



Ashton Heights News

Our Diverse Community Benefits Us All

By Scott Sklar, President, AHCA

Spring is around the corner, and I have to say “good riddance winter.” I am hearing scores of birds and my window box birdhouses are teeming with chicks. Arlington has all kinds of life – squirrels, raccoons, possums, foxes, hawks, garden snakes and field mice, along with their evil cousins, rats.

And oh yes, we have people – all kinds from all over the world here in Ashton Heights with a healthy mixture of diversity.

What brought me to this subject was an innocent exchange on the AHCA listserv (now 727 AH residents) on February 20 regarding housing types. In the Arlington County zoning and land use brouhaha on missing middle/EHO, tree canopy and storm water – we may forget we have all types of housing in Ashton Heights. And while we think we are only single family homes, we are not. Ashton Heights has multifamily houses, duplexes, rental housing and apartments, condominiums, and also commercial, non-profit and government structures. We are diverse. I want to point out as your civic association president for nearly 14 years, we embrace all of us in this community.

But let us not forget, that while we live I hope, in absolute harmony, AHCA has staked in the ground an overlying vision or character of the Ashton Height Community – many small parks, robust and growing tree canopy,

walkable and bikeable communities which merge neatly with Arlington County’s vision.

I have responded many times on our listserv, to County Board members, and Arlington residents – if your goal in your community is absolute higher-density – move to Washington, DC, Baltimore, or my home town of New York City. I personally moved here to be close to a major metropolitan area, but live with less cement, more trees and parks, outdoor cafes, and paths and bike ways. My view since I bought my house in September 1984 has not changed – but now is even more strident.

The Arlington County Board voted on March 22, 2023, to adopt “Missing Middle” zoning changes (officially known as Expanded Housing Options, or EHO), which allow for multi-unit residential buildings (up to six units) in formerly single-family-only zones, reducing setbacks and allowing for larger, denser buildings closer to property lines.

This is contrary to what the Arlington County Board voted on in November 2005 and reported in [The Washington Post \(11/15/2005\)](#): “The Arlington County Board voted last night to adopt strict limits on house sizes, in response to citizen complaints about the number of oversized houses cropping up in established neighborhoods.” It

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**AHCA Monthly Meeting
Wed., March 18, 7 – 9 p.m.**

**Clarendon United
Methodist Church
606 N. Irving St.**

- 7:00 p.m.** Mingle and chair setup
- 7:30 p.m.** Arlington Development Issues - Speakers are in progress as of press time.
- 9:00 p.m.** Adjourn

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Submissions for the April 2026 newsletter are due by **March 20th**. Send submissions to: amylmiller4@gmail.com. Thank you.

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Tree Canopy Campaign Envisions AHCA Future

By Ann Felker, Steering Committee Member, Tree Canopy Campaign

The Tree Canopy Campaign is approaching its first year of existence. Some highlights:

- One Virginia Department of Forestry Grant received
- Hundreds of person-to-person tree awareness visits
- 24 mission statement signs installed
- 92 canopy trees planted and labeled
- 619 signatures on a "Reduce Lot Coverage/Preserve Heritage Trees/Plant the Tomorrow Trees" petition delivered to the county board; and
- 25 tree admirers at an indoor campaign retrospective on the worst weather day in over a decade. We found friends who share our passion while our activity brought results.

When the enlarged Canopy Tree team slogged through the snow for that cookie and cider break, enthusiasm that dominated the conversations only enhanced our tree energy. As a civic association we already do things. We interrogate developers. We stalk speeding cars and oversize trucks. We boost our neighborhood schools. We monitor our parks and count our parking places. We manage our stormwater. We deliver our newsletters. We recall our history.

