### **OVER THE FENCE**

News for Neighbors from the Arlington Heights Civic Association

Arlington Heights
neighborhood

Summer 2012

## FROM THE PRESIDENT: AHCA TO VOTE ON BACKYARD HENS RESOLUTION

As readers of our AHCA Yahoo list are aware in the spring we had a few residents ask for more information about the proposal to allow hens to be housed on residential property in Arlington. At that time the AHCA invited representatives from two organizations with opposing viewpoints on the issue to present at our next AHCA meeting.

During the same period of time, at the May Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) Meeting, a resolution, "Regarding Proposed Changes to the County Ordinances Affecting Agriculture" by Jim Pebley of the Waycroft-Woodlawn Civic Association was referred to the ACCF Planning and Zoning Committee. At the June ACCF meeting the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended "deferral of action on the Backyard Hen resolution or, any revision thereof, to no earlier than the October 2012 ACCF meeting." The AHCA is a member of the ACCF and as such has the right to vote on resolutions before that body.

At present the vote on the resolution may occur as early as the October 2, 2012, ACCF meeting. If the membership of the Arlington Heights Civic Association would like to have their vote recorded on this resolution within the ACCF the AHCA must vote on the topic prior to the October ACCF meeting. The AHCA intends to hold a special meeting in late September onthis specific topic. (This is the presentation we had to

postpone from our August AHCA meeting.) During the special meeting representatives from the two organizations with opposing viewpoints on the issue will present information, a Q & A period will follow, a discussion will be held by the membership and then a member vote if a motion is made. The AHCA membership may vote to support the resolution, it may vote against the resolution and we may also decide to abstain from the ACCF vote entirely. We can also propose a resolution of of our own. Whatever the decision may be it will come from the AHCA members.

My understanding is when the ACCF vote does occur the result will be shared with the Arlington County Government. At this time I do not know the manner in which the results will be shared.

The language of the proposed resolution is included below for your review:

WHEREAS Arlington County has formed a task force on urban agriculture that may likely include findings and recommendations regarding agriculture, including the raising livestock and poultry in Arlington; and WHEREAS there may be benefits to increased urban agriculture in Arlington; and

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PLEASE ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012, AT 7PM
AT THE PATRICK HENRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY.
THE SOLE TOPIC WILL BE THE HOUSING OF HENS IN ARLINGTON COUNTY
AND THERE WILL BE A VOTE OF AHCA MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

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## ARLINGTON VILLAGES PROJECT: WORKING TO MAKE ARLINGTON YOUR HOME FOR A LIFETIME

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Villages rely on neighbors helping neighbors to provide a variety of services that often include:

The list of potential services is being developed. Benefits provided by other villages often include:

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Computer and technology assistance

Rides to medical or other appointments

Volunteer patient advocates to assist with medical visits

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Daily check-in contact

Links to a wide variety of services

There is much more information about the project at our website www.arlingtonvillages.org including: fact sheets, brochures and detailed descriptions; information on other villages; links to articles and videos on villages; and a volunteer application.

Ask yourself, as you consider volunteering, if I don't support this effort now even in a small way, will there be villages when I need them? If not me, then who? If not now, then when?

If you would be interested in getting periodic news updates from the Arlington Villages Project or have any questions contact us at arlingtonvillages@gmail.com.

#### Backyard Hens, from page 1

WHEREAS, the current zoning ordinance for R5, R6, R8, R10, and R20 zoned properties requires, for example, that the raising, housing, or sale of livestock and poultry must be maintained at a distance of no less than 100 feet from any street or lot line; and

WHEREAS a substantial effort is underway by members of the Arlington Egg Project advocating relaxation of such poultry provisions of the code to permit "backyard hens" for the purposes of locally producing chicken eggs; and WHEREAS relaxation of such restrictions on poultry may result in impacts on neighboring properties, may pollute rainwater runoff, attract rodents, spread odors and, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control, may introduce salmonella; and

WHEREAS similar concerns are likely to exist for relaxation of other regulations affecting agriculture in Arlington; and

