



Ashton Heights News

The Newsletter of the Ashton Heights Civic Association

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Ashton Heights Turns 100 - Let's Celebrate!

By Julie Mangis



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Created officially in September 1921, Ashton Heights will be celebrating its 100-year anniversary throughout the coming months. AHCA Historian Jim Terpstra plans several presentations at Ashton Heights Civic Association meetings, starting with an overview of historic documents at the September 15th meeting.

A **100th Anniversary Birthday Bash** is planned for **Saturday, September 25th**, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Arlington Arts Center. The event will feature food from Rockland's, beer from Dynasty Brewing and music. It will also be the opening day of an exhibition on "Art and Bureaucracy" at the Arlington Arts Center and everyone is invited to tour the galleries. Our keynote speaker will be Charlie Clark, Falls Church News-Press' "Our Man in Arlington" and author of several books on Arlington history. Charlie's first Arlington home was on Irving Street in Ashton Heights. Read more about the Birthday Bash in the enclosed flyer. As a reminder, we suggest you post the flyer on your bulletin board or refrigerator.

The team working on the Birthday Bash is being led by Matt Hall and could use some additional volunteers, especially people to help at the event. If you are able to donate a few hours to set up, direct visitors, staff the food and beverage tables, or clean up afterwards, please contact Matt at matthewhallusn@gmail.com.

AHCA Monthly Meeting

Wed., September 15, 2021, 7:30 – 9 P.M.

- 7:00 p.m.** Church may not be open for public meetings, if so, we will be on Zoom. If open, we'll have munchies and gather, chair set up at this time.
- 7:30 p.m.** President and AHCA reports - Scott Sklar
- 8:00 p.m.** 100th anniversary of Ashton Heights - overview by Jim Terpstra and Peter Dickson
- 8:30 p.m.** Update and promotion for party for Ashton Heights 100th birthday - Matt Hall, Ann Felker and Julie Mangis
- 8:45 p.m.** Ashton Heights tree tour and plant giveaway - Brooke Alexander and Ann Felker
- 9:00 p.m.** Adjournment

Back on Track: Full Speed to Autumn

Scott Sklar, President, AHCA

Activities have been full speed this summer, but before I get into that detail, we have had some wonderful cooler mornings in the 60's with low humidity. So unlike a Washington, DC area summer - very nice! That said, we have had some residual tree-mite bites from our earlier influx of cicadas, and it appears the eye infections and deaths of birds have receded, which is good news.

As of this August printing, our host at the Clarendon United Methodist Church (CUMC) has yet to establish a policy for public meetings held at the church. Please check the AHCA listserv or the AHCA website for information on our Fall AHCA meeting, to be held on Wednesday, September 15th at 7:30 p.m. - It will either be held in the social hall of CUMC or via Zoom.

We still have COVID-19 Delta issues to deal with. Good news is Arlington County is over 63.4% vaccinated, higher than the national average. (<https://data.news-leader.com/covid-19-vaccine-tracker/virginia/51/>)

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A special limited edition t-shirt commemorating Ashton Heights Centennial is being created and will be available at all 100th Anniversary events until supplies run out.

Tired of house tours? How about a Notable Tree Tour? On **Saturday, October 2nd**, Tree Canopy and Native Plants Chairman Brooke Alexander and longtime resident Ann Felker will be hosting a tour of Ashton Heights notable trees from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a tree and perennial giveaway. Read more about it elsewhere in the newsletter.

Ashton Heights resident historian Peter Dickson has published an update to "Ashton Heights: Its Origin and History," first issued in 2007. Dickson conducted extensive research in the Center for Local History at Arlington Central Library and interviewed many long-time residents for his work. The new Centennial Edition includes a postscript about the neighborhood since 2007 and images of the first advertisements for Ashton Heights. It is for sale for \$10 from Dickson. Supplies are limited, however, so contact him at pwdbard@aol.com to obtain your personal copy.

Jim Terpstra has also led a team in updating the Ashton Heights Style Guide, first published in 2003, and they are planning to present the results of their research at an upcoming Association meeting. The guide contains maps that identify each Ashton Heights home by year built and building style. With the extensive renovation of existing buildings and construction of new homes in recent years, it was in need of a refresh. A walking tour to see all of the changes is planned.

