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FROM THE
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS CIVIC
ASSOCIATION

WINTER 2017



AHCA CALLS FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS: ELECTIONS THIS FEBRUARY

Interested in serving your neighborhood? Know someone who would make a great AHCA officer? Nominate yourself or a neighbor to run for an officer position on our civic association's Executive Committee.

Serving as an AHCA officer is a great way to get to know your community better, hear about issues and events early, and weigh in on projects and decisions affecting our neighborhood.

Each officer's duties are detailed in AHCA's by-laws, available at ahca.info/about/bylaws. Contact any of the current officers for more information about any of the roles (see contact information on page 2).

Only dues-paid AHCA members are eligible for office.

Elections will be held at AHCA's quarterly meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

Please submit nominations by emailing Claudia Winkler at claudia.winkler@georgetown.edu by Friday, February 3, 2017.

We look forward to receiving your nominations, and counting your votes at the election.

Please join us for the

AHCA Quarterly Meeting

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PATRICK HENRY IN THE NEW YEAR: NIGHTS OF MUSIC, MYSTERY, AND BINGO

The New Year is off to a great start at Patrick Henry Elementary. Before the winter break, Patrick Henry students participated in a variety of fun events including ESOL/HILT family literacy nights, PTA and school sponsored assemblies, and the Winter Concert.

We have a busy few months ahead and look forward to the many exciting activities. On January 23 at 7:00 p.m., parents of incoming Kindergarten students are invited to attend the county-wide Kindergarten Information Night at Washington-Lee High School.

On Friday, January 27, we hope you can join us at Patrick Henry for our annual Bingo Night! This event is an exciting fundraiser for the fourth grade overnight field trip. Come hungry as a pizza dinner is sold prior to the start of the games.

On February 2, third- through fifth-grade students and parents are invited to Mystery Night.

The PHES Theater Club and Chorus will be performing during the school musical at 7:00 p.m. on February 9. We hope you can attend the show and join us in appreciating the wonderful musical and theatrical talent we have at Henry.

The remainder of February and March will keep us busy with different events including the Silent Auction and Movie Night, the Book Swap, the Fine Arts Showcase and an ESOL/HILT Family Literacy Night.

Thank you for your continued support! We are excited for the coming months and look forward to seeing you around Henry soon!

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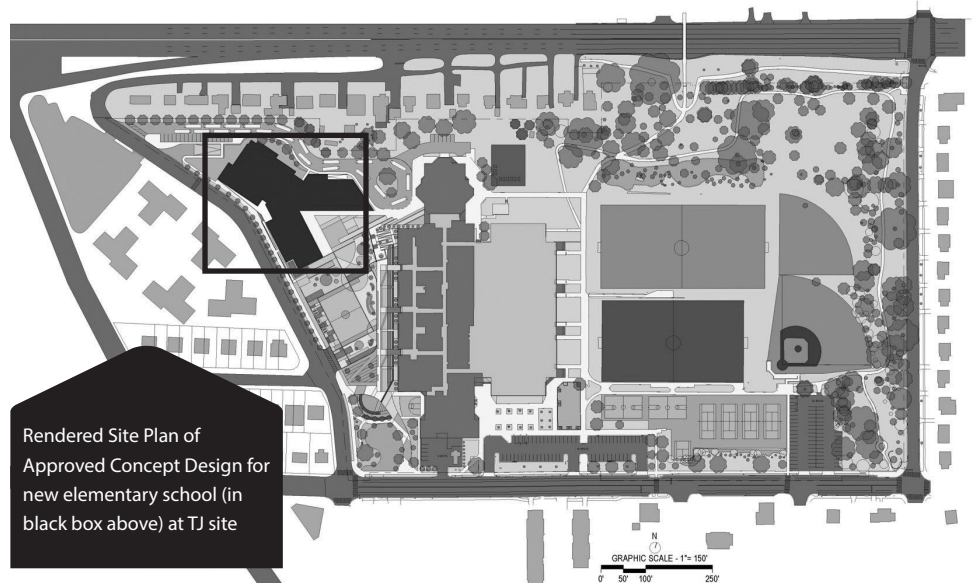


