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Vote on Final Design for Edison Park

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Arlington Foresters will vote on the final design for Edison Park renovations at the AFCA monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 pm in the Barrett School Library. County Landscape Architect Kathy von Bredow will present the final design, based on AFCA's approved scope for the project, input from participants at the February 13 design working group meeting, and online comments.

Design elements include play areas for ages 2-5 and 5-12, two basket swings, a mandatory forested Resource Protection Area to conserve soil and stream quality, storm water management to reduce runoff and erosion, and new park amenities (benches, tables, fencing). The final design incor-

Farmers Market Reopens April 27

The 2019 Season of the Lubber Run Farmers Market starts on April 27. As before, the market takes place 8:00 am to 12:00 pm in the parking lot of the Barrett Elementary School.

The market has much to offer people looking for fresh, locally sourced recipe ingredients or a late morning snack. We have seventeen vendors confirmed so far, eleven of which will join us on the opening day, with the others coming in later weeks. The confirmed vendors so far include (* indicates new for the 2019 season):

-- Ana's Twist (Sweet Twist of Ecuador LLC) of Alexandria, ice cream and sorbet, soups, baked empanadas, salsa, and freshly made juices *

-- Baguette Republic of Sterling, artisan breads

-- Barajas Produce of Colonial Beach, vegetables and berries

-- Catoctin Creamery of Leesburg, handcrafted artisan goat cheeses *

-- Cold Country Salmon of Zions Crossroads, sustainably caught wild fish

-- F.J. Medina & Sons Farm of Montross, vegetables *

-- Great Valley Farms, LLC of Mount Jackson, fresh produce and canned goods-- Hog Haven Farm of Columbia, VA, a pasture-raised, humanely certified hog farm that offers frozen pork and hot breakfast sandwiches

porates an added grassy area not in the February 13 working

to view the design. This project was requested and funded

through the Neighborhood Conservation Program. All Arling-

ton Forest residents are eligible to vote, one vote per house-

Also at this month's meeting, Lubber Run Farmers Market

committee members Barbara Englehart and Allison Kennett

will update us on plans for this year's market. See below for a

hold. Questions? Please contact Neighborhood Conserva-

tion Rep Liz Kauffman, lizkauffman@yahoo.com.

Visit the Edison Park Project page on the County's website

--- Honey Brook Farms in Culpeper County, organic beef, vegetables, fresh chicken, and gluten-free baked goods

-- Jennie Mae's Baked Goods of Arlington, muffins and cookies

-- Kilmer's Farm Market of Inwood, WV, tree fruits *
 -- La Coop Coffee of Washington, D.C., coffee using fairly traded beans from Guatemala

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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.

Farmers Market

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-- Ozfeka Catering of Arlington,
Mediterranean Turkish dishes
-- Rah Rah Fruit Bowlz of Arlington,
bowls made to order from acai berries, granola, yogurt, and fresh fruit

-- The Fermented Pig of Lorton, locally sourced bacon and hand-crafted sausages *

-- Twin Springs Fruit Farm Inc. of Adams County, Pennsylvania, tree fruits and vegetables produced using integrated pest control principles

To learn more, visit http://lubberrunfarmersmarket. org. The website includes an interactive map where you can see what vendors are scheduled to be at the market each weekend. We encourage you to post pictures from the market to our Facebook page, which you can access through the website.

Walking to the market is encouraged. And the two playgrounds at the Barrett School are available to make this Saturday morning family excursion a treat for young and old alike. See you at the Market!

Learn more at http://lubberrunfarmersmarket.org

Spring Cleanup on April 27 by John Naland

Our eighth annual Arlington Forest Spring Cleanup is Saturday morning, April 27. Volunteers will be active in Lubber Run Park (to remove trash from the streambed), the Arlington Blvd southside buffer strip (to remove trash and clean up), and below the N. Granada/N. Greenbrier trailhead (to remove trash from streambed).

We start at 9 am, rain or shine. If you arrive late, look around for those who are already at work. Wear old clothes and sturdy shoes and bring drinking water. Wear garden or work gloves if you have them. The cleanup usually ends by 10:30 am.

