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AFCA Potluck Picnic

The final AFCA meeting of the 2025-26 year is a neighborhood tradition—a little business mixed with a lot of food, fun, and friends. The meeting will be a potluck picnic starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, in the Lubber Run Park picnic shelter located upstream from the amphitheater. AFCA volunteers will cook hamburgers and hotdogs and provide buns, condiments, soda, plates, cups, utensils, and napkins. Residents should bring a side dish to share (salad, veggies, fruit, chips, snack, or dessert) and nonalcoholic drinks other than water and soda. Children and friendly dogs are welcome.

There will be a brief business meeting to hold the annual election of AFCA officers. Elected offices include President; Vice Presidents for Greenbrier, Northside, and Southside; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; and Treasurer. We encourage anyone willing

to run for any office to contact Nominating Committee Chair Art Schwartz at arthur.edward.schwartz@gmail.com. **Note:** President Sal D'Itri is stepping down, so we need new candidates for President!

The picnic will proceed even in light rain, but it will be canceled if it pours. In that case, please attend the AFCA meeting virtually at 7 p.m. to elect officers; AFCA's bylaws require us to hold the election in May. To join the meeting through Zoom, enter the following URL into your browser between 6:45 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21: <https://tinyurl.com/4k6ycvjm>. Alternatively, you can dial in to the meeting at 301-715-8592, where you will be prompted to enter meeting number 816 5354 1733 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 April 2026 Meeting

By Janet Irwin, Corresponding Secretary

AFCA President Sal D'Itri convened the monthly AFCA meeting on Wednesday, April 15. About 23 households heard a useful presentation on outdoor pests, mainly mosquitoes, by Dr. John Orr, a Ph.D. scientist with Arlington County's Public Health unit.

Most of a mosquito's life cycle, from egg through larva and pupa, occurs in standing water, with the adult emerging in as few as 7 days. Standing water left undisturbed for 7 days is certain to breed mosquitoes, so continuously check pots, saucers, cisterns, downspout trays, and similar places in your yard for any standing water and get rid of it. This will go a long way toward controlling mosquitoes in your yard.

Introduction of the Asian tiger mosquito to our area in the late 1990s greatly increased the mosquito nuisance. This species, with its distinctive black-and-white

pattern, is exceptionally aggressive: it feeds both day and night, unlike our native species, which are active only at dusk and dawn. To breed, the Asian tiger needs

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only a bit of standing water trapped in a tire, saucer, kiddie pool, corrugated drainpipe, or other container. The best control is to frequently check your property to get rid of any standing water.

Dr. Orr stressed the value of repellents and sprays that contain DEET, the best mosquito repellent. Wearing long pants and sleeves outdoors can also help. If you have a rain barrel or other pools of standing water, you can use a commercial product called mosquito dunks or bits—donut-shaped cakes with a bacterial product (BTI) that prevents mosquito eggs from hatching but does not harm birds and other wildlife. If you use a commercial company to spray your yard, ask them not to spray shrubs and flowers that are good pollinator habitat. Even so-called organic mosquito sprays can harm these plants and the insects and birds that rely on them while not necessarily being effective.

After Dr. Orr's presentation, Sal outlined AFCA's applications to the Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (ArNAC) for grants under the Arlington Neighborhoods Program to fund projects to improve our community (see page 3 for details). Sal and AFCA ArNAC representative Art Schwartz presented the proposal to the ArNAC coordinator, who was receptive but said that funding would probably not be available until winter 2027 or spring 2028. AFCA's second proposed project would reduce erosion in Lubber Run Park. AFCA is also considering applying for a minigrant of up to \$1,000 for one or more neighborhood parties.

This is important! The annual Arlington Forest picnic will start at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, at the pavilion in Lubber Run Park. We will begin by voting for new AFCA officers and then devote the rest of our time to eating, drinking, and making merry. AFCA President Sal D'Itri will not seek reelection. If you want to volunteer, check out the President's duties and responsibilities in the bylaws on the AFCA website, then contact AFCA Nominating Committee Chair Art Schwartz at arthur.edward.schwartz@gmail.com. Then join us at our potluck picnic on May 20, where you can introduce yourself as a nominee for President.

