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FROM THE
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS CIVIC
ASSOCIATION

FALL 2017

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QUARTERLY
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TUESDAY,
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AHCA FALL MEETING: FEATURED GUEST CAPT. QUIGLEY, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ELECTIONS

Join us for AHCA's quarterly meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the library of Patrick Henry Elementary.

Our featured guest will be Capt. Adrienne Quigley of the Arlington County Police Department. Capt. Quigley is our beat captain, in charge of District 3, which includes Arlington Heights and surrounding neighborhoods. She has been with ACPD since 1996, and is a real asset to our community. Capt. Quigley will update us on issues affecting our area and seasonal crime prevention advice. She will also field questions from residents.



Capt. Quigley

AHCA ELECTIONS

Following our conversation with Capt. Quigley, we will hold elections for AHCA officers. All positions are up for election: president, treasurer, secretary, 1st vice president, and 2nd vice president. Serving as an officer of the civic association is a great way to get to know your neighbors and the businesses within and around Arlington Heights; receive early notice of issues affecting our neighborhood, schools, and the county; and have a voice in civic priorities and decisions. Residents of Arlington Heights who are dues-paid members of the civic association are eligible to run for AHCA office. Descriptions of each office are included in AHCA's bylaws, available online at <http://www.ahca.info/about/bylaws>.

The current Executive Committee (listed below) is accepting nominations, and we welcome you to contact us about any officer role.

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FALL AT PATRICK HENRY

Welcome back to school! We have had a great first two months and are excited for the year ahead. The Patrick Henry community has been busy with a variety of school-wide events. In early September we gathered at our annual Back-to-School Picnic. We loved having the opportunity to meet and catch up with members of the Henry community.

We were also thrilled to see so many families at Back to School Night in mid-September. On October 13, we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with our annual Hispanic Heritage Night Celebration. The students did a wonderful job singing and dancing. On October 31, the Henry community participated in our Halloween Parade and Walk for the Homeless. We hope you are were able to join us for this fun event.

A few days ago our students completed their PTA-sponsored annual Read-A-Thon. Our students are wonderful readers and devoted a lot of time to reading. We are so proud of their efforts! We are anxiously awaiting the final tally to determine if Mrs. Turner will kiss the pig!

In the next few months, students will have the opportunity to participate in multiple assemblies that support and enhance the curriculum. We also have many evening events coming up including an ESOL/HILT Family Literacy Night, Academic Night, and our Winter Concert. We hope to see you at one or all of these events.

During the months of November and December there will be many opportunities for Henry families to donate to and support those in need. Please see the school newsletter for more information about these community giving opportunities. We are so fortunate to have such a generous community.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Autumn is a fabulous time of year in the garden—cooler weather, fewer bugs, warm soil for new plants. After a pretty good summer for rain, we hit a dry spell that only recently broke with a good day of rain; we could still use some more.

Still, this is a great time of year for planting perennials and especially woody plants such as shrubs and trees. They will still have time to put down their roots and get established before we get a hard freeze. Make sure to water them in well and keep watering when the weather is dry until the ground freezes.

It's important to check information on your plants, though; some perennials—for instance, Shasta daisies—do NOT like fall planting and hate being divided this time of year. Wait until spring.

This is of course also the great season for planting bulbs. There are so many beautiful, colorful bulbs to plant for spring and early summer blooms, and again, while the ground remains unfrozen, you

A GREAT TIME IN THE GARDEN

BY REBECCA MASHAW

can absolutely keep planting. In addition to the traditional crocuses, tulips and daffodils, look for some of the less common types that can add interest from late winter on: scilla (Siberian squill), chionodoxa, grape hyacinth, the fragrant Dutch hyacinth, snowdrops (galanthus) that will sometimes peek up through the melting snow in January, many types of irises and much more. Look online, in catalogs or wander through a good garden center; you'll be amazed at the variety of bulbs you will find that you may never have heard of before.

For you vegetable gardeners, it is late to start any new crops of cool-season veggies but if you have lettuces, kale, broccoli, spinach and other greens, you may find that you can keep them going well into the winter. If it's a milder winter they may not need much help; if it's harsher, row covers or cold frames can help keep you in fresh greens, cruciferous veggies and cold-season squashes for months to come.

If you're not a cool-season vegetable gardener, this is the perfect time to prep your beds for next year. Pull out any remaining plants as they die off; discard those with signs of powdery mildew, fungus or leaf diseases. You can plant "green manure" or cover crops like red clover, or simply apply a thick layer of leaf mulch and let it break down over the winter. Come spring, you can till the mulch in and start the season with a rich, well-amended soil.

This is also the perfect time to clean, sharpen, and oil your garden tools and put them to bed in good condition, to prevent rusting over the winter. If you use organic amendments such as bone meal, blood meal, and other products from animal sources, be sure to store those, as well as any seeds, in sturdy metal or glass containers to prevent mice and voles from making a meal out of them in your garden shed.

