

# OVER THE FENCE

News for Neighbors from the Arlington Heights Civic Association

Summer 2016



## HALLOWEEN IS DOOOMED WITHOUT YOOOO: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!



Wearing wacky costumes. Parading down the street. Mingling with neighbors around yummy treats *sans* tricks. Everybody loves the Halloween

parade, right? RIGHT?

Well, neighbors, it's not going to happen this year unless someone steps forward to help organize it. More generally, the Arlington Heights Civic Association has gone three years without a social chair to help plan these sorts of events, and it's starting to show. The gig should only take a few hours of your time every month, so please do consider putting your name in the witch's hat.

As for the parade, we've usually held it from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the Saturday before Halloween (that would be Oct. 29 this year) at the Patrick Henry Elementary blacktop. We need someone (or someones) to plan treats, kids' activities, etc.

Please contact AHCA President Molly Calkins at [Molly.calkins.ahca@gmail.com](mailto:Molly.calkins.ahca@gmail.com) for details if you're interested.

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MEETING  
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ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL LIBRARY

## TJ PARK SAGA: SCHOOL BOARD ACCEPTS CONCEPT DESIGN

Although a petition to stop the new elementary school at the Thomas Jefferson site was submitted to the Arlington County School Board with about 150 signatories at the July 20 School Board meeting, board members decided to move ahead and approved the concept design.

The planning process is therefore proceeding full steam ahead with the schematic design. Over the next 10 weeks or so, the advisory committees will focus on these elements of the schematic design:

- Refine on-site parking spot quantity
- Evaluation of environmental impacts and mitigations
- Confirm list of spaces inside building
- Adjacent and off-site transportation improvements
- Determine areas of focus for Use Permit conditions

The schedule of meeting dates for the next few months have been announced as shown below.

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(Meetings generally start at 7 p.m. and are held in the Jefferson Middle School library unless otherwise notified.)

**Wednesday, Aug. 10:** Transportation meeting.  
 (Please double-check the website for any last minute changes.)

**Monday, Aug. 15:** BLPC (Building Level Planning Committee) meeting (check website to confirm date)

**Wednesday, Aug. 31:** PFRC (Public Facilities Review Committee) /BLPC meeting

**Tuesday, Sept. 13: Community Meeting**

**Wednesday, Sept. 21:** PFRC/BLPC Meeting

The School Board is scheduled to receive the schematic design as an Information Item at their Thursday, Oct. 6, meeting and vote on it two weeks later, at the Oct. 20 meeting.

**Preliminary Timeline for Construction**

- Design will be approximately 17 months from Feb. 2016 until June 2017.
- Construction will be approximately 20 months from Nov. 2017 to June 2019.

**How can you make your voice heard?**

Residents are encouraged to make their voices heard with their neighborhood representatives as well as directly to committee leadership and Arlington County and Public School staff assigned to the project.

- Post comments for the County and APS staff and planning committee members to read directly (see web resources below).
- Attend and speak at any of the PFRC or BLPC meetings and especially at the Sept. 13 Community Meeting.
- Email the School Board [school.board@apsva.us](mailto:school.board@apsva.us), School Superintendent [superintendent@apsva.us](mailto:superintendent@apsva.us), County Board [countyboard@arlingtonva.us](mailto:countyboard@arlingtonva.us) and County Manager [countymanager@arlingtonva.us](mailto:countymanager@arlingtonva.us).
- Attend and speak at the Oct., 6 and/or Oct. 20 School Board meetings.

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Your AHCA representatives on the Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) and the Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) have been actively involved in talks surrounding Arlington Public Schools' preferred design: a four-story, 729-seat school proposed for the northwest corner of the Thomas Jefferson site. The site is park land directly adjacent to the Middle School and Community Center, and already houses the Theater and Community Garden.

Some vocal neighbors who have attended and spoken at PFRC meetings convinced the panel to think twice about certain aspects of the concept design. For example, support has grown for placing all the new structured parking completely underground, instead of building a sprawling parking structure that rises above grade and occupies most of the acreage.

