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## Update on Arlington Public Schools

School Board member Reid Goldstein is the guest speaker at the AFCA monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Barrett Elementary School library. He will discuss issues facing Arlington Public Schools and answer questions. This is your opportunity to hear from, and provide input to, a School Board member.

Mr. Goldstein was reelected last year to a second term on the School Board. Prior to election, he served on numerous APS, County, and neighborhood committees. A 30-year Arlington resident, his two children graduated from Arlington schools (W-L and HB Woodlawn). He is the School Board's liaison to AFCA, Barcroft Elementary, Kenmore Middle School, and Wakefield High School.

Also at this month's meeting will be a short discussion about forming a committee to develop recommendations and a process so Arlington Forest can take a position on the County's upcoming "Missing Middle Housing Study." See the article on page 3 for details.

### Home and Garden Tour Set



Move over Kentucky Derby! The most exciting event for the first Saturday in May (at least in this neighborhood) is The Arlington Forest Home and Garden Tour on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Katherine

Roberts, Gloria Mog, and Tricia Freeman have joined forces to lead this popular neighborhood event which takes place every three years.

With your help we'll showcase at least a dozen examples of our neighbors' creativity and imagination in customizing the wonderful brick homes of Arlington Forest. Since the most recent tour in 2017, construction sites have filled our streets with bulldozers and dumpsters and vans. This is a great opportunity to share your vision and inspire your neighbors. One of the special joys of the tour is talking with the homeowners and delighting in their enthusiastic description of the pleasures and perils of their projects.

We want to present a selection of homes and gardens from each of the three sections of the neighborhood. We're looking for homes with additions large and small, as well as kitchen, bath or basement renovations. And since May is a glorious month in the mid-Atlantic, we're also interested in outdoor spaces with decks, ponds, porches and, of course, gardens. If you have a solution to limited storage or have reimagined room usage in your home, that also would be very welcome on the tour.

Please contact us if you're interested in sharing your home or garden, or if you have walked by a property that you'd love to visit! Or join the planning committee for this special community event -- our first planning meeting will be in early February. Look for additional details in the February edition of the *Arlington Forester*.

Thanks, Tricia Freeman (triafree@gmail.com), Gloria Mog (gloriamog@verizon.net), and Katherine Roberts (kenkatroberts@verizon.net).

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# Editor's Note

The Arlington Forester welcomes articles, news notes, letters, and photos focusing on non-commercial events or issues specific to our neighborhood. We publish eight times per year (Sept to Nov and Jan to May). Deadline for submissions is the first of the month. E-mail submissions of up to 400 words to newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org. Space often fills up before the deadline.

### Oak Decline in Northern Virginia by Hutch Brown

Stories long circulating about the decline of oaks in Virginia revived in our area during last summer's drought. Tree Stewards, a group of volunteers working to conserve urban tree canopies, has distributed a fact sheet on oak decline in our area. The fact sheet is based on collaborative work by urban foresters, state foresters, and Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension.

Oaks comprise two broad families, white (with rounded leaf lobes) and red (with toothed leaf lobes). The decline mainly affects the white oak group, such as chestnut oak and white oak. These two species dominate Arlington Forest Park next to the shopping center, where several trees are dead or declining.

The decline is due to longer hot spells and more extreme storms. 2018 was exceptionally wet and 2019 was exceptionally dry. Moreover, about 47 percent of the Lubber Run watershed is covered by impervious surfaces, and about 54 percent of Arlington's stream segments are now underground, contributing to long-term stress on trees.

Tree weakened by stress are more vulnerable to insects and disease. But the primary factors are poor urban soil and watershed conditions coupled with extremes of weather, temperature, and precipitation, all evident in our area in recent years. Remember the storm last July 8<sup>th</sup>? And the drought that followed?

What can a tree owner do? You can work with a certified arborist to avoid damaging your trees through landscaping or construction. In assessing your trees, choose an arborist not associated with a tree care company. You can also water during dry spells. A hose running on low for 30 minutes can help your mature tree.

And remember to give your trees space to grow. The root systems are shallow and extend three times as far as the branches. Consider removing lawn around your tree and replacing it with native plants or mulch. Spread mulch about 3 inches deep, 3 inches away from the trunk, and as far as you are comfortable.

You can find a good explanation of oak decline by the Virginia Department of Forestry online at "oak decline in Virginia."

**English Ivy is Destructive:** Winter is a great time to identify and remove evergreen English Ivy. If left unattended, this invasive plant can weigh down large trees to the point of collapse. Cut the vines at the ground level, cut again several feet up the trunk, and peel away the cut section.

