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Lubber Run Amphitheater 2017 Season By Chris Scheer

“Wolf Trap Arlington?” This summer’s schedule of free arts entertainment at the Lubber Run Amphitheater (LRA) certainly lives up to that billing.

From June to September the amphitheater located in the heart of Arlington Forest will present 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 entertainment for kids (see the full schedule in this issue on pages 8-9).

The Lubber Run Amphitheater is brought to you by Arlington Arts, a Division of Arlington Economic Development in collaboration with Arlington County Department of

Parks and Recreation and the participation of the non-profit Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation. The Foundation is a community organization formed eight years ago to bring LRA back when the County closed it due to deterioration and safety concerns. Now, the Foundation sponsors in whole or in part several performances every season. This year for the first time, the Foundation is paying half the cost for a regular season performance -- the hit musical “The Gospel At Colonus” -- by WSC Avant Bard, described by critics as “a soaring celebration of transcendence.”

The Foundation is also funding four kids’ programs:

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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 socializing.

The Wednesday, May 17, AFCA meeting will be a potluck picnic starting 5:30 pm in the Lubber Run Park shelter located upstream from the amphitheater. The 5:30 pm start time will enable interested residents to also attend the 6:30 pm Lubber Run

Community Center work session at Barrett Elementary.

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. 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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Editor's Note

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Amphitheater 2017

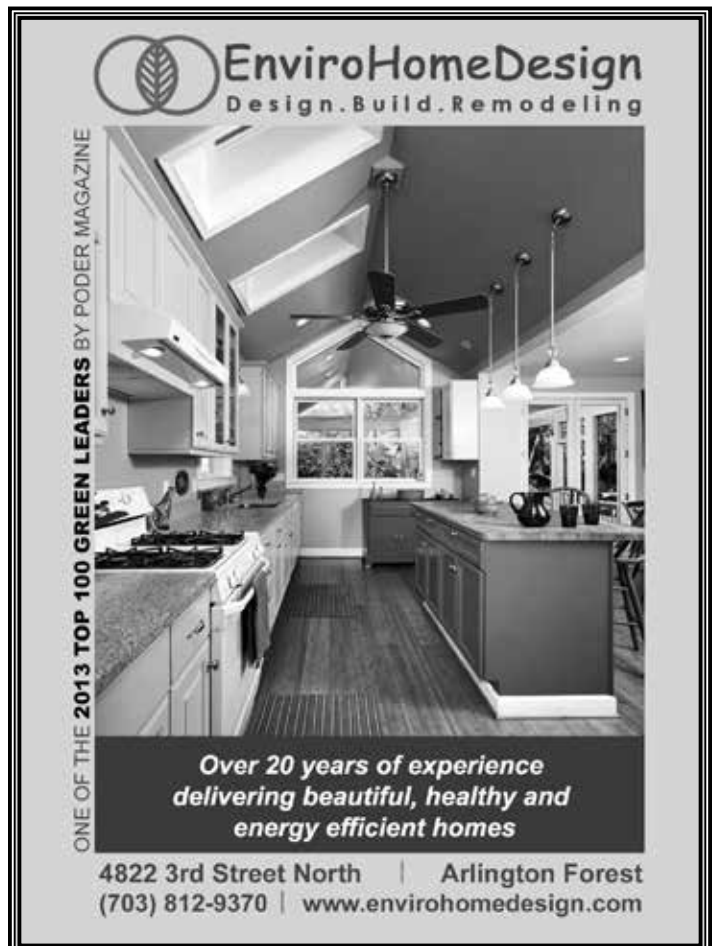
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a special Father's Day program set for June 18 featuring one of the area's leading kids entertainers Mr. Knick Knack, and in August and September, Speed the Magician, Mystic Drumz and the Great Zucchini. And, Foundation funds will also bring back Arlington's own Rico Amero with his blend of R&B, rock, jazz, and Latin beats. Expect to see his family members on stage, too.

The Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation is chartered as a 501c3 organization eligible for tax-deductible donations. Public donations to the amphitheater Wishing Well at each performance and generous gifts by individuals and businesses have enabled the Foundation to pay for additional amphitheater shows.

