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Successful Neighborhood Cleanup By John Naland

We had a good turnout on a beautiful Saturday morning, April 16, for the sixth annual Arlington Forest Spring Cleanup. See photos of volunteers in action on page 4.

In Lubber Run Park, the entire length of the stream between N. George Mason Dr. and Arlington Blvd was cleaned by 15 youths from Cub Scout Pack 548 and a like number of their parents and siblings joined by 10 Daisy Troop girls with seven parents. Also helping were a few local residents. The cleanup filled seven large garbage bags.

Along the buffer strip on the southside of Arlington Blvd., 17 volunteers gathered a huge pile of brush and filled four sacks with trash. These neighbors have been doing annual cleanups of this area for many years.

At the foot of N. Granada St. near Arlington Blvd., a dozen volunteers scoured the Four Mile Run flood plain between

N. Carlin Springs Dr. and the Carlin Springs historical marker filling 12 large bags with trash. These neighbors also do a fall cleanup of the area every year and have done their semiannual cleanups since 2008.

AFCA thanks all of 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. 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.

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 18, AFCA meeting will be a potluck picnic starting 6:30 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 and hear a short presentation by Linda Kelleher of Culpepper Garden regarding planned renovations there. 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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Honoring the Cockrells

Please join us at Crystal Thai restaurant at noon on Saturday, June 11, for a luncheon honoring Joe and Claire Cockrell. Arlington Forest residents since 1964, they have made innumerable contributions to our community. Joe served as AFCA president from 1975 to 1976 and for decades single-handedly cared for the holly tree in the N. Park Street traffic circle. The cover of AFCA's 75th Anniversary history book is graced by a painting of their Northside house. So please join us in honoring the Cockrells for their contributions to AFCA and for being great neighbors. RSVP to John Naland, nalandfamily@yahoo.com, by June 6.



Community Yard Sale

The map on the back cover of this newsletter depicts the more than 40 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 day, you may well find additional sellers.

Suggestions on how to run a successful sale include: set up early, 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.

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). This year, AFCA had signs made (see photo) that will be placed at strategic points.

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, May 21 (rain date May 22).

Culpepper Garden Renovation Plans

Culpepper Garden has been a neighbor to Arlington Forest since 1975, when the first 204 of 340 apartments were opened for Arlington low-income seniors. Since then, we added 63 additional independent units and in 2000 we opened the 73-unit affordable assisted living wing. Culpepper Garden was the first affordable, assisted living for older people with very limited resources in the US and remains the only such community in Arlington.

We provide affordable housing and assisted living so that our residents can age in place in the community they love. Each year we serve 450 Arlington seniors. Our residents' average income is \$18,600 and average age in assisted living is 87. Through generous community support we help the most frail and financially needy residents to remain in assisted living and are proud that no resident has had to leave because they could not afford it.

We have been working with Wesley Housing, our nonprofit development partner, on a plan to renovate the original 204 apartments to improve accessibility, energy efficiency and modernize building systems beginning in 2017. We look forward to sharing our plans at AFCA's May 18 picnic.

For more information, or to tour Culpepper Garden, please contact Linda Kelleher, Executive Director, Arlington Retirement Housing Corporation (the nonprofit owner of Culpepper Garden) at Ikelleher@culpeppergarden.org or 703-528-0162.

AFCA Meeting & Picnic: May 18, 6:30 pm at Lubber Run



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Spring Cleanup



April 16 2016





Juggling the Move up Process Moving up from one home to another is usually a challenging process, and here is a story of how we helped a client move from their small condo to a single family home.

Carol and Kevin felt cramped in their small 2 bedroom condo in Arlington. Once their new baby arrived they definitely needed more space. They had been referred to Casey O'Neal by John, a neighbor who Casey had helped sell and buy another home.

Casey and Joe consulted with Carol and Kevin about strategies for selling and moving up to a larger home. Because they had significant equity in their home, Casey referred them to a lender who could qualify them to purchase a home <u>before</u> selling their current home.

