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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, October 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

AURORA HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER

Agenda

6:30 Social

7:00 Joint Candidates Night with Arlington Ridge Civic Association: Meet the candidates for County Board and School Board

Please Join Us This Wednesday for a Joint Candidates Night with Arlington Ridge Civic Association at Aurora Hills Library, 7 p.m.

At this month's meeting, we will host a joint Candidates' Night with the Arlington Ridge Civic Association. In past years, this has always been a lively evening and a great opportunity to discuss our neighborhood issues with the candidates. We have confirmations that all of the candidates for the County Board and School Board will be joining us.

County Board Candidates (two seats open):

Audrey R. Clement (G)
Mary H. Hynes (D), incumbent
J. Walter Tejada (D), incumbent

School Board Candidates:
Abigail J. Raphael, incumbent

Following is the format for the evening: Each candidate will be invited to present a 3-minute opening statement. Following the opening statements, we will have a question and answer period. Questions will be issue-focused, non-partisan, and limited to 30 seconds. Each candidate will have up to 90 seconds to respond to the question. The questions will include a set of prepared questions from AHCA and AR-CA, followed by individual member questions, selected at random.

For the school board panel, we will have an opportunity for an opening statement and then questions from the neighborhood.

Each candidate will be invited to present a 1-minute closing statement.

We need your help to compile the list of prepared questions for the candidates. Please forward your questions (with designation for —county board or —school board) to Nick Giacobbe at candidate.questions@yahoo.com so that we may prepare the list based upon the most frequently requested topics. If your question is not included in the prepared list, you will also have an opportunity to ask it during the open question period.

For more information on each candidate, please turn to pages 4 and 5.

For the county board panel, we expect to have time for about 11 questions.

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President's Corner

by Michael Dowell

The Crystal City Citizens Review Council (C3RC) will be busy this fall with the metrics selection, in preparation for the first biannual report submission next Spring. Yes, the C3RC is just completing its first year, but the reports are timed to coincide with the two-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) cycle, so the CIP update can consider the C3RC report findings. The metrics selection process commenced this past summer with inputs from the C3RC stakeholders, including the AHCA, ARCA and CC communities. These inputs are presently being consolidated. The next step will be scheduling one-on-one sessions with the county subject matter experts to compare the candidate C3RC metrics with existing county data collection and analysis plans for demographics, housing, environment and so on. The output of these discussions will be the identification of which metrics are presently collected, areas where there are measurement gaps, and a recommendation on the C3RC metrics set. The recommendations will be reviewed in C3RC meetings in November and December. Comments and questions will be addressed, leading to a final metrics set for each area. We'll do the traffic metrics

last, so that we have a good handle on the process before addressing this technically complex area. Throughout this process, comments and questions are sought - please contact your community representative (Cory Giacobbe or Mike Dowell).

In community center news, AHCA and Arlington County have renewed the Aurora Hills Community Center Memorandum of Understanding for 2012. This innovative arrangement allows the community to make full use of the community center, which has included Passport to Summer, Family Movie Nights, science classes and other events. We're grateful to Laura Lazour, Wilfredo Calderon, and Mahmoud Ihmeidan for their support in 2011 and look forward to another fun year.

This year's Boo Ha Ha will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 3 to 7 pm at the Aurora Hills Community Center and outside. This year we'll have a Haunted House! And we'll have face painters, jugglers, a pumpkin patch, tombstone painting and other scary fun. Rain or shine this year - we'll move it all indoors should we need to. Come in costume or get made up at the Boo!

Expanded Library Hours Began July 5

The new hours for the Aurora Hills branch library began in July. They are:

Sunday CLOSED

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For a complete schedule of hours for the entire Arlington County public library system, visit <http://library.arlingtonva.us/departments/libraries/about/librariesabouthours.aspx>.

DESIGNArlington'11 Awards Program

To increase public awareness of outstanding design and to recognize and encourage design excellence in Arlington's built environment, Arlington County has announced a Call for Entries for this year's DESIGNArlington'11 design awards program. Distinctive architectural, public art, and landscape projects completed within the past five years are eligible.

Complete program details and information are available at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/forums/architecture/DESIGNArlington%2011%20Brochure.pdf> or by calling 703-228-3548.

Submissions are due by October 28, 2011.

