



Ashton Heights News

The Newsletter of the Ashton Heights Civic Association

www.AshtonHeights.org

COVID, Halloween, and Aircraft Noise

Scott Sklar, President, AHCA

As we limp along through this pandemic, except for a few issues, we seem to be in good shape. Arlington County tried to institute some sidewalk behavior modifications in the evening on the area bar/restaurant strips in Clarendon & Pentagon City, but withdrew them. And the Beer Lot at the corner of 10th Street North and Wilson Blvd is packed at half strength (350 people) -- many without masks or social distancing. I have talked with the Arlington County Board members and County staff on this issue - it is well known. Our only goal here is not to become a "hot spot" in the future.

A related issue was brought up on how we handle Halloween, raised by AHCA member Emmilu Olson - and we both have contacted the County who is also seeking guidance from the CDC and the State of Virginia. That said, Ashton Heights and some of our high volume streets such as North Jackson St, should not wait. We obviously want to celebrate safely without putting our children, their grandparents, and all of us in the community at risk. I am sure we can come up with some viable approaches. See more on page 10 to get involved in the planning.

Arlington County has initiated, due in part, to our urging, legislative language through the efforts of Representative Don Beyer, to get the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to look at flight patterns to ease noise over our communities. It sadly does not cover government airplanes or any helicopters. We experienced a recent ceremonial very low flyover of a fighter plane tied to the Eisenhower Memorial ceremony on the Mall. We may need to apply some other tactics to ensure low flying, except for public safety, is the last resort and flight patterns be routed over The Potomac River or major highways including Route 66 and 395.

I have no doubt we can come together on these issues and influence outcomes - that is what any good civic association should do. And that leads me to the final point of AHCA celebrating our 100th birthday next year (2021).

ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

The following information will also be sent in an email prior to the October Zoom meeting.

- If you don't have the free Zoom app you can download it in your app store or create an account at <https://www.zoom.us/>.
- If you haven't used Zoom, you might try it out with a neighbor, so you are familiar prior to the meeting.
- If you need help please feel free to email Emmi at briggsphotography@gmail.com or Chris at carmstrong07@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Emmi and Chris (Your AHCA Zoom Team)

October Zoom Meeting Details

Topic: AHCA Monthly Member Meeting (online)

Time: October 21, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time

Ashton Heights is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join the meeting by link or dial-in.

Join the Zoom Meeting (Click the link below)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82136744609?pwd=bUpLY0NmK3k5dFNlSnFVc2dBekFpQT09>

Or call: +1 301 715 8592 US (MD)

Meeting ID: 821 3674 4609 | Passcode: 575494

AHCA Monthly Meeting

NOW ON ZOOM

Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 7:30 – 9 PM

7:30 Committee Reports & Community Updates

Speakers:

- **White-Tailed Deer in Northern Virginia** - Bill Browning - Arlington Regional Master Naturalists
- **Redistricting Reform Amendment** - Brian Cannon - Executive Director, FairMapsVA

9:00 Adjournment

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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Jim Terpstra (terpstrajames2@gmail.com), our AHCA Historian is the lead for this effort. We need to collect older documents – AHCA newsletters, flyers, pictures that we can digitize and create a compendium to memorabilia tied to our AHCA history – so any of you that have been in Ashton Heights awhile, please search your files and send on to Jim. Also the newer pictures of AHCA under COVID, with ride by parties, street dancing etc., should be sent along to Jim as well.

AHCA has a great legacy and I am excited about how we can come together on our challenges and our celebrations – which makes this community so vital. In January 2021, I will have lived in Ashton Heights for 36 years and served as your AHCA president for the 10th year. It has been an honor and a wonderful experience being part of this amazing community. Be well, be safe.

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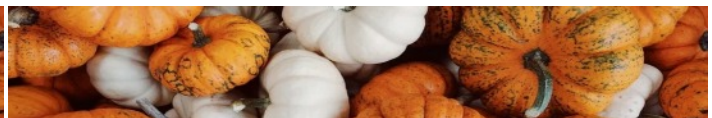
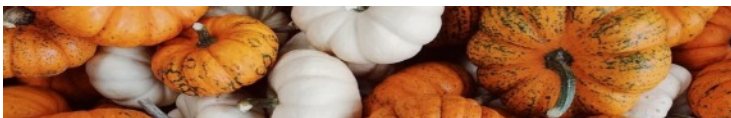
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The Ashton Heights Yard Sale is Back!