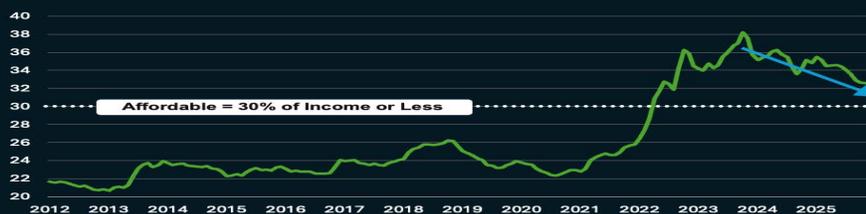
Our vision is that "we preserve and plant" becomes the hopeful part of our community life. Let that phrase capture a long range goal that we support and celebrate, plan fundraisers, share with our children and ponder with our seniors. Yes, Ashton Heights – "Oh that's the neighborhood with all the trees. Whatever is built on the land, they always respect their old trees and plant new trees." It's an Ashton Heights thing!



AHCA Tree Canopy Steering Committee left to right: Heather Schildge, Linda Scott, Joslin Gallatin, Caroline Rogus, Brooke Alexander, Ann Felker

Affordability Is Improving After Years of Strain

Share of the Typical Income a Household Would Spend on a Home Purchase



Includes mortgage payment, homeowner's insurance, property taxes, and maintenance costs. Typically, spending more than 30% of income on housing is considered unaffordable.

Source: Zillow

The share of household income needed to buy a home is still above the typical 30% affordability benchmark, but it's improving. Lower mortgage rates, slower home-price growth, and rising incomes are all helping ease the strain. As a result, buyers are seeing the best affordability levels in years. This shift isn't enough to make homeownership possible for everyone, but it is already helping some households. Experts expect even more markets to feel relief by year-end. If your next real estate vision is taking shape, let's connect to discuss what that could look like.



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Smart Doorbells: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Community Safety and Security Corner

By Christina Schultz

Walk along any street in Ashton Heights and you will inevitably find those small, blinking rectangles mounted beside front doors, quietly replacing the traditional doorbell. Since the first smart doorbell entered the market in 2013, adoption has grown so quickly that industry analysts estimate that up to one-third of U.S. households now have one. For many families, the device is no longer a standalone gadget but the cornerstone of a connected home security setup. Smart doorbells clearly have their advantages, but as with most technology that promises to make our lives easier, the story turns out to be more complicated than the sales pitches suggest.

The Good. Smart doorbells have quickly become one of the most practical and effective tools for home security, offering benefits that extend well beyond simply knowing who's at the door. These devices provide 24/7 high-resolution surveillance of a home's entrance, allowing users to see, hear, and speak with visitors from anywhere via smartphone. This feature is especially valuable for older adults or anyone with mobility issues who may have difficulty getting to the door. One of the most compelling selling points for these doorbells is combating the growing epidemic of porch piracy. A recent national survey estimates that thieves stole at least 58 million packages in 2025, resulting in roughly \$12 billion in losses.

In response, 38% of Americans now rely on a doorbell camera to deter theft. The mere visible presence of a camera acts as a psychological deterrent, making a property feel riskier and less appealing to would-be criminals. Many modern models also include AI-driven package detection and real-time two-way audio, so homeowners can communicate directly with delivery drivers and manage drop-offs without ever opening the door. Beyond security, smart doorbells function as a digital logbook for the home: parents can confirm their kids arrived home safely, and homeowners can monitor when cleaners, dog walkers, or contractors come and go, even remotely checking on a rental property without being physically present. For those in single-family homes in particular, the ability to monitor driveways and yards makes the smart doorbell a well-rounded upgrade for modern home management.

The Bad. In our own homes, smart doorbells carry a number of risks. On the cybersecurity front, many popular devices, particularly cheaper models, contain serious software vulnerabilities that can allow hackers to take over the device entirely, locking out the rightful owner while accessing live footage and controls. Once inside, a hacker can use the doorbell as a gateway into the home's entire WiFi network, potentially exposing banking activity, personal data, and every other connected device in the house. This risk takes on a darker dimension for victims of domestic abuse or stalking, as an estranged or dangerous individual who knows where

someone lives could exploit these same flaws to remotely monitor their movements.

There are also quieter, more mundane frustrations. Constant motion alerts triggered by passing cars, animals, or wind can create anxiety and notification fatigue, with users compulsively checking their phones throughout the day in response to these movements. In addition, homeowners may not realize that their doorbell camera could be inadvertently recording neighbors or passersby in spaces where a reasonable expectation of privacy exists, potentially running afoul of state recording consent laws. And for buyers drawn to less expensive options, there is the added risk of purchasing devices from little-known manufacturers, mainly from China, that may vanish from the market overnight, taking their customers' stored data with them, and leaving no one accountable.