THE NEXT AFCA MEETING IS AT BARRETT SCHOOL ON JAN. 15TH

### County Housing Study Could Impact Arlington Forest By Esther Bowring

Arlington County is launching a "Missing Middle Housing Study" in spring 2020. Why is this important to our neighborhood? The study will explore if and how different types of housing could help address Arlington's limited housing supply. Missing middle units -- such as duplexes and triplexes -- are currently restricted in many neighborhoods by Arlington's land use policy and Zoning Ordinance. The County believes that reducing barriers to building this type of housing in areas now zoned exclusively for single family homes – like Arlington Forest -- may increase the County's housing supply and provide more choices at a broader range of prices.

Arlington is considering whether allowing more than one residence per lot (upzoning) could help solve its current housing shortage for middle income households. Such upzoning would seriously impact single-family neighborhoods. (See Washington Post article, "In housing-hungry Arlington, officials study whether to allow more duplexes, triplexes" by Patricia Sullivan, December 29, 2019.)

While Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey has said the County Board is currently not considering upzoning the entire County, selected neighborhoods, such as Arlington Forest could be prime candidates, resulting in increased density and encouraging tear downs to build multiple units on one lot.

The County promises a robust community engagement process in the spring. Arlington Forest residents need to begin developing a position on this topic and consider the potential impacts to current residents.

Please come to the January 15<sup>th</sup> AFCA meeting at 7 p.m. at the Barrett School Library to begin the discussion about how to develop Arlington Forest's response. We will establish a committee to develop recommendations and keep the community informed and we need you to be engaged.

Learn more about the County study, search "missing middle" on the County website.

### Personal Emergency Preparedness By John Naland

Arlington Forest has experienced multi-day power outages a half-dozen times in the last 20 years due to windstorms, hurricanes, and snow storms. It is inevitable that such events will reoccur. Thus, even in our urban environment, we must be prepared to fend for ourselves for a few days. Below are suggestions on how to take charge of your own personal preparedness for natural or other emergencies.

-- Always maintain a five-day supply of non-perishable food, water, pet supplies, and medications.

-- Prepare an emergency kit of essential items: first aid supplies, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, flashlights, extra batteries, and cash (during power outages, ATMs and credit card machine will not work).

-- Fill your car gas tank if a storm is approaching.

-- Recharge mobile phones and other portable devices.

-- If high winds are forecast, secure your trash cans, yard furniture, and yard signs.

-- If a power outage is likely, turn off and unplug any non-essential electrical equipment to protect them from possible power spikes.

-- During a power outage, refrigerator food is safe if power is out no more than 4 hours. Keep the door closed as much as possible.

-- A freezer section that is half full will hold food safely for 24 hours without power. A full freezer will hold food safely for 48 hours. Do not open the freezer door. -- Discard any perishable food (such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers) from either the refrigerator or freezer that has been above 40°F for over 2 hours.

-- Stay clear of all downed lines. Do not attempt to guess which ones are deadly power lines and which are potentially non-threatening telephone lines.

-- Show all family members how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches in the event of structural damage to your home.

-- Move items in your basement off the floor in case of flooding.

-- Exercise caution if using candles during a power outage as they can be a fire hazard.

-- Talk with neighbors about cooperating after a storm: A neighbor with an emergency generator could recharge cell phones. A neighbor with a chainsaw could clear downed branches. Younger residents could clear older neighbor's sidewalks of snow and ice.

-- If power goes out or you see a street blocked by trees or downed lines, report it to the power company or County by cell phone. Emergency response can be delayed if everyone assumes someone else reported it.

-- Avoid non-essential travel when road conditions or weather is poor.

-- Designate an out-of-town relative or friend as a telephone point of contact should your family members lose contact with each other.

## **AFCA Holiday Party**



A neighborhood tradition as old as Arlington Forest continued last December 6<sup>th</sup> as Santa greeted scores of Foresters as he arrived for the Arlington Forest Holiday Party at Barrett Elementary School on a blaring, flashing Arlington fire truck.

Santa was mobbed as he got off the truck and led the

admiring crowd in a chorus of Jingle Bells before making his way into the school's all-purpose room where he was greeted by more excited kids and camera-toting parents. There he led more Christmas songs with the help of the "elves" from Brownie Troop 60036. The jolly old elf even danced a bit before taking his throne and listening to each child's holiday hopes and wishes.

Festive holiday music was provided by Holiday Party veterans Chris Bosch (bass) and Ken Schellenberg (keyboard). Natalie Roisman ran the craft table which sent many children home with handmade ornaments and decorations. And there were goodies for all on the potluck snack table.

