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## Join Your Neighbors at Family Fun Day

*Family Fun Day:  
Saturday  
September 20th  
10 am - 1 pm*

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 20, from 10 AM to 1 PM, for AFCA's Family Fun Day at the Arlington Forest Shopping Center.

For kids, there will be two Moon Bounces and free snow

cones and popcorn. The whole family should come hungry to enjoy a "Taste of Arlington Forest" as Outback Steakhouse, Crystal Thai, Brick's Pizza, and Subway sell samples of their food at outside tables (their full menus are available inside

as always). DaVita will offer health screenings. The other merchants will offer special deals, coupons, or complementary gifts.

For 75 years, AFCA has encouraged residents to "shop local" by patronizing our neighborhood shopping center. In past decades, there were periods when many store fronts were empty. So please bring your family and friends to the September 20 Family Fun Day to help our conveniently-located Arlington Forest Shopping Center keep vibrant. Walk over if possible since part of the parking lot will be closed for the event.

## AFCA Celebrates 75 Years



Arlington Forest's 75th anniversary celebration kicks into high-gear this fall starting with the AFCA meeting this Wednesday, September 10, at 7 PM in the Barrett School library. The agenda

includes updates on the September 20th Family Fun Day (see the accompanying article) and the October 18th Anniversary Party (see page 3). We will also welcome the new AFCA officers and vote on AFCA's 2014-2015 operating budget.

Most of the meeting will likely focus on the future of the Lubber Run Community Center. There have been significant developments over the summer (see page 5) and key decisions face our community in the near future. It is critical that Arlington Foresters continue active engagement with the

County on this vital issue, so please attend this meeting if this issue is important to you.

As always, September is the time to return your annual AFCA \$10 dues. An envelope and loose-leaf form are included in this month's newsletter to make that process as easy as possible. So, please send in your annual dues today.

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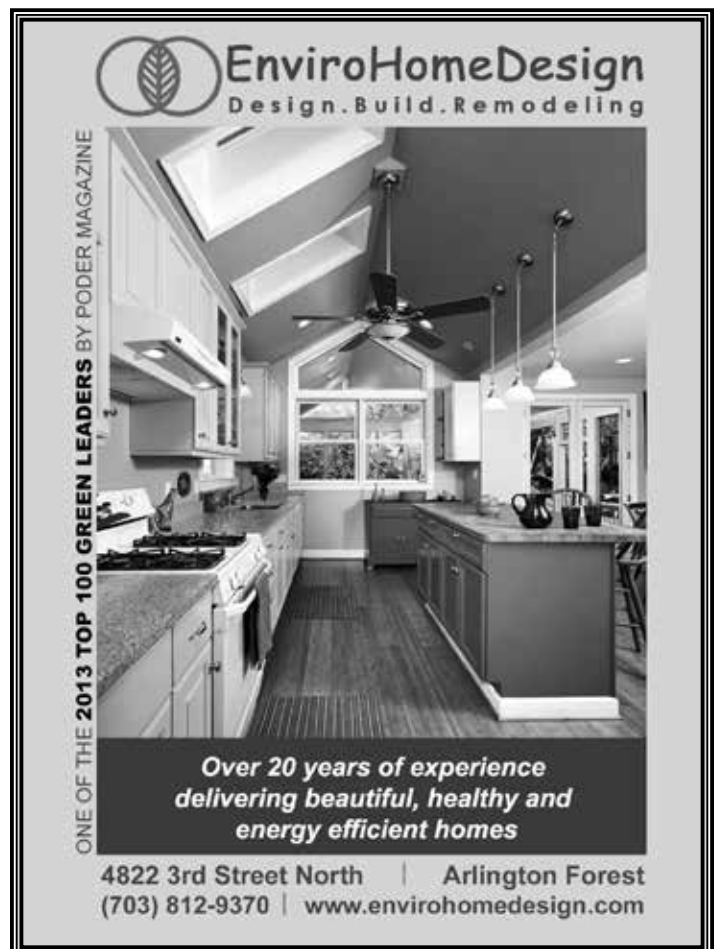
The *Arlington Forester* welcomes articles, news notes, letters, and photos focusing on non-commercial events or issues specific to our neighborhood. We publish eight times per year (Sept to Nov and Jan to May). Deadline for submissions is the first of the month. E-mail submissions of up to 400 words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

## Southside is Going Underground

By Tom Smialowicz

Dominion Virginia Power has embarked on a project in the Southside section of Arlington Forest to improve power service reliability for the area. The project will take the current overhead main line running between S. Abingdon Street and S. Park Drive and place it underground. The wooded area between S. Abingdon and S. Park has been a problem area in the past due to falling trees/limbs, and when this main line gets knocked out, the individual lines feeding the houses on these streets are also affected. Putting the main line underground will eliminate these recurring problems.