The Ugly. And then there was the recent Super Bowl ad where one smart doorbell activates other cameras in a neighborhood to find an adorable lost dog. The controversy revolves around potentially turning private homes into surveillance networks. In particular, Ring's partnership with the security monitoring and license-plate tracking company Flock raised concerns that footage from cameras could be turned over to law enforcement agencies, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Without citing the backlash, Ring later announced it was canceling that specific agreement.

Still, broader privacy questions remain, and the timing feels significant. The current government is more surveillance-friendly than it has been in years, and the tech sector's all-in bet on AI has pushed companies to place their own customers in an increasingly compromised posture. Smart doorbells are typically always-on devices equipped with microphones and cameras that upload data to the cloud. If you want to use a tech product, you are required to click "I agree" to whatever long and complex wording that is difficult to decipher. Footage captured by these doorbells may, in certain circumstances, be shared with third parties, particularly corporations, or law enforcement through subpoenas, search warrants, court orders, or emergency requests.

Homeowners may not always be notified when this occurs. With recording technology permeating our daily lives comes the unsettling reality that we are being watched, listened to, tracked, and analyzed by unknown entities for purposes that are rarely, if ever, fully disclosed.



Lyon Park Plant Sale

By Susan Bell

The melting snow is a much-needed reminder that Spring is not far off when it comes to gardening.

To help you with early season garden planning, mark your calendars for this year's **Lyon Park Plant Sale**. The sale will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in Lyon Park. Look for us under the tent, rain or shine!



Golden Ragwort

The Plant Sale features favorite, primarily native plants, all donated from Lyon Park and Ashton Heights gardeners. We'll have plants that love sun, plants that love shade, houseplants and more! Most plants will be \$5.00.

Are you a green thumb when it comes to houseplants? If you have houseplants, please root clippings soon, and pot the rooted clippings in early April. Houseplants sell best when they are established and look healthy in a pot.

Deborah Barber will host Dig-Your-Own from Lyon Park's flourishing native plant gardens during the Plant Sale.

PLEASE plan to donate potted up – and labeled – plants to the sale, but don't share anything on the Arlington list of invasive plants (Check: <https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2013/10/Invasive-Plant-List-2-19-15.pdf>).

We can only be successful in raising funds for Community Center maintenance if we have plants to sell! Bring donations to the Park by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18.

QUESTIONS? Contact Susan Bell at sibell703@outlook.com.

Community Potluck Passover Seder

By David Newman

On Wednesday, April 1, 2026, please join us at the Lyon Park Community Center for a fun and engaging community potluck Passover Seder from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

All residents of Lyon Park and Ashton Heights who want to take part in this meaningful and timeless Jewish tradition are warmly welcome.

Please RSVP no later than March 27 to david.s.newman@hotmail.com and atsilbey@me.com and we'll aim to answer any questions you have and send you a sign-up sheet with suggestions on what you might bring to the table.

Each year, Jews celebrating Passover hold a special dinner, the Seder, where they re-tell, for themselves and their children, the story of the Jews' escape from slavery in Ancient Egypt. (Exodus 13:8).

At our Seder, all participants together will share that story and reflect on how it remains relevant today, tasting and talking about the special Seder foods and singing traditional songs.

At the Seder, we hope everyone will share stories of liberation, recognizing that all of us are on a journey and, even today, many people around the world still are struggling to be free.



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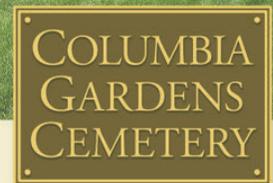
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Restaurant Review: BeeLiner Diner By Oliver Fry

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I ate away from the neighborhood this month and tried out a place near my sister's sports practice. This restaurant is in Alexandria and I thought it would be fun to try out because it looked cool and it was bingo night. When we sat down we got our bingo cards. These were some of the coolest bingo cards I have ever used. They were authentic, visually interesting, and had a rapid reset feature where if you open the free space it clears the entire board!

