

Vol. 68, Number 3 — Arlington, Virginia — November 2026

Virtual AFCA Meeting—House Delegate Patrick Hope and County Board Member Maureen Coffey

The Arlington Forest Citizens Association invites you to join your neighbors and friends at our monthly Zoom meeting at 7 p.m. on November 18. Virginia House Delegate Patrick Hope will speak about his proposal to allow Arlington County to revise its form of government. He introduced his proposal in this year's legislative session but was unable to garner majority support. He plans to reintroduce his proposal in the upcoming legislative session in January of next year. Come learn more about Patrick's proposal and why he has made it, and ask him any questions you may have.

We will also be joined by Arlington County Board member Maureen Coffey. Maureen will talk about why she chose to run for county board and the issues she hopes to help resolve during her tenure on the board. If you have concerns about anything involving the county or if you have questions about county processes or policies, this is your opportunity to get the answers you seek.

To join the meeting through Zoom, here are ***updated directions***. Enter the following URL into your browser between 6:45 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18: https://tinyurl.com/etzv3crh. Alternatively, you can dial in to the meeting at 301-715-8592, where you will be prompted to enter meeting number 891 8655 9834 and passcode 055755. You might also be prompted to hit the # sign one or more times. This call-in number will be active starting at 6:45 p.m.



How Do AFCA Dues Benefit You?

Your annual AFCA dues help get this newsletter delivered to your door as a service to you and the entire neighborhood, with information on trees and parks, trails and bridges, the Lubber Run Amphitheater and Farmers Market, traffic and pedestrian safety, and more. Dues pay for our annual picnic and Santa party and for donations to our neighborhood schools. Dues support the AFCA website (at www.arlingtonforestva.org), which contains a detailed neighborhood map, a history of Arlington Forest, back issues of this newsletter, and more. Please pay your dues promptly this year.

Use this QR code to pay your AFCA dues: just point your phone camera at the image and click on the link. It will take you to the AFCA webpage for paying your dues using PayPal.

AFCA MEMBERSHIP DUES
ANNUAL DUES $20 PER HOUSEHOLD

Deliver this form and your check payable to AFCA to your respective AFCA section representative (or pay on the AFCA website or through the QR code):

Greenbrier: Tom Smialowicz, 26 N. Granada St. 22203
Northside: Veronica Spicer, 128 N. Park Dr. 22203
Southside: Julie Kirchhoff, 4828 Arlington Blvd. 22204

Dues: _____ Donation: _____ Total: _____

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

EMAIL:_____

AFCA Virtual Meeting 7 p.m. **November 18** Through Zoom

The Team

Editor/Advertising: Hutch Brown
703-855-1732, newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org
Check your ad and contact Hutch for any corrections.

Layout & Design: Leo Horwitz
newsletter@leohorwitz.com

Distribution: Bill Jackson
bj60@aol.com
Contact Bill if you do not receive a newsletter.

The Arlington Forester is the official publication of the Arlington Forest Citizens Association, Arlington, VA. A nonpartisan, nonsectarian publication serving the residents of Arlington Forest, the *Forester* welcomes articles and photos focusing on issues specific to our neighborhood. We publish monthly from September to November and January to May. The deadline for submissions is the first of the month. Email your submission of up to 400 words—preferably with a photo—to newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org. Articles on controversial issues are welcome but do not necessarily reflect the views of AFCA and will be marked as opinion.

2026–2027 AFCA Officers

President:
Liz Grossman
grossman.elizabeth@icloud.com

Vice President, Southside:
Julie Kirchhoff
ssvpAFCA@gmail.com

Vice President, Greenbrier:
Tom Smialowicz
703-528-3889
tsmialowicz@gmail.com

Vice President, Northside:
Veronica Spicer
312-404-8351
vlspicer311@gmail.com

Recording Secretary:
Char Mahoney
571-241-9866
char.mahoney@verizon.net

Corresponding Secretary:
Janet Irwin
703-516-4574
jeirwin1@verizon.net

Treasurer:
Bill Jackson
703-832-1072
bj60@aol.com

Arlington Neighborhoods Program:
Arthur Schwartz
703-963-1980
arthur.edward.schwartz@gmail.com

Historian:
Todd Burns, trbeyond@gmail.com

Arlington Civic Federation Reps:
Eric Lotke ericlotke2044@gmail.com
Rick Epstein rickepstein1@verizon.net
Jan Hull jkh999@verizon.net
Michael Thomas ThomasMD64@gmail.com

Website: www.arlingtonforestva.org
Join the AFCA listserve by emailing your address to:
arlingtonforestva@gmail.com
The *Forester* is printed by Minuteman Press

AFCA October 2026 Meeting

By Janet Irwin and Char Mahoney, AFCA Secretaries

AFCA President Liz Grossman began the October monthly meeting with a few notes of neighborhood interest. The county's first leaf collection in Arlington Forest will be on November 18-21, with a second round on December 9-12. At Liz's request, the county is looking into overnight noise issues at the Outback Steakhouse construction project.