Anyone who is interested in assisting with outreach and marketing, or has other suggestions, please contact us: Chris Armstrong, carmstrong07@gmail.com | Ann Felker, gr8est9@gmail.com | Jay Fissette, jay@fissette.org

HOW IT WILL WORK

- **WHY:** We have all been cleaning out our closets, attics and drawers for 6 months of pandemic lock-down and social distancing. The bounty is palpable! The idea is to provide an option for those people who want to participate. Serious safety protocols will be included in all materials and descriptions of the Yard Sale. This is a 100% outdoor event, spread across 6 hours.
- **SAFETY:** All participating families must set up their sale in an effort to separate spaces and encourage social distancing. Hand sanitizer must be available and visible at each site. We encourage families to post signage that promotes social distancing and use of hand sanitizer. Masks will be required of all participants – hosts and buyers.
- **WHEN:** Saturday, October 17 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rain Date is Sunday, October 18.
- **WHERE:** Outdoors, at your own home.
- **WHO:** Ashton Heights residents. The Lyon Park Yard Sale will not be held this year, so residents of Lyon Park are invited to participate.
- **HOW:** Please register at <https://forms.gle/wL717WnS8n1GjHLR6> by 6 p.m., **October 14**. There is no cost. All homes will be compiled into a Master List to include the address (with a hotlink to map it) and a short characterization of the key items available. This list will be easily available to anyone through the link, which will go live on October 15. A packet with Final Instructions and copies of a map/legend of participating homes will be dropped off at each participating home on October 16.



▪ **MARKETING:** The Planning Committee will promote the Yard Sale extensively through social media and local news media. We will also place signs around the neighborhood the day before. Participants are encouraged to make signs and post them on nearby arterial roads the night before. All signs should include the website link.

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REMINDERS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- Contribute to the next Ashton Heights Newsletter – content for the November issue is due Fri., Oct. 23rd.
- The November Ashton Heights meeting will be held over Zoom on Wed., November 18th.
- Be sure to fill out your census at www.my2020census.gov TODAY - counting continues (as of this writing) until October 31st.

August was a very strong month for sales activity, continuing the rebound that began in June. Some of that increase is attributable to ongoing, pent-up demand that has lingered since the spring buying season was derailed by COVID. But there are also indications that the local (and national) homes market has momentum of its own. Home sales activity that was paused this spring was unleashed over the summer as buyers returned in force. But where they have returned is interesting - the Virginia market has seen stronger sales activities in rural and exurban corridors than in close-in suburbs and urban areas. The ability to work from home along with concerns about COVID-19 in dense areas, may be pushing home buyers to seek out communities where you can get more home for the money along with space for home offices, virtual classrooms and a home gym.

The absorption rate, a strong metric for demand, has almost always been higher in

D.C. And Arlington than in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties. An absorption rate of 1.0 equals one home under contract for every home listed for sale and greater than 1.0 means homes are going off the market faster than they're being put in the market.

In recent months there has been a dramatic increase in the absorption rate in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties since June, far outpacing the D.C. And Arlington markets.

Arlington's condo market has shifted in the last few months as historically high numbers of condos have come to market and demand has tapered off. Single family houses remain the hottest commodity of choice.

Are you living in your ideal home?

If you're thinking of a new lifestyle, I'm glad to help with some strategic planning. Contact me for discussion.



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Arlington's Tree Canopy Fund (TCF) Program - Express interest now for Spring Planting

Brooke Alexander, Ashton Heights Tree Canopy and Native Plant Coordinator, Arlington Regional Master Naturalist (ARMN)

Look for 15 new trees in Ashton

Heights! Arlington County has a free tree program thru the Tree Canopy Fund (TCF), which provides 1-2" caliper trees to selected applicants, once or twice a year. These trees are generally 6-10 feet tall. This fall, look for 15 new canopy trees which are scheduled to be planted in Ashton Heights under this program. These homeowners applied in June for this fall planting.