WHEREAS the task force was not charged with reaching a consensus outcome, and instead will take votes that may fail to represent the views held by the majority of Arlingtonians; and WHEREAS there is no assurance that the concerns of neighbors will be raised by the task force, much less incorporated into their recommendations; and

WHEREAS the County Board did not appoint a Civic Federation representative to the aforementioned task force, therefore representation of the Civic Federation's position on the relaxation of residential zoning ordinances should be expeditiously adopted to advise the County Board and the task force;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arlington County Civic Federation is opposed to relaxing the current restrictions in the Arlington County ordinances that relate to agriculture activities in Arlington, including the raising, housing, or sale of livestock or poultry, without a more expansive and inclusive public process.

Sincerely,

Stacey Whyte, President, AHCA

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### ARLINGTON COUNTY TO EXPAND CAPITAL BIKESHARE

Arlington County is planning an expansion of Capital Bikeshare within our community as an expansion of the service in the County. Capital Bikeshare is a self-service bike transit service, perfect for short trips, with over 1,600+ bikes available at 179 stations in Arlington and D.C. Arlington currently has 42 stations in the Route 1 and Rosslyn-Ballston corridors with plans to expand by about 30 stations along Columbia Pike, Route 50, Shirlington, and Fairlington next year.

Capital Bikeshare is a service provided by Arlington County and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation in regional cooperation. The service has been very successful with over 2,200,000 trips since its launch in September 2010, thanks to the ease of use in checking out and returning bikes and inexpensive membership and usage fees for our customers. Membership options include \$75/year, \$25/month, \$15/3-day, and \$7/1-day, with the first 30 minutes of every trip for free and additional fees thereafter. The year and month membership options are purchased online or by phone while the 3-day and 1-day memberships are purchased with a credit card at any Capital Bikeshare station.

Capital Bikeshare offers many benefits to folks who live, work, and shop in our neighborhood. With stations every couple of blocks in Arlington, we provide a dense network for Arlingtonians and visitors to get where they're going in an expeditious and affordable way without needing to drive a car or find a parking space. For those taking Metro, Capital

Bikeshareshortens the walk or bus time to the nearest Metro station with a quick bike ride as most Metro stations in Arlington have a Capital Bikeshare station. With 19,000+ annual members in the region, more and more Arlingtonians and Washingtonians are taking advantage of the service and choosing to get around by bike.

Each Capital Bikeshare station consists of a variable number of docks and bikes, a terminal for registration by new customers, and a map providing nearby stations for trip planning. The station is fully solar-powered, so no construction is necessary to electrify it. In fact, installation takes only about 1 hour. The bikes are 3-speed, have front and rear lights, chainguard and fenders, and the frame is step-thru to allow folks of most heights to use them.

Arlington County is researching possible locations in our neighborhood. Arlington Heights will receive one or two stations with additional stations in adjacent neighborhoods.

The locations under consideration are outside the TJ Community Center, in front of the Arlington County Health Center on South Walter Reed Drive (either on the sidewalk or in the street at the curb) or on the sidewalk on the Columbia Pike side of the Westmont Shopping Center parking lot.

To provide feedback on the proposed locations, please email Paul DeMaio, the Capital Bikeshare Program Manager, at **paul@metrobike.net**.

### NCAC UPDATE

#### Hello Neighbors,

Here are some updates with about current and upcoming Neighborhood Conservation projects:

As most of you know, the 100 Block of S. Irving St. has been redone, with curbs, gutters and new sidewalks being put in. This project was finished just in time for the Arlington County Fair.

This project has been a long time in the planning and prep stages, so it is nice to have it finished.

Regarding the Arlington Blvd. Frontage Improvement Project, the County has received comments from

VDOT on the concept design and the project continues to move forward.

The street light project on S. 9th, S. Ivy and S. Highland Streets may be in funding range this Fall. An engineering survey crew will be out on those blocks within the next three months or so locating utilities, trees, driveway aprons, etc., to prepare for the development of the concept design and the cost estimate.

The third bench and a great new kiosk have been installed in Arlington Heights Park at S. 9th St. and S. Irving St.

