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## Lubber Run Amphitheater 2019 Season: Celebrating a Half Century of Fun and Entertainment

Every night is special on this year's Lubber Run Amphitheater schedule of free family entertainment, but some are more special than others...and June 14th goes beyond that. That Friday date marks the 50th anniversary of Arlington's unique outdoor entertainment venue and the opening night of another exciting season of music under the stars right here in Arlington Forest.

Grammy-nominated performer Raul Midon (\*see his profile at the end of this article) kicks off the 2019 summer season at 8 pm, but the 50th anniversary celebration begins at 7 pm when the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation

and Doodle Hoppers 4 Kids Toy Store in Falls Church provide free ice cream from a vintage 1969 Good Humor truck (while supplies last so get there early) along with 1969 tunes for listening and dancing. It's picnic time!

And there's more! Kids (and adults) can join in a sidewalk chalk drawing extravaganza and Foundation volunteers will interview young and old about their memories of Lubber Run Amphitheater. In event of rain, the celebration will begin at 7 pm on June 29 in conjunction with the scheduled 8 pm performance by Signature Theater.

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## AFCA Membership Meeting & Potluck Picnic



The final AFCA meeting of the season is a neighborhood tradition -- a little business mixed with a lot of food, fun, and friends.

The Wednesday, May 15, AFCA meeting will be a potluck picnic starting 6 pm in the Lubber Run Park 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 non-alcoholic drinks other than water and soda.

There will be a brief business meeting to hold the annual election of AFCA officers. All current officers plan to run for re-election, but any dues-paying AFCA member is welcome

re-election, but any dues-paying AFCA member is welcome to place their name in nomination at the meeting. The event will last about an hour. Children and friendly dogs are welcome. This will be the last AFCA meeting until September.

While all residents are invited to every AFCA meeting, the May picnic meeting is a great way for infrequent attendees and recent arrivals to see their neighborhood association in action and have a say in its leadership. Thanks go to Chris Scheer for organizing the picnic again this year.

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*AFCA Meeting & Picnic 6 p.m. May 15 at Lubber Run*

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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.

## Amphitheater

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This year's Lubber Run Amphitheater summer concert series runs through September 15. The schedule includes 30 programs covering the gamut of the lively arts: theater and dance, rock, hip hop, classical music, country and folk, world music, jazz/R&B and children's entertainment. The full schedule is printed on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter -- suitable for pulling out to post on your refrigerator or otherwise keeping handy for reference throughout the season. As an Arlington County facility, Lubber Run Amphitheater concerts may be canceled due to inclement weather on relatively short notice.

Your generous donations to the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation (a 501(c)3 non-profit) at the amphitheater wishing well or to the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation, 107 N. Park Drive, Arlington VA 22203, fund children shows, other selected Amphitheater performances and special activities and events. This year, the Foundation will present three 11 am Sunday children shows:

-- August 25 Wildlife Ambassadors: Immediately following this show at noon, the Foundation, in partnership with Lee Arts Center artists, will sponsor Wild Life, Wild Art in the Lubber Run Park pavilion, rain or shine. Kids will craft clay creations, and the Foundation will provide free pizza and drinks.

-- September 8 Mad Science of DC (Rain date: September 22): Designed to spark imaginative learning and scientific literacy for children in preschool through grade 6.

-- September 15 The Great Zucchini: The Great Zucchini was voted Washington Family Magazine's "Favorite Children's Entertainer" of 2017 and 2018.

Foresters can keep up with this year's Lubber Run Amphitheater schedule on Facebook and find a complete schedule with descriptions of the programs on the Arlington County web site. Search "Lubber Run Amphitheater".

### **Entertainer Profile:**

Lubber Run Amphitheater 50th anniversary kickoff entertainer Raul Midon's impassioned acoustic guitar playing -- a mix of rock, classical, and flamenco - complements his smooth, relaxed voice. Blind since birth, Midon began playing drums early in his childhood before switching to guitar. He relocated to Miami for college in the '90s where he moonlighted as a background vocalist for Latin pop recordings. Word quickly spread of his talent as a singer and guitarist, inspired by singer/songwriters such as Hermeto Pascoal, Joni Mitchell, James Taylor, and Bill Withers.

# Community Yard Sale - May 18



The map on the back cover of this newsletter depicts the participants who signed up for Arlington Forest Community Yard Sale before this issue's editing deadline. Sellers are encouraged to make photocopies of the map (also downloadable from the online Arlington Forester

at [www.arlingtonforestva.org](http://www.arlingtonforestva.org) under the Newsletter tab) and display them alongside their merchandise so that, once shoppers find one sale site, they can pick up a map leading them to other sites.