Virginia's October Sales Tax Holiday



Between Friday, October 7 and Monday, October 10, purchases of certain Energy Star and WaterSense qualified products purchased for non-commercial use and costing \$2,500 or less will be exempt from Virginia sales tax. Go to <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/site.cfm?alias=EnergyStarQualifiedProductsHoliday> for more information.



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Candidate Bios

Audrey Clement



A seven-year resident of Arlington County, Audrey Clement has spent the last 24 years in the DC area, including a year on Capitol Hill as a Congressional Fellow for the 100th Congress. In 1993 she received a Ph.D. in Political Science from Temple University with a specialization in American voting behavior.

If elected she plans to place the Greening of Arlington County at the center of County Board's agenda. That means limited growth consonant with the county's ability to absorb additional population; a comprehensive recycling program for multi-family dwellings; and an aggressive program to insulate and retrofit county-owned buildings with renewable energy components. Finally it means opposing efforts by VDOT and the Governor to widen interstates in and around the county rather than providing mass transit alternatives.

As a longstanding member of the Arlington Coalition on Sensible Transportation, she filed suit in federal district court in 2009 to stop the widening of I-66 inside the Beltway. She sought to enjoin construction of the I-66 Spot Improvement project until VDOT produced an environmental assessment that studied alternatives to road widening. She argued that the project violated the 1977 Coleman Decision authorizing construction of I-66, which limited the road width to two lanes in each direction. The suit was dismissed in federal district court and subsequently quashed by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Clement is certain that the only long-term solution to congestion on I-66 is mass transit, including express bus service in a dedicated third lane and/or additional Metrorail track in the median of I-66.

Ms. Clement advocates a plastic bag ban and a Styrofoam ban in Arlington County. She seeks to expand recycling in Arlington by extending County recycling services to multi-family dwellings.

To learn more about Audrey Clement visit:
<http://audreyclement.org/>

Mary Hynes



Mary Hynes was elected in 2007 to the Arlington County Board, of which she is currently Vice Chair. Before joining the County Board, Ms. Hynes served on the Arlington School Board from 1995 to 2006, chairing it on three occasions.

Ms. Hynes represents Virginia on the Board of the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (Metro) and serves as the Vice Chair of the Region Forward Coalition of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). Ms. Hynes was

recently appointed by the COG Board as its Aviation Policy Liaison. In 2011, the National Organization to Insure a Sound-Controlled Environment recognized Ms. Hynes as an Environmental Steward. She is also actively involved in the Virginia Municipal League, serving as the Chair of its Urban Section and a member of its Executive Committee. Ms. Hynes also represents Arlington on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

Over the past two decades, Ms. Hynes has been recognized by numerous organizations for her service and contributions to Arlington, including the Arlington Jaycees, the Arlington Commission on the Status of Women, and the Arlington chapter of the Association of University Women. She is a member of the Arlington Kiwanis Club, the Roosevelt Society, the Arlington Committee of 100 and Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.

Ms. Hynes and her husband Patrick reside in Arlington's Lyon Village neighborhood where they raised their five children, all Arlington Public School graduates. She is a graduate of the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, which honored her in 2007 as a distinguished alumna.

To learn more about Mary Hynes visit:
<http://www.maryhynes.org>

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Candidate Bios

Walter Tejada



Walter Tejada was elected to the Arlington County Board in 2003 in a Special Election, making him the first Latino ever elected in Arlington County. Re-elected in November, 2007, he served as Chairman of the Board in 2008 and Vice-Chairman in 2007. While on the County Board, he has focused on involving diverse stakeholders in Arlington's civic dialogue while creating a strong community. He has worked to address affordable housing, community and economic development, education and

employment, fiscal accountability, and parks and recreation.

Mr. Tejada spearheaded the creation of the nationally recognized Community Volunteer Network, formerly known as the Community Role Models, promoting civic engagement and leadership development among young adults through educational and service opportunities. This award-winning non-profit initiative provides assistance to a wide range of nonprofit organizations helping the neediest in our county. He created FitArlington to promote a culture of fitness and healthy living for all members of our community, and his quarterly Latino Roundtable, unique in the region, provides a civic engagement forum for our newest residents.