The BeeLiner Diner has a yellow theme with honeycomb lights on the ceiling. It is very warm and bright yet not overwhelming. The booths were nice and comfortable and I would recommend sitting in them if you decide to go. I got the butter fettuccine pasta from the kids menu which included many kid friendly options. My mom got a burger with tater tots. The tater tots were incredible with crunch on the outside and softness on the inside. The pasta was great with amazing cheese on the side but, they did put a lot of butter on it, so if there are any finger-eaters out there it might slip out of your hands. My mom really enjoyed the bun on the burger from their sister bakery, Bread & Water Company, and she thinks they used homemade pickles.

This place is a diner so they do serve breakfast and my mom noticed chicken and waffles on the menu (not spicy by the way). They also had a full bar for the adults with TVs over the bar, but not in your face. They served cakes from their sister bakery. The cakes all looked delicious. We tried the carrot cake, and it was so good. As tradition calls, I had to find some way to get mango. We looked over the menu but could not find anything. We were about to give up, but the waiter said he could make a special Sprite with a splash of mango syrup. It was amazing and maybe the best mango product I have ever reviewed. Overall I would definitely recommend the BeeLiner Diner. Ollie approved!



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was dramatic because we took an action targeting the most egregious McMansions we've experienced," board Chairman Jay Fiset (D) said of the 4 to 1 decision."

The dueling visions, I believe can be reconciled a bit. Duplexes can be sited appropriately while also maximizing tree canopy, and stormwater collection is possible without the carte blanche approach the County Board voted on a few years ago that now has them tangled up in the courts. As a college professor in the GWU graduate urban studies program, and a businessman with a 25-year-old global sustainable energy business, I'm well aware that "affordable housing" has been handled successfully in other cities and counties without increasing building footprints, allowing McMansions, or reducing tree canopy.

Many have set-up nonprofit coops or investment trusts to purchase bungalows, where they upgrade to newer building codes with water and energy efficiency & renewable energy generation, and re-sell at lower prices to the actual "missing middle" – young families who are teachers, healthcare workers, and first responders, as well as to lower income residents. So why aren't we sticking with the original goal with a less-disruptive approach?

Getting past the discourse, we need to be clear that in Ashton Heights all who live and work here are welcome: homeowners, renters, coop, multifamily and duplex residents, and small businesses. Ashton Heights benefits from the diversity and vitality they all add.

We need to recognize that local redevelopment, even at the

level of individual lots and small parcels - can affect livability. Larger building footprints mean less natural habitat and noise buffers, more impervious surfaces and storm runoff issues, and higher surface temperatures. We should seek to balance livability and density.

I bid you all a happy spring.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Caroline Rogus and Lori Fischler have been Co-Chairs of the AHCA Schools Committee for the past several years and will be stepping down. **CAN YOU PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING?**

There are so many critical matters involving APS schools -- both in relation to educational efforts and initiatives as well as health and safety for our students, teachers, and staff; districting lines and changes as enrollments go up and down; budgetary issues and choices. APS has a number of committees for involvement and information sharing within AHCA.

Would you be willing to chair or co-chair this critical Schools Committee and ensure that all members of AHCA have access to the latest information involving our schools, as well as APS-related and other Arlington education-related events, committees, and topics?

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Pollinator Pathways Initiative: Preparing for Spring

By **Melania Flores**, Pollinator Pathway Subcommittee Chair, AHCA Tree Canopy and Native Plant Committee

With the amount of snow that recently buried our neighborhood, it is nice to think of spring. I have (for the first time) seeds germinating in my fridge. I look forward to what comes ahead. So, what can be done while the garden is still dormant?