In past years, additional sellers have participated without submitting their address to be marked on the map. So, as you walk around your neighborhood on yard sale morning, you may find additional sellers.

Suggestions on how to run a successful sale include: display items in shopper-friendly ways, sort clothes by size and toys by user age, have grocery sacks on hand, price items reasonably, accept only cash, be ready to make change, and watch your money. To snag buyers who make yard sales their business, start setting up at 7 am. In late morning, people come out looking for close-out prices. If left with 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.

Sale participants living near Arlington Blvd, Carlin Springs Rd., George Mason Dr. and Henderson Dr. are encouraged to post signs pointing into the neighborhood and to their sales (please remove signs at day's end). AFCA will also post signs at strategic points.

In addition, AFCA has placed classified ads in the Washington Post and the Sun Gazette and online ads on Craigslist, the Arlington Patch, and YardSaleSearch.com. The ads mention the May 19 rain date.

For many people, yard sale success is not measured by profit, but by how much unwanted stuff is moved out instead of left cluttering rooms, basement or attic. The sale is also a great community event. Families can say hello to neighbors down the block and strike their own bargains. Kids can set up a lemonade stand.

So, whether you are a seller, buyer or both, please come out on Saturday morning, May 18. The yard sale will proceed if there is drizzle or passing light showers. But if substantial rain is forecast, AFCA will send a message on its listserv to shift to rain date May 19.

*Save the Date:  
AFCA Meeting & Picnic  
May 15, 6 pm at Lubber Run  
Bring a side dish to share!*

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# Giving Thanks

by John Naland

As the Arlington Forester publication year ends, let's recognize those whose hard work is responsible for getting this newsletter delivered to your front door eight times a year.

First, thank you to Laura Smialowicz who has done the layout each issue for the past nine years -- fitting articles, photos, and advertisements into available space; creating attractive graphics, and posting the finished newsletter on AFCA's website ([www.arlingtonforestva.org](http://www.arlingtonforestva.org) under the Newsletter tab).

Next, let's thank the delivery teenagers who go door-to-door on cold winter days and climb long flights of steps in the hilly sections of our neighborhood. This year's delivery crew was David Alves, Emily Engelken, Marcus Helm, Bridget and Jack Holt, Emilio Luz-Ricca, Anna and Gavin McLaughlin, Zi Rattleman, Christoph Schoer, Declan Roberts, and Ava Smialowicz.

Thanks go to the neighbors who submitted articles this past year, including Jennifer Weber, Natalie Roisman, Hutch Brown, Lora Strine, Liz Kauffman, Luke Reynolds, Ken Schellenberg, Mary Ann Strawn, and Chris Scheer.

Thanks also to our advertisers whose support almost covers most of the cost of printing and distributing the newsletter. Please consider our advertisers first when you need a good or service that they offer.

Beyond this newsletter, we owe thanks to our AFCA Board members and Neighborhood Conservation Plan representatives (see list on page 2). Important work was also done this past year by neighbors who volunteer their time on the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation, Lubber Run Farmers Market committee, Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update committee, and N. Carlin Springs Traffic Safety committee. We thank those who assisted at the annual Holiday Party, children's Halloween parade, and the scarecrow making event. Thanks also to residents who participated in our annual Spring Cleanup and those who, throughout the year, stop to pick up trash in our parks.

Look for the next issue of this newsletter at your front door in mid-September. Until then, have a great summer!

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**Farmers Market open every Saturday:** The Lubber Run Farmers Market is open every Saturday at Barrett Elementary School between 8am and 12 noon through November. See you on Saturday mornings to:

- Shop for fresh ingredients for the week's meals
  - Catch up with neighbors
  - Have breakfast and coffee
  - Hang out and listen to music
  - If coming with young children, visit the playground
- To learn more, visit <http://lubberrunfarmersmarket.org>.

There has been a lot written on millennials and their impact on the housing market. Some claim this generation is becoming the largest share of first-time home buyers, while others claim millennials don't want to own a home, blaming them for the dip in homeownership rate. While it's true that millennials are buying homes later in life than their parents did, they are not solely to blame for today's housing market trends. Freddie Mac's [Insight Report](#) explored the impact of the Silent and Baby Boomer Generations on the housing market. Why are millennials unable to find a home to buy at a young age like their predecessors? **The answer:** Seniors born after 1931 are staying in their homes longer than prior generations, instead choosing to "age in place." This trend accounts for about **1.6 million houses** held back from the market through 2018, representing one year's typical supply of new construction, or more than half of the current shortfall of 2.5 million housing units estimated in December's Insight.

