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Update on Damage to our Parks

The Arlington Forest Citizens Association begins its 80th year of neighborhood service at our Wednesday, September 18 meeting at 7 PM in the Barrett Elementary School library. The guest speaker will be Lyndell Core, Park Area Manager with Arlington's Department of Parks and Recreation. He will be joined by colleagues Robert Capper (Capital Asset Manager) and Chelsi Conway (Communications Specialist) to discuss the County's plans for recovering from the July 8 flood which washed away two bridges in Lubber Run Park, two bridges linking Southside Arlington Forest to the Long Branch Nature

Center and Barcroft Elementary, and the five-year old Glen-carlyn Playground.

This will be Allison Kennett's last meeting as AFCA President. She is stepping down to take an overseas job (see article on page 3). Taking her place in October will be AFCA Secretary Esther Bowring. Thus, we need a volunteer to take over the Secretary position. The position entails attending monthly AFCA meetings and taking minutes. To volunteer, email Esther Bowring at afcaprez@gmail.com.

Call for Dues

September marks the start of AFCA's annual dues drive. You can pay online at www.arlingtonforestva.org/AFCADues.html or clip out the coupon on this page and return it with a \$10 check in the pre-addressed envelope included inside this newsletter (this is the only month an envelope will be included in the newsletter).

Your dues help to get this newsletter delivered to your doorstep eight times a year. Dues also pay for tree grants to residents to help keep the "forest" in Arlington Forest and make possible modest donations to the PTAs of neighborhood schools. Dues support the AFCA website (www.arlingtonforestva.org) which features a variety of content including a detailed neighborhood map, a 150-page history of Arlington Forest, and back issues of this newsletter.

So please send in your tax-deductible dues today. Add an optional donation if you missed paying dues last year. If you include your e-mail address, you will be added to the AFCA listserv which sends one or two messages per month with news of neighborhood interest.

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AFCA Tree Grant Program



Did you know that each year AFCA offers a limited number of tree grants for residents? If you have lost a tree or are planning to add another one to your yard, this is a great opportunity to do so.

The AFCA Tree Grant Program provides up to \$125 to cover one-half of the cost to buy and plant a tree (including delivery). There is a limit of two tree grants per property. Thus, for example, a Forester who planted one tree costing \$300 and a second that cost \$200 would receive a grant of \$125 for the first tree and a grant of \$100 for the second.

All you must do to qualify is be current on your 2019-2020 AFCA dues and apply to plant a tree from the approved list. Please note that the grant program does not apply to trees already planted on your property. Be sure you apply and are approved before purchasing the tree. For details and the application form, go to www.arlingtonforestva.org and click on the AFCA tab.

Plant a shade tree this fall to help keep the "forest" in Arlington Forest.

Newsletter Delivery Crew: This newsletter is delivered to your doorstep eight times a year by one of our dedicated carriers. The next time that you see these young neighbors making the rounds on a cold day, please say "Thank You!": David Alves, Emily Engelken, Evan Fagen, Marcus Helm, Bridget Holt, Anna and Gavin McLaughlin, Oliver Mou, Zi Rattleman, Christoph Schoer, Declan Roberts, and Ava Smialowicz.

Keep our Sidewalks Clear: On more than a few blocks in Arlington Forest, the summer growing season has allowed vines, bushes, or tree branches to encroach on sidewalks. Arlington County Code 10-15 requires the owner or occupant of each property to cut back or remove trees (or parts thereof), hedges, shrubs, vines and other vegetation that encroach upon any sidewalk and impairs pedestrian traffic. Thus, if neighbors are forced to walk single file past protruding vegetation or duck down under limbs to walk past a house, it is time to get out the trimmers and clear the way.