About 23 households heard Arlington County Board member Susan Cunningham discuss the board's work and future plans. Susan started with an overview of county government and how to contact the board and county agencies through the "Report a Problem" tool, county police, 24/7 water and sewer emergency hotlines, and so on. The county has about 60 advisory boards; perhaps you would like to join one! The board recently passed a new capital improvement plan calling for spending $4.9 billion in 2027-36. County priorities include mass transit issues; Vision Zero traffic/pedestrian safety improvements; and the Low Residential Study focusing on tree canopy, stormwater data, and zoning lot coverage rules. The board has also been examining options for improving county government.

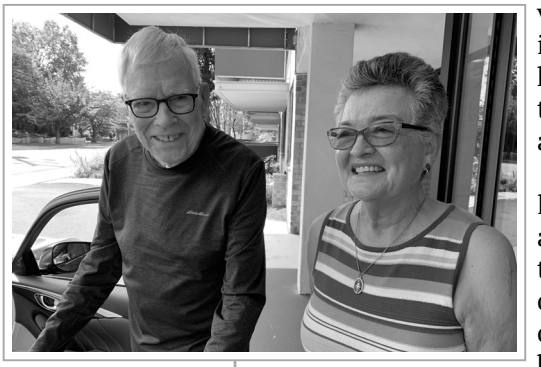
A resident asked Susan about the county's Expanded Housing Options (EHO) program (formerly called Missing Middle). The county is still accepting EHO applications from developers while a case challenging it is before the Virginia Supreme Court. Asked about the county board lawsuit regarding armed federal agents at polling places on November 3, Susan explained that federal willingness to deploy armed agents at the polls would violate the 1865 "troops at polls clause" in federal law. Asked about safety issues due to motorized bikes and scooters on bike paths, Susan said that the county is focusing on trail user education regarding speed limits and other trail traffic safety practices. Legal ambiguity in traffic safety laws apparently keeps the board from restricting motorized access; the board is pushing for state code clarification to reclassify high-speed e-bikes and e-scooters as motorcycles.

When residents called for county action against extremely loud cars, Susan urged them to write to the board about their concerns, noting that the county is watching how Fairfax is enforcing noise abatement for cars using sound measurement technology. In response to a question about the board's recent decision to cancel its contract with a Flock camera service, Susan noted that the contract came up for renewal and the board opted not to renew due to widespread reports of Flock camera abuse but might renew in the future. Finally, there was a vigorous discussion of nighttime noise problems at Outback. Susan noted that a government employee must witness a noise violation before the county can take action.

Liz Vance reminded neighbors about the upcoming fall Turnaround Day on November 7. AFCA Treasurer Bill Jackson reported that this year's collected AFCA membership dues are running ahead of last year's, with about 20% of residents having paid so far. Liz Grossman previewed the next monthly meeting, which will feature State Delegate Patrick Hope discussing his proposed legislation empowering Arlington County to change its governmental structure if it chooses to do so. County board member Maureen Coffey will also be a guest speaker.

Arlington Neighborhood Village: Making Arlington Your Home for a Lifetime

By Wendy Zenker



Do you love where you live? Arlington is full of wonderful neighborhoods, and it is no surprise that as people age, most desire to stay in their own homes. A whopping 90% of older adults want to age in place, but doing so often requires a bit of extra help.

Arlington Neighborhood Village (ANV) is a local nonprofit that does just that—gives seniors the extra hand they need to stay safe and independent in their own homes as they age. Friendly volunteers provide direct services like transportation, errands, tech help, friendly visits, and handling minor household chores like changing smoke alarm batteries. Just as importantly, they provide companionship and opportunities for meaningful connection. ANV is a village of neighbors helping neighbors—members and volunteers form bonds and lasting friendships. Family members have peace of mind knowing that their loved ones are connected to a vibrant community.

If you or someone you know or love could use a little extra help to age in place, please reach out to the ANV office at 703-509-8057 or email info@ANVarlington.org. If you are looking for a flexible and extremely rewarding ***volunteer experience***, please visit www.ANVarlington.org/volunteer for more information. You can also visit www.ANVarlington.org to learn more. ANV has a membership fee and offers a generous financial aid program—no one has ever been turned away.