Older Americans prefer to age in place because they are satisfied with their communities, their homes, and their quality of life. According to the National Association of Realtors, [inventory](#) of homes for sale is currently at a 3.5-month supply, which means that nationally we are in a seller's market. Locally we have about a one month supply. A 'normal' housing market requires 6-7 months inventory, a level we have not achieved since August 2012. The most important fundamental in today's housing market is the lack of houses for sale. This shortage has been identified as an important barrier to young adults buying their first homes. If you are one of the many seniors who desires to retire in the same area you've always lived, you're not alone.

Will your current house fit your needs throughout retirement? If you have any questions about demand for your house, let's get together to discuss the opportunities available today!



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# Around the Forest

**Edison Park Playground:** On April 24, AFCA voted 17-0 to approve the Final Design for the Edison Park renovations. The design includes separate play areas for age groups 2-5 and 5-12 and multigenerational swings, with improved circulation for accessibility and park use; new site furnishings – benches, picnic tables, bike racks, trash and recycle cans; reforestation (required) and additional plantings for shade, beautification and pollinators; maintenance and improvement of trail through the use of grass-pave or a similar engineered product for trails; and stormwater management to reduce erosion. This \$760,00 Neighborhood Conservation Project now moves into the engineering and contracting phase. Construction is expected to begin in March or April of next year with the removal of existing playground equipment. The new park is scheduled to open in fall of 2020. A link to the design is on the Neighborhood tab of the AFCA website. Learn more and sign up for email updates at the project page:

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/edison-park/>.

**Spring Cleanup:** We had a good turnout for the ninth annual Arlington Forest Spring Cleanup on Saturday morning, April 27. Groups of neighbors removed trash from the streambed in Lubber Run Park and cleaned up the buffer strip on the southside of Arlington Blvd. At the foot of N. Granada St. (see photo), neighbors scoured the Four Mile Run flood plain between N. Carlin Springs Dr. and Arlington Blvd filling five bags with trash and pulled numerous over-size objects out of the stream for the County to haul away. AFCA thanks the volunteers for their efforts to preserve our green spaces and remove trash that otherwise would have been washed down to the Potomac River and eventually into Chesapeake Bay.



Save the Date:  
Community Yard Sale  
on Saturday, May 18th



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# Nature News

**Major Recycling Change:** The County Board voted unanimously on April 25 to ask residents to stop placing glass in their blue recycling carts. Instead, the County now asks residents to discard their glass containers in their black trash carts. The County will be notifying customers by mail and via informational hangers on their waste collection carts.

A significant drop in the market value of glass recyclables means it is no longer economically or environmentally sustainable for the County to collect them via single-stream recycling. With markets as they are, recycling centers that receive materials from Arlington and other localities are frequently depositing glass in landfills rather than forwarding them on to recycling facilities. Also, broken glass can contaminate other recyclables rendering them unrecyclable.

Last year, glass accounted for almost a quarter of the contents by weight inside blue recycling carts in Arlington. The County will save money in processing costs for each ton of glass left out of single-stream residential recycling since it costs less to process. The County expects to pass the savings along to customers through a decrease in the Household Solid Waste Rate.

Glass placed in black trash carts is collected for incin-

tion to produce electricity at the Covanta Waste-to-Energy facility in Alexandria. The plant can process 975 tons of waste each day, producing 21 megawatts of energy, enough to power some 20,000 homes. The melted glass is currently discharged as ash and sent to the Fairfax County Ash Monofil, but Covanta is evaluating whether the ash, including glass residue, can be used in paving and other projects.

Alternately, residents can bring their glass containers to one of two County recycling drop-off centers: Quincy Park (N. Quincy St. and Washington Blvd.) or the Trades Center (2700 S. Taylor St. in Shirlington). Glass dropped off there will travel to Fairfax County to be crushed and turned into sand and gravel for use in paving, construction, and landscaping.

**Recycling Reminder:** Do not place your recyclables in plastic bags. Items enclosed in plastic bags are discarded at the sorting facility which does not have time to open plastic bags (even see-through bags) to determine if they contain recyclables. Instead, place cans and other recyclables loose in the blue recycling cart. Also, never include plastic bags such as grocery sacks in the recycling cart as they can jam the sorting machinery.

