

ALCOVA HEIGHTS

The Newsletter of the Alcova Heights Neighborhood, Arlington, Virginia

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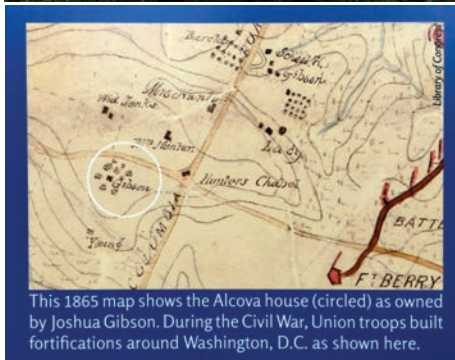
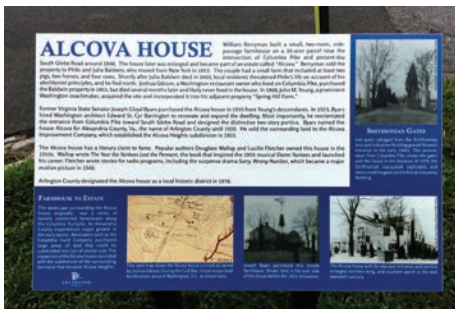
August 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Alcova Heights Assoc. Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 7pm
Baptist Church, S. Monroe & 8th St.

Alcova Heights Block Party
Saturday, September 22
(new date)

New Alcova Heights Historical Marker Installed



FARMHOUSE TO ESTATE

The landscape surrounding the Alcova house originally was a series of loosely connected farmsteads along the Columbia Turnpike. As Alexandria County experienced major growth in the early 1900s, developers such as the Columbia Land Company purchased large areas of land that could be subdivided into lots of similar size. The expansion of the Alcova house coincided with the subdivision of the surrounding farmland that became Alcova Heights.



President's Update

by Lander Allin, AHCA President

I hope everyone is having a good summer. It's hard to believe that it's August already and the kids will be going back to school in just a few weeks.

It's been relatively quiet in and around the neighborhood, but there are a few things going on. We are working with Congressman Beyers' office about the shuttle buses that cut through the neighborhood, and stop and idle at different spots, usually right along 8th Street by the park. The buses pose a safety issue and shouldn't be cutting through Alcova Heights. We don't have a resolution yet, but I'm hoping that we will have some news about that soon.

We have had occasional issues related to the construction at the APAH site on South Lincoln or the Centro site at George Mason and the Pike. Peter Neubauer has been running interference with APAH on issues related to their project. If you have concerns about the APAH project, please let Peter know. I'm working the issues with the Centro project. Please feel free to reach out to me regarding any concerns you may have on that.

The planning for the Career Center site continues. The Working Group that is tasked with the planning effort is due to wrap up its work in August. It's been a long and contentious effort with lots of different opinions on what should, or shouldn't be done on the site. There are also some serious County budget issues which are limiting the options. As a result, I'm not sure what the report that's being drafted is going to recommend. Maura McMahon (our representative to the Working Group) and I will keep you posted.

We will be having elections for the Association officers and the board in November. Most of the officers and board members have indicated that they will be stepping down when their terms expire, myself included. Only Koset Surakomol (Vice President) and Heidi Ross (At-large Board member) are planning on staying on in some capacity. We will be working over the next several months to line up a complete slate of candidates. This will be a critical task as we need a full board to keep the Association running. If you are interested in serving, this is a great opportunity to get involved. Please let me know if you are interested!

Lastly, we have a couple of events coming up in September. We'll have an Association meeting on Thursday, September 13, and our neighborhood block party will be on Saturday, September 22. More to come on both of those.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!
Lander



The Future is Here: Electric Cars in Alcova Heights

by Robin Mackay

In June 2018, at least the tenth electric vehicle (EV) took up residence in Alcova Heights - which also happened to be the first Tesla Model 3. Notably, the majority of EVs in the neighborhood are full Battery EVs (BEVs) rather than Plug In Hybrid EVs (PHEVs), which typically have a gasoline powered drivetrain or generator with a separate electric motor and battery providing a limited all-electric range.