As neighbors and PFRC appointees came to realize that placing all parking underground could avoid unsightly walls and fencing and also preserve existing green lawns and trees —allowing students to play on natural surfaces at-grade instead of on synthetic surface on top of a parking garage — PFRC support grew for fully underground parking. When the committee voted on the concept design, a number of appointees voted to further explore all-underground parking. APS has promised the School Board it would do so.

At the most recent BLPC/PFRC meeting on July 27, the architects presented a new option for consideration. "Option C" places all parking underneath the school building. The July 25 Staff Report stated that fully underground parking "may improve the urban design, security, and views to the site." Option C was a welcome response to community concerns about a lack of natural outdoor recreational space that would preserve most of the real grass and existing trees. APS, however, shrank that option's outdoor recreation space by proposing to widen South Old Glebe Road eastward to allow a long line of cars to queue up as parents drop off and pick up their kids.

Transportation concerns also received attention at the July 27 meeting, particularly as to South Second, South Old Glebe, and 1<sup>st</sup> Road South.

Transportation concerns primarily stem from the greater number of students expected to be driven to school rather than walking or bicycling to this site at the northern edge of the neighborhood it purports to serve. Pedestrian-crossing challenges are especially acute all along South Second, from Irving to South Old Glebe.

Another aspect of the concept design to which alert neighbors and committee members have managed to draw critical attention are the zoning implications. The proposed building and all its sprawling facilities violate current zoning requirements, according to the July 25 County Staff Report.

For example, the proposed building height is three and four stories, at heights from 45 to 65 feet. The Staff Report states, "The current zoning requirements would not support a school project at this height, on this site."

In addition, the proposed setback distances "appear inconsistent with" the zoning requirements. The Staff Report states, "The current zoning requirements would not support a school project at these setbacks, on this site."

To address these zoning inconsistencies, the County would have to amend the ordinances governing height, setback and parking requirements. The Staff Report states, "Staff will conduct a public process to develop amendments to strategically allow the County Board authority to modify specific regulations...in a manner sensitive to existing and planned adjacent development.

This process is in its initial stages and public review will begin in the fall of 2016." Neighbors will monitor any such effort to amend zoning ordinances to cram more buildings onto the TJ site.

The Staff Report also emphasizes that additional pedestrian crossings would be needed from South Old Glebe and 1st Rd. S., and that traffic improvements are needed at those intersections as well as 2nd St. S. and associated intersections. Tree conservation and replacement are additional recommendations described in the Staff Report.

An open question remains as to whether covenants might prevent the building of a school on the site. When the site was originally transferred from private land to park land, covenants may have accompanied the transfer documents, specifying that the site remain park land in perpetuity. A County Board member is now looking into it, and neighbors are performing research.

After the BLPC and PFRC processes are considered "complete," APS will still need to file for a use permit for the proposed new school. The County Board considers use permits.

Thanks to all neighbors who have weighed in on the proposed new school so far. Please keep your comments coming at the Public Comments site (see below) and/or directly to the County Board: [countyboard@arlingtonva.us](mailto:countyboard@arlingtonva.us). You can also email individual County Board members directly, as follows:

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## COMMUNITY MEETING ON TJ TRAFFIC SET FOR AUG. 10

As we have navigated the facilities planning process for the new elementary school at Thomas Jefferson these last several months, many Arlington Heights residents have brought forth concerns regarding transportation improvements for the school and, more broadly, the surrounding neighborhoods.

In the interest of hearing and addressing those concerns, the County will host a community meeting at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School Library at 6 pm Aug. 10. Staff from our Transportation planning and operations teams will share information on the different projects underway in the neighborhood, such as the new elementary school, as well other programs and funding mechanisms for traffic improvements. They will also be available for comments and questions on a number of topics with a focus on locations closer to the Thomas Jefferson site, including but not limited to:

- Speeds through the neighborhood, including how speed standards are set and monitored
- Congestion and safety at 2nd Street and Old Glebe
- Wrong way traffic on 1st Road South
- Traffic access from Old Glebe to Route 50

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Mason Kushnir, aide to county board member Katie

Cristol, at [mkushnir@arlingtonva.us](mailto:mkushnir@arlingtonva.us). If you are unable to attend, please send any questions to Mason for a written response following the meeting.



