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## Lubber Run Amphitheater 2018 Season

By Chris Scheer

As an Arlington Forest sun-dappled summer afternoon gives way to a starry evening, gather family and friends and bring a picnic to enjoy the arts at the free Lubber Run Amphitheater summer concert series (located in the heart of Arlington Forest at North Columbus and 2nd Street North). The series runs June 15<sup>th</sup> through September 16<sup>th</sup>, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. Four children/family programs are scheduled for select Sundays at 11 a.m. (see schedule on pages 8 and 9).

The Lubber Run Amphitheater is a summertime concert venue owned and operated by Arlington County Cultural Affairs, a Division of Arlington Economic Development.

Amphitheater programs bring people together and allow residents of all ages and interests to enjoy entertainers representing varied forms of music and the arts. This year's schedule includes 31 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.

Four special programs aimed at kids and families are funded by the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation and include Rocnocerous Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>, Reptiles Alive Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>, ZigZag Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>, and Mystic Drumz, Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>.

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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 16<sup>th</sup>, AFCA meeting will be a potluck picnic starting 6:00 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 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 16 at Lubber Run*

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## Editor's Note

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## Amphitheater 2018

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The 501(c)(3) Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation was formed nine years ago to support the Amphitheater and is eligible for tax-deductible donations. Public donations at the Amphitheater wishing well following each performance and generous gifts by individuals and businesses have enabled the foundation to fund children's programming and co-sponsor other performances with Arlington Arts. Donations can also be made on the Foundation's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Lubberrunamphitheater](http://www.facebook.com/Lubberrunamphitheater) by clicking the blue "donate" rectangle at the top right of the page.

Foresters can keep up with Lubber Run Amphitheater news throughout the year on the Foundation's and Arlington Arts' Facebook and Twitter. Find a complete schedule with descriptions of the programs on the Arlington County web site at [arts.arlingtonva.us/lubber-run](http://arts.arlingtonva.us/lubber-run).

As an Arlington County facility, Lubber Run Amphitheater Concerts may be canceled due to inclement weather on relatively short notice. For the most up-to-date information on weather-related cancellation or postponement, please visit <https://ArlingtonArts.org>.

## 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](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 Grace and Sarah Buzby, Ely Constantine, Emily Engelken, Bridget and Jack Holt, Emilio Luz-Ricca, Colin Mashkuri, Gavin McLaughlin, Atti and Zi Rattleman, Declan Roberts, and Ava Smialowicz.

Thanks go to the neighbors who submitted articles this past year, including Meg Neill, Natalie Roisman, Hutch Brown, 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.

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

# Lubber Run Farmers Market Aims for May 26<sup>th</sup> Opening

By Luke W. Reynolds

The County Board is expected to approve the proposed Lubber Run Farmers Market during its May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Assuming it is on the Consent agenda, it is important that those of us who support the Market do not put in a speaker's slip to show support because that would result in it being taken off the Consent portion of the agenda. Discussion and approval of the Market would then be deferred to a later day.

Assuming approval, please join us at the Market's grand opening on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Barrett Elementary School.

The confirmed vendors (all small farms/food producers that are generally family-owned and operated) are:

### **Ready to eat foods:**

- Abitas of Falls Church, authentic Mexican food
- Baguette Republic of Sterling, artisan breads
- Empanaderia of Springfield, Argentinian foods including empanadas
- Jennie Mae's Baked Goods of Arlington, muffins, cookies
- La Coop Coffee of Washington, D.C., coffee using fairly traded beans from Guatemala
- Mechelle's Baking Company of Fredericksburg, five and nine-inch pies
- Taste of Eurasia of Alexandria, natural pastries, chocolate candies, and spices

### **Sources for fresh ingredients for home cooking – and raw eating:**

- Barajas Produce of Colonial Beach, vegetables and berries
- Black Rock Orchard of Carroll County, Maryland, tree fruit and berries
- Count Pickula LLC of Vienna, pickled products made using Romanian traditions
- Crazy Farm of Montross, vegetables
- Hog Haven Farm of Columbia, Virginia, a pasture-raised, humanely certified hog farm that offers frozen pork and hot breakfast sandwiches
- Sandy Bottom Acres of Charlotte Hall, Maryland, hormone, steroid, antibiotic, and growth implant free cattle who are pasture fed, as well as free-range eggs
- Twin Springs Fruit Farm Inc. of Adams County, Pennsylvania, tree fruits and vegetables

To learn more, visit <http://lubberunfarmersmarket.org>. We hope you can also post pictures from the market to our soon-to-come Facebook page, which you can access through the website.