- 1. Know your garden basics:** identify sun, shade, and water patterns for specific garden areas to choose suitable plants. Check recommendations for US hardiness zone 7b and test your soil if possible (mgnv.org/resources/gardening-basics/quick-facts/)
- 2. Choose plants that match your interests and conditions:** for example, I am aiming to create a garden with four-season interest that improves the habitat for local pollinators. There are many other reasons to use native plants. Visit mgnv.org/plants/best-bets/ to learn more.
- 3. Prepare your area:** begin now! Moist, not frozen soil is easier to work with. If you need to convert an area, clearly mark it, remove existing plants, or sustainably kill grass using cardboard, newspaper, or mulch so it is ready when your plants arrive.
- 4. Draw a plan:** it is fun to make a drawing and dream of what you want. Investigate how high and wide plants can get. That has been my no.1 puzzle to solve. I still have short plants at the back and tall at the front!
- 5. Manage your expectations when visiting a native nursery:** a native nursery does not look the same as a regular nursery. On my first visit, I expected flowers and pollinators everywhere. Instead, there were mainly plant

beds, zero flowers, mud, and small twigs everywhere. This is because native nurseries focus on selling young plants for future growth; these plants thrive best when planted early and given time to establish. The ideal seasons for planting natives are early spring and fall.

- 6. Start from plugs or young plants, if you can afford it:** if you are starting, it may be best that you start with young plugs or pots from nurseries. The first stage of seed germination may be tricky and can lead to frustration. Look for plugs that are much cheaper than pots and require less maintenance than seeds.

Read this inspiring story: [How to Start a Native Plant Garden \(vnps.org/how-to-start-a-native-plant-garden/\)](http://vnps.org/how-to-start-a-native-plant-garden/) and good luck prepping!

Who can sign up for the Ashton Heights Pollinator Pathway Initiative? With almost 20 households already signed, the pledge is that you:

1. Plant more natives!
2. Do not spread outdoor insecticides.

To join, email: melaniaflores@gmail.com. More on the NOVA initiative (plantnovanatives.org/pp).



Latest area reclaimed from the grass.
Photo: Steven Widmayer

Arlington Bunny Hop

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There's so much to do at MoCA Arlington!

By Catherine Anchin, Executive Director, MoCo

The [Museum of Contemporary Art Arlington](#) has a lot to offer right now including new exhibitions, art-making classes for kids and adults, and summer camp registration!

[Summer camp](#) and teen classes are offered for ages 5 – 18. Most of the sessions are held at the museum's main location at 3550 Wilson Blvd. Ceramics camps are offered at Marymount University's main campus and two weeks of camp will be offered at the museum's Innovation Studio + Store in National Landing.

If you're interested in checking out spring art classes or spring workshops, please visit the museum's education page on the website ([mocaarlington.org/education](#)).

In addition, the museum just opened [four new exhibitions](#): *James Stephen Terrell: Take Me to the Water*, *Pau S. Pescador: Working*, *Stephanie Lane: Meta Physika*, and *Within Reach: Artists and the Built Environment*.

The museum's galleries are open Wednesday through Sunday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is free.

And if wellness is on your mind, the museum does offer a selection of wellness programs including yoga in the galleries on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings, as well as sound baths in the Tiffany Gallery twice a month, and a new [Friday](#)

[session of Free Your Mind Yoga](#), free yoga for those who need it held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 11am.

Information about all of MoCA Arlington's programs at both locations can be found at [mocaarlington.org/events](#). Hope to see you in the galleries soon!



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Trees Lower Cardiovascular Risk

By Brooke Alexander, Tree Canopy and Native Plant Committee Chair

Living near trees is linked to lower heart disease risk in cities. This is the conclusion of a newly released study in *Environmental Epidemiology* which was authored by researchers around the world including researchers from UC Davis and Harvard Chan School of Public Health.

As reported in Harvard Chan School of Public Health News, researchers found **“living in urban areas with a higher percentage of visible trees is associated with a 4% decrease in cardiovascular disease (CVD)”**.

And stunningly, grass and shrubs have the opposite impact: ‘areas with a higher percentage of grass were associated with a 6% increase in CVD and areas with other types of vegetation, such as shrubs (and flower beds) were linked to a 3% increase in CVD.’

To learn more about this effect, read this article: <https://hsph.harvard.edu/news/living-near-trees-linked-with-lower-heart-disease-risk-in-cities/> (Thanks to Jim Hankin for forwarding it to me.)

Even a small reduction in cardiovascular deaths can impact a large number of people. According to the CDC, in 2023, 900,000 people (one in every 3 deaths) died from cardiovascular disease.

