



AFCA Membership Meeting and Potluck Picnic

The final AFCA meeting of the 2022-23 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 17, in the Lubber Run Park picnic shelter located upstream from the amphitheater. AFCA will cook up 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. Thanks go to Rob Janson for organizing the picnic again this year.

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. Although most current officers

have indicated their willingness to serve again, we need nominees for President and Southside Vice President in particular. We encourage anyone willing to run for any office to contact Nominating Committee Chair Art Schwartz at arthur.edward.schwartz@gmail.com.

In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be canceled. 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 Tuesday, May 17: <https://tinyurl.com/2fys7v8f>. Alternatively, you can dial in to the meeting at 301-715-8592, where you will be prompted to enter meeting number 898 2860 5167 and passcode 697122. 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.

The Newsletter Delivery Crew Needs Your Help!

By Joan Blake

If you enjoy reading your *Arlington Forester* newsletter each month, you can help make sure that it continues to reach everyone in the future. After this May newsletter, we will be taking a summer break. I will be heading off on new adventures and will not be returning in September as newsletter delivery coordinator. So a new coordinator for newsletter delivery will be needed.

Delivery coordination takes about 8 to 9 hours each month. Most of that time is spent on newsletter delivery day (a Friday) preparing the newsletters for distribution to the 12 teens who actually deliver the newsletter to your door. The day begins with early morning pickup of about 900 newsletters from the printer here in Arlington.

Then the newsletters must be counted and sorted, along with inserts (occasionally used) and stipends for each teen. The materials are then placed in bags for distribution around Arlington Forest to the teens.

Contents

Amphitheater.....	3	New bridge	9
Tree loss?	4	Tree myths	10
Food recycling	5	County news	11
Yard Sale	6	Around the Forest	12
Neighborhoods pgrm ..	7	Barcroft news	13
AF Park.....	8	Kids for hire	14

...continued on page 2

The Team

Editor: Hutch Brown

703-855-1732, newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org

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: Joan Blake

703-358-9549, joanblake43@gmail.com

Contact Joan 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, newsbits, letters, and photos focusing on noncommercial events or issues specific to our neighborhood. We publish eight times per year (Sep to Nov and Jan to May). The deadline for submissions is the first of the month. Email your submission of up to 400 words—less, if you include a photo—to newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org.

2022–23 AFCA Officers

President:

Esther Bowring

703-243-0433

afcaprez@gmail.com

Vice President, Southside:

Sean Lyons

sean.mculty.lyons@gmail.com

Vice President, Greenbrier:

Tom Smialowicz

703-528-3889

tsmialowicz@gmail.com

Vice President, Northside:

Joel Yudken

703-980-8122

joel.yudken@verizon.net

Recording Secretary:

Char Mahoney

571-241-9866

char.mahoney@verizon.net

Corresponding Secretary:

Janet Irwin

703-516-4574

jeirwin1@verizon.net

Treasurer:

Jeffrey Horwitz

703-243-2395

afca@ironstate.me

Arlington Neighborhoods Program:

Liz Kauffman

571-327-6497

lizkauffman@yahoo.com

Arlington Civic Federation Rep:

Salvador D'Itri

703-350-2183

sditri@yahoo.com

Historian:

John Naland

nalandfamily@yahoo.com

Website: www.arlingtonforestva.org

Join AFCA listserve by emailing address to:

arlingtonforestva@gmail.com

The *Forester* is printed by Minuteman Press

Newsletter Delivery

...from page 1

Also, the delivery coordinator spends time on the computer keeping records and communicating with the newsletter team or soliciting new teen volunteers. In addition, the coordinator makes monthly trips to the bank to obtain money for the teen stipends, which must be counted out and prepared for each deliverer. In addition, mailing supplies must be maintained for advertisers who don't live in Arlington Forest, and copies must be hand delivered to advertisers with businesses in the Arlington Forest shopping center. Understandably, all this activity is best suited for someone who is retired or working part time.

So if you enjoy receiving the *Arlington Forester* and want to support our neighborhood's newsletter team, then the position of newsletter delivery coordinator is open and waiting for you. Just let me know at joanblake43@gmail.com. And thanks!

🏛️ Arlington Election Coming Up

Arlington is holding Democratic Party primary elections on June 20 for the general election on November 7. Early voting started on May 5. Positions open for primary election include state senator, House delegate, Commonwealth's attorney, and sheriff. In addition, six candidates are running for two open seats on the Arlington County Board (Christian Dorsey and Katie Cristol are not running for reelection). Arlington approved a new process for county board primary elections called ranked-choice voting; voters will rank candidates in order of preference (first, second, and third choice). Your ranked-choice vote counts towards another candidate if your first-choice candidate receives the fewest votes. Anyone can vote in the Democratic primary; the Republican Party is not holding a primary for county board candidates.

Faces of the Forest:

Tell Us About Someone You Know!

With well over 800 households, Arlington Forest has residents from all walks of life. Tell us about a *Forester* you know! Do it in an interview or write a story (with your subject's permission, of course)—or tell us about someone from the past. Send your writeup of 400 words or less with a photo (if possible) to Hutch Brown at newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org. Questions? Email me or text/call 703-855-1732.