Prior to joining the County Board, Mr. Tejada spearheaded the creation of the Shirlington Employment and Education Center, which helps provide opportunities for workers. At the county level, he has served on a number of citizen advisory groups, including the Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission, the Affordable Housing Task Force, the Sports Commission, the Neighborhood Day Organizing Committee and the Bicentennial Celebration Task Force.

Born in El Salvador, Mr. Tejada moved to the United States at the age of 13. He studied Government and Communications at George Mason University and has worked as an investigator, a business consultant and as a Congressional Aide. He has lived in the Dominion Hills neighborhood of Arlington since 1992 with his wife Robin, an Arlington Public Schools educator.

To learn more about Walter Tejada visit:
<http://waltertejada.org/>

Abby Raphael



Abby Raphael joined the School Board on January 1, 2008, after working for many years as a parent activist and community leader. She currently serves as the School Board's Chair. Ms. Raphael has served as Vice Chair of the Advisory Council on Instruction, Member of the Budget Advisory Council and the Food Services Advisory Committee, President of the Arlington Science Focus School PTA, and representative to the County Council of PTAs. She also has been an of-

ficer of the Bellevue Forest Citizens' Association and the Arlington County Bar Association, and was the President of the Board of Directors of Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington County, Inc.

As a member of the School Board, Ms. Raphael has served as the liaison to the Partnership for Children, Youth and Families; the Student Advisory Board; and the Washington Area Boards of Education, and has been a member of the County's Strategic Issue Team on Youth Binge Drinking. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Arlington YMCA.

A former Arlington Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, Ms. Raphael earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Duke University. Ms. Raphael has lived in Arlington since 1989. She and her husband, Stuart, have two daughters who attend Williamsburg Middle School and Washington-Lee High School.

To learn more about Abby Raphael visit:
<http://www.abbyraphael.org/>

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School News

By Laura Stone

OAKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS TUTORS: from Tom Martin, Tutoring Program Coordinator

Oakridge's neighborhood volunteer tutoring program continues to make a difference in the lives of the children in our community. Tutors work with a 3rd, 4th or 5th grader in reading, math and homework on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. Volunteers receive training and are provided with materials.

Contact Tom Martin at 703-521-5005, or email him at tom_martin542@hotmail.com

Wakefield High School From Theresa Schweser, Wakefield PTA President

Construction Meeting

The Wakefield PTA will host a special community meeting on the

new high school construction on Monday, November 14th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Representatives from Arlington Public Schools and the construction management team will provide an overview of the building project to date. The meeting will be held at Wakefield High School in Room

110. Wakefield parents and residents of the surrounding community are invited to attend! (The regular PTA meeting follows, so feel free to attend that as well)

Upcoming Music Events

Wakefield has a number of musical events coming up. On October 19th, Wakefield will host the Arlington Band Showcase at 7:00 p.m. in the stadium. This annual event is an opportunity to watch performances by the marching bands of all three of Arlington's high schools. On October 26th, enjoy Wakefield's fall Orchestra Concert (7:00 p.m.); the Fall Choral Concert will be held on Nov 2nd (7:00 p.m.), and the Marching Warriors (band) Concert will be held on Nov 3rd at 7:30 p.m.



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Activities and Events

Courthouse Farmers' Market, Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – noon. Located adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of North Courthouse Road and North 14th Street. Arlington's largest market, it continues year round and averages about 30 vendors, all of whom are required to produce their items within 125 miles of Arlington. Free parking in the garage under the County Administrative Offices. No dogs are allowed at the market.

Del Ray Farmers' Market, Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – noon, corner of East Oxford & Mount Vernon Avenues. The nearby Del Ray market is open year round, offering producer-grown fresh vegetables and fruits in season. All year round, this market offers meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods, eggs, jams and jellies, fancy nuts, and bakery goods.

Bread of Life Cooking Classes, 3rd Saturday of each month, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m., Mount Vernon Baptist Church. For young chefs; come sharpen your culinary skills; dress up in chef uniform and have fun. Free. Call (703) 979-1558 or e-mail mvbccc@mvbccc.org.

Four Mile Run Farmers and Artisans Market, Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., just south of Glebe Rd. on Mount Vernon Avenue. The market continues every Sunday, be sure to drop by and see what's new!