Carol and Kevin didn't want to feel pressured and wanted to have enough time to find the right home. Once a desirable home was found they had to act quickly because of multiple offers on the property. Casey and Joe worked with the listing agent to negotiate a win-win solution for their clients.

Once the contract was ratified, Carol and Kevin listed their existing home and it sold quickly. We orchestrated a simultaneous closing which eliminated the need for bridge financing that was already lined up. This enabled Kevin and Carol to obtain a better interest rate. We also negotiated a rent back to so that Carol and Kevin could move directly from one home to the next.

Carol and Kevin and their young son now live in a wonderful 4 bedroom home in Springfield with plenty of room for their growing family.

If your family or friends might know of someone in a similar situation – please let them know that we will take great care of them in the process!



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FREE Notary Service for Arl. Forest Residents!

Before you place your home on the market - I can help you be as ready as possible. Contact me for a Room by Room Review and I can share quick and easy tips to either make your house show like a model or sell it "as-is".

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 Alex Brown, Nikki Brown, Sarah and Spencer Brown, Ely Constantine, Emily Engelken, Jack Holt, Emilio Luz-Ricca, Colin Mashkuri, Declan Roberts, Katherine Taylor, and Sean Werfel.

Thanks go to the PTA members who eight times pulled together updates about goings on at our two neighborhood elementary schools: Jenny Ditta at Barcroft and Adriana Ercolano and Magan Crane Sherzai at Barrett.

Thanks also to our advertisers whose support almost covers 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 as well as those neighbors who have been active in efforts to rebuild the Lubber Run Community Center and to promote performances at the Lubber Run Amphitheater.

Finally, thanks again to Chris Scheer who organizes AFCA's annual holiday party and picnic as well as to Jennifer Beer who organizes the kids' Halloween parade.

Lubber Run Amphitheater Summer Season 2016

Thirty-one performances ranging from family-friendly magicians to rock to old time country to Ethiopian jazz are planned at the Lubber Run Amphitheater this summer. Performances start on June 17 and wrap up on Sept. 18.

The performances are being organized by Arlington's Cultural Affairs division, with the cooperation of the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation, which funded the four family-friendly shows at the end of the season.

You can support the amphitheater by attending this summer's performances

and leaving donations at the Foundation wishing well. And you can do more: sign up to be an amphitheater volunteer greeter. Pass out concert schedules, welcome guests and say "hi" to neighbors. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/ go/10c0f4aa8ac2ca02-lubber. Once you choose a date(s) to volunteer, you will receive further instructions.

Keep up with amphitheater news on Facebook which will post info about performances and rain dates or cancellations.



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Around the Forest

Old Growth Forest: On a beautiful Saturday morning in April, 45 residents from Arlington Forest and Glencarlyn were led by Arlington County's Urban Forester Vincent Verweij on a fascinating tour of the second-oldest stand of trees in Arlington (see photo by David Howell). The 24 acre grove, which is estimated to be over 200 years old and has never been logged, is located in Glencarlyn Park on the



slopes above the Carlin Springs Historical Marker. Mr. Verweij led the one-hour tour pointing out the ancient trees -- mostly oaks and hickories, some over 100 feet tall -- and the other plants and shrubs that thrive in this pristine forested area. If you missed the tour, Mr.

Verweij is scheduled to lead another tour on June 4 departing from the Long Branch Nature Center. See the County's "The Snag" newsletter's summer edition for details and to register (available on the County website).

AFCA Election: AFCA's 2016-17 officers will be elected at our May 18 membership meeting and picnic. While all current officers plan to run for re-election, any dues-paying AFCA member is welcome to place their name in nomination seeking election at the meeting.

Fox News: Messages and photos posted on the Arlington Forest Families listserv recently noted increasingly frequent daytime sightings of "our neighborhood fox." Actually, several foxes



frequent our residential streets, usually at night but sometimes during daylight hours. More may be coming since five fox kits (pups) were observed in early May playing with each other outside their den in parkland adjacent to the Greenbrier Section. County officials and other experts say that there is no need to fear foxes or other local wildlife. Only if an animal looks sick or injured should a resident call Animal Control to investigate.