AFCA Proposes Neighborhood Projects for County Funding

In April, after meeting with a coordinator from the Arlington Neighborhoods Program Advisory Commission (ArNAC), AFCA President Sal D'Itri and AFCA ArNAC representative Art Schwartz submitted two new project proposals for funding under the Arlington Neighborhoods Program. Our neighborhood signs were funded under the previous program, as was Edison Park playground renovation.



One proposal is for a new traffic circle and planter at the foot of S. Park Dr., where it intersects with S. Columbus St., S. Aberdeen St., and the spur trail to the W&OD Trail. Lots of people use this intersection, whether on foot, on bikes, or by car. The adjoining streets are fairly steep, encouraging high speeds. A new circle would calm traffic, and a new planter would add beauty to what is now an ugly expanse of asphalt. Our neighborhood has similar traffic circles with attractive planters along 2nd St. N. in Northside and elsewhere. If

approved, the project could begin as early as fall 2027.

A second proposal is for bioswales at the Lubber Run Amphitheater to help control stormwater runoff in Lubber Run Park. Bioswales are linear depressions in the ground planted with specialized native vegetation (such as Joe Pye weed) to capture stormwater runoff and let plants and soils absorb the water while filtering out debris and pollution. Listed in Arlington's online Stormwater Retrofit Study, the project was recommended in our 2022 Arlington Forest Neighborhood Conservation Plan and would dovetail with Arlington's Green Streets program. The amphitheater's heavy use would showcase the bioswales, creating good educational opportunities about stormwater runoff and stormwater retrofit solutions.

A third proposal for a multistreet music festival would be funded through Arlington's Neighborhood Mini Grant Program.

How We Each Can Help Save Our Streams

The article is adapted from an online essay by Plant NOVA Natives.

Northern Virginia's drinking water is completely safe, but our streams and rivers are not doing so well. Although agriculture is by far the largest contributor of nutrient and sediment loads in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, urban and suburban stormwater runoff is the second largest and the fastest growing contributor of these pollutants. Here are strategies for reducing nutrient pollution and sediment loads in our waterways:

- Plant more native plants, especially where stormwater tends to flow. Their deep roots stabilize the soil and absorb far more harmful nutrients than turfgrass lawns. Notice where stormwater tends to flow on your property along swales or slopes, and plant there first.
- Plant a streetside garden. Remember the underused strips of your property next to the street or sidewalk. These are ideal spots for adding native plants because their roots will catch stormwater overflow before it hits the pavement. But consider whether your plantings will affect people's access to cars, mailboxes, or safe street crossings.
- Use organic compost, always the best option for enriching the soil. If you must use fertilizers, choose phosphorus-free or low-phosphorus brands and use sparingly.
- Pick up pet waste, including on your own property. Nitrogen, phosphorus, bacteria such as *E. coli* and *Salmonella*, parasites, and ammonia can all be found in pet waste.

- Compost and mulch your yard waste. Leaves are best left in nonlawn areas, but those that fall on the lawn can be mulched or raked up and added to your compost pile. Keep lawn debris out of the street and away from storm drains.
- Create a rain garden. Rain gardens are landscaped areas designed to capture and hold stormwater so that it seeps into the soil instead of running off your property. The Plant NOVA Natives website has a link with a step-by-step guide on how to build a rain garden.
- Use rain barrels. Capturing water from downspouts and using it later to water your plants greatly reduces stormwater runoff from your roof.
- Redirect downspouts to vegetated areas. Try to redirect downspout waterflow away from impervious surfaces like sidewalks and driveways.
- Reduce impervious surfaces. Replacing asphalt with gravel or permeable pavers will capture and keep more stormwater on your property. So will converting lawn areas to native plant gardens; turf grass behaves like concrete when it comes to water absorption.
- Wash cars responsibly. Either use a commercial car wash or wash your car on grass to filter soapy water before it enters the ground.



Arlington Forest Annual Yard Sale on May 30!