The visible effects of this project should be minimal. Dominion utilizes underground boring equipment, allowing them to avoid any open trench digging or disturbance of above ground landscaping, improvements, etc. The only visible effects would be a temporary splice pit, with the hole being covered during non-construction hours, and filled and seeded after construction is complete. Once the underground main line has been installed, the overhead lines will be removed. The project is expected to be complete in the next month or so.



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# Celebrate Arlington Forest's 75th Anniversary October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ballston Holiday Inn

Arlington Forest is celebrating its 75th year! Having been established in 1939, the neighborhood is full of rich history, earning it a place in the National Register of Historic Places. The physical and environmental comfort of our community did not happen organically but was by design; Arlington Forest was one of the first planned mixed-use developments of the mid-20th century. Now 75 years later the same characteristics that initially attracted the first homeowners continue to make our community so highly desired.

Beyond the lush green lawns and mature trees, what has made Arlington Forest a community are the neighbors. Through the decades we each have come to know how wonderful our neighbors can be, and many of those stories have been shared in this very newsletter. Since 1940 the Arlington Forest Citizens Association (AFCA) has not only rallied residents together but has also created wonderful events to celebrate milestones and this year will be no different.

AFCA invites all Arlington Forest residents to a celebration on Saturday, October 18th at the Holiday Inn Arling-

ton at Ballston (4610 N Fairfax Dr, Arlington, VA 22203) to enjoy a night filled with food, drink, music, and fun!

Tickets are \$35 per person. That price includes food (heavy hors d'oeuvres), two drink tickets (each worth one alcoholic beverage or two non-alcoholic beverages), a memorabilia take away, and entrance to this fun-filled event with your friends and neighbors. Check-in at the registration table on arrival to get your drink tickets. You must be 21 or older to attend this dressy-casual event.

RSVP by September 30th by sending the form below and your payment check to your AFCA section vice president. You can enclose them along with your \$10 annual AFCA dues in the pre-addressed envelope that is included in this newsletter (you can write one check for both the dues and event tickets). Or you can drop the form and payment off at your AFCA vice president's house (Greenbrier section: Tom Smialowicz, 26 N. Granada St. 22203; Northside: Joel Yudken, 104 N. Columbus St. 22203; or Southside: Erin Clougherty, 16 S. Park St. 22204).



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# Sidewalk Repairs Coming

By John Naland

We have gotten a great response from the County to the AFCA-sponsored survey of Arlington Forest sidewalk repair needs. As previously reported here, Larry Bowring (Northside), Todd Lee and myself (Greenbrier section), and Brett Mikoy (Southside) walked every inch of Arlington Forest's sidewalks last winter and spring to photograph, catalogue, and map 104 sections that present serious tripping hazards (i.e., vertical displacement of 1.5 inches or more) or are severely spalled (i.e., the surface has crumbled). The last AFCA survey of our now 70 to 75 year old sidewalks was conducted by in 1989 after which the County made repairs.

On June 10, AFCA sent Arlington County's Department of Environmental Services (DES) a report transmitting the results of our survey. We asked DES to schedule repair or replacement at no cost to the adjacent property owners.

On August 29, after inspecting the 104 sites that we identified, DES responded saying that 79 sections will be replaced or repaired over the next three months by street maintenance crews, storm drain maintenance crews, or contractors:

-- 61 locations will receive an asphalt wedge to bridge the vertical displacement between sidewalk panels (an asphalt wedge is a cost-effective way to eliminate a tripping hazard while allowing DES to fix as many problem areas as possible within its limited budget),

-- 11 locations (representing 116 feet of sidewalk) will be scheduled with DES's contractor for concrete repairs,

-- 4 locations (representing 38 feet of sidewalk) will be replaced by asphalt because they have been badly displaced by large tree roots (asphalt will flex as the tree roots continue to grow, whereas pouring new concrete would result in the roots just breaking and displacing the new concrete again in a few years), and

-- 3 locations involved the tops of storm sewer catch basins and will be repaired by DES's sewer maintenance section.

[Six of the DES-identified sections apparently combine two nearby sections from the AFCA survey. Thus, these 79 DES-identified sections account for 85 AFCA-identified sections.]

Of the remaining 19 AFCA-identified sections, DES explained that:

-- 17 locations represent minor issues and thus will wait until the normal zone maintenance occurs. Under the County's 10-year sidewalk repair cycle, those Northside and Greenbrier sidewalks will be attended to in fiscal year 2016 (October 2015 to September 2016) and Southside sidewalks will be attended to in fiscal year 2019 (October 2018 to September 2019).

-- 2 locations are driveway apron areas and thus are the responsibility of the property owner. DES left printed information at those homes for them to determine whether they want to pay \$750 for replacement aprons.

In the coming weeks, residents will see indications of upcoming work as Miss Utility marks appear in the future work area, "No Parking" signs go up, or a DES team leader leaves a note or business card at an address if coordination is necessary. In most cases, no coordination will be needed and the crews will come and go without much disruption to the daily lives of the adjacent residents. AFCA will follow up with DES early next year to compare notes on the repair effort.