Jay Vennett AHCA 1st Vice-President & NCAC Rep

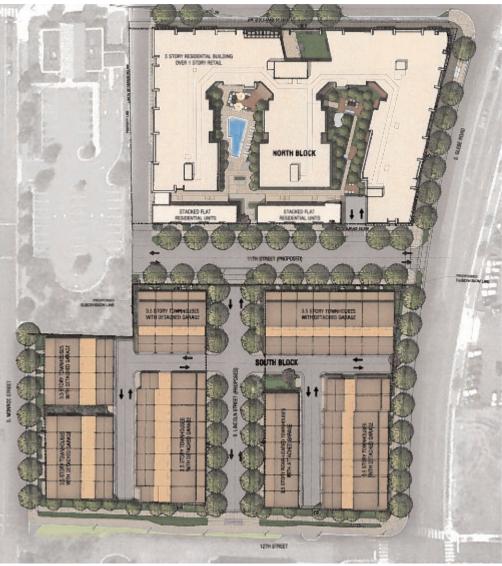
### ROSENTHAL SITE PLANS UNVEILED

The corner of South Glebe Road and Columbia Pike, which formerly held the Rosenthal complex, is about to be redeveloped.

The Pike 3400 development contains a north block and south block. The north block will be developed with a 247-unit apartment building with approximately 15,000 sq ft of ground floor retail fronting on Columbia Pike and 12 stacked flats along a new 11th St. that will run parallel to Columbia Pike.

Off-street parking will be provided within the building's interior at grade and within two below-grade levels. The south block will be developed with 44 townhouses. Construction is anticipated to begin in August 2012 and be completed within two years.

Below: The Columbia Pike frontage elevation featuring new apartments and retail spaces.



Below: Overview of the development plan for the

Rosenthal site on Columbia Pike at Glebe Road





### **ATTENTION VOTERS!**

### IMPORTANT VOTER ID INFORMATION

There have been recent changes made to Virginia's voter identification laws. Virginia voters are reminded that state law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of identification (ID) at the polls. Voters arriving to the polls without ID will be required to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted. Please see below in "Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification" for more information on how the provisional ballot process will work for those arriving to the polls without ID.

Virginia's ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person. Please see below in "Special Federal ID Requirements for Certain First Time Voters" for other potential special cases for first-time voters.

Acceptable forms of identification include the following:

Virginia voter identification card

Valid Virginia driver's license

Military ID

Any Federal, Virginia state or local

government-issued ID

Employer-issued photo ID card

Concealed handgun permit

Valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of

Virginia

Current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter

### Social Security card (Please see below as the Social Security card does not satisfy special federal ID requirements)

A voter who does not bring an acceptable ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot. A voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of physical disability or an inability to read or write, if he so requests, may also be assisted in completing this ballot.

Don't have one of these forms of ID? All Virginia active registered voters will be mailed a new Virginia

voter identification card prior to the November 2012 General Election. If you are not registered but are eligible for registration, please register today and a voter information card will be mailed to you by your local general registrar's office after your application has been processed.

If you need assistance, please call 804-864-8901 or toll free at 800-552-9745; TTY toll free: 800-260-3466

### **Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification**

All active registered voters in Virginia will be mailed a new voter identification card prior to the November 2012 General Election. Voters without any other ID should bring this form of ID with them to the polls as this will satisfy the voter ID requirements for Virginia and federal law.

A voter who arrives at the polling place without an acceptable form of identification will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial postage service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday or the provisional ballot cannot be counted. A Friday postmark will not be sufficient if the copy of the ID is not delivered to the electoral board by Friday.

The written notice given to the voter will provide the necessary information, including email, fax, and address of where the ID should be delivered.

Note: Some of the voter identification requirements listed above are pending preclearance from the Department of Justice.