FIND OUT
WHAT YOUR HOME
IS WORTH

RESULTS INCLUDE

1 HOME VALUE ESTIMATES

2 BUYER BREAKDOWN

3 RECENT NEARBY SALES

If your home is currently listed, this is not intended as a solicitation of that listing.



OMAR S. SHERZAI
REALTOR® Licensed VA, DC & MD
NVAR Top Producer
703-474-1145 Cell
703-531-3370 Direct
Omar@LNF.com
www.longandfoster.com/OmarSherzai

LONG & FOSTER®
REAL ESTATE

Arlington Public Schools: Overcoming Resistance to Desegregation

By Alice and Todd Burns, AFCA Historians

In last month's newsletter, we covered the county's segregated school system and the total lack of progress towards desegregation from the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* decision to 1959. This month, we describe what desegregation looked like when it finally happened.

Responding to *Brown*. After the Supreme Court ruled on *Brown* in 1954, Virginia responded with a program called "Massive Resistance." The state legislature adopted 13 statutes aimed at preserving segregation, including one that called on counties to shut down public schools and instead give families tuition grants for private school. Another statute allowed the governor to shut down school systems that desegregated. The Arlington School Board had been working on a desegregation plan, but the state replaced the board with members aligned with Massive Resistance. Despite the new board, schools remained open, largely thanks to the Arlington Committee to Preserve Public Schools, a diverse coalition of 700 White parents.

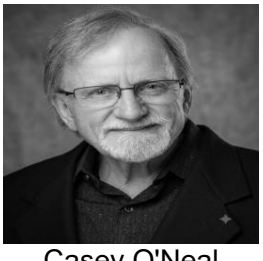
Two years after *Brown*, with virtually no progress made on desegregating Arlington's public schools, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People filed suit against Arlington County on behalf of Clarissa Thompson, Lesley and Dorothy Hamm, and Barbara Marx. A federal judge ordered Arlington to integrate, but the injunction required plaintiffs to first pursue bureaucratic channels before seeking federal enforcement, which slowed the process. Not until 1959 did integration occur, after the Virginia Supreme Court ruled that the state's school closure law violated the state constitution's guarantee to free public education.

Desegregation begins. On February 2, 1959, four Black students walked to Stratford Junior High, a White school. They were welcomed by Principal Claude Richmond, the same principal who had refused entry to Washington-Lee (now Washington-Liberty) High School to a Black student in 1947. Principal Richmond did his best to make the students feel welcome and safe. Police and reporters were onsite, but it was a normal day at school, prompting a local newsletter to summarize the event as "The Day Nothing Happened."

Other schools began desegregating as well, but the process was slow. In 1969, Arlington still had two Black elementary schools, and even "desegregated" schools continued to divide many activities by race. Only in 1972 did the county carry out a plan to bus students to school to keep the percentage of each school's population at about 11% Black. Although the plan was the county's first real approach to integration, it was highly imperfect and placed most of the burden on Black students, who were bussed across the county to new schools.

You can find more on desegregation in Arlington's schools online at Arlington Public Library's Project DAPS (Desegregation of Arlington Public Schools).

Arlington's October 2026 real estate market is showing more homes for sale, softer buyer traffic, and more price adjustments. Buyers have greater choice, while sellers face more competition. This is a preliminary assessment as of October 26.
Supply: An October 26 inventory snapshot showed 207 detached houses, 82 townhouses, and 322 condos for sale in Arlington County—611 properties overall
Demand: An October 26 local market analysis reported that D.C. metro showing activity was down 16% year over year during the preceding week. That indicates weaker regional buyer traffic, although it is not an Arlington-only measure
Price adjustments: Across Arlington's property types, 64 homes received price reductions during the week preceding October 26. This shows sellers responding to competition and buyer resistance; it does not mean every home's value is declining.
For single-family houses specifically, selection has expanded. The October 26 analysis reported Northern Virginia's largest available detached inventory since October 2019, while noting that supply remained below pre-pandemic levels. This is regional context, supports the picture of buyers having more alternatives this fall.
My reading is that October favors careful positioning and patient negotiation. Sellers should price against today's competing homes and respond promptly to showing feedback. Buyers may find more room to negotiate on listings that have lingered or reduced their price. The available evidence supports that shift in negotiating conditions; it does not yet establish October's Arlington single-family sales total or year-over-year price change.
If your real estate plans are taking shape, let's connect and walk through the best path forward. Lean on my 41 years of local experience to guide your next move.



Casey O'Neal
Associate Broker
Senior Transition Specialist
703-217-9090
casey@caseyoneal.com
www.caseyoneal.com
Compass Real Estate

With my guidance as a project manager, I can help you prepare your home to sell faster and at a higher price. **Compass fronts the cost of the services** to enhance your home's value. Visit our web site for details.
FREE Notary Service!