Donations may be made throughout the year and addressed to: The Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation, c/o 107 N. Columbus Street, Arlington, VA 22203. Or, donate on the Foundation's Facebook page @lubberrunamphitheater.

You will find a complete schedule with descriptions of the programs on the Arlington County web site at www.arlingtonarts.org (click on the "venues" tab and then on "Lubber Run Amphitheater").



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Community Yard Sale - May 20

The map on the back cover of this newsletter depicts the 30 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 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 21 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 20. 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 if it must be shifted to the rain date May 21.

*Wednesday, May 17th:
AFCA Picnic @ 5:30 pm, Lubber Run
LRCC Work Session @ 6:30 pm,
Barrett Elementary*

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Your neighbor and realtor in Arlington Forest

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Giving Credit

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 does the layout each month -- fitting articles, photos, and advertisements into available space; creating attractive graphics, and posting the finished newsletter on AFCA's website (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 Nikki Brown, Sarah and Spencer Brown, Grace and Sarah Buzby, Zoe and Mia Cachion, Ely Constantine, Emily Engelken, Jack Holt, Emilio Luz-Ricca, Colin Mashkuri, Declan Roberts, and Sean Werfel.

Thanks go to the PTA members who pulled together updates about goings on at our two neighborhood elementary schools: Jenny Ditta at Barcroft and Magan Crane Sherzai at Barrett. Thanks to the handful of other neighbors who submitted articles this past year.

This newsletter (the oldest civic association newsletter

in Arlington County) is always looking for articles, news notes, letters, and photos focusing on events or issues specific to our neighborhood. If you have news or views to share, please let us know. For example, events on your block, gardening tips, a scout troop update, home repair tips, a profile of a notable neighbor, or an expression of your views on some neighborhood issue. See the Editor's Note on page 2 for submission guidelines.

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.

Looking beyond the newsletter to those who serve our neighborhood in other ways, we should thank the AFCA Board members as well as those neighbors who have been active in efforts to rebuild the Edison Park Playground, promote performances at the Lubber Run Amphitheater, and rebuild the Lubber Run Community Center.

Finally, thanks again to Chris Scheer who organizes AFCA's annual holiday party and May picnic as well as to Jennifer Beer who organizes the kids' Halloween parade and to the volunteers who organized this year's Arlington Forest Home and Garden Tour.

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

Arlington Market Update

Arlington got the biggest increase in inventory for the year this first week in May with 95 new listings. Buyers quickly ratified 90 contracts this week, many of those transactions with multiple offers. The DOM (days on market) dropped significantly to just 22 days, the lowest this year. 4 homes in Arlington Forest listed this year have sold with an average of 6 DOM.

In a hot market, planning is the most important thing buyers can do to position themselves to get a contract on the home they want (*see last month's article on making a winning offer*). Desirable properties move fast in Arlington, so if you're in the market you need to prepare to act fast when the right home hits the market. For sellers, they can always optimize their price with small, yet meaningful improvements. AS-IS sales are also an option and pricing right is important to draw in the right buyer. If you're considering the sale of your home and/or a home purchase, and would like to discuss the best ways to prepare, feel free to reach out to set-up a meeting with me.

Here are some stats for the DC Metro

Area for March: **March 2017's median sales price of \$420,00 (all styles – condo, TH, & SFD) was up 5.3% or \$21,000 compared to last year. This is the highest March median sales price on record, with data going back to 1997. **Sales volume across the DC Metro area was nearly \$2.3 billion, up 26.7% from last March. **Closed sales of 4,450 were up 18.5% compared to last year. It was also the highest March level in a decade, exceeding the 3,755 sales recorded last March. **New contract activity of 6,254 also reached a ten-year March high, increasing by 1.4% over last year. **New listings of 8,210 were down 1.7% compared to last year. **Active listings of 8,648 are down 11.5% compared to last year but up 15.3% compared to February. This is the eleventh consecutive month of declines in year-over-year inventory levels, and inventories are at the lowest March level since 2014. **The average percent of original list price to sales price was 97.9%, up from last year's 97.1%, also up from February's 97.4%. **The median DOM for March 2017 was 15 days. 12 days lower than 3/16



