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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. Childcare will be provided.

OUR UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
 AURORA HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
 6:30 p.m. Social~~~7:00 pm Meeting

Agenda

- **Crystal City Sector Plan Impact Mitigation Efforts**
- **Tree Canopy Motion Discussion**

Crystal City Sector Plan Up for Adoption This Month, Community Still Working to Mitigate Impacts

by Mike Dowell

The Crystal City Sector Plan is coming up for adoption by the County Board on September 25. This Sector Plan is the result of a five year planning effort that will guide the redevelopment of Crystal City, an enormous project at our doorsteps. As most of you know, despite countless hours of volunteered time, our community still has serious concerns about the plan's impact on

our neighborhood. Both ACHA and ARCA are continuing to engage the county with the objective of avoiding or mitigating impacts to our neighborhood, particularly regarding traffic projections and the planned density. We'll discuss the status of our efforts and ask for feedback at the AHCA meeting next week. Also, if you are new to the plan or want to engage with the county staff directly,

www.plancrystalcity.com.

Crystal City Open House (2 dates):

Wednesday, September 8, 2010 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. (coinciding with our civic association meeting!)

Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location is the BRAC Transition Center, Crystal City Shops, 1750 Crystal Drive.

Transportation Commission Mtg
September 9, 2010, 7:30 p.m. in the County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Meeting open to the public.

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attend the Crystal City Open Houses and the Transportation Commission meeting. See details below.

President's Corner

by Michael Dowell

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great summer and had the good fortune to be out of town during the power outages (or perhaps you are fortunate enough to be on the supergrid). Many of you attended the "Passport to Summer" program on Wednesday evenings this summer. Kids enjoyed story time, crafts and got lots of library books and adults were able to meet and chat with neighbors. The program was a very positive experience, and it was awesome to see the community room jammed with people week after week.

One question kids have asked is whether there will

be a "Passport to Fall." Well, we're going to take a break as we all get settled into the school year and then we'll see about starting some activities in the fall. We'll have more information in the next newsletter.

Meanwhile planning for the 3rd annual Boo-Ha-Ha is in progress. We'll have the party on Sunday, October 31, Halloween Day, in the afternoon (12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. in Virginia Highlands Park), which will allow families have some fun in the afternoon, and then have time to get home for dinner and their own Halloween traditions before trick or treating starts.

The Neighborhood's on Facebook!

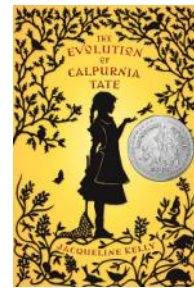
Stay informed and involved in what's going on in the neighborhood. Join the **Aurora Highlands Civic Association** group on Facebook. Get current updates on news and events. Share information and ideas. Post and view photos.

For information mostly pertaining to the Aurora Hills Library, join the Facebook group called **Save Aurora Hills Library**. Learn what you can do to help keep our local library branch open and available as the vibrant center of our community.

Great Books on the Suggestion Shelf

by Cory Giacobbe

Whenever I walk into the Aurora Hills Library, I browse the Suggested Reading shelf which is located just inside the door to the right as you enter. It is arranged by Katie Thomas every month and follows a theme. This month the theme is summer reading adventures, and the book that caught my eye



was The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly. Unfortunately, due to summer adventures in my own family, I didn't have enough time to read and review this book, but oh, I will read it! It's listed as Juvenile Fiction, and I think it would interest a middle school reader, and any one else who is interested in natural history. It takes place in the summer of

1899 in a sleepy Texas town. Calpurnia is eleven years old and the only girl of seven children. To escape the heat of the summer, she spends a lot of time at the river with her grandfather, an avid naturalist. He shows her how to look in a microscope to see all the life in the river water. The story, according to the book jacket, is about how Callie explores the natural world, and the relationship she develops with her grandfather as she negotiates the

dangers of living with six brothers, and learns what it means to be a girl at the turn of the century. As far as I'm concerned, you had me at "girl" and "naturalist". This is a debut work for author Jacqueline Kelly, who grew up in New Zealand and Western Canada, and now lives in Texas.