Residents who have damaged sidewalk that was not bad enough to get on the AFCA list will have their sidewalks checked by DES when their turn comes in the County's sidewalk repair cycle. For more information on sidewalk repair, search "sidewalks" on the County website.





# Update on Lubber Run Community Center

By Michael Thomas

Since the last issue of the Arlington Forester, there has been significant progress on our efforts to get Lubber Run Community Center rebuilt and to preserve its open space, but there is still much work to be done. It is critical that Arlington Foresters continue active engagement with the County on this vital issue, both individually and through the AFCA.

On June 16th, the Arlington School Board approved its ten-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). As promised in April, Lubber Run Park was removed from immediate consideration as a potential site for a new school.

The County Board approved its ten-year CIP on July 19th. Thanks to a lot of hard work by our community and supportive neighbors, the County CIP includes \$28 million in funding for rebuilding the Lubber Run Community Center, a project that has been delayed for 20 years. The schedule calls for planning and design to begin in spring 2015 and for construction to begin in 2017.

However, the County Manager has formally identified "the portion of Lubber Run Park currently developed with a community center and a parking lot" as a site to be considered for building County-subsided affordable housing.

Last fall and spring, AFCA approved several resolutions

opposing the inclusion of housing in the rebuilt Lubber Run Community Center. Such a move would be inconsistent with the Arlington Forest Conservation Plan and would be inconsistent with the low-rise residential character of the Arlington Forest Historic District, which has been noted as one of the best examples of a mid-20th century planned, mixed-use community in Arlington County. Additionally, trying to shoehorn housing into the new community center would reduce the space available to provide recreational, social, and learning activities to the diverse communities in the rapidly growing surrounding neighborhoods.

In August, the County posted draft Public Land Site Evaluation guidelines on its website (<http://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/public-land-site-evaluation/>). When finalized, the County intends to use this document to guide the decision-making process about putting housing at Lubber Run and other sites. It will also be used to guide future decisions about possibly putting schools on County parkland.

AFCA members will discuss these issues, including deciding on AFCA's formal response to the Public Land Site Evaluation guidelines, at the September 10 AFCA meeting in the Barrett Elementary School library beginning at 7 PM.



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# Around the Forest

**Thank You, Julie:** After a record nine years as AFCA president (2005-2014) following four years as Southside VP (2001-2005), Julie Kirchoff handed over the AFCA presidency to Allison Kennett at the AFCA membership meeting last May. While Julie plans to continue her neighborhood involvement (for example, helping to coordinate the 75th Anniversary party on October 18), it is appropriate to take time now to thank her for all that she has done for Arlington Forest over the past 15 years. Thank you, Julie.

**Spring Home Tour:** The 2014 Arlington Forest Home and Garden Tour on May 3 was a great success. 189 tickets were sold to tour 14 participating homes. AFCA thanks the residents who opened their homes for the tour. Thanks also go to tour coordinators Jennifer Claffey and Monica Darnell who were assisted by Larry & Esther Bowring, Lee Brory, Karen Uetrecht Burst, Erica Canfield, Jennifer Dodd, Barbara Englehart, Mary Henning, Allison Kennett, Marsha Lederman, Marta Layseca, Jennifer Messman, Marleane Mitchell and Katherine Roberts.

**New Playground is Open:** Work has been completed on expanding the playground in Glencarlyn Park near the end of S. Park Drive. This project was proposed by AFCA and was funded with a \$485,000 grant from the County's Neighborhood Conservation program. The new elements include a large "Tree House" climbing structure. If you have pre-teen children, you definitely need to check it. Watch the AFCA listserv in the coming weeks for details on a ribbon-cutting ceremony (to get on the listserv, just include your e-mail address on the form that accompanies your AFCA dues payment).

**WO&D Trail-Carlin Springs Road Connector Path:** In the coming months, the County plans to install a 275 foot long, 8 foot wide asphalt connector path linking the WO&D trail with east side of Carlin Springs Road. This is in the western corner of Arlington Forest below the historic Mary Carlin House. The project will be accompanied by (much-needed) invasive plant removal in the immediate area. An AFCA representative met on-site with County officials who assure us that the new path will have a "T" connection with the WO&D trail so that bicycles speeding down the hill on Carlin Springs Road will have to slow down before encountering pedestrians on the main trail.

**Kids for Hire:** An updated "Kid's for Hire" list is on page 14. New neighborhood youths have been added to replace those who headed off to college. So check this list if you need help with babysitting, pet watching, leaf raking, snow shoveling or other chores in the coming months.