Lubber Run Amphitheater Opening in June



The Lubber Run Amphitheater Summer Series will kick off its 2023 season of free concerts at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 9. The series runs through August 11 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m. (except for June 25).

Opening night will feature Las Cafeteras, East Los Angeles's sonic explosion of Afro-Mexican rhythms, electronic beats, and powerful rhymes, described by the BBC as "urgent, relevant music" and by the *Los Angeles Times* as a "uniquely Angeleno mishmash of punk, hip-hop, beat music, cumbia & rock." The opening weekend continues with The 19th Street Band on Saturday, June 10, and concludes the next day with the Arlington Children's Chorus in a morning of songs for the whole family!

Having recorded a well-received live album at the amphitheater in 2022, top regional jazz ensemble Veronneau returns on June 17. Noted vocalist Munit Mesfin salutes Arlington's own Roberta Flack on July 7. The Latin Grammy-winning music duo 123 Andrés is the first of three special Sunday morning family shows curated and copresented with Arlington Public Library.

Since the construction of the first permanent stage in 1969, generations of Arlingtonians have enjoyed free summer cultural events at the sylvan venue nestled in Northside a few blocks off Arlington Blvd., ranging from

Encore Stage and Studio to bands like Eddie from Ohio, superstar Ritchie Havens, and Grammy-nominee Raul Midón. The 2023 schedule is listed on an insert in this newsletter. Bring a picnic and some friends and enjoy the arts at Lubber Run Amphitheater, located at 200 N. Columbus St. The amphitheater is wheelchair accessible.

Outdoor Volunteer Opportunities

The 160-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, and more. The COVID pandemic depressed volunteer hours in 2020, but opportunities have been rebounding. Find out more at armn.org/

Missing Middle: Will We Lose Our Trees?

By Hutch Brown

In 2019, Arlington County launched a Missing Middle Housing Study on the prospect of replacing single-family homes in neighborhoods like ours with multifamily housing. In March of this year, the Arlington County Board voted to amend the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance accordingly. Beginning in July, property owners will be able to build housing with up to six units on any lot in Arlington Forest. How would construction of new multifamily housing in our neighborhood affect our trees?



New construction often means taking out trees, so Arlington requires developers to plant or preserve trees to help the county reach its goal of 40% canopy tree cover. For low-density neighborhoods like ours (with up to 10 housing units per acre), the Arlington Code (\$61.10) requires 20% canopy tree coverage in 20 years (about three large trees planted or preserved on a 6,000-ft² lot). According to the county, Arlington Forest currently has a housing density of four to eight single-family homes per acre. Even if a quarter of the 852 homes (on 213 lots) were converted to duplexes, the housing density would not exceed 10 units per acre and the 20% rule would still apply. If enough multifamily housing were built to push housing density over 10 units per acre, then the Arlington Code requirement would fall to 15% canopy tree coverage; but that might never happen if, as the economic analysis for the Missing Middle Housing Study predicted, only 19 to 21 lots per year were converted to middle housing countywide. Just in case, the amended ordinance requires developers to plant or preserve four “shade trees” for new multifamily housing with two to four units and eight such trees for housing with five to six units. The county’s list of shade trees comprises mostly large trees like oaks and maples; if developers chose such trees for lots with multifamily housing, then they would meet or exceed Arlington Code requirements for the vast majority of the 852 lots in Arlington Forest, which are 6,000 to 8,000 ft² in size.

But the county’s list of shade trees includes medium-size trees like birch, pawpaw, and sassafras. If developers chose only such trees (but how likely is that?), then—according to the Arlington Tree Action Group (ATAG)—no redeveloped lot in Arlington Forest would meet Arlington Code requirements. Moreover, more than 20% of the lots in Arlington Forest are larger than 8,000 ft², ranging in size up to 12,000 ft² or more. ATAG has

estimated that at least five large trees are needed for lots of 10,000 ft² to meet Arlington Code requirements, so the zoning ordinance’s four-tree requirement would fall short. However, the largest lots in Arlington Forest tend to be long and narrow, reaching downhill to county parkland, with their lower portions wooded. Given the sloping topography and the maximum main building footprint of 2,520 ft² for our neighborhood, a

large-lot developer would be likely to leave enough trees to meet or exceed Arlington Code requirements.

So we don’t really know how new middle housing would affect canopy tree cover in Arlington Forest, but the impact would be negligible unless large numbers of single-family homes were converted to middle housing. And it could be negligible even then.



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.

Artwork on display by local artist **Angela Caron**.
(Artwork is available for purchase)

Life isn't perfect but your hair can be.

**Arlington Forest Shopping Center
703.525.6828**

**DAstudiosalon.com
DAstudiosalon@gmail.com**

Food Scrap Recycling Program: Pitch In, Arlington Forest!