The Arlington Forest annual yard sale (a longstanding Arlington Forest tradition!) will take place this year on the morning of Saturday, May 30 (rain date May 31). Over 40 Arlington Forest households have participated in the past, and the event has attracted many bargain hunters who cruise through the area visiting multiple sales. A map, inserted into this newsletter, will also be sent out via the listserve email. Sellers are encouraged to print copies of the map so shoppers can have one to help them get to all the homes participating.

Tips for success:

- *Prepare in advance.* Sort clothes by size, group similar items together, and use shopper-friendly ways to display merchandise (like tables and clothes racks). Have grocery bags on hand. Obtain dollar bills and coins to make change. If selling electronics, set up an extension cord to show that the items work.
- *Price items reasonably.* Savvy shoppers will buy elsewhere if prices are too high. Be prepared to negotiate down from the listed price.
- *Start setting up at 7 a.m.* to snag buyers who make yard sales their business. By late morning, people

come looking for closeout prices and even freebies. If left with furniture or other large items that you simply want to get rid of, leave them at the curb with a “free” sign and they will probably be gone by Sunday afternoon.

- *Keep your cash in a pocket, shoulder purse, or fanny pack.* If you use a cash box, don’t leave it unattended while you are with a shopper. Decline personal checks. If you go indoors, have someone watch your merchandise.
- *Consider posting homemade signs* along thoroughfares pointing into the neighborhood to your sale. (Please remove signs at day’s end.)

For many people, yard sale success is not measured by profit but by how much unwanted stuff is moved out. The sale is also a great community event. Families can say hello to neighbors down the block and find their own bargains. Kids can set up a lemonade stand. So, whether you are a seller, a buyer, or both, please join us on May 30!

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Lubber Run Amphitheater: Summer Events Coming Up!

By Arthur Schwartz

Another amazing summer season of free outdoor events kicks off at the Lubber Run Amphitheater on June 6. From June through August, the amphitheater will bring a wide variety of musical performances to Arlington Foresters and our entire District/Maryland/Virginia (DMV) area. The “jewel of Arlington,” located in Lubber Run Park, will feature music for every taste—Latin-Jazz, Folk-Rock, Afrobeat, Roots, Southern Soul, Orchestral, Pacific Islander, Family, Zydeco/Blues, Cuban Son/Salsa, A Capella, Brazilian Foro, just plain Rock and Roll, and much, much more!

The season kicks off on Saturday, June 6, at 8 p.m. with “The Voice” contestant and DMV Blues diva Carly Harvey, who will feature the songs of the late Amy Winehouse. Both Country music icon Reba McEntyre and crooner Michael Bubl  hit the red button for Carly’s “blind audition” for NBC’s “The Voice” last fall, so it should be a memorable performance.

For “The Graduate” generation, Newmyer Flyer Productions (which produced last summer’s Beatles Tribute) will bring us a Simon and Garfunkel Tribute on Friday, June 26. The tribute will feature the legendary Lofgren brothers, whose brother Nils plays with Bruce Springsteen, and you won’t want to miss it!

All in all, and weather permitting, it should be another fantastic summer in the park! Lubber Run Amphitheater



Foundation volunteers will be at each performance welcoming and assisting attendees; answering questions and supporting county staff; offering fans to help you keep cool on warm evenings; and providing updates on all performances on social media, including Facebook and Instagram. If you would like to support the Foundation with a tax-deductible contribution, please visit laf.betterworld.org. Hope to see you in the park this summer!

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If You See a Problem, Report It!

By Arthur Schwartz

Arlington County has a robust system for easily reporting problems observed, such as litter, poor signage, illegal dumping, sidewalk or structural damage, damage to utility covers, flooding and drainage issues, needed park and trail maintenance, and more.

If see a problem, you can report it online at Arlington Report a Problem. You select the type of problem from a dropdown menu; briefly detail the problem in your own words, including its location; upload up to five photos showing the problem; give your contact information and how you would like to be contacted; and then click on "Create Request." The county will keep you informed of the status of your request for action.