**AFCA Tree Grant Program:** To help keep the "forest" in Arlington Forest, AFCA will pay you to plant a tree on your property. AFCA offers matching grants to neighbors who plant tree from an approved list of shade trees. Grants of up to \$125 will cover one-

half of the cost of buying and planting a tree. There is a limit to two grants per property and the application must be approved before the purchase. For details and the application form, go to the AFCA website at [www.arlington-forestva.org](http://www.arlington-forestva.org) and click on the AFCA tab.

**Arlington Villages Event:** West End 50 Potluck Picnic Supper - Monday, October 13, 5-7 pm. West End 50, our neighborhood group within Arlington Neighborhood Villages (ANV), is having a Potluck Picnic Supper on Monday, October 13, beginning at 5 pm. Bring a main dish or a large side or dessert. We will be meeting at Church of the Brethren, 300 N Montague St, 22203 in Boulevard Manor. If the weather is nice, we will be eating outside. We are inviting all adults in the neighborhood to join us; if you would like, bring a friend. ANV is a non-profit organization dedicated to enabling Arlington residents 55 and older to continue living in their own homes and communities as they age. We also welcome volunteers of all ages. Interested in finding out more about the Pot Luck? Contact Peter Olivere at [peterolivere@arlnvil.org](mailto:peterolivere@arlnvil.org) or 703-626-2520. If you want to find out more about becoming a member or volunteering go to our website at [arlnvil.org](http://arlnvil.org).

**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 with your regular trash. The next E-CARE takes place at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in the West Parking Lot (one block east of Glebe Rd.) between 8:30 AM and 3 PM on Saturday, October 11. Just load up your car with the unwanted items and then drive through the various stations -- dropping off paint cans at one station, TVs (\$20 recycling fee) at another station, and so on. 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.

# Apseloff Father and Son Set World Powerlifting Records

Arlington Forest residents Roy Apseloff and his son Nick Apseloff (see accompanying photo) each broke International Powerlifting Association (IPA) amateur raw world records in the 198 pound weight class at the IPA World Powerlifting and Bench Press Championships in York, PA on June 21, 2014.

Roy, 56, deadlifted 470 pounds for a world record in the 55-59 age group, eclipsing the previous world record of 441 pounds. Nick, 21, bench pressed 422.5 pounds for a junior (20-23 year old) world record, breaking the old record of 420.6 pounds. Under less strict gym conditions, Nick has bench pressed 440 pounds at 198 pounds body weight.

Nick is a 2010 Washington-Lee graduate and 2014 graduate of the University of Virginia with a biomedical engineering degree; he started Georgetown Medical School in August. Roy has lived on the south side of the Forest since 1987; Nick joined him in 1992.

Amateur raw powerlifting refers to lifting without the aid of suits and without the use of any performance enhancing drugs. Amateur events are drug tested. The

deadlift and bench press are two of the three powerlifting events; the third is the squat. In the deadlift the lifter approaches the bar positioned on the floor, grasps it firmly, and in one motion stands up while holding the bar with arms straight.

The following link contains videos of the lifts (scroll down toward the bottom of the first page): <http://www.powerliftingwatch.com/>



**Stolen Bicycles:** Many stolen bicycles in Arlington are recovered by the police. Your chances are better if the bike is a less expensive one that may have been swiped for a single ride and abandoned. For help, call or email the stolen bicycle expert at the Arlington County Police, Lt. Heather Hurlock at 703-228-4057 or [hhurlock@arlingtonva.us](mailto:hhurlock@arlingtonva.us). She is a great resource, and always the first to contact on stolen bike cases. She may have your bicycle, and will come to pick up abandoned bikes. Unclaimed bikes are donated after 60 days to Bikes for the World, and end up making someone in an under-developed country very happy.

**English Ivy is Destructive:** While many people find English Ivy's 3-pointed, dark green glossy leaves to make pretty groundcover, if left unattended this invasive plant can kill trees. If allowed to cover fences, it can invade adjacent lawns and public parkland. But you can easily remove ivy from trees and fences by cutting all vines at the ground level. Cut them again several feet up the trunk and then carefully peel away the cut section of ivy. Do not pull off the remaining upper portion as that could harm the tree bark. That remaining ivy will eventually dry out and die. Pull ground ivy back a few feet from the base of the tree to slow regrowth up the tree trunk.

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# Lubber Run Amphitheater Season Best Ever and it's not over yet!

By Chris Scheer

Just when you thought it was over, the Lubber Run Amphitheater's 2014 summer season continues through September with three special weekend programs aimed at younger audiences and their families. Thanks to your generous Wishing Well donations throughout the summer, the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation sponsored the last performance of the regular season and is also able to sponsor the following children's performances as well:

## September Shows:

-- The Banjo Man is set for Saturday, September 13, 4 pm (rain date: Sunday, September 14, 4 pm). Frank Cassell is the Banjo Man. He performs lively and engaging folk, bluegrass and original music for all audiences. This talented, award-winning musician has performed at Strathmore Music Center and the National Theatre in Washington. Check out the Banjo Man at [www.banjomanfc.com](http://www.banjomanfc.com).