Another good Juvenile Fiction on the shelf was Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little by Peggy Gifford. The photo on the cover is one of those pictures worth a thousand words. It shows a slightly grumpy girl in swim goggles holding a book, upside down. It is illustrated with quirky black-and-white photos by Valorie Fisher. It's about a nine-year-old girl who has better things to do



than finish her summer reading assignment. She spends the summer at the pool but carries the book everywhere she goes. Moxy's attempt to finish her summer

reading is captured by her twin brother Mark, a budding photo journalist.

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School News

Compiled by ARCA's Kathie Laird

Our local public schools have had some changes of leadership, as Doris Jackson retires (from Wakefield) and Lolli Haws moves on (from Oakridge). Wakefield's new principal is Dr. Chris Willmore, former Gunston teacher and Wakefield assistant principal. He held several Principal's Chats in August, in order to meet with community members --including one at Oakridge. Wakefield's new assistant principals are Khalid Maxie and Bridget Loft.

Oakridge's new principal is Dr. Lynne Wright, who has been Oakridge's assistant principal since 2007.

Superintendent Dr. Pat Murphy also conducted a series of Summer Chats, open to the community.

The big school news for this year will be the upcoming bond referendum that will be before Arlington voters in November.

The Arlington School Board

approved its 2011-2016 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), a six-year \$165.5-million plan that includes funds to rebuild Wakefield High School. Construction at Wakefield is set to begin in July 2011, pending approval of the bond referendum on November 2.

School Calendar:

7 Sept., Tuesday - First Day of School!

24 Sept., Friday (6:00 - 9:00 p.m.) - Gunston's Fall Festival

28 Sept., Tuesday - Back-to-School Night, Gunston

29 Sept., Wednesday - Back-to-School Night, Wakefield

Wakefield High School hosts many athletic competitions throughout the school year that are open to the public. Come and check out a football, field hockey, or volleyball game this fall!

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Calling all writers!

Do you have knowledge or expertise in a field that would interest or help your neighbors? Have an interesting story about our neighborhood's history?

Write an article for the AHCA Newsletter! Share your knowledge about health, finance, pets, home repair, gardening, car maintenance or any other tips that would interest or benefit your neighbors. Pitch your idea to the newsletter editor at ahca.news@yahoo.com. We have your byline waiting to print!

How to Join the Neighborhood Listserv:

For bulletins of neighborhood interest, ask to join the Yahoo group 4D-A. The group is administered by Alice Andors of AHCA. Copy the address below into your browser. Once at the page, click on the blue rectangle marked "Join This Group!"

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/4D-A/>

How to Join Arlington Alert:

Arlington Alert is an alert system that allows the County to contact you during an emergency by sending text messages to your e-mail or cell phone. Copy the address below into your browser. Once at the page, click on the blue rectangle marked "Click here to register!"

<http://www.arlingtonalert.com/index.php?CCheck=1>



Local Produce Available Year-Round at Many Nearby Farmers Markets

by Maya Giacobbe

Just because summer is over and school is starting doesn't mean you can no longer buy fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets. Some stay open well into the fall and winter, and some even stay open all year long. Our neighborhood is fortunate to have many farmers markets within a couple of minutes that you can walk, bike or drive to. Here's a list of the ones closest to us:

The Crystal City market on Crystal Drive between 18th and 20th Streets runs every Tuesday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. through November.

The Four Mile Run farmers market at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. in Alexandria is open Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. until October 31.

The Del Ray market in Alexandria is Saturdays from

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon until the first Saturday in December. It is located at the Corner of Mount Vernon and Oxford.

The Arlington farmers market, located at the corner of N. Courthouse Rd. and N. 14th St., runs Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, year round.