### **Special Federal ID Requirements for Certain First Time Voters**

For persons who registered to vote in Virginia by mail, federal law requires them to show identification (ID) when voting (in-person or absentee) for the first time in a federal election if they did not send a copy of one of these IDs with their voter registration applications. Voters subject to this special ID requirement will have the phrase "First-time Federal" after the "ID Required" item in their on-line voter registration record. Any of the following types of ID are acceptable:

A current and valid photo ID (for example, a driver's license);

A current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck that shows name and address;

Or another government document that shows name and address (for example a voter card).

This federal ID requirement applies the first time a person votes in any federal election, either on the day of the election or by absentee ballot. If the voter does not present one of these forms of ID at the polls, that person will be offered a provisional ballot that includes a voter information statement under felony penalty. This is a paper ballot that the local electoral board may count if the voter later provides the required identification. Such persons have the right to appear before the Electoral Board and can request an extension up to one day to present evidence. If the

voter returns an absentee ballot by mail without a copy of one of these forms of ID, the absentee ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot and counted only if the voter provides a copy of ID to the electoral board by the deadline applicable to all voters.

Please remember that these requirements apply to first-time voters who are voting ab-

sentee by mail and in-person.



\*Note: In nearly all cases, the Virginia identification requirements mirror and satisfy the federal ID requirements. However, a Social Security card does not satisfy the federal ID requirements, if you are a first-time voter who fits the criteria listed in this section. Please also remember that the federal ID requirements apply to both absentee voting and voting at the polling place on Election Day.

### JOIN THE ARLINGTON FUN RIDE OCT. 6!

The 2012 Arlington Fun Ride is Saturday, October 6! The scenic, family-friendly 17 mile bike ride will give participants a chance to experience the paved trails that make up the "Arlington Loop" while enjoying support from rest stops in Crystal City, Rosslyn and Ballston. There will also be a short children's ride, suitable for those under 10. Both rides begin and end at Phoenix Bikes, Arlington's non-profit community bike shop.

The goal of this community-led bike ride is to encourage youth and adults to safely use Arlington's trail system for transportation, fun and fitness. The event is hosted by Phoenix Bikes with support from Arlington County, local businesses, bike advocates and other community partners.

The adult ride begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. at

Phoenix Bikes (4200 South Four Mile Run Drive, in Barcroft Park). The children's ride, as well as other youth and health activities will start later in the morning. Free parking is available at Barcroft Recreation Center. The ride will be held rain or shine. This is not a race.

Registration will open soon. The first 200 to register—\$5 for individuals, \$15 for families, \$30 for teams/groups\*—receive an official 2012 Fun Ride high-visibility technical t-shirt.

\*Family registrations include up to 4 shirts. Team/group registration includes up to 8 shirts. Additional shirts are available for purchase at \$10 as long as supplies last.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### Clarendon Day, Saturday, September 22

Clarendon Day 2012 has a bit of everything for everyone. Runners of all ages can participate in the Pacer's 10k/5k/Kids Dash. Everyone can enjoy local music on two music stages. More than a dozen local restaurants will be offering a wide range of delicious treats.

The KidZone area has new rides and we'll have new activities (and the old favorites) in the Kinderhaus Tent and on the Clarendon Stage sponsored by the Virginia Hospital Center.

Clarendon Day is a celebration of the Clarendon neighborhood, and a showcase for all the people who make our neighborhood great.

### TJ Center Hosts Latinoamerican Festival – Sunday, September 23

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ing folk traditions of several Latinoamerican countries to Arlington. Sunday, September 23, 1-5 pm. You can also enjoy authentic food and fun for the whole family. Admission is free! Read more about the Latinoamerican Festival.

### It's Dogtober Day & Barkers Bash 10th year!

Join us on October 6, 1-3 pm at Lacey Woods Park, (1200 N. George Mason Drive) for a dog-gone good time at. Dogtober Day show categories will include Best Kisser, Best Tail Wagger, Best Pet Tricks, and more! Join in on the fun at Barkers Bash with You and Me Agility, Chicken Chase, and Doggie Distraction. Prizes and ribbons for ALL events! Check out exhibitors such as AWLA, local dog rescue groups, and your favorite pet stores.

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### WALTER REED CENTER: ANOTHER GREAT RESOURCE FOR RECREATION AND EDUCATION!