YogaFit for Seniors, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., Mount Vernon Baptist Church. Sit & Be Fit. This class is gentle, fun and the first two classes are free with a small fee afterwards. You must call or e-mail 1st to sign up. (703) 979-1558 or e-mail mvbccc@mvbccc.org.

Crystal City Farm Fresh Market, Every Tuesday through November 22, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on the Sidewalk along Crystal Drive between 18th and 20th Street. Over 20 local farmers and producers bring together seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh-cut flowers, container plants and herbs, farm-raised eggs, all

-natural meats, artisan baked goods, specialty foods and much more.

YogaFit, Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Baptist Church. Experience the health benefits of gentle Hatha Yoga. First two classes are free. Small fee afterwards. Call (703) 979-1558 or e-mail mvbccc@mvbccc.org.

Youth Friday, 2nd Friday of each month beginning in September, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Mount Vernon Baptist Church. Various activities such as readings, story-telling time, movie night. Hot dogs, chips, popcorn, drinks. Free. Call 703-979-1558 or e-mail mvbccc@mvbccc.org.

Fall Volunteer Day, Saturday, October 8, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Hume School Grounds. Join your neighbors as they continue the battle to gain control over invasive plants and weeds at Hume school and the I-395 entrance to our neighborhood. The morning starts with juice and muffins and finishes up with hot dogs and soft drinks around noon. Wear comfortable clothing - long pants and shirtsleeves, and knobby soled shoes are encouraged. If you have garden tools and gloves, please bring them – but, if not, tools and garden gloves available. If you have extra plants in your garden or are dividing your perennials (day lilies, liri-ope, etc.) and would like to donate them, please leave them behind the school on October 6 or 7 and the team will plant them during volunteer day.

First Responder Breakfast, Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m., Mount Vernon Baptist Church. For more information call 703-979-1558 or e-mail: mvbccc@mvbccc.org

E-CARE, October 15, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd. Dispose of hazardous household materials, or recycle computer monitors and televisions, small metal items, and electronics. There is a \$15 fee for each computer monitor and \$20 for each TV. No charge for LED or LCD monitors and televisions. Bikes for the World will collect serviceable bicycles

so that they may be sent to countries for basic transportation needs and our own Art for Humanity will collect a variety of items for its projects as well. E-CARE is open to Arlington residents only (ID required). For more information visit <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/Documents/file66465.pdf>.

Home Maintenance Workshop, Saturday, October 15, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Get Great Tips on How to Make Minor Home Repairs and learn Basic Safety practices in the use of construction tools, ladders, hand and power tools, and ear/eye protection. Four FREE Classes: Plumbing; Electric; Drywall Repair; Building Safety 101 (you may choose only one class, first come, first served). For more information call 703-228-3765 or visit <http://www.wix.com/jllm79/homemaintenanceworkshop>.

Leadership Arlington Program on Dulles Rail: The Impact On Arlington's Competitive Advantage, Tuesday, October 25, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., WETA-TV Channel 26, 2775 South Quincy Street. The Dulles Rail is coming! How will it affect business growth and employee retention? What changes will take place in the community? Arlington County's "smart growth" has been essential to its success, but will it be enough to sustain Arlington's competitive edge once the Dulles Rail Project is complete? The panel will discuss the positive and negative impact of the Silver Line on economic development in Arlington and East Falls Church. Panelists will include Marty Almquist, Avison Young; Terry Holtzheimer, Arlington Economic Development; Brenda Krieger, Dweck Properties; and Mark Ingrao (Moderator), Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. To learn more or to register online: <http://www.leadershiparlington.org/programs/speaker-series>.

Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, November 5th, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Calvary United Methodist Church, 2315 South Grant Street. Begin fall with delicious pancakes prepared by the

Activities and Events

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men of Calvary. You are sure to see all your neighbors and friends and it will be a great time to catch up on everyone's fall activities.

Leadership Arlington Program on Effective Communication and Dealing with Difficult People, Wednesday, November 9, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., WETA-TV Channel 26, 2775 South Quincy Street. This interactive workshop is designed to enhance participants' ability to effectively handle difficult workplace and personal situations. Guest speaker Ian Reynolds of George Mason University brings several years of Human Resources experience, providing coaching, mediation, and career development advice to supervisors and employees. Mr. Reynolds will facilitate key exercises to improve communication skills and navigate complicated human interactions both in and out of the office. To learn more or to register online: <http://www.leadershiparlington.org/programs/speaker-series>.

