

# The Arlington Forester



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## AFCA Gets Energized

By John Naland

Remember those recurring and sometimes-extended power outages last winter? If those cold, dark nights raised questions in your mind about what Dominion Virginia Power is doing to ensure reliable power distribution in our neighborhood, please come hear a Dominion Power representative talk and answer questions at AFCA's next meeting this Wednesday, Oct 19, at 7 PM in the Barrett School library.

Since falling branches and trees cause most winter power outages, the representative will describe Dominion's transmission line right-of-way vegetation management program and answer questions like: Is there a set schedule for vegetation maintenance along Dominion's rights-of-way? If so, how often does it take place and when is the next scheduled maintenance for our neighborhood? Are there problem areas (such as along Carlin Springs Road between the Arlington Forest Club and Four Mile Run) that require more frequent

trimming? If a resident notices dead trunks or limbs threatening Dominion's transmission lines, will Dominion come out to cut or trim trees in-between scheduled cycles?

Also at the next AFCA meeting, Valerie Mosley of the Arlington County Parks Department will return to seek final input on the proposed Neighborhood Conservation project to enhance the existing playground in Glencarlyn Park at the end of S. Park Drive.

Other meeting topics include a briefing on upcoming safety upgrades at the intersection of Park Drive and Arlington Blvd, and an update on planning for the Lubber Run Amphitheater's summer 2012 season.

Your membership dues support AFCA's numerous activities which enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood. If you did not send in your annual \$10 dues, please complete and return the dues form on page 9 today.

## Work Begins on 2012 Amphitheater Season

By Chris Scheer

This month the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation will brief Arlington County Manager Barbara Donellon's staff and County Board members on what Foundation Co-President Esther Bowring describes as a "very successful comeback season" for the Lubber Run Amphitheater. Bowring and Foundation board members will report to county officials that 2,371 people attended nine performances at the amphitheater and left an unprecedented \$2,286 at the "wishing well" to support future performances at Lubber Run.

"It was a short season of weekend programs," Bowring said, "and three performances were rained out, but we had a standing room only opening program on July 29 and most of the remaining programs filled the facility. There's no doubt that the public supports the Lubber Run Amphitheater."

The county made good on a promise to get the amphitheater ready for a shortened 2011 summer season, but made

no guarantees about funding a full season of summer programming for 2012; though county master of ceremonies Hal Crawford ended the last weekend of programs with a "See you next June" closing statement.

"We are working with the county to make sure we have a full season of great entertainment next year," Bowring said, "but we know that the county ....Continued on page 3

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## Editor's Note

The *Arlington Forester* welcomes your articles, news notes and letters which should focus on events or issues specific to our neighborhood and should not exceed 400 words. We also welcome photos accompanied by an explanatory caption. E-mail submissions to John Naland at [newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org](mailto:newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org). Deadlines vary with the date of the month's AFCA meeting. The next deadline is Nov 3. Space fills up early, so e-mail the editor in advance if you plan to submit a photo or long article. Submissions are subject to editing.



## AFCA Unveils New Website

by Tom Smialowicz

This October the AFCA has launched a new website. It has a new redesigned look along with a new address [www.arlingtonforestva.org](http://www.arlingtonforestva.org). Make sure you add it to your favorites and visit it frequently.

The website is for all residents of Arlington Forest to access relevant information about our neighborhood. The website homepage contains important announcements, such as upcoming AFCA meeting dates. The Neighborhood section will capture information related to neighborhood news, nature news, school information and articles from the newsletter. An Events page will include details and dates of happenings around the Forest and Arlington County, highlighting the upcoming major events, such as the holiday party and spring cleanups. The community calendar is also located here. The Newsletter section contains the current issue of the *Arlington Forester*, as well as past issues for reference. The AFCA section contains contact information for your AFCA officers.

Pictured below is a small glimpse of the new website homepage. The AFCA website will continually be updated to provide neighborhood information at your fingertips, so check it out and don't forget to bookmark the site at [www.arlingtonforestva.org](http://www.arlingtonforestva.org).