Express interest NOW for a free canopy tree to be planted in the SPRING! Details (tree choices and specific deadline dates) are not available yet. But don't let that stop you from signing up. Email me your address and phone number to express your interest! (brooke.alexander52@gmail.com)

When the details are available, I will schedule a free consultation with you to review the tree choices, and look at your location options with you. This will likely be in late November/early December. These meetings will be set up in a socially responsible manner. I will then help shepherd you through the application process, and also oversee the free planting. In working through Ashton Heights, your application has a higher priority as you have an Arlington Regional Master Naturalist overseeing the program - plus you get the bonus of advice from a retired landscape designer.

Sadly, Ashton Heights is losing our wonderful tree canopy. Our big trees are over a hundred years old. That means it will take over a hundred years to replace each of those trees we lose.

So, let's start now! The TCF program is administered through the Ashton Heights Civic Association, and Arlington EcoAction, in conjunction with Arlington County staff. The trees and planting are funded by Arlington County.

Community Crime and Safety Corner

Policing during COVID-19

By Christina Schultz

Based on an interview, held on September 16, 2020, with Captain Scott Linder, Commander of the Community Resources Section of the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD), with additional information from the Crime Analysis Section.

How have crime trends changed in Arlington during the COVID-19 pandemic?

The overall case volume in the county is down. The largest crime increases are vehicle-related, including grand theft auto and break ins. This may be attributed to some perpetrators being bored during these times and Arlington's reputation as a good location for crimes of opportunity. Feeling that their neighborhoods are safe, Arlingtonians often leave their keys or items of value in their cars. Adding to these incidents, food service delivery drivers sometimes leave their cars running during their rounds. Traffic safety also remains a focus. Although there is less traffic and officers are conducting fewer traffic stops, collisions continue to be an issue. The anticipated spike in domestic violence calls due to the stay-at-home orders and the economic downturn has not materialized. Because the ACPD reacts to reports of domestic violence rather than working on the prevention side, they are unable to attribute the decrease in cases to any specific factors. Finally, while narcotics arrests have declined, overdoses continue to be on the rise. The public can stay informed about crime in Arlington by visiting the [Daily Crime Report](#), [Online Crime Map](#) and [subscribing to Police News](#).

How has the pandemic changed the way that police officers approach a reported incident?

The ACPD follows CDC guidelines, such as providing PPE (personal protective equipment) to all its police officers. Police officers have taken other measures to limit potential Covid-19 exposure, such as asking individuals to step outside their homes or other locations, if possible, when attending to a call. The ACPD website also provides information on [COVID-19 Service Impacts](#), including a change of hours of the evidence and inventory management unit, the extension of taxi licenses, and information on on-line reporting for crimes that are not in progress. On-line reporting has increased significantly. At the same time, police are always willing to visit a location if requested.

How has the police department been involved in enforcing state and county ordinances around social distancing and wearing masks?

The ACPD is focused on educating the public on health safety measures and encouraging voluntary compliance. Members of the [Arlington Restaurant Initiative](#), which includes representatives from Public Health, Police Department, Fire Marshal's Office and Virginia ABC, have been conducting proactive checks of restaurants to ensure compliance with the

Governor's Orders and raising awareness on the requirements of the County ordinance on congregating on sidewalks and practicing social distancing. (Note: The County Board ordinance announced the discontinuation of this ordinance just a few hours after this interview. No citations had been issued.)



How has the pandemic personally affected police officers in responding to local needs given the greater risk of exposure?

In general, police officers are more cautious and aware of their potential for exposure on any interaction with other officers and residents. They are provided PPE to protect themselves and others from potential exposure. In addition, like so many first responders, officers are concerned about bringing the virus home to their families and loved ones. The Community Resource Section, comprised of the Outreach Team and School Resource Officers, conducted a food drive for families in need, and participates in weekly food distribution initiatives throughout the county to help support different organizations' missions of supplying food to those in need. The food drive to support the Arlington Food Assistance Center collected 6,509 pounds of food from Arlingtonians in only two hours across three locations. The ACPD is trying to think outside the box on how to engage with communities, explain the work they do on a daily basis, and raise awareness on health and other public safety measures. As part of these efforts, they have been liaising with churches, holding socially distanced meetings, virtually attending civic association meetings, and riding bike trails, among other outreach efforts.