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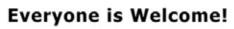
Theme — Surf Shack

July 18 - 22 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Join us for another fantastic week of Vacation Bible School. Each day our teams will explore water-themed Bible stories and see how God is at work in their lives through games, music, activities and crafts.

For Preschool through rising 5th Graders!

Dinner will be served each evening — You can't beat the value only \$25 for the week - \$5 for each additional sibling



See website stjohnsarlingtonva.org for more information on registering.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:5

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Free Concerts at Lubber Run Amphitheater - 2016 Schedule

North Columbus Street & 2nd Street North (two blocks north of Rt. 50) – Arlington, Virginia 22203

Theater and Dance

- SIGNATURE THEATRE Arlington's Tony Awardwinners. friday june 17th 8pm
- **BOWEN MCCAULEY DANCE** Family-friendly dance. FRIDAY JUNE 24TH 8PM

Rock / R&B

- MARY ANN REDMOND Jazz, rock-pop, roots rock, R&B; Winner of 24 WAMMIES! SATURDAY JULY 2ND 8PM
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Jazz

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- U.S. ARMY BLUES 18-piece big band playing jazz classics. saturday AUG 6TH 8PM
- MARY ALOUETTE –Canadian-born electronic jazz singer/songwriter/ instrumentalist. FRIDAY AUG 12TH 8PM

Family & Kids

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Folk & Bluegrass

- BY & BY BLUEGRASS Your friendly neighborhood bluegrass band. FRIDAY JULY 1ST 8PM
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Forest Exchange

Community Radio Station: WERA.FM is Arlington's new community radio station. You can listen to it locally on 96.7 or stream it from www.WERA.fm. You can also participate by developing and producing your own show, or by serving on WERA's Program Application Review Council (PARC). To review applications efficiently and fairly for airtime on WERA, the Arlington Independent Media (AIM) board of directors created an independent body, the PARC. The PARC is comprised of 15 members of the Arlington community who meet to review and select programs that will air on WERA. At this time, AIM seeks to fill vacancies on the council. The AIM board is seeking people who have strong ties to Arlington and a firm commitment to the ideals of community media. Experience in radio broadcasting can be helpful, but is not required. Applications are due by May 27. For more info, go to www.arlingtonmedia.org and search "WERA PARC".

Kids for Hire: Could you sometimes use reasonably-priced help with babysitting, yard work, pet sitting, or other tasks? Then check out the Kids for Hire listing on page 13 where 34 neighborhood youths offer their services.

Community Calendar

Next AFCA Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 6:30 PM. Picnic & Membership Meeting at Lubber Run Park Shelter.

Democratic Caucus for School Board: May 19, 7-9 PM at Drew Model School or May 21, 11 AM to 7 PM at Washington-Lee High School.

Community Yard Sale: Saturday, May **21**. Turn unwanted stuff into cash.

Democratic Primary for County Board: June 14, 6 AM to 7 PM at regular polling place.

Lubber Run Amphitheater: Live entertainment under the stars resumes on June 17. See pages 8, 9 for the schedule.

Arlington County Fair: August 17-21. Rides, food, displays, and racing pigs. See http://arlingtoncountyfair.us/.

General Elections: November 8. President, Congress, County Board, School Board, State constitutional amendments, and County and School bonds.

Future AFCA Meetings:

June to August: No meetings over summer break September 21: AFCA begins a new year of advocacy



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Barcroft School News

Fourth Quarter learning began for students on April 12, and the schedule of events in April was full. On April 12, the PTA held its April meeting and discussed the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) testing for Grades 3 to 5; including practical tips to ensure that the SOLs are a beneficial experience for families and children. On April 14, Barcroft hosted the third of three School Information Sessions and Tours for interested incoming kindergarten families.