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## GET YOUR GROOVE ON FOR THE RETRO ARLINGTON COUNTY FAIR

This year marks the Arlington County Fair's 40th birthday, so get your groove on and come on down.

The fair runs from Wednesday, Aug. 17, through Sunday, Aug. 21, with a '70s-theme parade on Saturday, Aug. 20.

Fair organizers will host a short ribbon-cutting and cake ceremony at 5 p.m. that Wednesday to kick off the fair, and host a cornhole tournament at 6 p.m. Cornhole is the popular picnic game in which participants toss small beanbags into wooden boxes with cut-out holes. Fun for all ages guaranteed!

Fair organizers welcome your suggestions for other activities that the neighborhood would enjoy – send suggestions to Molly Calkins and she'll share them with fair organizers.

The second annual Arlington County Fair **parade** is scheduled for that Saturday. This is your chance to get your bell-bottoms and tie-dyes out of the closet and join your neighbors starting at 10 a.m. at the Career Center and heading down S. Highland and then 2nd St S.

Organizers welcome AHCA to include walkers in the parade, so please let AHCA President Molly Calkins know if you'd like to participate on behalf of the neighborhood.

As for parking restrictions during the fair, organizers have extended the restricted parking area to include S. Highland Street from 2nd Street S. to 6th Street S. and S. Hudson Street from Arlington Boulevard to 2nd Street S.

Fair organizers are mailing out parking passes to all residents located within the restricted parking zone, to include instructions on displaying the parking permit, whom to call if a resident is ticketed in error, and whom to call for additional parking passes. To avoid ticketing, these passes must be displayed in tandem with any other residential

parking passes. Guest passes cannot be used for on-street parking during the fair. Information on required County residential permit passes can be found at

<https://transportation.arlingtonva.us/parking/residential-permit-parking/>.

The fair has two new activities this year: A selfie booth in memory of fair family member Terrance Miller, to encourage you to make your own photographic memories; and a daily “find the disco ball” contest. Visit the fair web site at

<http://arlingtoncountyfair.us/entertainment/> to learn more and read the photo of the day contest rules.

At our last AHCA board meeting, fair organizers recommended that we have a civic association member volunteer on the Fair Board. Interested? You can get an application on the fair's website:

<http://arlingtoncountyfair.us/volunteer/become-a-board-member/>

### Fast facts about the fair

- Admission: free
- Dates: Aug. 17 - 21
- Activities include everyone's favorites at the **Outdoor Stage** and **Indoor Stage**, some fun activities on the **Turf Field** and the **Kid's Court**, racing pigs, pony rides, and Cows-N-Corn milking demonstrations, as well as the famous **Harlem Wizards**.
- And, of course, **great rides and games throughout the midway!**
- **Safety first:** On Friday and Saturday nights, there will be 10 additional police officers present; and you can always call the police non-emergency line if you see someone illegally parked during the Fair.
- For more information, visit the fair web site at <http://arlingtoncountyfair.us/>

## ELECTION 2016: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The next General Election date is **Tuesday, November 8**. Polling place hours are 6 a.m.- 7 p.m.

On the ballot this year: Candidates for the 8<sup>th</sup> congressional district, one County Board seat and two School Board seats, as well as two Virginia Constitutional amendments and four County bond questions. Oh, yeah, and there's a president and vice-president of the United States to choose.

**All Virginia voters must show a photo ID when they go to the polls or apply for an absentee ballot in person.**

Acceptable photo IDs include:

- A Virginia driver's license or DMV ID card
  - Any ID issued by the U.S. Government, Virginia Government or any Virginia local government, provided it contains a photograph. Examples include:
    - Passport
    - Military ID
    - Naturalization certificate
    - TSA Global Entry card
  - An employer photo ID with photograph
  - A student ID card, with photograph, from any Virginia college, university, or private school
- If you do not have any of the above forms of ID, you can obtain a FREE photo ID, for voting purposes only, at the Office of Voter Registration (2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320 / 703-228-3456).

If you forget to bring ID to the polls, you can vote a provisional ballot, but that ballot will not be counted unless you provide the Electoral Board a copy of your valid ID by no later than noon on the Friday after the election.