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MEET YOUR BLPC REPRESENTATIVE

Hi, my name is Gretchen Kearney and I'm the new AHCA representative on the Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) for the new elementary school at the Thomas Jefferson (TJ) site. I've lived in Arlington Heights for six years, very close to the site of the new school. I currently have a kindergartener at Patrick Henry Elementary, and his brother right behind him who will start at Henry in the fall.



BLPC UPDATE

The committee has had a welcomed break since the Arlington County School Board unanimously approved the following aspects of the schematic design for the new elementary school at the TJ site at their October 20 meeting. By voting the proposal, the board approved:

- general location, height, and massing of the building;
- general site layout and circulation, including building frontage on South Old Glebe and location of bus loop, service access, and pick-up/drop-off;
- use of a structured parking garage to accommodate the required parking;
- general layout of program spaces and minimum seating capacity of 725 students;
- project completion date to be in time for the start of school in September 2019;
- \$59 million in total funding available; and
- \$17.9 million in funding from the County/School Board Joint Fund.

If you're new to the neighborhood and want to see the details about

the school, visit the APS site: <https://www.apsva.us/design-and-construction/new-elementary-school-jefferson-site/>

As part of the design phase site explorations and investigations, the county's plans for drilling and installing two geothermal test wells on the site during the last week of December was postponed. We will share further updates on the AHCA listserv as they become available.

The county's initial submission for the project use permit was submitted to the county on November 30. They are hoping for first round review comments by mid-January, and are anticipating approval of the use permit at the county board meeting on April 15, 2017.

The BLPC will likely not meet again until the spring. If you have any questions or concerns about the new school, please email Gretchen Kearney at gretchenkearney@gmail.com.

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AHCA LAUNCHES FACEBOOK PAGE

Happy New Year! We hope all of you have returned from a happy holiday season and that 2017 is off to a great start.

While no events are yet scheduled, we are excited to announce that AHCA now has a Facebook presence. We'll be using the Facebook page to promote events, connect neighbors with one another, and share other periodic updates.

We invite you to "like" the page and share it with any fellow Arlington Heights residents, and please feel free to share photos of neighborhood happenings.

Find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonHeightsVA/>



A NOTE FROM THE "OVER THE FENCE" EDITOR

Dear Neighbors,

I wanted to use my inaugural newsletter as a quick opportunity to introduce myself. My husband, Wilson, and I are relatively new to the Arlington Heights neighborhood; we moved to 6th Street in July 2016 and have enjoyed settling into our house and community. I work as a communications manager at Georgetown University and am excited to be able to put my professional skills to use to serve our community.

In the coming weeks and months, I invite you to contact me if you're interested in writing a column, have an idea for an interesting story that I might cover, or have other general feedback about the newsletter.

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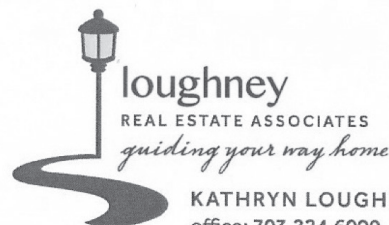
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At their December 1, 2017, meeting, in a 5-0 unanimous vote, the School Board approved high school boundary refinements to balance enrollment and space utilization among the three APS comprehensive high schools by the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board selected High School Boundary Refinement Option #4, which will move the following High School Planning Unit numbers (view map online):

1. Planning Unit Numbers 1302, 1303, 1304, 2312, 2313, and 2314 will move from the current Washington-Lee High School boundary to the Yorktown High School boundary zone.
2. Planning Unit Numbers 4611, 4612, 4614, 4815, 4816, 4818, 4828, and 4829 will move from the current Washington-Lee High School boundary to the Wakefield High School boundary zone.

