



AURORA HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Miriam Gennari

In December, I shared thoughts on my role in helping to create a closer-knit, more sustainable, and increasingly enlightened Aurora Highlands. Now, I call upon you. Since December our community has experienced the impact of a furlough, arctic weather, and snow emergencies, all illustrating our need to build a network with neighbors. Each of us has a role to play in making the most of our association!

To help with that, we're revamping this newsletter and improving other outreach communication tools. So whether it's following AHCA on social media, joining discussions on Amazon, or attending monthly meetings, get plugged in! Engage with us in a way that best suits you, other than complaining (ha!) And if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out via email to info@aurorahighlands.org.

As you can see below, we had a great turnout at our January meeting. I hope to see you all there again in February!



JOIN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION!

Be a voting member for just \$20 per household.

Mail a check, pay on our website via PayPal, or bring payment to our next meeting!

Your annual dues support this newsletter, meetings, and community activities throughout the year. The civic association's voice carries weight as we promote our interests together as a community to County staff, County Board and School Board members, private businesses and organizations, and even state representatives.

Next Meeting: Wed, Feb 13

7pm, 735 18th St. (Aurora Highlands Community Center)

7:00pm - Updates & Action Items

Miriam Gennari, AHCA President, will introduce the Executive Committee, share new membership initiatives, and lead discussion on action items - including 2019 budget, a letter to the county, and more!

7:20pm - Scooters & Dockless Bikes

We're 4 months into the county's 9-month pilot program into Shared Mobility Devices. Share your feedback! If you use them, how's it working for you? If not, do you have concerns? Greg Matlesky, the County's Shared Mobility Planner, will speak along with representatives of various companies. More info: transportation.arlingtonva.us/scooters-and-dockless-bikeshare/

8:00pm - Amazon HQ2 with JBG Smith

Andrew Vanhorn, Exec VP at JBG, will discuss JBG's vision for future projects and offer an update on current projects and anticipated timing. We will discuss the community's goals, and share input and concerns. Check out nationallanding.com (a JBG sponsored page) and jbgsmith.com to prepare.

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Dates to Know

Feb 1-Apr 15 - Free Tax Prep!

The County, with AARP, is offering free tax prep for residents with low to moderate incomes. Sessions are offered at the Central and Columbia Pike Branch Libraries. Sign up: library.arlingtonva.us/explore/financial-planning/free-tax-preparation-help/

Feb 10 - Pacers 5K

Love the Run You're With 5K race by Pacers Running. Portions of Joyce St and Army Navy Dr will be closed. Register here: runpacers.com/race/love-the-run-youre-with-5k

March 4 - Aurora Hills Senior Center opens registration for Spring Classes

Arlington County's five Senior Centers offer a wide variety of programs and services (exercise classes, social events, clubs, games, crafts, music and more). Check out the calendar and find out more: parks.arlingtonva.us/senior-centers/

June 11 - Primary Elections

Mark your calendar to vote! Current primary races are: Arlington Commonwealth Attorney, 31st Senate District, and 49th House District. More info at <https://vote.arlingtonva.us/>

COMMUNITY UPDATES & RESOURCES

Arlington Food Assistance Center

Help neighbors in need! Our community food pantry, AFAC, distributes food to over 2,300 families every week. If you would like to support citizens experiencing a food crisis or need resources yourself, go to afac.org.

ElderSAFE

Did you know that 1 in 10 older adults experience abuse and neglect? Elder abuse touches many of our lives. If you are concerned that someone is being harmed or at risk, please call 911 or Adult Protective Services at 1-888-832-3858.

The ElderSAFE Center, a program of Charles E. Smith Life Communities, supports older adults who are abused or neglected by providing safe, temporary shelter and free community education and advocacy. Referrals from Maryland, DC and Northern Virginia are accepted. Our language-accessible helpline is available Mon-Fri 9am-5pm at 301-816-5099.



New Scouts BSA Troop for Girls!

Sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes, membership is open to any girl age 11 or older, or who has completed 5th grade. For more info or to receive an invitation to the interest meeting, please contact the new Scoutmaster, Moira Mazel at scoutmastergtroop164@gmail.com.

Arlington Wallet

Arlington Wallet is a new online financial transparency tool making it easier to see and understand how Arlington County spends and receives money. The initiative is meant to further the County's commitment to ethical, transparent government and fiscal responsibility. Check it out here: <https://budget.arlingtonva.us/wallet/>

Changes Coming to Arlington Child Care Regulations

This spring, the Arlington County Board will consider changes to local child care codes and zoning regulations that could increase the accessibility, affordability, and quality of licensed child care facilities (both in-home and center-based). The staff recommendations will be open for citizens' comments at multiple meetings in the coming weeks. Learn more at the <https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/child-care-initiative/>

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