Special thanks to Fire Station 2's night crew chief Kevin Pachas and Forester Mark Riley who made sure Santa arrived on time; and to Barrett Elementary School staff, especially the janitors. Finally, thanks to Santa's special helpers Karen Bailey and John and Barbara Naland. As he has for more than two decades, Chris Scheer organized the party.

#### Barrett School News ....continued from page 9

school boundaries of the entire school district. Led by Andrea Shaw and Jennie Apter – who have attended APS forums, drafted the Barrett PTA response letter to APS, submitted survey responses, and provided general guidance to the Barrett community – the committee has ensured that our concerns are heard and considered by APS as they move forward with their recommendation. In general, we have expressed our concerns with proposals that changes the current Barrett boundary as it would disrupt the balanced diversity of Barrett, make Barrett less walkable, and split our school community with arbitrary boundaries.

We hope your family had a joyous holiday season. Here's to a great year ahead for you, Arlington Forest, and the Barrett community!

Locally and nationally, low inventory, especially in the starter home price	Inventory in Arlington remained the market's major issue, with the 211	
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A recent Urban Institute report reveals that a lot of people are living in homes less valuable than they can afford. This puts pressure on the inventory for people at the lower income spectrum. The average home price in the United States is \$362,700.	November representing a decline of roughly 40% from the 349 properties available a year before. Buyers were pouncing on what was available, as more than half of the homes that went to closing in November spent less than 10 days on the market before finding a purchaser.	Casey O'Neal Associate Broker 703-217-9090 casey@caseyoneal.com Compass Real Estate
The NOVA Region's average price was \$625,860 in November 2019, up 8.38% compared to 1 year ago. There were 1,430 home sales in 11/19, down	Arlington Forest had 18 homes close in 2019 at an average price of \$789,394, while there were 26 homes closed in 2018 at an average price of \$781,205.	www.caseyoneal.com FREE Notary Service for Arlington Foresters! With me as your
<ul> <li>5.11% from 2018.</li> <li>For Arlington County, sales were down in 11/2019, while the average sales price for all property types was</li> <li>\$726,927 - up 11.3% from a year ago. The median price for a single-family home in Arlington was \$1,051,000, up 25% from 11/2018.</li> </ul>	Have you had thoughts of selling? The next few months will present an opportunity with the current conditions and trends. Contact me for a confidential discussion about your situation. Who you hire matters - put my 35 years of local market expertise to work for you!	advisor, 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 <u>https:compass.com/con</u> <u>cierge/</u> for details.

# Around the Forest

**Best of Arlington Forest:** Arlington Magazine's annual Best of Arlington list includes several Arlington Foresters. A leading vote-getter for best Arlington restaurant is SER which is owned and operated by Greenbrier Section residents Javier and Christiana Candon. Arlington Forest Shopping Center's Crystal Thai is one of the top vote-getter for best Thai restaurant and the Mathnasium is a leading vote-getter for best tutoring service. Arlington Forest runner Michael Wardian is highlighted for having run over 400 marathons and ultramarathons.



**Yard Sale:** Cold winter days are perfect for cleaning out closets and the basement in preparation for Arlington Forest's long-running annual Community Yard Sale. This year's event will be on May 16<sup>th</sup>. With around 30 Arlington

est households participating each year, the event attracts many bargain hunters from outside the neighborhood who are drawn to the convenience of cruising though one area to visit many sales.

**New Advertiser:** Welcome to new advertisers Penrose Trading Company (see page 7) and Sense of Place Café (page 12). We encourage residents to turn first to our advertisers and neighborhood businesses when you need goods or services. **Snow Watch:** Please remember that the safety of your neighbors depends adhering to the County code which requires clearing snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours after snowfall ceases (within 36 hours if snowfall exceeds 36 inches). Despite the 24-hour



the County urges shoveling "as soon as possible" since snow and ice left for any length of time could cause a pedestrian to fall and be injured. Any resident who is unable to shovel due to ill health, travel, or other reasons should coordinate for someone else to do the work. A low-cost option is to utilize "Kids for Hire" on page 10 to find an energetic neighborhood student to assist. Make a contingency reservation now so you do not worry about it the rest of the winter.

**Recycling Tips:** Do not place your recyclables in plastic bags inside the blue cart. Items enclosed in plastic bags are discarded as trash at the sorting facility because it is not cost effective to stop to open plastic bags to determine if they contain recyclables or trash. Place cans, bottles, and other recyclables loose in the blue cart. Also, never include loose plastic bags such as grocery sacks in the recycle cart as they can jam the sorting machinery. Finally, packing peanuts, bubble wrap, plastic air pillows are not recyclable.



