



Ashton Heights News

The Newsletter of the Ashton Heights Civic Association

www.AshtonHeights.org

Positioned to Make a Difference – AHCA Trim & Fit

By Scott Sklar, AHCA President

Over the last six years as your President, I have worked to build a strong Committee system, and each of the Committees have pulled together a set of consensus **Principles** so that the Ashton Heights Civic Association, its Executive Committee, the Committee Chairs, the Committees, and you as members can go to any meeting or County event and be able to speak definitively on our community's views.

Towards the end of 2018 through 2019, we have updated our **Principles** for Development, Tree Canopy & Native Plants, and Transportation & Parking which were overdue, and we also have Schools. AHCA has not yet pulled together **Principles** yet for Crime & Safety, but conditions in the future may lend to doing that as well.

Our monthly membership meetings are substantive with our March meeting, for instance, having formal presentations on the new Harris Teeter store site on North Glebe Rd and a dialogue with our second Arlington County Board member Libby Garvey, which followed an address at our prior meeting by Arlington County Board Chairman Dorsey.

Our newsletter has been published without fail, and we have attracted a new editor after an amazing three year stint by our existing editor, ending with the May issue. And our listserve has been continually active, exchanging contacts and vendors, addressing issues, and sharing concerns and ideas.

Our relationships and interactions with the County have never been stronger with ongoing dialogues on transportation issues, development planning, utilization of native species and plants for projects, interface with the County Police, and our interaction with County Schools – all driven by a strong set of Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs and Subcommittee Chairs, who quite frankly, donate their time – and truly provide a great community service. If you have an idea or concern, please look over the list inside the newsletter, and feel free to e-mail them any time.

We also have a group of AHCA members who represent us on a wide range of Commissions –

AHCA Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, Apr 17, 2019 7 - 9 PM

- 7:00** Refreshments and mingling
- 7:30** Community & committee updates
- 8:00** County Manager Mark Schwartz
- 8:40** Andrew Klerig, WMATA
- 9:00** Conclusion

Meeting Location is the Clarendon United Methodist

Church at N Ivy St & Sixth St N - Accessible entry is on Ivy St, take stairs or elevator down to the ramp leading to the social hall. Cars must enter the lot from Ivy St.

Aging, Energy, Neighborhood; and also on other organizations such as the Civic Federation and the Clarendon Alliance – which involve important aspects of our community.

And then we have an amazing set of individuals who organize our meetings, coordinate and distribute our newsletter, provide food & coffee at our annual meetings, handle finances and memberships, take minutes and update our website, moderate the listserve, compile our neighborhood's and association's history, and assemble our lists of able students who provide a variety of tasks through our young entrepreneurs column in our newsletter.

And I cannot list all the great calls and emails I get from so many of our AHCA members on ideas and other aspects all focused on making this community – Ashton Heights an even better place to live. So I wanted to use this column to give everyone involved with AHCA in all its aspects a YUGE pat on the back – because it is so well deserved. And I want to thank all of you for putting in the time, for participating, for communicating, for helping each other, and just making both Ashton Heights and Arlington ever better in every way. Yes, we have some challenges, and yes some issues we face are not easy. But with this kind of commitment and interest, I have no doubts we will make a positive difference. So thank you, all.



Ashton Heights Civic Association Volunteers

Civic Association Mission

AHCA's mission is to promote the welfare and interaction of Ashton Heights and Arlington. Meetings, usually held the third Wednesday from September to May, are open to all residents, although only paid members can vote. Active participation is welcome. AHCA keeps you informed through meetings, this newsletter, and the website: www.ashtonheights.org. You can volunteer by contacting the Executive Committee.

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Handy Numbers

ABANDONED VEHICLES AND BICYCLES

Vehicle on a county street: 703-228-4144

Bicycle: 703-228-4057

(Give exact location, description, and how long it's been there)

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For dead animals reporting and to request removal, call the Animal Welfare League of Arlington at 703-931-9241.