Give your existing woody plants some good long soaks before the cold sets in, too, and a top dressing of mulch or compost to tuck them in well for a long winter's nap.



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CAREER SITE UPDATE

BY EVAN FARLEY

As you may be aware, the Arlington County School Board approved the Arlington Public School (APS) superintendent's recommendation to provide 1,300 additional high school seats by 2022. The recommendation proposed the addition of 500-600+ seats through a renovation of the Education Center and 700-800+ seats through an addition to the Career Center. The School Board also directed the superintendent to include options for a fourth comprehensive high school in the upcoming capital improvement budgeting process (known as the "CIP").

Subsequent to that, APS staff proposed revisiting the Career Center site as a fourth high school and asked two county advisory committees for feedback. Those two committees are the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC; an advisory body that provides input to the county and School Boards on capital facilities needs assessment and planning) and the Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC; and advisory council that assists the School Board in the review of school facilities and capital improvements).

In the joint School and County Board work session on October 17, JFAC and FAC noted an opportunity to analyze the Career Center site in a more comprehensive process to evaluate how best to optimize the site within the context of all APS high schools and the broader Arlington community. JFAC and FAC also recommended the establishment of a Joint Career Center Working Group (JCCWG) with the short term goal to:

- determine how the Career Center site could provide 2,200 seats or more by September 2022; and
- determine how to optimize the height, massing, building placement, open space, site circulation, and traffic impacts.
- Also, in the longer term (2022 and beyond), if APS determines that a fourth high school can be accommodated, determine a timeline and which

facilities and amenities would be needed to support that transition, among other things.

Depending upon what is recommended (and ultimately agreed to and financed), the redevelopment of the Career Center site (and potentially the surrounding parcels to the south) is a critical juncture for the future of the Pike corridor and could have a profound influence on the Pike for decades.

As Arlington Heights residents we have a strong interest in the future of this site, and we encourage all of you to stay engaged during this process. You can do so by signing up for the listserv and monitoring AHCA and resident updates, visiting the APS engagement site (<https://www.apsva.us/engage/>), and communicating with AHCA officers and your County and School Board members.

You are also encouraged to attend formal APS and School Board meetings and work sessions or events. Thanks, for example, to those who attended the October 3 work session with the School Board Chair Barbara Kanninen and Vice Chair Reid Goldstein, and special thanks to Megan Haydasz for organizing the event.

READ THE STATEMENT FROM THE PIKE PRESIDENTS' GROUP ON THE JCCWG ON PAGE 7.





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MEET CANDIDATE FOR AHCA PRESIDENT KRISTI SAWERT

Kristi Rupert Sawert is running for Arlington Heights Civic Association president. She is a 16-year resident of Arlington Heights and has three children, the two oldest of whom attend Patrick Henry Elementary.

If elected, Kristi looks forward to advocating for the interests of our neighborhood.

**DON'T FORGET TO COME TO THE NOVEMBER 14
AHCA QUARTERLY MEETING AT THE PATRICK HENRY
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FLEET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FROM THE ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2017

This is the second of what will be monthly updates on the status and progress of construction for the project. The monthly updates will also be posted to the project website and can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.apsva.us/design-and-construction/new-elementary-school-jefferson-site/>

Weather has been favorable this summer and early fall and construction is progressing well on the project. Since the last update, the contractor has completed all safety fencing and gates on the perimeter of the work site, installed the erosion and sediment controls, completed set up of their field offices and on-site parking areas, and cleared the site.

In early August we received our Excavation, Shoring, & Shoring (ESS) permit, allowing excavation of the two-story underground garage to commence. The Support of Excavation (SOE) subcontractor mobilized shortly after the ESS permit was issued. Between the end of summer school in early August and the start of the regular school year in early September, the SOE subcontractor was able to set all of the approximately 100 shoring piles. The pile driving was a fairly loud process, and was scheduled during the break between the end of summer school and the start of the regular school year in September to be least disruptive to school activities as possible.

In late August, once pile driving was nearing completion, the excavation subcontractor mobilized to start excavating the garage and trucking the excess soil off site.

Currently, the SOE subcontractor is working in concert with the excavation subcontractor to install lagging boards between the shoring piles as the excavation progress downward to the bottom level of the garage. The SOE subcontractor is also installing tie-backs at the shoring piles. Tie-backs are the primary means of bracing the shoring piles, allowing them to support the earth outside the excavation. Once the tie-backs are installed, they are load tested to ensure they can

support the load that is introduced to the piles once the soil on the garage side of the piles is excavated. The full excavation of the garage is about a two-and-a-half month process and is scheduled to be fully complete in mid- to late November.

The geothermal well field subcontractor is scheduled to start drilling of the well field within the next week or so. The well field consists of 72 wells, in six circuits of 12 wells each. Each well will be drilled to a depth of approximately 560 feet. The geothermal wells are part of the geothermal heating and cooling system for the school, and will contribute greatly to the project's net-zero energy goals by reducing energy use for heating and cooling.

