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Virtual AFCA Meeting—Pest Control: Rats, Wasps, Mosquitoes, Oh My!

AFCA invites you to join our monthly Zoom meeting on Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. We've all had backyard or household pests, whether mammals like mice and rats or insects like wasps and mosquitoes. We will try to line up an expert on pest control to take your questions and give advice.

To join the meeting through Zoom, enter the following URL into your browser between 6:45 and 7

p.m. on Wednesday, March 4: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86776565835>. Alternatively, you can dial in to the meeting at 301-715-8592, where you will be prompted to enter meeting number 867 7656 5835 and passcode 469609. 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.

AFCA February 2026 Meeting

By Janet Irwin, AFCA Recording Secretary

The February AFCA meeting was held on Wednesday, February 4, via Zoom, with about 21 households participating. AFCA President Sal D'Itri told us that Northside resident Art Schwartz now represents Arlington Forest on the Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee, which oversees funding of neighborhood conservation grants. The grants, typically ranging from \$250,000 to \$1 million, are from a dedicated annual budget allocation by Arlington County to support small neighborhood projects, such as refurbishing neighborhood playgrounds and making safety improvements. Arlington Forest's most recent project, completed in 2021, was renovating Edison Park on N. Edison St. in Greenbrier. A few years before, we got a grant through John Naland and others to install an information kiosk and rehabilitate the Greenbrier trailhead to the W&OD Trail. AFCA's current goal is to submit two proposals so that we can get at least one approved and in the queue. We are soliciting ideas from across Arlington Forest, so if you have a project in mind, please notify Sal or your neighborhood

AFCA vice president by February 20 (their contact information is on page 2).

Sal reminded everyone that spring is rapidly approaching and with it will come a number of native plant sales and related activities. We then had a robust discussion about the good, bad, and ugly of the county's recent snow removal efforts. There were some positive

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responses to the relative speed of clearing big and medium streets, as well as complaints about the county's failure to clear its own sidewalks and roadway areas very quickly, if at all. For example, the walkways in Lubber Run Park and along Arlington Forest and Edison Parks remained completely untouched, as did the N. Carlin Springs Rd. sidewalk over the N. George Mason Dr. overpass, which is an important pedestrian route for Foresters walking to Ballston. Some people noted that a number of rental properties never had cleared sidewalks; proposals were made to generate a polite generic note from AFCA that people could leave in the corresponding mailboxes or to have a conversation with renters or homeowners about this issue. Sal encouraged Foresters to let him know of any remaining major problems with intersections, sidewalks, or walkways because he might be able to get the county to take action.

Outdoor Volunteer Opportunities



The volunteer Arlington Regional Master Naturalists program is a great way to learn about local environmental issues and to pitch in and help. An evening training program with weekend field trips leads to volunteer opportunities for stream monitoring, invasive species control, tree planting in parks, and more. If you're at least 18 years old and interested in the Great Outdoors, this program is for you. ARMN members volunteer primarily in Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church but can volunteer on an approved project anywhere in Virginia. Find out more at armn.org/.

Faces of the Forest: Tell Us About Someone You Know!

Faces of the Forest offers a glimpse into the lives of your neighbors—people you may pass by on the street, see at the bus stop, or quickly greet as you go about your busy day but never have had the opportunity to get to know on a deeper level. There is so much magic happening in the Forest, and this occasional article highlights the fascinating individuals who comprise the lovely community we are fortunate to call home. Send your write-up of about 400-600 words with a photo (if possible) to newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org. Questions? Send an email or call editor Hutch Brown at 703-855-1732.

January Cake and Coffee Social

By Sal D'Itri, AFCA President

AFCA hosted a neighborhood cake and coffee social at the Lubber Run Community Center on January 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. Dozens of Foresters spent time with neighborhood friends while meeting new neighbors from around the Forest. AFCA furnished the coffee, and neighbors brought cakes and other treats. The event was such a success that neighbors asked for another one later this year. A big thanks to Veronica Spicer and Jose Calvo for organizing the event!