Over the past year, I have observed three issues in Lubber Run Park that needed attention, including damage to two wooden bridges (at the Rte. 50 entrance and near the N. Edison St. entrance) and the destruction of a park bench near N. George Mason Dr. I reported each problem to the county, and each one has been successfully addressed (see photo for an example). So if you see something that needs attention, bring it to the attention of the county. All county residents will benefit if you do.



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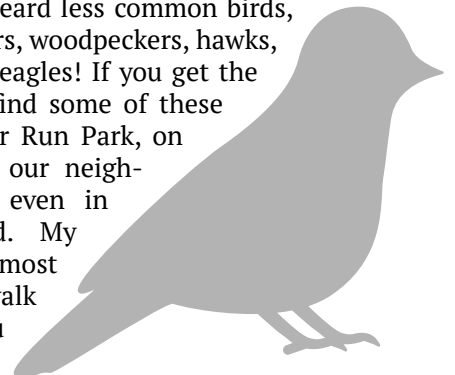
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Listening for Birds in Arlington Forest

By Lexi Jackson, 7th grader at Kenmore Middle School

When I go for a walk with my dad and my dog, Bucky, I often use a free birdwatching app called Merlin. Merlin listens for bird calls or songs and identifies the birds. For me, it is like a game: I love to see how many birds I can get on one walk. There are lots of different kinds of birds that Merlin can identify, including common ones like mockingbirds, robins, bluejays, and cardinals. But we have also heard less common birds, such as warblers, woodpeckers, hawks, and even bald eagles! If you get the app, you can find some of these birds in Lubber Run Park, on the streets of our neighborhood, and even in your backyard. My record for the most birds on one walk is 23. Can you do better?



“Stumbling Stones” Outside Lubber Run Community Center

The story was sent to AFCA President Sal D'Itri by Tim Aiken of the Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington Project.

On May 2, the Arlington Historical Society and the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington held a dedication ceremony unveiling a pair of “Stumbling Stones” outside the Lubber Run Community Center. Stumbling Stones are bronze markers commemorating the lives of enslaved individuals who helped build our county (and our country) from 1669 to 1865. The markers are emplaced in the sidewalk at the last known location where the enslaved people lived. Research has revealed over 2,750 enslaved people in Arlington and identified 1,045 by name.

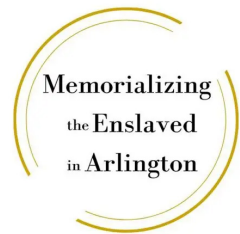
Two markers were placed honoring enslaved individuals who lived in what is now Arlington Forest’s Northside: Julia Roberts, born in about 1812; and a male with an unknown name, born in about 1832. Both were held in captivity by Austin Adams and his sister Anne Harding.

Julia Roberts, who was promised freedom upon reaching the age of 25 by her first enslaver, Simon Summers, successfully sued in a case where the U.S. Supreme Court

ultimately ruled in her favor. Upon winning her freedom in 1844, according to public records, Julia Roberts was living in Georgetown, where she was employed as a servant in 1860 and as a washer woman at 25 Montgomery Street in 1863. She was recorded as a cook in the 1870 census. No further account of her has been found, but it can be assumed that she had no children.

Little is known about the male whose name is not known. He is unlikely to have been related by blood to Julia Roberts because there is no record of a similar suit for freedom. But he likely endured the same dehumanizing treatment as Julia, facing further isolation when she gained her freedom and left. By the 1850 Census, he no longer appears with the Harding family; he might have been sold or leased, or he might have died.

Both Julia Roberts and the name-unknown male are not forgotten. Their presence is memorialized with the two bronze plaques outside the Lubber Run Community Center.



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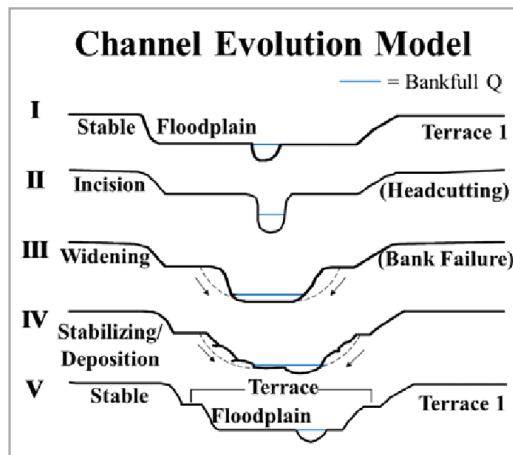
Erosion Chronicles: How Can We Protect Lubber Run Park?