In order to start building the garage structure, a Footing to Grade (FTG) permit is required. We are targeting securing this permit in mid-November. Once we have our FTG permit and the excavation is sufficiently progressed, the structural concrete subcontractor will mobilize to the site to commence with garage footings and foundations.

Please contact me with any questions you may have in regard to this update:

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Rendering of the new Fleet Elementary School

STATEMENT FROM THE PIKE PRESIDENTS' GROUP ON THE JCCWG

Chair Kanninen and Members of the School Board:

Chair Fiset and Members of the County Board:

The Pike Presidents' Group (PPG) would like to give our feedback on the Draft Joint Career Center Working Group (JCCWG) Charge as presented on 17 October 2017.

While we are generally pleased with the broad scope of the charge, we feel it is important to strongly emphasize some key issues and concerns. The redevelopment of the Career Center site and the surrounding parcels represents a critical juncture for the future of the Pike corridor. Simply put, what the JCCWG and the Arlington community does with the site will have a profound influence on the Pike for at least the next fifty years. We simply cannot afford to get this wrong. To that end, the PPG requests and proposes:

- That the JCCWG include broad representation of local interests as well as professional staff from both APS and the County. While the proposed membership is positioned in this direction, we specifically request an additional seat for the PPG itself to represent the broader Pike constituency.
- That the JCCWG strongly review options to acquire the properties bounded by S Garfield St, S Highland St and 9th St S, exclusive of the AT&T Building. Integrating these properties into the overall site plan provides critical frontage on the Pike itself as well the opportunity for better traffic

circulation to and from the Pike. Extending S Garfield St through to 9th St S along the west side of the AT&T property would achieve the County's long-term goal of realigning S Highland St.

- That the JCCWG respect the spirit of the FBC by massing larger buildings, including a new library, to the south of the parcel along the Pike while tapering massing to the north adjacent to residential areas.
- That the JCCWG be co-chaired by a representative from the schools community and a representative with a strong background in the community concerns of the Pike neighborhoods.

More broadly, the PPG sees the Career Center site as a unique opportunity to provide better services and facilities for the underserved 40% of the County who reside in South Arlington. Shared use of facilities after hours (meeting rooms, swimming pools, athletic fields, etc) is critical. Providing opportunities for long-term public-private partnerships with local universities and other educational providers could transform the site into an educational hub that would bolster the Pike as well as draw from the entire County and the DMV at large.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these observations. The PPG looks forward to working with JCCWG, APS, and the County to achieve a plan that will serve all our needs in the decades ahead.

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Arlington Career Center entrance along S. Walter Reed Drive (top). Aerial view of Career Center site (bottom).

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We would also like to thank the many local businesses who help make this newsletter and our social events possible every year.

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FARMERS MARKET: Remember our local farmers market every Sunday at 9 a.m. in front of the Rite Aid at Columbia Pike and S. Walter Reed Dr.

FAMILY NIGHTS @ THE MILL: Family Nights @ the Mill are free, drop-in programs for families that take place from 7-9 p.m. on the first Friday of every month at Arlington Mill Community Center. Upcoming Family Nights include:

- December 1—Winter Wonderland Family Night
- January 5—Blast from the Past Family Night
- February 2—Red Carpet Movie Night

FAMILIES UNPLUGGED: Families Unplugged workshops are small registered programs where families get to learn a skill from an expert facilitator. Families Unplugged workshops run one Saturday per month at Arlington Mill Community Center. Upcoming Families Unplugged events include:

- December 16—Gingerbread House Decorating
- January 27—Puppet Playtime
- February 24—Valentine's Paint & Play

Volunteers are also needed to staff these family events.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT SATURDAYS: Live DJ, moon bounces and fun. What else could a family need for an adventurous Saturday night? Thomas Jefferson Community Center hosts Family Skate Night Saturdays, 6:15-9 p.m. now through March 24 (No skate on November 25, December 23 and 30 due to holidays). Only \$2 to enter and \$3 to rent skates (cash only!).

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: Parents, need a night out? Then sign your child up for an evening of games, art, and fun at Walter Reed Community Center while you get me-time. Program runs monthly now through May 11. \$25 per child, ages 4-11 welcome.

OPEN BOUNCE: Have an active child 3-9 years old who loves to bounce? Bounce on over to Madison Community Center for Open Bounce Saturday mornings now through March 24. Choose a session (9:30-10:30 a.m. or 10:45-11:45 a.m.) and register for just \$3 per child.

IN THE GARDEN OF LIVE FLOWERS: See this play by Attilio Favorini and Lynne Conner performed by Wakefield High students on December 3, 4, 9, and 10 at 7 p.m.

ARTFUL WEEKEND AT FT. CF SMITH: A popular pre-holiday event in the Arlington community, this weekend art show and sale features the work of 40 Arlington-based artists, and includes paintings, ceramics, sculpture, artists cards, unframed works and more. The opening reception will be held on Friday, Nov. 17 from 6-8 p.m. The show will also be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, November 18, and noon-4 p.m. on Sunday, November 19.