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Around the Forest

AFCA Approves Edison Park Renewal Concept Plan: At the April 19th AFCA meeting, members voted to approve the Edison Park Concept Plan presented by County landscape architect Shannon Early. The plan, which grew from the consensus reached by participants in the March 8th Edison Park Scoping meeting, will feature these elements: swings; small-sized tot lot; small-sized play area for school-aged children with priority to climbing features, new site furnishings (e.g., benches, trash bins, sign); ADA compliance (accessibility); new fence along N. Edison St.; and storm water management. Estimated cost is just over \$800,000. AFCA's approval means our project will be considered at the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Council (NCAC) December 2017 Funding Round. Then, once the County Board confirms funding, a series of meetings with our landscape architect will allow neighbors to weigh in on specific design elements and then vote on a final design. Thanks to all who participated in the scoping and approval meetings. You have helped to sustain the social, recreational, and nature appreciation opportunities that our community so values. For more info, see <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/edison-park>.

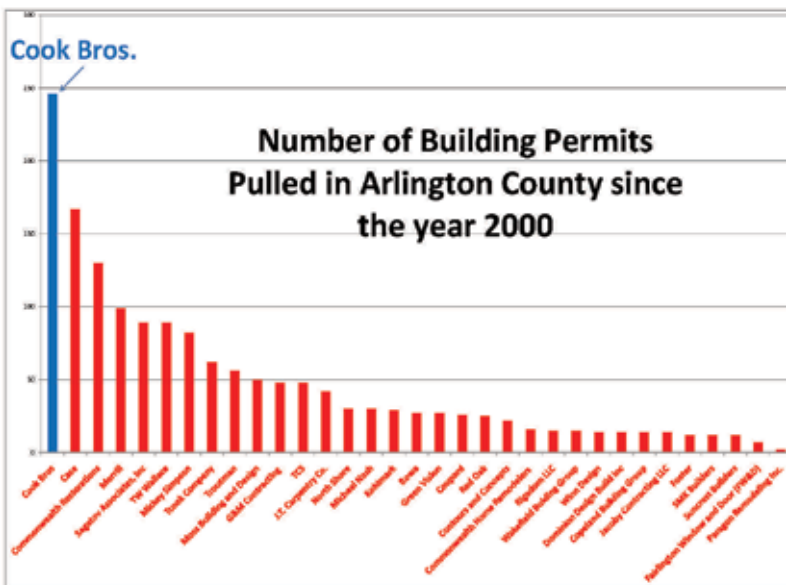
LRCC Work Session: The final community work session for the design of the new Lubber Run Community Center in Wednesday, May 17 from 6:30 pm to 9 pm at Barrett Elementary School. VMDO, Inc. architects will present one building and park design for community feedback. They will also share the findings from the tree survey, the traffic and parking studies and explain how they are factored into the design. For more info, search "Lubber Run Project" on the County website. Come to the AFCA picnic at 5:30 pm and attend the LRCC work session on a full stomach.

Southside Volunteer Needed: Voting will be held at the association's May 17 meeting to elect AFCA officers for 2017-18. While any resident can run for any position, we know that the Southside Vice President position will need a new volunteer. Southside residents who want to ensure that their neighbors' views are represented at AFCA meetings should attend the May meeting to run for the position. Other than receiving Southside residents' AFCA dues in the fall, the duties of the position are minimal.

New Advertiser: In this month's issue, we welcome new advertiser Contemporary Keyboard Studios announcing summer musical camps for kids (page 6). We encourage residents to turn first to our advertisers and neighborhood businesses when you need goods or services.

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Successful Neighborhood Cleanup

By John Naland

We had a good turnout for the seventh annual Arlington Forest Spring Cleanup despite the intermittent drizzle on Saturday morning, April 22 (see accompanying photos).

In Lubber Run Park, the stream was cleaned by ten youths and parents from Cub Scout Pack 548 and siblings joined by four youths and parents from Brownie Troop 60010. Also helping were a few residents.

Along the buffer strip on the southside of Arlington Blvd., volunteers gathered a huge pile of brush and filled numerous sacks with trash. These neighbors have been doing annual cleanups of this area for many years.