By Hutch Brown

This is the last in a series of articles about erosion in Lubber Run Park, where every major storm brings flash flooding. One solution is to reduce enough stormwater runoff uphill and upstream to protect our local parks. In its online Watershed Retrofit Study, Arlington County listed more than a thousand potential projects for reducing stormwater runoff, such as stormwater retention projects like bioswales. The list included 145 projects for the Lubber Run watershed, ranging from reforesting bare soil to installing rain gardens. Six projects were for our own neighborhood, including what became a reforestation project as part of Edison Park playground renovation in 2020. But most projects on the list seem to be unfunded and on hold.

Also on hold are county plans for a stormwater detention vault under part of Woodlawn Park, where Lubber Run emerges from underground pipes. The upper part of this 3-acre park is a large grassy field, which would be excavated to install the vault, then restored. The vault would capture stormwater runoff from the upper watershed, then slowly release it. The local citizens association opposed the project because it would affect large trees edging the grassy field, seasonal habitats for birds and bats. Arlington has decided not to proceed for now.

Another potential solution is to reconnect Lubber Run with its floodplain. In North Arlington, the county has been using infill, rock structures, and other techniques to reconnect streams to their floodplains. Such projects greatly reduce the flow of pollutants into Chesapeake Bay, but Lubber Run Park is considered low



priority because it has walls and riprap (boulders) lining so many streambanks. The park is also at the lower end of its watershed, where flash floods are more likely to blow out any streambed improvements.

In the Channel Evolution Model (see diagram), streams use natural erosion to restore connectivity with their floodplains. Floods have gouged the streambed in Lubber Run Park down to the bedrock (stage II), and Lubber Run is now collapsing its banks (stage III). In time, the stream will stabilize with

a new and lower floodplain (stage V). The county might help the process along by using heavy equipment to establish a new floodplain. Lowering the floodplain would affect both infrastructure and trees, yet a bottomland forest would soon regrow on a stable floodplain, especially if bottomland trees like sycamore and maples were replanted.

The degradation of Lubber Run began long before urbanization with beaver removal, deforestation for upland farming, and the erosion and downstream deposition of so-called legacy soils (a legacy of deforestation). Although urban development produced today's flash floods by piping streams and covering our area with impervious surfaces, erosion and deposition are age-old natural processes. A dam dating to about 1925, still partly visible, was built directly on a rocky ledge across Lubber Run where the stream forms rapids below 3rd St. N.—living proof that this particular bedrock exposure predates urbanization. Caused by natural erosion, it's a pleasant sit spot for relaxing by a burbling stream.

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How to Control Mosquitoes Without Killing Pollinators



The article is adapted from a post by Susan Gitlin on the blog of the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists.

Hot weather will be here soon, bringing the annual scourge of mosquitoes to Arlington neighborhoods. Besides protecting ourselves with fans and mosquito spray, we need to eliminate mosquito habitat and control mosquito numbers. Unfortunately, the pesticides used to kill mosquitoes also kill other invertebrates, including pollinators and insects that feed birds and eat mosquitoes themselves. Mosquito-spraying companies typically use pesticides with chemicals called pyrethroids, many of which are highly toxic to honeybees, fish, and small aquatic organisms.

Because mosquitoes easily fly from yard to yard, the best way to combat them is to work with neighbors to reduce mosquito populations without using pesticides. Here are some tips:

Eliminate potential mosquito-breeding grounds. Mosquitoes can breed in any water that stagnates for just 2 or 3 days, so you can reduce populations by:

- unclogging gutters;
- covering, turning over, or moving indoors any equipment, containers, or toys that might collect water;
- straightening sagging tarps or other covers;
- filling in areas under outdoor faucets or air conditioning drains;
- repairing damaged screens on rain barrels; and
- removing English ivy (which pools water where mosquitoes breed and provides the humidity that mosquitoes like).