This March: The Beatles—Part II

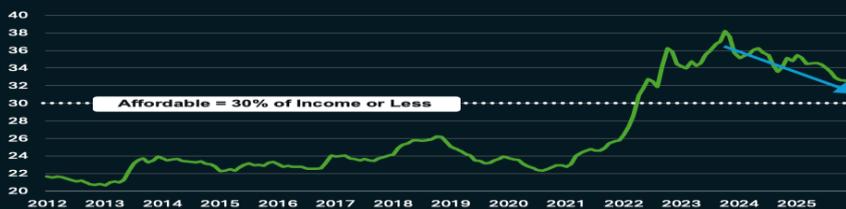
Join Forester Ken Schellenberg and company for a sing-along (or just come to listen) featuring 22 of the Beatles' best tunes. Ken plays the piano and is joined by singers Judy McVerry, Sherry Hickey, and Cameron Fletcher.

- Friday, March 6, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. @ Lubber Run Community Center
- Monday, March 9, 10:30–11:30 a.m. @ Arlington Mill Community Center
- Wednesday, March 11, 1-2 p.m. @ Aurora Hills Community Center
- Thursday, March 12, 11:00 a.m.-noon @ Langston Brown Community Center
- Friday, March 13, 11:00 a.m.-noon @ Walter Reed Community Center



Affordability Is Improving After Years of Strain

Share of the Typical Income a Household Would Spend on a Home Purchase



Includes mortgage payment, homeowner's insurance, property taxes, and maintenance costs. Typically, spending more than 30% of income on housing is considered unaffordable.

Source: Zillow

The share of household income needed to buy a home is still above the typical 30% affordability benchmark, but it's improving. Lower mortgage rates, slower home-price growth, and rising incomes are all helping ease the strain. As a result, buyers are seeing the best affordability levels in years. This shift isn't enough to make homeownership possible for everyone, but it is already helping some households. Experts expect even more markets to feel relief by year-end. If your next real estate vision is taking shape, let's connect to discuss what that could look like.



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Forester Chronicles: Arlington's Little Italy

By Alice Burns



Did you know that, nestled along the Potomac River under a George Washington (GW) Parkway overpass, lie the ruins of Arlington's former Little Italy? Unlike other Little Italies, Arlington's was an isolated enclave along the Potomac, accessible only on foot. For the adventurous, the ruins are accessible from the Potomac Heritage Trail, a delightfully rocky hiking trail along the Potomac from Theodore Roosevelt Island to the American Legion Bridge. March/April is a beautiful time to check it out, maybe timing your hike to see bluebells in bloom! But first, a quick overview of this obscure story from Arlington's past. For a longer read, check out *Little Italy Under the Parkway*, part of WETA's Boundary Stones project.

From 1851 to around 1940, a quarry operated along the Potomac near what is now Potomac Overlook Regional Park. Quarried granite was hauled to Washington, DC, on barges and used in constructing buildings that included St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Healy Building at Georgetown University. The quarry also produced crushed stone used to lay the foundations for Washington roads. In addition to about 100 African-American seasonal workers, the quarry employed a year-round group of Italian permanent employees who set up a self-sufficient "town" on quarry grounds. During the quarry's peak years (1910-1928), roughly 30 workers and their families lived in self-made shacks in the enclave, which featured a general store and had an unofficial mayor. Most residents spoke only Italian, and the enclave functioned independently from Arlington County. Life in Little Italy was difficult, with dangerous work in the quarry and minimal support from county police and firefighters.

Little is known about the cessation of quarry operations and Little Italy's fate, but operations are believed to have ended sometime in 1938-41. After the quarry shut down, nearly all residents left. But three residents stayed on in Little Italy, living on vegetables from their gardens and fish from the Potomac. The land was eventually acquired by the National Capital Parks and Planning Commission to construct the Spout Run extension to the GW Parkway. In December 1956, the Parks Commission sent the last residents a letter notifying them of their eviction and giving them a month to leave. It's unknown whether the residents could read the letter because they spoke only Italian and may have been illiterate. The three never responded and simply watched the bulldozers destroy the shacks, gardens, and community that had been their home for 50 years.

Although the quarry's demise and the park that replaced it helped preserve the natural beauty of Virginia's Potomac Palisades (one of the most biodiverse areas in the National Park System), the abrupt demolition of what came before means that much of Little Italy's history is buried. However, even federal bulldozers couldn't erase all traces of what was once there. While hiking on the final January day before "snowcrete" temporarily ended trail access, my son and I came upon the relics in the photo. They stand as a mute reminder of the community that once thrived there and of the mysteries that can be found if only one looks. If you'd like to explore the area yourself, the photo was taken from the Potomac Heritage Trail between Windy Run and Donaldson's Run (closer to the latter).