**More information:**

<https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2013/09/Photo-ID-QA.pdf>

## ¡EN SUS MARCAS, LISTOS ... VOTAN!

Las *próximas elecciones se celebrarán* Martes, 8 de Noviembre.

El día de las elecciones, todas las urnas en Arlington están abiertas desde 6 a.m. hasta 7 p.m.

Desde hace el 1 de julio de 2014, los votantes de Virginia deben mostrar una identificación con fotografía:

- Licencia de conducir válida de Virginia o tarjeta de identificación de DMV;
- Identificación emitida por el gobierno de EE.UU., gobierno de Virginia, u otro gobierno local de Virginia, siempre que tenga fotografía;
- Identificación de empleador con fotografía;
- Tarjeta de identificación estudiantil válida con fotografía de una facultad o universidad de Virginia.

Usted *también* puede obtener una identificación con fotografía gratis, solo para votar, poniéndose en contacto con la Oficina de Registro de Votantes (2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320 / 703-228-3456).

Si se olvida de traer la identificación a los comicios, podrá emitir un voto provisorio, pero ese voto solo será contado si entrega a la Junta Electoral una copia de su identificación válida antes del mediodía del día viernes posterior a la elección.

Más información:

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## GREEN GARDENING: THE LEAST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Despite what a lot of people believe, winter is not the worst time in the garden. No, in my opinion at least, the worst time of year in the garden is right now. July and August can be brutally hot as well as dreadfully dry. Our plants are turning brown or developing powdery mildew. Roses may have lost most of their leaves due to black spot.

As much as our expensive, pampered ornamentals are suffering in this weather, the weeds are having a great time. Everything from bindweed and dock to porcelain berry and pokeweed is blasting ahead.

So what do we do? I highly recommend my technique: Marry someone who likes to get up really early and water the plants before the day gets too hot. If that won't work for you, then you just have to do it yourself. Water your garden in the early morning. The sun will come along and dry the plant leaves, which will help keep the fungus problems under control; watering at night just adds to the humidity and makes those problems worse.

For trees and shrubs, water slow and deep. The easiest way to do this is to put the hose on the ground right at the roots of the plant and turn the water on so that it very slowly soaks the soil. This gets the water where it's needed and encourages the plant's roots to go deeper into the ground in search of that water. If a plant is shallow-rooted, it's much more likely to die in a drought.

Plants in pots and hanging baskets are going to need a LOT of watering right now, maybe even twice-daily dousings, to keep them going. It may be worth moving those pots and baskets from sunny positions to more shady areas during the hottest days.

As you do all this watering, please be conscious of not wasting water! Don't turn on the sprinkler and leave it to water the sidewalk. Don't water things that are in full sunlight in the heat of the day. The sidewalk doesn't need the water and the sun will just evaporate the water you put on plants in direct sun.

This is not the time to do a lot of planting; save that for cooler fall days, which are ideal for getting most woody plants and perennials in the ground. They will have time to get their roots growing happily before winter sets in.

Take advantage of any cooler days (or times of day) to get out the worst of the weeds. They will grow at astonishing rates if not yanked out now, especially the vines (bindweed, greenbriar, poison ivy, etc.)

Taking a few minutes at a time to pull even a few stray weeds or give a drink to a dried-out plant will make your fall gardening that much easier. In the meantime, just try to get through the hot, hot days and muggy nights until fall brings in some blessedly cooler air...and gardening can be fun again!

*Green Gardening is a new column on – you guessed it – green gardening from Master Gardener and newsletter layout artist Rebecca Mashaw, a 22-year resident of Arlington Heights. Contact her to pitch future column ideas at [rmashaw@comcast.net](mailto:rmashaw@comcast.net)*

*If you have other column ideas with a local flavor you'd like to see in your favorite neighborhood newsletter, please contact Over the Fence editor Julian Pecquet at [jpecquet@yahoo.com](mailto:jpecquet@yahoo.com)*



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## ANIMAL AFFAIRS: WILDLIFE SAFETY TIPS

Summer is here, and that means plenty of tabloid stories about animal attacks. Chances are pretty slim you'll run into a shark or a bear in Arlington Heights (except maybe on Halloween), but our urban area does contain a wildlife footprint encompassing a wide range of animals, including deer, raccoons, foxes, bats and mice. Often these animals have been displaced from their homes due to development and construction. The focus of this edition of Animal Affairs is to address common causes of wildlife encroachment and aggression, ways to discourage it and what to do if approached or attacked.