## Your Arlington Forest Representative for selling or buying a home

The market in the Arlington Forest Community is still active! The inventory is extremely low. Here is a list of homes that are under contract and or sold in the past 90 days. Inventory is low and homes in Arlington Forest are selling within days!

Active: 210 N. Columbus Street Arlington, VA 22204 is listed for \$699,900

Pending: 222 N. Park Road Arlington, VA 22203 was listing for \$749,900 and is due to settle on 4/10

Sold: 5504 Carling Springs Rd Arlington VA 22203 was listed for \$685,000 and sold for \$640,000

Sold: 4734 Arlington Blvd Arlington VA 22204 was listed for \$699,789 and sold for \$695,000

Sold: 5141 N. 3rd Street Arlington, VA 22203 was listed for \$989,000 and sold for \$955,000

Sold: 35 S. Aberdeen Street Arlington, VA 22204 was listed for \$1,100,000 and sold for \$1,105,000

Sold: 5032 N Carling Springs Rd Arlington VA 22203 listed for \$1,099,000

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# Lubber Run 2019 - 50 Years

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**8PM FRIDAY JUNE 14**

**RAUL MIDON**

Two-time Grammy Award-nominee (“Best Male Jazz Vocalist” 2018 and 2019) RAUL MIDÓN opens the 50th Anniversary Lubber Run Summer Concert Season.

**PRE-SHOW CELEBRATION \***

The 50th anniversary celebration begins at 7pm when the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation and Doodle Hoppers 4 Kids Toy Store in Falls Church provide free ice cream from a vintage 1969 Good Humor truck (while supplies last so get there early) along with 1969 tunes for listening and dancing. And more!



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**8PM SATURDAY JUNE 15**

**JUSTIN JONES**

D.C. based singer-songwriter Justin Jones plays “electrified country and roots-rock that leaves plenty of space for Jones to hold court” — *Washington Post*



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**8PM FRIDAY JUNE 21**

**FULL POWER BLUES BAND**

A mainstay at numerous festivals throughout the DMV, the band features vocalist Mama Moon, saxophonist Murray Green, and guitarist Sam’i Nuriddin.

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**8PM SATURDAY JUNE 22**

**SIN MIEDO**

One of the best Salsa orchestras in DC. Led by French pianist Didier Prossaird, Sin Miedo has been performing in the area for the past 20 years.

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**11AM SUNDAY JUNE 23**

**GRANDSONS JR**

The kids-oriented version of the DC-area roots rock superstars, the Grandsons, Jr., have won “best children’s artist” 3 years in a row from the Washington Area Music Association!

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**8PM FRIDAY JUNE 28**

**ARLINGTON PHILHARMONIC**

The 7th Annual “Pops for Pets” is a benefit for both the Arlington Philharmonic and Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA). Your pets are welcome patrons for this event!

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**8PM SATURDAY JUNE 29**

**SIGNATURE THEATRE**

Enjoy a cabaret style performance by the thrilling voices that star in productions by Arlington’s Tony Award®-winning professional theater.

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**11AM SUNDAY JUNE 30**

**ENCORE STAGE & STUDIO**

“A Sidewalk Stroll” stars professional artists who bring park adventures and friendly animals to life, all the while teaching about navigating through life’s surprises.

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**8PM FRIDAY JULY 5**

**U.S. ARMY BLUES**

The premier jazz ensemble of the United States Army, they have shared the stage with jazz greats such as Dave Brubeck, Doc Severinsen, Stanley Turrentine, and Dr. Billy Taylor.

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**8PM SATURDAY JULY 6**

**THE FUSS**

A dynamic ska, rocksteady, and early reggae band from DC. Their sound pays tribute to the music of 1960’s Jamaica and the British Mod scene, while putting modern slant on the timeless styles.

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**11AM SUNDAY JULY 7**

**REPTILES ALIVE**

Fun for all ages! Enjoy exciting stories about how the animals survive while meeting an exotic cast of snakes, lizards, turtles and other amazing animals.

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**8PM FRIDAY JULY 12**

**VOX POP**

Consisting of high-energy, entertaining live performers, Vox Pop was a 2017 headliner of the National A Cappella Convention in Memphis, TN.

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**6PM SATURDAY JULY 13**

**KING SOUL**

DC-based Rockabilly/Roots band influenced by classic Sun Records in Memphis, music recorded at the Quonset Hut and RCA Studio B in Nashville in the 1950s and ‘60s. Note the early 6pm start time!