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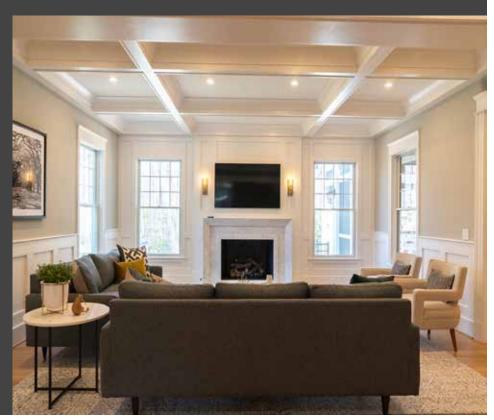
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### American Chestnut Found in Local Park by Hutch Brown

I occasionally walk through our neighborhood parks looking for birds and plants of interest. On one such walk last August, I found an American chestnut tree.

American chestnut was once a major forest tree in our area, flourishing from the Piedmont to the Allegheny Plateau and from Maine to Mississippi. The white flowers in spring brightened Appalachian landscapes, and the rot-resistant wood went into barns and other structures throughout our area. Each year, both wildlife and people feasted on the nuts.

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the chestnuts began to die from a fungal disease called chestnut blight, accidentally brought from Europe and first noticed in 1904. Eurasian chestnuts evolved with the affliction and are adapted to outbreaks, but the American chestnut was not.

By the 1950s, the blight had killed almost all of the roughly 4 billion mature trees throughout their range; only a few blight-resistant mature trees survive. Scientists have bred blight-resistant chestnuts now being outplanted in places like Dora Kelly Nature Park in Alexandria.

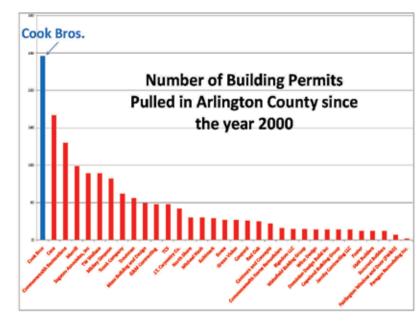
Chestnut sprouts from old rootstocks even after mature trees die, so we occasionally find original chestnut shoots in our woods. In the Appalachians, trees more than 10 feet tall are common. But when the stems get big enough, the bark fractures and the blight gets in, killing the tree.

The chestnut I found was in Glencarlyn Park near the pavilion at Long Branch. It was about 2 feet tall, with leaves that are long, toothed, and tapered toward the end. (Chestnut oak, named for its look-alike appearance, does not have the same tapering or "toothiness" in its leaves.)

Sprouts like this lead precarious lives, prone to drought and winter browse by wildlife. Let's hope the chestnut is still there next spring!



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# Community Calendar

**Next AFCA Meeting:** Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, at Barrett Elementary School.

Presidential Primary Election: March 3rd.

**Neighborhood Spring Cleanup:** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Help beautify our neighborhood parks.

Home and Garden Tour: Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Annual Yard Sale: Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Turn unwanted stuff into cash.

County Board Primary Election: June 9th.

Lubber Run Amphitheater: Mid-June. Live entertainment under the stars.

Arlington County Fair: August 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Rides and food.

#### Future AFCA Meetings:

February 19<sup>th</sup>: Carlin Springs Crossing Update March 18<sup>th</sup>: Farmers Market Update and Preview April 15<sup>th</sup>: Lubber Run Community Center Update May 20<sup>th</sup>: Picnic and Annual Membership Meeting

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### **County Growth and Stormwater Management**

#### by Alex Brown

In the 1930s, agriculture was still the primary land use in Arlington. Since then, the county has exploded to over 200,000 residents, and while growth is a good problem to have, indicating good economic performance and livability, it comes with a variety of issues, including stormwater management.

After last summer's catastrophic flooding, some residents have advocated against growth -- especially against rezoning to increase density -- in hopes that this will prevent future flooding. This idea will do more harm than good to stormwater management and the county.

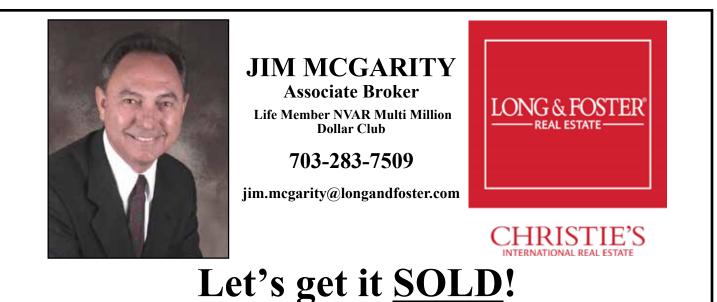
Arlington is going to grow. The county has some control over it, but short of putting Arlington into a long-term economic recession, stopping or significantly slowing growth is impossible. However, there are different kinds of growth. Two major categories are planned and unplanned growth.

