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The Arlington Forest Citizens Association begins its 79th year of neighborhood service at our Wednesday, September 19 meeting at 7 PM in the Barrett Elementary School library. The guest speaker will be Hui Wang, the Chief of the Transportation Engineering and Operations bureau of Arlington's Department of Environmental Services. She will discuss pedestrian safety on N. Carlin Springs Road (see article on page 2 of this newsletter).

Please mark your calendar for AFCA's October 17 Question and Answer forum with County Board candidates Matt de Ferranti and John Vihstadt. Subsequent AFCA meetings will

feature prominent speakers (a County Board member in February and a School Board member in March) and updates on neighborhood issues (Lubber Run Amphitheater in January and Farmers Market in April). As always, AFCA will sponsor annual events: Kids Scarecrow Making, Kids Halloween Parade, Holiday Party, Spring Cleanup, Neighborhood Yard Sale, and May Picnic.

These activities and other AFCA initiatives that enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood are supported by your dues.

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. Last year, 338 out of the 851 households (40%) in Arlington Forest paid dues.

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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Editor's Note

The *Arlington Forester* welcomes articles, news notes, letters, and photos focusing on non-commercial events or issues specific to our neighborhood. We publish eight times per year (Sept to Nov and Jan to May). Deadline for submissions is the first of the month. E-mail submissions of up to 400 words to newsletter@arlingtonforestva.org. Space often fills up before the deadline.

Carlin Springs Road Pedestrian Safety

By Lora Strine

After a serious pedestrian accident occurred at the N. Carlin Springs Road and N. Edison Street intersection this summer, Arlington Forest residents stepped up efforts to engage with the County on Carlin Springs pedestrian safety issues. Arlington Forest Civic Association (AFCA) President Allison Kennett continues to support the neighborhood pedestrian safety efforts. To that end, AFCA has invited County transportation officials to address neighbors at its September meeting.

Ongoing efforts by neighborhood residents to improve pedestrian safety along N. Carlin Springs Road include the installation of new signs and updated flashing yellow beacons at the Harrison Street (Arlington Forest Club pool) crossing. The new signs and beacons are an improvement, but residents continue to raise several safety issues with County officials, including:

- Vehicular speeds exceed the speed limit
- Vehicular speed is too high for pedestrians to safely cross four lanes of traffic
- Speed limit is not enforced
- Vehicles do not stop for pedestrians

Plans are also underway to make improvements at the N. Edison Street crossing as part of a larger safety improvement project that runs along N. Carlin Springs Road from Park Drive to Edison Street. Currently, these include installing high visibility crosswalks, installing a flashing beacon, widening the median, moving the bus stops to the far sides of the intersection, installing curb extensions, improving Americans with Disabilities Act ramps, and adding signage.

With help from County Board Member John Vihstadt, residents have been meeting with senior County officials to convey the urgency of the safety situation. Hui Wang, Arlington County Transportation Engineering and Operations Bureau Chief, will present plans to update the N. Edison Street crossing at the September 19 AFCA meeting. Dr. Wang is ready to listen to our concerns about both crossings.

AFCA encourages residents to attend the September 19 meeting to provide input and hear updates and details about actions to date and plans to improve both crossings. The meeting location is K. W. Barrett Elementary School at 7 PM. If you can't make the meeting, please provide input to the Edison Street intersection plans by sending an email to project manager Gabriela Vega at gvega@arlingtonva.us. Please cc stine.lora@gmail.com and csrcrossing@googlegroups.com.

Edison Street crossing draft improvement plans can be viewed on the County website (search "Carlin Springs Road Safety Improvements").

Farmers Market Update

By Luke W. Reynolds



As we approach fall, look forward to more varieties of fresh apples, pears, and cooler weather vegetables at the Lubber Run Farmers Market. There is plenty of time to pick up fresh fruits, vegetables, humanely-grown

meats, or a late breakfast before before the market's winter hibernation begins after November 17. The Market operates from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday mornings in the parking lot of Barrett Elementary School.

Also, the Market has recently added three new vendors:

- Mesisam, offering vegetable and meat meals, served with injera, a large sourdough flatbread made from fermented teff flour.
- Ozfeka Catering, providing delicious, healthy, and homemade Mediterranean cuisine selections.
- Weekend Satay, serving authentic Thai chicken and vegetable skewers with homemade satay sauce and freshly brewed Thai ice tea.