## Honoring the Niewegs

Forty neighbors, friends and relatives gathered at Crystal Thai Restaurant on Saturday, Sept 24, for a luncheon honoring Elroy and Dorothy Nieweg who relocated to an area retirement community this past summer after living for four decades at the corner of N. Granada and N. 2nd Street. Elroy served as AFCA treasurer from 1973 to 1986 and in recent years was the AFCA webmaster and historian. He and Dorothy were co-editors of the 2000 Arlington Forest history book published on the association's 60th anniversary. Elroy and another neighbor were co-editors of the 50th anniversary book.



At the luncheon, participants wrote personal notes on a wide photo frame matting into which the above photo was later placed and then presented to the Niewegs by Bernie and Merle Wexler. Afterwards, Dorothy e-mailed the organizers saying "Elroy and I certainly enjoyed yesterday's 'Farewell Luncheon!' It was good to see old friends and neighbors and to get caught up on neighborhood news. We hope to keep in touch even though we've moved across the line to Fairfax County."

## Block Party Season

On a warm Saturday afternoon last month, neighbors on the first block of N. Granada Street continued the Arlington Forest tradition of holding block parties (see photo to the left). In an annual event on this block every fall since at least the late 1990s, most neighborhood families came together to enjoy a pot-luck dinner and good conversation. The kids had a blast playing in the closed-off street.

The event underscored how block parties can serve to maintain a sense of community and bring together neighbors who live more than a few doors apart. To hold a block party, a \$64 permit must be obtained from the County to allow temporarily closing the street to non-resident traffic

(the fee covers County delivery and pick up of six orange cones to detour traffic). See the county website for details.



## Amphitheater *...from page 1*

budget is limited. That's why we established a relationship with the Arlington Community Foundation so we can appeal directly to the community for financial support."

An agreement has been worked out with the Arlington Community Foundation that allows tax-deductible donations to be made right now for the amphitheater. To make a donation, mail a check to the Arlington Community Foundation, 818 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22203. Please make the check out to Arlington Community Foundation and write "Lubber Run Amphitheater Fund" on the memo line. With the financial help of the Arlington Forest Citizens Association, the Foundation is also working on obtaining certification as a nonprofit group to accept tax-deductible donations directly. This process should take a few months.

The Foundation seeks community input on programming for the 2012 season. What local area entertainers would you like to see at Lubber Run next year? Send your ideas and donations to [lubberrunamphitheater@gmail.com](mailto:lubberrunamphitheater@gmail.com). Keep up with Lubber Run Amphitheater news and activities on Facebook.



# Park Cleanup

On a beautiful September weekend morning, a dozen families from N. Granada, N. Galveston, and N. Greenbrier joined together to clean up a stretch of Four Mile Run near the Route 50 overpass (see the accompanying photo of some of the volunteers). They picked up trash, removed invasive plants and cleaned up the path leading from the foot of N. Greenbrier down to the WO&D Trail. Although the neighbors do similar clean-ups twice a year, they still managed to fill over a dozen large garbage bags and they nearly filled a County recycling bin with bottles and cans.



At each of these semi-annual cleanups, the volunteers haul a variety of bulk trash items up from the stream. Past year's catches have included a car bumper, TV, box springs and a Target shopping cart. This time the most usual find was an intact Arlington County picnic table that had apparently been washed downstream from Bluemont Park during a rain storm (the County was notified and later picked it up).

Removing all that trash and debris from the Chesapeake Bay watershed improved the environment for the people and animals living along the stream and beyond. Those two hours of work also made the well-used paths along Four Mile Run more attractive places to walk, jog, and bike. The neighbors will be out there again in April for the spring cleanup. Any Arlington Forest resident is welcome to pitch in. Check this newsletter next March for details.

**During and After:** Heavy rainfall from the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee caused the usually tranquil Four Mile Run to swell into a raging river in early September as seen in the during (top) and after (bottom) photos to the right.