Terpstra has a collection of historical materials about Ashton Heights that he will be displaying at the Birthday Bash and at most Civic Association meetings during the year. Some are also available on the website, www.ashtonheights.org

"There are always other aspects of our history that we can explore," Terpstra says. "What we do depends in part on neighborhood interest." If you have any topics you are interested in learning more about or presenting to the community, contact Terpstra at terpstrajames2@gmail.com or 703-908-9231.



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The State of Virginia will be imposing certain vaccination requirements for state employees that I assume counties and cities will follow. Please visit Arlington's COVID dashboard for stats and facts: <https://data-dashboard.arlingtonva.us/covid>. And all questions COVID goes to AHCA's Martha Casey: mlcasey@oacpc.com.

All our AHCA Committees have been working through the summer. Brent Burris who Chairs the Open Spaces Committee is working with Arlington County on the opening event of Mosaic Park, which our association has been the guide and vanguard. Brooke Alexander who Chairs the AHCA Tree Canopy & Native Plants Committee has been active on Arlington planning meetings, as well as County plans on park upgrades and replanting.

Our AHCA 100th Anniversary Committee, chaired by Jim Terpstra, has also been working hard and planning a celebratory event at the Arlington Art Center with free food and celebrations. *Note: They have yet to adopt my amazing idea of a giant cake where Ashton Heights founder Ashton Jones jumps out, but I am hopeful.*

The AHCA Development committee led tirelessly by Jack Spilsbury has been involved in both the Long Range Planning Committee activities and the Clarendon Sector Planning Activities. The Committee is very active, and of course, all with strong opinions. But the good news is that Ashton Heights is the focal point and has enlisted the surrounding Civic Associations to join us to strengthen our position for more open space and park, building setbacks and tapering and for more light, among other requests. A shout out to Jack, especially, for being innovative, working long hours in this zero-pay job, and spending time assimilating every one's ideas and concerns. And the Committee has also been great, and the Association owes you much for your attention to detail, principle, and for putting in the hours. So, thank you on behalf of our community.

Other notes, AHCA also pushed for the crossing walk light on North Irving St across 10th Street North which has been installed (which took years). Thank goodness for the little wins.

I need to apologize for yet another hack on our website, even after we upgraded to a higher cyber-protected host, where a similar e-mail address to mine went out to you asking for gift cards. Again, I will only "ever" ask for whiskey in bottles. We will try to address again.

As I do every fall, I ask you to email me (solarsklar@aol.com) with any ideas, suggestions, or concerns. The Association is here for all of you. I would be remiss if I didn't add what a great community we live in, and it has been great to work and interact with each and every one of you.

A most happy Fall 2021. Be safe.

Ashton Heights Civic Association Volunteers

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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In July 2021, the Washington, D.C. Region home sales and prices continued to rise while there were fewer buyers looking at homes, and a lower inventory than July 2020. It's like the real estate market was taking a pause, and historically it does slow down in the summer. There was a notable decrease in buyer foot traffic. Many folks took vacations this summer who didn't last year. As of this writing, in late August, we have moderate demand while a few months back demand was high. The slow down has impacted condos more significantly than single-family, detached homes.

According to the BrightMLS | T3 Home Demand Index, buyer interest in mid-priced single-family homes fell by nearly 20% in July compared to June but remained healthy and accounted for about 1/3 of sales in the Washington Metro area.

Buyer interest in higher-priced single-family homes remained elevated in July. The index

reading, at 180, was in the high range despite a 29% decline over the month. Among all types of homes, demand was highest in this segment. Move up buyers want more space, and in Arlington the popular price range for single family homes is between \$1 million to \$1.3 million.

In Northern Virginia, the average price for all properties in July 2021 was \$724,183, up 3.9% from July 2020. Arlington's average was \$785,710, down 5.1% from July 2020.