Keep mosquitoes from breeding in uncovered pools like ponds and bird baths. You can reduce mosquitoes by:

- changing the water every few days;
- using mosquito dunks (deadly to mosquito, black fly, and fungus gnat larvae but harmless to other organisms); and
- keeping the water moving (for example, with a fountain).



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PTSA Update—Kenmore Middle School

By Samantha Bell

The 8th grade dance was celebrated on April 10 with glow-in-the-dark theme decorations, a DJ, and a photo booth. Thank you to all of the volunteers and staff who supported the dance by so generously giving their time in donations, decorating, and chaperoning.

Congratulations to the 6th grade Showtime class on a remarkable performance of Cinderella Jr. on April 23-24. The costumes and set were impressive!

The PTSA supported Staff Appreciation Week on May 4-8. Staff were treated to a breakfast from Panera and a visit to a treat-and-supply store, along with summer break gift bags, a lunch from Sloppy Mama's, and a gift card drawing.

Upcoming events include the 8th grade promotion ceremony on June 17 at 8:30 a.m. and a restaurant fundraiser at Jeni's Ice Cream (4150 Campbell Ave. in the Village at Shirlington) on June 17, 3-6 p.m. The last day of school is June 18.

Please follow Kenmore Middle School on BlueSky at <https://bsky.app/profile/kenmore.apsva.us> or on the PTSA page of the Kenmore website at <https://kenmore.apsva.us/pta/>.



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Drought Warning

The U.S. Drought Monitor posted by the National Weather Service in late April moved our area from moderate to severe drought. A small wildfire broke out in the Arlington Ridge neighborhood in mid-April, in part because ongoing drought has worsened the normally low fire danger in our area. Homeowners might consider already watering their trees and other outdoor plants. Casey Trees, a tree care company, provides a weekly Watering Alert you can sign up for at <https://casey-trees.org/water/>. Find out more about local tree care at TreeStewards.org.

Arlington Forest Home and Garden Tour



On May 9, from noon to 4 p.m., folks turned out to enjoy the Arlington Forest Home and Garden Tour, a neighborhood tradition every 3 years. Homeowners graciously opened their homes and gardens for neighbors to visit and possibly get inspired to renovate their own homes or beautify their own yards. Among the highlights were two homes that were almost fully electrified, a home with an in-ground pool and a fabulous outdoor space, two amazing backyard gardens next to Lubber Run Park, and a landscaped yard with a rain garden.

New Left Turn Limits from Arlington Blvd.

Signs, markings, and flex posts were planned for May at six Arlington Blvd. intersections, including the one with N. Columbus St. The goal is to prevent risky left turns into high-velocity oncoming traffic. Similar restrictions at N. Highland St. beginning last spring greatly reduced the number of crashes. The Virginia Department of Transportation plans to replace the county's temporary measures with more extensive safety improvements in 2030.

May: Cole Porter—Too Darn Hot!



Ken Schellenberg, Judy Lewis, Jane Petkofsky, and Cameron Fletcher look at the songbook of one the great Broadway composers. Come hear classic songs from the Great American Songbook at a neighborhood community center.

- Monday, May 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Lubber Run
- Wednesday, May 20, 1-2 p.m., at Aurora Hills
- Thursday, May 21, 11 a.m.-noon, at Langston Brown
- Friday, May 22, 11 a.m.-noon, Walter Reed

Scam Alert

A common email scam recently victimized a neighbor—so watch out! Someone you trust or work with, such as a friend or an AFCA officer, purportedly sends you an email asking you, on their behalf, to send money in some form to a worthy recipient, promising to reimburse you. Please know that AFCA officers will never do that. But if you do get such an email, look carefully at the email address to see whether it differs, if only by a single letter, from the genuine email address of your friend or neighbor—it invariably will.

