



Over the Fence

News for Neighbors from the Arlington Heights Civic Association
Winter 2011

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President's Message

Stacey Whyte

As 2010 comes to an end, I want to thank everyone who volunteered within the community, the officers, and the members of Arlington Heights Civic Association. At our next meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 we will be electing our new officers. If you are interested in serving, please read the article in our newsletter by Lisa Bongardt. We would like to encourage everyone to be an official member of the Arlington Heights Civic Association. The 2011 membership form is also located within this newsletter.

2011 promises to be a busy year for our community with the Columbia Pike Revitalization, Neighborhood Conservation Projects, annual spring neighborhood barbecue, annual Halloween parade, and much more. We would love to see you at our quarterly meetings. This year they will be held at Patrick Henry Elementary School. The dates are:

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Tuesday, October 12, 2011.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year! See you at our meeting in January!

AHCA's Winter Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

7:00-9:00

Patrick Henry

**Elementary School's Library
701 South Highland Street**

January 11, 2011 Agenda

Election of Officers

**Columbia Pike
Revitalization Updates**

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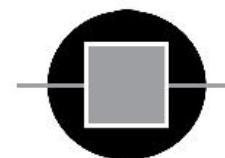
Tuesday, Jan. 11 AHCA Mtg. 7:00
Tuesday, March 1 Spring Newsletter Deadline

Book Club Anyone?

Would you like to get to know more of your Arlington Heights neighbors?
Would you like to participate in a book club?

Do you have book suggestions?
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If you would be interested in participating in a book club please contact Dora Sue Black at dstblack@msn.com by January 25th.



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Are you interested in being an AHCA Officer?

--Lisa Bongardt

Interested in ensuring that Arlington Heights remains a wonderful place to live? Become an AHCA officer! We are now accepting nominations for 2011 AHCA officers. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone to serve as President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary please email Lisa Bongardt at lisabergenty@hotmail.com.

The objective of the AHCA is to further the public interest by promoting efforts toward civic betterment within the boundaries of the Association and within Arlington County and to provide leadership and organization which represents and coordinates community activity on issues of mutual concern. We need your assistance in continuing to achieve these objectives and ensuring Arlington Heights is a wonderful place to live.

All positions are up for election at our January meeting. We thank our 2010 officers and volunteers for their service. Not all of our existing officers will be able to run for re-election in 2011 so we need new nominations. Please consider nominating someone you think would be an asset to our community or yourself!

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Market Trends in Northern Virginia The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors® reports on July 2010 home sales activity for Fairfax and Arlington counties, the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the towns of Vienna, Herndon and Clifton. A total of 1,663 homes sold in July 2010, a decrease of 19% below July 2009 home sales of 2,053. Active listings again increased by about 2% this month compared to last year, with 7,568 active listings in July, compared with 7,439 homes available in July 2009. The average days on market (DOM) for homes in July 2010 decreased by about 23% to 48 days, compared with 62 days in July 2009. Sales prices rose by about 11% compared with last year. The average sales price this July was \$511,309, compared with last July's average of \$460,807. The median price of homes sold in Northern Virginia in July was \$450,000, which is an increase of around 10% compared with July 2009's median price of \$410,000. Pending home sales in July decreased by about 23% with 1,738 sales pending compared to 2,266 in July 2009. The Economy in Northern Virginia Despite what's going on in

the nation the economy is very strong in Northern Virginia with a gain of 22,900 jobs from February to May in 2010 which has helped sustain consumer confidence in the housing mar-

ket. Funds from the federal government have helped to make Northern Virginia more recession-proof than most other areas. Fairfax County receives more money from the feds through contracts than any other county in the United States. In the 2008 fiscal year, government contracts awarded more than \$17 billion to Fairfax County. Loudon and Fairfax counties also take the top two spots on the nation's richest counties, both touting six-figure median incomes. Today, the area continues to entice companies looking for a piece of the government pie. Companies such as Northrop-Grumman, Hilton Worldwide, and Volkswagen of America have moved their offices to

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Neighborhood Conservation Update

By Juliet Hiznay, Neighborhood Conservation Representative for Arlington Heights

On December 9, 2010, the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee voted to recommend funding the frontage project along Arlington Blvd. (Irving/Arlington Blvd. Phase II). The project will enhance pedestrian access between streets, access roads, and improve the multi-use trail along Arlington Blvd. NC staff and representatives expect to work closely with the Etz Hayim Congregation to finalize design along the frontage of the synagogue. The estimated cost of this project, including a 20% contingency fund, is \$381,478. This project has matching funds to improve signalization and pedestrian safety for the entire Irving Street/Arlington Blvd. intersection (including the north side). A vote by the County Board to approve funding for this project is expected in February of 2011. The project also depends upon obtaining a permit from the Virginia Department of Transportation, since the frontage is in the state right of way.