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**11AM SUNDAY JULY 14**

**ROCNOCEOUS**

These three bandmates have been making award-winning music for the whole family since 2005 and have gained significant national recognition performing at the Kennedy Center and Wolf Trap.

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**8PM FRIDAY JULY 19**

**DOGO**

Born in Lome, Togo, DOGO played in the Togolese capital before moving here and founding the Afropop/Afrofunk band Elikeh. Known for high energy performances and original material.

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**8PM FRIDAY JULY 26**

**MARIACHI LOS AMIGOS**

A group of friends who share a passion for the lively, extraverted sound of mariachi music which originated among the ranching and farming people of west Mexico in the 19th century.

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**8PM FRIDAY AUG 2**

**COMPANY DANZANTE**

A contemporary repertory dance company based in Arlington. Since 2013, the company has presented work at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage and other venues.

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**8PM FRIDAY AUG 9**

**CARLY HARVEY**

Combines Blues, Jazz, Soul, & Americana roots styles to create a unique sound that calls to mind Etta James, Bonnie Raitt, Nina Simone, with a little Ella Fitzgerald thrown in for good measure.

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**11AM SUNDAY AUG 25**

**WILDLIFE AMBASSADORS:**

***WILD LIFE/WILD ART\****

Get up close to exotic animals! Then join Lee Arts Center artists to make clay creations and enjoy pizza and beverages supplied by the Foundation.

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**8PM SATURDAY JULY 20**

**THE HOT LANES**

Influenced by Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, this group promotes jazz in the area through festivals, concerts, and educational masterclasses in schools.

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**8PM SATURDAY JULY 27**

**SHAMANS OF SOUND**

They bring a variety influences to the table, ranging from roots and dub to hip-hop, r&b, soul, funk and dancehall but it's their shared love of reggae which brings everyone together.

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**8PM SATURDAY AUG 3**

**IRENE JALENTI -**

**"HOMAGE TO THE BEATLES"**

Italian-born, Baltimore-based jazz vocalist Irene Jalehti brings a jazz take on the legendary rock anthems of The Beatles.

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**8PM SATURDAY AUG 10**

**VERONNEAU**

A delicious blend of bossa nova, jazz, samba, swing and acoustic music performed in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

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**11AM SUNDAY SEP 8**

**MAD SCIENCE OF DC\***

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*(Rain Date: 11am Sunday Sep 22)*

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**11AM SUNDAY JULY 21**

**RAINBOW ROCK BAND**

Winners of a Parents' Choice Fun Stuff Award for their debut CD, and a 2018 Family Choice Award, they mix musical genres from folk, pop rock to rockabilly, all the while being EDUCATIONAL and FUN!!

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**11AM SUNDAY JULY 28**

**LEVINE SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

Join our First Music faculty for a program of music and fun for the whole family by accomplished musicians and early childhood specialists who emphasize learning through play.

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**11AM SUNDAY AUG 4**

**MR. GABE & CIRCLE TIME ALL STARS**

Featuring electric guitar, bass and drums, they perform a rockin' 'n' rollin' mix of traditional favorites, family-friendly rock and pop songs.

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**11AM SUNDAY AUG 11**

**ENCORE STAGE & STUDIO**

A journey for the whole family: One imaginary friend, cardboard boxes, and a brave Rocket Woman together make one journey that is out of this world!

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**11AM SUNDAY SEP 15**

**THE GREAT ZUCCHINI\***

A fixture at the White House Easter Egg Roll and National Zoo's Guppy Gala, the Great Zucchini was voted Washington Family Magazine's "Favorite Children's Entertainer" of 2017 and 2018.

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Subject to change - for schedule updates visit <https://arts.arlingtonva.us/lubber-run/>

Arlington's LUBBER RUN AMPHITHEATER performance series is presented by Arlington Cultural Affairs, a Division of Arlington Economic Development, in cooperation with the Arlington Forrest neighborhood's Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation.

# Notable Neighbor

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ing it purple. Purple and orange are the bold logo colors of R.E.A.D. The goal is to fill the bus with reading material and go directly to community centers where books can be given to families.

But busses take money. The group recently reached the second round in a bid for a national grant, raising \$3,000 to prove community support for the book bus project. Read all about it, visit the website: [www.readearlyanddaily.org](http://www.readearlyanddaily.org).



