly a hundred kids attended the annual holiday party coordinated by Chris and Karen Scheer. Dozens of neighbors participated in the fifth-annual neighborhood-wide spring park cleanup. Forty four houses were listed on the map for the annual Community Yard Sale. Around 50 residents (and one transiting fox) attended the annual AFCA picnic.

Lubber Run Amphitheater's summer 2015 season will include 34 performances between June 12 and September 19. Five shows are being funded by donations made last season to the "Wishing Well" collection box.

AFCA membership: 351 out of 851 households – up 10% from last year. Participation rates by section: Greenbrier-44%, Southside-40%, and Northside-39%.

Two hundred thirty five copies of this book are to be printed in summer 2015: 195 for pre-paid orders at \$15 each and 40 copies for future sale. Orders were received from 25 former Foresters living as far away as California, Wyoming, Connecticut, and Florida. An e-book version is planned for fall 2015.

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PREFACE TO THE 1968/69 EDITION

In October 1966, after serving only a few months, the first vice-president became the president of the Arlington Forest Citizens Association. Feeling the need for guidelines to aid him with his new job, he inquired if the Association had a history -- something concise that might help him to undertake the work with a clear understanding of the organization's background. He was told that a history, contemplated some years earlier, had never been written and that complete records were not

available. In fact, the records of the first four or five years had been totally destroyed.

In the fall of 1967, the Arlington County Public Library announced that it was setting aside a section for records of local organizations and asked for a history of the Arlington Forest Citizens Association. The president then appointed a committee, consisting of Mrs. John Rosado, Chairman, Mrs. Alfred Letzler, and Mrs. Richard McCue, to write the history.

The task assigned the committee was time-consuming and yet rewarding -- meeting and planning, looking through old records in the Court House, collecting material, perusing twenty-three years of *The Arlington Forester* and such written records as were available, writing letters of inquiry, and talking with early residents. The persons interviewed were friendly and helpful in re-creating the past.

Not everyone who served the Association as it advanced and gained stature can be mentioned because of the limitation of space. But it is only fitting that this history be dedicated to all who have contributed to the Association's growth. Grateful acknowledgment is given to all committee chairmen, members and others who have worked anonymously in the operation of the Association.

The history was completed in May 1968. In response to members' requests for copies, the Executive Committee approved the printing of 200 copies of the history in booklet form to be sold to members at a minimal cost.

Compiled May 1968

Revised and printed February 1969

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PREFACE TO THE 1990 EDITION

The Arlington Forest Citizens Association is fifty years old.

It all began in the Fall of 1940 with a group of folks from Southside who were sure that neighbors should work together.

William Tucker led the struggle; Elton Layton, D.C. Scott Daniel, and Sylvester W. (Bob) Keesee wrote the original constitution and by-laws. Unfortunately, these documents have all disappeared. The first officers were formally elected in January 1941 and meetings were begun. With only a one-year period of dormancy the Association has been going strong ever since.

An account of the first twenty-eight years of our history, written by Fay Rosado (Northside) and Alice Letzler and Louise McCue (Greenbrier), was printed in 1969. This edition brings the history up to date, including an honor roll of Association presidents through 1990.

Most of the items are summarized from articles in *The Arlington Forester* and appreciation for such an excellent source is offered to all of the editors. There are descriptions of picnics, banquets, and Christmas season events as well as stories about the Association's many projects, such as getting colonial style lighting on the Forest streets, persuading the County to install traffic lights on Arlington Boulevard and the Neighborhood Conservation Program.

Finally, this 1990 edition is dedicated to the young families moving into our neighborhood--Arlington Forest's future--and to the continuation of a 50-year tradition of community spirit.

Elroy L. Nieweg
Greenbrier

Paul W. Darnell, Jr.
Northside

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INTRODUCTION TO THE 60th ANNIVERSARY EDITION, JULY 2000

The Arlington Forest development was 60 years old in 1999 and the Arlington Forest Citizens Association turned 60 in 2000.

An account of the first 28 years of our history, written by Fay Rosado (Northside) and Alice Letzler and Louise McCue (Greenbrier), was printed in 1969. A second edition, published for our 50th anniversary, brought our history up to date through 1990. This third edition covers the entire 60 years from 1939 to 2000.