If the county does not rezone to account for growth, we get unplanned growth. This results in skyrocketing housing prices, overcrowded and possibly dangerous living conditions, and health hazards as public utilities are strained. We also get urban sprawl, resulting in far worse per-capita stormwater impacts among other issues.

On the other hand, planned growth can be concentrated into existing high-density corridors through rezoning for some expansion and infill development. This preserves the surrounding single-family neighborhoods and open space while drastically reducing per-capita stormwater impacts. This concentration of growth in mixed-use urban corridors along transportation hubs is called "smart growth," and is part of the solution to stormwater issues. Arlington is known internationally for it, and my classes at Virginia Tech frequently mention the county as an example.

Smart growth will not convert large neighborhoods of single-family homes into high-rises. Preserving neighborhoods like Arlington Forest is a county priority, and smart growth not only helps to achieve this goal but also limits urban encroachment to walking distance from Metro stations. Neighborhoods like ours will not be touched anytime this century.

Arlington's stormwater runoff is a major problem but fighting smart growth and rezoning will not solve it. Our infrastructure is outdated, built at a time when we understood far less about our impacts on the environment, and this is the main source of our woes. We now have the opportunity to redesign stormwater infrastructure. Incorporating green infrastructure to retain and filter water onsite and stream restoration are parts of a long-term solution to problems with flooding and water quality degradation.



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# Your Neighbor in Arlington Forest

# **Barrett School News**

The past two months have been eventful and busy for the Barrett community as we celebrated our diversity, demonstrated our generosity, and continued to unite as one community.

In November, Barrett held its annual United Nations Heritage Assembly to showcase the school's cultural diversity (see picture). More than 40 countries were represented as students and staff dressed up in the traditional clothing of their families (or countries they had visited or lived in). Following the event, Sen. Tim Kaine's regional director, Mr. Gaston Araoz-Riveros, met with our Friday Volunteers, Barrett parents who come from many countries in Central and South America. Mr. Araoz-Riveros listened as the Friday Volunteers shared the many concerns affecting their families and community.

Despite the dreary weather, Barrett students and their family showed up for the always popular annual Bingo Night in mid-December. In fact, this year's Bingo night broke the record for the most amount of money raised for the Barrett PTA! Thank you to all the families who showed up for the event, as well as to those who provided generous financial and prize donations.

Through the incredible generosity of the Barrett community, the Barrett Gives program was another huge success as we were able to improve the holidays for 100 Barrett families. This year, the program received an unprecedented amount of gifts and donations, that in addition to providing for the Barrett Gives program, will also help our social workers in serving the needs of our Barrett community throughout the year. A special thanks to Amy Gropper, Claire Vellente, Arturo Ramirez, Wendy Cornejo, and Diana Bustamante for leading the initiative and making the program a success!

In the classroom, the Pre-K and Kindergarten team launched the Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) to engage and empower parents with information and strategies to work with their children at home to support their learning and development. Following a kick-off dinner, parents came together in their child's classroom to learn about ways teachers and parents can work together as a team to help their students thrive. Teachers modeled games with families that can be played at home to strengthen academic skills. This event had an awesome turnout and will be held again in the spring.

Finally, over the past two months, our Barrett PTA Special Committee has actively engaged Arlington Public Schools throughout the Elementary School Planning/ Boundary Process. APS is undergoing a process to review and recommend proposals that will impact the elementary ......continued on page 4



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### Happy New Year!

Mooch (our 7-year old Golden) and our family wish all our neighbors here in the Forest a healthy and happy New Year!



"We have tasty sticks, plenty of fire hydrants, a bunch of really friendly dogs, and unlimited houses whose front doors I love checking out. If you need to sell or buy one, please talk to my human buddy, Paul. The home buying/selling process might seem ruff, but he makes it seem fun!" - Mooch





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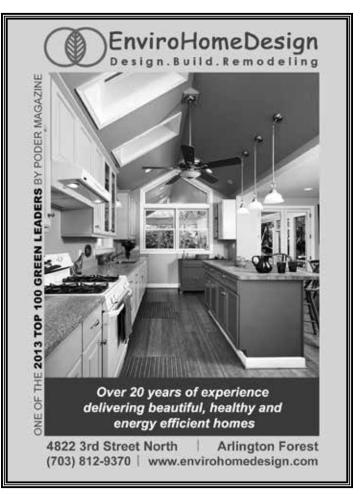
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