The Columbia Pike market is open Sundays, year round, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (winter hours 10:00 – 1:00) at the corner of Columbia Pike and S. Walter Reed Dr.

The Clarendon farmers market is on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Clarendon's Metro station Central Park year round.

The Rosslyn market is open Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until October 21st at Wilson Boulevard and N. Oak Street.

Helicopter Community Forum

by Brent Spence

Have you heard helicopters flying overhead and wondered what's going on? Are you curious to know why we have so many helicopters flying over northern Virginia?

Do you want to know who's flying helicopters and why? Come to the public forum and find the answers to these questions, and more.

Helicopter Community Forum

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) September 22, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Arlington County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Room 300 (Metro Orange Line: Courthouse station. Free parking also available after 5:00 p.m. in the underground parking garage.)

Featured Presentations and Discussion:

- Helicopter Policy, Regulations and Responsibilities
- Metropolitan Washington Helicopter Route System
- Military Users of Metropolitan Washington Helicopter Route System
- Strategies to Lessen Impact of Helicopters on Community Quality of Life
- Question and Answer Session

Report Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Aircraft Noise

Call 703-417-8020 to report aircraft noise. If there is no answer, please leave a message - these complaints are tallied.

You can also make noise complaints online. Go to the National Airport site at <http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/1271.htm> and click on the "Aircsene" link at the bottom of the page. You will have to register to make a complaint. Under the Complaint tab there is a form. The form begins with start and end times, down to the second. Next is a dropdown box with categories such as Aircraft too low, Aircraft off course and Noise at wrong time. At the bottom is a place for comments. Please identify the aircraft, if possible, and include any other information such as altitude and direction. Your comments are recorded and tracked.

Keep this information handy and take the time to participate - this is an easy way we can make a difference.

Capital Bikeshare is Accepting Memberships

Reprint from Crystal City Business Improvement District

Cyclists in the Washington area can now sign up in advance for Capital Bikeshare, the regional bikesharing network that is scheduled to start service in September in the District and Arlington, Virginia. Sign up now to take advantage of a special introductory offer including annual memberships for

\$50 (\$25 off the regular annual price) and the first 2,000 "Founding Members" will receive a limited edition Capital Bikeshare key and a Capital Bikeshare t-shirt.

Head to www.capitalbikeshare.com for more information, and to sign up.



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Passport to Summer a Huge Success, Building Support for Aurora Hill Community Center

by Cheryl Mendonsa

For eleven weeks this summer, neighbors were invited to hear stories, play games, construct crafts, enjoy floor puzzles and socialize with their neighbors. The effort was lead by teacher and neighbor, Nanette Frank under the auspices of the Aurora Highlands Civic Association. Until this summer, the only on-going program scheduled in the community building was the seniors' center, which barely escaped the budget axe. The AHCA wondered if programming were to be expanded - would they come? Nearly 900 neighbors said "yes!!!"

A call went out for guest readers and a theme was developed each week supported by books checked out at the Aurora Hills Library. Children not only read stories, but acted out their animal characters under the guidance of professional story teller, Debbie Griffen who waived her fee to join us. Nathan told stories from his bike ride across America, Arlington police officers talked about a day in their life, the Boy Scouts brought in an Color Guard, Laura and Ashley took the kids to Africa and explored the world of dogs. Les spoke about the children of Afghanistan and read an Afghan children's fairy tale, while his daughter modeled a burka and his wife used an overhead projector to illustrate a world map and put photos on the wall.

We went around the world this summer in stories and it took 216 person hours and over \$1,400 in expenses for crafts, games, and snacks all donated by the

volunteers themselves. A delicious dinner was served on three of the evenings, thanks to Pizzaiolo, Freddie's and Tagolio all on our own 23rd Street Restaurant Row. The "Passport to Summer" was funded by AHCA, a donation from sister association ARCA and over \$600 tossed into the donation barrel by the participants.