Third quarter report cards were sent home on April 27. A fantastic Second Annual International Night celebration was held on April 28 with desserts from around the world and exhibitions highlighting numerous countries. Classes posed for pictures on April 29.

A special thanks to our neighbors who participated in April events benefitting the Barcroft PTA. The April 19 Dogfish Head Alehouse restaurant fund raiser raised \$2500 (\$1300 from Dogfish and \$1200 from raffle sales) to help fund student field trips, student enrichment opportunities and teacher and classroom resources. The PTA Plant Sale netted \$600 plus lots of plants used for schoolyard beautification and kindergarten garden projects.

Many thanks as well to the participants of the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run on April 30.

Barcroft students benefit from the RIF program by receiving periodic free book distributions.

May and June events include Staff Appreciation Week from May 2 to 6: a week-long celebration of our wonderful teachers and staff. The Spring Concert was held on May 5 and included choral, band and orchestra performances. The school hosted a tea to celebrate its many volunteers on May 11. SOL testing is being conducted for students in Grades 3 to 5 between May 17 and June 10.

Kindergarten Welcome Night will be held on May 26 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Events in June include the Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony on June 15, Field Day on June 17 and the last day of school on June 21. We hope that everyone has a safe, happy summer!

To learn more about what's happening at Barcroft Elementary, contact our PTA President Tara McCabe at tcsm04@gmail.com.



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Your Neighbor in Arlington Forest

If you are considering putting your home on the market, I would suggest that you begin getting your home ready as soon as possible. By having your home ready and in great shape for the new owners, the price that you get will be higher than if you don't prepare the home for sale. I have a list of things that owners should do in preparation to market their home. If you would like to meet with me to see your home and give you some ideas on how to prepare it, please call me for a free, no obligation consultation . With the inventory low, it is an ideal time to sell your home. I look forward to meeting with you.

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Barrett School News

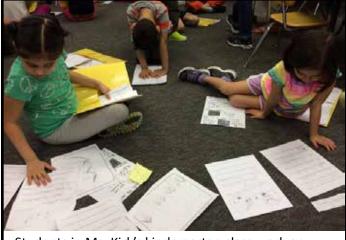
K.W. Barrett's students have had a spring chock-full o' learning and fun. April brought the popular Digital Learning Showcase at which students experienced virtual reality with Google cardboard, tried digital publishing and even learned to code little robots.

The annual auction fundraiser was a big success due to the efforts of many, many volunteers and generous community donations. The PTA raised about \$20,000 to support school activities and learning through extra money for books, supplies, field trips and technology.

Sadly, what was supposed to be a garden-friendly little drizzle turned into heavy rain, forcing the PTA to postpone Garden Work Day. Here's hoping all those April/May showers bring some flowers when the effort to beautify our school's landscape is rescheduled.

In May, we enjoyed Bike to School day with support from Bike Arlington and others. Dozens of students donned helmets and braved dreary skies to get to school on two wheels! They were welcomed on the blacktop with an obstacle course and orange slices to keep the event festive.

Barrett also marked Teacher Appreciation Week in May with cards, flowers and yummy treats from doughnuts to cupcakes, all meant to show love of teachers and the powerful role they play in students' lives.



Students in Ms. Kirk's kindergarten class work on persuasive writing. Photo by Julie Kaufman

Going forward, students and staff are gearing up for SOL testing, which start in mid-May and continue for weeks. The end of school will also bring the end of the end of an era. Long-serving school counselor Stephanie Shaefer will retire after 23 years with the Barrett community. Also leaving in June are Wendy Cohen, the gifted resource teacher, library media specialist Margaret Frick and kindergarten teacher Nichi Lewis. All will be missed!