Here is what you will find in the appendices to this edition.

Appendix A: Honor Roll of Presidents.

Appendix B: Three lists of original owners.

Appendix C: Photographs of Arlington Forest, as well as the old Henderson House (most of the Northside homes were built on Henderson family property).

Appendix D: “Our First Foresters” remembrances from back issues of *The Arlington Forester* and slightly edited first-person accounts of life in the early days of the Forest from two people who came as children to Arlington Forest in the 1940s.

The Arlington County Proclamation, signed by Chairman Al Eisenberg on April 24, 1990, recognizing our 50th Anniversary, is presented on the inside of the back cover.

The editors hope that you will enjoy reading this history as we have enjoyed researching it. Added throughout are some interesting items we found in early issues of *The Arlington Forester*.

The papers of the Arlington Forest Citizens Association, including the three editions of this history and issues of *The Arlington Forester* dating from 1945 to the present, have been placed in the Community Archives of the Arlington County Public Library. Interested Foresters are invited to continue their research there.

Editors

Elroy and Dorothy Nieweg

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-- Arlington Forest Citizens Association Records, Record Group 101 in the Arlington County Public Library's Center for Local History, 1940 to date. Contains almost all *Arlington Foresters* from 1948 to date along with a variety of AFCA documents. The initial donation of materials was made by AFCA historian Elroy Nieweg in 2000. Each summer, current AFCA historian John Naland makes donations of the year's *Arlington Foresters* and other material of historical interest. As of 2015, the collection is split somewhat haphazardly between the Central Library and an off-site storage facility. Arlington Forest Citizens Association:

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Appendix

The following pages contain these documents and photographs (in order of appearance):

- 75th Anniversary Proclamation (original in Arlington Library's Center for Local History)
- 1940 Arlington Forest Sales Brochure (original in Center for Local History)
- 1934 Aerial Photograph (from Arlington Forest's 1991 Neighborhood Conservation Plan, original source unknown)
- 1940 Aerial Photograph (from Neighborhood Conservation Plan, original source unknown)
- Map of Arlington Forest in 1942 (courtesy of cartographer Larry Bowring)
- Map of Arlington Forest in 2015 (courtesy of cartographer Larry Bowring)
- Map showing sequence of neighborhood construction (original in Center for Local History)
- Map of Arlington Forest Walkabout Route (courtesy of cartographer Larry Bowring)



PROCLAMATION

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75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARLINGTON FOREST CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, in early 1940, a group of residents of the newly-established Arlington Forest community met to consider forming a citizen association for the purpose of getting to know their neighbors and speaking as a group for the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, today, 75 years later, even though Arlington County and Arlington Forest have changed substantially, the Arlington Forest Citizens Association still has the same goals; and

WHEREAS, over the decades, the Association has held community meetings eight times a year, organized innumerable neighborhood social events, and published a newsletter for longer than any other civic association in the County; and

WHEREAS, over the decades, the Association has organized many programs to beautify the neighborhood and adjacent public parkland; and

WHEREAS, over the decades, the Association has responsibly advocated to County officials for improvements in public amenities and public safety in areas such as transportation, street lighting, parks, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Association belongs to the Arlington County Civic Federation, thereby keeping informed and participating in County affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Hughes Hynes, Chair of the Arlington County Board, on this 27th day of January 2015, do hereby acknowledge the

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARLINGTON FOREST CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

and urge all citizens of Arlington Forest to continue participating in the vital work of their Association.


Mary Hughes Hynes
Chair

Arlington Forest

PRICES AND TERMS

SIX-ROOM HOME \$5,990

TOTAL CASH PAYMENT
(including all settlement charges) 590

F.H.A. LOAN, 4½% interest 5,400

	20-Year Plan	25-Year Plan
Interest and Principal	\$34.18	\$30.02
Taxes (estimated)	5.00	5.00
Insurance (estimated)	3.76	3.80
Total Monthly Payment	\$42.94	\$38.82

Monthly Savings
(average principal pay't) 22.50 18.00

To buy one of these homes, a total cash payment of only \$590 is required, which includes all settlement charges. The only additional money required at closing date will be for pre-payment of taxes and insurance which will amount to approximately \$60. There will be no other expenses necessary, as all improvements, including all paved streets, will be installed and paid for by MEADOWBROOK, Inc.