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# Community Calendar

**Next AFCA Meeting:** Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM, Lubber Run Shelter.

**Lubber Run Farmers Market:** Open Saturday mornings through November.

**QuarterFest** ([www.quarterfestballston.org](http://www.quarterfestballston.org), formerly Taste of Arlington): May 18<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> near Ballston Quarter mall.

**Annual Yard Sale:** Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Turn unwanted stuff into cash.

**Elections:** June 11th. Democratic primary for State races.

**Lubber Run Amphitheater:** June 14th. Live entertainment under the stars resumes.

**Arlington County Fair:** August 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. Rides, food, displays, and racing pigs.

### Future AFCA Meetings:

September 18th: AFCA begins a new year of advocacy.



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# Barcroft School News

As we move towards the end of the school year, we invite all community members to the Barcroft Elementary School Open House on Saturday, June 1 from 9 to 11 AM. This is a great opportunity for incoming students and families, and all neighbors, to meet the school leadership and tour the school.

We are looking forward to many exciting events over the next month. Most of all, we are thrilled to celebrate Ms. AB as Principal of the Year on May 14. Barcroft fourth graders will be performing at the Arlington School Board recognition event at Washington-Lee High School. Additional upcoming activities include:

May 23: Café Sazon fundraiser where 10% of sales between 4-8 PM will go to Barcroft PTA. Make sure to mention you are supporting Barcroft!

May 28: Final PTA Meeting of the year at 6:30 PM

June 1: Barcroft Open House from 9-11 AM

June 19: Fifth Grade Promotion from 6:30-8 PM

July 18: Kindergarten play date at 6 PM

July 28: Kindergarten play date at 4 PM

August 7: Barcroft's First Day of School

While you will receive this newsletter after Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10), it is always a great time to thank the amazing staff at all our neighborhood elementary schools. Please join us in saying THANK YOU to all who help our children learn and grow.



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# Barrett School News

This is the last installment of Barrett Elementary news before the Arlington Forester takes its summer break. Don't forget that you can continue to follow along with the Barrett faculty, staff, and PTA over the summer! On Twitter, search "#kwbpride" or find the PTA at @BPTAE in English and @BPTASP in Spanish. The PTA is also on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/barrettpta](http://www.facebook.com/barrettpta).

Here are some of the exciting things happening throughout the Barrett community this spring:

On Spring Garden Workday, Barrett welcomed staff, students, parents, and Arlington Forest neighbors to help pull weeds and spread mulch. We appreciate everyone's contributions to the beauty of Barrett!

The Barrett "On-Target Tigers" 5th grade team competed in a Math Dice competition, and two Barrett students were among the eight runners-up. In Math Dice, players roll two 12-sided target dice and multiply them to get a target number, then they roll three scoring dice and combine these numbers using addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, or even powers to build an equation that is closest, or equal to, the target. Congratulations to Math Dice coach Ms. Tercero (5th grade teacher) and the team!

The 4th grade took a field trip to Gunston Hall, the historic home of George Mason (just 25 miles from Bar-

rett), to learn about the lives of the people, both free and enslaved, who lived there. This is part of the 4th grade Virginia Studies curriculum. Visitors to Gunston Hall can see the kitchen yard, with a reconstructed kitchen, dairy, and laundry; the schoolhouse, including the tutor's quarters; the burying ground; and the garden.

Barrett kindergarteners became junior explorers of Arlington Forest and surrounding homes when they set out on a walk to identify and sketch things that make the Barrett neighborhood unique.

Early May (after submission of this article but before distribution of the newsletter) features Teacher Appreciation Week, which includes catered meals for teachers, cards made by students, and recess coverage. Barrett families welcome this opportunity each year to show the teachers how much they are valued. In addition, Barrett students participate in walk/bike to school day. Walkers/bikers will get fresh fruit snacks and can participate in an obstacle course on the blacktop.

Keep an eye out over the summer for news about rising Kindergartener play dates and more. Thank you as always for your support of the Barrett students, faculty, staff, and PTA. Have a great summer!

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## Spring is Here!

Most Arlington Forest kids just finished up with spring break. We were able to take a fun family trip to Charleston and Kiawah Island, South Carolina. And the Forest is bursting with the signs of spring!



Amazingly, these pictures of our place were taken just a few days apart—spring comes fast. Similarly, the real estate market transitions to a very busy market each spring. It's all about inventory now, as I see my buyers competing with 10, 12, or more offers. For help in this busy spring market, feel free to get in touch anytime.



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These Arlington Forest youths are ready to help. To be added or deleted, e-mail [newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org](mailto:newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org).

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