Arlington Forest's newest home is complete and open for your inspection

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Southside:

- -- Daniel O'Mara: dog walking, pet sitting, snow shoveling, leaf raking, tomara@teamcfw.com, 703-769-3767 -- Ethan O'Mara: dog walking, pet sitting, snow shoveling,
- leaf raking, tomara@teamcfw.com, 703-769-3767
- -- Sophia Polisar: babysitting (RC certified), pet sitting, sophiapolisar@gmail.com, 571-429-2289
- -- Caroline Rogers: babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking, carolinearogers@verizon.net,703-892-0226
- -- Julia Rogers: babysitting (RC certified), yard work, juliaerogers23@gmail.com, 703-892-0226
- -- Jon Tiernan: babysitting (RC certified, references), pet sitting, jontiernan16@gmail.com
- -- Liz Tiernan: babysitting (RC certified, references), pet sitting, lizzytiernan@gmail.com

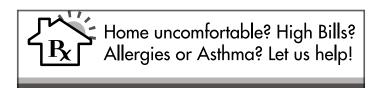
Greenbrier Section:

- -- CeCe and Zephren Collinson: babysitting (references), pet sitting, dog walking, leaf raking, snow shoveling, tutoring, plant watering, mail collection, 703-528-3595 -- Donna Corina: babysitting (RC certified), dog walking, pet sitting, leaf raking, snow shoveling, tutoring, 703-248-8885
- -- Mary Corina: babysitting (RC certified), dog walking, pet sitting, leaf raking, snow shoveling, tutoring, 703-248-8885
- -- Allison Ferrell: babysitting (RC certified), pet sitting, Allisonrocket@aol.com, 703-276-2840
- -- Ethan Hall: babysitting (RC certified), snow shoveling, leaf raking, pet sitting, dog walking, k.hall.b@verizion.net, 302-650-4428
- -- Bridget Holt: babysitting (RC certified), dog walking, pet sitting, 703-465-0580
- -- Jack Holt: babysitting (RC certified), yard work, snow shoveling, leaf raking, watering plants, tutoring, jackloginname@gmail.com, 703-465-0580
- -- Anthony Lawson: yard work, pet sitting, dog walking, 703-933-8880
- -- Charlotte Lawson: leaf raking, pet sitting, dog walking, 703-933-8880



Northside:

- -- Daniel Brancati: yard work, leaf raking, snow shoveling, car washing (in your driveway), daniel@barms.org, 703-243-1916
- -- Laura Brancati: babysitting (RC certified), dog walking, pet sitting, laura@barms.org, 703-243-1916
- -- Alex Brown: yard work, leaf raking, snow shoveling, alexhutchinsb@gmail.com, 703-314-8840
- -- Riittisha Choudhary: tutoring, babysitting age 4-12, yard work, riittishachoudhary@gmail.com
- -- Ely Constantine: pet sitting, leaf raking, snow shoveling, lawn mowing, cpconstantine@comcast.net, 703-841-9229
- -- Sophia Constantine: pet sitting, dog walking, srconstantine@comcast.net, 703-841-9229
- -- Alex Eng: pet sitting, leaf raking, snow shoveling, dcharveydc@yahoo.com, 703-861-1890
- -- Evan Eng: pet sitting, dog walking, leaf raking, snow shoveling, dcharveydc@yahoo.com, 703-861-1890
 -- Jeremy Fagen: pet sitting (any animal), dog walking, plant watering, jdoxen11001@gmail.com, 703-200-2396
- -- Fiona Hickey: babysitting (RC certified), 703-351-7013
- -- Sophie Hickey: babysitting, 703-351-7013
- -- Olivia Kennett: babysitting (RC certified), 571-277-4441
- -- Tenley Kennett: plant watering, dog walking (25 lbs. max), 571-277-4441
- -- Alyssa Luz-Ricca: babysitting (RC certified), dog walking, pet sitting, alyssa.luz.ricca@gmail.com, 703-740-6972
- -- Marika Mortimer-Lotke: babysitting (RC certified), house sitting/chores, 703-276-9046
- -- Allison Vernon: babysitting (references), pet sitting, catharinevernon@aol.com, 703-522-9147
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