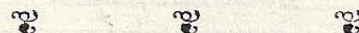


Arlington Forest

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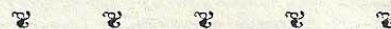
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Arlington Forest

LOCATION

A cool, quiet location on New Lee Boulevard, three-quarters of a mile beyond traffic light at Glebe Road. A 10-minute drive from Lincoln Memorial over beautiful Memorial Bridge and Lee Boulevard.

LARGE WOODED LOTS

Our large lots, with their beautiful big trees, front on newly paved streets with concrete curb and gutters, are served by all utilities—all installed and paid for by us. There will be no assessments for improvements.

CONSTRUCTION

It is our constant endeavor to incorporate the best materials the market affords in our homes. They are carefully built by skilled mechanics under constant supervision, and our homes, we believe, offer more for your money than can be had anywhere in the vicinity of Washington.

DESIGN

Arlington Forest has been planned to the last detail in advance of construction, and when completed will present an atmosphere of charm and character rarely found in other than the most exclusive developments.

The homes are of Colonial Design in keeping with the Old Dominion Architecture and designed by Robt. O. Scholz, prominent Washington architect.

SPECIFICATIONS

Sewer, water, electricity, gas, paved streets, curb and gutter and sidewalk included in purchase price. No assessments.

Waterproof basement of solid concrete.

Air-conditioned heat—oil burner.

Automatic gas hot water storage heater.

Lathing and plastering—two coats of plas-

Arlington Forest

ter on perforated rock lath plaster base throughout. Metal corner beads at all exposed corners and metal lath in all angle corners.

Insulation: Entire house fully insulated with "triple sealed" Celotex.

"Hope" steel casement windows with metal trim and 16 mesh copper screens on first and second floors.

Built-in aerial and ground for your radio.

Double flooring on both first and second floors, finished with $\frac{7}{8}$ " Select White Oak.

Copper hot and cold water pipes.

Hose connections in front and rear.

Floor drain in basement.

KITCHEN

Enameled ceiling and walls, easy to clean. Inlaid linoleum cemented down over felt. Beautiful gas range with insulated oven and heat control. Custom-built factory-finished metal kitchen cabinets. One-piece double drain board sink, new strainer-stopper and swing nozzle mixing faucet, chrome-plated.

BATHROOM

Gleaming black and white tiled walls with tile floor to match. Five built-in accessories. "Standard" plumbing fixtures with built-in tub and shower. All fittings are chromium-plated. Steel medicine cabinet with venetian mirror door.

Sun-fast shades for all windows and doors.

Colonial hardware.

Full basement under house, designed for future recreation room.