Erosion Chronicles: Urban Growth Degrades Lubber Run

By Hutch Brown

By the 1930s, with soils worn out from cropping, many farms across the Piedmont were gone, and more failed during the Great Depression. On former Arlington farmland, World War II kicked off a housing boom for the expanding federal workforce. Arlington Forest and other communities sprang up in the 1930s-60s across the Lubber Run watershed. Lower Lubber Run was too steep for building, so a developer sold it to Arlington County, which opened Lubber Run Park in 1941.

Regulations on development were negligible, so urban developers buried about two-thirds of Arlington's stream miles in underground pipes, with homes and streets built overhead. Almost half of the Lubber Run watershed is now covered by impervious surfaces like streets and roofs, which funnel rainwater straight into storm drains. Designed to handle a 12- to 15-year storm, Arlington's stormwater system is overwhelmed by every major storm, with floodwaters pouring down streets and sometimes into homes.

Because Lubber Run Park is at the end of the watershed, every major storm floods the park with waters that have nowhere else to go, and storms are getting worse due to climate change. Floods have eroded the streambed down to the bedrock, and Lubber Run is now collapsing its banks and toppling streamside trees. A piped side stream from Ballston dumps stormwaters into Lubber Run below the community center, and floodwaters in other side streams have gouged deep gullies, sometimes down to the bedrock. The county has lined many streambanks with walls and riprap (boulders), which only delay erosion by transferring it downstream.

Every Arlington storm now washes pollutants into Lubber Run—street sediments along with nitrogen and phosphorus from fertilizers and other sources. Pollutants naturally dissipate across streambanks and floodplains, and branches submerged in streams foster denitrification by bacteria. But the county removes deadfall from streams, and an incised stream like Lubber Run has lost much of its floodplain connectivity. In the lower part of Lubber Run Park, where connectivity remains, severe storms have washed out much of the vegetation. The sparse bottomland forest no longer captures many pollutants, which pass under Arlington Blvd. on their way to polluting Chesapeake Bay.

Stormwater runoff also degrades habitats in Lubber Run by warming its waters and filling its gravels with sediments. Arlington County monitors habitat conditions in our streams by sampling fish and bottom-dwelling creatures like aquatic insects. Only two kinds of fish were last collected in Lubber Run, both tiny and tolerant of degraded conditions. Similarly, stream monitors in Lubber Run Park find bottom dwellers (midges, flatworms, and the like) that are largely tolerant. Lubber Run once had relatively large and sensitive coldwater fish, with native brook trout feeding on sensitive insects like stoneflies. Their loss is irreversible.



Erosion signs in Lubber Run Park: riprap, exposed bedrock, eroding streambanks.



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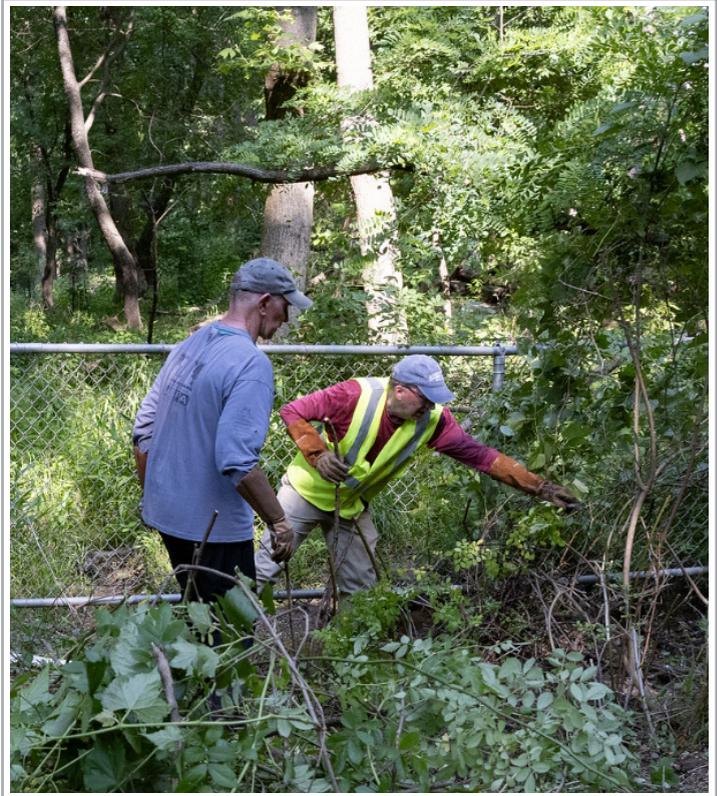
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Mini-Grants Available for Community Projects