For live animals

www.animalcontrolsolutions.com/virginia/arlington-wildlife-removal.html

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CRIME

Suspicious activity & non-emergency: 703-558-2222

Online reporting:

<http://police.arlingtonva.us/online-police-reporting-system>

Crime prevention services (security assessments/ literature): 703-228-4057 or hhurlock@arlingtonva.us

Online crime mapping tool:

www.raidsonline.com/?address=Arlington,VA

STREET LIGHT OUTAGE & POTHoles

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Name	Birth Year	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	I	Phone
Dominic Blackwell	2006		B	C			F			703-951-2707
Katie Brown	2001		B	C	D		F	G		703-955-0538
Sophia Brown	2004			C			F	G		703-955-0538
Kaitlyn Cooper	2005		B	C			F			571-340-1212
Lila Derr	2006			C						703-528-8880
Max Derr	2003	A		C	D	E				703-528-8880
Sarah Eichorn	2005		B	C				G		703-528-8360
Apple Gould	2001		B	C			F			703-528-7310
Rafa Gould	2003		B	C			F		I	703-528-7310
Eliza Hall	2004		B	C			F	G		631-258-3805
Ethan Hall	2001								I	703-655-9745
Kerik Hayes	2002	A		C		E				571-232-4366
Maggie Hayes	2004		B	C						571-309-5103
Martha Hays	2002			C				G		703-807-0015
Clara Helms	2001		B	C				G		703-908-0121
James Iveson	2006							G		703-816-0296
Ryan McFarlane	2001		B	C						571-429-1615
Emma Miller	2002			C						703-528-0447
Miriam Morse	2002			C	D		F			703-524-8182
Claire Mowery	2004		B	C				G		202-304-6149
Jack Mowery	2001	A					E			703-437-2174
Keyven Olson	2007	A		C						703-798-1981
Emery Parker	2003		B	C			F	G		703-414-9371
Nora Parker	2007		B	C			F	G		703-528-2436
Amy Parr	2001		B	C	D		F	G		703-243-4129
Isabel Ramon	2004		B	C				G	I	917-969-6668
Cepheus Randolph	2003	A		C		E				703-774-5400
Seneca Randolph	2001		B	C			F	G		703-774-5400
Laura Rapazzo	2003		B	C			F	G		703-915-0518
Ellie Rosenberg	2007			C				G		571-645-1879
Josh Rosenberg	2002	A	B	C	D		F	G		571-214-2908
Amelia Sahm	2005			C						703-956-0684
Sophia Scharpf	2002		B	C				G		703-466-2327
Annie Schutz	2001		B	C	D			G		703-915-8463
Anna Secrest	2003		B	C			F			703-294-6686
Declan Secrest	2001	A		C		E	F			703-294-6686

Name	Birth Year	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	I	Phone
Sophia Sleigh	2004		B	C			F	G		703-340-7968
Andy Spitzer	2004	A			D	E				571-287-2664
Rachael Spitzer	2007							G		202-669-5732
Brooke Tanner	2001	A	B	C			F	G	I	703-507-2703
Mia Tanner	2003		B	C						703-528-8852
Charlotte Thomas	2006		B	C				G		703-276-9465
Georgia Thomas	2004		B				F	G		703-276-9465
Samantha Thomas	2006		B	C				G		703-276-9465
Grace Vande-Meulebroecke	2005			C						703-778-2009
Sydney Vande-Meulebroecke	2001		B	C			F			703-778-2009
Natalia Whitman	2000		B	C				G		571-533-5253
Anna Williams	2001		B	C	D		F	G		703-965-5439
Annie Zetkulic	2001		B	C			F	G		703-516-0024

Kids, Inc. Entrepreneurs

Key to Services Offered

A - Leaf raking, shoveling

B - Babysitting

C - Pet/plant sitting

D - Odd jobs/errands

E - Lawn mowing

F - House sitting

G - Mother's helper

I - Technology

Send updates to

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KIDS INC offers a robust roster of willing and able local youth to help out when the household hands are not enough. They are enthusiastically awaiting your calls. Birth years allow you to match the size of the job with the age of the person. We manage the directory; you define the work and determine the pay scale. Let it be known that entrepreneurship is alive and well in Ashton Heights.

