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Community News & Views

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THE 2021 GREEN VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE!

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What is a Civic Association?

A civic association is a group of citizens who have voluntarily joined together for collective action on community affairs. In general, its objectives are to preserve, enhance, and plan for the orderly development of the neighborhood and to promote the general welfare, safety and civic spirit of the community.

Why Should You Be a Member of the Civic Association?

If you live in Green Valley, you are privileged to be in one of the finest communities in Northern Virginia. Why? There are a lot of great places to live but Green Valley's rich history and close proximity combined with new and exciting changes coming to the community certainly makes it a sought-after destination by many others who wish they could live here. There is a certain amount of pride and admiration exhibited by those who live here in Green Valley, those who want to make a real difference in our community.

The best way to do that is to renew your membership or join the Green Valley Civic Association (GVCA) and get involved. The cost of membership is minimal, *just \$12 per year for an individual membership!*

What's In It For Me?

Members of the GVCA enjoy voting rights, updates on Community events, eligibility for annual scholarship and discounted vendor fees at community events. Most importantly your involvement plays a significant role in fostering harmonious relationships among neighbors and serves as an important link in the community.

How Do I Renew My Membership?

You have several options to renew your membership or join GVCA if you're not currently a member:

- → Via Paypal on our website at <u>www.greenvalleyciv.org</u> (please note future annual renewals will automatically deduct from your account)
- → Mail payment to Green Valley Civic Association PO Box 6361 Arlington, VA 22206.

COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

AFAC Food Distribution To get groceries on a weekly basis, call the **Department of Human Services Community Assistance Bureau (DHS CAB) at 703-228-1300**. An intake worker will enroll you in the AFAC grocery program and may assess your needs for other social services. If you have a child at the Arlington Public Schools, contact your school social worker for a referral.

Capital Area Food Bank: The Capital Area Food Bank's VA Community Marketplace at Arlington Mill Community Center (909 S. Dinwiddie St., Arlington, VA 22204) will be open to all residents in need of food assistance on the 3rd **Saturday, of the month, at 9 a.m.** The food bank will distribute pre-packed bags or boxes of fresh produce.

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ARLINGTON COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- No-cost COVID-19 testing. Sites do <u>not</u> require insurance, ID or a doctor's referral. Arlington County operates a free, walk-in clinic M-F 12-5 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center (909 S. Dinwiddie St.). Aurora Hills Community Center and Tucker Field at Barcroft Park sites offer electronic results within 72 hours. Visit web or call 703-912-7999 for information.
- Free flu shots. Call Arlington Public Health at 703-228-1200 for an appointment.
- Arlington County offers <u>food, financial and medical</u> assistance resources. For food, call 703-228-1300.



Talk to someone (877) VAX-IN-VA (877) 829-4682

https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/preregister.html

Send your news and information to us at Greenvalleyciv@gmail.com

ARLINGTON PARENTS FOR EDUCATION (APE)

Arlington Parents for Education (APE) is a volunteer-led, non-partisan coalition of parents, teachers, students, and community members dedicated to supporting a science-driven, safe, and responsible return to in-person education for the 2020-21 school year.

We see that safe, in-person learning is happening at public and private schools throughout the region and we want Arlington's children to have the same opportunities.

APE has been advocating since the summer for a safe reopening of Arlington Public Schools. Recently, APS announced return to school dates, but our advocacy is still not done:

Almost all students who have returned to the buildings already (called "Level One" students, generally those students with disabilities) are not actually being taught in person. Instead, they continue to watch an iPad while supervised by in-person staff. This is still distance learning, just sitting in a different place. (https://

www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/classroommonitors-in-person-learning/2021/02/06/cbdb6e8e-66f8-11eb-8c64-9595888caa15 story.html)

- •APS plans to use this same model, with teachers still teaching through a screen, for students as young as 3rd grade.
- •None of this is consistent with Virginia Department of Health (VDH) guidance, which says to prioritize students with disabilities, early learners, and English learners for inperson **instruction**, meaning teaching, even if community spread is high.

Arlington was the last district in Virginia to announce reopening dates, and we are concerned these dates are still contingent on subjective factors that are not required by VDH. https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/virginia-schools-open-march-15-
northam/2021/02/05/08b08f6a-67c6-11eb-8468-

northam/2021/02/05/08b08f6a-67c6-11eb-8468 21bc48f07fe5 story.html

Our community made the decision to prioritize teachers for the vaccine. Yet, even with the vaccine, we are concerned that APS will not open for full in-person instruction, five days a week, anytime soon -- even by next Fall.

If this is concerning to you as well please check out our website https://arlingtonparentsforeducation.org/ and sign up for our newsletter!

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CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION



- Visit www.mountzionbaptist.com and click ONLINE STREAMING.
- 2. Visit our Facebook page @themzbc and access our YouTube videos. YouTube videos can be replayed at any time after an initial airing of a service.
- 3. Listen to an audio recording of our most recent service by calling (844) 506-1020 (no access code needed).

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Sunday Morning Worship
Our Sunday, Worship Experience will be shifted to service online and through conference calling. There will be a condensed 45-minute service beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Facebook live and MBC YouTube channel.



Let's stay safely connected!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 24, 2021 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Green Valley's Earth Day Clean-Up

Saturday, May 15, 2021 - 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Green Valley Neighborhood Clean-Up Day

If you want to engage, please call (703) 486-0058 or send a message to greenvalleyciv@gmail.com.

Current immediate volunteer needs include the following:

Treasurer

Newsletter Publisher/Editor/Communications
John Robinson Town Square Work Group
Community Revitalization Organization
Membership Committee
Scholarship Committee

What Matters Most to Older Adults in Arlington?

We invite you to join the Arlington County Area Agency on Aging, the Aging and Disability Services Division and the Arlington Commission on Aging for the annual Community Engagement Forum on Aging Issues.

Join us virtually on Zoom on Monday, March 15 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. County Board member Libby Garvey will provide opening remarks, and Nora Super, Senior Director of the Milken Institute Center for the Future of Aging, will serve as the Keynote Speaker. Breakout sessions will focus on Connections, Equity and COVID: Lessons Learned and the Future. Please register in advance here.

Arlington County is developing a brand-new logo and needs your help! Learn more about the process and submit your idea by March 14. From now until Friday, March 14, submit what you think is a good logo concept for Arlington. Visit the logo submission page to read submission guidelines along with some ideas to get your creativity flowing.

This logo would replace the current seal and logo that currently depict Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial. The new logo aims to more accurately represent the values



Arlington County!

Share your logo idea by March 14. Learn more at arlingtonva.us/submit-logo



Minister Beatrice Thompson