It was hard work during a hot summer, but we used our Passports well.



Activities and Events

Four Mile Run Farmers and Artisans Market **Sundays, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. through October**

The Four Mile Run Farmers and Artisans Market is open from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Sundays at 4109 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA

22305. Shop for fruit, vegetables, meats, cheeses, tamales, salteñas and crafts.

See: <http://www.arlandria.org/p/4mr-market.html>

Morning Meditation in the Water Park, 1750 Crystal Dr.

Mondays at 7:00 a.m.

Every Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. Sport & Health will lead a 1-hour workout involving easy stretching and meditation. Classes

will take place in the Crystal City Water Park located near 1750 Crystal Drive. The class continues through September (canceled in the event of inclement weather).

Crystal Farms Farmers Market

Tuesdays, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Crystal Drive from 18th to 20th Sts.

Along with fresh, local seasonal fruits and vegetables, you'll also find addictive fresh salsa, local artisan cheeses, home-made jams, bison steak jerky, cheese snacks, cut flowers, croissants and bread, and flower and herb plants for your garden, not to mention compost. Vendors are giving away cool recycled, re-usable grocery bags with every purchase of \$10 or greater.

Outdoor Zumba in the Courtyard at 2345 Crystal Drive

Wednesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Join the Crystal City BID, Sport and Health fitness club, and Vornado/Charles E. Smith for free Zumba in the courtyard of 2345 Crystal Drive. Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. Come out and join the party! Classes continue through September (canceled in the case of inclement weather).

Cat in the Hat Ice Cream Truck

Look out for the Cat in the Hat Ice Cream Truck on **September 7th**. The truck will be in the Crystal City area distributing ice cream and promoting PBS KIDS' new show *The Cat In The Hat Knows A Lot About That!*

Volunteer Social

Friday, Sept. 17, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Faith Lutheran Church
3313 Arlington Blvd.**

Despite what you've heard, true happiness cannot be found under the ice in a cocktail. Actual happiness comes from helping others -- and meeting new people! Meet representatives from a dozen local charities in a social atmosphere. This is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people who want

to help AND have fun! Enjoy refreshments and possibly win a great door prize from one of our sponsors. Visit www.seriouslyhappy.org or contact Leo Spencer at Leona@seriouslyhappy.org or 703-435-2089 for more information.

Vintage Crystal Returns with a Latin Twist

Sunday, September 20 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Crystal City Business Improvement District will offer food from 25 restaurants, over 30 different wines, and lots of fun at 220 20th Street South. AHCA will once again have a table at the festival. For more information visit <http://www.crystalcity.org/item/vintage-crystal-returns-with-latin-flavor>.

Four Mile Run Cleanup

September 25 at 10:00 a.m. to noon

Barcroft Park, 4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington. Held in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup and Clean Virginia Waterways Day. Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment volunteers will be collecting and tallying trash. To sign up email volunteer@arlingtonenvironment.org or call 703-228-6406.

King Arthur at Synetic Theater

Sept. 30 to October 31

Synetic's inaugural season in Crystal City will kickoff at the end of September 2010 with a new, wordless epic – *King Arthur*, Directed by Paata Tsikurishvili. Drawing from a rich pool of centuries-old myths and legends and starring Ben Cunis (most recently seen as Antony in *Antony and Cleopatra*) in the title role, *King Arthur* will weave together mystery, magic, heroes, and romance in a new adaptation that will see the legend reborn in Synetic's signature mixture of movement, music, combat and drama.

Fire Department Open House

Saturday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Annual Arlington Fire Department Open House, including our own Fire Station Number 5.

Artisphere Grand Opening

Sunday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington

10/10/10 at 10:00 a.m. is the date of the Grand Opening of the Artisphere, Arlington County's new cultural center in Rosslyn, which combines the newly renovated former Newseum space with the existing Spectrum Theatre next door. There will be an open house of the new 62,000-square-foot cultural campus with free events all day. For details visit <http://www.arlingtonarts.org/venues/Artisphere.aspx>.