Where To Purchase Native Plants

By Brooke Alexander, ARMN

Ashton Heights Tree Canopy and Native Plant Coordinator

Native plants are the basis of our ecosystem and are essential for our songbirds, frogs, and butterflies! Here are some Native Plant sales in Northern Virginia!

Saturday, April 27 9 am to 2 pm

1701 N Quaker Lane, Alexandria VA

Northern Alexandria Native Plant Sale (Park Fairfax)..

www.northernalexandrianativeplantsale.org

Saturday, May 4 7:30 to 11 am

Riverbend Park Educational Pavilion

9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls VA

Friends of Riverbend Park (FORB), Native Plant Sale

Features plants native to the Potomac River Gorge. Plant list available: www.forb.wildapricot.org

Saturday, May 4 1 to 4 pm

625 S Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington VA 702-228-6535

Long Branch Nature Center, Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 4 1 to 5 pm

Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston VA 703-476-9689

Reston Spring Festival

Plants may be ordered from Nature-By-Design for pick up at the Festival (see www.nature-by-design.com for plant list)

Sunday, May 5 9 am to 3 pm

Spring Plant Sale hosted by NoVA Master Gardeners

Glencarlyn Public Library

300 S. Kensington St., Arlington, VA

Sunday, May 5, 2019 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Franconia Park, Springfield VA 703-764-4830

Earth Sangha Wild Plant Nursery sale

Open house & sale of plants grown from seeds collected from Northern Virginia ecotypes.

A plant list available online:

www.earthsangha.org/wpn/wpn.html

Saturday, May 18, 2019 9 am to 3 pm

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria VA 703-642-5173

Green Springs "Spring Garden Day"

www.friendsofgreenspring.org/programs-a-events/spring-garden-day-2019

Ashton Heights Civic Association History Project – Information & Help Needed

There is a wealth of information available about the history of Ashton Heights, Clarendon and Arlington; however, there is less information about the vibrant energy and activity of the Ashton Heights Civic Association. For example, in 1927, the Ashton Heights Citizens Association had a signature drive to support an Arlington County Water Project. (see page 7 of the "AH History Report 1994" on the website). Currently, a project is planned to research and document the comprehensive history of the civic association activity; this includes collecting all a) newsletters, 2) meeting notes, 3) other relevant materials.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide copies of this information, or identify its location, or provide any other feedback to Jim Terpstra, "historian" of the civic association.

Terpstrajames2@gmail.com, 703-908-9231, 522 N. Ivy St. In addition, Jim is seeking help from anyone else interested in doing research on this project; one of the potential challenges will be how to consolidate a large collection of old printed material into some electronic format that is more widely accessible.

Saturday, May 18 8 am to 1 pm

120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna

Town of Vienna Community Center

Plants from Hill House Gardens

Saturday, May 18 9 am to 2 pm

196 Herndon Parkway, Herndon VA

Friends of Runnymede Park www.frpweb.org/10.html

Plants from Watermark Woods and Nature-by-Design

See www.Watermarkwoods.com & www.nature-by-design.com

And remember our local native plants nurseries:

[Nature-by-Design](http://www.nature-by-design.com) in Alexandria is open all season to supply your needs.

[Earth Sangha](http://www.earthsangha.org) is open by appointment between sales.

[Virginia Native Plant Society](http://www.virginiaplantsociety.org) sells natives on these dates behind the visitor's center at Green Spring Gardens, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Wednesdays April 3, May 1, June 5, August 7, Sept 4, Oct 2.

