

AuroraHighlands.org

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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, January 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

AURORA HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER

Agenda

6:30 Social

7:00 Joint AHCA-ARCA Candidates Night

Candidates Night at January 11 Joint Meeting

By Nick Giacobbe, AHCA Vice President

Our January meeting will feature a joint candidates night with the Arlington Ridge Civic Association. We have invited all of the candidates who are vying for the County Board seat vacated by newly-elected state senator Barbara Favola.

The election will be held on Tuesday, March 27 and the Democratic and Republican Parties will select their nominees for the ballot via unassembled caucuses in January. The County expects to have a final list of candidates

by the first of February.

The Democrats will caucus from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19 at Washington-Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford Street, and from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21 at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. For more information, visit <http://www.arlingtondemocrats.org>.

The Republicans will hold a Party Canvass at the Arlington County Republican Committee, 405 S. Glebe Road, on Wednesday, January 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.arlingtongop.org>.

Democratic Party

Melissa Bondi, <http://www.melissabondi.org>

Peter Fallon, <http://www.fallonforcountyboard.org>

Libby Garvey, <http://www.libbygarvey.com>

Kim Klingler, <http://www.kim4arlington.com>

Elmer Lowe

Terron Sims, <http://www.simsforarlington.com>

Green Party

Audrey Clement, <http://www.audreyclement.org>

We have invited all of the declared candidates. Below is a list of their names and web sites:



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President's Corner

by Jim Oliver

Happy New Year! I don't have any interesting history or neighborhood lore to share this month so I thought I would be self-indulgent and tell you a little about myself, my style, and my hopes for our neighborhood.

I am originally from Savannah (something that influences my sense of town and community, neighborhoods and history). I am 45 years-old and I have lived in our neighborhood since 1994. I am an engineer, which will influence my approach to problem solving and explain my affinity for some fairly nerdy topics. I have an eight-year-old son in the third grade at Oakridge.

My first experiences with Arlington County were largely those of an "outsider", a consumer. I took classes offered through Parks and Rec in yoga at our community center, in ballroom dancing, and in the positive health effects of laughter. I built my own home here on 17th Street between 1994 and 1999 so I have spent time working with code enforcement and zoning. My Parks and Rec experience blossomed with the birth of my son. Let's just say that we have taken too many classes and camps to count. In more recent years, I have gotten

to know Arlington County from the "inside." Much of this was as a result of my marriage, at the time, to Angie Fox who runs the Crystal City BID.

Professionally, I have worked for two Federal agencies, been an independent consultant, and worked for 4 different companies on projects all over the United States. I have an energy and environmental background.

My style is one of cooperation and engagement. I would like for all of our neighbors to have a chance to express their opinions from the smallest sidewalk crack to the biggest global issue that faces our entire community. I believe that the best way for us to maintain and improve our community is to work together as neighbors and partner with our elected officials and county staff on bigger issues.

I am very excited to work with the members of our executive team and our committee members. I have known many of you for a number of years and I look forward to getting to know those of you I don't know and those of you I do know, better.

Newsletter Production Schedule for 2012

The AHCA Newsletter runs on a monthly schedule that is designed to get the file to the print shop at Linden Resources in time to get it printed, bundled and delivered with plenty of lead time to inform neighbors about the regularly scheduled Civic Association meetings on the second Wednesday evening of each month. The newsletter depends on neighbors to write articles about issues that affect the neighborhood and that seek to maintain a clean, quiet and safe community. The deadline for articles, photos, events and ads is the last Friday of each month (except July).

The **deadlines for 2012** will be:

January 27	February 24
March 30	April 27
May 25	June 29
August 31	September 28
October 26	November 30
December 28	

All newsletter copy should be sent by email to Cory Giacobbe, Newsletter Editor at AHCA.news@yahoo.com

Wanted: Volunteer Newsletter Distribution Manager

AHCA has a fabulous cadre of volunteer newsletter carriers who walk the neighborhood each month, tucking 2,000 AHCA newsletters under welcome mats, in screen door handles, or rolled up in iron railing filigree, in order to keep neighbors within our Civic Association boundaries informed and connected in the community.

