



Shirlington
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Members Meeting
March 25, 2026



Agenda

6:30 Welcome

Arts Growth in our Area:

6:35 ○ **Arlington Arts**

7:00 ○ **Signature Theatre**

7:30 Resolution for Temporary Board Appointments

7:45 Officers Report

7:55 Upcoming Events & Adjourn

Arts Growth in Our Area

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Josh Stolfus

Acting Director of Cultural Affairs,
Arlington Economic Development

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SUPPORT



PROMOTE



- **Arlington Cultural Affairs**, a division of Arlington Economic Development, delivers public activities and programs as Arlington Arts.
- Our mission is to create, support and promote the arts, connecting artists and community to reflect the diversity of Arlington.

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We do this by:

- Providing material support to artists and arts organizations in the form of grants, facilities and technical resources;
- Integrating award-winning public art into our built environment; and
- Presenting high-quality performing, literary, visual and new media programs across the County.

2700 ART SPACE – COMING SOON

- Event Space for Performance and Activation
- Inner Ear Studios Tribute Stage
- Custom Work-Stations and Storage

Located in the Green Valley/Shirlington nexus, this new temporary outdoor space will serve as a platform for live performances, film screenings, temporary public art and a curated art market.



Leveraging the adjacent Cultural Affairs facilities including Theatre On the Run, rehearsal and dance studios and gallery spaces, as well as the neighboring Jennie Dean Park, Dog Park and Shirlington Village.

Strategy 5.4 – Explore public-private models to support the creation, acquisition, and/or preservation of creative spaces.

THE STUDIOS AT ARLINGTON ARTS - OPEN

Artisan Accelerator, Shop & Gallery and Retail Incubator

- 6,500 sq. ft of Studio Space
- Ceramics, Printmaking, Textiles
- Retail and Gallery Space

Capitalizing on the strengths and resources of AED's BizLaunch and Cultural Affairs Divisions, this new collaboration targets the resident artists. Capacity building initiatives ranging from taxes to marketing are tailored for artisans by AED's award-winning small business support team. The Retail incubator will provide opportunities at The Shop, Gallery, and the 2700 Art Space.



Strategy 5.3 – Strengthen creative entrepreneurship programs to foster growth of emerging creative enterprises.

CERAMICS STUDIO



PRINTMAKING STUDIO



Project details can be found on the 2700 Art Space Project website:
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Arts/2700-Art-Space-Construction>

The Studios website:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Arts/Programs/The-Studios-at-Arlington-Arts>

For more information about studio facilities and membership, contact TheStudios@Arlingtonva.us

Arts Growth in Our Area

**SIGNATURE
THEATRE**

Erin Harms
Deputy Director of Development and
Director of Institutional Giving

SIGNATURE THEATRE

**Growth and Community Impact
in Shirlington**

SIGNATURE THEATRE: OVERVIEW

- Tony Award[®]-winning regional theater (2009)
- A cultural anchor of Shirlington Village
- 36th year of operation
- Specializes in producing bold musicals and plays, including new work and reimagined classics in intimate spaces
 - Best Place to Experience Musicals in America. By any measure.
- Contributes more than \$15M to the local economy and employs 700+ artists, artisans, and staff each season
- 115,000+ annual audience members



SIGNATURE OVERVIEW Cont.

- \$14M Annual budget
- \$8M in Ticket sales
- \$6M in Contributions and grants
- Support from government sources makes up less than 1% of our annual budget
- \$33M Comprehensive Campaign
 - Artistic Fund, Capital Fund, Audience Engagement Fund, Sustainability Fund



EDUCATION STUDIOS



- **New dedicated classrooms**
 - **Year-round classes**
 - *Signature in the Schools*
 - **Artist Training Programs**
 - **New Summer Theater Camp: *Debut***
- **Serving students across the region from Arlington to Front Royal, VA**
- **Expanding access for middle school and adults, in addition to high school students**



LOGAN PRODUCTION CENTER

- Celebrating our past and planning for our future
- State-of-the-art production facility
- Increased efficiency + sustainability
- Space for large-scale builds
- Year-round creative activity
- Strengthening Shirlington arts district
- Long-term growth for Signature





RECENT SUCCESSES

- Subscriptions are up!
- Full-season subscribers have exceeded pre -COVID levels and increased 7% over last season.
- Fiddler on the Roof became the best -attended, highest -grossing show in Signature history, reaching more than 28,000 audience members
- In 2024 -25, 48% of Signature's audiences were new to us (11,045 households)



NOW PLAYING!



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COMING UP!



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Officers Report



Temporary SCA Board Appointments

Be It Resolved: The Shirlington Civic Association hereby appoints the following persons as temporary Board members, until a full Board election can be held this fall:

- 1. Peter O'Shanick** – SCA Representative to the Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (ArNAC)
- 2. Jenny Parks O'Shanick** – SCA Secretary

This resolution was approved unanimously at the SCA membership meeting held in the Shirlington Public Library on 3/26/2026.

For information about the SCA, see our website:

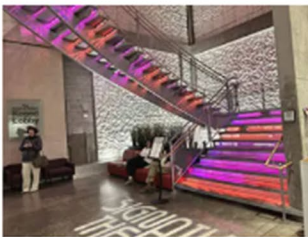
<https://shirlingtoncivicassociation.org>



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Next Meeting

IN-PERSON MEETING
at Shirlington Public Library
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
6:30 - 8:00 pm



Topic:

*Shirlington's Expanding Arts Scene:
News from Arlington Cultural Affairs and Signature
Theatre
about four new facilities in our area.*

Association Map



Read More About Our Association

Shirlington Civic Association [SCA] is a volunteer organization of residents and businesses located in the Shirlington area. The purpose of SCA is to help maintain and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood by working in partnership with the Arlington government, local businesses and other community organizations to bring about civic betterment and social improvements for the good of our residents, businesses and the welfare of our community.



Where to find SCA Meeting Slides

<https://shirlingtoncivicassociation.org>

- From Home page, scroll to the bottom
- Click link for the Documents page
- The most recent documents are at the top of the list

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Sign Up For Email Updates

These are links to a number of key documents produced by the Shirlington Civic Association (SCA), Arlington County, and other entities. The County's 2022 webpage for Shirlington (and those for other neighborhoods) contains other essential information and links for residents:
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Neighborhoods/Shirlington>

Type	DATE	DOCUMENT
Association	2026	Full Presentation, Members Meeting, 11 Febr 2026
Association	2026	Public Art Discussion From Members Meeting, 11 Febr 2026
Association	2025	Full Presentation, Members Meeting, 4 Jun 2025
Association	2021	SCA letter dated 6/2/2021 expressing strong support for FRIT Property Improvement Plan for Village at Shirlington.
County	2021	Trades Center Optimization Study—Summary Presentation
Association	3/26/2020	SCA response and comments on draft Vision & Principles for the Shirlington Special General Land Use Plan (GLUP) Plus study (2020-2-3, updated 2-5)

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Public Art Discussion
From Members Meeting
February 11, 2026

<https://shirlingtoncivicassociation.org>

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Members Meeting
June 4, 2025

<https://shirlingtoncivicassociation.org>

Upcoming Events

March 28th - Spring E-CARE

Where: Wakefield High School,
1325 S. Dinwiddie St.

When: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine)

June 17th - Next SCA meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/SCA-Zoom-Mtg>