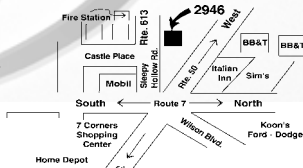
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*Jim*



# Old Roots, New Shoots and the Joy of Front Yard Gardens

By David Mog

"Hello, love your new garden" I shouted in passing on a spring exercise run down the first block of N. Granada Street in 2008. Weeks passed with additional "garden cheers" before stopping to introduce myself to James Reed, his wife Ryoko, and their daughter Kimi. Jogs on neighborhood streets in these last three years have allowed for a growing appreciation not only of the expansion of the Reed operation (now three substantial, diversified organic garden beds in the only part of their

**"Is James Reed a tender new shoot in a green revolution that will change how urban America eats?"**

property that gets descent sun), but also of the installation of other front or side yard gardens at more than a few homes in the Forest.

So what motivates these emerging, in-your-face urban farmers? As a big city kid just old enough to remember a small and temporary WWII "Victory Garden" in my parents' back yard, I grew up with only a vague sense of where food comes from because that

garden was soon replaced with proper grass, subsequent food came home in packages, and "home ec" in middle school was all about the rudiments of cooking soup from a can or baking cake from a package; there was no formal opportunity for us '50s city kids to get our fingers dirty, learn about soil pH, or appreciate the taste of freshly picked produce. For the most part, even health conscious urban folks of my generation may eat vegetables, but we don't grow them.

Since his garden was so successful, I naturally assumed that either James grew up on a farm or he'd gotten a college degree in agriculture. Wrong! Turns out he was born in Chicago and works with computers. So why does a busy city guy grow his own food? His wife made him do it? Well yes, it was Ryoko's idea. But he's gotten into the project well beyond a new mom's simple wish for a plot to help provide their daughter with healthy food. As we considered his motivations,

James smiled and said, "must be my roots!" Turns out James hails from two large southern families that migrated to jobs in the industrializing North. Grandparents on both sides established large urban gardens to maintain a connection to the land and to ensure a supply of favorite vegetables like collard greens.

So did he inherit the ability to grow two or three crops each year without fertilizers and pesticides? Not really. He admits that it doesn't hurt that his brother-in-law runs a large organic farm in Mendocino County, California, but mostly it's all about making good use of advice from savvy neighbors and available resources such as the County's Master Gardeners, the State's Extension Service, and an ever increasing wealth of good information now accessible on the Internet. The most important ingredient for success? In a scene reminiscent of Dustin Hoffman in *The Graduate*, he pulls me aside and whispers, "It's all about the soil!"

Is James Reed a tender new shoot in a green revolution that will change how urban America eats? Only time will tell. In the meantime, he and his family are having too much fun rooting both their plants and themselves in remarkable soil while also connecting with passing neighbors including this writer who will continue to cheer for a revolution on his exercise runs down Granada Street.

*Editor's Note: Ryoko Reed wrote about their garden in last month's newsletter in "Tomato Overload: The U-Pick Farm on Granada Street".*



**THE REED FAMILY:** James, Ryoko, and Kimi posing by their front yard garden.

# AF101: Leaf Season

By John Naland

In a neighborhood with the word “Forest” in its name, dealing with leaves comes with the territory. Here are some “Arlington Forest 101” pointers for surviving leaf season.

Between early November and mid-January, do not put leaves in plastic garbage bags or trash carts. Instead, either rake your leaves in loose piles to the curbside for vacuum leaf collection, or put the leaves in biodegradable leaf bags for collection. Home composting is a third option (search “composting” on the County website for helpful hints). The fourth option -- just leaving a carpet of leaves on your lawn for months on end -- can harm your grass.

Biodegradable leaf bags are collected on the next business day after our regular trash collection day from early November through mid-January. Remove stones, litter and other debris and then place the leaves in biodegradable bags that will be mulched along with the leaves. Free bags are available at numerous locations (including Lubber Run Center, Long Branch Nature Center and Thomas Jefferson Middle School) or can be purchased at hardware stores.

Vacuum leaf collection runs from mid-November to late December. Rake leaves to curb and remove stones, litter, branches, or other debris to prevent worker injuries or

equipment damage. Crews make two passes, one in November and one in December. For the exact schedule, look for bright yellow signs posted on telephone poles several days before the collection or check the County website (search “leaf collection”).