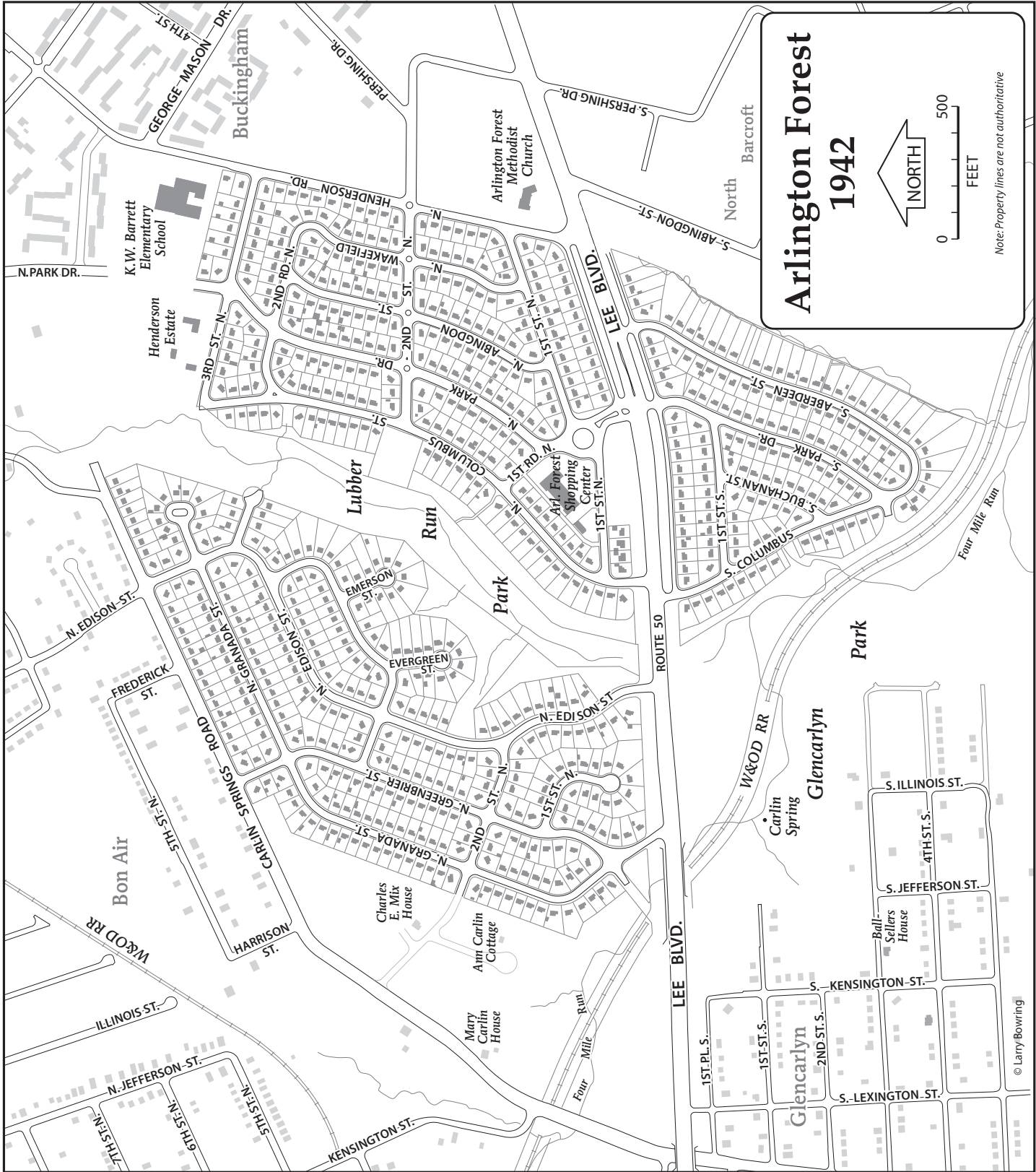
Lots are sodded from curb to rear of house and artistically landscaped.



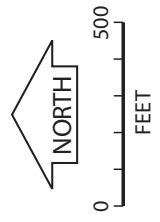
In 1934, the Arlington Forest area consisted primarily of forest and farmland.