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Meet Your Neighbor: Colleen Boles

By Betsey Lyon

Retirement in the DC area offers abundant possibilities, with the biggest challenge often how to narrow your options. Ashton Heights resident Colleen Boles approached the start of retirement by training as a Master Financial Education volunteer through Virginia Cooperative Extension. In that role, she coaches Arlington residents on financial literacy issues, including managing debt and buying their first homes, and at times, planning for retirement. Several more volunteer pursuits have followed. She believes that meeting people where they are in the community exposes each of us to Arlington's rich diversity and the variety of cultural events that diversity brings.

Colleen grew up in Rockville, MD, completed her undergraduate degree at American University, and earned her law degree at William and Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law. She then began work as a trial lawyer at the former Interstate Commerce Commission and at the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. Later in the 1980's, during the height of the savings and loan crisis, Colleen shifted her substantive area of practice to financial services regulation, first working as a staff lawyer at a small agency known as the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, which Congress later abolished.

She then moved with other employees to the FDIC, serving as a trial and appellate lawyer and eventually, supervisor of the litigation office of the FDIC's Legal Division for the next 30 years, until her retirement. After working in downtown DC for many years, she happily moved with other FDIC litigation attorneys to the Virginia Square Campus in 2006. The move allowed her to walk to work and kept her closer to daughters Nora and Lydia as they

attended our local schools. Colleen adopted both girls from China as infants.

Last year, Colleen retired from over 40 years with the federal government and began learning Spanish to aid her volunteer efforts. She helped register residents for the Covid vaccine and with other rides-to-the-polls volunteers, switched to driving residents to their vaccine appointments. She also volunteers with Meals on Wheels, Arlington Neighborhood Village, and Arlington Democrats.

As younger daughter Lydia goes away to graduate school and older daughter Nora remains at home, working for a non-profit that provides high-impact tutoring and teaching

in DC public schools, Colleen reflects on the advantages of living in Ashton Heights. She is grateful to be in a neighborhood where properties are close together and neighbors know and look out for one another. "My neighbors are wonderful and one of the reasons I enjoy Ashton Heights so much."

She has found raising two daughters in a very walkable and safe community offers distinct advantages. "Food

shopping and the library are accessible on foot, and Mom isn't always needed once your kids reach a certain age. My daughters still appreciate seeing old friends at events like the Arlington County Fair," which by any measure, is a one-of-a-kind urban cultural experience.

Colleen, like many of us, hopes to resume travel soon. She has visited China to adopt her daughters and to take part in a heritage tour. She hopes to return there, visit Europe, and see extended family in the Western U.S. Meanwhile, she finds time for neighborhood walks, reading, and biking and looks forward to finishing long-planned home improvements.

Photo: Nora, Colleen, and Lydia Boles with their dog Sasha.



Come to our Perennial and Tree Giveaway in honor of Our Centennial!

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

Come get a free tree seedling to plant in your yard, **Saturday, October 2nd**. We will have 15 different species, one pot of each, available by lottery. The seedlings are 2-3 feet tall. Learn about these native trees and how they support our environment. Think about spots in your yard that could support a tree (note sunlight exposure, pH, and soil type). While you are contemplating which tree(s) lottery to enter, get a (free) perennial, visit with your neighbors, tap your foot to the band, and participate in our food event. Want to see what these trees look like when they're 100 years old, come to our **TOUR OF OLD TREES!**

We have 15 different tree species from Earth Sangha to give away. In 10 years, these trees will be as large as a 2" caliper Tree Canopy Fund tree planted at the same time!

Asimina triloba (paw paw), Betula nigra (river birch), Carpinus caroliniana (ironwood), Cercis canadensis (red bud), Diospyros virginiana (persimmon), Ilex opaca (American holly), Juniperus virginiana (eastern red cedar), Nyssa

sylvatica (black gum), Prunus serotina (black cherry), Quercus alba (white oak), Quercus coccinea (scarlet oak), Quercus phellos (willow oak), Rhus typhina (staghorn sumac) and Ulmus americana (American elm).

We are giving away 100 pots of perennials (divided among 3 species) from Earth Sangha. These are fall blooming perennials and are magnets for pollinators. Think about where you'll put yours!

▪ *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* (New England Aster) purple and yellow composite; 3-6 feet tall, can be made more compact by cutting in half in June; full or part sun; prefers moist; salt tolerant.