To be a good neighbor, keep an eye on the pickup schedule. If you miss a weekly leaf bag collection, please do not leave the bags at the curb for the whole week until the next pickup. If you miss a vacuum collection (especially the final one), your leaves will sit in the street for weeks blowing onto your neighbors’ lawns and potentially clogging the storm drains.

All of those leaves (along with branches picked up via a separate collection program) get turned into mulch which you can get delivered to your driveway or curbside. For \$40, the County will deliver as much leaf or hardwood mulch as you could likely use. For details, search “mulch” on the County website.



If you need help with leaf raking or mulch shoveling, check out the “Kids for Hire” listing on page 14 of this newsletter.



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**Sunday Holy Eucharist**  
**8 a.m. & 10 a.m.**

**Book Club Nov. 1 / Dec 6, 7:30 p.m.**  
*(Nov—The Elegance of the Hedgehog / Dec—Little Princes)*

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# Around the Forest

**Children's Halloween Parade:** Bring your little princess, wizards or other costumed wee ones to the annual neighborhood Halloween parade on Sunday, October 30, at 4 PM starting at the Arlington Forest Shopping Center. The parade will head towards the playground at Lubber Run Community Center and then down to the fire ring in Lubber Run Park for an old-fashioned camp fire. Bring your own s'mores fixins and other snacks if desired. Thanks to Jennifer Beer for organizing this event again this year.

**Perfect Attendance:** Out of 81 Arlington civic organizations, Arlington Forest was one of just 13 groups whose representatives posted a perfect attendance record over the past year at the monthly meetings of the Arlington County Civic Federation. Kudos go out to our representatives for their consistency in weighing in for us on important issues.

**Carlin Springs Bridge Project:** County planning continues for a major overhaul of the Carlin Springs Road bridge over George Mason Drive in 2012. Planned improvements include: pedestrian safety lighting under and above the bridge, wider sidewalks on the bridge, concrete support structures repair and replacement, new concrete bridge decking, and dedicated bicycle lanes. In the coming months, the County will select between three design options, one of which would remove one auto lane in order to add bicycle lanes. For more info, including sketches of the three alternative designs, search "Carlin Springs Bridge" on the County website.

**Park Drive and Arlington Blvd Improvements:** The County is also moving forward on plans to improve the intersection at Park Drive and Arlington Blvd. Safety and usability upgrades will include: replace all the stop lights with new and improved ones featuring LED lighting and brighter lights, install wider cement curbs and ADA approved walk ways, and improve the curbs and walkways at and near the bus stops. Come to the October AFCA meeting to learn full details.

**Safety at S. Columbus and Arlington Blvd:** Prospects for resident-requested safety improvements that the intersection of S. Columbus and Arlington Blvd hit a snag last month when the Virginia Department of Transportation turned down the County's request for a construction permit. VDOT requested additional information which the County is currently gathering. Nevertheless, the County is optimistic that construction can be started and completed by winter.

**Architect Recognized:** Arlington Forest architect and principal of EnvironHomeDesign, Marta Layseca, recently received recognition in the myMarvin Architect Challenge, a competition among the region's top architects. Layseca was among regional winners for her renovation design of a 1940s colonial home in Arlington Forest, acknowledged for its seamless new addition and commitment to energy efficiency. "With a beautifully renovated house we have learned a lot. We are happy with our green choices and recommend that others take the plunge," said the homeowner. The design exceeded the homeowner's expectations, addressed the challenge of integrating the old house with the new addition, and is saving about 50 percent on water and energy comparing with the original home. Layseca received her prize in a ceremony at the AIA DC Architecture Week Kick-Off Event in early September, held in Northwest DC. (Submitted by Jeremy A. Pearce, Financial Advisor, Progressive Asset Management)

**Artistic Excellence:** Arlington Forester Evan Howell was invited to participate in the annual North Capitol Street Art Walk in Washington, DC this past summer. He installed an untitled sculpture at a building known as the DC Flatiron at 143 Rhode Island Ave. NW in the Bloomingdale neighborhood. The installation attracted notice both on the street and in local art circles.