Walking to the market is encouraged if you don't live too far away. And the two playgrounds at the Barrett School are available to make this Saturday morning family excursion a treat for young and old alike.

Looking forward to seeing you at the market!

The advertisement for Bee Two Sweet Photography features a black and white photograph of a smiling family: a woman, a man, and a young child. The text 'bee two sweet' is written in a large, elegant font, with 'p h o t o g r a p h y' in smaller letters below it. At the bottom of the image, there are three award logos: 'WEDDINGWIRE COUPLES' CHOICE AWARDS 2018', '2018 PICK the knot best of weddings', and 'WEDDINGWIRE COUPLES' CHOICE AWARDS 2017'. The website 'www.beetwosweet.com' is also visible.

Bee Two Sweet Photography specializes in weddings, family portraits, and life events. Our home base is Arlington and we love meeting our neighbors! So, if you and your family need a friendly, creative, award-winning photographer give us a buzz!

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# Community Yard Sale - May 19<sup>th</sup>



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](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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Escalation Addendums** – are commonly used today when sellers set an offer deadline after the first full weekend on the market, with the presumption that all offers will be the best and final and the seller will decide soon after the deadline. This allows a buyer to make an offer at a starting price while agreeing to increase their offer to a higher price to compete with one or more offers higher than a buyer's initial offer. It includes a ceiling price value and an escalation factor, the amount your offer will increase by, over the next highest offer. Sellers like a compelling reason to choose the best offer (\$5,000 over the highest offer is more attractive than \$1,000). Coming up with a ceiling price is tricky since buyers don't want to overpay. The key component in an escalation addendum is whether the buyer will waive the appraisal contingency or retain it. In my experience with handling hundreds of multiple offer scenarios, most sellers will choose a buyer who waives the appraisal contingency, even if their price is lower than other higher offers that retain the appraisal. Appraisals are the lynch pin of any transaction with new financing.

Buyers aren't too fond of this practice although it allows them to offer as much as they're willing to pay for a home, without committing to pay a maximum price if nobody else in the market values the home as much. All it takes is two competing offers, and occasionally, only one offer materializes after the contract deadline passes, which benefits the buyer. Some buyers fear that they are revealing the highest price they will pay a seller and if there aren't other offers that justify automatically escalating there, the seller may attempt to negotiate the offer up close to the escalation ceiling. This is where having an experienced, savvy realtor on your side can be benefit your interests as a buyer or seller of the transaction.

Are you considering a home sale or purchase? I'll be glad to discuss strategies that will help you maximize your chances of a successful outcome, without exposing yourself to unnecessary risk. For sellers, we strategize on ways to get the best price. For buyers, we advise on maximizing their chance of securing a home without grossly overpaying relative to the market.



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# Around the Forest

**Traffic Circle:** In late April, Arlington County planted a scarlet oak tree in the large traffic circle by the Arlington Forest Shopping Center (see photo). Since 1941, an American holly tree occupied that space until it finally succumbed to disease last summer. Last September, a survey was sent out to the Arlington Forest neighborhood requesting input on which type of tree was preferred to replace the old holly tree. The neighbors voted overwhelmingly for the scarlet oak.

**Park Drive at Arlington Blvd:** The County has completed the \$1.5 million project funded by VDOT to improve access and crossings for pedestrians, bus users, bikers, and motor vehicles utilizing the intersection of Arlington Blvd with Park Drive. The narrower vehicle lanes on the south side of the traffic circle are designed to stop drivers from exceeding the speed limit when entering our neighborhood streets at that location.

**New at Shopping Center:** Chiropractor "Full Motion Life and Sport" opened in the Arlington Forest Shopping Center last month in the space formerly occupied by Fiesta Oriental. For more info, go to [www.fullmotionlifeandsport.com](http://www.fullmotionlifeandsport.com).