▪ *Solidago caesia* (blue-stem goldenrod) a clump forming, not as aggressive, species of goldenrod; 1.5-3 feet tall; feeds 115 different caterpillars; attracts beneficial insects; full sun/part sun/shade; moist or dry soil; salt tolerant.

▪ *Pycnanthemum tenuifolium* (narrow leaved mountain mint) 1-3 feet tall; clumps of tiny white flowers; attracts beneficial insects; soil dry/moist/wet; sun/part sun.



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Community Safety & Security Corner

Are Community SROs Going Back to School?

By Christina Schultz

The Arlington County School Board voted unanimously 5-0 this past June to remove School Resource Officers – or SROs – from school buildings, beginning this school year. The decision follows recommendations from Arlington Public School Superintendent Francisco Durán and a 48-member working group, composed of students, parents, staff, advisory council representatives, community members, and Arlington



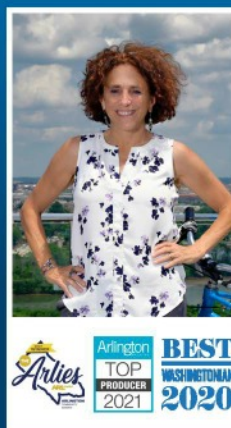
County Police. At a cost of about \$3 million per year, SROs have served as the main security arm in elementary, middle, and high schools since the 1960's. They provided services

such as safety plan development, dispute mediation, detention and arrests, personal and property searches, school patrols, and substance abuse and law enforcement education.

There was much debate among working group members around the issue. Historically, Black and Hispanic students in Arlington public schools were disproportionately reported to law enforcement for certain offenses in comparison to White students. In contrast, a survey last year found that most students felt safe around their assigned SRO. The working group concluded that SROs are “capable, willing adults in schools who are taking on a variety of roles that do not specifically require a law enforcement officer to handle.” SROs were instead spending most of their time inside schools performing “duties . . . outside of their law enforcement” responsibilities. Current school staff will now take on these daily functions. APS is creating a training program to teach staff how to handle incidents previously covered by SROs.

While police officers will no longer be walking the school halls, APS and the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) have been collaborating over the summer to determine the best ways to ensure student and teacher safety. Superintendent Durán stated “We are going to re-imagine the relationship” between the school system and the police. The ACPD will still attend to emergency or law enforcement needs in schools, as

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requested. Police officers can continue to serve as coaches and mentors and will connect with students in more informal and educational settings outside school hours. APS is developing a program to educate police on how to better engage with students. In addition, school officials are also creating a “regular, transparent mechanism” to collect and share data about how police providing services to schools are performing. Working group members and the School Board agree that resources from the SRO program should be reallocated to meet other needs such as mental health support, guidance counselors, and restorative justice services. This decision is in the hands of the Arlington County Board.

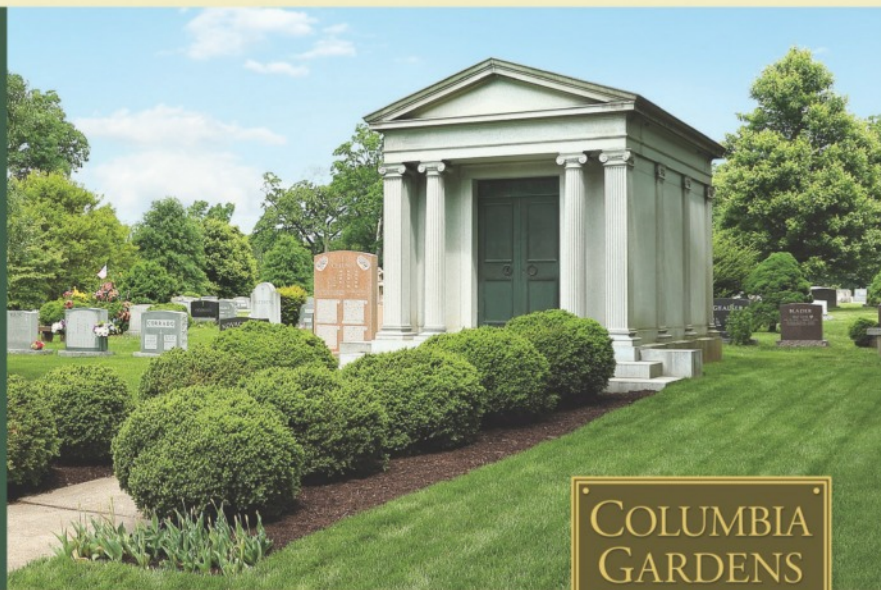
What are other local school districts doing?