**AFCA Bathhouse:** Construction should start this month on the Arlington Forest Club project to build an all-new bathhouse, covered pavilion, three-season bathroom and snack shack. Work should be completed in time for the start of the 2012 pool season.

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**Kids for Hire:** Need help with babysitting, yard work, pet sitting, or other tasks? Check out "Kids for Hire" on page 14 for a list of neighborhood youths who are available to help. If you have a tween or teenager who has a service to offer, encourage them to sign up.

**Wanted:** Your News. Do you have news or views related to events or issues specific to Arlington Forest? If so, submit them to for publication in this newsletter via a short note, letter to the editor, or full-fledged article (maximum length is 400 words). E-mail submissions to John Naland at newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org. The next deadline is Nov 3. Space fills up early, so check with the editor in advance if you plan to submit a long article.

**Put Your Notice Here:** Send your notice by Nov 3 to newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org.

## Community Calendar

**Next AFCA Meeting:** Wednesday, Oct 19, 7 PM, at Barrett School library. Agenda items include Q&A with a representative of Dominion Power. See page 1 for details.

**Kids Halloween Parade:** Sunday, October 30 starting at 4 PM at Arlington Forest Shopping Center. See page 9 for details. Join in this neighborhood tradition.

**Election Day:** Tuesday, Nov 8, 6 AM to 7 PM. Vote in local and statewide races.

**Future AFCA Meetings:** Nov 16, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 21, Apr 18 and May 16.

**AFCA Holiday Party:** Friday, Dec 2, at Lubber Run Center. A neighborhood tradition with Santa and tables lined with treats.

**Neighborhood Spring Cleanup:** Saturday, April 21, 2012. Join us Earth Day weekend for our second annual volunteer clean-up of public spaces around Arlington Forest.

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## Nature News

**Green Kitchens:** The September issue of the Northern Virginia Magazine included an article about green kitchens by Jennifer Shapira. Shapira interviewed green builders and architects, including architect Marta Layseca from Enviro-HomeDesign, an Arlington Forest Design/Build firm. "Green kitchens must be beautiful, healthy and efficient", said Layseca. In an Arlington Forest renovation, she designed an island as the focal point of the new kitchen, where the old cabinets were reused and repainted with no-VOC red, and the countertop is a bamboo butcher block. Other kitchen renovations by Layseca addressed proper placement of windows; a breakfast nook at a kitchen island was placed by the south glass doors that opens onto the home's deck where a deciduous tree provides summer shade and allows winter sun. The result: "It's the coziest spot in the house" said the owner. For a list of green resources, visit the Arlington County website.

**Long Branch Nature Center:** LBNC's numerous programs for children, families and adults are advertised in their quarterly newsletters *The Snag* and *The Snag for Wee Ones* which are available at LBNC and on the County website (search "nature centers"). Most programs require pre-registration. LBNC is open Tuesday to Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM and Saturday, Noon to 5 PM. Closed on Sunday and Monday.

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## A Nocturnal Neighbor

By Christina Yacobi

Park Naturalist, Long Branch Nature Center



A prominent, year-round resident of Northern Virginia and of our Arlington forests is the Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*). First noted in the Virginia Colonies of the New World, it is believed to have been named in honor of the "Virgin Queen", Queen Elizabeth I. While common across many varied North American habitats and ecoregions, the Great Horned Owl is the only member of the genus *Bubo* in the Western Hemisphere. It's the largest of the owls native to Virginia and only slightly smaller than the tallest owl in North America, the Great Grey Owl.

While sometimes seen out during the day, they are naturally nocturnal hunters favoring the hours just before midnight and again just before dawn. Behind their piercing gaze is a head that can swivel 180-190° with binocular vision and deadly accurate night vision. Aiding their amazingly keen eyesight is an excellent sense of hearing with slightly asymmetrical ear placement and sound that is funneled directly into their ears by their facial disc feathers. This provides them with multidimensional hearing and enables them to pinpoint sound location with incredible accuracy. The unique tufts or "horns" on their heads are composed of feathers and are not part of their actual ear or hearing structure. This rapacious raptor is a strict carnivore and is not very particular about its diet; it has been known to take small rodents, to small raptors, and birds as large as Great Blue Herons in some instances.