The Model 3 owners, Phi Dinh and Mary Margaret McLeroy on 9th Street, also own a Chevrolet Bolt, making their entire household vehicle fleet fully electric. Phi exclaims, "This is the future! It's the equivalent of buying a smartphone after using flip-phones all those years ago." Phi continued "I like that they're quiet, feel futuristic, and they drive just like regular cars. I also like that when we start it up, there isn't a plume of noxious gases as we used to have with our old vehicles. I also liked the idea that there is very little maintenance on these vehicles. No more frequent oil changes!" Both of Phi & Mary Margaret's cars have 240-mile or greater range and for roadtrips, the Tesla can charge up using the company's network of 612 "Supercharger" stations all over North America.

Lauren, owner of a new Chevy Bolt and also on 9th Street said she "wanted a new car that made sense... Gas prices keep going up and the idea I can essentially never be out of power, running the vehicle on a regular day to day FOR THREE MONTHS on less than what it would take to fill up my Mazda CX5 tank in one month was AWESOME." She also likes "the ease that I can check up on it... For example, when it's charging I can log into my app and see where it's at and how far it has to go to full charge!"

While Lauren is thinking about installing a Level 2 charger (a 240 volt, typically 50 amp device which runs off a circuit similar to an electric range or clothes dryer), both she and Phi currently charge from normal household electrical outlets. Some neighbors have installed dedicated car chargers or use the dryer outlets allowing for faster charging (more

"miles of range per hour") but charging on conventional household current is more prevalent in AH presently. While still aspirational, some neighbors are considering installing photovoltaic solar panels on or around their homes to allow them to literally "drive on sunshine."

At least two other Model 3s are on order in the neighborhood. New EV models announced by Volkswagen, GM, Porsche, BMW, Volvo, Mercedes and other manufacturers will increase purchase options dramatically in the next two years (and hopefully drive prices down through the ensuing competition) so the EV trend in the neighborhood is likely to continue.

The BEVs in The Heights are the Tesla Model 3 and 2 Model S's, a Ford Fusion, a Chevy Spark and two Chevy Bolts. The PHEVs include a Chrysler Pacifica and two Ford CMAX Energis.

If you're interested in EVs or have questions about whether one might fit your circumstances, the current

EV owners would be very happy to

assist with your decision-making process. A common theme among current EV owners is the extensive research they do prior to buying their own cars - as such they are as informed as they are enthusiastic about electrified transport. As the joke goes "How can you tell if someone owns an EV? Just wait five minutes and they'll tell you all about it."



Mary Margaret with her Bolt.

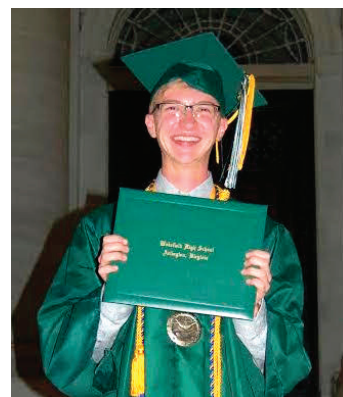


Pup gets a ride in Robin's Tesla.

Large Group of High School Students Graduates

We had a bumper crop of graduates from Alcovia Heights this year – over ten of them, so we reached out to their parents for pictures and their future plans. **Theo Teslow** is taking a gap year and will be spending a large chunk of it at Cottonwood Gulch in the Zuni Mountains of New Mexico. **Henry Pulley** graduated from W&L and is going to attend Drexel in Philadelphia where he plans to study film and/or computer science. **Sean Manlove** graduated from Wakefield and will be going to the University of Mary Washington. **Parvez Mostafa** is going to George Mason University. **Irina Lopez-Vlaeminck** graduated from Wakefield. **David Khettouch** will be studying at Virginia Commonwealth University. **Sarah Khettouch** graduated from Wakefield. **Saleha Hoffman** graduated from Wakefield and is going to Case Western Reserve in Cleveland in the fall to study biomedical engineering. **Nick Dubois** graduated from Wakefield and is looking forward to attending the University of Mary Washington, where he will study political science. **Ayla Connors** will be going to SUNY Albany this fall. **Holden Anderson** graduated from Wakefield and will be attending the University of Southern California.

Congratulations to you all!