- Alexandria is also removing SROs from public schools.
- Loudoun and Prince George's County Public Schools are continuing their SRO programs.
- DC and Montgomery County continue to debate the issue.

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Mind the Gap

Adventures on the trail from Pittsburgh to Jackson Street
- by Phyllis Shea

What do “The 5 Biker Chicks” and the “5 Pantyless Pedalers” have in common? They are fans and followers of my son, Jim Shea Jr., the author of [Get Up and Ride](#), a humorous book about the biking adventures of two disparate brothers-in-law.

Jim readily admits he’s not an avid reader. He just skipped reading and went straight into writing. And yet, despite his lack of experience, *Get Up and Ride* has sold nearly 2,000 copies.

The short book was born over several years of riding a bicycle with brother-in-law, Marty, who is unlike Jim in personality, temperament and just about everything else. Jim is an engineer and businessman, while Marty is a teacher, artist and sculptor. The two admit they’d never have found friendship had they not married sisters.

Jim weaves the stories of their many humorous adventures together, which takes the two friends biking 335 miles on the GAP and C&O trails between Pittsburgh, Jim’s home for the past fifteen years, and Jackson Street, their final destination. The two bike through towns including Antietam, Smithton, Cumberland, Harpers Ferry and Great Falls, chronicling their histories while meeting interesting and

unusual characters, including one of just 100 people in the whole world with “Foreign Accent Syndrome!”

By now you’re wondering how those Biker Chicks and The Pantyless Pedalers factor into the story of Jim and Marty.

Here’s the answer: Jim met both groups of women this spring as he went from town to town along the GAP and C&O Trails, marketing his book. Both sets of women cyclists (who are responsible for their clever monikers) had started the book in one of the B&B’s along the trail and wound up finishing the book, chapter by chapter, in several other B&B’s which offered the book to its guests for their night time reading pleasure. The Pantyless Pedalers told Jim that their name was inspired by one of the stories in Jim’s book.

Get Up and Ride is a story of the friendship of two fun loving people. It is just the right mix of travel guide, history and humor. It’s a book by a non reader for non readers and readers alike by an Ashton Heights native son.



Jim and Marty celebrate the end of their 5-day ride in my Jackson St.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

By Martha Casey

I hope it's been a safe and happy summer. Here's where things stand heading into the fall - lots of developments while we took a break:

Boosters

The CDC has recommended that all who have received mRNA Covid vaccinations, (Pfizer and Moderna) get boosters to counteract waning efficacy. Those the CDC defines as moderately or severely immunocompromised are eligible now; eligibility for everyone else starts September 20. Guidance for those who got J&J vaccine will be coming in the next few weeks.

Immunocompromised - Who is Eligible?

Immunocompromised individuals should seek guidance from their own providers on eligibility. According to CDC guidelines those eligible include those:

- Receiving active cancer treatment
- Who have received an organ transplant and take immunosuppressive drugs
- Have received a stem cell transplant in the last two years
- Have advanced or untreated HIV
- Have moderate or severe immunosuppressive disease
- Receiving active treatment with high dose corticosteroids

Where to get it?

Arlington County is now providing third doses to those who are immunocompromised, both walk-ins and by appointment, at clinics at Arlington Mill and Walter Reed. Individual providers and pharmacies are also providing third doses for this group.

Boosters in September

The rest of us will be eligible starting September 20. Some studies are showing that immunity begins to wane 8 months from the second shot so boosters are coming right on time.

Distribution Order

CDC guidance for distribution of mRNA boosters calls for distributing first to healthcare providers, nursing home residents, and seniors, as in the last round. Expect more detail once FDA and CDC advisory groups sign off in late August.