Arlington Forest Needs Your Help!

By Liz Grossman, AFCA President

Many people generously donate their time to make life in Arlington Forest better for all of us, but think how much more we could do if more people joined in. A lot is going on at the county and state levels that will affect us all. For example, Virginia House Delegate Patrick Hope has introduced legislation that would allow Arlington County to change its form of government. The outcome will affect everyone in Arlington Forest in terms of how laws are made and enacted. Similarly, the state of Virginia recently enacted a Faith in Housing law allowing eligible faith-based organizations to develop affordable housing on their land by right. These institutions can now develop housing without seeking zoning changes and regardless of any concerns of those living nearby. Two large church properties border Arlington Forest, and construction there would affect not only traffic patterns in the Forest but also school enrollment at Barrett.

Each of us can provide comments to Arlington County on various issues individually, but when we weigh in as part of neighborhood civic associations, our voices are much more powerful and therefore more likely to get the attention of county policymakers. The ***Arlington County Civic Federation*** (CivFed) is an organization of more than 90 civic organizations across Arlington that meets monthly from September through June. Each member organization gets four delegates and two alternates who serve as voting members when the delegates are unable to attend. We currently have three CivFed delegates representing Arlington Forest, so we need a fourth delegate as well as two alternates. Delegates attend meetings in person at the Viriginia Hospital Center or virtually via Zoom.

Arlington Forest also participates in the ***Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee*** (ArNAC), which reviews proposed neighborhood projects for county funding under the Arlington Neighborhoods Program. Each participating civic association has one delegate and one alternate. Arlington Forest has an ArNAC delegate, but we need an alternate. ArNAC meetings are held monthly except for during summer break, with attendance either in person or virtually, alternating every other month.

Finally, our Arlington Forest Citizens Association (AFCA) works hard to keep your dues low. Our biggest expense is this monthly newsletter, and ***we can offset costs by raising more revenue through advertising***. We need volunteers to work with Treasurer Bill Jackson to let local businesses know about advertising opportunities in this newsletter. This work involves a minimal time commitment but is essential to keeping our AFCA finances healthy.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities to get more involved in local civic life, please let AFCA President Liz Grossman know at grossman.elizabeth@icloud.com.

NOVA
FENCING & ARCHERY CLUB

Be a Part of Our Community!

Saber & Epee Fencing

World class coaching and facility. Classes for ages 4 to 6, 7 to 12, 13 to Adult, and Adult Only.
Our fencers compete on NCAA teams for colleges like Vassar, Wellesley, Brandeis, and Wayne State.

Indoor Archery Range

Classes for ages 8+, Adult classes, a Women Only class, and opportunities for families to shoot together.

Archery Tag Parties

Come and Have a Blast Playing Archery Tag at our Club. Birthday Parties or Private Events.

Classes • Camps • Birthday Parties

3505 Carlin Springs Rd
Falls Church, VA 20241
(703) 999-8077

www.novafencingclub.com
Use Coupon Code: ***Forester25*** *for*
10% Off Beginning Classes

Leave the Leaves Like a Pro

By Tyler Sparks

Adapted from an article by Eileen Ellsworth, Plant NOVA Natives.

You might have wondered whether leaving the leaves on your property this fall was better for the environment than removing them to protect your lawn and keep your place looking neat. Wouldn't it be nice to have some handy, research-based information to help you decide? That's exactly what two scientists working in Maryland have recently handed us.

For 2 years, Dr. Max Ferlauto, state entomologist for the Maryland Natural Heritage Program, and Dr. Karin T. Burghardt, an ecologist and associate professor at the University of Maryland, studied the effects of leaf removal in residential settings on insects, spiders, and other groups of arthropods. Turns out that leaf litter is critical overwintering habitat for these critters. Thanks to their research, we now have data on species that make their home among the fallen leaves. According to Dr. Ferlauto, "In a square meter of yard where you leave your leaves, there's on average almost 2,000 insects that will emerge over the course of the spring." And that doesn't include the decomposers like earthworms or millipedes or soil animals called springtails.

The scientists discovered that when leaf litter is removed, spring emergence levels for target species dropped up to 45% for moths and butterflies, 24% for beetles, and 67% for spiders! The diversity of moths and butterflies was also reduced by about 40%. High levels of both spring emergence and diversity are directly tied to the mass of leaf litter we leave in place. The more, the better.