These and other vendors provide locally sourced ingredients that provide plenty of inspiration for cooking ideas, as well as a potentially unique snack.

There are still opportunities to volunteer to help at the

market. To learn more, as well as to sign up for the weekly newsletter if you are not already on the list, please visit <http://lubberunfarmersmarket.org/>.

Hoping to see you at the remaining Market Days!



AFCA Website: AFCA's website at www.arlingtonforestva.org features a variety of information about our neighborhood including: a printable Arlington Forest map, the entire contents of the 2015 Arlington Forest history book, the 1987 Arlington Forest Home Owners' Manual, copies of all issues of the Arlington Forester since mid-2011, the AFCA Bylaws, the 1991 Arlington Forest Neighborhood Conservation Plan, and Arlington Forest's approved 2005 nomination for the National Register of Historic Places.

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County Projects Update

Lubber Run Community Center:

Fencing went up in early September in preparation for demolition of the Lubber Run Community Center later this fall. The building, playground, courts, and parking lot are closed until the new center opens in 2020. Before it closed, residents were invited in on July 12 to leave their mark on the old building by painting images or messages on the walls (see photo).



Carlin Springs Bridge: Traffic shifted on July 9 to the newly-completed south side of the bridge to allow for the late July demolition of the old north side. Construction is expected to conclude in early 2019.

Lubber Run Park Access: Due to concerns about structural integrity, the wooden footbridge at the north end of Lubber Run is closed for an undetermined period (see photo). This leaves the north end of the park inaccessible to parkgoers -- such as bicyclists and those who use wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers -- who need paved paths.



Edison Park: The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee voted to approve funding the Edison Park project at its June 14th funding round meeting. That funding round package will go to the County Board in either October or November. Once the County Board formally accepts the funding recommendation, the design phase of the project will begin. To see the Final Park Scoping Plan, please visit the Edison Park Project page at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/edison-park/>

Softening Home Prices in the Near Future?

According to Zillow, home price appreciation is slowing in nearly half of the country's 35 largest metropolitan areas. The slowdown doesn't appear to be due merely to a limited number of homes on the market, instead it seems to be driven by dissident demand from homebuyers, not just a low supply of homes for sale. As home prices have increased faster than wages for 70 straight months, some buyers in high cost markets have finally had enough, at least for now.

Until incomes start to rise, we may not see as much appreciation. However, barring another financial crisis, experts don't expect a repeat of last decade's housing crash. We're seeing the first indications that price appreciation may be slowing, but the underlying fundamental housing market conditions support a natural moderation of house prices rather than a sharp decline. The supply of existing homes for sale remains near its lowest levels in decades, and *every real estate market has its own hyper local trends.*

Some areas of the country have a larger gap between wage growth and price increases, which could shrink with more housing supply and a growing economy as wages are pushed upwards. Even in markets where appreciation has slowed, prices remain high and sellers continue to have the upper hand, according to Zillow.

As the fall season begins in the Metro DC area, we will monitor the frequency of multiple contracts on fresh listings. That may be the earliest sign of the local market's temperature, whether it might be cooling down or heating up. There is some concern that price increases may be hitting a ceiling as the average household income in the DC area has matched the affordability for the average home price.

Considering a move soon? Let's talk, and I'll be glad to share my expertise on local real estate market trends and help you understand the best time to sell or buy with your unique situation. Put my 33 years of experience and knowledge to work for you!



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Around the Forest

Scarecrow Making: Bring your pre-teen child to the Arlington Forest Shopping Center on Saturday, October 13, between 1 and 3 PM to make a front-yard Halloween strawman. Bring a pair of blue jeans, a long-sleeve button-up shirt, and a pair of panty hose. AFCA will provide the straw to stuff inside and safety pins to connect the pants and shirt. Advance registration is required by e-mailing nalandfamily@yahoo.com. Cost \$5 per scarecrow.

Lubber Run Amphitheater: Mystic Drumz will be performing on Sunday Sept.16th at 11 am -- the last performance of the season! This is one of four family-friendly performances funded by donations to the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation and in cooperation with Arlington Arts. Mystic Drumz specializes in bringing interactive percussion experiences to young people. Their unique rhythm and sound programs excite, enlighten, and engage audiences of all ages. Hands-on interactive sessions and performances showcase eclectic percussion instruments sourced from around the globe, and link geography to sounds, rhythms to science, and laughter to learning.