I had the good fortune recently of speaking with Bonnie Bryant, an Animal Control Officer with Arlington County. She named raccoons as the number one wildlife animal involved in mix-ups with humans. The main reason a raccoon may attack is to protect their young. If they have newborns or young and we unknowingly approach them, they will attack. According to Officer Bryant, these are "hit and run" incidents where they will attack and then retreat. The main reason a raccoon or opossum may enter your yard is if there is open trash. This is a more common invitation for wildlife to come visit that one might imagine.


There are several things you can do to discourage wildlife from approaching you or your home. The easiest thing is to completely enclose all trash in bags or bins. Drilling holes in the sides of the garbage can to secure bungee cords over the lids is helpful, too – but if you're using a County-provided cart, check with them first! If your house has a chimney, make sure it has a chimney cap in place. Seal all cracks in the house, particularly around attic spaces and basement windows. There is a product called a ScareCrow Motion Activated Animal Repellent that is a clever way to keep wildlife out of your yard. It basically attaches to your hose and has a motion sensor that sprays water when it is triggered. Officer Bryant said that many people reported back to her that it helped control the wildlife population in their yards.

If you find yourself in a situation where you feel threatened or think an animal is about to attack you,

call Animal Control. Avoid the impulse to run – back away slowly and assess the situation. Look for any large object to place between you and the animal – sticks, garden hoses etc. Never approach a wild animal, especially if it appears sick, injured or intoxicated – call Animal Control. Should you happen to get bitten, seek medical attention immediately.


A great resource regarding local wildlife can be found at [www.awla.org](http://www.awla.org). Click on the Animal Control tab and then select Arlington Wildlife. Thanks again to Office Bonnie Bryant for her contributions to this article, and I hope everyone has a wonderful remainder of the summer!

*Animal Affairs is a regular column from Dr. Frederick Jones and our friends at Arlington Animal Hospital.*



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## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SCORES LIGHTING VICTORY, BATTLES FOR SAFER STREETS

At the last quarterly meeting of the Arlington Heights Civic Association in May, Eileen Janas generously volunteered to represent Arlington Heights as our new delegate to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC). She had already been devoting considerable time as a delegate to the Civic Federation, and now serves in both roles. Bravo, Eileen!

Eileen hit the ground running as our new NCAC rep, scoring a major success for our neighborhood by securing funding for a streetlights project we'd long been waiting for. As a result, the County will install streetlights on 5<sup>th</sup> Street S. from Glebe Rd. to S. Jackson.

### **FEED YOUR BRAIN— AND WIN PRIZES! — WITH ARLINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY**

This summer, Arlington Public Library system offers you a chance to read great books, win prizes and help restore Haiti's Petit-Goave library through its summer reading program. Sign up by Saturday, Aug. 20 and open up a whole new world of discoveries.

#### ***New for 2016:***

- Simpler Online Registration. **Children 12 and under register with a parent or guardian's permission.**
- Track Your Reading Online. **Or use the printed log.**
- Optional Weekly Book Recommendations for Kids Age 0-12. **Summer Reading 2016 is powered by Beanstack, our popular book recommendation service.**

**For more information:**

**<http://library.arlingtonva.us/a-z-list/summer-reading/>**

We also nominated a new project for NCAC funding, involving traffic safety improvements. The proposal calls for speed humps, an elevated crosswalk at the Old Glebe intersection, improved signage, and intersection modifications on and around 1st Rd. S. between Glebe and Old Glebe. The goal is to calm currently dangerous traffic patterns on and near that narrow, one-way residential street, especially around school departures and arrivals.

Traffic hazards include speeding; high-speed, sweeping turns from Glebe onto 1<sup>st</sup> Rd. due to an unnecessarily wide intersection; and wrong-way driving - even from school and city buses! - that all add up to a major safety threat to the residents on that street, including 15 children under the age of 10. Thanks to Alec Strong and his 1<sup>st</sup> Rd. neighbors for putting together a polished proposal signed by virtually every adult resident or property owner on that street.