We are currently looking for a dedicated volunteer to pick up the newsletters from the printer each month, divide them into bundles for the carriers, and then drop them off at the homes of the carriers. Typically the bundling takes place on the first Friday evening of the month and the distribution takes place early Saturday morning so that the carriers have the weekend to deliver their routes.

This job is fun and rewarding, and works well as a job for a couple or family. If you and your family think you have what it takes, and you are ready to fulfill a valuable role in our neighborhood (and is also something you can put on job resumes and college applications!), please send an email to the editor.

Cory Giacobbe, Newsletter Editor
AHCA.news@yahoo.com

Thank You From Cub Scout Pack 164

By Joe Mazel, Assistant Cubmaster

Cub Scout Pack 164 would like to thank all of our neighbors who contributed to our most successful Scouting For Food effort ever! On November 12th, based on your generous donations, 34 Scouts and their parents collected 684 bags of donated food (105 bags more than last year and which is approximately 3,420 pounds of food, or 9 large truck-

fuls) for the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Cub Scout Pack 164 was part of a district-wide campaign, and overall, all of the Boy Scouts of America organizations in Arlington and McLean worked together to deliver 60,814 pounds of food to the Center.

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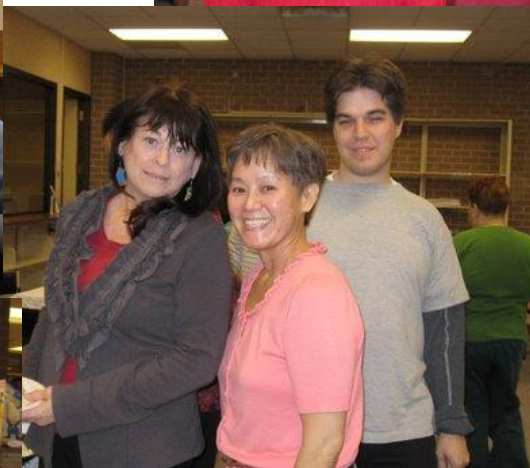
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Aurora Hills Library Manager Retires

By Maureen Quinn

Neil Phelps, our AH library manager, retired at the end of 2011. Neil headed our branch from 2000-2004 and again from 2009-2011. All together, Neil worked for the Arlington Library system for 33 years, beginning his library career as a clerk in the Arlington County detention center before there was even a library at the facility. After his "jail time," Neil became a young adult librarian in 1980 and has served in every Arlington library except Columbia Pike and Shirlington. Neil says that he looks at our library as his extended family and will miss a lot of the people he sees almost every day. Anne Pettit, who is the youth services librarian at the Shirlington branch, will be our acting branch manager until March. Many of us remember Anne from her time as children's librarian at Aurora Hills a few years ago. Anne moved to

Arlington from New York City four years ago and has worked at Central, Aurora Hills, Westover and Shirlington. We wish Neil all the best in his retirement and welcome Anne back to Aurora Hills.



Children's Classes at Aurora Hills Community Center Begin January 21 — Registration Now Open

The following classes are being offered at Aurora Hills for the Winter 2012 class session. Registration for residents began December 13 and non-residents began on December 27.

Register at: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/ParksRecreation/scripts/classes/Classes.aspx>

Yoga for Tots in Spanish

Step into this great opportunity to have your preschooler learn yoga and Spanish at the same time with a former TV Spanish News reporter and yoga expert. Children will have fun with typical Latin songs and stories. They will learn and practice words for animals, colors and common objects in Spanish as well as celebrate their goodness, the love and beauty in their hearts as they strengthen, nourish and transform their bodies and minds. Aurora Hills Center. Instructors: Yogavita.org

Ages 3-5 10 Sessions \$159

220851A Sat., Jan. 21, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Mad Science: "World Around Us"

Preschoolers will journey through the basics of science exploration and discovery! Children will see how light and color interact, learn about energy and motion, and even explore the animal kingdom with worms, fins, feathers and fur! Magnets, dinosaurs and chemistry will also be explored for more science fun! Each day includes fun, hands-on experiments, cool demonstrations and take-home projects to continue the learning and fun at home! A \$40 supply fee is due to the instructor at the first session. Aurora Hills Center. Instructors: Mad Science Staff