-- Groovy Nate will appear Sunday, September 21, 1 pm (rain date October 5, 1 pm). Groovy Nate (aka Elnathan

Starnes) has been a popular children's performer in DC/VA/MD for over a decade. He blends music, puppetry, movement, and comedy into a great experience for the younger set. He's perfect entertainment for all those tiny LRA "mash pit" dancers. ([www.groovynate.com](http://www.groovynate.com))

-- Two of a Kind finishes the amphitheater performances on Saturday, September 27, 4 pm (rain date Sunday, September 28, 4 pm). David and Jenny Heitler-Klevans love to bring people together, building community through their music. This award-winning husband-wife duo creates magic on stage in their concert appearances geared to families and children of all ages. ([www.twoofakind.com](http://www.twoofakind.com))

**Summer 2014 Highlights:** The 2014 amphitheater season was successful in many ways. It was the longest season in many years with 30 performances from June through September. It was also one of the most well-attended summer seasons with respectable audience numbers at almost every performance and a number of standing-room-only evenings.

Credit for much of that success goes to County schedulers who attracted a broad and popular range of talents to the amphitheater and also to (surprise!) the weather. This was the first season in memory when there was not one weather-related cancellation of scheduled weekend performances. Mild evenings drew large crowds of families, picnickers and kids and were greatly appreciated by the performers.

Among the most popular performances were Synetic Theater (the group's first appearance at Lubber Run), Shenandoah Run, Mary Ann Richmond, Margot MacDonald and Rico Amero; but all performances were well-received.

Esther Bowring, co-president of the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation, thanked all Foresters who contributed to this year's success with their attendance and generous donations. "We are already working with the county on next year's schedule," she said, "and the public support we saw this year gives us a good base from which to expand."

If Foresters have any comments or suggestions, they can share them on the Lubber Run Amphitheater's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Lubberrunamphitheater>.



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# Nature News

By  
**Cliff Fairweather**  
Park Naturalist,  
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## Make Your Garden Safe

**for Wildlife:** Many of us want to make our yards into sanctuaries for wildlife. But our lawns and gardens can pose hazards for wildlife. By avoiding these and other hazards, we can help keep

these sanctuaries from becoming death traps for wildlife:

--Plastic garden mesh: birds and snakes can become entangled. Carefully remove them from the web of plastic, taking care not to cause further harm to them or let the scared animal harm you.

--Lawn mowers, hedge- and string-trimmers: snakes, turtles, young rabbits, baby birds, frogs, and toads are among the potential victims of these and other power lawn equipment. Inspect the area immediately before using this equipment for any animals or nests that might be in the path of blades and move them or wait until they move on their own.

--Steep-sided water containers: anything from a bucket to a steep-sided pond can be a death trap for wildlife. If you have a pond, use rocks or some other means to allow

animals to escape; this will also help any emerging frogs or salamanders that might be in your pond. Also, keep in mind that open water containers as small as a cup can provide a breeding ground for mosquitos.

--Window wells: uncovered window wells can also become death traps for a turtles, toads, and other small animals. Clear window well covers are available that let light in but keep out wildlife or you can provide a ramp to help animals escape.

--Lawn and garden chemicals: pesticides and other chemicals can sicken or kill wildlife, so use them sparingly, if at all, and only when you have a problem. Store them so that animals (and children) can't get to them and they can't leak into the environment.

--Bird feeders and baths: providing birds with food and water concentrates them and has the potential to spread disease. You can minimize the risk by keeping feeders and bird baths clean. Don't let bird seed become moldy and change bathing water frequently. Hummingbird feeders also need to be changed and cleaned frequently as fermented sugar water is deadly to hummers. Finally, keep bird feeders in good repair and discard damaged feeders that might cause birds to become caught or injured.

The Northern Virginia real estate market experienced some positive trends in July. Median sale prices increased in many parts of the region, and homes are continuing to sell at a quick pace. The Northern Virginia market includes the city of Alexandria, and Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties.

Northern Virginia saw median sale prices increase in many areas compared to the same month in 2013. Alexandria City saw a jump in median sale price of 8%, and Loudoun County had 7%, Arlington County had 6% and Prince William County experienced 2%. Fairfax County saw a 2% decrease.

Homes are continuing to sell rapidly throughout Northern Virginia, according to July data. In Fairfax County, the average days on market (DOM) was just 27 days, followed closely by Alexandria City at 31 days. Arlington County saw a DOM of 33

Loudoun County experienced an average of 35 days and Prince William County saw a DOM of 36 days.

The number of units sold in the Northern Virginia region decreased in many areas compared to the same month in 2013, though Alexandria City experienced a 1% increase. Declines ranged from 5% to 23%. Additionally, inventory increased by 13% to 46% in all areas of Northern Virginia.

From 1/1/14 to 8/28/14 in Arlington Forest – here are average sales prices: 2013 had an average of \$643,9980 and 2014's average was \$705,025.