In the original study, these were the authors’ thoughts on possible explanations for the reduction in CVD with trees, and the increase with grass and other greenery: trees buffer environmental harms such as noise, air pollution, and extreme temperatures; tree lined streets enhance walkability and social cohesion; increased air pollution from mowing, and increased use of pesticides in grass and flower beds/shrubs. More research, of course, is required to determine causality.

This research measured and categorized greenery 500 meters (1/3 mile) from the participants homes. This research provides us more documentation that the trees we individually plant in our yards help us, AND our neighbors. Put another way: we all benefit from trees that are planted within 1/3 mile of our homes.

With these facts in mind, plant a tree! Contact treecanopy@ashtonheights.org for a free tree consultation. See if you can fit (another) one in your yard.



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“The project was completed exactly on schedule...” — Erin P.

Save the Date – Upcoming Events

Save the date for these events coming up in our area. Underlined words are links in the online version.

- FYI: With Daylight Saving Time beginning, both [Long Branch](#) and [Gulf Branch](#) Nature Centers will shift to extended evening hours on Fridays and Saturdays. Starting Friday, March 13, both centers will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.
- The Arlington Chorale will perform their “[Reflect Chorale Concert](#)” on **Saturday, March 14** at 5 p.m. at the Westover Baptist Church. Tickets start at \$25, and all audience members are invited to a complimentary post-concert reception with refreshments.
- Sign up for the free class Dig a Little Deeper: Houseplants Care Guide on **Friday, March 20** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This virtual class will help you take your indoor plants to the next level. Register online: <https://mgmv.org/rsvp-for-public-education-classes/>.
- The [National Cherry Blossom Festival](#) will take place March 20 to April 12. Signature events include the [Blossom Kit Festival](#) (3/28), [Petalpalooza](#) at the Navy Yard (4/4), and the [National Cherry Blossom Parade](#) (4/11).
- Community Concert at the Lyon Park Community Center on **Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.** The Lyon Park Community Center, with assistance from DC Musicians Local 161-710 and the Music Performance Trust Fund, commemorate Women’s History Month with an evening of music by women, performed by women! Neighborhood old timers will see some familiar faces, as principal players from the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra join our neighbor Susan Robinson performing music for flute, harp, and strings. This concert is free and suitable for older, concert-ready kids. 90 minutes, including a short intermission, and a post concert Q and A and reception with the artists.
- The [Spring 2026 E-Care](#) will take place on March 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wakefield High School. Safely dispose of your old electronics and household hazardous materials including paint products, old electronics/batteries, garden chemicals, fire extinguishers, flammable solvents and much more.
- Take part in **Holy Week and Easter** at Faith Lutheran Church. Join Faith Lutheran on **Palm Sunday, March 29** at 11:15 a.m. for the Easter Event and Egg Hunt. RSVP: <https://flcva.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/330/responses/new> and take part in the Easter Sunday Brunch on Sunday, April 5 at 10 a.m. [Click here](#) to sign up to bring a dish or other item.
- The [Central United Methodist Church](#) will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Sunday, April 5** at 11:45 a.m. for ages 1 to 12. RSVP: kidmin@cumballston.org.
- Head over to the United States Botanic Garden for their exhibit: [America’s State Flowers: An America250 Celebration](#). The exhibit will be open **April 10 to October 12**.
- Head to Central Library for their signature program [Arlington Reads](#) on **April 21** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Today’s event features Francis Lam, the host of The Splendid Table in conversation with Tom Siestsema, former food critic of the Washington Post.
- The [Friends of the Arlington Public Library Spring Book Sale](#) will take place **April 16 to 19**. [Members night](#) is on April 16, and the sale is open to the public April 17-19.
- The [Lyon Park Plant Sale and Spring Egg Hunt](#) will take place on **Saturday, April 18**. The Plant Sale kicks off at 10 a.m. and the Egg Hunt at 11 a.m.
- The [Clarendon FitFest](#) will be held on **Saturday, April 18** from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Mason Square Plaza. It is a free, community-centered wellness event. The event will include a 5K Fun Run, fitness fair, free classes, a DJ, demos, giveaways and more.
- The [Lyon Park 100th Spring Fair](#) will take place on **Saturday, May 16**. Save the date, you don’t want to miss this special event.