At the foot of N. Granada St., a dozen volunteers scoured the Four Mile Run flood plain between N. Carlin Springs Dr. and Arlington Blvd filling 12 large bags with trash. The police officer shown in the photo was there to retrieve a stack of credit cards, driver's licenses, military IDs, and a 1,000 Yen note found in the bushes during the cleanup. These neighbors also do a fall cleanup of the area every year and have done their semiannual cleanups since 2008.

AFCA thanks all 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. After the event, the Arlington County park maintenance supervisor e-mailed me saying "Please extend our big thank you to your neighbors for all the hard work they did on Saturday under the rain to keep our County free of trash."

If you missed this year's cleanup, please join us next year -- especially if you frequently walk, jog, or bike in our local parks. Please note that you can protect our shared environment any day by picking up trash that you see along your street or in our neighborhood parks. That will keep the next rainstorm from carrying the debris into our streams and rivers.



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July 24-18 Ages 3-8

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August 14-18 Ages 5-12

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Both camps include keyboard instruction.

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Home and Garden Tour

The AFCA Home and Garden Tour was held May 6 with 147 Arlington Forest residents touring 12 beautifully renovated homes and two incredible gardens.

AFCA thanks those homeowners who showed off their properties. We also thank the Arlington Forest Home and Garden Tour Committee: Jennifer Claffey, Monica Darnell, Katherine Roberts, Lindsay Stevenson, Erica Canfield, Jennifer Messman, Jennifer Mehmood, Heather Weir, Marsha Lederman, Barbara Englehart, Mary Henning, Marta Layseca, Esther Bowring, Marleane Mitchell, Karen Uetrecht Burst, Julie Kirchhoff, and Jennifer Walter.

Yoga and Meditation

Where? Lubber Run Park lawn

When? Monday nights 7-8:15 PM and Wednesday nights 7-8:15 PM, starting June 26

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Rock

CAZ GARDINER — DC singer/songwriter mixes rock, soul and reggae. SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 8PM

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Community Calendar

Next AFCA Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 5:30 PM, Lubber Run Shelter.

Lubber Run Community Center Work Session: May 17, 6:30 PM, Barrett Elementary.

Annual Yard Sale: Saturday, May 20. Turn unwanted stuff into cash.

Virginia Primary Elections: June 13 for Governor and other state offices.

Lubber Run Amphitheater: Live entertainment under the stars resumes on June 16.

Arlington County Fair: August 16 to 20. Rides, food, displays, and racing pigs.

General Election: November 7 for Governor, other state offices, County Board, and School Board.

Future AFCA Meetings:

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Barcroft School News

The last few weeks have been action packed at Barcroft Elementary School. Our International Night was full of fun and learning about the many cultures represented by our students, staff and neighbors. We loved learning about new countries and cultures. We also kicked off Wednesday Walkers, Barcroft's own version of the walking school bus. We are getting our physical activity while spending time with friends and getting to school on time. Barcroft 4th and 5th graders were stars during the Spring Music Concert.

We are looking forward to several exciting events in the coming weeks. We will be stocking up on books during our Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair the week of May 8th. Please join us for our Barcroft Community Picnic on May 20, our PTA meeting on June 6th featuring officer elections, and our 5th grade promotion on June 19.

Mark your calendars for Barcroft's first day of school for 2017-18. Students will start on August 1! You can view the entire school year calendar in Barcroft's section of the APS website.



Photos: Barcroft's 4th and 5th Grade Choir (top right) and International Night (bottom right)



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Jim

Barrett School News

Spring has sprung at Barrett Elementary where the students and staff have their eyes on the end of the school year. We celebrated spring with our annual STEAM Night, with demonstrations and activities to highlight our great science, technology, engineering, arts and engineering instruction. It rained just like last year, but a hearty crew took tools to the Barrett gardens for spring cleaning on Garden Work Day.

The annual 5th Grade vs. Staff basketball game was a nail biter, with a massive turn out from the 5th grade running up the score early on. The staff rallied toward the end, but despite a few slam dunks, they couldn't pull it off. With a 78-73 win, the 5th Grade kept the student streak alive.

The last weeks of school are packed with learning and fun. The Spring Concert is set for June 1, while the Kindergarteners will perform on June 9. The always critically acclaimed Student Film Fest will be June 13. The ever popular, and sometimes messy, Field Day will be June 19.