**Bikeshare:** A Capital Bikeshare Station location is likely to be installed along 1st Street North in front of the Arlington Forest Shopping Center early next year. In a recent survey of Arlington Forest residents, 85% responded in favor of the installation.



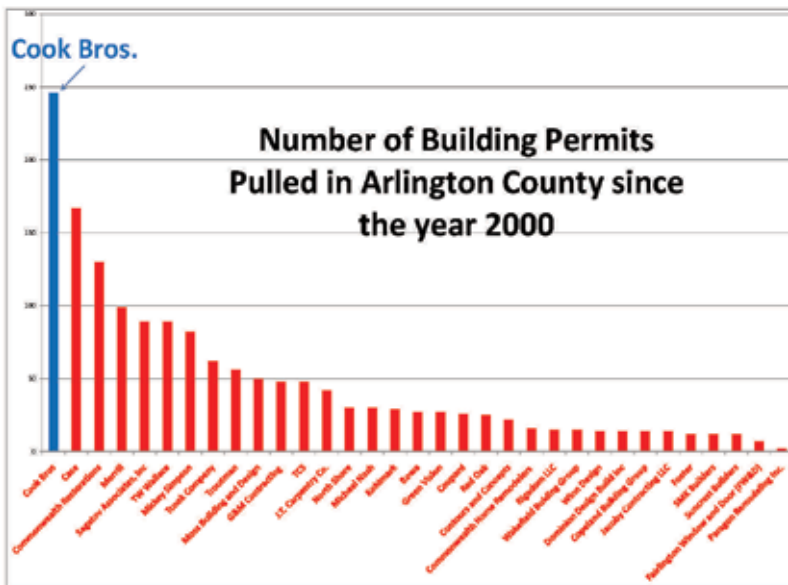
**Honoring Joe Cockrell:** The traffic circle holly tree had been tended for many years by Joe Cockrell, a resident of North Park Drive since 1964. Joe and his wife Claire recently moved out of the neighborhood and are very much missed by



their neighbors. They made many contributions to Arlington Forest over the years including Joe's time as AFCA President. AFCA has erected a plaque (see photo) by the new scarlet oak tree in gratitude for the many years that Joe cared for its predecessor.

## You Don't Have to Interview the #1 Remodeler in Arlington... But...

### Why Wouldn't You?



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[www.CookBros.org/ArlForest](http://www.CookBros.org/ArlForest)



# Successful Neighborhood Cleanup

By John Naland

We had a good turnout for the eighth annual Arlington Forest Spring Cleanup on Saturday morning, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Groups of neighbors removed trash from the streambed in Lubber Run Park and cleaned up the buffer strip on the southside of Arlington Blvd.

**“Thank you very much for all your hard work, helping us maintain the environment”**

At the foot of N. Granada St. where I spent the morning, 25 neighbors scoured the Four Mile Run flood plain between N. Carlin Springs Dr. and Arlington Blvd filling ten large bags with trash. We also pulled numerous oversize rusty metal objects (rebar, fence posts, appliance parts) out of the forest for the County to haul away. Our

group also does a fall cleanup of this area every year. We have done these cleanups since 2008 – making this year our 10<sup>th</sup> year.

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. After the event, the Arlington County park maintenance supervisor e-mailed me saying

“Thank you very much for all your hard work, helping us maintain the environment of our beautiful County free of trash and contamination.”

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. Each week when you go to roll in your empty trash and recycle bins, please check the curb in front of your house for small items that may have fallen out. That will keep the next rainstorm from carrying the debris into our streams and rivers.



## Party in Waterworld!

Sunday, June 3 2:30 pm- 4:00 pm

Join in an afternoon full of water games and fun!

Slip n' slides, sprinklers and more! **FREE for everyone.**

*Children under 8 years old should be accompanied by an adult.*

## Vacation Bible School

Theme — Rolling River Rampage

July 16 - 20 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Join in a fantastic week where youngsters discover that life with God is an adventure of wonder and surprise through stories, crafts, and fun activities.