Arlington Forest History Book: Looking for a birthday or holiday gift for a long-time Arlington Forest resident? The 150-page history of Arlington Forest (published in 2015 on the 75th anniversary of our neighborhood) contains essays, photos, maps, and excerpts from the *Arlington Forester*. We have sold nearly 300 copies and just 10 remain. The price per copy is \$15 for hand delivery in Arlington Forest or \$20 for mailing nationwide. You can order one by sending your address and a check made out to "AFCA" to John Naland, 100 N. Granada St., Arlington VA 22203.

AFCA To Bid Farewell to President Allison Kennett

By Esther Bowring

Allison Kennett and her family will be leaving for a temporary posting in Belgium at the end of September. This is a tremendous loss to the neighborhood and our community, as she relinquishes the AFCA Presidency.

Allison has been a mainstay of Arlington Forest, serving as a Board Member of the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation for the last six years, the Northside Vice President since 2000 and then the AFCA President since 2014.

Her calm, even-handed leadership of our Citizens Association has been indispensable in guiding the community through many critical issues, including fighting to keep the Lubber Run Amphitheater open, provided information and a forum for discussion concerning the Lubber Run Community Center revitalization, and shepherding Arlington Forest through a contentious proposal to change school boundaries.

Through it all and much more, Allison has worked to solicit input and involvement from throughout the Forest's three sections and ensure that AFCA represents all parts of the Arlington Forest neighborhood.

We are so fortunate to live in an active and caring community that looks to the future while preserving so many of its past traditions. Under Allison's stewardship, Forsters have continued to enjoy the annual yard sale and holiday party, the tri-annual house tour, neighborhood an-

niversary celebrations, and many other special events. She also coordinated the AFCA tree grant program.

She ably led the monthly AFCA meetings and helped guide the programming to provide timely and informative speakers on matters of importance to the community. By recognizing the need for AFCA to play a more active role in the Arlington Civic Federation, the umbrella group of Arlington civic associations and non-profits, she ensured that Arlington Forest now has a full complement of voting members and alternates. Under her guidance, the neighborhood has begun the lengthy and complex process of updating the Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

If you haven't had the opportunity, it's not too late to say goodbye to Allison. She will preside over her last AFCA Meeting on Wednesday, September 18th at 7 p.m. in the Barrett School Library, so be sure to come by and give her your best wishes. Her contact information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

On behalf of a grateful AFCA and all the residents of Arlington Forest, we say thank you to Allison for her dedication and service to our neighborhood.

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Lubber Run Disappears: Go Figure, Muggles!

by Hutch Brown

A few days after the torrential rainstorm on July 8th, a listserv message circulated with photos of Lubber Run disappearing underground. Sent from one of the cleanup volunteers, the message read in part, "Go figure, muggles!"

In the Shenandoah Valley, streams sometimes go underground, diving into caves. But not in the Piedmont where we live. We have no caves.

Still, no wizardry was involved. My son Alex is majoring in water resources management at Virginia Tech, and we went together to investigate Lubber Run south of Arlington Blvd. We used deer trails to traverse the little-used area.

Just south of the Arlington Blvd culvert, the storm had damaged the cement seals to two manhole covers, exposing the sewer line to the open air. We saw no sign that the County knew of the damage, such as cones or marker tape.

Downstream from the manholes, the flood had toppled two trees over Lubber Run. The smaller tree was at a bend in the stream. At the rootball, Lubber Run went completely underground. The streambed below the tree (see photo) was dry down to the confluence with Four Mile Run.

The toppled tree was directly over the sewer line, and when it fell, its roots evidently ruptured the sewer pipe.

Lubber Run plunged into the gap and went entirely into the sewer. At the rootball, we could dimly hear the roar of underground water.

Alex notified the County by phone, and I sent an email. Within a week, a County crew had removed the fallen tree and diverted Lubber Run, then dug down to expose the broken sewer pipe. The crew repaired and relined the pipe, then reburied it after encasing it in concrete. The crew also

resealed the broken concrete manhole covers.

As of mid-August, Lubber Run was still in its gravel-lined diversion channel, but that will undoubtedly change. The power of floodwater can have seemingly magical effects!