Arlington Heights not only hosts one of the county's best recreational resources in the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, but also has easy access to another great facility just a few blocks away--the Walter Reed Community and Senior Center.

The Walter Reed Community Center offers everything from afterschool programs from kids to adult day care for seniors. Volleyball, pickleball, basketball and other sports are available on a drop-in basis. The center has several meeting rooms, multi-purpose rooms, a game room, gymnasium, playground, picnic areas, public tennis and basketball courts and even wireless Internet access and public computers for use!

Better yet, the Walter Reed Center is a prime example of the county's efforts to minimize environmental impacts while providing great services. The WRC is designed to meet the LEED silver standard and features storm water management elements such as an 18,000 green roof which captures rainwater that falls on the roof. The roof is a pitched roof and is visible from the ground level. Biorentention areas border the parking lot capturing much of the runoff and allowing it to infiltrate. Materials used in the building include wheat board, bamboo, cork, and other recycled or sustainable products. Daylight is also used to light many of the rooms.

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1-7 p.m.

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(Ages 11-15): Mon-Fri 3-6 pm

Teen After-School Program (Ages 15+):

Mon-Fri 6-9:30pm

Teen Open Gym (Grades 6-12)

Friday 6-8:30 pm

Multi-Purpose Senior Center Senior Adults:

Mon-Fri 9 am-3pm

Weekend & Night Programs: As scheduled

Ages: 55+

Contact: Jessica Vasquez 703-228-0948

### Walter Reed Adult Day Health Care Center

A program of services and activities to help adults with functional limitations maintain or enhance their independence in order to remain in the community as long as possible. Adult Day Health Care also provides support and respite to caregivers. For more information, call 703-228-5340 or visit our website.

#### **Connections Café**

Adults exploring post-retirement opportunities make connections on Thursday afternoons at the Walter Reed Connections Café. Discover opportunities for volunteer service, learning, recreation and social connections. Guest speakers make informal presentations most Thursdays at 1 p.m. See you there!

Volleyball (Drop-In) Days: Tuesday and Thursday 6-9:30 p.m., Saturday 1:30 -4:30 p.m., Sunday 4:30-6:30 p.m. Free

Basketball (Adult Drop-In) Days: Monday and Wednesday 6-9:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Sunday from - 4:15 p.m. Free

Game Room Days/Hours: Monday (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9:45 p.m.), Tuesday & Thursday (12 noon - 3 p.m. and 6-9:45 p.m.), Wednesday (8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9:45 p.m.), Friday (8:30 a.m.- p.m. and 6-8:45 p.m.), Saturday (8 a.m-4:30 p.m.), Sunday (1-6:30 p.m.) Free

Pickleball (Senior Drop-In Program) Mondays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesdays 12:15 - 3 p.m., Thursdays 11a.m. - 3p.m., Fridays 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Walter Reed Community Center also provides various room options to meet your needs. If you are interested in birthday parties, wedding receptions, baby or bridal showers, or meeting rooms, please call us at 703-228-0935 or contact the Facilities Scheduling Unit at 703-228-1805 to inquire about pricing and availability.

#### PLEASE JOIN AHCA AND LISTSERV!

Please take this opportunity to renew your AHCA membership. Residential memberships are \$20.00 per household; business memberships are \$25.

The membership year, just like the calendar year, runs from January through December and all memberships are due to be renewed in January no matter when you paid the previous year. While the dollar amount is relatively small, your participation is vital to the continuation of our Civic Association.

Also, we want to thank all the members that have added additional contributions to their membership payments. No matter how small, those additional contributions have not gone unnoticed, and collectively they can make a difference.

Be sure to join the AHCA listsery, too! You get up-to-date information such as alerts, neighbor and event information and time-sensitive notifications. List items you want to sell or donate, get recommendations on contractors and vendors, and much more.

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### SCHOOL BOARD NAMES NEW JEFFERSON PRINCIPAL KEISHA BOGGAN

The Arlington School Board appointed Keisha Boggan as the new Principal of Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

Boggan has been the principal at Francis C. Hammond 1 Middle School in Alexandria, Va. since 2009.