If you, your friends or neighbors are curious about their home's value and are planning to sell, contact me to get first-rate representation at 703-217-9090 or [casey@caseyoneal.com](mailto:casey@caseyoneal.com) Also ask for a copy of my report **HOMESELLERS: How to Get the Price You Want (and Need).**



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# Origin of the Arlington Forest Club

By Joan Malcolm

In preparing for a women's program detailing a part of my childhood, I came to the AFCA website ([www.arlingtonforestva.org](http://www.arlingtonforestva.org)) to get an idea of how many homes are in Arlington Forest. Afterward, I thought others still living in my old neighborhood might want to read my thoughts. It was a talk on how the "butterfly effect" continues: a concept that small events can have large, widespread consequences.

In the early 1950s there were a lot of drownings in the Washington, DC area and each one devastated my father, Frank Malcolm. He had grown up on the Occoquan Creek and swam well. He had a passion to ensure the safety of children around water by the children knowing how to swim. A swimming pool in the Arlington area to teach children to swim was a necessity and he devoted himself to making it happen.

There was a piece of property on North Carlin Springs Road that was not suitable for houses to be built on. He knew about it because he had worked for the builder of Arlington Forest and he was now a broker/realtor with his office in the Arlington Forest Shopping Center, where Out-back Steak House stands. He sent his salesmen out with petitions to have the homeowners sign to get the County

to approve a swimming pool to be built. He instructed the salesmen to tell the people if they weren't interested or wouldn't use the pool, to "do it for the children."

As a result, on June 28, 1954 Arlington Forest Club opened. It is where I learned to swim and 2014 is its 60th season!

In 1956, my father built the Brookville Swim Club (BSC) in Alexandria. We moved out of 109 South Buchanan Street in Arlington Forest in 1961 to be nearer the Brookville pool and several years later the real estate office moved too. He ran the BSC for 21 years. Because of my father, thousands more children were taught to swim.

Did you learn to swim at the Arlington Forest Club or the Brookville Swim Club? If so, you are part of the butterfly effect.

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*Next AFCA Meeting:*  
Wednesday, September 10th  
7 pm, Barrett School Library



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*Jim*

## Forest Exchange

**St. John's Annual Tea:** St. John's Episcopal Church in Glen-carlyn is having their Annual Tea on Saturday, October 18. In addition to a wide choice of teas, attendees are treated to an impressive array of scones, finger sandwiches, pastries, cakes and cookies. The tea is 1 to 3 pm so guests have plenty of time to socialize and enjoy refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a memorable experience with your child or grandchild. \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. St. John's is at 415 South Lexington - enter from 5th St. South side. See [stjohnsarlingtonva.org](http://stjohnsarlingtonva.org) or call 703-671-6834.

**Lectures at AF United Methodist Church:** "Christianity and Islam: So much in Common, So Far Apart" This 6-week study compares and contrasts major areas of the world's two largest religions to bring greater understanding of each. Designed for people with little knowledge of Islam other than what they have seen in the news, it aims at providing a general understanding of the differences and similarities between these two great religions. It provides a greater appreciation of both Jesus and Muhammad and both New Testament and Quran. Six Sundays at 12:30 pm starting 9/7 at Arlington Forest UMC, 4701 Arlington Blvd.

## Community Calendar

**Next AFCA Meeting:** Wednesday, Sept 10. See page 1 for details.

**Family Fun at Arlington Forest Shopping Center:** September 20. See page 1 for details.

**75th Anniversary Party:** October 18. See page 3 for details.

**Kids Halloween Parade:** Late October date TBD.

**Election Day:** November 4. Congress, County Board, School Board and bond issues.

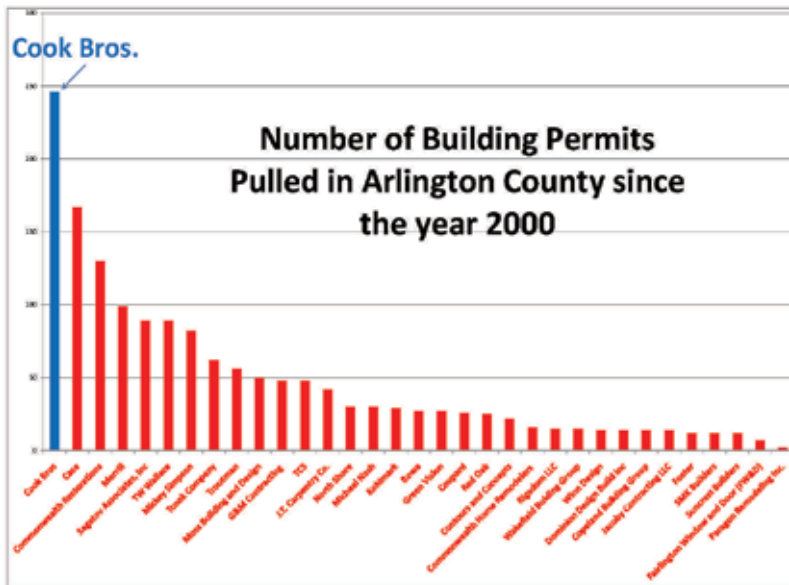
**AFCA Holiday Party:** Early December date TBD.