These high school refinement changes will apply to the incoming freshman class in September 2017 and to all subsequent freshman cohorts. These changes will also apply to all high school students who are newly-enrolled in the Arlington Public Schools beginning in September 2017, regardless of their grade level.

Changes to high school boundaries will not affect students currently enrolled in the three APS comprehensive high schools. Additionally, students who will have older siblings who will be enrolled concurrently in Washington-Lee High School over the next four years will be allowed to transfer to Washington-Lee. APS transportation will be provided for those siblings who live in neighborhoods that qualify for

SCHOOL BOARD FACES CRITICISM FOR DECREASING DIVERSITY THROUGH RECENT HIGH SCHOOL BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

BY MEGAN HAYDASZ

transportation. This sibling transfer option will be available to eligible freshman students for the 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 school years.

Comprehensive information about the boundary refinements process is available at <https://www.apsva.us/aps-boundaries> and the full presentation on refinement options is available in BoardDocs at <http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/arlington/Board.nsf/>

On December 8, 2017, Washington-Lee High School student Matthew Herrity penned an open letter to the School Board, published in the school newspaper, Crossed Sabres (<http://www.crossedsabres.org/opinion-2/2016/12/07/open-letter-to-the-school-board/>), in which he criticized the board for decreasing socioeconomic diversity in Arlington's high schools, despite

diversity being a stated core value of Arlington Public Schools. Herrity asserted that the School Board's decision will send more white, high-income students to Washington-Lee and Yorktown high schools, while sending more minority and low-income students to Wakefield, at which 46 percent of students are already eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch (FR/L). In response to the groundswell of support for this letter, Herrity next started an online petition (<https://www.change.org/p/arlington-county-school-board-arlington-public-schools-integration>), which has more than 1,500 signatures to-date, asking the School Board to prioritize increased diversity at Arlington's high schools. Herrity and other students from a variety of backgrounds also spoke out against the boundary decision

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Estimated Impact on 2020 Demographics by Option

This table was corrected after the November 9 School Board Work Session. Free and reduced lunch students are now subtracted from Washington-Lee

Membership Sept 30, 2016	Free/ Reduced Lunch Percent of Membership 2015-16	Estimated No. of 2016 Students Elig for F/RL (Percentage 2015-16 F/RL times 9/30/16 membership)	Options	Estimated Impact on F/RL Using
Wakefield				
1915	46%	881		
			Combined Option 1	48%
			Combined Option 2	47%
			Combined Option 3	45%
			Combined Option 4	47%
Yorktown				
1880	14%	263		
			Combined Option 1	13%
			Combined Option 2	14%
			Combined Option 3	13%
			Combined Option 4	13%
Washington-Lee				
2330	31%	727		
			Combined Option 1	30%
			Combined Option 2	31%
			Combined Option 3	34%
			Combined Option 4	31%

Note: The boxes in orange were corrected on November 10. The correction subtracts the F/RL students who are expected to move from W-Lee

at School Board meetings, receiving press attention from the *Washington Post* (https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/va-high-school-students-assail-new-school-boundary-plan-as-apartheid/2016/12/16/2e8defc2-c3b8-11e6-9a51-cd56ealc2bb7_story.html?utm_term=.7c4420d20ec7).

School Board members reacted by denouncing the inaccuracy of some of their critics' claims, but they also promised to engage the community in a more up-front, robust dialogue about diversity moving forward. Board member Reid Goldstein admitted that, "neighborhood schools reflect the housing stratification," and called upon the County Board to help the


schools by increasing economic diversity countywide.