Preschool through rising 5th Graders! Dinner will be served each evening.

Only \$20 for the week - \$5 for each additional sibling

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# Carlin Springs Road Pedestrian Safety Update

The weather is warming and many neighbors are taking advantage of one of the benefits of living in Arlington Forest -- the ability to walk to many local points of interest. Pedestrian safety is a concern for many Arlington Forest residents, especially for those who cross Carlin Springs Road (CSR).

Many families walk from their homes and cross at North Harrison Street to play tennis and swim at the Arlington Forest Club and access the bike trail. Neighbors cross at North Edison Street for many reasons: accessing public transit, enjoying pizza at Pupatella, or buying snacks at 7-Eleven. For many years, dating back more than a decade, neighbors have been working to improve pedestrian safety on CSR.

In 2016, a group of concerned Arlington Forest neighbors began increasing awareness of CSR safety issues through advocacy with elected officials. An impromptu meeting with Arlington County Board Member John Vihstadt and Delegate Patrick Hope took place in July 2016. One year later AFCA President Allison Kennett presented a letter and spoke at the July 2017 Arlington County Board meeting.

In response to the concerns, the County appointed the deputy county manager, as the liaison with the Arlington Forest Citizens Association on the CSR pedestrian safety issue. A group of neighbors met with the deputy county manager to discuss CSR crossing concerns. She outlined improvements at the North Harrison Street crossing and discussed possible improvements at additional points along the road, such as the North Edison Street crossing. Neighbors and the County representatives have discussed future safety improvements including a new flashing yellow beacon signs at both North Harrison and North Edison Street crossings.

Certain safety improvements focused on the North Harrison Street crossing have been made, such as the installation of a radar speed indicator sign (see photo) and bollards (stakes with reflectors), which create a safer place for people to wait in the median and increases visibility of pedestrians.

The County transportation office also conducted pedestrian data counts and released the information to community members. Some individuals in the neighborhood have analyzed the data and believe the volume of pedestrians warrant a pedestrian-activated red-light signal (a HAWK signal). After working with neighbors to ensure accurate pedestrian data, the County has called for new counts. With the pool season starting, neighbors have been advocating for implementation of additional pedestrian safety improvements at the North Harrison Street crossing.

Additional improvements are at various stages of development. For example, plans to redesign the North Edison



Street crossing are in the planning process: a wider median, flashing beacon and signs are being considered. We are continuing to work with the County to make pedestrian safety improvements. We encourage you to ask questions, get involved, and be careful when crossing Carlin Springs Road! Please email [stirine.lora@gmail.com](mailto:stirine.lora@gmail.com) to get involved.

## Long Branch Nature Center Programs

Below are just a few of the upcoming programs at our nearby nature center. Pre-registration is required. Do so online or by calling 703-228-4747. For details, see the County website or call 703-228-6535:

**Busy Bees:** May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:30 a.m., come discover what the buzz is all about! No need to fear as we learn about these amazing insects. We'll also see them in action at our "bee-utiful" flower garden. Ages 3-5 years. \$5 per child. Parents are invited to stay and observe, or those with younger siblings may visit the rest of the building during the program. Parents must remain on-site. Register for activity code 632918-I.

**Visit Our Animal Hospital:** Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-3:30 p.m., come visit our rescued animals and see how we medically treat them. We have recovering reptiles and amphibians that need care and your help. Ages 9-15. \$5 per person. Register for activity code 632928-F.

**R.I.P. – Remove Invasive Plants:** Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 p.m., help us restore habitat and increase species diversity right here in Arlington. Work parties are held every month. We are making a real difference, with the return of ferns and wildflowers, and the animals that depend on them, in areas once covered in destructive invasive plants. Ages 8+. Free. Registration not required.

# Free Concerts at Lubber Run Amphitheater - 2018 Schedule

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

Free music in a beautiful setting. Bring the kids! Bring the pooch! Bring a picnic! (soft drinks only!)