By Mary Ann Strawn

It's old hat to many Foresters, but the county is hoping to entice more citizens to pitch in—literally, to pitch their food scraps into the green curbside bins. As Gloria Mog, a long-time environmental activist, put it, "I've been composting for 30 years." Another long-time composter, Janet Irwin, has composted in her backyard for many years. "I rarely have any kitchen scraps that would go in the kitchen caddy provided by the county." But for many Foresters, food scrap recycling is one way to have a strong environmental impact.

The county effort was launched a year and a half ago, according to Erik Grabowsky, chief of Arlington's Solid Waste Bureau. Each single-family residence was given a plastic kitchen caddy for collecting kitchen scraps. "The program has not gone as well as we had hoped," he said. "We have achieved about 20 to 25% participation. Our goal is 75 to 80%." On Earth Day, April 22, the county celebrated a relaunch of the program. "We hope to raise participation significantly," said Grabowsky. Food waste accounts for 24% of solid waste in landfills, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. As it breaks down, the waste emits methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. When food scraps are recycled, they can be turned into a soil amendment that is available for free to Arlingtonians in spring and fall. It is also used to enhance the soil in parks and common areas.

Patty Gibson, an early participant in food scrap recycling, said her only problem was finding the right-size biodegradable bag to fit in the plastic caddy provided by the county. After failing to find the product through Amazon, she solved the dilemma by purchasing bags at Ayers Variety Store in Westover. "I love being able to compost curbside," she said. "It really reduces what goes into the black trash bin." Many residents keep the plastic trash caddies on their kitchen counters; some put them under the sink. Forester Chris Scheer's problem with the recycling was fruitflies, but he came up with a two-prong solution. In the winter, he is able to leave kitchen scraps in a pail on his screen porch. In warmer weather, he takes his pail into the backyard. "It's an extra effort, but it's worth it," he said. "The act of collecting your family's food waste has the side-effect of focusing attention on how much you consume and how much you waste. You can learn things about nutrition and food consumption (and waste) as you recycle and maybe improve both right at home." Chris uses paper bags and grocery bags instead of biodegradable commercial products for wrapping his scraps.

For additional information, Arlington County has excellent sources at the Solid Waste website. *The Washington Post* recently published a quiz to help keep readers up to date on recycling: "What can you recycle? Find your recycling mistakes in this quiz."

Your home, your investment.

Rely on a professional to help you.

OMAR S SHERZAI

703-474-1145

omar@LNF.com

LONG & FOSTER
REAL ESTATE

Forbes
GLOBAL PROPERTIES

4600 Cherry Hill Road
Arlington, VA 22207



Community Yard Sale on May 20

SALE

The annual yard sale, an Arlington Forest tradition, takes place this year on Saturday morning, May 20 (rain date May 21). Over 40 Arlington Forest households have participated in the past, and the event attracts many bargain hunters who cruise through the area visiting multiple sales.

Thanks to Allison Kennett and Char Mahoney for organizing this year's event! This newsletter includes an insert with a map of sale sites. Sellers are encouraged to make photocopies so shoppers can pick up a map leading them to other sites.

Some tips for success: (1) Prepare in advance. Sort clothes by size. Group similar items together. 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. (2) Price items reasonably. Savvy shoppers will buy elsewhere if prices are too high. Be prepared to negotiate down from the listed price. (3) To snag

buyers who make yard sales their business, start setting up at 7 a.m. 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. (4) Keep your cash in a pocket, shoulder purse, or fanny pack. If you do 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. Sellers near Arlington Blvd., Carlin Springs Rd., George Mason Dr., and Henderson Dr. might consider posting homemade signs along those thoroughfares pointing into the neighborhood to their 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 20.



Tracy C. Taylor, Author

W-L High School Graduate

George Mason University Graduate

DeVry University Graduate

United States Army Veteran

Writer of Adventure Books, Children's Books,

Christian Books, Dental Fiction,

Poetry, and Young Adult Fiction.

Longtime resident of Arlington

Summer's Coming, Get your Books today.



Prince of Pages, Inc.

