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ECOACTION ARLINGTON'S

2022

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& plants

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Tonight's events

6:30 to 7:00 p.m. **VIP RECEPTION ON THE PATIO**

7:00 p.m. **WELCOME**

Silent Auction Opens / Raffle Tickets for Sale

Visit our Pollination Station on the upper level. This area features additional seating, a drink station with cider, and the opportunity to participate in an activity to create bee habitats that will be donated to local schools.

7:30 p.m. **Program**

🌻 **Master of Ceremonies, Jenn Yates, EcoAction Arlington Board Member**

🌻 **The Arlington Chorale's Youth Community Council Performance**

"We Can Plant a Forest" by Jim Papoulis and Mike Greenly

Ingrid Lestrud, Artistic Director; Marissa Works, Pianist

🌻 **Welcoming Remarks**

Virginia Senator Barbara Favola

Elenor Hodges, EcoAction Arlington Executive Director

Presenting Sponsor: Patrick Phillippi, Sr. Manager Community Engagement, Amazon

🌻 **Featured Presentation**

Introduction: Levi Novey, EcoAction Arlington Board Member

Charisa Morris, National Science Advisor and Scientific Integrity Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

🌻 **Introduction of Tree Canopy Equity Program**

DeShay Williams, EcoAction Arlington Board Member

8:30 p.m. **Silent Auction Closes / Raffle Prize Drawing**

9:00 p.m. **Event Ends**

ABOUT TONIGHT'S MENU

Eco Caters loves pollinators. Chef Robbie's grandfather was a beekeeper so he grew up on the good stuff. To celebrate our winged friends, we feature squash blossoms with goat cheese—both quintessential spring ingredients. And for the ultimate, 'how it started' and 'how it's going,' the menu also includes the end of the process with our delicious spicy honey with hushpuppies stuffed with blue crab.



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FEATURED SPEAKER

Charisa Morris

National Science Advisor and Scientific Integrity Officer,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee for more than 20 years, Charisa is an enthusiastic STEM supporter and diversity champion.

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry and Wildlife from Virginia Tech, she first worked as a recovery and consultation biologist at the USFWS Chesapeake Bay Field Office before returning to Virginia Tech for a Fisheries and Wildlife Masters of Science degrees on the then-endangered (now recovered) Delmarva fox squirrel.

In 2006, Charisa joined Headquarters as an endangered species biologist and introduced the concept of stressor management to the Service, directly facilitating the agency's development and adoption of conservation frameworks, effects pathways, and a system called IPaC, a tool to streamline the USFWS environmental review process. In this role, she provided national level coordination and consultation support to regions.

When she joined the Migratory Bird Program as Chief of Migratory Bird Conservation, she continued her focus by empowering partners, the public, and the federal family, to make sound conservation decisions to protect and conserve landscapes and species.

Charisa served in the Director's Office as the FWS Chief of Staff across two administrations from 2015-2020, and then as the Deputy Assistant Director for Science Applications. She was named the National Science Advisor for the Service in October 2021.

NOTES
ON OUR
EVENT

We are pleased to celebrate with you and have designed our EcoExtravaganza event to have a light footprint on our planet. Our menu features local and sustainable ingredients with a special attention to items provided through pollination. The CO2 generated from our event is being offset through Carbonfund.org, and we're also recycling and composting all of our waste.

Thank you to David Howell for providing the photos you see on the tables. David's work aligns with our mission to protect our community's open spaces by shining a light on the amazing biodiversity of Arlington through his photographs. Each photo was taken in Arlington and features native wildlife. Please take a photo home as a memento from this celebration.

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ANNOUNCING THE...

Tree Canopy Equity Program

EcoAction Arlington proudly administers the Arlington County Tree Canopy Fund, and the planting of over 3,000 native trees on private property—free of charge— since 2009. The creation of the new Tree Canopy Equity Program takes these efforts in a focused and exciting direction.



There is low tree canopy coverage for many of our neighbors of color and those experiencing poverty. EcoAction Arlington, in collaboration with our neighbors in these ten civic associations, community leaders, partners and stakeholders, will develop engagement opportunities and events for all parties to best be of value to each other and provide free, native trees planted through the Tree Canopy Fund.

