



AURORA HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

JULY NEWSLETTER

NEW LIVABILITY FRAMEWORK FOR 22202 NEIGHBORHOODS

Recognizing that the pace of development in the 22202 area is expected to surge from mid-2019 onwards, and that recent community forums have shown that livability is a primary concern in our neighborhoods, the leadership of Aurora Highlands, Arlington Ridge, and Crystal City Civic Associations coordinated to develop a "Livability Framework." This document articulates a vision for an integrated, holistic approach to achieving a highly livable community across our diverse neighborhoods and defines a set of livability themes and specific elements. You can read the document here: <http://aurorahighlands.org/22202-livability-framework.pdf>

The goal is to encourage a collaborative engagement among residents, the County, developers, property owners and businesses and other organizations to develop and implement an integrated holistic approach to achieving livability across our community.

It's a "living document" that will now guide identification of more specific community needs, studies, and metrics to measure progress. We welcome any feedback. It will also be a topic of conversation at the September 12 Crystal City CA meeting with two County Board members and at a series of planned meetings after that (e.g., housing, parks).

URGING THE COUNTY BOARD TO STEP UP ON SUSTAINABILITY

AHCA wrote to the County Board urging them to step up its game on sustainability. On June 12, Dr. Neil Seldman gave a presentation to the civic association about current waste management practices. Dr. Seldman is a consultant who provides technical advice to cities, including D.C. and Baltimore, about sustainable waste management. His analysis was sobering. <https://youtu.be/Kx9zwX-pB1c>

Next Meeting: Wed, July 17

7pm, 735 18th St.

*Aurora Hills Community Center
Childcare provided!*

7:10pm Dog Parks

Keith Fred, maintainer of Shirlington Dog Park and the county's resident expert, will talk about dog parks in general and two initiatives for public dog parks at Eads Park and at Virginia Highlands Park. The neighborhood residents supporting these proposals will be present to provide updates, answer any questions, and explain how you can help finally get these facilities for our area. A resolution will be proposed for AHCA to support both efforts. See <http://aurorahighlands.org/news/dog-parks/>.

8:00pm 23rd Street Arts Village

Stratis Voutsas, owner of several properties along 23rd Street "Restaurant Row", will present the vision of turning the area into an artist village. He will be requesting a vote of formal support from AHCA. See <http://aurorahighlands.org/news/23rd-village/>

Please note, there will be no meeting or newsletter in August.

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Mark Your Calendar

Rock At The Row - Thursdays

Hot bands and cold drinks return to Pentagon Row for the summer, with food and drink available to purchase. Every Thursday from 7-9pm, 1202 S Joyce Street.

Neighborhood Night @ Synetic Theatre - July 25

Get tickets for Treasure Island using promo code SILVER20 for \$20 off!
<http://www2.geomailer.net/message/view.php?id=21.1306422.794636>

Nelly Custis Ribbon Cutting - Saturday July 27!

The renovation work at Nelly Custis park is finally nearing completion. The park boasts a completely new and expanded playground and natural areas. Come celebrate with neighbors and county board members Christian Dorsey and Matt de Ferranti with an official ribbon cutting, food, music, and entertainment for both adults and kids. 701 24th Street, Saturday the 27th, 11am-1pm

COMMUNITY UPDATES & RESOURCES

Start of MetPark 6 & 7/8 (Amazon HQ2) Building Process

The public review process has begun for the first two buildings to be constructed for Amazon HQ2, along Eads & 15th St at Met Park. The county hosted a public kickoff July 10; the project will go before the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) on Monday July 15th to get approval for changing the planned use from residential to commercial and other height and density amendments. The Site Plan Review Committee meetings will begin July 29, which are also expected to include engaging the public to redesign the public spaces at Met Park around these buildings. If approved, buildout would take 3-4 years. See <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/met-park-phases-6-8/>

Army Navy Drive Complete Streets

County staff gave an open house at the Aurora Hills library to review plans for the Army Navy Drive Complete Streets Project and the 30% design plan. The project will re-build Army Navy Drive within the existing right-of-way as a multimodal complete street featuring enhanced bicycle, transit, environmental and pedestrian facilities. Materials and plans are at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/army-navy-drive-complete-street/>.

Crystal Houses Proposal Adds More Buildings

The developer has revised the plan to add two additional buildings with 21 town-house style units along Fern Street. We have been told the two parks included in the plan will have no formal public design process and any recommendations for these parks must come from the SPRC process, so contact president@aurorahighlands.org with any input. The third SPRC meeting on July 25 will focus on parking and transportation. <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/1900-s-eads-crystal-houses/>

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County Emergency Exercise

The County is seeking volunteers to participate in a full-scale emergency exercise to evaluate the region's ability to dispense medication quickly in response to an anthrax attack.

Arlington's event will be held 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, July 19 at the Community Center. This is only an exercise; no actual disease-causing agents will be involved and no actual medications or medical care will be provided. <https://bit.ly/2LOSIZ4>

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