



AURORA HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are doing well in this Fall. I am still connecting with the Library so I do not have an updated list of activities from them yet but we learned so much about them last meeting and I want the to get out to you all.

The county is considering making adjustments to S Lynn St for pedestrians- please give the county your feedback <https://bit.ly/LynnSt>.

Details inside about the Halloween Parade!

Yours,
AHCA Pres. Rachel

Calendar

- [Fit @ Met Park](#) | Wednesday 8am - 9am | Sept 3 - Oct 22
- [NaLa Noches @ Met Park](#) | Latin Music Series Thursday evenings | Sept 18 - Oct 23
- Four Mile Run Farmers Market, Sundays from 9am-1pm, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave
- Oct 7- [Cocktails and Causes](#), 5:30-7:00pm at the Crystal City Westin
- Oct 9- Arlington Public Schools Board Meeting @ 7pm
- Oct 9- Arl. Historical Society Event Details on back page
- Oct 14- Arl. Historical Society Banquet: arlhist.org/annual-banquet/
- Oct 15- 55+ Movie, *Operation Minecraft* (PG-13), 12:30 to 2:30 p.m
- Oct 18- Arlington Community Health Fair, 11am-3pm, Carlin Springs Elementary
- Oct 18- Pike Fest, 12-5pm, @ Penrose Square: <https://www.columbia-pike.org/pike-fest/>
- Oct 23- Arlington Public Schools Board Meeting @ 7pm
- Oct 24- Arlington Public Schools [Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) workshop, 9am- 3pm. [Register](#) prior.
- Oct 25- Aurora Highlands Halloween Parade, Oakcrest Park, 3-5pm
- Oct 31- Family friendly halloween stories @ Aurora Hills 55+ Center, 1:30-2:30pm (event is open to all ages)
- Nov 13- National Landing Community Cleanup, 10am-12pm at the Water Park. Register here: <https://nationallanding.org/events/community-clean-ups>

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 8

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 - JGB Smith Adaptive Reuse presentation

8:15 pm - No set programming

9:00pm - Adjourn

Optional: Register via Zoom
<https://bit.ly/4ksfslt>

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

Construction begins on Highlands Row

A September 16 letter from CH 1900 Associates LLC and EYA Construction, LLC, to Aurora Highlands Civic Association announced work starting along South Fern Street, between 21st Street South and 18th Street South.

The Crystal House 7+8 development, now known as Highlands Row, is a development of 42 back-to-back, for-sale townhomes. Prior to construction of the residential units, existing utilities will be relocated and utility connections serving the proposed townhomes will be installed along South Fern Street with impacts to the existing travel lanes and sidewalk. At a minimum, one travel lane will remain open for vehicles traveling northbound and southbound on South Fern Street and pedestrian access will be maintained, at a minimum, on one side of the street.

The proposed work commenced on or around September 29, 2025, and will take approximately 6 months to complete and will follow the Maintenance of Traffic Plans approved by the County on June 3rd, 2025. Proposed work that affects travel lanes and sidewalks will be staggered to minimize impacts on the residents and community

The work will be managed by EYA Construction, LLC under Tim Barry, who can be contacted at 240-673-8620 and at tbarry@eya.com.

Halloween in Aurora Highlands

The Aurora Highlands Halloween Parade returns October 25. Festivities start at 3pm at Oakcrest Park, with music, snacks, fire truck tours, and a costume competition. Parade starts at 4pm. This is great opportunity to meet your neighbors and either dress up or check out the costumes of those who do!



Art Appreciation: Put out the Light - Aurora Lanternfly by Lyon



Spotted lanternfly pest management

Spotted lanternfly (SLF) are invasive pests that damage agriculture, forests, and urban landscapes by feeding on the sap of over 70 plant and tree species. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services no longer requires reporting from Arlington but encourages Virginia residents to stop the spread of spotted lanternfly by:

- Checking vehicles and outdoor items before leaving infested areas
- Killing any spotted lanternfly life stages (eggs, nymphs, adults) found
- Managing infestations on your property

Adult lanternfly start laying eggs in mid-September. Fall pest management practices include scraping lanternfly eggs and not moving any infested materials.

Further information on SLF pest management here: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/Spotted-lanternfly-BMP-yards-and-lanscapes.pdf>

Community Updates

The Arlington School Board is now accepting applications to serve as a School Board Advisory Council member. Click on the link to read more: <https://www.apsva.us/citizen-advisory-groups/>. Please note that appointments will be for a one-year term only, in preparation for the new advisory committee structure that will take effect in 2026–27. Link to apply: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/112kEH9qR7lIVZDym7u5yZgmlAyQpB6mEOzFLYYeBxll/viewform?edit_requested=true

Yorktown Boys Lacrosse Fall 2025 Mulch orders are open through 5pm Sunday, Oct. 12. They are selling three cubic foot bags of premium double shredded hardwood mulch* for \$6.50 each, including free delivery (for 12 bag minimum orders) Saturday, Oct. 18th. For questions, please email yhslacrossemulch@gmail.com. Link to order: <https://yorktownlacrosse.com/product/Fall2025Mulch/>

The Arlington County Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) is seeking applicants to fill the Low or Moderate Income (LMI) Neighborhoods or Organizations category of their membership. If interested, please reach out to AHCA (president@aurorahighlands.org) to be connected to CDCAC staff. More details here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Commissions-and-Advisory-Groups/Community-Development-Citizens-Advisory-Committee>

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 31st 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.

Preventative healthcare screenings will be provided to low income/uninsured residents of Arlington, both children and adults, at the 2nd Annual Arlington Community Health Fair is Saturday October 18, from 11am-3pm at Carlin Springs Elementary. Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Arlington & the VHC Health Professional Development Council

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>

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Officers will select one entry to be published in the March Newsletter! Mail or email your entry by November 1 to the AHCA P.O. Box or 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!

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You and your neighbors and friends are invited to the free monthly AHS event Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 to learn about the establishment of the American Legion Dorie Miller Post 194 & Auxiliary Unit in Arlington and Dorie Miller's heroic actions aboard the USS West Virginia that inspired African American veterans to establish a post honoring the Black Navy Messman. This event is available in person at Aurora Hills Community Center and on Zoom. Event details are on the website: <https://arlst.org/event/dorie-miller-legion-post-194/>



NEW LOCATION:
Aurora Hills Community Center

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>
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