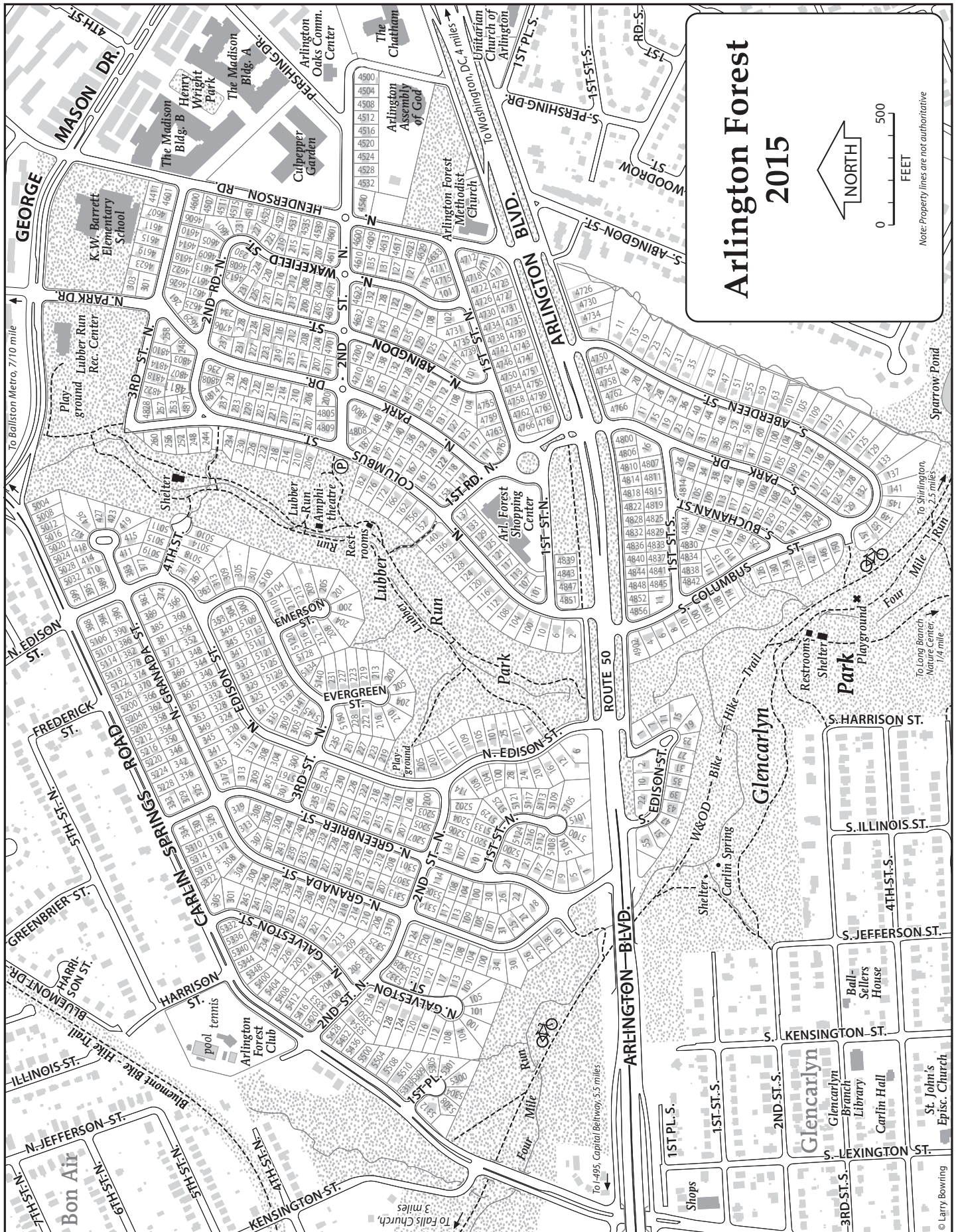
The initial stage of construction of Arlington Forest is shown in this 1940 southside view looking west with Arlington Boulevard on the right and Glencarlyn Park at the top.



Arlington Forest 1942



Note: Property lines are not authoritative



Arlington Forest Walkabout

- Walkabout Route (2.3 miles)
 Optional paved route
 ----- Other trails

Charles E. Mix House
205 N. Galveston St. Built
between 1820-1840 by
Charles E. Mix, Commissioner
of U.S. Indian Affairs

Lubber Run Park
The first public park in
Arlington County, it's
popular for hiking,
biking, dog-walking, and
bird-watching

Lubber Run Community Center
Former site of the grand
"Henderson House" circa 1894, later
to become the first permanent
recreation center in the County.

Lubber Run Amphitheatre
Built in 1969, it hosts dozens of performances each summer, part of Arlington's "Arts al Fresco" program

Arlington Forest Shopping Center

The Holly Tree
was moved here during
the construction of
Arlington Forest in 1941

W&OD Shared Use Trail
follows the former railroad
right-of-way from Shirlington
to Purcellville, Virginia

Carlin Springs
A historical marker here describes the resort area that was popular in the late 1800's

See George Washington's
Forest Walkabout

Mary Carlin House
5512 N. Carlin Springs Rd.
Probably the second
oldest structure in
Arlington, built around
1800 by William Carlin

Glencarlyn
Branch
Library

Kenmore Middle School

0 500 1000 1500 ft.

Arlington Forest Walkabout map courtesy of WalkArlington, Arlington County Commuter Services

Bowring Cartographic