Last October, the Sierra Club Potomac River Group (PRG) called for new applications for its ongoing Mini-Grant Program. The mini-grants are for projects to improve environmental sustainability and climate health. Proposals for mini-grants of up to \$500 can be submitted at any time. Of special interest are new and creative ideas for projects in environmental advocacy or education that engage members of the larger community and lead to significant new projects, programs, or policies in Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church. Projects should be completed within a year.

Projects cofunded by the Mini-Grant Program have included the Powhatan Springs Park Wildlife Corridor project (shown in the photo), which acquired the plants and materials needed to create a wildlife corridor between Powhatan Springs Park and Upton Hill Regional Park in Arlington. The corridor allows native birds and other wildlife to move between the parks, creating healthier and safer habitats. Another project was the Sensory Garden at the Eunice Shriver Program at Arlington Public Schools, where the mini-grant helped to fund the construction of raised flower beds with plants that students could explore using various senses (sight, smell, touch, and so on).

If you have an idea for a similar project in our community, you can find out more, along with an application form, at <https://www.sierraclub.org/virginia/potomac-river>. For answers to questions, contact Paul



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Plants in Winter: Their Time to Sleep

The article, lightly edited and slightly abridged, is by Eileen Ellsworth from Plant NOVA Natives.

It's early March, and you glance outside. All is cold and devoid of greenery, maybe even still covered in snow. But the marvel of plant dormancy is once again unfolding unseen.

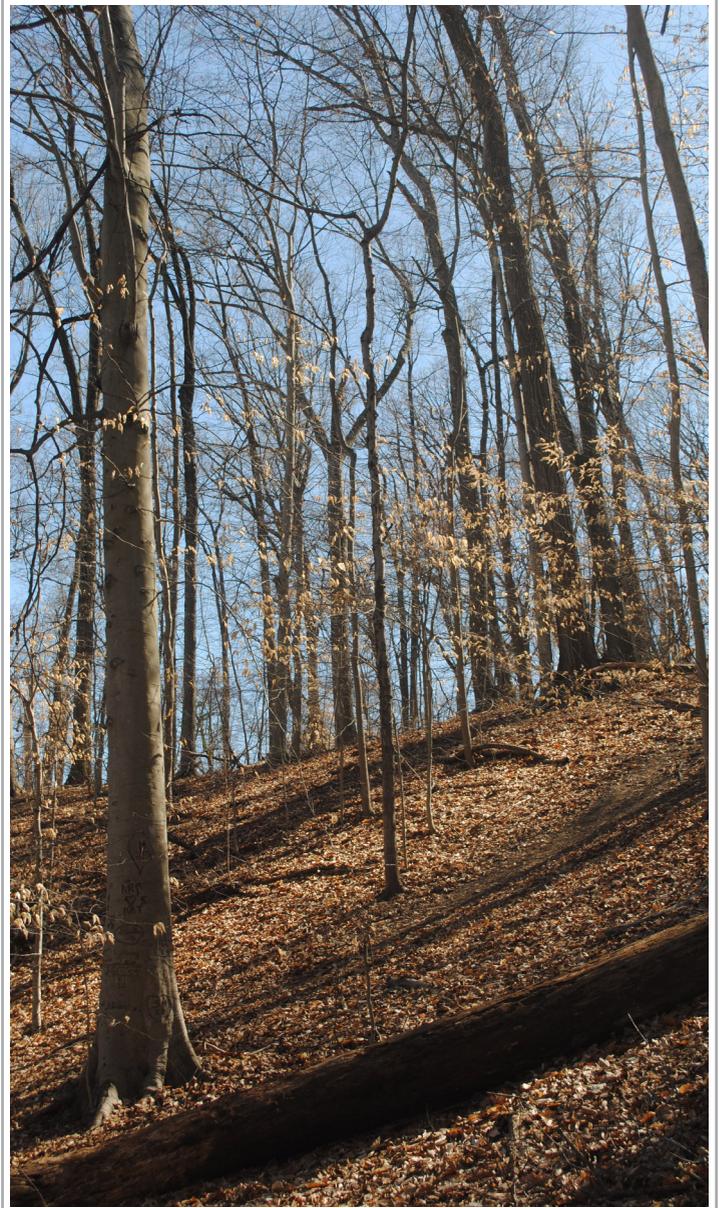
Dormancy in plants is ancient. Seed dormancy emerged roughly 360-370 million years ago and seems to have developed from the beginning of seed-bearing plants. The strategy allowed plants to survive environmental perils. Their ability to push "pause" in the face of extreme cold, drought, flood, or any other earthly or celestial catastrophe gave them a huge advantage. Plants could wait out the worst and wake up when conditions were better.