Joint AHCA/ARCA Candidates Night

Wednesday October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Watch for your October newsletter.

Host a Block Party!

Choose a date, send flyers to your neighbors and start planning the menu and activities for all ages. You'll need to go to the County at least 3 days in advance for a permit and those orange cones to block the street. The cost will vary depending on how many cones you need, but it will be around \$60. There are a few rules but it's worth it. Start by visiting <http://www.co.arlington.va.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/traffic/parking/EnvironmentalServicesHb2.aspx>

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FDNY Foundation Donates 9/11 World Trade Center Steel to ACFD at Station 5

by Cheryl Mendonsa

On Sunday, August 29th, the neighborhood gathered to watch our fire, police and EMT personnel honored for their first responder life-saving work on September 11, 2001 when an airliner hit the Pentagon, killing all on board and many inside the building. Speeches were given, an enormous flag was raised, along with the voices of a choir that came by bus all the way from Georgia. Over 500 motorcyclists served as the honor guard from New York as the 1,200-lb. steel beam from the World Trade Center North Tower, where another plane hit, came to rest on the lawn outside Fire Station 5 in Aurora Highlands.

Where were you on 9/11? Everyone was lost in their own memories, and for many they were sad ones of loss, for others unexpected bravery or silent witnesses to history. The burned and twisted beam is at home on a small platform outside the firehouse for all who want to visit and pay tribute to those who lost their lives or risked theirs saving others.

Arlington County Fire Chief James H. Schwartz, who was the Incident Commander at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, remembers the depth of the dedication of those who responded to the incidents that day: *"One that really does stick in my mind is looking across that west lawn [of the Pentagon] and seeing the devastation but at the same time just seeing so many people dedicated to helping others. The grit and the grime and the dirt of the job of firefighting. Looking at the unbelievable fatigue on the faces of the people in the fire department was remarkable, but it was remarkable because there was such energy and a sense of dedication and commitment that came right through that fatigue. Those guys did things that were unbelievable."*

Presentations were also made by Jay Fisette, Arlington County Board, Congressman Jim Moran and Lieutenant Paddy Concannon, FDNY (ret.)





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Update on Afghanistan Care Packages

by Gail Fleming and Cheryl Mendonsa

Our project to send packages to local residents Les and Luke Garrison, stationed in Afghanistan, kicked off with a neighborhood packing session on Saturday, June 12. The stars of the packing assembly line were five year-old



Isaac and two year-old Zadie, who wrote notes to the troops to include in the boxes and assisted their parents and project co-chairs Cheryl Mendonsa and Gail Fleming in packing boxes of books, sunscreen, lotions and toiletries, batteries, volleyballs, soccer balls, and many other useful items for the troops.

We haven't heard from Luke yet, but about three weeks after the boxes

were mailed, we received the following message from Les:

"There are two boxes which have arrived. Both post-marked 15 June. Funny thing - one of the boxes smelled of perfume or lotion and it slid out of one of the soldiers hands. Some of the small batteries, AAA?, fell out and were immediately snatched by one of our folks who needed them RIGHT NOW for a piece of important gear. Too cool."

The mailings to Afghanistan will continue through October. Drop off locations are the Aurora Hills Library (drop off box is under the windows near the New Books section) and at the Calvary United Methodist Church Harris Hall (corner of 23rd and Grant Streets). For the September and October mailings, we could especially use FOOT POWDER (this is very much in demand by the troops), CHILDREN'S VITAMINS (the hard chewable type, not gummy type) PENS (the troops give

them to local children), BATTERIES (AAA especially, and AA, C, D, and 9 volt), KITES, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, VOLLEYBALLS, PUMPS and inflation NEEDLES, FLAVOR PACKETS FOR BOTTLED WATER, and INEXPENSIVE DISPOSABLE RAZORS (when winter comes, troops have to shave without water and a razor is usually good for just one use). We are also sending warm clothing for Afghan children and adults--clean, gently worn items are acceptable. Other personal care supplies are not needed at this time.