Although it would be best to let fallen leaves lie, an "all or nothing" approach need not rule the day. For example, you might leave the leaves in your less visible backyard or sideyard areas or on an area of turf you intend to remove come spring to make way for a new garden bed. Or you might rake leaves into your gardens and flower beds, leaving a 3-5 inch layer of leaves in to provide a natural winter blanket for plants. If you have a tree in your yard, you might rake your leaves under it as opposed to removing them completely. What is best for the critters happens to also be the best for the tree, which is to use the fallen leaves as a natural mulch all the way out to the drip line. We can all agree that some unremoved leaf litter is better than none.



Leaves have fallen in deciduous woodlands for millions of years. Plants and animals galore have come to expect and rely upon fallen leaves in fall and winter. As such, every yard management decision across suburban and urban landscape matters. What we plant, how often we water, whether we use pesticides or fertilizers, how frequently we mow, and whether to leave the leaves all has a huge impact on the local ecosystem.

ambar
BALKAN CUISINE

Dine In
Complimentary bottle of house wine with two Unlimited Balkan dinners.

Takeout
15% off
Use code:
ArlingtonForest

PTSA Update—Kenmore Middle School

By Samantha Bell

Mark your calendars for the "MJ Holiday" Kenmore Dance PE Show on December 11 at 7 p.m. The show this year will feature Michael Jackson songs and dances.

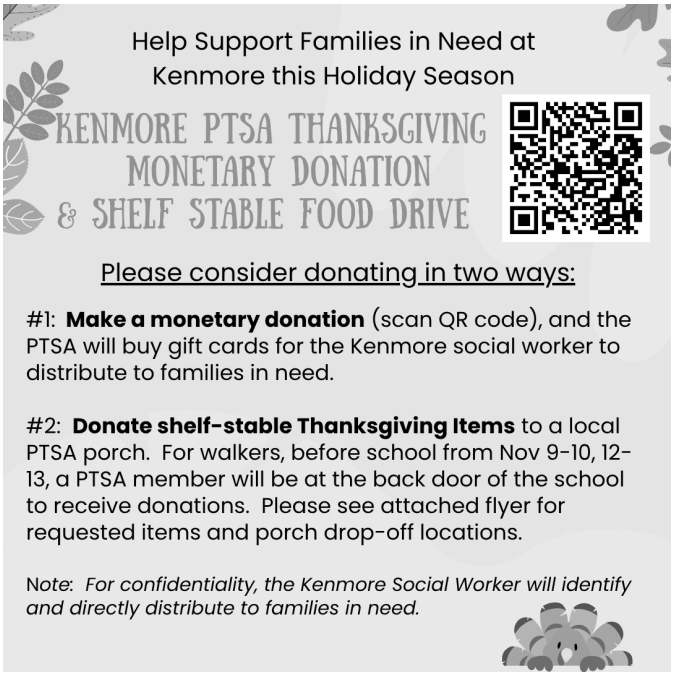
Last year, our Kenmore PTSA community came together to support about 25 families during Thanksgiving. Thanks to your generosity, we raised about $3,000 to help families enjoy the holidays with a little less stress. This year, we're organizing *two* holiday assistance drives: one for Thanksgiving and one for Winter Break. With guidance from our school social worker, Charisse Berree (charisse.berree@apsva.us), the PTSA is coordinating support for families who could use a little extra help during the holiday season.

Thanksgiving Drive (monetary donations and food): Your generosity can go twice as far! A donor has offered a dollar-for-dollar match on monetary donations up to $2,000 for our Thanksgiving drive. That means your donation can have double the impact! To make a monetary donation, scan the QR code on the flyer or use this link: https://tinyurl.com/bdd8kce7. The PTSA will use donations to purchase gift cards for Giant, Safeway, Aldi, and Target so families can buy the groceries and essentials they need. Please donate by November 16 to support our Thanksgiving effort. We also collected items for Thanksgiving food bags for at least 25 families. The deadline for those donations (#2 in the graphic) was November 13.

Winter Break Drive (monetary donations for gift cards): Once the Thanksgiving drive wraps up, we'll turn our attention to helping families during Winter Break. The PTSA will collect monetary donations from November 17 through December 20 and use those funds to purchase gift cards for Giant, Safeway, Aldi, and Target. To contribute, scan the QR code on the flyer or use this link: https://tinyurl.com/bdd8kce7. Every donation helps families purchase groceries and other essentials during the school break. Thank you for your continued generosity and for caring for our Kenmore community!

Santa Party Coming Up in December—Volunteers Needed!