www.princeofpages.com

Adventure: The Journey

Children's: Small Fry Tales

Christian: 60 Christian Traits

Dental: Toothache at Big Mouth Bend

Poetry: Wondering Ardor

Christian: Parody of Parables

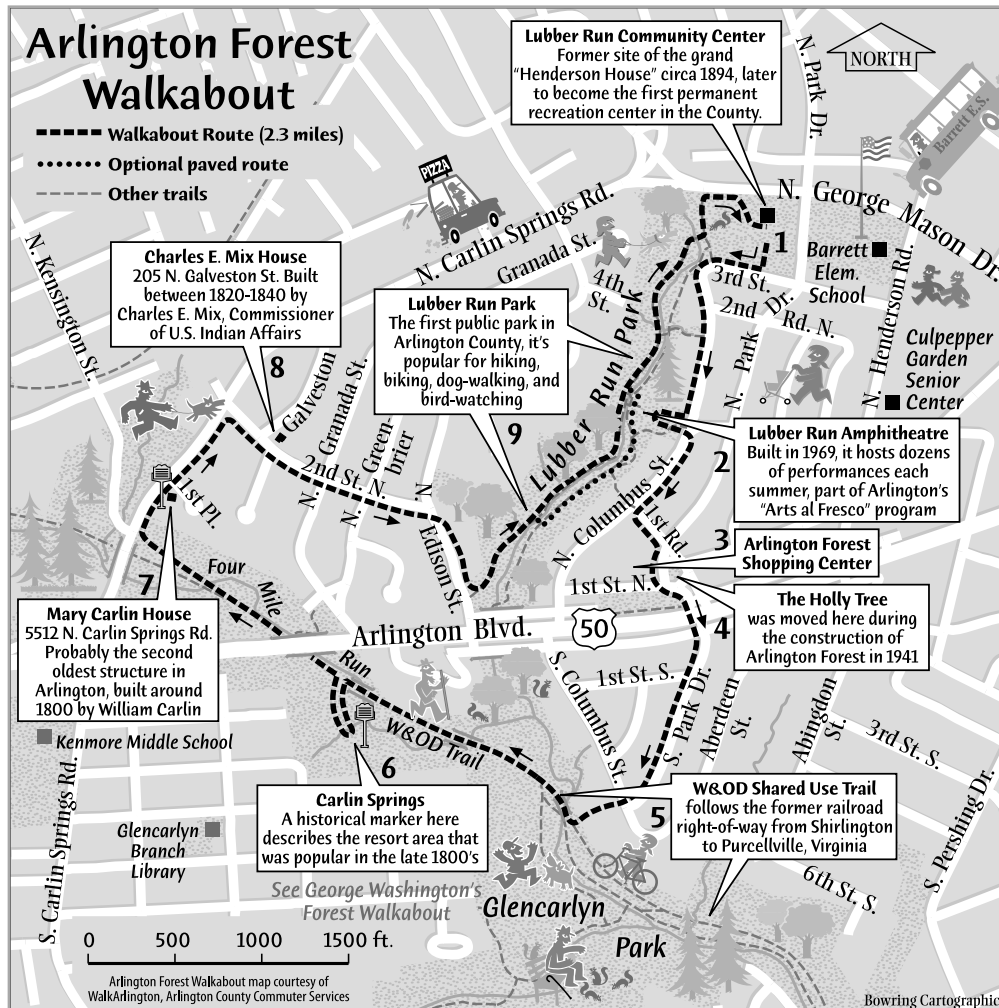
Dental: Cavities of the Caribbean

Dental: Something Wicked in the Land of

Ahhhs

Financial: Good Habits to Have (Financial Help Book)

Ideas for Projects Under the Arlington Neighborhoods Program



Arlington Forest has a neighborhood conservation plan updated in 2022 under Arlington County's Neighborhood Conservation Program (now defunct). One purpose of the plan was to propose neighborhood improvement projects funded by the program, such as renovation of the Edison Park playground in Greenbrier, completed in 2021. After county funding was slashed, Arlington began to revamp the program under a different name, the Arlington Neighborhoods Program. Its purpose is to stimulate ideas for neighborhood improvements that can be accomplished with limited county funding. In March, the program solicited ideas from across the county through an online survey (now closed). On April 26, county staff followed up by holding an in-person "brainstorming session" at the Lubber Run Community Center, where staffers grouped ideas by theme and asked for comments, questions, and further ideas. The themes ranged from the arts, to housing, to traffic safety, to stormwater management and more.

Arlington Forest's latest neighborhood conservation plan presented ideas for neighborhood improvements,

such as a sign describing the nature and ecology of Arlington Forest Park (next to the shopping center); a sign at the shopping center outlining the history of the neighborhood; and invasive plant removal in Glencarlyn and Lubber Run Parks. Other ideas include Lubber Run Park signs at unmarked access points in Greenbrier and Northside. Neighboring Glencarlyn has an online brochure with tree walks, each with up to 15 mature trees (mostly native), plus a paragraph about each tree—useful for neighbors who are wondering what trees to plant in their yards. AFCA might propose a similar tree walk for each subneighborhood in Arlington Forest (Greenbrier, Northside, and Southside). AFCA has posted a map by Larry Bowring with an Arlington Forest "walkabout" of about 2 miles, with nine stops and short descriptions of notable features along the way; AFCA might propose an update, with more stops (possibly including some notable trees) and longer descriptions. If you have additional ideas, please let Liz Kauffman (AFCA's Arlington Neighborhoods Program representative) know at lizkauffman@yahoo.com.

Arlington Forest Park: A Natural Gem

By Hutch Brown



Like many Foresters, I grew up in a suburb that valued manicured lawns and neat gardens full of lovely plants like azaleas, with their profusion of flowers in spring. I thought of dead trees and overgrown fields as eyesores and nuisances—full of ticks, rodents, stinging insects, and other pests. That is one way of looking at Arlington Forest Park, the 1-acre tract of public land next to the Arlington Forest Shopping Center. But there's another way of seeing it too: as a special feature of our neighborhood, one that is unique in our area.