## Theater and Dance

**ENCORE STAGE & STUDIO** — Dramatic productions in which every actor and every backstage crew member is under 18 years of age. SUNDAY 17 JUNE 6PM

**BOWEN MACCAULEY DANCE** — Inventive and vibrant choreography fuses contemporary and classical to a sweeping range of musical styles. FRIDAY 22 JUNE 8PM

**COMPANY DANZANTE** — Excellence in contemporary dance. SUNDAY 1 JULY 6PM

**JANE FRANKLIN DANCE** — Blends movement, sound and art and incorporates active participation by people of all ages. SUNDAY 22 JULY 11AM

**SIGNATURE THEATER** — A sampling by the nationally acclaimed Arlington-based Tony Award®-winning, non-profit professional theater company. SATURDAY 11 AUGUST 8PM

## R&B / Funk

**REVELATOR HILL** — Revelator Hill is Bobby Thompson's latest collaboration with some of the finest R&B musicians in the DC area. FRIDAY 29 JUNE 8PM

**AZTEC SUN** — "Funk with Soul" upbeat and retro groove steeped in 70's Funk and Soul with overtones of Jazz, Afrobeat and Motown-era pop. SATURDAY 30 JUNE 8PM

**KING SOUL** — Brings the excitement of old school Southern Soul to a new audience. SATURDAY 14 JULY 8PM

**HARDWAY CONNECTION** — Rhythm and blues, smooth, passionate, sometimes funky and extremely "tight" compels you to dance. SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 8PM

**SOL ROOTS** — Mixes of New Orleans funk, raw blues, rock, deep grooves, and Southern soul. FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 8PM

## Jazz

**TONGUE IN CHEEK JAZZ BAND** — Blending sounds of Storyville and Congo Square, Roaring Twenties and prohibition. FRIDAY 6 JULY 8PM

**VERONNEAU** is known for her gentle, compelling, warm voice and powerful melodies. She brings an effortless technique jazz standards, pop, and blues. SATURDAY 28 JULY 8PM

**ARMY BLUES** — Part of the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own," and the premier jazz ensemble of the United States Army. SUNDAY 5 AUGUST 6PM

**BITTER DOSE COMBO** DC's premiere gypsy jazz band combines Django Reinhardt style guitar with Paris musette accordion and upright bass. SUNDAY 12 AUGUST 6PM

## Classical

**ARLINGTON PHILHARMONIC** — 4th Annual "Pops for Pets" a benefit for both the Arlington Philharmonic and Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA). SUNDAY 24 JUNE 6PM

**NATIONAL CHAMBER ENSEMBLE** — Acclaimed DC area musicians perform great works of chamber music. FRIDAY 3 AUGUST 8PM

## World

**LADAMA** — Four women from Brazil, Columbia, Venezuela and the U.S. blend their respective folk traditions into an authentic Latin American expression. FRIDAY 15 JUNE 8PM

**CHOPTEETH** — 12-piece Afrofunk orchestra explores the common groove between funky, hip-shakin' West African and American pop music. SATURDAY 7 JULY 8PM

**LOS GAITEROS DE SANGUASHINGTON** — DC-based band, composed of 7 Colombian musicians, plays a variety of Colombian music. FRIDAY 13 JULY 8PM

**CHEIK HAMALA DIABATE** — Grammy-nominated musician from Mali, West Africa has graced the Kennedy Center, the U.S. Senate, and the Smithsonian. FRIDAY 20 JULY 8PM

**THE FUSS** — A dynamic ska, rocksteady, and early reggae band from DC sound pays tribute to 60's Jamaica and the British Mod scene. SATURDAY 21 JULY 8PM

**DC HIGHLIFE STARS** has been lighting up dance floors across Maryland and DC with an infectious blend of music from West & Central Africa. SUNDAY 29 JULY 11AM

## Country

**THE GRANDSONS** — Now in their 31st year. Winner of 2015 WAMMIE for "Best Roots Rock Band" SATURDAY 16 JUNE 8PM

**JUSTIN JONES** — DC-based singer-songwriter whose electrified country and roots-rock leaves plenty of space for Jones to hold court with the best. SATURDAY 23 JUNE 8PM

**KITI GARTNER** — Rockabilly, Country, Blues, Americana/Roots music with the occasional Fifties pop mambo. SUNDAY 15 JULY 6PM