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Let's Recycle - Properly

By Elaine Simmons

Nearly all of our residents participate in recycling—bravo! That said, a quick stroll on collection day indicates we need to pay more attention to what we put in our blue bins. According to County recycling experts, plastic bags are a major problem at recycling centers, since the bags get tangled in machinery. Recyclables in plastic bags are discarded as trash. Pieces of plastic smaller than four inches should not go in the recycle bin because they cannot be machine processed. Plastic bottle tops firmly attached to plastic bottles can be recycled. Here is a list of major items that should not go in your blue recycle bin:



Does Not Belong in Blue Recycle Bin	Where Does it Belong?
Plastic bags, plastic wrap, bubble wrap	Goes in the trash OR drop off clean, dry plastic bags at select grocery stores*
Glass of any kind	Goes in the trash OR take to Quincy Recycling Dropoff
Plastic smaller than 4 inches	Small plastic pieces go in the trash
Disposable plastic cups/toys	Drinking, coffee and condiment plastic cups and tops go in trash
Styrofoam	All styrofoam goes in the trash
Food tainted items	Food tainted paper (napkins, used paper plates, paper towels and greasy parts of pizza boxes goes in the trash.)
Wire hangers	Goes in the trash OR drop off at select dry cleaners**
Shredded paper	Goes in the trash
Plastic eating utensils	Goes in the trash OR The Lamb Center in Fairfax City accepts clean utensils
Electronic waste, kitchenware	See: https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/residential/electronics-metal/
* Including Giant Food (3450 Washington Blvd.) and Harris Teeter Hyde Park Plaza (600 N Glebe Road) ** Including Hurt Cleaners	

How to Vote this Year

By Julia Tanner

Following is information on Early Voting, Absentee Voting, and Election Day Voting for this year's General Election.

EARLY VOTING

Registered Virginia voters may vote early in person. Voting is already taking place. Join your neighbors and vote early! Avoid Election Day lines. No excuse is required, for this election. See chart to the right for early voting dates, times and locations.

The voter will be asked to present a [qualified ID](#), including:

- Voter confirmation documents
- Virginia DMV-issued Driver's License or ID Card, even if expired
- Valid US Passport
- Any ID card issued by the US, Virginia, or local Virginia government
- Any student ID card issued by a US university or community college
- Valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia
- Employer-issued photo ID card
- Any current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with your name and address

Locations	Dates & Hours
Courthouse Plaza - NEW LOCATION 2200 Clarendon Blvd., Suite R140 (Former Wells Fargo Space by Starbucks)	September 18 – October 31 M-F 8am-5pm Extra Hours Sat Oct 17, 24, 31 9am-5pm M-F Oct 19 – Oct 30 8am-7pm
Aurora Hills Community Center 735 18th Street South	October 17 – October 31 M-F 2-7pm; Sat Oct 17, 24, 31 9am-5pm
Langston-Brown Community Center 2121 North Culpeper Street	October 17 – October 31 M-F 2-7pm; Sat Oct 17, 24, 31 9am-5pm
Walter Reed Community Center 2909 16th Street South	October 17 – October 31 M-F 2-7pm; Sat Oct 17, 24, 31 9am-5pm

A voter who lacks a qualified ID may sign an ID Confirmation Statement or vote by provisional ballot and later present the registrar with a qualified ID or signed ID Confirmation Statement.

ABSENTEE VOTING

By Mail. In order to vote by mail, apply for an absentee ballot as soon as possible. You may apply online at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>, or print and mail in the application, request one at the Registrar's office, over the phone, 703-228-3456, or at any Arlington library.

No Excuse is needed to vote early in person or absentee in this election.

Vote Early to Avoid Delays. With new postal service processing times, mail can take up to two weeks.

Absentee Ballot Drop Off. A completed absentee ballot may be mailed, or the voter may drop it off at 2200 Clarendon Blvd., or, starting one week before the election, at satellite centers and any additional locations posted at <https://vote.arlingtonva.us/>

Error Correction. Absentee voters will be permitted to correct certain procedural errors to ensure their vote will count. The registrar will notify voters if this applies to them.