*If you have any neighborhood improvements you'd like AHCA to get behind, please contact Eileen Janas at [emjmls@gmail.com](mailto:emjmls@gmail.com)*

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## ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Here's the latest on the three transportation projects currently planned for the neighborhood, courtesy of our friends at Arlington County Department of Environmental Services / Division of Transportation

### **S. Fillmore St. near Arlington Blvd.:**

Construction has recently begun and will consist of three phases, starting in the 5<sup>th</sup> Street South intersection area and proceeding north to Arlington Blvd. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, completion is anticipated to be in the Fall.

#### **Anticipated Construction Impacts:**

- Construction duration: approx. 6-8 weeks
- Construction Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Fillmore Street lane closures: 1 lane of traffic will be open at all times during working hours
- Pedestrian access will be maintained
- Access to bus stops and shelters will be maintained
- County will work to minimize blockage to private driveway access

Questions? Contact the County's Construction Manager, Mannan Qureshi, at [mqureshi@arlingtonva.us](mailto:mqureshi@arlingtonva.us)

#### **Project website:**

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/south-fillmore-st-arlington-blvd-to-5th-street-s/>

### **Arlington Blvd. and Irving St. Intersection:**

This project is still in the contracting phase for construction, which requires ongoing coordination with the Virginia

Department of Transportation (VDOT). Arlington staff have little control over how quickly this process moves, but are hopeful the contract will be up for bid in the fall, which will then be followed by approval of the contract by the County Board.

#### **Project website:**


<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/arlington-blvd-irving-st-intersection-improvements/>

**S. Walter Reed Drive Complete Street:** No major updates. Still in design - working on incorporation of both community, Arlington Public Schools, and internal staff comments. The next phase of design plans are anticipated to be ready in the Fall.

**Location:** S. Walter Reed Drive from 5<sup>th</sup> Street S. to 9<sup>th</sup> Road S.

#### **Project website:**

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/south-walter-reed-drive-complete-street/>



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If you plan to be away from your home for some time, the Arlington Police Department reminds you to make sure your home looks lived in, not empty. Here are some tips:

- Lock all windows and doors. Double check basement and garage doors before you leave.
- Stop mail and cancel all deliveries, or ask a friend to make daily collections.
- Hide empty garbage cans.
- Leave shades and blinds in normal positions.
- Put an automatic timer on several lights and the radio.
- Have a neighbor keep your property maintained.
- Store valuables in a safe deposit box.
- Tell a trusted neighbor your departure and return dates. Supply an itinerary with phone numbers where you can be reached in an emergency.
- Don't indicate on your voicemail or social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.) that you are away.

### **2016 AHCA MEMBERSHIP**

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Please take this opportunity to renew your AHCA membership. Residential memberships are \$20 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 listserv, 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. It's easy—and free! Send an email to [ahca-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ahca-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

## DON'T MISS OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT WITH THE CPRO!

The Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization is hosting open-air movie nights at 8:30 p.m. every Thursday and Saturday this summer, at Arlington Mill and Penrose Square, respectively.

Limited seating is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis at each location. You are encouraged to bring your own chair.

In case of inclement weather please check <http://columbia-pike.org/movienights/>, the CPRO's Facebook page or its Twitter feed [@ArlingtonCPRO](https://twitter.com/ArlingtonCPRO) to find about a potential cancellation, typically by 3 p.m. the day of the screening.

Here's the schedule:

### Thursdays @ Arlington Mill

August 11: Kung Fu Panda 3  
 August 18: Maze Runner: Scorch Trials  
 August 25: The Sandlot  
 September 1: The Peanuts Movie  
 September 8: Brooklyn  
 September 15: He Named Me Malala

### Saturdays @ Penrose Square

August 13: All That Jazz  
 August 20: The Devil Wears Prada  
 August 27: The Princess Bride  
 September 3: Spotlight  
 September 10: That Sugar Film  
 September 17: Water

And don't forget the Farmer's Market, every Sunday starting at 9 a.m. in Pike Park in front of the Rite Aid.

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