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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KILLGO

Happy New Year High View Park Neighbors!

We have an exciting month with our first monthly meeting on the 23rd and the Centennial Celebration of Fire Station 8 on the 26th. I hope you will join us for both events.

Please check your membership status at the January meeting as over 100 memberships expired at the end of 2018. We want you involved and reaping the benefits of full membership in the Association. There are so many great opportunities to serve and support this organization that advocates for the welfare of our community.

Have a great month and I hope to see many of you soon!



JANUARY 23 MEETING AGENDA

We look forward to seeing you at our next regular meeting on January 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Langston Brown Community Center. The substantive Agenda is as follows:

- Executive Board Announcements
- President's Report – Wilma Jones Killgo
- By-Laws Committee – James Derrig
- Fire Station 8 Centennial Celebration – Tanya Graham
- Committee Reports
- New Business
- Working Groups – Committee Work



REMINDER: TREASURER NEEDED URGENTLY

The John M. Langston Citizens Association is in critical need of a Treasurer. According to the by-laws, the Treasurer's pertinent responsibilities include: serving as the custodian of JMLCA's funds; managing accounts payable and receivable; managing JMLCA's financial transactions; preparing financial reports and budgets; and completing necessary federal, state, and local forms.



Additionally, if you are interested in working on one of JMLCA's standing committees, please contact the Chairs listed below or Secretary Graham.

- Communications (Vice President Patel);
- Membership (Deborah Parker);
- Community Events and Hospitality (Tia Alfred);
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (Alexandra Bocian);
- Historical/Archive (Delegate Kirkland); and
- Bylaws (Sergeant-at-Arms Derrig).



REMINDER: FIRE STATION 8 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENT ON JANUARY 26, 2019

JMLCA is honoring the continuing legacy of Fire Station 8 by hosting the Centennial Celebration for Arlington County's Station 8 on January 26, 2019, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. The Celebration will be held at National Rural Electric Cooperative Association located at 4301 Wilson Boulevard. JMLCA looks forward to seeing its members at this important community event. If you have not yet secured your ticket, please RSVP through the following link: <https://bit.ly/fs8centennialcelebrationevite>.



It is not too late to donate to the creation of the Fire Station 8 Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to support Arlington County students, who seek to pursue a career in the fire service. For more information on sponsorship opportunities and financial support for the scholarship, please contact Secretary Graham.



MLK TRIBUTE AND DAY OF SERVICE EVENTS



Arlington County will celebrate Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy on Sunday, January 20, 2019, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Wakefield High School located at 1325 S. Dinwiddie Street. This annual event, which is now in its 50th year, will take the audience on Dr. King's journey through the civil rights movement and beyond. The event will be hosted by actor Christian Keyes, and the audience can expect to see the following: Outspoken Poetess (Audrey Perkins) performing her original work, "Stand;" Inspire Arts Collective performing to "Glory" by Common and John Legend; soloist Jackie Pate, singing an original work titled "Freedom," as well as a rendition of "Take My Hand, Precious Lord;" soloist James Gibson performing an a cappella version of "I've Been Buked and Scorned;" and Arlington resident Joy Gardner, performing a solo version of "A Change Is Gonna Come." The Hoffman-Boston All Star Chorus, led by Molly Haines, will perform "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Other participants will include Teen Network Board members, and winners of the Arlington Public Schools' MLK Literary and Visual Arts Contest.

The event is free and open to the public. Guests will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and overflow space with a live stream of the program will be available should the auditorium reach capacity. Guests are encouraged to bring non-perishable goods to donate to Arlington Food Assistance Center. To learn more about this annual event and to see the 2018 tribute video, please visit: <https://www.mlktribute.org/>

Volunteer Arlington will host its second annual county-wide MLK Day of Service event on Monday, January 21, 2019, from 8:30 a.m.-noon at Washington-Lee High School located at 1301 N. Stafford Street. Volunteer opportunities include service projects and volunteer training with local non-profit organizations. The event is free; however, registration is required. Online registration is available at: <https://volunteer.leadercenter.org/civicrm/event/register?id=17&reset=1>



COMMUNITY OUTREACH UNIT PRESENTATION – JANUARY 29, 2019

The Community Outreach Unit is responsible for engaging with the community, conducting seasonal donation drives, working proactively with businesses and commercial areas, and assisting with proactive patrol and crime

prevention initiatives. The Units are no longer able to facilitate meetings with individual community, civic, and homeowner associations; however, the Units are hosting North/South quarterly meetings. The North Community Outreach Unit meeting will be held on January 29, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Library Auditorium located at 1015 N. Quincy Street.

The Community Outreach teams offer the following safety presentations to community groups: Active Shooter Training; See Something, Say Something; and Risks, Hazards and Vulnerabilities in the House of Worship. The supervisor for the North Community Outreach Unit is Sergeant Tom Rakowski, and the North Team can be contacted at (703) 228-4184 or acpdoutreachnorth@arlingtonva.us.