Forester Photo Exhibit Featuring Local Wildlife

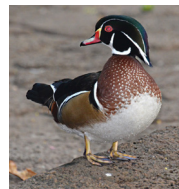


Arlington County is home to a surprising variety of wildlife. Our residential neighborhoods and natural parklands provide habitat for hundreds of species. A photo exhibit of some of our local wildlife will be on display in the Lubber Run Community Center in late spring and early summer. The exhibit includes 45 photos of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects, all taken by Forester David Howell in our nearby parks, from the LRCC to the Long Branch Nature Center, Bluemont Park, and Sparrow Pond on the W&OD Trail.

Sparrow Pond Maintenance Needed

Less than 2 years after renovation, the pond below Southside in Glencarlyn Park already needs work to remove heavy siltation in its uppermost (intake) pool. The need for work so soon was unexpected. It came from erosion in Arlington Forest Branch, the small creek that borders Southside after emerging from a pipe beneath Arlington Blvd. The creek collects stormwater runoff from parts of both Southside and Northside, feeding sediments into Sparrow Pond. In response, the county is looking into possible erosion control measures along the creek.

Wood Ducks Return to Sparrow Pond



In early April, at least three pairs of wood ducks were seen swimming in Sparrow Pond. Wood ducks nested at Sparrow Pond last year, with most of the brood surviving to fly south in the fall. The county has posted nesting boxes for wood ducks in the pond, so maybe the ducks used them this year. Last year, the nesting wood duck pair used a separate site near the pond.

Community Calendar

- Cole Porter Sing-Along:** Monday, May 18, LRCC
- Annual AFCA Picnic:** Wednesday, May 20, Lubber Run pavilion
- Annual Yard Sale:** Saturday, May 30 (rain date May 31)
- Summer Turnaround Day:** July 11
- Fall Turnaround Day:** November 7

AFCA Meetings

May 20, 2026: Neighborhood picnic

Ravens Nest Again Below Arlington Blvd. Overpass

Ravens have been nesting for several years now on a pylon supporting the Arlington Blvd. bridge over Four Mile Run in Glencarlyn Park, just below Southside. A raven pair was back again this year, easily seen from the W&OD Trail. Ravens look like huge crows and have a deep and hoarse caw. They largely stick to the Blue Ridge and points west, so a nesting pair in our area is noteworthy.

Deer Management Program Update

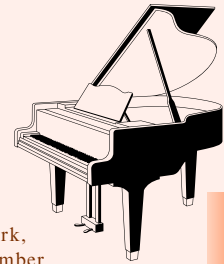
Arlington's Deer Management Program contracted professional sharpshooting operations on 12 nights from February 2 through March 20, including in Glencarlyn and Bon Air Parks. Overall, 14 deer were killed in the Four Mile Run corridor, for a total of 26 deer countywide. More than 1,500 pounds of venison were donated to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. This first sharpshooting operation reduced the number of deer over-browsing the landscape but not yet to sustainable levels. Program staff is incorporating lessons learned.

Piano Tuning

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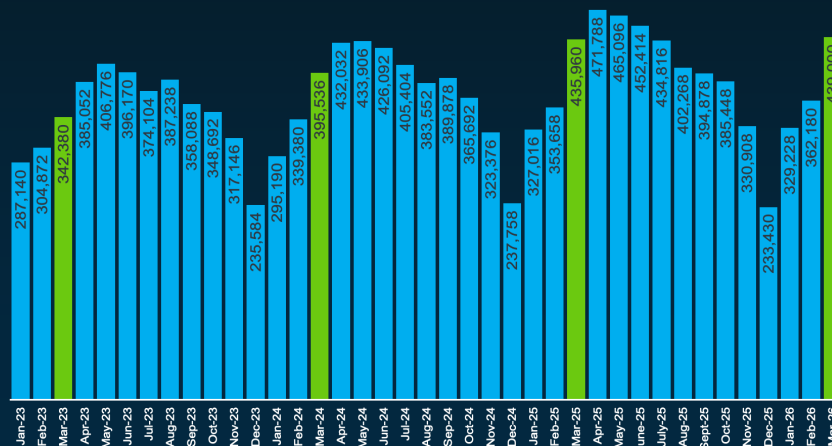
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