With the continued appreciation and competitive bidding in the Arlington real estate market, it can be challenging for an appraiser to find past sales to support the price the buyer and seller have agreed to. If a buyer is getting a mortgage, the lender in most cases requires a third-party appraisal to assess the property's market value. Appraisals guidelines require appraisers to use comparable home sales over the last 3 to 6 months. The most recent sales are given more weight than sales 6+ months ago.

I have personally witnessed a fair number of low appraisals in Arlington this year. Typically, appraisal values lag actual market appreciation by several months, and a lot depends on the time of year a home sells. Properties that are sold in the first quarter of the year use comparable data from the 3rd and 4th quarter of the prior year, which might not reflect as active a period as the first half of the year might. The appraiser is then working with lower sales prices from a slower selling season.

If the appraised value comes in at or over the purchase price, all is good with the lender. If the appraised value is lower than the purchase price, the lender will loan on the appraised value. In a normal scenario, the buyer can negotiate a reduced sales price to match the appraised value or work out a compromise with the seller. If the buyer waives the appraisal contingency, they are legally committed to cover the difference between the sale price and appraised value, which means more cash to cover the gap. In some situations the buyer can change the type of loan they are using.

For home sellers, having a pricing strategy and a savvy listing agent to help negotiate multiple offers can result in buyers waiving both home inspection and appraisal contingencies. Pricing higher than the market can diminish chances of bidding wars, and the buyer can negotiate an appraisal and home inspection issues. Contact me for a confidential meeting to discuss your situation and how to obtain the best outcome.



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Around the Forest

AF is 80! A call for volunteers: Arlington Forest was established in 1939. That means this year, 2019, Arlington Forest has been around for 80 years! Now, that is something to celebrate! We would like to gather together this Fall and recognize the longevity of this wonderful place with established neighbors as well as new neighbors. In order to have a celebration, however, we will need your help. We need volunteers to be on a committee and probably at least 10 volunteers to help on the day of the event itself. Please contact Deanna Caputo at deannacaputo@yahoo.com or call/text: 703-399-5389 and let her know when you are available to help or how you can assist. Please let us know by Sunday, September 22nd! If we don't get enough volunteers to step up and help out, we won't be able to have this celebration. Hoping to hear from you and looking forward to celebrating together!

Scarecrow Making: Bring your pre-teen child to the Arlington Forest Shopping Center on Saturday, October 12th, between 1 and 3 PM to make a front-yard Halloween strawman. Children of any age may participate, but parents/guardians will need to assist younger children. Bring a pair of blue jeans, a long-sleeve button-up shirt, and a

pair of panty hose or tights. AFCA will provide the straw to stuff inside and safety pins to connect the pants and shirt. Advance registration is required by e-mailing John Naland at nalandfamily@yahoo.com. Cost \$5 per scarecrow.



E-CARE: Do you have half-empty paint cans gathering dust in your basement? What about unneeded car fluids, household cleaners or garden chemicals? Or maybe an obsolete computer monitor or

television? Arlington's semi-annual E-CARE event allows residents to safely get rid of hazardous household materials and electronics which cannot be discarded in regular trash. The next E-CARE takes place 8:30 AM and 3 PM on Saturday, October 19th (held rain or shine) at 1425 N. Quincy near Washington-Liberty High School. Just load up your car with the unwanted items and then drive through the various stations: dropping off paint cans at one station, TVs at another station, and so on. There is a \$20 recycling fee for CRT televisions. The non-profit group Bikes for the World will collect serviceable bikes to be sent to countries where they are needed for basic transportation. For more info, search "E-CARE" on the County website.



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Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update

by Hutch Brown

Like most neighborhoods in Arlington County, Arlington Forest has a neighborhood conservation plan. The plan helps our neighborhood pinpoint areas of opportunity for County projects related to roads, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, and other aspects of a livable community.

Our current plan dates to 1991. It's high time for a revision, and neighbors have gotten together to start the process. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Liz Kauffman, the neighborhood conservation plan coordinator, at lizkauffman@yahoo.com. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our community!