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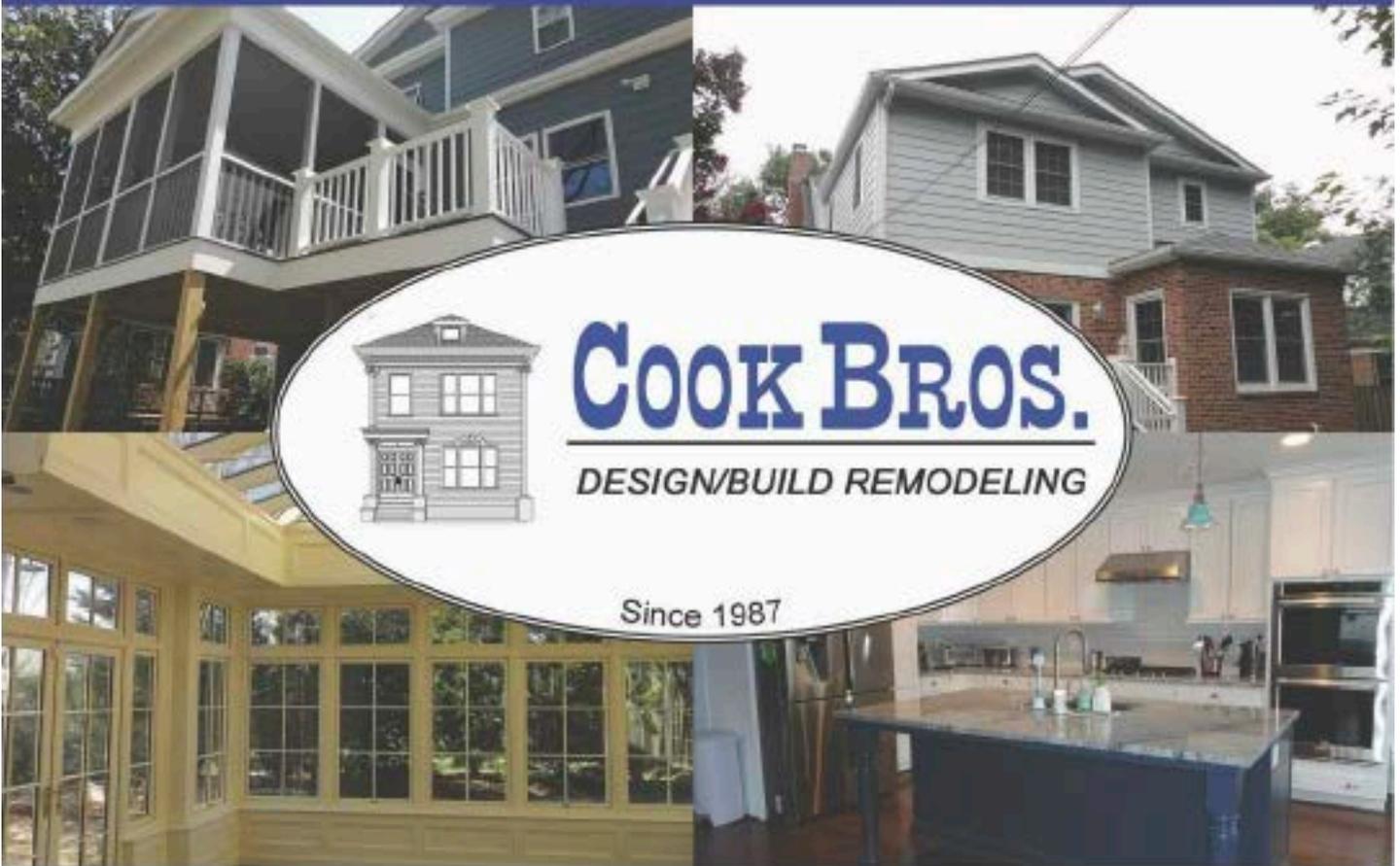
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