Witness Signatures. Witness signatures will not be required on absentee ballots for this election, for voters who believe they cannot safely have a witness present. Numerous security measures protect the integrity of Virginia ballots.



ELECTION DAY VOTING

On Election Day, November 3, all polling places are open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Your polling place location is on your voter card, or at vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation, or call 703-228-3456.

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listserv to see the Kids, Inc. Listings.**

Kids, Inc. Entrepreneurs

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- A - Leaf raking, shoveling
- B - Babysitting
- C - Pet/plant sitting
- D - Odd jobs/errands
- E - Lawn mowing
- F - House sitting
- G - Mother's helper
- H - Technology

KIDS INC offers a robust roster of willing, able local youth to help when the household hands are not enough. They enthusiastically await your calls.

Send updates to: Ann Felker - gr8est9@gmail.com

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.

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One Family's Guide to Eden Center

6751 Wilson Boulevard @Seven Corner

By Vinh & Susan Nguyen

edencenter.com

***Note:** Note: Due to COVID-19, some stores may have special hours; please check before going.*

The **Eden Center** started to become popular in the mid-1980s, once the "Little Saigon" stores left Clarendon due to Metro construction and rising real estate prices. Nowadays, around 120 merchants occupy the center, providing a wide and eclectic range of goods and services.



The largest store is the **Good Fortune Supermarket**. Give in to your temptation to try a new fruit (longan, rambutan, jackfruit), vegetable (chayote, morning glory) or root (taro, yucca). Dive into the selection at the seafood counter (we love the cod filets). The frozen section features (semi)prepared items (dumplings, fish balls), flash-frozen shellfish, and many other items. Fans of ramen will find themselves spoiled for choices. We still shop at the original Eden Supermarket because it is smaller and thus easier to navigate. The meat counter at the back of the store is where we buy pork belly (skin on, for roasting) and beef shanks (great for soups).

The longest line will snake out the door of the **Thanh Sơn Tofu** store. Here, people wait for flavored sticky rice (mung bean, red gourd, etc.), fried tofu (plain, onion, lemongrass), dessert drinks (including make-your-own), soy milk (plain or pandan-flavored), and many other items.

There are many "bakery" stores around selling mostly snacks or street food. These items can be sweet or savory (sometimes both) and they can be fried, steamed (often wrapped in banana leaf), or baked (a benefit of French colonialization). At **Hương Bình**, try the *bánh cuốn* (rice crepes with pork and mushroom filling) and *bánh cam* (bean filled, sesame-coated balls). Our favorite place for spring rolls (*chả giò*) is *Phước Lộc*, and we also like their jelly desserts. Vegetarians should give **Saigon Bakery** a taste, their veggie spring rolls and other choices are delicious. At certain times of the year, special items will be featured: *bánh chưng* (rice cakes filled with pork belly and mung bean) and candied fruit during the Lunar New Year and moon cakes during the harvest moon season.

The best place for Vietnamese sandwiches is *Bánh Mì Số 1* (No. 1, or "the best"). They make their own bread and sell it as well as other items (pickled carrots and daikon are popular).

Other shops include boba drink bars, cafes, hair and nail salons, travel and moneygram agencies, jewelry stores, etc. Some of these services can save you serious money, once you find a trusted purveyor.

Next month: Our favorite restaurants!

Halloween in Ashton Heights

By Emmilou Olson

Most of the information we received from Arlington was that they were waiting for CDC guidance and then VA state guidance. Well, the CDC gave guidance which lists **traditional trick or treating and truck or treating as high risk activities**. I think our neighborhood would be even higher risk given its popularity.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>

So here is my proposal for Halloween given all the feedback from the neighborhood:

- Decorate your home as normal (or as you are comfortable with) from now until Friday, October 30th.
- On Friday, October 30th, we will have a neighborhood costume parade. This parade will be spaced out and masked in accordance with CDC guidelines. (Registration TBD)
- Goodie Bags will be provided for the kids at the end of the parade at one place! Neighbors can donate to these bags. (More info TBD)
- Halloween is Saturday night, Oct 31. In the event Arlington does not cancel trick or treating you can a) take down decorations during the day OR b) put out a sign saying that you are not participating.
- Another option: we can also put out notice that Ashton Heights will not be participating in Trick Or Treating in our traditional way.