Community Safety and Security Corner
Your Friendly Neighborhood Fire Department
By: Christina Schultz

Who needs Spiderman? Under the leadership of Chief Povlitz, Arlington residents benefit from the dedicated service of 340 uniformed and civilian employees at 10 fire stations. In addition to putting out fires and responding to emergency calls, the Arlington County Fire Department (ACFD) is engaging in community outreach to support its safety and prevention efforts.

The ACFD's latest initiative is the door-to-door public awareness campaign, "Make the Right Call". You may have seen staff in the neighborhood distributing doorknob hangers detailing the appropriate use of 911 emergency services and the availability of numerous medical resources throughout the county. Responding to over 15,000 medical 911 calls per year, the ACFD is aiming to involve households in maintaining an EMS system that is available and responsive to emergencies by minimizing the use of emergency medical personnel and equipment for non-emergency medical situations. A better understanding of how to differentiate a medical emergency that requires a 911 response, as opposed to an urgent or non-threatening medical condition, will ensure that ACFD can respond to where they are needed most and that residents receive the proper attention in the event of a medical emergency.

Make sure you read the flyer and keep it handy as a resource. For more information on "Make the Right Call" campaign and ACPD

services, check out the website (<https://fire.arlingtonva.us/>) and follow them on social media through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@ArlingtonVAFD). If you see them around the neighborhood, remember to say hello and thank them for their commitment to our community.

Did you know that the Arlington County Fire Department offers . . .

- Free smoke detectors
- Free home safety checks
- Brief fire safety presentations to businesses, civic associations, healthcare institutions, group homes, and other community groups
- School visits by firefighters and EMTs for fire safety presentations
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Arlington Neighborhood Villages - Helping Older Residents

By Miranda Barrett

Arlington Neighborhood Villages (ANV) is a nonprofit dedicated to helping older residents of Arlington continue living in their homes by matching them with volunteers to provide rides, help with chores and provide companionship through visits and phone calls.

I've been volunteering with ANV for nearly two years now and have met dozens of their members, who are full of interesting stories. The organization makes it easy – a daily email lists the help that is needed, with pick-up neighborhood, destination, date and time. I can usually squeeze in some work while waiting in a doctor's office or nearby coffee shop. It's easy to fit into my busy life.

ANV could really use more volunteers to make sure members' requests are met. Signing up is easy – just visit www.arlnvil.org. You receive a helpful training and then can jump in to helping based on what fits your schedule.

Like many of us here, my days are spent racing around between work, kid sports, errands, and other commitments. Spending time with ANV members makes me slow down, appreciate my good health and see the joy in my noisy hectic life. With just a few hours a month you can make a big difference for wonderful seniors in our area.

KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST - MAY 4

The Kiwanis Club of Arlington will be cooking their delicious blueberry, chocolate chip and original pancakes on Saturday, May 4, from 8:00 am until noon, at the Clarendon United Methodist Church, 606 North Irving Street. The annual fundraiser will feature a (free) Moon Bounce for children and a raffle with amazing prizes, as well as a yummy breakfast of pancakes, sausage, apple sauce, orange juice and coffee.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (5-10 years), and free for children under 5 with paying adult. Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast will benefit children's charities in Arlington. TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR! For information or to purchase tickets in advance, please email gjcdo@yahoo.com or call 703-217-2890.

Contribute to the next newsletter
Email: editor@ashtonheights.org



AHCA MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP AND DUES PAYMENT FORM

Ashton Heights Civic Association annual dues are \$15 per household or \$10 per individual member or \$25 per household for two years. Anyone residing or owning property in Ashton Heights who is at least 18 may join and then vote at AHCA meetings.

Send this form and a check payable to AHCA to Jim O'Brien, 643 N. Kenmore St. 22201, or bring it to this month's meeting.

Name(s): _____

Children (and ages) (optional): _____

Street address: _____

Phone: _____ Resident since: _____

E-mail: _____

Neighborhood interests: _____

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