- ☀️ Arlington View
- ☀️ Aurora Highlands
- ☀️ Buckingham
- ☀️ Columbia Heights
- ☀️ GlebeWood
- ☀️ Green Valley
- ☀️ John M Langston
- ☀️ Long Branch Creek.
- ☀️ Penrose.
- ☀️ Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights

COMMUNITY. ENGAGEMENT. COLLABORATION.

JOIN with us today to bring tree canopy equity to everyone in Arlington. EcoAction Arlington has a passion for our shared environment, our neighbors, and the larger community. The Tree Canopy Equity Program allows us all an opportunity to work together for a healthier and more beautiful Arlington County.

For more information, contact DeShay Williams: treeequity@ecoactionarlington.org or scan this QR code:

BENEFITS OF PLANTING MORE TREES

Trees positively impact everyone's well-being:

- ☀️ Sequester carbon dioxide.
- ☀️ Reduce airborne particulates.
- ☀️ Reduce heat island effect in cities.
- ☀️ Reduce flooding and erosion.
- ☀️ Provide wildlife habitat.
- ☀️ Improve social ties among neighbors.
- ☀️ Provide aesthetic and mental health benefits.
- ☀️ Enhance property values.

ABOUT...

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EcoAction Arlington protects and improves air, water, and open spaces in the Arlington community and nearby areas by promoting stewardship of our natural resources and connecting all citizens to practical solutions that achieve a sustainable lifestyle.

OUR PROGRAMS

☀️ Energy Masters

The Energy Masters program promotes a more energy efficient and sustainable community. We engage professionally trained volunteers in energy and water efficiency improvements for low-income apartment residents in Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. This program is managed by EcoAction Arlington and the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

☀️ Tree Canopy Fund

The Tree Canopy Fund supports planting trees on private property to restore and increase Arlington County's tree canopy on private property.

☀️ R4 Action Group

This volunteer-led group raises awareness to motivate Arlingtonians to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste. We meet monthly on the first Wednesday evening and new members are welcome.

☀️ Solar and EV Charging Co-op

The Arlington Solar and EV Charging Co-op brings homeowners together to take advantage of the group's bulk-purchasing power to get discounted pricing and quality installation for solar panels and EV charging stations. The Arlington Co-op is managed by Solar United Neighbors with support from AIRE and EcoAction Arlington.

☀️ School Programs

EcoAction Arlington offers free environmental presentations for Arlington schools, Extended Day programs, and scout and youth groups throughout the year. These hands-on presentations are fun and emphasize stewardship of our planet's resources.

☀️ Green Dining Arlington

With our concern about the prevalence of plastics in our oceans, EcoAction Arlington launched Green Dining Arlington to engage restaurants in adopting more sustainable policies.

GET IN ON THE ACTION

Door Prize | Raffle | Silent Auction

Scan this QR code for the virtual version of this program



The silent auction and raffle ticket sales open at 7:00 p.m. and close at 8:30 p.m.

For the silent auction, please place bids for no less than the minimum increment listed on each sheet. At approximately 8:40 p.m., all winners will be announced, posted and notified by text. We appreciate payment for and pick up of all prizes this evening.

If winners are not present, we will call and/or email winners. Winners must pay for and claim their prize as soon as possible and no later than by May 26 or we will award prizes to the next bidder/another raffle entry.

DOOR PRIZE

Make sure to stop by the raffle table to enter the free drawing to win a \$50 gift certificate to Merrifield Garden Center.

RAFFLE ITEMS

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for five raffle tickets.

- ☀️ Pacers backpack and four tickets to Climb UPton at Upton Hill Regional Park.
- ☀️ A houseplant and \$50 gift card for Greenstreet Gardens Flowers and Gifts.
- ☀️ Four tickets to a 2022 regular season Washington Spirit game.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

- ☀️ A one-week stay in Chincoteague at a completely renovated, comfortable home in town with bright, cheerful rooms with all amenities (donated by Joslin Gallatin).
- ☀️ A beautifully handpainted rain barrel by local artist Kelly Sansone.
- ☀️ Gift certificate valid for two tickets to goat yoga with Beth A. Wolfe.

Please join our community and become a member tonight!



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