The County prescribes a process for revising the plan. The purpose is to describe neighborhood goals, resources, challenges, and opportunities and to make corresponding recommendations to the county. If you go to the website for the Arlington Forest Citizens Association (www.arlingtonforestva.org), you can find a link to the page for the Neighborhood Conservation Plan, including the 1991 version of the plan.

Part of the process is to devise a neighborhood survey and make it available to every household in Arlington Forest. Survey results will help tell us what to put into the plan.

In preparing the survey, we are specifically looking for help from someone with survey expertise. We are also

looking for someone interested in zoning and land use issues and someone to do an evening walkthrough for problems with the streetlights in our neighborhood. And we need someone with mapmaking skills to create neighborhood maps. If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Liz Kauffman.

We have completed a neighborhood walkthrough for sidewalk and storm sewer issues, which will go into the plan. The companion article by Liz Kauffman on page 7 of this newsletter gives the results and invites you to let her know of any related issues.

Here is our tentative timeline for completing the neighborhood conservation plan:

October 16, 2019: Attend the AFCA meeting to discuss the status of the neighborhood conservation plan and present sample survey questions.

By December 2019: Post the survey on the AFCA website and let everyone in Arlington Forest know where to find it.

By spring 2020: Finalize the draft plan and submit it for discussion to the AFCA and everyone in our neighborhood who is interested.

By winter 2020: Finalize the plan and submit it to the County for approval.

We could use your help!

Your Arlington Forest Representative for selling or buying a home

The market in the Arlington Forest Community is still active! The inventory is extremely low. Here is a list of homes that are under contract and or sold in the past 90 days. Inventory is low and homes in Arlington Forest are selling within days!

Active: 210 N. Columbus Street Arlington, VA 22204 is listed for \$699,900

Pending: 222 N. Park Road Arlington, VA 22203 was listing for \$749,900 and is due to settle on 4/10

Sold: 5504 Carling Springs Rd Arlington VA 22203 was listed for \$685,000 and sold for \$640,000

Sold: 4734 Arlington Blvd Arlington VA 22204 was listed for \$699,789 and sold for \$695,000

Sold: 5141 N. 3rd Street Arlington, VA 22203 was listed for \$989,000 and sold for \$955,000

Sold: 35 S. Aberdeen Street Arlington, VA 22204 was listed for \$1,100,000 and sold for \$1,105,000

Sold: 5032 N Carling Springs Rd Arlington VA 22203 listed for \$1,099,000

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Deer Overpopulation?

by Hutch Brown

Like most people, I enjoy seeing our native wildlife, whether bats, frogs, or native birds of all kinds, and I am thrilled that new animals have moved into our neighborhood. Foxes, rabbits, and deer, now often seen, were rarely if ever spotted in Arlington Forest 20 years ago.

Predator-prey relationships among foxes, rabbits, mice, owls, and other native species keep most forest animals in balance with our forest plants. However, the main natural predators of white-tailed deer -- wolves and cougars -- were extirpated from Virginia long ago.

More deer inhabit Virginia now than ever before, and deer sometimes form sizable herds in Glencarlyn Park. A single deer can eat 5 pounds of plants per day, preferring native plants like trilliums and ferns.

Winter foods tend to be woody -- you can find cropped twigs in winter throughout our neighborhood parks. Favorite foods include oak seedlings and saplings; heavy cropping by deer can suppress oak regeneration in the forest canopy. Oaks host hundreds of leaf-eating insect species that migrating birds rely on for food, so the effects of deer overpopulation can ripple through the system, altering forest composition, changing habitats, and reducing biodiversity.

Problems begin when populations exceed 20 to 25 deer

per square mile, and some park managers in northern Virginia report that many deer or more. Too many deer could pose a threat to the ecological integrity of our nature parks -- and ultimately to the deer herds themselves.