AFCA is planning a Santa party this year, always a big hit with kids and families. The party will be on Wednesday, December 9, at the Lubber Run Community Center. Northside neighbor Allison Kennett is coordinating the event, and she is looking for ***a Santa volunteer***. Santa arrives in a fire truck from the nearby Wilson Blvd. fire station at 7 p.m., then goes inside and greets the kids, listening to their wishes, for about 45 minutes. The party ends at 8 p.m. Please contact Allison at allison.kennett@gmail.com to find out more.



studio salon

DA Studio Salon

Your local family hair salon dedicated to making the whole family feel and look great. Let us give you a trim, touch up or add some color to your hair. We take **Customer Service** and **Value** very seriously.

Make an appointment quick & easy - Just go to
DAStudioSalon.com
and click **Book an Appointment**

Life isn't perfect but your hair can be.

Arlington Forest Shopping Center
703.525.6828
DAstudiosalon.com
DAstudiosalon@gmail.com

PTA Update—Barrett Elementary School

By Reina Malakoff

Please consider participating in Barrett Gives, Barrett PTA's annual holiday giving campaign for needy families. The graphic below shows how you can help out neighbors in need by using the QR code.





Newsbits

Community Calendar

Next AFCA meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m.

Santa Party: Wednesday, December 9, at LRCC

Neighborhood social: A Saturday in Jan. 2027 at LRCC

Annual AFCA potluck: Saturday, May 22, 2027 (tentative)

Annual Yard Sale: A Saturday in May 2027

Turnaround Days: July 10 & November 6, 2027

AFCA Meetings

Nov. 18, 2026: House delegate Patrick Hope on county government issues

Jan. 20, 2026: Arlington Climate Action Plan; storm-water management

Feb. 17, 2026: Arlington's tree canopy; env'l issues

Mar. 27, 2026: Police surveillance tech; school board

Apr 20, 2026: Ranked choice voting; Stumbling Stones

Jun. 20, 2026: Neighborhood potluck at LRCC *(tentative)*

Get a Free Tree!

You can apply to have a tree planted at no cost to you through the Arlington County Tree Canopy Fund. Applying for the fund could get you a 5% credit on your stormwater utility bill. Trees available include white oak, scarlet oak, sweetgum, loblolly pine, and more. Applications for planting in spring 2027 open in November 2026. Find out more online at EcoAction Arlington Tree Canopy Fund.

Stream Monitoring in October

In October, a group of Arlington County volunteers collected a sample of aquatic insects and other critters living in Lubber Run. Surprisingly, an aquatic insect called fingernet caddisfly dominated the sample for the first time ever. A surprising discovery made last spring was damselfly larvae, an insect never seen at this location before. On top of a breeding sunfish population spotted in Lubber Run this year, these finds might suggest improving stream habitats.

Still the #1 Remodeling Contractor in Arlington

Pulling more permits in Arlington than any other contractor



COOK BROS.
DESIGN/BUILD REMODELING
Since 1987

Specializing in Arlington Homes

GET A FREE QUOTE TODAY

703-536-0900 | CookBros.org

Kids for Hire

These Arlington Forest youths are ready to help. To be added or deleted, email newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org.

Dog walking | Leaf raking | Snow shoveling | Babysitting | ★ Special Certification
Pet sitting | Plant watering | Mother's helper | Mail collection