"Keisha is a strong communicator and a proven leader," said Superintendent Dr. Pat Murphy." She brings a variety of skills and experiences to Jefferson and her training in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme will facilitate her transition and benefit the students of Jefferson."

Boggan received a Bachelor's degree in political science from North Carolina A&T State University. She has a Master's degree in public administration and a Master's in secondary education, both from the University of Akron. Boggan also has an endorsement in school administration from George Mason University.

Boggan has been with Alexandria Public Schools since 1996, when she began her teaching career as a sixth grade history teacher at George Washington Mid-

dle School. In 2001, she served as program evaluation specialist before returning to George Washington Middle School as an assistant principal and an associate principal. In these roles, she was responsible for student welfare, safety and discipline, teacher evaluations, curriculum and instruction, special education, English as a Second Language, staff development, the new teacher induction/mentoring program and the school improvement plan.

In 2006, Boggan was named Principal of George Washington Middle and then in 2009 she became Principal of Hammond1Middle School.

Last year, she was named Alexandria's Principal of the Year and received *The Washington Post's* Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. She also received two Outstanding Public Service awards in education from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce in 2001 and 2009.

Her appointment became effective July 1.

#### DC-Area Housing Market Ranks Among Nation's Strongest; Housing Affordability At All-Time High

Metropolitan Regional Information Systems (MRIS) data <u>shows</u> the DC-area housing market improved over last year: \*Inventory is down more than 25%

(currently representing a three-month supply—the lowest in seven years)

- \*Purchase contracts are up 4.6% \*Foreclosures are down 67.2%
- \*Average price is up 1.4% overall

\*A market forecast by real estate statistical analyst Veros <u>suggests</u> that the local market will grow at 2.9% in 2012, and places the **DC-area at #3 in its**"**Projected Five Strongest Markets.**"

\*New Census Bureau data <u>shows</u> that Washington, DC ranks fourth on a list of most affluent cities. And, **ten of the richest counties in the US**, with highest median household income, are in the DC-region—five in Maryland and five in Virginia. Loudon (VA), Fairfax (VA) and Howard (MD) Counties come in first, second and third for the nation.

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Whether you own an old home or newer one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these items could cost your dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until after you list your home for sale and the home inspector flags these issues for the buyer, you could experience costly expenses which can delay the closing of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. Knowing what you're looking for can help prevent little problems from growing into

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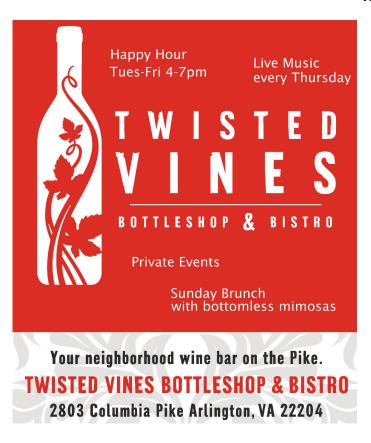


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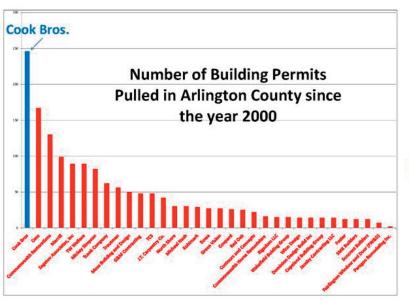
## PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING AS AN AHCA OFFICER FOR 2013

We need Arlington Heights residents willing to serve on the AHCA Executive Committee for 2013. The executive Committee comprises a president, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President - Membership Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Time commitments vary depending on the position but the range is approximately 6 hours per month to 20+ hours per month. For more details about what each job entails, please contact Stacey Whyte at kandswhyte@gmail.com.

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for any of the positions, please email our Nominating Chair Sara Snow at **ahca.sara@gmail.com** by or before October 31, 2012. AHCA members will vote on the new officers at our Tuesday, November 13th meeting.

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