Passing of Longtime Resident: Jacqueline "Jackie" Hawes passed away on June 28 at age 80. She was a longtime resident on the 100 block of N. Columbus Street.

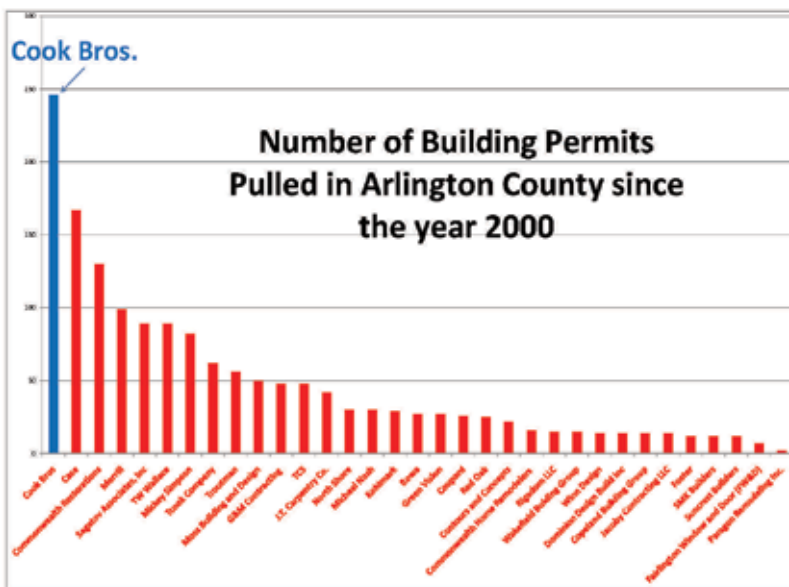
Car Break-ins: Sporadic night-time car break-ins occurred over the summer on several blocks. In most or all cases, the cars were unlocked. So, remember to lock your car and not leave valuables in sight. Please report all incidents to the police even if the culprit is long gone. If the police see patterns of criminal activity, they can take steps such as increasing the frequency of patrols.

Ball-Sellers House: The oldest surviving building in Arlington is just across Four Mile Run from Arlington Forest in the Glencarlyn neighborhood. Built around 1742, the Arlington Historical Society has preserved John Ball's cabin and offers free tours by knowledgeable docents on Saturdays 1-4 PM, through October. Located at 5620 3rd St. South, it is a few blocks off the WO&D Trail. The house allows visitors to see how ordinary Virginians lived in colonial times. For more info, see www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

Colonial Harvest: Sunday, September 29, 1-4:30 PM, Ball-Sellers House. The ultimate Foodie event! Find out how people who lived in the oldest house in the county harvested, cooked, and prepared food for the winter. Colonial reenactors will show how the original family in the house would have done it. Taste what they would have eaten including desserts and beverages.

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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 2018-19 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.

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Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 7 - 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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Forest Exchange

Arlington Players: Want to see great local theatre? Come just down the road to Thomas Jefferson Middle School to see The Arlington Players present the Hunchback of Notre Dame. This beautiful, moving musical tells the story of Quasimodo in a new way with creative casting. Performances run October 5 through 20 for eight shows. See the advertisement on page 6 of this newsletter for details. Go to www.thearlingtonplayers.org for show times and tickets. Want to get involved? Please lend your talents and come volunteer for us! Send a note to steward@thearlingtonplayers.org and you will get a quick reply.

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Community Calendar

- Next AFCA Meeting:** Wednesday, September 19, 7 PM, Barrett Elementary School
- Scarecrow Making for Kids:** Saturday, October 13, at Arlington Forest Shopping Center.
- Halloween Parade:** Saturday, October 27.
- General Election:** November 6. U.S. Senate, County Board, and School Board.
- AFCA Holiday Party:** Friday, December 7, at Barrett Elementary School.
- Neighborhood Spring Cleanup:** Saturday, April 27. Help beautify our neighborhood parks.
- Annual Yard Sale:** Saturday, May 18. Turn unwanted stuff into cash.
- Lubber Run Amphitheater:** Live entertainment under the stars resumes in June.
- Future AFCA Meetings:**
October 17: County Candidates Forum
November 20: Ballston Development Update
January 16: Lubber Run Amphitheater Update
February 20: County Board Member
March 20: School Board Member
April 24: Farmers Market Update
May 15: Picnic and Annual Membership Meeting



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Nature News

Fall Seed Collection: Saturday, September 29, 1 to 3 p.m., Lubber Run Park. 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. For more info, go to www.facebook.com/ecoactionarlington/.