The county has given Arlington Forest Park special protection as a natural resource conservation area because it contains Arlington's largest remnant of a plant community called "dry gravel cap-xeric oak/poverty oatgrass glade" (technospeak for grassland with scattered oaks in dry gravelly soils). The site features native plants adapted to xeric (dry) habitats, such as poverty oatgrass, a native grass that gets about a foot tall. Arlington Forest Park is one of the only places in Arlington where you can find rare plants like pineweed, globe flatsedge, St. Andrew's cross, and forktip three-awn grass. Dry-site trees like white oak and chestnut oak are scattered across the park, which also contains a few bigtooth aspens. The oaks alone host tremendous numbers of caterpillars and other creatures at the bottom of the food chain. The leaves, acorns, grasses, and flowering plants furnish rich resources for native insects, birds, and mammals, and the thin soils are ideal habitat for ground-dwelling bees.

In the thin soils, the large oaks are vulnerable to drought, and multiple trees died due to the unusually hot and dry conditions that followed torrential rains in

July 2019. For safety reasons, the county removed the dead trees while leaving stumps and 20-foot snags. The snags will hasten natural processes of deadfall and decay while providing habitat for insects, woodpeckers, and other wildlife. Oak seedlings are coming up in the park, and managers will fence them off from deer if necessary. However, trees such as Virginia pine and eastern redcedar (a juniper) readily colonize such open spaces, shading out grasses and turning the site over time into forest, so park managers have called for weeding out pines and junipers. A tall native grass called broomsedge bluestem is also crowding out poverty oatgrass and other rare plants. Park staff hand-trims areas around desirable plants, and the rest of the

park is mowed once a year to discourage the broomsedge, but only after the oatgrass has flowered and released its seeds. To better frame the entire space, both to make it visually more appealing and to keep vegetation from spilling over trails and sidewalks, the county keeps the park perimeter mowed.

The management alternatives for a site like this are obvious. One alternative is to follow traditional suburban aesthetics by taking down the snags and keeping the entire site mowed, thereby destroying its biodiversity and replicating hundreds of similar sites across our area. The other alternative is to conserve a rare ecosystem rich in biodiversity, a source of pride for our neighborhood. Arlington County has reason to pursue the latter course for this natural gem.

Repair
Posts



Remount
Rails





Ray's Welding
(703) 960-1571

www.BenRayWelding.com
Rails Installed New

New Pedestrian Bridge in Lubber Run Park




Arlington County has been planning a new pedestrian bridge over Lubber Run near the spur trail to the Edison Park playground in Greenbrier. In 2022, Erik Beach, Park Development Division Chief for the Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), spoke with AFCA President Esther Bowring about the plans.


The new bridge will be located in the same place where stormwaters destroyed a previous bridge in order to avoid the extensive costs and delays associated with regulatory approval of a new site. However, the DPR has taken steps to reduce the risk. The new bridge will be more perpendicular to the stream, allowing one abutment for the bridge to be placed farther away from the stream to make room for regrading the eroding slope. The new bridge will also be made of stronger materials, designed to withstand a 100-year flood. In addition, the new abutments might include wing walls to prevent bank erosion. Riprap (boulders lining both sides of the stream) would further support the abutments, and at least one tree will be planted nearby to help stop erosion. In case of flood damage, railings and decking boards will be able to be quickly replaced for faster bridge repair.

Bridge construction is scheduled for this year. A large oak nearby was felled in preparation for the new bridge because its roots were undermined by streambank collapse and it might have fallen on the bridge. The rest of the work (from demolition to bridge installation and final landscaping) is out for bid, and the county expects construction to begin in June/July. You can find out more online at Lubber Run Park Bridge Replacement Project.

ONE OF THE 2013 TOP 100 GREEN LEADERS BY PODER MAGAZINE



EnviroHomeDesign
Design. Build. Remodeling



*Over 20 years of experience
delivering beautiful, healthy and
energy efficient homes*

4822 3rd Street North | Arlington Forest
(703) 812-9370 | www.envirohomedesign.com

Plant NOVA Natives: Five Myths About Trees

It's no myth that trees hold a special place in our collective psyche. Trees play a prominent role in myths, often symbolizing life and rebirth. Unfortunately, some of the stories about them are just plain wrong.

Trees need big piles of mulch. Trees should be planted with the top of their roots level to the ground, just as in nature. Mulch should never be allowed to touch the trunk because it causes bark rot. Shredded mulch can form a barrier to water when it mats down, so arborist wood chips are advisable, no more than 2-4 inches deep. The Fairfax County Tree Basics booklet, which you can download for free, shows proper tree planting and care practices.

Tree wounds need dressing. Trees cannot heal the way we do after they are cut, which is one reason why topping a tree is such a bad idea. A broken limb should be trimmed back to just beyond the branch cuff, then left alone to close over, which (with luck) it can accomplish before fungi set in. Painting tar on the surface just encourages rot.

All leaning trees are dangerous. It's normal for trees to grow toward the light. They reinforce their wood to



make themselves stable. If you're worried that a tree could become hazardous, get an opinion from a consulting arborist who is certified by the International Society of Arborists and who has no financial interest in cutting the tree down.