Ages 3-5 10 Sessions \$179

220297A Sat., Jan. 21, 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Mad Science "Experimentamania"

Experimentamania is a cornucopia of experiments! Children will uncover the vital role that science plays in detective work, examine the science behind popular toys and get a buzz out the amazing world of insects! Your Mad Scientists will explore Earth science, and weather phenomena and experiment with some kitchen chemistry! Children will build their own Mad Science Machine, and create their very own short, animated cartoon! A \$40 supply fee is due to the instructor at the first session. Aurora Hills Center. Instructors: Mad Science Staff

Ages 3-5 10 Sessions \$189

220298A Sat., Jan. 21, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Mad Science "Secret Agent Lab"

James Bond? MacGyver? Austin Powers?! Do you think you have what it takes to discover "whodunit?" If so, this class is for you! From secret communications and detective crime science to the inner workings of our cells and cool chemistry, each class we will sleuth out the answer to many of life's mysteries! A \$40 supply fee is due to the instructor at the first session. Aurora Hills Center. Instructors: Mad Science staff

Ages 6-9 10 Sessions \$179

220296A Sat., Jan. 21, 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

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>

Oakridge Elementary PTA Email Newsletter

The Parent-Teacher Association at Oakridge Elementary publishes a weekly email newsletter about all the great things happening at our local neighborhood elementary school. To subscribe, please send an email to

OakridgePTA@gmail.com.

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 updates on news and events. Share information and ideas. Post and view photos.

For information 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.

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HOG Pull, January 7, 9:00 — 11:00 am Haley Park

Haley Park, Oakridge Elementary School, Gunston Middle School Invasive Plant Pull

A great way to start the New Year! Help pull invasive plants from the woods between Oakridge and Gunston.

When: Saturday, January 7, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Where: Meet at Haley Park, 2400 S. Meade Street

Bring: Appropriate clothing, including good footwear, as some parts of the area are steep and contain poison ivy.

Gloves

Tools - weeders, clippers, whackers, small saws

Drinking water

Insect repellent

We will provide extra tools if you don't have any of your own. This is a RiP and ARMN approved project.

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Activities and Events

Courthouse Farmers' Market, Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. – noon. Located next to Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 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, 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. 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.

YogaFit for Seniors, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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. Call (703) 979-1558 or e-mail mvbccc@mvbccc.org.

YogaFit, Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30 p.m., 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, 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.

FotoWeek DC, Interior Walkways of Crystal City, through March 31. With over 5,600 submissions from 44

countries, the winning images in the 2011 FotoWeek DC have proven to be the most stimulating and evocative in the festival's four year history. The Crystal City FotoweeK Exhibition will also host the winners of the Youth contest and the FotoDC Favorites that did not make the winner's circle, but stood out for their content and composition. In total there will be 84 Competition Winners/ Honorable Mentions, 31 Youth Contest Winners, and 33 FotoDC Favorites.

Twelfth Night / Epiphany, Friday, January 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Advent Lutheran Church, 2222 S. Arlington Ridge Road. Neighbors are invited to drop in and see the church's new space. Enjoy music, refreshments, activities for kids -- and maybe even learn a new tradition! Contact the office at 703-521-7010 or adventlc@hotmail.com for more information.

Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, January 14, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Calvary United Methodist Church, 2315 South Grant Street. Begin the new year with delicious pancakes prepared by the 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 holidays. **Please note: the pancake breakfast is usually held on the first Saturday of the month, but in January only it will be on the second Saturday. Next regular Pancake Breakfast will be on Feb. 4.**

1K Wine Walk, Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15, heats begin every half hour from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m., the Shops at Crystal City. A wine tasting like no other! Spend your Saturday or Sunday walking with friends along the indoor shops of Crystal City while snacking on cheese, bread and more to keep those muscles working. Best part, each racer receives a 1K Race Tee Shirt! Remember...no running please! Advance registration is required, for more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.crystalcity.org/do/1k-wine-walk>.

1K Beer Walks, Saturday and Sunday, January 21 & 22, heats begin every half hour from 2:00 to 5:30

p.m., the Shops at Crystal City. Similar to the popular wine walk described above, this weekend will feature beer for participants. Advance registration is required, for more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.crystalcity.org/do/1k-wine-walk2>.