FEEL THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL: FEBRUARY 23, 2019

Please mark your calendars for the Feel the Heritage Festival scheduled for February 23, 2019, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Drew Community Center. This annual Black History Month event celebrates Arlington's African American history and culture. For information on vendors, activities, entertainment, sponsorships, and the event generally, please visit the County's website at: <https://parks.arlingtonva.us/feel-the-heritage-festival/>.



CHRISTIAN DORSEY NAMED COUNTY BOARD 2019 CHAIR

At the January 2, 2019, Organizational Meeting, the County Board unanimously named Christian Dorsey its 2019 Chair. Mr. Dorsey has called for a focus on equity in County policies, both to "repair the damage that inattention to equity has already produced," and to ensure that going forward, County policies address disparities in health and wellness outcomes, educational achievement and "many indicators of one's ability to lead a secure and fulfilling life."

The Board also named Libby Garvey its Vice Chair. Ms. Garvey said her priorities include getting through "some tough budget years" by focusing on efficiencies and priorities.

Arlington's 2018 Year in Review video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLHmla0qVKw>. The annual report can be found at: <https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2018/12/2018-Arlington-County-Government-Annual-Report.pdf>



LET US KNOW: ARE YOU SERVING ON COMMISSIONS OR BOARDS?

Arlington County is blessed with having committed and active residents. Indeed, our County government relies on the hard work of its many civic-minded volunteer commissioners to help it make decisions that benefit our community. Please let us know if you are currently appointed to or serving on any Commissions or Boards. We would like to provide a comprehensive list in our February 2019 Newsletter.





ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP – DEADLINE JANUARY 28, 2019



The Arlington Community Foundation has a well-established Annual Scholarship Program that in 2018 awarded over \$550,000 in college scholarships to 72 students. In the past decade, the Arlington Community Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million to Arlington students attending college.

There are different scholarships with different criteria but only one application is required to be considered for all the available scholarships. Follow the following link to apply: <http://www.arlcf.org/scholarships/application/>

The Arlington Community Foundation is an independent charitable organization that actively promotes, protects and improves the quality of life for those who live or work in Arlington. The Foundation provides philanthropic leadership and raises capital for grants and scholarships to address community needs now and in the future. The deadline to submit application is January 28, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.



GOVERNOR NORTHAM AND VIRGINIA COUNCIL ON WOMEN ANNOUNCE 8TH ANNUAL STEM ESSAY CONTEST – DEADLINE FEBRUARY 22, 2019

Governor Ralph Northam and the Virginia Council on Women announced the 8th Annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Essay Contest for young women in their junior and senior years of high school. The Council will award at least five \$5,000 scholarships to high school junior and senior young women who will be pursuing a STEM career at an institution of higher education. One scholarship will be awarded in each of five geographic regions across the state (i.e., Region 1 – Eastern Virginia/Hampton Roads; Region 2 – Southwest/Southside; Region 3 Richmond/Central Virginia; Region 4 – Valley/Western Virginia; and Region 5 – Northern Virginia). Additional scholarships may be awarded at the discretion of the Council.

To be eligible, one must be a female or identify as a female, reside in Virginia, be a junior or senior in high school and hold at least a 2.5 GPA. Entries must be submitted by February 22, 2019, by 11:59 p.m. Essays will be judged by a panel of Council members and individuals who represent STEM fields. Winners will be notified by March 21, 2019. The scholarship awards will be presented at a reception at the Executive Mansion in Richmond, Virginia, in April 2019.

The application and contest guidelines can be found at: <https://www.commonwealth.virginia.gov/advisory-boards/council-on-women/stem-essay-contest/>



FUNBOTICS

At the December general body meeting, Secretary Graham introduced the members of JMLCA to a program called Funbotics. A motion was passed to have Ms. Graham provide additional information to the Association to determine whether we would like to partner with Funbotics.

Funbotics is a non-profit student-run organization, based in Woodbridge, Virginia. Its mission is to introduce Robotics to youth in economically disadvantaged families or communities and to encourage imagination and team work. By building Robots with various parts using different tools and instruments, Funbotics aims to encourage young

people to have fun while learning to apply science, technology, engineering, and math concepts. In the process, participants develop critical thinking, team-building, and presentation skills.

To learn more about Funbotics, please visit its website at: <http://funbotics.org>



JOIN THE CONVERSATION: WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER



We want to hear from you about the things that are important to you! If you are interested in writing an article, please contact either Vice President Patel or Secretary Graham. Please also consider joining the Communications Committee.



MEMBERSHIP: CIVIC YEAR 2019 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you have a question about your membership, please contact Deborah Parker, Chair of the Membership Committee or email the Committee at membership@highviewpark.com. Membership dues can be paid at the general body meetings, online at HighViewPark.com, or by mail to JMLCA Membership, PO Box 7664, Arlington, VA 22207. Applications are available online.

Membership Dues:

Individual - \$5.00 per year (or three-year membership \$15)

Senior Citizen (65 years and older) - \$3.00 per year (or three-year membership \$9.00)

Associate - \$20.00 per year (or three-year membership \$60.00)

Kindly make your check payable to the John M. Langston Citizens Association.