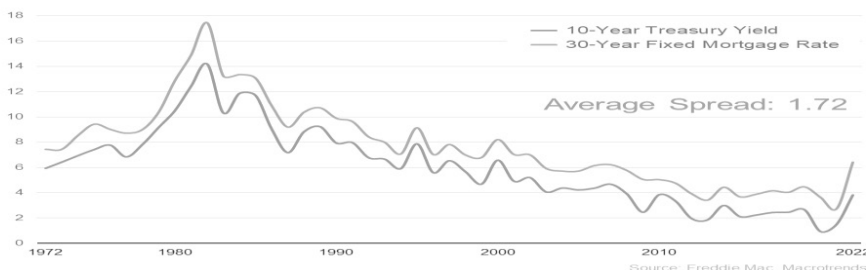
Trees litter. "Leaf litter" is an unfriendly way to describe feeding the soil and providing habitat for fireflies and wintering grounds for butterflies. The best thing you can do for a tree and the ecosystem is to leave the leaves where they fall. If you are afraid they will smother the grass, you can chop them up with a lawnmower so they at least add organic

matter to the soil, a practice that is good for the trees and the grass (but hard on the critters).

One tree is as good as another. Not so! All trees provide shade and capture stormwater, but only native trees support biodiversity. In fact, native trees are the very backbone of our local ecosystem, providing most of the leaves upon which our native caterpillars feed, which in turn furnish the diet required by baby songbirds. With few exceptions, native trees can serve any landscaping need. Find out all about them on the Plant NOVA Trees website.

This chart shows that mortgage rates have followed in unison with 10-Year Treasury with a spread of about 1.7% for 50+ years. Typically you add 1.7% to the 10 year yield and you get the 30-year fixed rate. Lately the spread has widened. At the start of 2023 the spread was 2.7%, almost 1% higher, in the measure of fear and volatility. While there has been uncertainty in the markets, it is predicted that mortgage rates will decrease later this year. So far this year, home sales have been robust in the DMV area and in many parts of the country.

For Over 50 Years, the 30-Year Mortgage Rate Has Moved in Unison with the 10-Year Treasury Yield



If you want expert advice on exploring your options, let's connect. Put my 38 years of local market expertise to work for your largest financial investment! Contact me for a confidential strategy meeting.



Casey O'Neal
Associate Broker
703-217-9090

casey@caseyoneal.com
www.caseyoneal.com
Compass Real Estate

**FREE Notary Service
for Arlington Foresters!**

With me as your advisor and project manager, I can help you sell your home 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 on the Compass Concierge program.

County News

American Chestnuts

Potomac Overlook Park off of Military Rd. in North Arlington has some blight-resistant American chestnuts. American chestnut was once a major forest tree in our area, rivaling oaks in size and area. A fungus from Europe



called chestnut blight destroyed almost all of our chestnuts by the mid-1900s. However, a few blight-resistant trees remain, including several in Potomac Overlook Park; park staff will be glad to show you where they are. Some parks in our area are outplanting blight-resistant chestnuts cultivated from resistant native and Eurasian strains.

Missing Middle Lawsuit

On April 21, a group of Arlington residents filed suit in Arlington Circuit Court alleging that amendments to the Arlington Zoning Ordinance to allow multifamily

housing construction in single-family neighborhoods violate the law. The suit against Arlington's Expanded Housing Opportunities (EHO) initiative includes allegations that it violates requirements under state law that local ordinances and plans take public needs for schools, parks, recreation, transportation, public spaces, water distribution, sanitary sewers, stormwater management, and natural resources conservation into account. The litigants ask the Arlington Circuit Court to declare that the zoning amendments are void and enjoin the county from issuing EHO permits.

Ballston Pond

Reconstruction of the 4-acre Ballston Wetland Park (formerly known as Ballston Pond, upstream from Lubber Run Park) appears to be nearing completion. The original Lubber Run holding pond was reconfigured into a wetland, with stream meanders to slow stormwater runoff, deeper sections to store the runoff, and wetland vegetation planted along the banks. A trail along one side of the pond will connect to Washington Blvd. and the Custis Trail, popular with bikers. Construction of a large viewing deck overlooking the wetland is currently underway.

LONG & FOSTER®
— REAL ESTATE —

CALL FOR A **FREE** NO OBLIGATION MARKET ANALYSIS

**SELLING VIRGINIA
ONE HOME AT A TIME**

202.256.7039

SAMUEL DAVIS

2300 CALVERT STREET • WASHINGTON, DC 20008

O: 202.483.6300 | E: SAMUEL@LNF.COM

W: SAMSELLSDCVAMD.COM



Around the Forest

Spring Cleanup



We had a good turnout for the 12th annual Arlington Forest Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 22. In Southside, nine neighbors weeded and mulched around the Arlington Forest sign at the top of S. Park St., pulled invasive honeysuckle, and picked up trash along the service road. At the foot of N. Granada St., eight families scoured the Four Mile Run floodplain north and south of the Arlington Blvd. overpass, filling six bags with trash. AFCA thanks the volunteers for their efforts to preserve our green spaces and remove trash that otherwise would wash into the Potomac River and eventually into Chesapeake Bay.

Newsletter Delivery Coordinator Needed for Fall!

