

Are you a homeowner or a renter? If you live in the Aurora Highlands area you are invited and encouraged to come to our monthly meetings where we meet neighbors, discuss topics of interest and share information. ALL are welcome to attend. Come and meet your neighbors at the Aurora Highlands Fire House at 735 S. 18th St. at the corner of 18th and Hayes Streets (where the library / fire station is located).

OUR UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING:
THURSDAY DECEMBER 11—6:00PM
AURORA HIGHLANDS FIRE HOUSE
HOLIDAY POT LUCK

NEWSLETTER

December 11th (THURSDAY) 6:00-8:00PM

AHCA holiday potluck at Fire House #105:

Capt. Patterson and Fire House #105 have accepted an invitation from AHCA to join us for our annual holiday potluck dinner. This year there is a twist. The pot luck dinner party will be at new Fire House #105 and we will treat the Fire House to dinner. How many kids get a chance to eat with real firefighters?... in their house. We are holding the time from 6-8pm for two reasons: in the hope that this time is better for families with young kids and there is an important meeting of the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee at 7:30 pm that several of us need to attend.

Also, we will give out several service awards at the dinner. Please let us know if you plan to attend and if you will be able to contribute a dish so we have an idea of how much food and space will be needed.

December 13th (Saturday): County Board Meeting:

The Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NC) – the AHCA updated NC Plan has been presented by Steve Wyner and AHCA officers and leadership to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) on November 13th and to the Planning Commission on December 1st.

The AHCA NC Plan now goes to the County Board on December 13. We would like to have a strong turnout of neighbors for this County Board meeting, - this is a chance to show support for our neighborhood in what should be a very positive exchange with the County Board. Please make a point of attending.

At last months AHCA meeting, a unanimous vote was taken to focus on a spray park and other improvements at Virginia Highlands Park as our 2nd NC project after sidewalks on the 600 and 700 block of 19th Street.

4th of July Neighborhood Picnic at Virginia Highlands Park:

The Boo Ha Ha was inspiring. The timing would be early afternoon to early evening, allowing people time to depart by foot or car to find those prime fireworks viewing spots. In this case, we could have a picnic and/or work with our local restaurants to highlight their wonderful cuisine. And while we had bountiful bouncing moons for the Boo, we might adjust to one or two rushing water slides (blow up) connected to nearby water sources. They will help us show how much kids in our area will utilize a spray park when installed in VHP.

\$100,000 Challenge for 100 years of neighborhood history in 2010:

Given these will be tough times for Arlington County, the idea is to raise a \$100,000 community contribution (all voluntarily) to go with a major NC park project in our area. Why? It shows AHCA and our neighboring areas are serious, and that if there is an issue of some shortfall because of budget constraints, AHCA will make up that difference. Plus, it will give us a bigger say so in how the funds (both AHCA donation as well as County dollars) get used and the facilities that get designed for our park and community center.

Note: Inquiries have been made to the College of Architecture at Virginia Tech about holding a design concept competition for ideas on renovating our community center and old fire house #105 during tight budget times.

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Aurora Highlands Civic Association

P.O. Box 25201 - Arlington, VA 22202

"The Association is a non-partisan organization of community residents formed to work in the overall community interest in promoting civic pride, enhancing the quality of life in the community, preserving the character of the community and planning for the orderly, safe, and humane development of the community" (AHCA Bylaws, Article II). The AHCA meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (unless specifically noted) in the Aurora Hills Recreation Center (735 S. 18th St.) at 7:00 p.m.

2008 Issues

Long Term:

1. **Crystal City Long Term Plan as well as CCBID and CCBID, Inc impact on AHCA**
2. **ADU Initiative (Issued passed on pilot basis by County Board – will be removed as an issue for 2009)**
3. **Wakefield High School Capital Rebuilding and quality of academic programs in times of fiscal crisis.**

Near Term Neighborhood Specific

1. **Social Event (Boo Ha Ha – success)**
2. **NC Plan (plan presentation to County Board in December 2008)**
 - A. **Community Center & Virginia Highlands Park**
 - B. **Sidewalks**
 - C. **Nina/Nellie Custis/Eads Parks**
3. **Waste Water Treatment Plant—near term noise issues.**

Association Officers & Committee Chairs

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