Locations

Arlington County clinics, physicians, pharmacies, and health systems will again have vaccine available - and it's our great fortune there will be no shortages this time. More to come.

Vaccine Mandates

Full Use Authorization - The Pfizer vaccine was granted a full use authorization on **August 23** and Moderna should follow shortly. The Administration hopes this will improve vaccination

rates by making it more likely employers will mandate vaccination as a condition of employment.

There seems to be plenty of momentum for mandatory vaccination as the delta variant surges. The federal government recently announced that nursing homes must mandate employee vaccination as a condition of receiving federal funds, and federal employees must be vaccinated or face sanctions. Arlington County will require that all County and APS employees be vaccinated or subject to weekly testing. The University of Virginia disenrolled 238 incoming students who failed to get vaccinated. The hope is that a full use authorization strengthens these positions - and encourages vaccination.

New Pregnancy Vaccine Recommendations

The CDC on August 11 announced that, based on new data which showed no increase in miscarriages among the vaccinated, they now recommend that pregnant women receive the Covid vaccine. Again this is a decision to make in consultation with one's own doctor, but it is encouraging that CDC can finally provide some data for decision-making.

Vaccines for Ages 5-11

Pfizer recently stated that they will have enough data from pediatric clinical trials to apply for an Emergency Use Authorization by the end of September, and Moderna says they will have sufficient data by year-end. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy told NPR on August 12 that the FDA will "move fast" and vaccines for ages 5-11 could be available before the end of the year. A disappointing delay from claims earlier in the year that children could be vaccinated by mid-September, but caution is obviously paramount.

Get Vaccinated!

Anyone currently eligible who hasn't yet been vaccinated can walk in to County clinics at Walter Reed and Arlington Mill, Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can beat the September booster rush and help get Arlington even higher than our current 71.5% vaccination rate.

More to Come

Stay well - please let me know if you have questions or would like me to try to find more information.

It's important to have your COVID-19 vaccine card as proof of vaccination. If yours is lost, here are a few options from USA.gov:

- Contact your vaccination provider directly.
- If you cannot do the above, contact your [state health department's immunization information system](#).
- Here's a link to Virginia's portal: <https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vacapps/f?p=545:1>



Ashton Heights Pet of the Month

Meet Hackensack, Sharon Lovering's 11-year-old black and tan tabby cat. She came to the Lovering home after her owner unexpectedly passed away. She was very shy and timid at first, but after a few months started adjusting to the new apartment. Hackensack now enjoys fun aspects of apartment living including watching birds, squirrels, chipmunks and people from perches in the windows.



Ashton Heights Centennial: More Reminders!

By Ann Felker

What do Cheez-It, Wonder Bread, Chanel #5, Polygraphs and the word "robot" have in common with Ashton Heights? All are observing their Centennial in 2021! So as not to be overshadowed by any impending Robot parades or Wonder Bread "toasts" (sorry), a small but imaginative committee of Ashton Heights residents has planned two events on **September 25th** and **October 2nd** for the community. Mark your calendars now.

In mid-July, Matt Hall sent out an email suggesting that we should have a "Shindig" - speakers, food, and beer from our own brewmeister to honor the historic occasion. In recognition of the Ashton Heights centennial, Brooke Alexander wanted to celebrate our very old trees. This has evolved into the "Great Trees of Ashton Heights Self-guided Tour", and the "Tree/Perennial Giveaway." A couple of teleconferences and the Centennial Social Life for Ashton Heights residents had been resolved.

The Shindig (a 200-year-old word for a "wild" party) will happen at our neighborhood Arlington Arts Center on **Saturday, September 25, from 5 to 8 p.m.** Rocklands is catering, and Favio Garcia, our Lincoln Street Brewmeister, will bring the beer. Costco will fill in the extras. Charlie Clark, well-known local (his first address

was Irving Street) historian, will tell some stories, to be followed by a local musician in case a real shindig erupts. Best news of all AHCA guests will open the Fall Exhibit at the Arts Center as we have access to the galleries as well as the back patio and the Tiffany Room. The **FREE** event will be sponsored entirely by the Ashton Heights Civic Association, spending your faithful annual dues. Dress casual. Buy a First Edition AHCA Centennial T shirt.

