

Sports Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 23rd, 2025

In-Person Meeting

Lubber Run Community Center

[Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Time: 7:00pm to 8:45pm

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

- September 25th, 2025, meeting minutes

Old Business

- Boathouse update
- Comments/feedback on previous presentations

New Business

- Arlington County Program Offering presentation by DPR
- Discussion of potential initiatives or efforts for commission members focus on
- Ideas of collaboration with partner leagues and/or sports groups

Commission Member Reports

- Chair updates

Upcoming Sports Commission Meetings

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- December 18th (Third Thursday) (In-Person)

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- Kyle Brown – interested in getting involved in community and exploring possible commissions to join.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Jun 26th, 2025, Meeting Minutes
 - Motion – Dave Lansing
 - Seconded – George Thompson
 - Approved

Old Business

New Business

- Synthetic Turf Fields by Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation
 - Arlington County started transitioning from natural turf to synthetic turf in 2002. The early alternatives to turf that the county utilized such as stone dust and Bermuda grass had limitations.
 - The first official synthetic turf field was installed at Gunston Middle School in 2002. The turf field was so successful, that the demand for more turf field in Arlington increased.
 - Since 2002, the county has installed 17 synthetic turf fields
 - 14 of these fields use EPDM infill and 3 use organic infill (coconut husk and walnut shells)
 - Although there has been a lot of support and demand for additional synthetic turf fields, there has also been many concerns raised about the use of synthetic turf fields.
 - The county has listed these concerns and how DPR is addressing them on the county's website.
 - Current Arlington County Practices on synthetic field maintenance
 - Rectangular turf fields are replaced every 8 years.
 - The decision on when these fields will get replaced is made by looking at usage/demand and the wear and tear of the carpet fibers and compaction of the infill.
 - Diamond turf fields should not need to be replaced as often

- Softball/baseball fields have less players which can wear the field down differently.
 - Currently Arlington County has 2 synthetic turf fields: Barcroft #6 and Gunston #1
 - When county turf fields are replaced, the county requires contractors to either recycle or reuse the old carpet and infill. The organic infill at Washington Liberty and Williamsburg is 100% biodegradable when it comes time for replacement.
 - The options for synthetic turf fields are constantly evolving, and as new options become available, DPR remains up-to-date on possible alternatives to improve turf field in Arlington.
 - DPR makes decision regarding the material and products through constant research, visiting other sites that have specific infills/products, conversations with maintenance teams and field managers, feedback from teams, field temperature readings, careful consideration of maintenance equipment requirements, safety data and cost.
 - Concerns raised by Sports Commission members regarding safety considerations on potential allergy concerns with organic infills (nut allergies).
 - DPR mentioned improving public awareness and monitoring on fields that have potential allergy risks.
 - TJ Lower and Greenbrier are the next field on the 8-year replacement cycle that are due to be replaced.
 - The County will be installing Corn Husk Infill at these sites.
- PSMP Recap
 - The Public Spaces Master Plan Refresh meeting took place Wednesday, September 25th.
 - consultants started with the organizing committees to get some of the committee's views and then brought in the public to receive their feedback and opinions.
 - All information received will be used to create a survey that will go out to the Arlington community randomly. The goal is to get at least 800 households responding.
 - Discussions on the importance of emphasizing athletic needs and asking members to come out to the meetings and share feedback and opinions in support of sports in Arlington.
 - Hamilton Humes mentioned several of the participants in the meetings are older residents and spoke on the importance of trying to get the younger residents in Arlington who are using the fields heavily to participate in these discussions.

Commission Member Reports

- SC Updates

- Deb DeFranco, the Sports Commission's APS Liaison, will be retiring from APS after 34 years. Chris Wilmore will be taking over as the new APS Liaison for the Sports Commission.
- Peter O'Shanick has been appointed as a new member of the commission.

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Overview of Programs Offered by Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

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ARLINGTON
VIRGINIA

Parks & Recreation



Facilities

15

Community
Centers

3

2 Nature Centers
1 Regional Center

164

County Owned
or Maintained
Parks

49

Miles: Off-Street
Multi-Use Trails

126

Playgrounds

7

Community
Gardens





Our Programs

Youth Programs

Tots to Teens

- Classes
- Camps
- Nature Programs

Tots

- Preschools
- Playgroups
- Indoor Playgrounds

Youth

- Open Bounce
- Parents Night Out
- Family Skate Nights

Teens

- Internships
- Volunteering

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Sports

Youth

- Aquatics
- Basketball
- Cheer
- Tennis
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Soccer

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Sports

Adults

- Aquatics
- Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Pickleball

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Fields

“Sports do not build character, they reveal it.”

– John Wooden



Rectangle Fields

45

17 Synthetic Field
29 Natural Field



Diamond Fields

34

2 Synthetic fields
32 Natural fields



Combination Fields

18

2 Synthetic fields
16 Natural fields



History & Nature

History

- Arlington House
- Camps
- Forts
- History Programs
- Civil War Visitor Center

Nature

- Birding
- Campfires
- Camps
- Hikes
- Nature Center Programs
- Special Events





Classes

Categories

- 55+ (Senior Programs)
- Adapted Classes
- Sports
- Arts and Crafts
- Fitness
- Language
- Science and Discovery
- Theater
- Wellness
- Specialty Programs

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Something for Everyone

Special Events

- Families Unplugged
- MLK Tribute
- Feel the Heritage Festival
- Latino American Festival
- Firefly Festival
- Arlington County Fair
- Fall Heritage Festival
- Arlington Palooza
- Zombie Fun Run
- Paint, Build, Create
- Marine Corps Marathon
- Clarendon Day
- Rosslyn Jazz Festival
- Columbia Pike Blues Festival
- Prio Bangla
- Peruvian Festival
- Air Force Cycling Classic
- Taste of Arlington

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Learn more about Arlington County DPR programs by going to the Arlington County website:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Programs>



Teens

Innovative programs to nurture the talents of middle and high school teens.



Tots

Creative Preschoolers Programs and other early childhood programs for children ages 1-4.



Youth & Family

Fun out-of-school time programs for elementary-aged youth and engaging activities for the whole family.



Nature & History

Learn about nature and history programs, nature centers, historic sites and more.



Art

Find a class, camp, event, or workshop that suits your unique style and register today.



Classes, Camps & Trips

A diverse selection of classes, camps and trips.



55+

Learn about 55+ passes and the variety of activities available for active adults 55 and over.



Sports

Individual, team and drop-in sports.



Therapeutic Recreation

Specialized services and therapeutic recreation (TR) for individuals with disabilities.



ENJOY Arlington Classes

View available activities, view our current ENJOY Arlington catalog and register for parks and recreation classes.



Drop-In Fitness Classes

Fitness classes that fit your schedule! Cycling, muscle conditioning and more to meet your fitness goals.



Virtual Activities

View a full archive of videos.



Questions?