This year's fifth graders will say goodbye to the school and their classmates after 5th Grade Promotion on June 21, which is also an early release day. The Awards Assembly will be celebrated on the last day of school, June 23.



Photos: 5th Grade basketball team (top right) and student art on display (bottom right)



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- Caroline Rogers: babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking, carolinearogers@verizon.net, 703-892-0226
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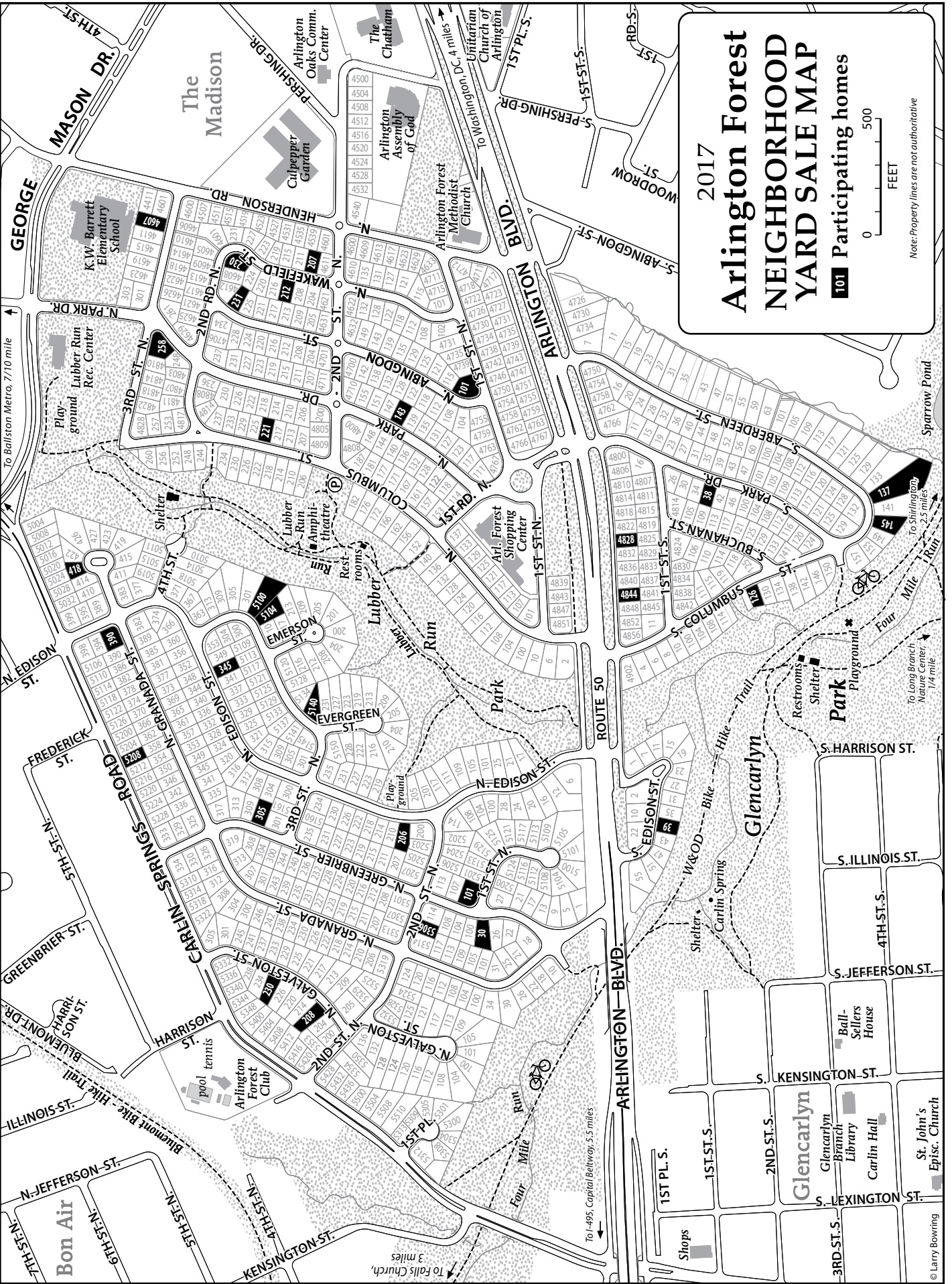
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