That said, there will be several near-term opportunities for the School Board to engage the community with respect to socioeconomic diversity, as part of the upcoming processes to: (1) develop a 1,300-seat high school capacity solution with the potential for more significant boundary adjustments in 2020 (for which community members have scheduled a January 31 High School Capacity Town Hall with 2 School Board members: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1182085245174388/>), and (2) update APS policy on school enrollment and transfers by June 1, 2017, on which more information will be posted here:

<https://www.apsva.us/plans/learning-environment/enrollment-transfer-policy-revisions/>

In addition to high school capacity and boundary issues, there will be upcoming middle school and elementary school boundary changes in 2017 and 2018, respectively, as the new middle school at Stratford and elementary school at Thomas Jefferson (the new Patrick Henry Elementary) are constructed.

If you have feedback on any of the aforementioned high school capacity, boundary, or enrollment policy issues, you are urged to send your feedback to the School Board at school.board@apsva.us as soon as possible.



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The more I read gardening magazines and watch gardening shows on television, the more convinced I become that we need fewer gardening experts, and all of them should exercise extreme caution in using the words “never” and “always.” Good solid information based on research and supported by experience is welcome. Design principles and guidelines are all well and good. But aesthetic bullying and absolutism have no place in such a civilized pursuit as gardening.

Take a favorite bedrock principle of garden design pontificators these days: “Always curve your paths and planting beds. There are no straight lines in nature and there should be no straight lines in your garden.”

Well, rot. To begin with, I don’t know for a fact that there are no straight lines in nature. But even if it’s true, so what? Gardens are not natural. We create them by selecting the elements of nature we want to live with, like foxgloves and clematis, and getting rid of those we don’t like, such as bindweed and

UNNATURAL SELECTION

BY REBECCA MASHAW

dandelions. Gardening is a process of unnatural selection. (And before we apologize for picking and choosing from among nature’s offerings, keep in mind that nature also gives us hissing cockroaches, tornadoes and the Ebola virus. I don’t want any of them in my backyard, either).

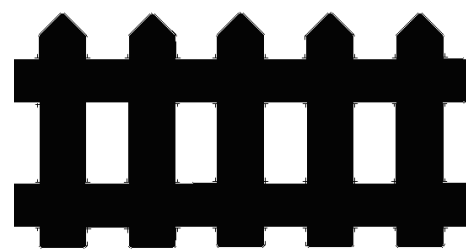
Curved paths and planting beds can be beautiful, but like tap dancing and abstract painting, they’re harder to do well than you might think. Arbitrary curves inexpertly executed can look downright silly, whereas a straight path that leads from the back door to the potting shed is at least logical. And no matter what the snobs say, it can also be pleasing. As with so many things in life, and especially in gardening, it just depends. How big is your garden? Where are the entrances and exits? What style is your house? Do you want a formal landscape or cottage garden?

for three *Brunnera macrophylla* ‘Jack Frost,’ I’m not going to pass up the chance to buy one of these beauties simply because some self-appointed arbiter of good taste insists we must always buy plants in odd-numbered multiples. Better one plant I love than five plants that are just okay. It disturbs me to think of novice gardeners, relying on all this expert advice to help them learn how to make a garden, settling for five *liriopes* they don’t really like because they think that buying a single ‘Jack Frost’ is just not done.

We have to know what really matters to us, and trust ourselves. If some bozo landscape designer told me that I could have a gracefully curving path from the kitchen door to the driveway gate if only I’d cut down the ‘Natchez’ crepe myrtle, I’d much sooner take the axe to the designer than the tree.

So please yourself. It’s your garden. Whether you want a flock of pink flamingos or a serene Zen landscape, it’s no one’s business but your own. The odds of the garden know-it-alls dropping by to critique your design are very low, and if that should happen, you can always direct them to the nearest exit. Via that nice straight path.

We all want our gardens to be beautiful and well-designed, but we have to make certain compromises along the way based on such unpleasant realities as time, money and the sheer hell of chopping through tree roots and hard-packed clay. Real life forces us to make some sensible choices. If I can’t blithely plunk down \$75





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