The Ashton heights Civic Association (AHCA) wants to foster a community consensus. Unless anyone feels strongly opposed to this, I would like to begin the planning process for this. (Registration, route, donations etc).

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help plan I would appreciate the help! Especially when it comes to registration. Please email ashtonheightsca@gmail.com to sign up to help!

Local Ashton Heights Resident Trudy Ensign Turns 100

By Pam Gilbert

Trudy Ensign was born in Southwest Iowa at home on the family farm in 1920. She was one of the youngest of eight children born into a farm family. The farm primarily produced corn crops, but they also planted oats and had several farm animals. She said that when her Mother knew a baby was coming, they would call Miss Cecil, the community mid-wife to attend the birth, along with the local doctor. A special room on the first floor of the farm house was used for the births.

Trudy attended a one-room country school where Grades 1-8 were taught by the same teacher. Her teacher lived with a local family during the school year. After graduating from Macedonia High School in 1938, Trudy attended Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa where she studied to be a teacher. She returned to her home district to teach 4th grade in Macedonia, Iowa for a couple of years. Like her own grade school teacher, she lived in a local home during the week and returned to the farm on weekends.

During this time, Trudy met with a recruiter from the Department of Defense in Washington, DC who was looking to hire women to work at Arlington Hall for the Army Security Agency (ASA). *Continued on page 11...*



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She gave her resignation at the end of the school year to come to Arlington. The Defense Department provided a train ticket for the trip, met her at the station and provided lodging in Arlington Farms. She eventually joined several other women in a rooming house within walking distance of Arlington Hall. During WWII, Trudy worked in the Communications Section of the ASA which received messages from stations all over the world, including intercepted messages from enemy stations. She spent her entire career at ASA. When Trudy married her first husband, William, they moved to an apartment in North Arlington where their first daughter, Phyllis, was born. Shortly after that, they bought the house that Trudy still lives in, where their second daughter, Jane, was born. They took in roomers to help with expenses. Her mother-in-law eventually came to live with them to take care of the girls so Trudy could continue working. About that time, on September 3, 1950, they joined Clarendon UMC.

Several years after William passed away, Trudy was married to Allen Ensign. She and Allen were friends and bridge players for many years with Cecil Corry and his wife Eloise. After Allen's death and after Cecil became a widower, Trudy and Cecil shared a special friendship, living just around the corner from each other.

Trudy has held many positions in the leadership of Clarendon UMC. She has especially enjoyed her work with the United Methodist Women, but her very favorite job, which she held for many years, was as the Membership Secretary. One of her important contributions in that assignment was the creation of the membership history of CUMC which records new members, transfers and departing members. She was also faithful in making the coffee every week for the after church fellowship time. Her favorite Bible passage is the 23rd Psalm and her favorite hymn is "In the Garden."

When Trudy was honored as a Faithful Servant by the CUMC Stewardship Committee in 2015, the citation read in part: "She says her love for the church members is so inclusive that she wants to be there for them both in good times and in times when they need an advocate. She says she no longer needs a formal position to continue her efforts in caring for our membership. She knows the Lord hears her prayers and that she intends to 'keep going in His service.'"

Note: Clarendon United Methodist Church is celebrating Trudy with a drive-by parade on **Sunday, October 4th**. At

3pm, cars will begin lining up in the church parking lot across Irving Street and will proceed to Irving and 6th Street to Lincoln to 7th, past her house. We hope you can join us!