Arlington County has no plan for deer control. However, Fairfax County and the national parks in our area have successful deer management programs that Arlingtonians might learn from.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has found that nonlethal methods of deer control, such as sterilization and contraception, "are limited in applicability, prohibitively expensive, logistically impractical, and technically infeasible." Permitted deer control options in Virginia are currently limited to hunting.

I can understand why hunting Bambi might upset some people. However, any decision not to control deer is a decision to accept the consequences of a problem of our own making: long-term ecological impoverishment of our nature parks, with adverse impacts on wildlife, including deer.

You can find related information on the Fairfax County website by searching "2018 Annual Report on the Environment".

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Lubber Run Amphitheater 50th Season -- Best Yet

by Chris Scheer

Lubber Run Park may have lost a few bridges this summer, but its amphitheater was awash with thousands of people celebrating and enjoying the fiftieth anniversary of free live performances in the heart of Arlington Forest.

Grammy-nominated Raul Midon drew a capacity crowd to the season opener in June. His eclectic vocal and instrumental one-man performance intrigued the audience throughout the evening. The Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation celebrated the opening of the fiftieth season by hosting a pre-concert visit by a vintage Good Humor truck filled with free ice cream treats and a mix-tape of pop music hits circa 1969, 50 years ago.

The next night even more people showed to hear Arlington's Justin Jones sing his own country-rock songs. The 50th season was off to a record-breaking start and the momentum continued through the last weekend evening performance August 11th. The weather cooperated with few rain cancellations and hand-fans provided by Doodlehopper for Kids toy store and Fall Properties McNearmy Associates served audiences well throughout the summer.

County programmers and Foundation volunteers made sure children and their families weren't left out of the fun. The County replaced last year's Sunday evening performances with Sunday late morning programs aimed at kids featuring everything from reptiles to Rainbow Rock.

Though the County-funded season ended August 11th, the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation continued Sunday family programs through mid-September. The Wildlife Ambassadors program August 25th brought well over 300 kids and parents to the amphitheater to see and touch exotic birds, insects and mammals.

Afterward at the park shelter, children and parents had a chance to create artwork inspired by animals they saw in the show (lots of tarantulas, reptiles and birds were brought home) thanks to the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation, which offered free pizza, and volunteers from the Lee Arts Center who provided clay and artistic assistance.

The Foundation's final Sunday family program -- the return of The Great Zucchini Sept. 15th -- marks the end of the amphitheater 50th anniversary season.

Foundation co-chairs (and Arlington Foresters) Marsha Lederman and Esther Bowring note that the 50th season was a huge success thanks to Arlington County's Cultural Affairs and Economic Development staff who select and support the amphitheater's programming.

You can keep up with news and events by following Lubber Run Amphitheater on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and by donating online by going to the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation Facebook page.

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Register for a Free Native Tree: The County is providing 400 young native trees at no cost this fall. The available trees are "whips" in two-gallon containers ranging from 2-4 feet in size. Register for your free tree online at <https://environment.arlingtonva.us/register-for-your-free-tree/>. You can pick up the tree in late October.

Fall Seed Collection at Lubber Run Park: Saturday, September 28th, 1-3 p.m.: Join EcoAction Arlington in collecting acorns and other tree seeds in coordination with the Potomac Conservancy's Growing Native Program. Collected seeds are sent to the state nurseries to be grown into tree seedlings which are used in forest restoration projects. Register at www.ecoactionarlington.org under the Get Involved tab.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday School - Every Sunday 10 -10:30 am during the school year.

Engaging Bible based education about the Christian faith while incorporating active fun for children in kindergarten to 8th grade. You are welcome to come whenever you can.

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 13 - two times at two locations.

Everyone is invited to bring your pet(s) to be individually blessed at either location. 1:30 pm in the Shirlington Dog Park or 5 pm at St. John's - see the website for specifics.

