

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 Hills Community Center at 735 18th Street South.

OUR UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING: WEDNESDAY MAY 13, 2009 AURORA HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER

5:30-7:00 p.m. Special Event: To the broad neighborhood east of 395, join us for a **Community Wide Potluck and Ice Cream Social.** Come enjoy the news about Aurora Hills Library maintaining its current operating schedule. We'll invite our local police and firefighters to stop by as well. Bring a dish and your kids and meet your neighbors and friends.

7:00 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting—Guest Speaker: Kathrin Breitt Brown will speak to the neighborhood about Potomac Crescent Waldorf School's (at Joyce/23rd) plan to increase enrollment from 77 to 97 students.

Childcare will be provided.

Aurora Hills Library: A special thanks to Bill Gillen for acting as our spokesman for our library effort and also for some very in depth number crunching. A special thanks to our County Board, who listened to our community wide voice and recognized what the Library means to our area east of 395. We couldn't have done it without you. Hopefully some of the County Board members will join us for the potluck.

The civic associations (AHCA and ARCA) belong to all of us. They are the standing organizations that our elected county officials look to for the community voice and they are the vehicles that allow us to quickly build support behind volunteers like Bill on specific issues.

Neighborhood Improvement Efforts: An update will be given on NC project efforts, Missing Links Sidewalks and Traffic Calming efforts.

Good Neighbor Award: AHCA would like to recognize Susana and Stephen Isaacson at 822 21st Street. A Missing Link sidewalk is going in on their side of their block. It caused them to lose some landscaping and a nice small tree. While they weren't thrilled about the loss, because the neighborhood and their neighbors wanted to see sidewalk completed on their block, they agreed to work with the process rather than protest. That sense of

good neighborliness is what makes our neighborhood a great place to live. Even though this wasn't what they wanted, they went along with the project for the benefit of all the rest of us and for their immediate neighbors. I hope those of you who know them will help us say thank you when you see them.

Parks: Nina Park renovation is expected to take place this summer.

Schools: Wakefield new design plans were shared with the public on May 4th. AHCA contributed \$250 to Wakefield Senior Prom Cruise and \$250 to the Oakridge Spring Fling.

ARCA will hold its quarterly meeting on May 14th at Oakridge Elementary cafeteria from 6:30-9:00pm. A focus of the meeting will be Crystal City long term development and impact. Also, they will be discussing developer set aside funds for 23rd and Ridge Roads.

AHCA: Will host a neighborhood wide 4th of July picnic in Virginia Highlands Park. Details to follow in the June AHCA newsletter.

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Aurora Highlands Civic Association

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"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.

2009 Issues

1. Community Center & Virginia Highlands Park
2. NC Projects: 19th Street (600&700 blocks) sidewalk & street lights, spray park in VHP, Ives Street (20th-22nd) sidewalks & street lights.
3. Nina Park improvements
4. Nellie & Eads Park
5. Potential Dog Park?
6. Sidewalks & Street Lights
7. Crystal City Long Term Plan as well as CCBID and CCBID, Inc impact on Aurora Highlands area
8. Wakefield High School Capital Rebuilding and quality of academic programs.
9. Waste Water Treatment Plant
10. Social Events

Spring event TBD?

Community event with Restaurant Row ?

4th of July picnic in Virginia Highlands Park

AHCA acct balance as of 3/31/09: \$6,787.25

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