### Future AFCA Meetings:

- September 10: Future of Lubber Run Rec Center
- October 15: School Capacity Issues
- November 19: Affordable Housing
- January 21: Energy Efficiency
- February 18: Wildlife in Arlington Forest
- March 18: Real Estate Trends
- April 15: Protecting Public Parkland
- May 13: Picnic and Membership Meeting

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# Barcroft School News

Barcroft Elementary is excited about the 2014-2015 school year, which began for students on Monday, August 4. Barcroft uses a Modified School Year (MSY) calendar. With MSY, the summer break is shorter so that students may take a multi-week break each quarter. Between September 30 and October 10, students may enjoy vacation or take interesting Fall Intercession classes that extend their learning experiences.

At the August PTA meeting, our Principal, Ms. Bounet, announced that our current enrollment is over 530 students, with a large Kindergarten class. Ms. Bounet noted that this year's theme is "Teamwork." She also demonstrated the Responsive Classroom morning greeting with parents. Barcroft adopted the Responsive Classroom approach last year to help create safe, joyful, and challenging classrooms and a school-wide climate for learning by emphasizing the development of academic and socio-emotional skills.

We need your help to support student learning and to defray the cost of programs such as the RIF book giveaway and field trip expenses. A "free and easy" way to help is by linking your store cards EACH YEAR to Barcroft Elementary.

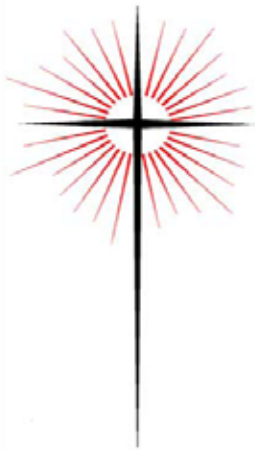
-- Safeway: Link to Barcroft Elementary on-line at [www.escrp.com](http://www.escrp.com) for year-round rewards. Barcroft's Group ID # is 6472509.

-- Harris Teeter: Link your VIC card to Barcroft Elementary as part of the Together in Education program. Then purchase Harris Teeter brand products between August 2014 and May 2015. Barcroft's code is: 4238. Link online at: [www.harristeeter.com/community/together\\_in\\_education/link\\_to\\_your\\_school.aspx](http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx) or mention code #4238 to the cashier the next time you shop at Harris Teeter. You can support up to five schools!

-- Giant: Barcroft's code # 02199. The Giant A+ Rewards program runs from October 3, 2014 – March 19, 2015. Link your card on-line at [www.giantfood.com/Aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/Aplus) and click on "register your card."

-- Target: Target's Take Charge of Education program permits shoppers to support Barcroft year-round by linking their Target RED credit or debit card to Barcroft. Barcroft's ID # 103242. To link on-line, go to: <https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home> and click on "Enroll."

We invite our neighbors to attend our annual Chalk-4Peace event on Saturday, September 20. Create works of original art on the school's sidewalks and blacktop. Chalk is provided - just bring your imagination and a box of cereal to donate to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Later that weekend, stop by the school to see the wonderful art creations before the weather erases them!



## ***Want to make a connection with God?***

**Sunday Worship Services**  
8 am and 10 am

**Sunday Christian Education**  
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Programs of education with activities every Sunday at 9:30 am  
for children ages three through high school beginning September 7.

We are looking for help with children's Christian education - Stipend available

**Sunday, October 5 - Blessing of the Animals 5 pm**  
Bring your pets (or a picture) to the side yard (indoors if raining)

**Saturday, October 18 - St. John's Annual Tea 1-3 pm**  
A tea reminiscent of High Tea in Britain - complete with a buffet of fine teas, scones, sandwiches, and scrumptious desserts.

*(see website for more details)*

## ***St. John's Episcopal Church***

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# Barrett School News

**Greetings from Principal Dan Redding!** Barrett Elementary is excited to start the 2014-2015 school year! We are projected to start with 564 students, an increase of nine from the start of the previous school year. We are grateful that we have completely new HVAC systems in most of the building - the project was smooth and on-time!

This year we ask families that wish to walk students into the school in the morning to park at the Lubber Run Community Center and walk students across Park Drive. The traffic flow in the front lot must go quickly, and we do require all spaces for our staff to park, as we continue to grow.

We are very excited, as the classroom libraries the PTA funded at the spring Silent Auction are beginning to arrive. Thank you to Barrett families for your support of our Literacy Initiative!