Sunday Worship Services
8 am and 10 am

Sunday Christian Education
Adults 9 am — Youth 10 am

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Farmers Market Update

by Rob Swennes

The second year of the Lubber Run Farmers Market has shown a strengthening market. Most of last year's farmers and other food providers returned for the 2019 summer market. The market on Saturdays 8 a.m. till noon continues until just before Thanksgiving.

Several new vendors have joined the market over the season. Kilmer's Farm Market (at the end of the market closest to Park Drive) has provided a steady stream of seasonal tree fruits from West Virginia since June. Cherries, plums, peaches, pears and now fresh apples have offered the tastiest fruit available in the Mid Atlantic region! Twin Springs Fruit Farm (near the front entrance to Barrett Elementary) similarly offers a broad range of seasonal fruits as well as locally grown vegetables.

Two growers from the Northern Neck area of Virginia provide a broad array of the freshest vegetables, many not found in local grocery stores. Barajas Produce and F.J. Medina & Son (located at opposite ends of the market) are competing for your business.

The market offers an array of prepared food vendors as well. They include a Northern Virginia French bakery (Baguette Republic), a goat milk cheese producer from Leesburg (Catoctin Creamery), a meat-and-egg provider from near Brandy Station, VA (Honey Brook Farms), and a popular purveyor of Turkish cuisine (Ozfeke Catering). With more than 15 vendors in this year's market, there are plenty of options for customers.

But the market is not just about great local fruits and vegetables and prepared foods. It's about community. It's a wonderful place to bring children to enjoy the school's playgrounds after market. There are tables and chairs at the market's center for people to sit and enjoy the market ambiance – and probably a pastry and local coffee as well. The market has provided musicians on many Saturday

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Carlin Springs Road Bridge: Construction of the new bridge for N. Carlin Springs Rd over N. George Mason Drive which began in November 2017 was completed last June. The final pieces of the project - lighting and landscaping - will be installed before the end of this year.

Family Game Night: St. John's Episcopal Church (415 S. Lexington St) Saturday, September 21st, 7-9 pm. If you are looking for an enjoyable evening with family, friends or new acquaintances playing your favorite board, strategy or kids' game, join in the fun at St. John's family game night. You are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item (can or box of food) to donate to AFAC, the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Coffee, hot chocolate and popcorn will be served. For more information go to <https://stjohnsarlingtonva.org>.

The market's success is due in large part to the local volunteer committee that selects vendors and handles such features as the market's website and its weekly MailChimp newsletter. Sign up for the newsletter on the website (<https://lubberrunfarmersmarket.org/>) and become a market "insider" on what fruits and vegetables are coming into season and new vendors joining the market. Have time to volunteer? Write to info@field2table.org to do so.



To learn more about the Farmers Market go to website:
<http://lubberrunfarmersmarket.org>

Call for Volunteers for AFCA Home Tour Committee

The AFCA board is looking for two volunteers to take over leading the Arlington Forest Home Tour Committee, plus an additional eight volunteers to round out the committee. The Home and Garden Tour takes place every three years and the next one is slated for May 2020.

The time commitment is nominal, and this is a fun event where you get to meet neighbors, tour gorgeous renovated Arlington Forest homes and attend the pre-tour party. A rough idea of the time obligation is monthly meetings beginning in January and the tour weekend itself. There are light responsibilities that the team of 10 will share including occasional emails, laying out and coordinating the printing of the program, planning the pre-tour meal/party, submitting advertising to the AFCA newsletter, placing signs and balloons out on the tour weekend, selling tickets, creating name tags and hosting meetings.

Typically, 12 to 16 houses are on the tour plus a garden, which are selected and coordinated by the committee. The pre-tour event which takes place the Friday of the tour weekend, includes previewing all the homes on the tour with the group of owners and having a catered dinner, dessert, and drinks at one of the houses that evening.

The tour will take place that Saturday in the afternoon and is open to Arlington Forest residents ages 12 and older. Only Arlington Forest residents may purchase tickets.

If you are interested in leading or volunteering for the committee, please contact Lauren Mikoy at laurendyork@gmail.com.