**Drive Through Food & Toiletry Collection
for Arlington Homeless Shelters - October
10th and November 7th - 9am to noon**


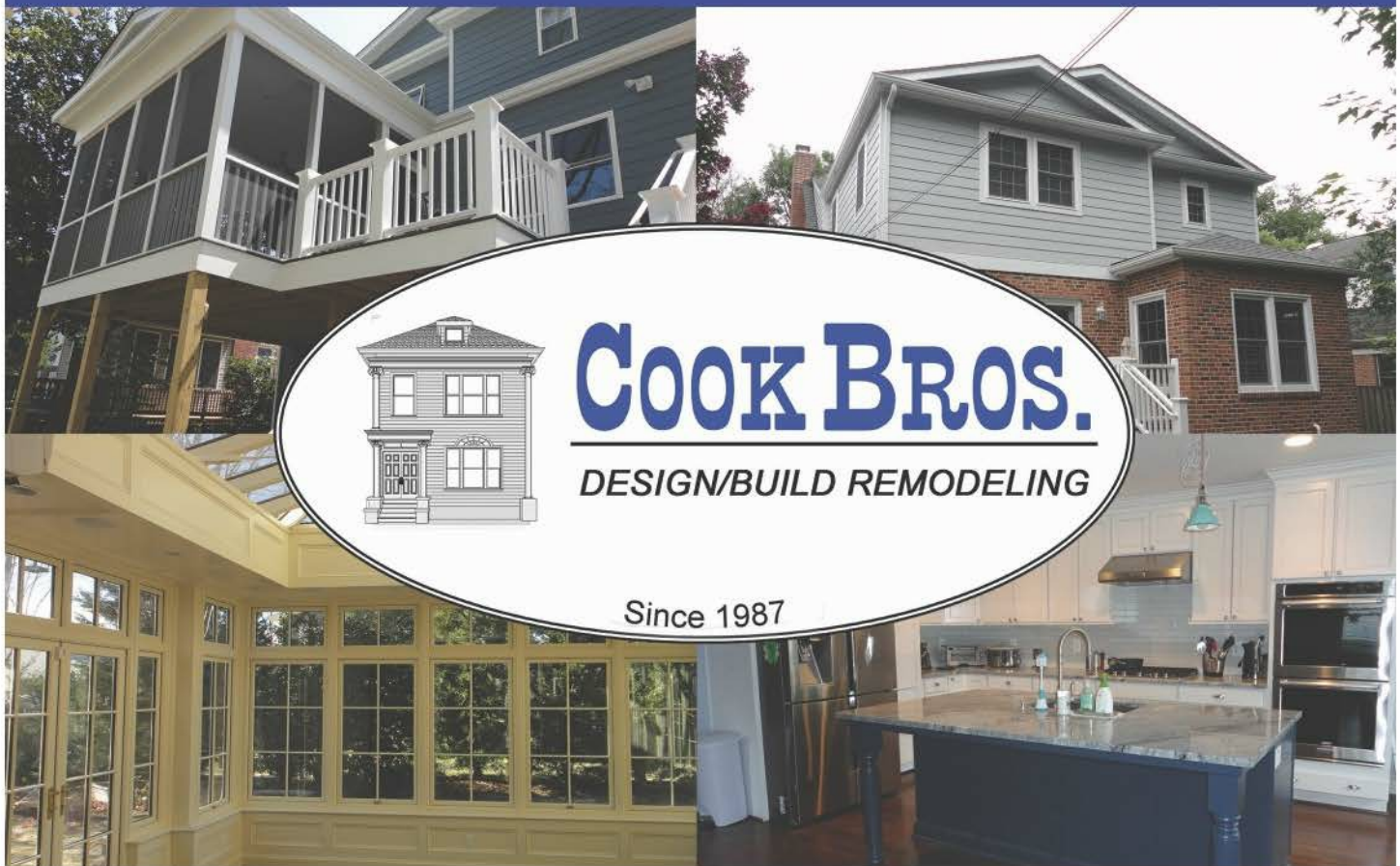
The Food Drive will support family residents of Bridges to Independence in Clarendon. Top priority needs this month include: Rice, boxed cereal, applesauce, juice, and packaged healthy kids' snacks (no prepared or opened food please) and other dry food items. The Toiletry Drive will support individuals living at Residential Program Center (RPC) on Columbia Pike and a day program providing showers, laundry and meals for drop-in visitors. They need: Razors (men's and women's), toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower curtains, queen size bed sheets, deodorant (regular and travel size), new men's underwear (XL, 2XL, 3XL), new women's underwear, new socks, combs and brushes, flip flops for showers, and bar soaps.

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