Joan Blake, our long-time newsletter volunteer who picks up *The Arlington Forester* from the printer and coordinates delivery by neighborhood teens, is retiring soon. We need someone to take over primary responsibility for newsletter delivery this fall (beginning with the September issue). Your time commitment would be 8 to 9 hours per issue, including almost 1 full day on the Friday that the newsletters become ready for delivery. Also, you would need a computer and minimal computer proficiency, plus ready access to cash or checks for paying the teens (AFCA reimburses you). To volunteer, please contact Joan at joanblake43@gmail.com.

Community Calendar

Next AFCA meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 6 p.m.

Home and Garden Tour: Saturday, May 6

Annual AFCA Picnic: Wednesday, May 17

Annual Yard Sale: Saturday, May 20

Rising K-6-9 Group Portrait: Sunday, August 27

Another Accident at N. Park Intersection

During the last week of March, the troubled intersection of N. George Mason Dr. with N. Park Dr. near the Lubber Run Community Center saw another car crash. In the morning, just as kids and their parents were going to school at Barrett, an SUV sped through the intersection and hit another SUV. While first responders were still on scene, another SUV coming from Arlington Forest sped through the intersection while the beacons were still flashing and was pulled over by police. The county plans to replace the flashing beacons with traffic lights, but funding must be approved in a Capital Improvement Plan, so nothing is coming soon.

Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee: AFCA Representative Needed

Liz Kauffman, AFCA's longstanding representative to the Arlington Neighborhoods Program, is calling it quits after many years of service. Liz coordinates AFCA's input on new types of projects to improve a sense of community, potentially including murals, mosaics, street paintings, rain gardens, miniparks, community gardens, disaster preparedness workshops, special events, and history or nature trails with interpretive signs. If you want to learn more about county government and do more to promote our community—and if you can spare 11 hours each year for meetings—please consider serving on the Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee. For more information, contact Liz at lizkauffman@yahoo.com or 571-327-6497 (cell).

Noise Alert

By county ordinance, work with lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and other outdoor power tools is not allowed before 7 a.m. on weekdays and before 10 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays—and after 9 p.m. on any day. Please respect this quiet time for your neighbors.

Barcroft School News

By Samantha Bell

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over. Congratulations to Dr. Gaby Rivas, who was honored as our very first Assistant Principal of the Year by Arlington Public Schools. Superintendent Dr. Francisco Durán acclaimed Dr. Rivas for leading with humility and service and modeling how to treat others, earning the respect of her staff, families, and especially students.

We had a Garden Workday at the school on April 15 (shown in the photo). The PTA also sponsored Teacher/Staff Appreciation events during the first week of May, which included a lottery day; thank you cards; a Captain Cookie truck; bagels and pastries; miniplants; and a lunch (provided by BiBa Chat, the bilingual Barcroft parents group). Upcoming events include Field Day, with a PTA-sponsored moon bounce and Jake's Ice Cream; and the End of School Picnic on June 9. The last day of elementary school for students is June 16.



Still the #1 Remodeling Contractor in Arlington

Pulling more permits in Arlington than any other contractor



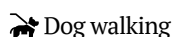
Specializing in Arlington Homes

GET A FREE QUOTE TODAY

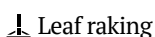
703-536-0900 | CookBros.org

Kids for Hire

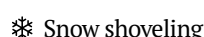
These Arlington Forest youths are ready to help. To be added or deleted, email newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org.



Pet sitting



Plant watering



Mother's helper



Mail collection

★
Special
Certification

Southside

Greenbrier

Northside

Name	Email	Phone								Other
Sophia Cordon	kitkat67@msn.com	301-509-7915	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Sam Hansotte		703-909-4568	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	Lawn mowing
Dylan Heinrich		831-620-9742	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	Odd jobs
Ethan Heinrich		831-238-8475		✓		✓*	✓	✓	✓	
Emilie Kluge	emiliekluge@yahoo.com	571-457-1983	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	Tutoring
Amy Mashkuri		571-643-5883	✓	✓						
Sabrina Saunders	sabrina_saunders@icloud.com	202-531-2247	✓	✓		✓*		✓	✓	Tutoring
Evan Dempsey	Evan.cw.dempsey@gmail.com	703-559-9690	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Anna D'Itri		703-346-3467	✓	✓		✓*		✓	✓	
Gabriel D'Itri		703-346-3467			✓		✓			Lawn mowing
Julia Green	joangreen32@gmail.com	703-785-4293	✓	✓				✓		✓
Gavin Kraft	kenneth.d.kraft@gmail.com	314-775-7008	✓	✓					✓	
Abigail Lund	aclund25@icloud.com	703-712-0833	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Madeline Lund	madelinelund11@gmail.com	571-447-6968	✓	✓		✓		✓		
Avery McGrann	snooz_ette@yahoo.com	571-225-2484	✓	✓				✓	✓	Weekends only
Anna McLaughlin	annamc1012@yahoo.com	571-550-1680	✓	✓		✓*		✓		✓
Ciara McLaughlin	ciarahmclaughlin@gmail.com	703-712-9215				✓*			✓	✓
Reid Messman		703-469-1988	✓	✓						
Shea Messman		703-469-1988				✓*				
Jacob Nadherny	jacob@nadherny.com		✓	✓						✓
Matthew Petrucci	tony.petrucci@gmail.com	703-629-0425					✓			
Nicky Petrucci	tony.petrucci@gmail.com	703-629-0425		✓			✓			Cats only
Caulder Pickard	katiepickard@gmail.com	571-244-6870	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Elle Pickard	katiepickard@gmail.com	571-244-6870	✓	✓		✓*		✓	✓	✓
Emma Weaver		703-875-8185				✓*				
Anelia Werner	aneliaw09@gmail.com	703-975-4573	✓			✓*		✓	✓	✓
Natalie Bryant	sarakatherine75@hotmail.com		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Niittisha Choudhary	Niittisha@gmail.com	703-981-1229	✓			✓		✓		Tutoring
Tyler Dinan	chrisbettdinan@aol.com	703-525-5763	✓		✓	✓	✓			College breaks only
Annie Madden	Lacrosse.donuts@gmail.com	703-220-3357		✓		✓*				
Cory Pearl	cory.pearl99@gmail.com	571-447-0852	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓		✓
Evie Price		703-402-5138	✓	✓		✓*		✓	✓	✓
Sophie Stewart	sophiestewart4@gmail.com	703-713-5902	✓	✓		✓*		✓	✓	
Name	Email	Phone								Other