**SPEEDY TOLIVER TRIBUTE** to the 99 year-old Arlington-based bluegrass fiddler who passed away last year. He performed at local folk festivals for 65 years. FRIDAY 27 JULY 8PM

## Kids

**ROCNOCEROUS** is American children's band formed in Fairfax, VA in 2005. SUNDAY 8 JULY 11AM \*

**REPTILES ALIVE** — Colorful exotic live animals presented by fun, friendly wildlife educators. SUNDAY 26 AUGUST 11AM \*

**ZIGZAG** — A fun, energetic and engaging children's entertainer, Zig Zag the Magic Man is the Magistical Laffinator. SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 11AM \*

**MYSTIC DRUMZ** — Introduces to cultures and rhythms from around the globe to young audiences. A magical adventure to a fantastical place. SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 11AM \*

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- AZTEC SUN** — “Funk with Soul” upbeat and retro groove steeped in 70’s Funk and Soul with overtones of Jazz, Afrobeat and Motown-era pop. SATURDAY 30 JUNE 8PM

## July

- COMPANY DANZANTE** — Excellence in contemporary dance. SUNDAY 1 JULY 6PM
- TONGUE IN CHEEK JAZZ BAND** — Blending sounds of Storyville and Congo Square, Roaring Twenties and prohibition. FRIDAY 6 JULY 8PM
- CHOPTEETH** — 12-piece Afrofunk orchestra explores the common groove between funky, hip-shakin’ West African and American pop music. SATURDAY 7 JULY 8PM
- ROCNOCEROUS** — is American children’s band formed in Fairfax, VA in 2005. SUNDAY 8 JULY 11AM \*
- LOS GAITEROS DE SANGUASHINGTON** — DC-based band, composed of 7 Colombian musicians, plays a variety of Colombian music. FRIDAY 13 JULY 8PM
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- CHEIK HAMALA DIABATE** — Grammy-nominated musician from Mali, West Africa has graced the Kennedy Center, the U.S. Senate, and the Smithsonian. FRIDAY 20 JULY 8PM
- THE FUSS** — A dynamic ska, rocksteady, and early reggae band from DC sound pays tribute to 60’s Jamaica and the British Mod scene. SATURDAY 21 JULY 8PM
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- SPEEDY TOLIVER TRIBUTE** to the 99 year-old Arlington-based bluegrass fiddler who passed away last year. He performed at local folk festivals for 65 years. FRIDAY 27 JULY 8PM
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- DC HIGHLIFE STARS** — has been lighting up dance floors across Maryland and DC with an infectious blend of music from West & Central Africa. SUNDAY 29 JULY 6PM

## August

- HARDWAY CONNECTION** — Rhythm and blues, smooth, passionate, sometimes funky and extremely “tight” compels you to dance. SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 8PM
- ARMY BLUES** — Part of the United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own,” and the premier jazz ensemble of the United States Army. SUNDAY 5 AUGUST 6PM
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## September

- ZIGZAG** the Magic Man is the Magistical Laffinator, an energetic and engaging entertainer. SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 11AM \*
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## Forest Exchange

**Yoga in Lubber Run Park:** When? Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7-8:15 PM, starting June 4<sup>th</sup>. Where? Lubber Run Park. Child care provided upon request.

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## Community Calendar

**AFCA Picnic:** Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM, Lubber Run Shelter.

**Annual Yard Sale:** Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Turn unwanted stuff into cash.

**Taste of Arlington:** May 20<sup>th</sup>. Annual food tasting event along Wilson Blvd near Ballston Mall.

**Primary Election:** June 12<sup>th</sup>. Republican Primary for U.S. Senate and Democratic Primary for County Board.

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

**Arlington County Fair:** August 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. Rides, food, displays, and racing pigs.

**General Election:** November 6<sup>th</sup>. U.S. Senate, County Board, and School Board.

**Future AFCA Meetings:**

September 19<sup>th</sup>: AFCA begins a new year of advocacy



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# Barcroft School News

Barcroft Elementary is in the homestretch, with just over a month of school left before summer vacation. Standing between now and June 20<sup>th</sup> are Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, but also some fun activities. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade will present its Spring concert (chorus, band and orchestra); we enjoyed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert on May 3<sup>rd</sup> (see photo). The 5<sup>th</sup> grade will enjoy a pool day a week before their graduation celebration. And mark your calendar for the June 12<sup>th</sup> fundraiser at Dogfish Head Alehouse in Falls Church; a portion of sales all day will go to Barcroft.