Remember that back-to-school night will be on Wednesday September 17! You can follow Barrett general news on twitter at @BarrettAPS, the principal at @dredding\_arlva and the PTA at @BPTAE or @BPTASP (Spanish), and on the web at [www.apsva.us/barrett](http://www.apsva.us/barrett).

**Message from Barrett PTA:** \$200 Harris Teeter card RAFFLE - The local grocery stores have officially begun their Education Linking Programs for this school year. Each of these grocery stores will donate money to the schools that they are linked to. Because it takes a village to raise a child, we are encouraging as many people to link their cards to Barrett by raffling off a \$200 Harris Teeter gift card! All you need to do to enter the raffle is to link/relink your grocery store cards. Every time you submit valid linking information, you get an entry into the raffle.

To link your grocery cards to Barrett, go to each website and select KW Barrett ES to link/relink to:

-- Harris Teeter: [https://www.harristeeter.com/other/my\\_harris\\_teeter/login\\_page.aspx](https://www.harristeeter.com/other/my_harris_teeter/login_page.aspx)

-- Giant: <https://www.giantfood.com/aplus/register/>

-- Safeway: <http://escrip.com>

Please email any questions to [barrettfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:barrettfundraising@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

## Upcoming Events:

**September 9:** Barrett 101, 6:30 pm; PTA mtg, 7 pm

**September 12:** Ice Cream Social, 6:30 pm

**September 17:** Back to School Night, 6:45 pm

**September 20:** Fresh Fruit Friday

**October 7:** PTA meeting: 5th Grade Team, 7 pm

**October 8:** National Walk to School Day

**October 9-10:** No school, Parent-Teacher Conference

**October 14:** Roving Readers: Hispanic Heritage

**October 15:** K-Days: Math



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# Kids for Hire

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## Southside:

- Daniel O'Mara, dog walking, pet sitting, leaf raking, [t.omara@LTwell.com](mailto:t.omara@LTwell.com), 703-769-3767
- Ethan O'Mara, dog walking, pet sitting, leaf raking, [t.omara@LTwell.com](mailto:t.omara@LTwell.com), 703-769-3767
- Sophia Polisar, babysitting (RC certified), pet sitting, [sophiapolisar@gmail.com](mailto:sophiapolisar@gmail.com), 571-429-2289
- Julia Rogers, babysitting (RC certified), yard work, [juliaerogers23@gmail.com](mailto:juliaerogers23@gmail.com), 703-892-0226

## Greenbrier Section:

- Zephren Collinson, babysitting (references), pet sitting, dog walking, leaf raking, snow shoveling, tutoring, 703-528-3595
- Donna Corina, babysitting (RC certified), dog walking, pet sitting, leaf raking, snow shoveling, tutoring, 703-248-8885
- Mary Corina, babysitting (RC certified), dog walking, pet sitting, leaf raking, snow shoveling, tutoring, 703-248-8885

- Allison Ferrell, babysitting (RC certified), pet sitting, [Allisonrocket@aol.com](mailto:Allisonrocket@aol.com), 703-276-2840
- Sarah Keyser, babysitting (RC certified), pet sitting, dog walking, [Stealers12@gmail.com](mailto:Stealers12@gmail.com), 703-243-8777

## Northside:

- Laura Brancati, babysitting, dog walking, pet sitting, [laura@barms.org](mailto:laura@barms.org), 703-243-1916.
- Daniel Brancati, yard work, leaf raking, snow shoveling, car washing (in your driveway), [daniel@barms.org](mailto:daniel@barms.org), 703-243-1916
- Ely Constantine, pet sitting, leaf raking, snow shoveling, [cpconstantine@comcast.net](mailto:cpconstantine@comcast.net), 703-841-9229
- Sophia Constantine, pet sitting, dog walking, [srconstantine@comcast.net](mailto:srconstantine@comcast.net), 703-841-9229
- Fiona Hickey, babysitting (RC certified), 703-351-7013
- Sophie Hickey, babysitting, 703-351-7013
- Alyssa Luz-Ricca, babysitting (RC cert), dog walking, pet sitting, [alyssa.luz.ricca@gmail.com](mailto:alyssa.luz.ricca@gmail.com), 703-740-6972
- Marika Mortimer-Lotke, babysitting (RC certified), house sitting/chores, 703-276-9046
- Allison Vernon, babysitting (references), pet sitting, [catharinevernon@aol.com](mailto:catharinevernon@aol.com), 703-522-9147
- Gabby Young, babysitting, mother's helper, pet sitting, dog walking, [merrywesing@yahoo.com](mailto:merrywesing@yahoo.com), 703-622-4229

## All Neighborhoods:

- Girl Scout Troop 5837 (a group of responsible Arlington Forest 8th graders), babysitting, mother's helper, pet sitting, dog walking, plant watering, leaf raking, snow shoveling, [buggah66@gmail.com](mailto:buggah66@gmail.com), 703-528-3595



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