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For advertising or to submit items for consideration, contact John Marsh at 703.534.0215. Advertising fees for bimonthly newsletter: \$25 per run, \$60/ three runs, \$100/ year.

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 31
at 7:30pm in the Swanson Library**

Agenda:

- Neighborhood Conservation Plan
- Westover Library
- Dealing with the economic crisis
- I-66 Developments
- Westover Market
- New projects and other business

Interim Fate of the Westover Library

Arlington Public Library Director Diane Kresh will hold a community forum at the Westover Library to answer questions regarding the Library's proposed Fiscal Year 2010 budget and its impact. The meeting will take place on Tuesday March 17 at 7pm.

As part of his budget recommendations, County Manager Ron Carlee has proposed closing the Westover Library for three months, from July – October while waiting for the replacement facility to open in the fall, according to the March 5 Sun Gazette. Carlee is also planning a 10% cut in the budget for library materials.

Westover residents should also suggest their ideas for what to do with the planned open space where the old library currently is located. What would you like to see in this area, more sports fields, a play ground, or something else?

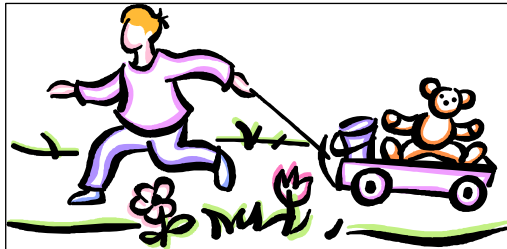
Library users also are encouraged to read and post questions or suggestions on Ms. Kresh's blog:
<http://arlingtonclimateblog.typepad.com/thearlingtonyears/2009/02/arlington-public-library-service-reductions-and-the-fy-2010-budget.html>

Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment

Think Local – Act Green. How Local Businesses are Promoting Environmental and Community Values, a program in conjunction with the 31st annual meeting of Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE). Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. - Refreshments and Mingling, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Program. NRECA, 4301 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA. The keynote address will be by Andy Shallal, founder and owner of Busboys and Poets. The meeting will also include welcoming remarks by Arlington County Board Chair, Barbara Favola; the kickoff of the 2009 Green Living Challenge; ACE awards, volunteer recognition, and board elections; and light refreshments courtesy of Whole Foods Market.

More information: www.arlingtonenvironment.org, 703-228-6427 or office@arlingtonenvironment.org.

Kids Clothing, Toy, & Equipment Sale



Cribs, Strollers, Books, Games, Videos, Safety Gates, Décor, and Maternity, too.
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Saturday, March 21

9am to 11:45am

(half price sale starts at 12 noon)

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ORDER NOW! ARLINGTON'S ANNUAL NATIVE TREE DISTRIBUTION

The Westover Village Civic Association is now accepting orders for your free native trees from Arlington County this spring!

The two species available this year are the Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) and the American Filbert, or Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*). The Bur Oak is a very large deciduous shade tree and the American hazelnut is a smaller multi-stemmed shrub with a rounded top and an open, often wide-spreading base. The trees will be delivered as small "whips" in 5-gallon containers, making them easier to transplant with a greater chance for future growth success. Both specimens are ideal selections for starting your own Backyard Wildlife Habitat.

The Bur Oak is often described as a "behemoth," growing as large as 90 feet, so please be sure you have enough space in your yard for this magnificent, slow-growing, long-lived (200 years) species. That means at least 10 feet from a building, overhead wires, or smaller trees and 20 feet from large trees. If you have the space, the bur oak has a lovely rounded shape, is tolerant of a variety of moisture and soil conditions, prefers full sun, and doesn't have serious pest problems. In addition to its notable strength, it is a splendid tree for urban landscapes because it provides acorns for squirrels, has dense shade, and is resistant to air pollution and heat stress. To view pictures of the Bur Oak and learn more about it, go to either of these web sites:

<http://www.cnr.vt.edu/DENDRO/dendrology/syllabus/factsheet.cfm?ID=72>

<http://www.arboday.org/Trees/TreeGuide/TreeDetail.cfm?ID=17>

The American Filbert, also commonly known as the American Hazelnut, is a multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub that grows 8-10' high and wide – often larger. Because of its size, it adapts well to naturalizing and other non-formal areas. The shrub tolerates a wide variety of soil conditions and thrives under full sun or in light shade. And, of course, it bears annual, abundant crops of small, sweet-tasting nuts valued by both humans and wildlife only 2-3 years after planting. To view pictures of the American Filbert and learn more about it, go to:

<http://www.cnr.vt.edu/DENDRO/DENDROLOGY/SYLLABUS/factsheet.cfm?ID=208>

<http://www.arboday.org/trees/treeguide/TreeDetail.cfm?ID=446>

Residents need to place their order for trees now by contacting **Robert Orttung at wvcapres@yahoo.com**. The coordinator needs to turn in the requests on Friday, April 24. Please note your name, address, contact information, species and quantity you prefer. Trees are limited to one of each type per household to ensure availability to all throughout the county. If you have room for more trees, please request more and if trees are available, we will provide them. You will be contacted in late April with the date trees are available for pickup – delivery dates are dependent on weather and demand.

Don't miss out on this great chance to help to replenish our community's declining tree canopy.

Spring 2009 Tree and Shrub Pruning Workshop

Offered by Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, Virginia Cooperative Extension, the ARLINGTON PRUNING WORKSHOP will be held at Bon Air Park 850 N. Lexington St. Arlington VA 22205 on March 14th from 9:00 - 12:00 noon. Instructor: Kirsten Conrad Buhls, ANR Extension Agent Arlington County. Bring your own tools and we will teach you how to use them! Program is FREE of charge and open to the public. Reservations are not required, but space is limited. To reserve a place in this workshop Call: 703 228 6414.

Gulf Branch Nature Center



The Arlington County Board is considering a proposal to close and demolish the Gulf Branch Nature Center. If you are interested in working to save the nature center, please visit the website www.savegulfbranch.com. There will be a rally at the nature center on March 14 at 11:00am. You can also express your views to the county board at a public hearing scheduled for March 24 and 25. There is a petition for signing available at: www.petitiononline.com/GBNC. Additional information is available at this site. There is also a Friends of Gulf Branch on yahoo groups at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Friends_of_Gulf_Branch and a group on Facebook.

**Meet your neighbors!
Come to the WVCA
meeting on March 31.
Refreshments!!!**

Exercise classes held daily at Westover Baptist Church. Cardio, body sculpting, step classes, and more.

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Current class schedule:
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Westover Village Civic Association Membership Form – 2009

Annual Dues \$15 Payable to WVCA

Membership dues pay for newsletter costs and fund many of the community activities and projects Sponsored by WVCA throughout the year.

New Member Membership Renewal Information Update

Number of people in household _____ E-mail address: _____

Names _____

Address: _____

Mail form with payment to: WVCA, PO Box 5604, Arlington, VA 22205