In April, our community collected household goods for a week in celebration of Earth Day as part of a “reuse” initiative. Final donations poured in on a rainy STEAM night, filling a moving truck, a minivan, and an SUV. Donations were transported to the Savers organization, and we kept more than 1.5 tons (3,421 pounds) of items out of landfills, earning over \$500 to support the school.

The “Spring Fling,” a party for adults, was a big success! About 50 parents and friends of the school enjoyed acoustic music by Taylor Carson, food and drinks donated by parents and local businesses, and each other’s company at the Barcroft Community House. We hope to make this an annual event, and all are welcome. Be on the lookout for ticket sales next Spring.

Perhaps the most popular event at Barcroft, the annual International Night, was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, with food, “artifacts” from around the world, and performances by students, all celebrating the many cultures represented by Barcroft Elementary families.

Barcroft’s schedule means that we have a short break before kicking things off again on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the summer!



*Next AFCA Meeting:*  
Wednesday, May 16th  
Picnic at Lubber Run



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# Not Our Ancestral Creeks

## By Hutch Brown

As a boy, I fished my neighborhood creeks in Alexandria and Fairfax County with a simple hook and line. I caught sunfish and large minnows called fallfish, some up to a foot in size. So, when my son was old enough, I took him down to our neighborhood creeks. But not a fish in sight was big enough to take even our tiniest hooks. The reason is simple: urban development has degraded the creeks, turning them into conduits for stormwater runoff.

Our neighborhood creeks originally had native brook trout. The water table was higher then, with streams flowing over gravel beds that covered most of the bedrock. Forests cooled the waters and fallen trees blocked the flows, forming bends and pools up to 8 feet deep -- ideal habitat for trout.

In the 1800s, as railroad engineers straightened Four Mile Run and Civil War soldiers cleared away forests for firewood, the trout disappeared. Any survivors vanished by the 1920s as developers paved over the watershed. Today, 42 percent of Arlington County is covered by impervious surfaces. Anything more than 10 percent is fatal to trout.

In unpaved watersheds, stormwater runoff soaks into spongy forest soils and percolates into the ground wa-

ter, where it slowly releases into streams. On impervious surfaces, runoff drains directly into streams, which become raging brown torrents. The hot summer asphalt raises creek water temperatures far above tolerance levels for cold-water species like trout. The floodwaters scour away the gravels that aquatic species need for feeding and breeding, and the remaining gravel gaps are smothered in silt. Moreover, pollutants wash from the streets along with nutrients from lawns, degrading creek water quality and killing aquatic life.

Biodiversity disappears. Only a few species of small fish remain in our creeks, along with the larvae of midges and other tolerant aquatic insects. After more than a century of degradation, the creek beds are starting to stabilize, but they have been scoured down to the bedrock, widely exposed in our neighborhood streams.

These are not our ancestral creeks. Devoid of their original biodiversity, they are little more than open storm drains -- artifacts of urban living.



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### Spring is Here!

...and seemed to leave in about 2 days. We've already hit the 90s, and summer feels like it is right around the corner. Our family always looks forward to the opening of the pool, and we begin to spend plenty of time at AFC (Go Tigers!).



The neighborhood looks beautiful, as the trees fill in, and all the blooms provide gorgeous colors.