	Name	Email	Phone	Dog walking	Pet sitting	Leaf raking	Babysitting	Snow shoveling	Plant watering	Mother's helper	Mail collection	Other
Southside	Sophia Cordon	kitkat67@msn.com	301-509-7915	✔	✔		✔		✔	✔	✔	
	William Cordon		301-509-7915	✔	✔				✔		✔	Yard help
	Ady Lombardi		703-395-2063	✔	✔				✔		✔	
	Elsie Lombardi	eflombardi13@gmail.com	703-350-2411		✔		✔★			✔		
	Sol Mashkuri		571-643-5883	✔	✔							
	Lyla Olesen	Sammiolesen@outlook.com	615-999-1099	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	Cleaning
	Sabrina Saunders	sabrina_saunders@icloud.com	202-531-2247	✔	✔		✔★		✔	✔	✔	Tutoring
	Joseph Segas	Loren_um@hotmail.com	202-948-9792	✔		✔			✔		✔	
	Francesca Segas	Loren_um@hotmail.com	202-948-9792	✔					✔	✔	✔	
	Lucy Strawn	strawn2010@icloud.com	703-307-4913	✔	✔		✔			✔	✔	
Greenbrier	Brooks Everitt	Ang.everitt12@Gmail.com	571-244-7691	✔	✔				✔		✔	
	Henry Hawks	annwoodshawks@gmail.com	202-744-5334	✔					✔		✔	
	Oliver Jacobs	oliverrjacobsva@gmail.com	571-547-7472	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔		✔	
	Gavin Kraft	kenneth.d.kraft@gmail.com	314-775-7008	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔	✔	✔	
	Nora Kraft	kenneth.d.kraft@gmail.com	314-775-7008	✔	✔					✔	✔	
	Nicky Petrucelli	tony.petrucelli@gmail.com	703-629-0425			✔		✔	✔		✔	Lawn care
	Gabe Pettit	susanagescudero@gmail.com	571-210-0629	✔					✔		✔	
	Caulder Pickard	katiepickard@gmail.com	571-244-6870	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔	✔	✔	
	James Smialowicz	james.smialowicz@gmail.com	703-244-6564	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔		✔	
	Thomas Walsh	tvswalsh22@gmail.com	703-559-9787	✔		✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	
Northside	Natalie Bryant	Natalie.a.bryant@icloud.com	703-447-8555	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	
	Lily Bhutta	Chrisbhutta@gmail.com	202-841-5094	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔		✔	
	Siyona Bhutta	Chrisbhutta@gmail.com	202-841-5094		✔		✔★		✔	✔	✔	
	Niittisha Choudhary	Niittisha@gmail.com	703-981-1229	✔			✔		✔			Tutoring
	Adela Engblom	mannblom@gmail.com	202-365-2685	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	
	Ian Engblom	mannblom@gmail.com	202-365-2685	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔		✔	
	Mia Harbeck	jamiech@gmail.com	703-598-2519				✔		✔	✔	✔	
	Lexi Jackson	bj60@aol.com	703-832-1072	✔					✔	✔	✔	
	Joel Nisco		703-732-6585			✔		✔	✔		✔	
	Lia du Preez	wanyalabuschagne@gmail.com	571-648-7409	✔	✔				✔		✔	
	Alexander Stewart	stewartbryna@gmail.com		✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	Sports practice
	Leilani Wright		207-650-5741	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	Tutoring
	Name	**Email**	**Phone**									**Other**

Represent Your 'Hood!

In October, a group of Arlington County volunteers collected a sample of aquatic insects and other critters living in Lubber Run. Surprisingly, an aquatic insect called fingernet caddisfly dominated the sample for the first time ever. A surprising discovery made last spring was damselfly larvae, an insect never seen at this location before. On top of a breeding sunfish population spotted in Lubber Run this year, these finds might suggest improving stream habitats.

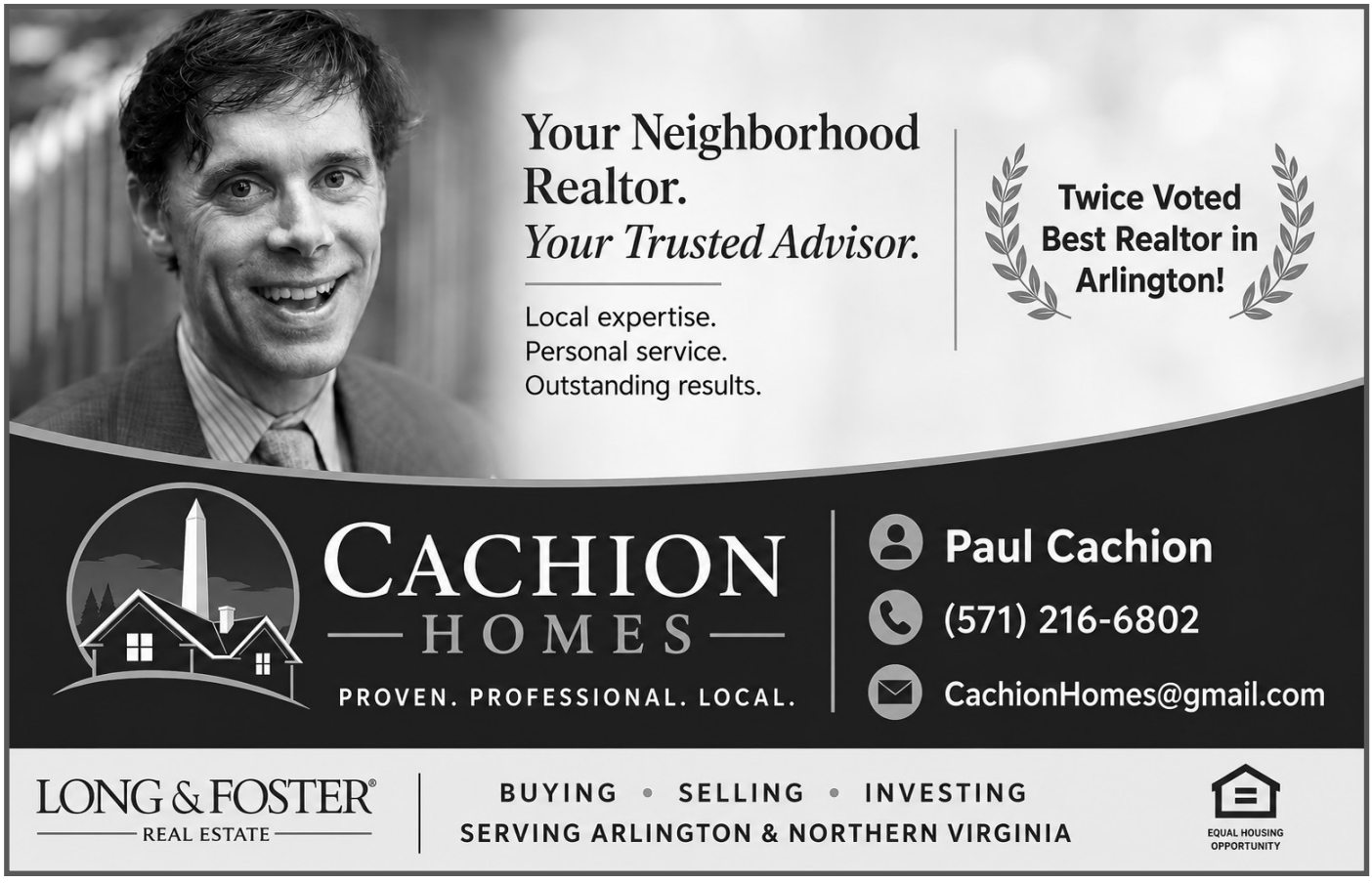
Help Sell Arlington Forest!