Native Plant Sale: Want to beautify your yard? Go native at the Native Plant Sale on Saturday, September 22, 1–3 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center. We are offering a great selection of plants that are accustomed to local climate and wildlife. We have gorgeous natives for sun to shade, and even deer resistant plants. This fall we are offering trees and shrubs as well as perennials in our Pre-order Sale! See our order form at parks.arlingtonva.us and order online at: registration.arlingtonva.us. On the day of the sale we'll have a wider selection of natives. For info, call 703-228-6535. (Rain Date: September 23, 1–3 p.m.)

Long Branch Nature Center: Sunday, October 7, 1 to 2 pm. Join a naturalist for a walk in the fall woods at Glencarlyn Park. We'll let the sights, sounds and smells of the season lead us on a leisurely-paced exploration of nature as the last signs of summer give way to autumn. Families ages 7 and up. Free. Advance registration required (event #612958-K). For info call 703-228-6535.

Free Trees: Arlington County is providing 400 native trees to residents at no cost. The trees are intended to expand and enhance Arlington's urban tree canopy. Registration on the County website at <https://environment.arlingtonva.us/register-for-your-free-tree/>. Trees can be picked up in late October at two sites.

Solar and Electric Vehicle Charging Co-op: Arlington County's Department of Environmental Services wants you to know that solar panels are popping up on more and more homes here in Arlington Forest and throughout Arlington. For a limited time, you can purchase a solar system or an electric vehicle charger for your home at a discount through the Arlington Solar + EV Charging Co-op. Going solar costs less than half of what it did just five years ago, and you can claim the 30% federal tax credit in addition to the co-op discount. Over 100 Arlington homeowners have purchased panels through co-ops like these! Visit the website to learn more or sign up: <https://goo.gl/hmmzN2>.

Next AFCA Meeting:
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Barrett School News

Barrett Holds Young Scholars Innovation Academy:

K. W. Barrett students and teachers were hard at work this August at Young Scholars Innovation Academy, a two-week program which gives students a chance to participate in rigorous, concept-based academic activities outside of the school year.

Students became green engineers and examined real problems in our community. Rising 1st and 2nd graders learned about solar energy and designed their own solar ovens. Rising 3rd graders differentiated between renewable and nonrenewable resources and created an energy-



efficient model community. Rising 4th and 5th graders learned about water pollution, participating in stream monitoring in Lubber Run stream (see photo) and enjoying a boat ride to explore the Anacostia river.

All students attended field trips and worked with guest speakers from the fields they studied. Students and staff shared what they learned and created at the Lubber Run Farmers Market on August 18.

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Better to Light One Candle ...: With longer nights coming, please look up and down your block to see if any streetlights are out. It takes only a few minutes to report an outage. Please do not assume that someone else will do it. While some streetlights are serviced Dominion Virginia Power, reporting the outage to the County will initiate corrective action regardless of which entity is responsible. Report it online at <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/report-problem/>. Provide the street address location and pole number (if marked). Minor repairs such as bulb or fuse replacements typically take two to three weeks. Major repairs such as conductor replacement or underground utility work may take 45 days or longer.



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Fall in the Forest!

Summer is beginning to wind down, and fall is just around the corner. School has already started, and the neighborhood is abuzz with the energy of kids on street corners, waiting for their buses, families getting in those last, few lazy days at the pool, and parents whisking their kids off to new fall sports, band practices, and other activities.

Our kids are starting 11th grade at HB, and 9th at W-L, so we now have two high schoolers in the house. While these days can seem busy (sometimes overly so!), I know families whose kids have already headed off to college who see all this activity with some nostalgia— as I'm sure we will in just a few years.

I hope everyone enjoys the beginning of fall, and when you get in touch for any real estate needs, don't forget to ask about our exclusive Arlington Forest Neighbor Discount. All neighbors in the Forest always receive a special deal—don't miss out on yours!

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- Leah Shvedova: babysitting (references), tutoring through 8th grade (Social Science, English, Algebra), pet sitting, watering plants, 571-426-6818
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