They have a varied repertoire of calls, but the most recognizable adult call is a distinctive series of hoots that sounds loosely like "Who's awake? Me too?" Here at LBNC we have a live Great Horned Owl Exhibit where visitors can

learn more about the species in general, observe an actual "ambassador of the species", and if they time their visit towards the end of the work day, possibly even see a feeding session. Additional known owl residents of the park include a pair of Barred Owls, as well as the occasional visiting Screech Owl.

*To learn more about our native owls, register for our "Native Owls of Virginia" program on Saturday, November 5, 1:30-2:30 PM at LBNC. For details, please see the Fall 2011 issue of The Snag (available on the County website).*



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# Barcroft School News

Barcroft Elementary invites our neighbors to join us for several events occurring in October and November. On **Friday, October 28**, from 6:30-8:30 PM, you are invited to attend the Barcroft PTA's **Halloween Costume Party and Dance**. The night promises to be fun for the entire family. Come tour the Girl Scout Haunted House, enjoy light refreshments, admire the costumes and decorations, make some crafts, and dance the evening away! Please join us.

And what is October without candy. Once again, the Barcroft PTA will participate in the local charitable candy drive, **Treats 4 Our Troops**. Between **October 28 and November 9**, neighbors can **drop off bagged candy, surplus Halloween candy, cards, letters and recycled magazines** into the orange bin at the Front Office. Treats 4 Our Troops will send our donations to U.S. military personnel and to our Wounded Warriors. If you prefer to make a cash donation, your money will be used to defray shipping expenses. So if you end up with more candy than your family needs, we'll make sure it goes to deserving people.

We are delighted that 35 second graders have been invited to tour the White House Garden on October 25. This is a follow up event to the Farm to Table school events

at Barcroft. A number of Barcroft students will run again in the **Marine Corp Marathon Healthy Kids Fun Run**, to be held at the Pentagon on **Saturday, October 29**. Wish them good luck!

Highlights for November 2011 include the **November 8 Election Day Bake Sale**. The PTA will sell breakfast items, individually-packaged baked goods, and whole items like breads, pies, and cakes. Please be sure to come to the Barcroft Elementary School poll hungry. And prepare to do your holiday shopping early this year. During the week of **November 14-18**, Barcroft will host a **Book Fair and Holiday Shop**. Choose from a selection of books and other goodies for everyone on your list. The in-school student run credit union will open November 3.

To learn more about what's happening at Barcroft, go to <http://www.apsva.us/site/default.aspx?domainid=388>.

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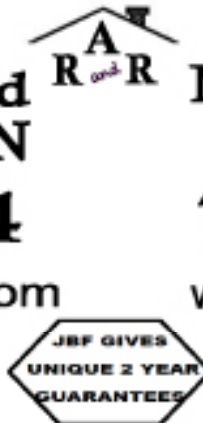
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# Barrett School News

**News from Barrett's Project Discovery** from Mrs. Greene and Dr. Sullivan: We are thankful to the Virginia Museum of Natural History and the Virginia Living Museum for the loan of the specimens that are on display in the Barrett Discovery Lab for PreK-5th grade students. Some of the favorite items in the exhibit are the black bear (over 5 feet tall), flying squirrel, bobcat, red fox, green snake and the fossil leaves and pine seedling. Thanks to all parents who were able to visit the exhibit during Back to School Night. We have really enjoyed the enthusiasm the children have shown as they interact with the exhibit items in the Discovery Lab.

This year Project Discovery will maintain two blogs; the Discovery Lab blog and the Wildlife Refuges and Nature Project blog. Although much of the Wildlife Refuges and Nature project will take place in the Discovery Lab, the students will also be participating in NASA Explorer School activities in the lab. The nature blog is dedicated solely to activities related to the \$10,000 Toyota TAPESTRY project awarded to Barrett.

Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/BarrettNature> to view the following blog posts, which include videos and photos, including: Barrett Highlighted in Refuge Update Newsletter, Barrett Featured on U.S. Fish & Wildlife website, and Puddles the Blue Goose Driving the Barrett School Bus?!!