Quarterly Police Meeting, Wednesday, January 25, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. An update from the Arlington Police on what's going on in the neighborhood and what we can do to help. Remember, if you see something suspicious please contact the Arlington Police at their non-emergency number 703-558-2222, or call 911 if you see an event in progress.

Aurora Hills Women's Club Evening Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 26, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Hume School. All are welcome to come learn what the AHCWC is all about. Appetizers and drinks served. \$10. RSVP to Katie Buck, kathrynrbuck@gmail.com.

Aurora Hills Women's Club Luncheon, Thursday, Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Calvary United Methodist Church. All are welcome. Appetizers and drinks served. Speaker from Cole's Closet. Lunch served. \$10. RSVP to Debbie Gibson, dm65gibson@comcast.net.

Arlington Learning in Retirement Institute (ALRI) will hold a Spring Course Preview on Saturday, February 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at GMU –Arlington, Founders Hall, Multipurpose Room, 3351 N. Fairfax Drive. Hear the instructors talk about their course offerings, which begin on March 5. Information on clubs, special events and other opportunities will be available and refreshments will be provided. For information, call (703) 228-2144.

Crystal Couture, Feb. 7 to 12, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The DC area's hottest fashion show and high-end bargain trunk sale returns to Crystal City in February. For details, visit <http://www.crystalcity.org/do/crystal-couture2>.

Nominations Accepted for Bill Thomas Park Service Volunteer Award

The highest honor in Arlington County Park, Recreation and Cultural Resources, the Bill Thomas Park Service Volunteer Award recognizes an individual or group that has supported Arlington County's parks and recreation department above and beyond the call of duty. Past winners have included Toby Smith, Larry Finch, George Towner and Paul Gruber, to name a few. Last year, the 2010 award was shared by Friends of Hume School and Nora Palmatier.

Friends of Hume School (2010 Winners)

Formed in 2005 by the Arlington Ridge Civic Association, Friends of Hume School is a large community-wide group of volunteers whose work primarily serves the Arlington Ridge Neighborhood and benefits the Arlington Historical Museum, formerly known as Hume School, by gathering neighborhood volunteers to maintain the landscaping on the grounds of Hume School.

Nora Palmatier (2010 Winner)

For years, tree advocate, conservationist and community organizer Nora Palmatier has demonstrated a passion for preserving Arlington's parks and natural areas. Whether she is removing invasive plants from natural areas or making parks like Lacey Woods more habitable for birds and wildlife, Palmatier is making a difference in the community. Nora has served Arlington in a number of roles, including as a member and leader of the Tree Stewards of Arlington/Alexandria, the Arlington Remove Invasive Plants (RiP) Volunteer Program, and Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment. Palmatier was instrumental in launching the Tree Canopy Fund, which has funded the planting of more than 150 trees on private property in Arlington since 2009.

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Vehicle Decal Design Competition —Vote Now!

The Arlington County Treasurer's Office is once again hosting a competition for the design of the annual Vehicle Decal Design Competition. The winning design will appear in over 155,000 windshields when the 2012-2013 decals are issued next summer. All submissions received were narrowed down to four semi-finalists by a Citizens' Panel and this year all four of the semi-finalists are students at Wakefield High School.

Voting for the winning design is now open to the public. Vote for your choice by visiting, <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/treasurer/forms/DecalVote.asp>.

Voting will close on Sunday, January 22 at noon.



Pentagon Row Ice Rink Survey

The managers at Pentagon Row want to know what we like about the Ice Rink and what we think would might improve it. Below is a link to the online survey.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PentagonRowIceRinkSurvey>



Live Nativity at Calvary United Methodist

By Laura Holman

This year on Christmas Day, Calvary United Methodist Church celebrated with a living nativity. This was a first for the neighborhood congregation, who have a longstanding history of community service and activities geared toward serving our neighborhood's families (from the preschool to parent's afternoon out and children's clothing swap events to a monthly pancake breakfast fundraiser which supports various groups like a local boy scout troop).