Future AFCA Meetings

September 18: Update on July Flood Damage to Parks
October 16: Neighborhood Conservation Plan
November 20: Presentation on Arlington Growth Trends
January 15: School Board Member
February 19: Carlin Springs Crossing Update
March 18: Farmers Market Update and Preview
April 15: Lubber Run Community Center Update
May 20: Picnic and Annual Membership Meeting

Community Calendar

Next AFCA Meeting: Wednesday, September 18th, 7 PM, at Barrett Elementary School.

Lubber Run Farmers Market: Saturday mornings through mid-November.



Scarecrow Making for Kids: Saturday, October 12th, at Arlington Forest Shopping Center.

Halloween Parade: Saturday, October 26th.

General Election: November 5th. County Board (two seats), School Board, Virginia Senate and House of Delegates, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue, and Treasurer.

AFCA Holiday Party: Friday, December 6th, at Barrett Elementary School.

Neighborhood Spring Cleanup: Saturday, April 25th. Help beautify our neighborhood parks.

Annual Yard Sale: Saturday, May 16th. Turn unwanted stuff into cash.

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Barcroft School News

Barcroft students already have more than a month of school completed. The entire Barcroft family has committed to working hard, getting smart, having fun and being kind -- you may even see those words on the back of our school t-shirts.

We kicked off the school year with a back to school picnic on August 9th and had a great time with water games, popsicles, a moon bounce and food trucks. A special thank you to Sloppy Mama's BBQ and El Encanto Latino for bringing their amazing food trucks to our picnic!

We are thrilled to be offering a full range of afterschool enrichment classes this year. Barcroft students will be enjoying classes including Nature Club, art, cooking, chess and sports. Our 5th graders have already experienced the joy of staying overnight at Outdoor Lab.

We have a lot of exciting events coming up over the next month. Mark your calendars!

September 11 - Barcroft Night at District Taco, Bailey's Crossroads location, 4-8 PM

September 28 - Chalk for Peace, 9-11 AM

October 8 - Dine Out at Dogfish Head to Benefit Barcroft PTA, all day

October 10 - International Night, 6:30-8 PM

Want to learn more about what is happening at Barcroft? Follow @barcrofteagles on Instagram and Twitter and Barcroft Elementary School PTA on Facebook. Go #TeamBarcroft!

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Save the Date:
*The next AFCA Meeting is
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Barrett School News

Welcome back to school Arlington Foresters and fellow Barrett community members!

I am the incoming President of the Barrett Elementary School PTA. We have been part of the Barrett community for the last two years and have been impressed with the devoted teachers, hard-working administrative staff, and the many Barrett families - including Arlington Foresters - who are involved with the PTA.

Most importantly, we have been so proud of the school's celebration of its diversity and dedication and attention to all its students, including those with special needs. One of my favorite events we've attended at the school is the annual United Nations Heritage Assembly, where many of the Barrett students dress in the outfits representing all the countries and cultures of our school. This year, our PTA board will include a Ukrainian-American, a Filipino-American, as well as a Korean-American. My family and I emigrated from Vietnam more than 35 years ago. Of course, we also have our Friday Volunteers who come from many countries in Central and South America.

We hope that you will join and support the Barrett PTA! Your involvement with the Barrett PTA - through your membership, volunteer time, and donations - not only

supports the many successful school and PTA-sponsored activities, but also enriches our school community.

The Barrett PTA sponsors many incredible activities throughout the year, including the Ice Cream Social, Bingo Night, Bike/Walk to School, Valentine's Day Family Dance, field trips, Staff Appreciation Week, musicals, and author visits. This school year, we will also have our biennial Auction Night in the spring.

Our goal this year and the years ahead will be to not only celebrate our diversity, but also to learn about and experience the many cultures that make up our school community. In doing so, we can learn together, play together, and grow together!

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I look forward to a great school year ahead and to meeting all the Arlington Forest families who are part of the Barrett community!

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