Please join this effort to beautify our public spaces if you enjoy walking, jogging or biking in our local parks; if you want to help protect the Chesapeake Bay watershed; if you have children who you want to learn to care for the environment; or if you just want to get out in the fresh spring air to benefit from some light exercise.

Many hands make for light work, so the more volunteers who participate, the more progress can be made to improve community spaces for our spring and summer enjoyment. As always, we welcome the participation of local boy and girl scouts.

If you have questions about the cleanup event, e-mail John Naland at nalandfamily@yahoo.com.



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How's the Market?

While many markets across the US have slowed, Arlington's market is still on fire, and buyers are competing over the best selections of what is available. The short supply of single family homes has remained lower this year compared to historical trends. Prices have increased it's a brutal market out there for buyers right now. There are still bidding wars in many sectors of the DC Metro market although Arlington remains one of the hottest areas. The homes attracting bidding wars typically fall into two recurring categories — total fixer uppers priced low and properly priced homes that have been updated and show in pristine condition. Today's buyers are highly discerning and prefer a home that is totally updated and move in ready condition regardless of its age. After pushing their maximum buying power in a high cost area, they don't have much cash left for improvements, and

they are anxious about taking on projects for which they know little about. Buyers also seek locations that fit their lifestyle (close to public transportation, their job, shopping or children's schools.) The fixer uppers are usually snapped up by builders and investors who can pay cash.

Is a move on the horizon for you? For sellers, we offer guidance on preparing your home for the market, walking through with our preferred contractors to provide you with a range of repair estimates. Whatever the scope of work might be, we can help owners manage the jobs since most people are busy and/or don't have the expertise to manage a remodeling project. Our strategies, market knowledge, and industry reputation help to position a seller with winning outcome.

Let's get together to discuss your situation and discover how you can save time and money!



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Around the Forest

Arlington Forest 80th Anniversary: A small group of Foresters met on March 31st to discuss plans for an 80th anniversary celebration sometime in the autumn. The group discussed a variety of events and locations but decided to survey our neighbors before making firm plans. Please help us plan an event that you and your family will want to attend! You can complete the survey online at https://surveyhero.com/c/7b5e61a2 or clip and return the paper survey on this page. Please complete the survey by April 30. The committee also welcomes additional volunteers. If interested, contact Julie Kirchhoff at 571-338-4828.

Call for candidate survey questions: Arlington Foresters will go to the polls November 5 to elect one School Board member and two County Board members. AFCA is interested in your input to create a local government candidate survey. Please send proposed survey questions to Lora Strine at strine.lora@gmail.com. Survey results will be published in the fall in this newsletter.

New Advertiser: In this month's issue, we welcome new advertiser the Berritz Design Build Group (below). We encourage residents to turn first to our advertisers and neighborhood businesses when you need goods or services.

Arlington Forest 80th Anniversary

Please help AFCA plan a neighborhood event for early fall to celebrate our 80th anniversary. Fill out the survey online at https://surveyhero.com/c/7b5e61a2 or clip and return this form to Deanna Caputo, 118 N Park Dr., 22203 by April 30.

What kind of event(s) do you prefer?

	Adults Only		Family Friendly		Both
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What day(s) work best for you?

🗆 Saturday	🗆 Sunday
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What time(s) of day do you prefer (check all that apply)?

AM (breakfast or brunch)	
Evening (dinner or hors d'o	peuvres)

Both

What kind of food do you prefer (check all that apply)?

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Community Yard Sale on May 18

Arlington Forest's long-running annual Community Yard Sale takes place Saturday morning, May 18 (rain date May 19). With over 40 Arlington Forest households participating each year, the event attracts many bargain hunters drawn to the convenience of cruising though one area to visit many sales.

Next month's newsletter will publish a map of sale sites. To get on the map, e-mail your address to nalandfamily@ yahoo.com by April 28. Residents can use the map to locate nearby sales. Sellers are encouraged to make photocopies (or print copies from the online Arlington Forester at www.arlingtonforestva.org) so shoppers can pick up a map leading them to other sites.

Experience suggests these strategies for success: -- Prepare in advance. Sort clothes by size. Group similar items together. Use shopper-friendly ways to display merchandise (tables, clothes rack). Have grocery sacks on hand. Accumulate dollar bills and coins to make change. If selling electronics, set up an extension cord to show that the items work.