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- 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
- Andrew Rogers: yard work, dog walking, pet sitting, andrewmcyt@gmail.com, 703-892-0226
- Caroline Rogers: babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking, carolinearogers@verizon.net, 703-892-0226
- Julia Rogers (college breaks only): babysitting (RC certified), yard work, private swim lessons, juliaerogers23@gmail.com, 703-892-0226

## Greenbrier Section:

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- Reid Messman: pet sitting, dog walking (references), 703-469-1988
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- Leah Shvedova: babysitting (references), tutoring through 8th grade (Social Science, English, Algebra), pet sitting, watering plants, 571-426-6818
- Ava Smialowicz, babysitting (RC certified), pet sitting, text 703-424-0895, ava.smialowicz@hotmail.com
- Emma Weaver: babysitting (Safe Sitter certified, references), 703-875-8185

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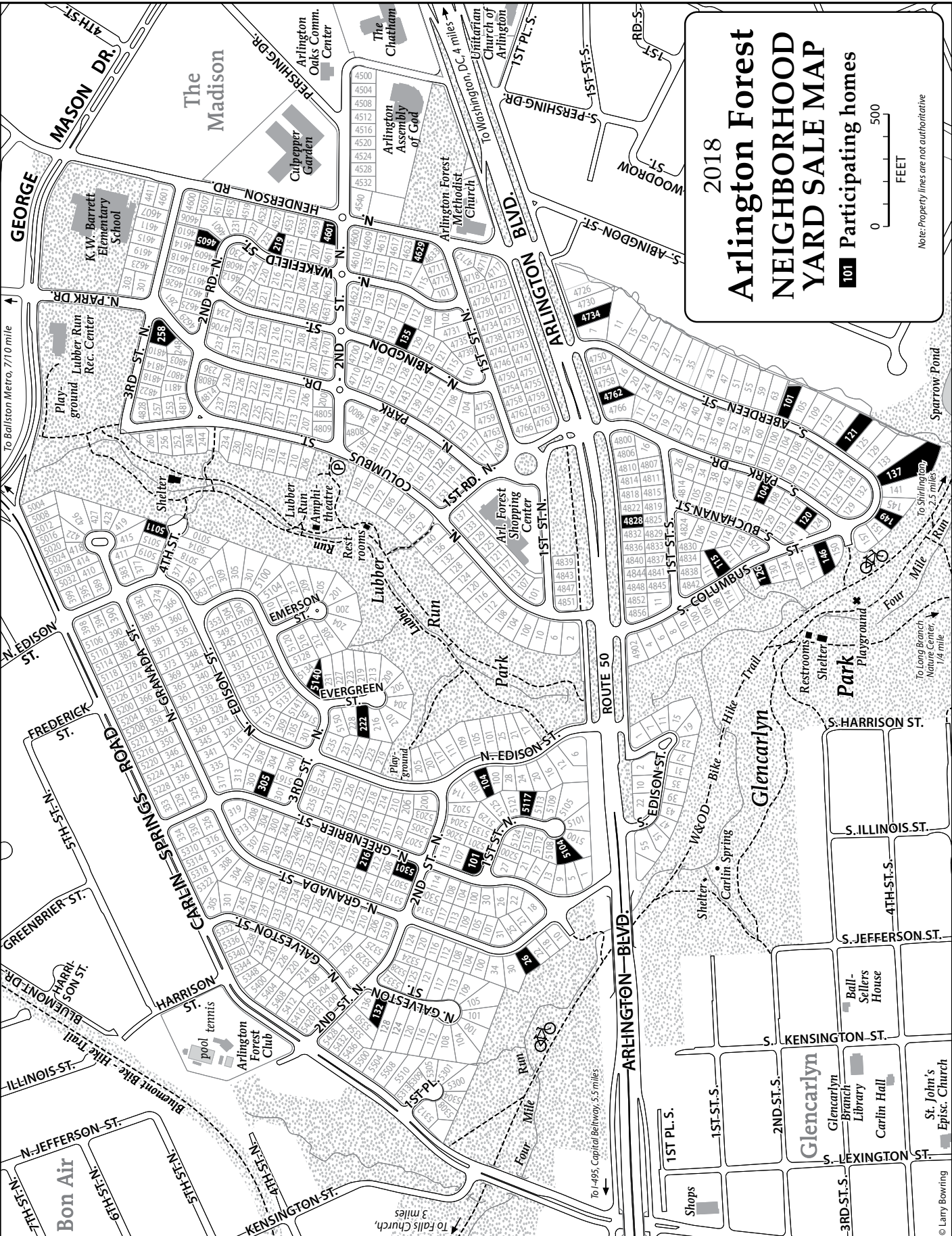
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