Are you good at sales? Like hobnobbing with local businesses? We need someone to reach out to and recruit potential advertisers in The Arlington Forester. Just a few hours a month could help us cover the costs of this newsletter and balance the AFCA budget. If you are interested in helping out, please let AFCA President Liz Grossman know at grossman.elizabeth@icloud.com.

Help Neighborhood Schools

Link your **Harris Teeter VIC cards** to help your neighborhood and local schools that many of our children attend!
Choose up to five different schools to link to, then hand this page to the customer service desk during your next visit to Harris Teeter.

Barrett: 3906	Barcroft: 4238	ATS: 4378	Key: 5109	H-B Woodlawn: 4490	Thomas Jefferson: 3905
Kenmore: 3954	Washington-Liberty: 3917	Wakefield: 4566	St. Thomas More: 2069	Our Savior Lutheran: 5529	



New Forest Valet

Quality Cleaning Since 1967

Drycleaning - Laundry - Shoe Repair
Alterations - Draperies - Quilts
Specializing in Delicate
and Fancy Items

Arlington Forest Shopping Center

703-525-4354

7 to 7 Mon-Fri, 9-3 Sat

"Fussy Cleaning for Nice People"

Brick's Pizza

www.brickspizzadelivery.com

Weekly Lunch Specials
(Mon - Fri, good until 3pm)

$11.99

M size 2 topping pizza
and a can of soda

additional toppings extra
not valid with other offers

R & M CLEANING SERVICES

Reliable - Experienced - Good References
Flexible Scheduling - Reasonable Rates
We Bring Our Own Equipment

Call MARYEN or RAUL

703-321-5335

Free-in-home Estimate -- Weekly/Bi-weekly/ Monthly or Occasionally -- Move-in or Move-out Office

CRYSTAL THAI
Distinctive & Aroma Thai Cuisine
4819 1st Street North
Arlington, VA 22203
(Arlington Forest Shopping Center)
Tel: 703-522-1311
www.crystalThai.com

LUNCH SPECIAL
ONLY **$16**
Choose 1 Entrée + 1 Appetizer

DINE-IN ONLY
Monday – Friday
11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Fine Food • Fine Service • Fine Neighbors

Buy One Get One $7 Off!

Get $7 off one Entree
when purchasing a
Second Entree
Of Equal or Greater Value

Good Daily for Arlington Foresters
With This Coupon
For Dine-in Only

One Coupon per Party
Not Valid with Luncheon Specials,
Soft Shell Crab and Crispy Flounder
Menu, any Special of
Maximum Discount $7

Coupon expires December 15, 2026
We honor all Major Credit Cards

ARLINGTON TREE CARE

Maintaining the natural health of your trees

Tree Removal * Pruning
Storm Damage
Licensed & Insured

703-524-0888

Call to schedule a free evaluation
or estimate for your trees.

www.ArlingtonTreeCare.com

Our Savior Lutheran School

Arlington, VA