-- Price items reasonably. Savvy shoppers will buy elsewhere if prices are too high. Be prepared to negotiate down from the listed price.

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

-- Keep your cash in a pocket, shoulder purse, or fanny pack. If you do use a cash box, have someone assist you so it is not left 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. are encouraged to post 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 instead of left cluttering the house. The sale is also a great community event. Families can say hello to neighbors

down the block and snag 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 18.

Put your address on the yard sale map: e-mail it to nalandfamily@yahoo.com by April 28th

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 \$,1050,000 Sold: 5032 N Carling Springs Rd Arlington VA 22203 listed for \$1,099,000 My family and I have been **Arlington Forester's** since 2000. We are committed to our community

and you! Ask about my Arlington Forester <u>seller rebate program</u> and services.



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If you are considering listing you home for sale take of advantage of my *Free no obligation consultation* that could save you thousands of DOLLARS!

Forest Exchange

E-CARE: Do you have half-empty paint cans gathering dust in your basement? What about unneeded car fluids, household cleaners, or garden chemicals? Or maybe an obsolete computer monitor or television? Arlington's semi-annual E-CARE event allows residents to safely get rid of hazardous household materials and electronics which cannot be discarded in regular trash. The next E-CARE takes place between 8:30 AM and 3 PM on Saturday, May 4 (held rain or shine) at 1425 N. Quincy (near Washington-Lee High School). For more info, search "E-CARE" on the County website.



Community Calendar

Next AFCA Meeting: Wednesday, April 24th, 7 PM, Barrett Elementary School.

Neighborhood Spring Cleanup: Saturday, April 27th. Help beautify our neighborhood parks.

Lubber Run Farmers Market: Saturday, April 27th. Our neighborhood farmers market reopens for the spring and summer.

E-CARE: Saturday, May 4th. Semi-annual recycling event.

QuarterFest (www.quarterfestballston.org, formerly Taste of Arlington): May 18th- 19th near Ballston Quarter mall.

Annual Yard Sale: Saturday, May 18th. Turn unwanted stuff into cash.

Elections: June 11. Democratic primary for State races.

Lubber Run Amphitheater: Live entertainment under the stars resumes in June.

Arlington County Fair: August 14th to 18th. Rides, food, displays, and racing pigs.

Future AFCA Meetings: May 15th: Picnic and Annual Membership Meeting





Barcroft School News

Barcroft Elementary School Principal Judy Apostolico-Buck has been named Arlington Public Schools' 2019 Principal of the Year! Ms. AB joined Barcroft before the 2018-2019 school year and her enthusiasm, high expectations, commitment to students and staff, and belief that school should also be fun has been transformational. We are delighted that others recognize what we already knew – that Ms. AB is amazing! Prior to joining Barcroft, Ms. AB served in a variety of positions with APS including a resource teacher for the gifted, assistant principal at Taylor, supervisor of Early Childhood Programs, and principal of Ashlawn Elementary School.

A few quotes from the APS press release that sum it up:

"Recognition as the Arlington Public Schools Principal of the Year both humbles and thrills me. I'm very humbled to receive this award and to represent all my equally deserving colleagues within APS," said Judy Apostolico-Buck. "Thirty-three years ago, I received a coveted spot in APS for my student-teaching and fell in love with all that is Arlington: eager children, engaged parents and, most exciting, a culture that encourages and demands innovation, pushing boundaries and accepting nothing short of excellence for all. To be selected as a leader within the APS community is truly an honor."

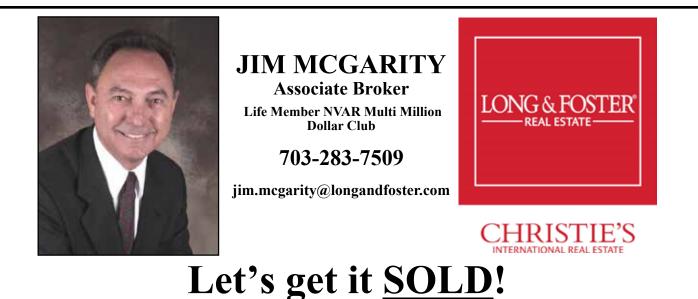
"Those of us who have had the honor to work under

Judy's instructional leadership will often share how, because Judy believed in us, we went after our dreams. Judy is that beloved teacher who makes such an impact in one's life and then one's story is changed forever," said Barcroft Assistant Principal Gaby Rivas.