With regard to other projects, the Irving Street project has reached 100% design and staff is working on preparing the temporary easements required prior to construction. Construction is tentatively scheduled for Fall 2011. AHCA's next priority project is the consolidated streetlight project (Highland from 7th to the Pike, Ivy from 7th to 9th, and 9th from Glebe to Walter Reed, which was successfully repeteditioned in the past year at the county's request. Thank you to all volunteers in that effort, and special thanks to our First Vice President Sara Snow for leading our volunteers who went door to door to obtain signatures! The last project in our queue is a small streetlight project on 5th Street. The civic association will be seeking input from residents on what other Neighborhood Conservation projects might be considered moving forward, which could include a playground project at Thomas Jefferson Park.

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Arlington Heights Civic Association.**

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According to the AHCA Bylaws, if you own or rent within our boundaries you are eligible to join the AHCA. With the membership you support the Civic Association's activities. Members also receive voting rights on issues presented to the association. If you do not remember whether you need to renew or join, please contact Lisa Bongardt at [Lisabergenty @hotmail.com](mailto:Lisabergenty@hotmail.com)
We must renew our membership annually.

Please complete this form and send it with a check made out to AHCA to Lisa Bongardt, 319 South Irving Street, Arlington 22204.

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Many thanks....

Thank you to all the neighbors that made the AHCA 2010 Halloween Event a success. Arlington Heights raised over 400 pounds of food for the Arlington Food Assistance Center!

A special thank you to our business sponsors:

Arlington Cinema N Draft House
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Thank you to the Arlington Fire and Police Departments. Your participation makes our event very special.

--Sara and Doug Snow

Remember the new Snow Ordinance

The first page of the ordinance can be found on page 10 of this newsletter.

Below are the two links for snow and ice and the official county ordinance.

For snow and ice issues

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/portals/topics/TopicsWeatherWinter.aspx>

For ordinance

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CountyBoard/Documents/file77280.pdf>

Congratulations to our own AHCA

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Parent permission is required.

Please email Dora Sue Black at dstblack@msn.com your name, age, job you are advertising, parents name and phone number, and email. I will email confirmation. Please note that the Spring Deadline is March 1 with publishing end of March.

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Snow Ordinance

1. BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, that Chapter 27 (Miscellaneous Ordinances) of the Arlington County Code is amended, reenacted, and recodified, to read in pertinent part, as follows:

§ 27-24. Snow and ice removal

The County Board of Arlington County hereby finds that the unabated accumulation of snow and ice on public property threatens the public health, safety and welfare of the community, and constitutes a public nuisance unless abated in accordance with the requirements of this Section.

- (A) It shall be the duty of the owner, occupant or other person or entity in charge of any occupied property in the County which is adjacent to any public sidewalk to remove or cause to be removed snow or ice from the entire width of such sidewalk, including any adjacent curb-cut, up to a maximum width of thirty-six inches, and if the same cannot be wholly removed, shall apply thereon sand or other proper substance so that such sidewalk shall be safe for public travel.
- (B) Snow or ice below six (6) inches shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours, and six (6) inches or above shall be removed within thirty-six (36) hours of the cessation of such snow fall or freezing. (Snowfall as measured by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at National Airport)
- (C) Any person who violates subsection A and B may be assessed a civil penalty of fifty dollars (\$50) for sidewalk less than two hundred linear feet in length; for sidewalk greater than two hundred linear feet in length, one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (D) Notwithstanding the assessment of a penalty under subsection C, the County may remove any snow or ice which has not been removed pursuant to subsections A and B, and recover abatement costs against the property owner or other person or entity in charge of maintenance of the property, in addition to issuance of penalties under subsection C.

§ 27-25. Deposit of snow and ice on streets or sidewalks

The County Board of Arlington County hereby finds that the unabated accumulation of snow and ice on public property threatens the public health, safety and welfare of the community, and constitute a public nuisance unless abated in accordance with the requirements of this Article.

- (A) No person shall plow, shovel or blow any snow or ice from private property onto a public street, crosswalk, transit stop, sidewalk or any public property.
- (B) Any person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor. Every day's continuance of the violation shall be deemed a separate offense.
- (C) Notwithstanding subsection B, the County may remove any snow or ice which has been moved into the public right-of-way pursuant to subsection A, and recover abatement costs against the owner or other person or entity in charge of maintenance of the property, in addition to the criminal penalty under subsection B.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board that the County Manager shall prepare an enforcement policy as part of the Implementation Plan which shall provide reasonable criteria for exempting individuals who are handicapped, over the age of sixty-five, or otherwise physically incapable of complying with the requirements of the ordinance; County staff are directed, as part of the implementation plan, to develop mechanisms to facilitate assistance to persons who qualify for the waiver; and, . . .

(Enforcement policies, exemptions from the ordinance, County responsibilities, and County Manager dispositions can be found at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CountyBoard/Documents/>