How long, exactly, can a seed lie dormant? Most garden plant seeds are probably good in the ground for 1-5 years. After the recent Los Angeles wildfires, certain "fire-follower" species germinated after 100 years of dormancy and bloomed in carpets of spectacular color across the landscape. Some lotus species with seeds that enjoyed optimal storage conditions have sprung back to life after 1,300 years! No one actually knows how long a dormant seed can remain viable, but it really doesn't matter. The sheer brilliance of an adaptation that allows a plant to literally pick its go-time is mind-boggling when you think about it. Wish we could do that!

And, of course, plant dormancy goes well beyond the realm of seeds. There is "bud dormancy" triggered by shorter days and cooler temperatures, making trees and shrubs stop growing and shed their leaves. "Organ-dormancy" forces above-ground rest in some perennials, and a kind of "pseudo-dormancy" makes plants that are poised to grow pause due to unfavorable environments. A hibernation-type dormancy enables plant survival in extreme heat or drought. And so on—many strategies, one goal: keep living.

And it is lucky for us that plants have. With ancient bacteria as their partner, plants figured out how to photosynthesize, turning water and carbon dioxide into glucose and oxygen. They are the reason we can exist, why our cells have glucose to fuel them, and why our lungs have oxygen to breathe. Plants, not animals, are the reason this astonishingly beautiful planet is still blue, emergent, and alive. Our dependency upon plant health calls for us to be the best possible stewards of the land. Planting and preserving native plants advances the goal of restoring biodiversity across our region. Only their magic can do it.

So even in late winter, let's hear it for the plants! Let's cheer them on and wish them well as they sleep. We owe them everything, and they've earned their rest. Lie dormant, dear friends. Pick the time when all is well and you can come out to greet us again. We hope it's soon!



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Ephemeral Blooms— Harbingers of Spring

By Hutch Brown

In winter, most plants are dormant—but not all. In January of last year, while walking through the woods in Rock Creek Park, I found flowers I hadn't seen since my childhood in Germany, where I knew them as *Schneeglöckchen* (“little snowbells”). My iNaturalist app identified the plant as common snowdrop, native to Europe. It comes up through the German snows in late January/February with bell-like hanging blooms, a cherished harbinger of spring. You can find a close relative next to Edison Park playground in Lubber Run Park—greater snowdrop (*Galanthus elwesii*). Snowdrops were introduced as ornamental garden plants and then spread into the woods and naturalized in our area.

I also visited a magnolia bog along Four Mile Run in Barcroft Park. Located across the creek and a bit downstream from the Barcroft Sports and Fitness Center, the bog is named for sweetbay, a deciduous magnolia rarely seen in our local woods. Seeps from the ridge feed the magnolia bog, the only one of its kind in Arlington. I soon found what I was looking for—purplish-green sprouts coming up through the leaves. Eastern skunk cabbage, a native plant, produces enough heat through chemical processes to melt its way through frozen ground. The warmth attracts early insects, which pollinate tiny flowers on a knob inside the hoodlike outer



leaf. Only much later do the cabbagelike leaves appear. Whether native or naturalized, plants like this are called spring ephemerals (“ephemeral” means passing) because they soon disappear. They take advantage of sunlight unblocked by overhead foliage to grow vigorously in spring, then die back as the trees leaf out. In Lubber Run and Glencarlyn Parks, you can find whole areas covered with a white bloom called bloodroot in late February/March. In April, on a hillside below Edison Park playground, you can see swathes of lovely blue blooms called Virginia bluebells, thanks to a Forester who lives there and reintroduced them. Best seen in early spring, some spring ephemerals last into May. Reliable viewing spots include Riverbend Park and Scott’s Run Nature Preserve, both on the Potomac River, and the Bull Run Occoquan Trail in Fairfax County.