Block Party Grants Approved by Civic Association

At last month's meeting the AHCA voted to provide AHCA-funded grants for Aurora Highlands neighborhood block parties. The vote was unanimous! As an organization promoting and protecting our community, AHCA would like to encourage neighborhood weekend get-togethers. Block parties in the fall when the weather is right for these occasions, can be particularly enjoyable.

The grants are available to members of AHCA and will cover the cost of the County Permit (\$64 for the permit and barricades).

Just bring your permit receipt to an AHCA meeting and the treasurer will write you a check.

Get started planning your block party! Check the web page below for guidelines from Arlington County:



<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Environmental-Services/dot/traffic/parking/Environmental-ServicesHb2.aspx>



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Public Meeting on Stormwater Master Plan Update

Stormwater Master Plan Update Meeting. Thursday, October 13. 7:30 p.m. Washington Lee High School Little Theater, 1301 N. Stafford Street.

As part of the County's [Stormwater Management Program](#), the County is updating the 1996 [Stormwater Master Plan](#) and

combining it with the 2001 [Watershed Management Plan](#) in

2001. These plans contain information on the condition of the County's stormwater

management systems, streams and watersheds, in addition to recommendations for improvements.

The meeting will include discussions of:

- The Stormwater Master Plan Update,
- The current state of the storm sewer system,
- Stream inventory results and priority stream restoration projects, and



- Ongoing studies to identify new stormwater treatment and filtration locations. For more information, please contact Aileen Winqvist at

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Tree Talk: Restoring Our Community's Native Tree Canopy

by Cory Giacobbe

Tree Canopy Grant

AHCA's Tree Canopy Grant has been approved and we'll receive most of the trees we applied for. Those trees will be planted in November. There will most likely be another round of grant money again next year. If you're interested in hosting a canopy tree in your yard next year, send me an email at the newsletter email:

ahca.news@yahoo.com.

Trees For Residents, Oct. 15-16

Arlington County's spring tree distribution program is now in the fall. The county offers a choice of trees to Arlington residents for free to plant themselves on their own property. This year is different in several ways: there are many more tree choices available; you must sign up for a tree online; and you must go to the County Nursery to pick up your tree.

Visit the County website for information on each tree. The time to apply is now. The trees will be available for pick-up on October 15 and 16. <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/parksrecreation/scripts/parks/page61495.aspx>.

Growing Native Seed Collection

Saturday, October 15, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Long Branch Nature Center
625 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington

Help Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment collect seeds (acorns and nuts) to be used for regional stream restoration projects. For more information and to register, email volunteer@arlingtonenvironment.org or call 703-228-6406.

Save Some Leaves for Wildlife

Last fall I wrote about my theory that we are harming backyard wildlife habitat with our fastidious garden clean-up habits. Since then I've read numerous reports that support my theory. We have been planting flowers, perennials, annuals and shrubs to attract butterflies, but we fail to consider where the butterfly pupae and larvae spend the winter, and inadvertently we end up raking up many of them and sending them to the county mulch pile.

When caterpillars have eaten their fill of the host plants that you have carefully selected and planted for them, they crawl away to a nearby location to overwinter as either a pupa or, less commonly, a hibernating caterpillar. They either attach themselves to a stem or fence post, or they fall from trees into the leaf mulch or they burrow down a bit into the soil.

So this year, for the health of your trees, for the quality of your soil and for the survival of the Lepidoptera, leave some leaves at the base of each tree in a diameter

equal to the canopy spread, and leave an area at the back of your yard in a natural state in which you let the leaves fall where they may.



Fall Leaf Collection

For the leaves you decide not to keep, County fall leaf collection is coming! During the months of November and December, Arlington County collects leaves from residents who receive county curbside trash and recycling services. Residents can rake their leaves in loose piles to the curbside for vacuum leaf collection, or put their leaves in biodegradable leaf bags for collection. In a classic recycling effort, the County mulches the leaves and brush it collects from residents, and grinds them to create mulch that is available to residents. Visit the County website for details. <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/EnvironmentalServicesSwdLeafCollection.aspx>



Aurora Highlands Civic Association

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