The Great Trees of Ashton Heights 4K hike takes place the following **Saturday, October 2 from 10 a.m. to noon**. Identified trees and their host families will be available to show you around our ancient specimens. Bring the whole family and your camera because these local trees will be a great backdrop. Maybe we will have a Tree Photo contest? The map will be available online and at the Shindig, but the route will be self-guided with the only rule being, "walk a lot and enjoy your neighborhood on foot."

After the easy-going Great Tree Hike on October 2, all Ashton Heights residents (hikers, gardeners, tree huggers and party animals from last Saturday) are invited to gather at a soon-to-be-designated local shady spot for the **Next Century Native Tree/Perennial Giveaway**. Watch the listserv for details, but be assured that all AHCA gardens and yards, sunny and shady, will be happy. If you can't make the hike, but still want a commemorative plant or tree, please come. There will be 100 year old Cheez-Its (maybe tacos, maybe ice cream) and some local musicians to create an early 20th Century vibe. Chat about the next hundred years, **take home** a native plant or a tree and **buy your First Edition, AHCA Centennial T shirt**.

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Dates to Remember and Other Info:

- Contribute to the next Ashton Heights Newsletter – content for the October 2021 issue is due **Sunday, September 19th**.
- The Ashton Heights Civic Association meetings this fall are: September 15th, October 20th and November 17th.
- Check out the **Lyon Park Citizen Newsletters** here: <https://lyonpark.org/library/>
- Fall Native Plant Sales will take place on **September 25th** at **Green Spring Gardens**, **September 26th** at **Autumnfest at Glencarlyn Library** and **October 2nd** at the **Northern Alexandria Native Plant Sale**.
- The Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center is officially open. Learn more, [click here](#).
- September 18th** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the **Solid Waste Bureau's Rock-n-Recycle open house**. Go behind the scenes to learn more about the world of recycling, trash-to-energy and more. There will also be big trucks and machines, 30 hands-on learning stations, music, food trucks and more. Register for free limited online ticketing today. Free on-site parking. Zero waste event.

AHCA MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP AND DUES PAYMENT FORM

Ashton Heights Civic Association annual dues are \$15/household or \$10/individual member or \$25/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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Drive-thru Food and Toiletry Collection for Area Shelters - September 11th

Join us on **Saturday, September 11th** from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Clarendon Presbyterian Church for the monthly drive-thru food and toiletry collection to support Northern Virginia shelters and our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness.

Priority food items this month include: healthy kids snacks, Annie's Bunny fruit snacks, Annie's graham's & cookies, Annie's granola bars, Annie's puffs, pasta sauce, bottled water, Capri Sun fruit drink pouches, condiments. Priority items for residents transitioning to permanent housing: pillows (new), queen sized sheets (new), shower curtains (new), towel sets (new), dish soap, sponges. Priority back to school items this month include: pens, pencils, highlighters, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, erasers, glue, wide-ruled paper, ear buds and Kleenex.

Clarendon Presbyterian Church is located at 1305 North Jackson Street, Arlington, VA 22201. If you have questions about upcoming events or donations or if you'd like to volunteer to help staff upcoming events, please contact the church at clarendonmission@gmail.com or (703) 527-9513. And please check the church website for any inclement weather announcements at www.clarendonpresbyterian.org.

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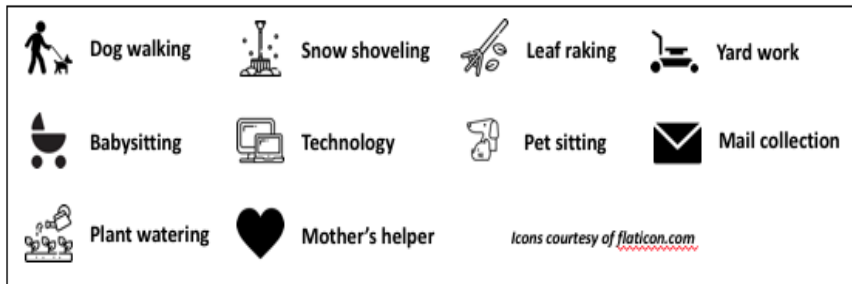
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