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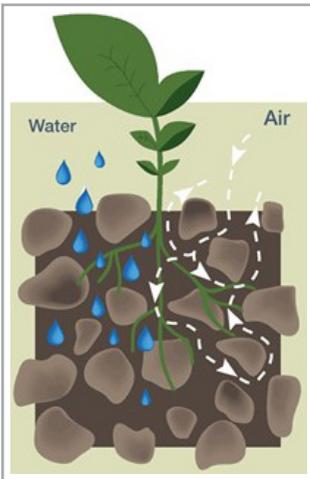
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Restoring Nature Action: Step 2—Cultivate Healthy Soil

By the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia



Nature is in trouble, but we can all play a role in helping to restore essential ecological services in our urban and suburban landscapes, including those of us with modest garden space. Plants get their water and nutrients from soil, and a healthy natural landscape can provide those needs with little human interventions. Many gardeners, however, face the challenge of degraded soils that offer poor conditions

for plants and can contribute to more intense stormwater runoff. The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia's Restoring Nature series focuses on strategies to cultivate healthy soil.

Healthy soil is rich in organic matter and has abundant porous spaces to hold water and air. Healthy soil holds water longer, making plants more resilient during droughts and reducing runoff during heavy storms. Healthy soil is also teeming with beneficial bacteria, fungi, and soil-dwelling animals such as earthworms, which work to break down nutrients and make them

available for plants. In fact, plants share a good percentage of the sugar they produce from photosynthesis with various microorganisms in exchange for access to water and nutrients.

Our urban and suburban soils are often low in organic matter. They are also often compacted, reducing microbial activity and porous space for air and water. Here are several actions you can take to restore and maintain soil health:

- Limit soil disturbance, avoid tilling, and minimize foot traffic and use of equipment, especially when soil is wet. For highly compacted soil, a garden fork can help aerate without turning the soil over.
- Cultivate a dense, layered landscape. Plant roots will naturally break up compacted soil, and the leaf litter will build up organic matter.
- Limit the use of chemical fertilizers, fungicides, and herbicides, which can pollute groundwater and adversely affect soil organisms.
- For container gardening with native perennials and shrubs, you can mimic healthy soil by using high-quality potting soil, mulching in spring and fall, and repotting with fresh soil every few years.

For more tips and resources on how to cultivate healthy soil, visit Restoring Nature Action 2: Cultivate Soil.

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PTA Update—Barrett Elementary School

By Reina Malakoff

Like all of Arlington, Barrett was buried under a pile of snow. We also faced all the challenges of clearing away the “snowcrete” so school could reopen safely. Thanks go to Barrett’s custodial team for working so hard to clear away the snow and ice, making our school safe for students, families, teachers, and staff!

Now the weather is beginning to thaw in time for lots of fun events, and we so look forward to spring! Upcoming events include the following:

- Family Science Night on Thursday, March 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Bingo Night on Friday, April 10, from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.

If you want to donate to the Barrett PTA, you can do so at <https://tinyurl.com/BarrettPTA25>. If you have any questions, please contact us at vp-fundraising@kwbarrettpta.org.



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Looking to Downsize?

I often have clients asking me to sell their single-family homes, so they can downsize, take care of less, and still be nearby.

In that vein, we have a spectacular condo coming on the market in one of Arlington’s premier buildings, Key & Nash, in Rosslyn. A spacious 2BR, 2 bath, with an office, the building has a beautiful rooftop lounge area, and a tranquil courtyard for parties. A walker’s paradise, the home is less than 200 yards from Metro, and close to restaurants and nightlife.



If you have any interest in a home for your next stage of life, please feel free to get in touch.



PTSA Update—Kenmore Middle School

By Samantha Bell

On January 13, students got a preview of a STEAM Festival (Ocean Bowl Fest), a scheduled event at Kenmore in partnership with Virginia Tech & STEAM your DREAMS. The event lets kids explore featured interactive STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities, coding games, and tournaments for students. Students got a taste of design, coding, and a little competition.

Kenmore's Theater Department has worked hard since the beginning of the school year to prepare and perform a successful production of *Pirates of Penzance Jr.* on January 22-23. The 7th and 8th grade dance/theater students have an exciting opportunity in early March to travel to New York City to see two Broadway productions, *Aladdin* and *Hamilton*.