For a more comprehensive list of items, pick up a list at the Aurora Hills Library drop off box.

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Membership Renewal



Please join or renew your membership in the Aurora Highlands Civic Association.



We can work together more effectively to improve our South Arlington home if we have more people sharing opinions and becoming involved in issues that matter to us as a community. Our neighborhood social events create opportunities to



get to know each other as neighbors and friends.



Join Today!

If you are interested in the quality of life in our neighborhood and want to participate in keeping our community safe and vibrant, please join Aurora Highlands Civic Association. Membership is open to all residents aged 18 or older. Dues are \$3 per year (individual) and \$6 per year (family). Donations are always welcome. Please complete the following information and mail with your check payable to “**Aurora Highlands Civic Association**” to AHCA, P.O. Box 25201, Arlington, VA 22202 or bring to the next monthly meeting.

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Tree Talk: Restoring Our Community's Native Tree Canopy

by Cory Giacobbe

Tree Care During the Dry Heat Wave

Reminder: Young trees need 10 gallons of water per week in the first two years after being planted. Although it might be raining by the time you read this, my long-term forecast shows nothing but hot and dry for the next two weeks. In hot, dry weather, it would be best to water 5 gallons twice a week. Older trees and shrubs may need water as well. Monitor them for signs of drought stress: wilting leaves, leaves that are lighter in color or turning brown at the edges, and leaf yellowing and leaf drop. The best time to water is early in the morning. The second best time is late in the evening. Remember to water the roots, not the trunk. The roots spread out, not down, at least as far out as the branches reach.

Help Out: Water a Street Tree

While the County Parks staff is responsible for caring for and watering trees in the medians and tree strips between the street and sidewalk, they have limited time, trucks and staff. If you see that a street tree near you is showing signs of drought stress, and your hose reaches that far, why not give the tree a good long drink? Using the guidelines above, you could be that tree's lucky break on a hot day. If you see street trees in distress and are not able to water, please let county staff know the location of the tree by calling 703-228-6525

Mulch Your Tree, It's as easy as 3-3-3!

3" from trunk
3" deep
3' radius from trunk
Use composted leaf mulch from Arlington County. Mulch holds in moisture, provides nutrients and keeps mowers and whackers away from the trunk of the tree.

Time to Plan Fall Planting

Choose the right tree for the right place. A lot of trees were damaged in winter and summer storms. The time to plant new trees is now, in the fall.



Resources to help select trees:

Casey Trees: <http://www.caseytrees.org/planning/design-resources/for-residents/index.php>

Virginia Tech fact sheets: http://www.cnr.vt.edu/DENDRO/DENDROLOGY/data_results_with_common.cfm

Native Plants for the Chesapeake Watershed: <http://www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/toc.htm>

Visit the Tree Tables at Del Ray and Courthouse Farmers Markets for more information and advice.

Visit gardens with labeled tree species like Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria, the native garden behind the Nature Conservancy at 4245 North Fairfax in Arlington (near Ballston), and the Regional Garden of the Botanic Garden at 100 Maryland Ave, SW, Washington, DC.

Parkfairfax Native Plant Sale

Saturday, Sept. 25, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
3601 Valley Drive, Alexandria, VA.

Long Branch Nature Center Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, Sept. 25, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
625 S. Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington

Virginia Native Plant Society Native Plant Sale

Saturday, Oct. 2, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Green Spring Garden Park
4603 Green Spring Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22312

Aurora Highlands Centennial Grove

Our Centennial Anniversary Grove in Virginia Highlands Park was recognized in the newsletter put out by Friends of Arlington Parks.

http://www.foap.org/newsletters/FOAP_newsletter_july2010.pdf

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