Holden Anderson



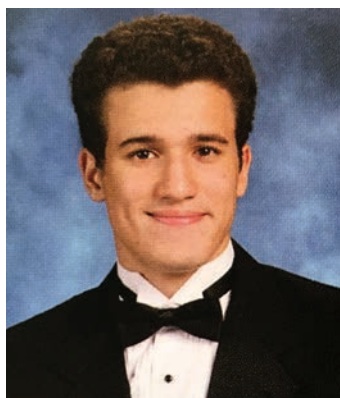
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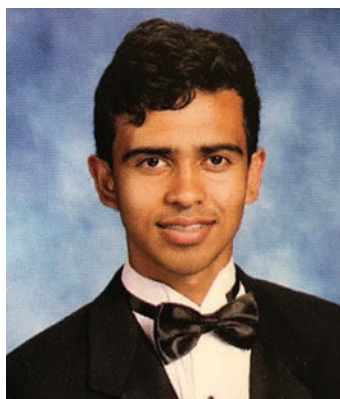
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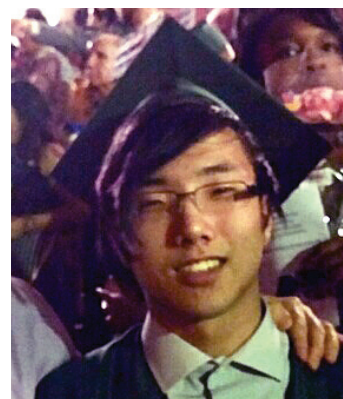
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A Neighbor Profile: *Mike and Judy Kigin*

In 1975, while owning a comfortable home in North Arlington, we stumbled upon a unique house for sale in Alcova Heights. We couldn't pass up the opportunity to buy it, because it had everything we hoped our house (in the distant future) would have. So, we sold our other house, and moved to Oakland Street, and in 1980 we added a two-story addition to accommodate our growing family.

We had only two kids when we bought the house but soon had three more, and raised our five children here (Jonny, Becky, Colleen, Ryan, and Shane). They all attended Wakefield HS, and went on to graduate from college—four from BYU and the youngest from the US Naval Academy. We have 14 grandchildren, with two more on the way.

We met and were married in 1969 at an Army hospital in Japan, while serving there as Army officers during the Vietnam War. When we left Japan we moved to Arlington, and Mike worked as an accountant for the CIA, KPMG, and the SEC (from which he retired in 2006 after 30 years). Mike also served in the Army Reserve, retiring after 20 years as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1996. Judy is a physical therapist and worked part-time in various PT capacities before, in-between, and after children. Her favorite job was working for the Little Sisters of the Poor (a life-care facility). She retired in 2005.

Our two main activities outside of family have been as adult volunteers in the Boy Scouts of America and genealogy. We have been serving with the BSA ever since our oldest son became a Cub Scout in 1980. Our three sons are Eagle Scouts and in 2005 we both received the Silver Beaver Award from the National Capital Area Council. Genealogy research (discovering our roots) gives us a great opportunity to learn about our ancestors and the struggles they faced as they built lives here in America and in the countries from which they came. We both like to read, and Mike played softball and basketball when his body allowed such activities. We love to travel and have been to all 50 states and dozens of countries (and all seven continents).



We have served in our church (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) in various capacities since we moved to Arlington. As retirees, our latest and most visible assignments have been serving two church missions. The first mission was 20 months in New York City working in an employment resource center from 2008 to 2011. For the past 19 months (from October 2016 through April 2018) we have been missionaries in Salt Lake City in the Church History Library—Judy as a researcher and editor, and Mike as a computer hardware provider for the staff and other missionaries. Utah is beautiful (it has more national parks than any other state), and we enjoyed seeing the sights there and on our cross-country drives to and from Utah.

We have loved living in Arlington and particularly in Alcova Heights. Serving with others in the community has been rewarding, especially because of the many people we have gotten to know. We have enjoyed our little park as our kids have grown up, and now bring our grandkids to play there. We particularly love our proximity to Washington, DC, and the many cultural and sightseeing opportunities it provides. We have loved seeing the neighborhood change from a mostly retirement-age community to a place where we see more families with young children living nearby. Alcova Heights is a wonderful place to raise a family!