Kenmore Middle School is an arts and communications technology focus school where the arts and communications technology are integrated into the Arlington middle school curriculum. Follow Kenmore Middle School on BlueSky at <https://bsky.app/profile/kenmore.apsva.us> or on the PTSA page of the Kenmore Middle School website at <https://kenmore.apsva.us/pta/>. Upcoming events include:

- March 25, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.: restaurant fundraiser at Sloppy Mama's, 5731 Langston Blvd.
- April 22, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.: restaurant fundraiser at Papatella (South), 1621 S. Walter Reed Dr.
- April 23-24: 6th grade theater production of *Cinderella Jr.*



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In late January, Arlington Forest got 8-9 inches of snow and sleet topped by freezing rain that left a layer of ice thick enough to walk on. Clearing it with snow shovels was impossible: you needed a metal shovel to pry up pieces of what was dubbed “snowcrete,” break them up, and toss them aside, which took hours. Though charmed

by snowy landscapes like in Lubber Run Park—the great photo is thanks to Andrea Shaw—Foresters soon realized that ongoing freezing temperatures could keep snowcrete on some street edges and sidewalks for weeks.

Being Winter Courteous

March is still winter, and our area has had March snowstorms before. Please remember that kids use our sidewalks to get to school and that elderly neighbors use them too! Even when clearing the sidewalk in front of your home is difficult, your neighbors depend on it for their safety and yours—and it’s required by county ordinance, usually within 24 hours (for January’s “snowcrete,” the county made an exception). Our local kids are willing to help, and you can easily hire them—see Kids for Hire on page 14.

Being Winter Salt Smart

Shovel snow before it turns to ice and consider using sand instead of salt, which washes into streams, harming aquatic plants and animals. Consider using deicers containing calcium magnesium acetate instead of sodium chloride, and spread it lightly and evenly. A 12-ounce coffee mug is usually enough for a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares. After ice melts, sweep up the deicer for reuse.

Ultramarathoner Park Excellence

Mike Wardian of Arlington Forest just broke the world record for the fastest time in a series of 50K races on all seven continents. You might remember Mike running across the continent from San Francisco back in May 2022, a project he called “Running Home.” On February 6, Mike completed a 7-day string of back-to-back ultramarathons in every corner of the world. His net time of just over 26 hours and 40 minutes smashed the previous record of more than 31 hours. The weeklong race began at Ultima Base in Antarctica, where Mike broke another world record on his first day—finishing a 50K race on the frozen continent in just under 4 hours and 24 minutes. Mike’s support team includes his wife, Jennifer, and his two teenage boys, Pierce and Grant. They have lived in Greenbrier since 2008.

2026 Arlington Forest Home and Garden Tour



From 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, Arlington Forest will celebrate the return of the Home and Garden Tour. The tour will showcase examples of our neighbors’ creativity and imagination in customizing Arlington Forest’s brick homes and creating colorful gardens. Save the date to connect with familiar neighbors and meet some new ones while visiting homes with recent renovations, creative interior

decorating/organizing, and beautiful gardens. Ticket information will be posted on the Arlington Forest Families listserv and in the April *Arlington Forester*.

Being Flood Aware— Turn Around, Don’t Drown!

Winter and spring rains are likely to bring occasional flooding to low spots on roads. Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling. A foot of water will float many vehicles. Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles, including SUVs and pickups.

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Community Calendar

Next AFCA meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m.

Annual AFCA Picnic: Wednesday, May 6, Lubber Run pavilion

Arlington Forest Home and Garden Tour: Saturday, May 9

Annual Yard Sale: A Saturday in May

Summer Turnaround Day: July 11

Fall Turnaround Day: November 7

AFCA Meetings

March 4, 2026: Pest control issues (rats, wasps, mosquitoes, etc.)

April 1, 2026: *To be determined*

May 6, 2026: Neighborhood picnic

Plant a Tree in Your Yard

Help keep the “forest” in Arlington Forest! Spring or fall is the perfect time to plant. If you have lost a tree or want to add a new one, you might be able to get one through the **Arlington Tree Distribution Program**, which gives away hundreds of young native trees in spring and fall. The trees, 2-6 ft tall, come in 2-gal containers. Registration for spring planting is past, but you can keep an eye out for fall registration beginning in early summer.

Alternatively, through the **Tree Planting Program** administered by EcoAction Arlington, you can get a native tree planted on your property at no cost to you, but the number of trees is limited. For more information, check out EcoAction Arlington Tree Planting Program online.



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