Ms. AB will be recognized by the Arlington School Board along with the 2019 Teacher of the Year and Support Employees of the Year on Tuesday, May 14, at Washington-Lee High School. Congratulations Ms. AB and thank you so much for leading Barcroft!

In addition to celebrating the recognition of Ms. AB, the spring also includes many activities at Barcroft. Family Fitness Night is April 25, the fourth-grade music concert is May 2 and Author's Night with book swap will be May 9. The popular BOGO Book Fair will be held April 29 to May 3. We invite everyone to join us at Café Sazon on May 23 where 10 percent of sales between 4 and 8 pm will go to Barcroft PTA. Make sure to mention you are supporting Barcroft!

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



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Your Neighbor in Arlington Forest

Barrett School News

March and April have been an exciting time for science and technology at Barrett! The library was overflowing with science projects for STEAM Night on March 21. Students received a passport to activities throughout the school focused on the theme Exploring Light and Sound, including rainbows and light mazes, a video conference with the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, animal behaviors, light pollution, and making DIY music speakers.

On April 10, Barrett's Project Discovery welcomed Dr. Ellen Stofan, the John and Adrienne Mars Director of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. Dr. Stofan joined the Air and Space Museum in April 2018 and is the first woman to hold this position. She has more than 25 years' experience in space-related organizations and a deep research background in planetary geology, including as the former chief scientist of NASA. While at NASA, Dr. Stofan helped guide the development of a long-range plan to get humans to Mars and worked on strategies for NASA to support commercial activity in low Earth orbit as it transitions from the International Space Station to sending humans to the moon and Mars in the mid-2020s. Dr. Stofan has addressed the World Economic Forum, the World Science Festival, SciFest Africa, and numerous schools and universities around the world.

She visited Barrett as part of USA Science & Engineering Nifty Fifty Speakers Program, which brings noted science and engineering professionals to schools across the country. Dr. Stofan spoke to Barrett 2nd through 5th graders on "Exploring Other Worlds to Understand Our Own."

Speaking of exploring other worlds, the Barrett 5th graders are preparing for their transition to middle school! Shortly after spring break, they will visit their zoned middle schools to get a sense of what the experience will be like. This will be followed by summer events at each school with the principal and counselors.

The recent Barrett Read-A-Thon raised \$10,000, and because the kids met the goal, Principal Redding will dress up as Captain Underpants, and Assistant Principal Sohr will dress up as the Wicked Witch of the West, on a date to be announced. Barrett's Garden Work Day will be April 27, and all are welcome to come and help.

Join the Barrett PTA at http://barrett.my-pta.org/. Follow the PTA on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ barrettpta and Twitter @BPTAE in English and @BPTASP in Spanish. Search "#kwbpride" on Twitter to see all that's happening in our school community.



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Top Realtors in Virginia

I am excited to have been named one of the Top Realtors in Virginia (top 2 ½%) by **Virginia Living Magazine**. While it's an honor about which I am pleased, I am a little miffed they didn't call for the cover photo shoot!



It may be a state-wide recognition, but I do the vast majority of my business in Arlington and Alexandria (and a little in Fairfax and DC). I am, however, always happiest to work right here in Arlington Forest.



Kids for Hire

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

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-- Colin Mashkuri: math tutoring, plant watering, dog walking, cjmashkuri@gmail.com, 703-302-5599
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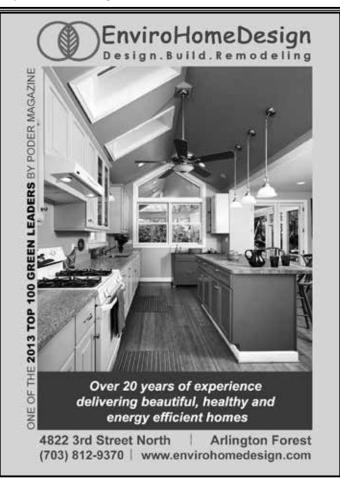
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