Announcements & Milestones

Sarah McMahon of 7th Street earned her black belt in martial arts, and turned 11 on August 1st. **Ian McMahon** celebrated his 13th birthday in June. **Laurie Erdman and Bennett Minton** of 7th St moved to the West Coast after 12 years in AH. **Saleha Hoffman** received an *Extraordinary Teen Award* from Arlington Magazine and the story is online at <http://www.arlingtonmagazine.com/extraordinary-teen-awards-2018/>. **Antonio and Sofia Abela**, along with three cousins visiting from Florida, created the film "Bully Break In," which won the gold medal in the comedy category and a silver medal for editing (for middle school) at the Arlington Student Filmfest 2018. **Lois Koontz**, our solo neighborhood delegate to the Civic Federation is now on the board of directors, and would like to note that she "would sure love some company at Civ Fed. We get 4 delegates and 4 alternates. Civ Fed is actively seeking to diversify into less well-represented demographics. We tend to be heavy on retirees and non-hispanic white. Would love to see more young families, single people, people of color brought into the action! It's a real area of focus -- broadening our base and speaking for all Arlingtonians!"



Alcovans show off their red-white-and-blue at the Barcroft 4th of July Parade.

KIDS FOR HIRE: These kids are available for jobs listed below. Please e-mail additions or revisions to the editor at mrhode@gmail.com.

B - babysitting

B-RC - babysitting/Red Cross certified

D - dog walking

H - house sitting

L - lawn mowing

M - Mother's helper

O - odd jobs

P - pet sitting

R - leaf raking

S - snow shoveling

T - putting out trash bins

W - plant watering

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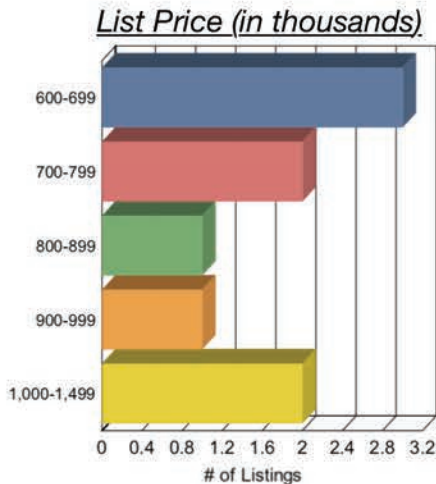


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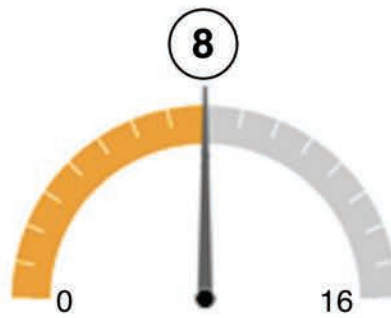
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2018 2nd Quarter Review (April-June)



Median Days On Market (DOM)



% of Sold Price to Original List Price

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4033 7th St S	Active	\$899,990	4/3	21
3912 6th St S	Active	\$699,875	4/3	29
813 Quincy St S	Active	\$1,115,000	4/3	262
3916 6th St S	Contract	\$729,900	3/2.5	20
700 George Mason Dr	Contract	\$600,000	2/1.5	4
3705 8th St S	Contract	\$650,000	3/2	33
3435 8th St S	Sold	\$1,370,000	4/4	5
3711 8th St S	Sold	\$790,000	3/3	6
3530 6th St S	Sold	\$930,000	4/3.5	18

Diane and Mitch are committed to making sure your house looks its absolute best when it goes on the market. Staging is an essential part of that. When you list with us, you get free staging services from StageMaster Homes, the company Diane founded in 2005. If you will be moving out before your house goes on the market, StageMaster Homes will provide furnishings to create a warm, inviting appearance. If you will be living in the home, Diane will advise on how to arrange your furnishings to achieve the best look in the all-important online photos and when potential buyers visit. Go to StageMasterHomes.com to learn more, and call us when you are ready to move!



With a combined total of 30 years experience, Mitch and Diane know how to sell houses. As residents of South Arlington, we are strong advocates for Alcova Heights and its surrounding neighborhoods. Whatever your real estate needs, we are here to help. If you are thinking of moving or just want to talk about your home's value, please give either one of us a call!

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