



# AURORA HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are well and I am sad that this will be my last newsletter! I have very much enjoyed serving our community as President and appreciate the support and encouragement I have received from so many of you. I would love to continue on— but I have a bit too much going on in my personal life this year. I am sure whoever takes over will do a great job! Nominations are discussed inside and we still have openings!! We also asked the county to present at our meeting this week (quite a while back) but they have yet to confirm so it is unclear if we will have a presentation from them. Lastly, I have restructured the zoom link to require registration again. I reported the abusive behavior that occurred last meeting to Zoom and hope that the registration requirement will solve that issue.

Thank you again for 2 great years and I look forward to seeing you all around! **REMEMBER** no December meeting but we will have s'mores and an outdoor fire at Ives Park for our December Social

Yours,  
AHCA Pres. Rachel

## Calendar

- Four Mile Run Farmers Market, Sundays from 9am-1pm, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave
- Nov 13 @ 10am-12pm- National Landing Community Cleanup at the Water Park. Register here: <https://nationallanding.org/events/community-clean-ups>
- Nov 13 @ 1pm- Arlington County Board work session with the Virginia General Assembly delegation to discuss the County's 2026 legislative priorities (2100 Clarendon Boulevard Suite 307 or [Livestream](#))
- Nov 13- Arl. Historical Society Event Details on back page
- Nov 17 - Board Game Night at the Library - details inside
- Dec 6 @ 10am-12pm- Family Art Lab: Holiday Ornament Decorating - Arlington Mills Community Center, Register here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Parks-Events/2025/Holiday-Ornament-Decorating>

## Next Meeting:

### Wednesday, November 12

At: Aurora Hills Recreation Center  
735 18th St S, Arlington, VA | 7:00-9:00 pm

### AGENDA

7:00 pm -Call to order, approve June Minutes

7:05pm -AHCA Business

7:30 pm -AHCA Officers Election

8:00 pm -High Density Pedestrian Concrete Maintenance Program (unconfirmed)

9:00pm -Adjourn

Optional: Register via Zoom  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/STsJuvf\\_SNmlidPvyXfrhw](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/STsJuvf_SNmlidPvyXfrhw)

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<https://groups.io/g/4D-A22202>

## Riverhouse Update

we expect the RiverHouse project to advance to commissions and the County Board in December. The plan sheets will be posted on the [project webpage](#).

Below is the tentative schedule of hearings. Please note that some commissions have not finalized their agendas, so the exact dates are not confirmed yet. Details will be published closer to December and you can always check the commissions webpage for more information on meeting times, locations, and methods of participation:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Commissions-and-Advisory-Groups>

- Transportation Commission – Nov. 20 at 7pm
- Planning Commission – Dec. 2, 3, or 4 (TBD) at 7pm
- Park and Recreation Commission – Dec. 9 at 7pm
- County Board – Dec. 13 or 16 (TBD)

## Art Appreciation: Foggy Sunrise by Hess



## AHCA Elections

The outgoing board wishes to thank Pam Van Hines for her outstanding contributions to the newsletter and Alix Hess, newsletter Editor.

The current slate of nominees to vote on is-

- President— Vacant
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP— Stacy Meyer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP— Alex Charkin
- Treasurer— Ben Watts
- Recording Secretary— Nick Giacobbe
- Corresponding Secretary— Lexi Tinker
- Editor — Vacant

In order to vote in the election you need to be a dues paying member, so please pay before the election!

Nominations will be accepted at the meeting due to the vacancies and my failure to include an announcement in the October Newsletter.

## TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR THE TROOPS!

Return unwanted candy to Celebree School of National Landing

1321 S Elm St.  
Arlington, VA 22202

By November 10th  
(open 6:30am - 6:30pm, M-F)

We'll use the collected candy to create care packages for the troops



Kids get a fun bag!



Troops receive a thoughtful care package



New families get \$50 off registration fee

Families who return candy and enroll by the end of November with a start date by January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, will receive \$50 off registration fee

**Community Updates**

Arlington County received a site plan amendment application (SPLA25-00033) for 2600 Crystal Drive to approve a three-year extension for use of a surface parking lot associated with Site Plan #145. The site is located within the Crystal City Civic Association.

**Aurora Hills Community Center Family Art Lab at Home is offering this fun paint along opportunity!** Register for your Winter Paint Along Kit today! Registration is open until Nov. 20. <https://vaarlingtonweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/iteminfo.html?Module=AR&FMID=326527287>

**Excavation for the Dominion Energy Glebe Electric Transmission project will take place over two separate occasions from July to December 2025**, lasting approximately three weeks total. Work zone includes the southbound lane and sidewalk of S Eads St. between 31<sup>st</sup> St South and Fort Scott Drive. During this time, you may notice increased noise during the day from excavation, hydro-vacuuming, and welding. Overnight work will be minimal and crews will use noise blankets to help reduce sound levels.

**Construction on Mt. Vernon Bridge from the intersection with Glebe to the southern end, is expected to begin in late summer of 2025 and be complete in summer of 2027.**

**Arlington County seeks feedback by November 16 to help develop the new introductory chapter for the update to the Comprehensive Plan.** Link here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Plans-Studies/Comprehensive-Plan/Update>

**Arlington County is upgrading water infrastructure from the 3100 to the 3400 block of South Glebe Road.** This work will take an 8-inch water main out of service and reconnect to a newer, existing 12-inch water main. County contractor Utilities Unlimited began work on Wednesday, Oct. 15, finishing in approximately 10 weeks, weather permitting. Work will occur on weekdays from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. No weekend work is anticipated.



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### Photo/Art Appreciation:

#### Theme: New Year

Officers will select one entry to be published in the March Newsletter! Mail or email your entry by Jan 1 to the AHCA P.O. Box or [info@aurorahighlands.org](mailto:info@aurorahighlands.org)

#### Report a Problem

If you see problems you can report them to the County. Try it: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Topics/Report-Problem>

**Engage Arlington:** Visit [this site](#) frequently for new opportunities to give the County feedback!

#### **2025 AHCA officers**

President Rachel Hicks  
1st Vice President Stacy Meyer  
2nd Vice President Vacant  
Treasurer Ben Watts  
Recording Secretary Nick Giacobbe  
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Editor Alix Hess

You and your neighbors and friends are invited to the free monthly AHS event Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 for "Documenting Exclusion and Resilience: Exploring Racially Restrictive Covenants in Arlington: 1900-1968." This event is available in person at Aurora Hills Community Center and on Zoom. Event details are on the website: <https://arhist.org/event/documenting-exclusion-and-resilience-exploring-racially-restrictive-covenants-in-arlington-1900-1968/>



#### **AHCA Membership Dues for Calendar Year 2025**

Dues are \$20 per household. Mail a check to AHCA at P.O. Box 25201, Arlington, VA 22202, or via PayPal at <https://bit.ly/AHCAdues>  
Find out your membership status by emailing: [treasurerahca@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerahca@gmail.com)  
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