The living nativity cast of mostly children who had volunteered to dress up despite the cold weather, had a wonderful time. Onlookers got a kick out of watching the donkey as it determined that the hay baby Jesus rested 'his sweet head' upon was far tastier than that upon the ground of his stable. Families walking to other neighborhood churches, driving to visit relatives, out on a dog walk or even out taking a post-gift-opening Christmas stroll were often quite surprised to encounter the church's living nativity and its wonderful variety of stable creatures (sheep, goats, an alpaca and even the donkey Mary had arrived on just before her wee child's birth).

Many neighbors stopped by, to take in the moment. We hope this is the start of an annual tradition at Calvary, that will continue to grow and improve with every year. It was a fun (and freezing!) good time for all involved.



New CrossFit Gym in Crystal City


We welcome a new gym at 607 South Ball Street in Crystal City. Siddharth Sawkar sent us this description of his local, family-owned business:

CrossFit South Arlington is not a typical gym, it is a result-driven, fitness coaching facility. They will help your body move the way it was meant to by improving your natural, functional movements, while ensuring you stay safe and have fun.

Want to jump in but aren't sure if it's right for you? Check out a free class (every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at noon) to see what it is all about.

Interested in kicking it up a notch for your upcoming running or tri season? CrossFit Endurance classes will be starting in January! For more information on classes, location and hours, visit CrossFit South Arlington's website:

<http://www.crossfitsouharlington.com/>




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Zoning/Planning Other _____

Serving on an AHCA committee

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Tree Talk: Restoring Our Community's Native Tree Canopy

by Cory Giacobbe

Tree Canopy Fund Trees Planted in AHCA

Our neighborhood received 13 new trees last month. The Aurora Highlands Civic Association and the Arlington Ridge Civic Associations both applied for and received grants to have native canopy trees planted on private property in our neighborhood. Neighbors applied for trees under the grant. Trees were awarded based on the merits of the site and tree species selection. Native trees were favored over non-natives; tall canopy shade trees were favored over shorter understory trees; trees that shaded the street and sidewalk gained priority over backyard trees; and all tree locations were required to avoid overhead obstructions, especially power lines.



The Tree Canopy Fund (TCF), which provides for planting trees to restore and increase Arlington County's tree cover was launched in 2009, after Arlington County Board approval in 2007. The program gives grants to community groups to plant and maintain trees on private property. The TCF is administered by Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) and the Arlington County Urban Forestry Commission (UFC). The purpose of the TCF is to arrest the decrease in tree cover in Arlington County in recent decades and then to assist in increasing canopy over time.

For details on the program, visit the Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment website: <http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/treecanopyfund.htm>

Virginia Loves Trees License Plate

Trees Virginia has been working with the urban forestry faculty at Virginia Tech to develop a new public outreach initiative — the Virginia Loves Trees specialty license plate. The first step in the process of official adoption of a new license plate design by the DMV is achiev-

ing a pre-sales quota of 450 plates.

If you are interested in this new plate, please visit the Virginia Loves Trees to apply for and pre-purchase the new license plate, <http://www.valovestrees.org>.

Once the quota is met, General Assembly Sponsor Delegate Joe Johnson (D) – 4th District, will submit a bill to the General Assembly early in the 2012 Session to authorize adoption of the license plate by the DMV.

This article is from the website of the Tree Stewards of Arlington and Alexandria [http://](http://treestewards.org/)

treestewards.org/

Tree of the Month: Hackberries –

The *Celtis* species are not anywhere near as important as the oaks in providing food for birds and other wildlife. But they have a few specific, mostly butterfly species that makes them one of my favorites. In our region, the Hackberry Emperor, Tawny Emperor, and Snout butterflies are among the 43 species the genus is known to host. The trees also supply 'sugar berries' as food for birds (24 species being documented). *C. occidentalis* is our common tree species (*C. tenuifolia* is a shrub species also found around here). Hackberries tend to grow in riparian areas and can take some wet and salty conditions. They normally grow 30-50 feet tall but can get up to 100.

—This Tree of the Month series is appearing on the TreeSteward.org website. <http://treestewards.org/>

—Photo of a robin in a hackberry tree by Dan Rauch, Wildlife Biologist, District of Columbia



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