**Highlights from September** include a very fun **Ice Cream Social**, a highly successful **Book Fair**, **Garden Work Day** and **Back to School Night**. Our Principal challenged the students to read 65,000 books by the end of the school year and they are up for the challenge!

Please support our school by **linking** your Harris Teeter, Safeway, Giant and Target cards to K.W. Barrett. For details visit: <http://www.apsva.us/Page/13471>. Also, visit our **school store** and buy your Barrett car magnet, t-shirt and fun school supplies!

**Exciting October Events:**

- Heritage Mural and Museum, Monday-Friday, October 17-21
- Family Library Night, 7-8 PM, Tuesday, October 18
- Early Release Wednesday, 12:51 p.m., Wednesday, October 19
- Roving Readers Day, Thursday, October 20
- UN Assembly and Traditional Outfits Parade, 9:30 AM, Friday, October 21
- Photo Day-Individual Pictures, Tuesday, October 25
- Gifted Program Information Night, 7-8 PM, Wednesday, October 26
- Halloween Parade, Monday, October 31

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Active	4840 Arlington Blvd	\$559,900	---	3	2	---
Active	117 Park Dr S	\$550,000	---	3	1	---
Active	132 Park Dr N	\$639,900	---	3	2.5	---
Active	25 Edison St N	\$649,000	---	4	2	---
Active	121 Park Dr S	\$550,000	---	3	2.5	---
Active	4717 Arlington Blvd	\$610,000	---	3	2	---
Active	43 Park Dr S	\$517,950	---	3	2	---
Contract	223 Wakefield St N	\$615,000	---	3	2.5	---
Sold	4722 1st St N	\$625,000	\$605,000	3	2	\$0
Sold	181 Columbus St N	\$715,000	\$700,000	3	2.5	\$0
Sold	4759 1st St N	\$625,000	\$623,000	3	2	\$10,000
Sold	117 Columbus St N	\$549,900	\$535,000	3	1.5	\$10,000
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These Arlington Forest youths are available for babysitting, dog walking, leaf raking, snow shoveling and other services. They are listed by neighborhood, but some may prefer to work within a few blocks of home. Contact them to discuss availability and fees.

Students who wish to be on this list should send their name, services and contact info to John Naland at [newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org](mailto:newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org) by Nov 3. As the seasons change, we are especially looking for additional students who offer leaf raking and snow shoveling services.

### Northside:

- Sophia Constantine, pet sitting, dog walking, [cpconstantine@comcast.net](mailto:cpconstantine@comcast.net), 703-841-9229
- Sophie Frank, babysitting (Red Cross certified), soccer training, tutoring, [sophie.e.frank@gmail.com](mailto:sophie.e.frank@gmail.com), 703-859-0722
- Fiona Hickey, babysitting (Red Cross certified), 703-351-7013
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- Isaac Mortimer-Lotke, babysitting (Red Cross certified), 703-276-9046
- Marika Mortimer-Lotke, babysitting (Red Cross certified), 703-276-9046

-- Chris Werbos, leaf raking, snow shoveling, dog walking, pet sitting, yard work (can work with power tools), [chris.werbos@gmail.com](mailto:chris.werbos@gmail.com)

### Southside:

- Jon Tiernan, dog walking, pet sitting, leaf raking, mother's helper (Red Cross certified), [jonny.boy4@hotmail.com](mailto:jonny.boy4@hotmail.com), 703-979-5046
- Liz Tiernan, dog walking, pet sitting, mother's helper (Red Cross certified), [lizzytiernan@hotmail.com](mailto:lizzytiernan@hotmail.com), 703-979-5046

### Greenbrier Section:

- Kate Felsenheld, pet sitting, dog walking, [k.cliffhero@gmail.com](mailto:k.cliffhero@gmail.com), 703-276-9874
- Alex Hendel, dog walking, babysitting (Red Cross certified), tutoring, [alexhendel@gmail.com](mailto:alexhendel@gmail.com), 703-763-0070
- Alice Naland, babysitting (Red Cross certified), pet sitting, dog walking, yard work, leaf raking, snow shoveling, [nalandfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:nalandfamily@yahoo.com), 703-888-0125
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