CRYSTAL THAI
Distinctive & Aroma Thai Cuisine

4819 1st Street North
Arlington, VA 22203
(Arlington Forest Shopping Center)

Tel: 703-522-1311

www.crystalThai.com

Dine-in Pick-Up Delivery

**Fine Food
Fine Service
Fine Neighbors**

Buy One Get One \$7 Off!

Get \$7 off one Lunch or Dinner
Entree when purchasing a
Second Lunch or Dinner 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 June 15, 2023
We honor all Major Credit Cards

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



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	

DAVEN! NOSH! DO A MITZVAH!

at Congregation Etz Hayim in Arlington, Virginia

Our Weekly & Holiday Services Are Open to All

Shabbat Services	Weekly Minyanim
Fridays, 6:15 pm	Thursdays, 7:00 am
Saturdays, 10:00 am	Sundays, 9:30 am (on religious school days only)

We offer a vibrant Religious School, a Preschool with part- and full-day options, social action activities, Israeli Folk Dancing, adult education classes, a Jewish-interest library, and much more!

Congregation Etz Hayim is a warm, inclusive, Conservative congregation that reveres and embraces the rich heritage of our Jewish traditions and teachings. As a modern, egalitarian community, we encourage diversity and freedom of expression, recognizing that each of us chooses our own path in Judaism.



עץ חיים
Etz Hayim
Congregation

*Welcome home to Congregation
Etz Hayim—you belong here.*

www.etzhayim.net

703.979.4466

2920 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22204



Intentional Eucharistic Community
Nova Catholic Community

Please join us for
 Sunday Liturgies, 10:15 a.m.
 Kenmore Middle School Cafeteria
 Committed to social action, meaningful liturgies, connection and caring for one another

More information:
www.novacatholic.org

Questions:
gloriamog17@gmail.com

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

16 Years of Great Pizza

703-243-6600

Cheese 12" - \$14, \$0.99/topping

Cheese 14" - \$17, \$1.49/topping

Cheese 16" - \$19, \$1.99/topping

**On Tuesdays:
 Buy one pizza,
 get one free**

Arlington Forest Shopping Center
Hours: 10 am - 11pm Sun - Thurs
10 am - 12 am Fri - Sat

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

BROOKE RENTAL center®

We Rent the Things You Need!

Arlington, VA • 703.243.2122

Javikan

(Yes We Can!)

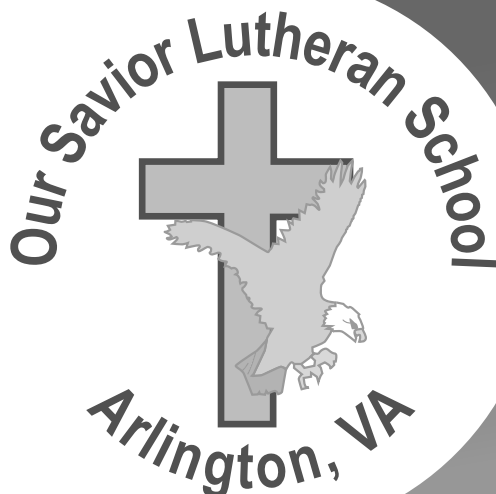
**Yard Care * Powerwashing
 Glass Recycling * Odd jobs**



*Staffed with
 Young Adults
 with Disabilities*

703-585-4946

Javikan123@gmail.com



**Pre-K (Age 4 by Sept.30)
 through 8th grade**

Affordable Tuition

Before and After School Program

Small Class Sizes

Many Extracurricular Activities

825 SOUTH TAYLOR STREET

ARLINGTON, VA 22204

703-892-4846

WWW.OSVA.ORG