2026 Urban Agriculture Month

Descripción

The Arlington County Board has proclaimed October 2026 **Urban Agriculture Month**, recognizing the many people and places that make local food part of life in Arlington. We are grateful to see urban agriculture celebrated across the County, from community and school gardens to residential spaces, rooftops, and indoor farms.

The proclamation recognizes that growing food is connected to much more than a harvest. Gardens create opportunities to learn, connect with nature, and share skills across generations. Local food systems also help our community prepare for challenges and expand access to nutritious food. Arlington's farmers markets, community garden plots, food access programs, composting efforts, educators, and volunteers all contribute to that work.

We are especially honored that the proclamation recognizes Friends of Urban Agriculture and **Plot Against Hunger**. Through support for gardeners and gardens, farm gleaning, demonstration gardens, and produce donations, our volunteers and partners help bring locally grown food to neighbors through area food pantries.

Urban Agriculture Month is an invitation to take part. You might grow herbs on a windowsill, help at a garden, share produce from your harvest, or learn where your food comes from. Whether you have a large plot or a small container, there is a place for you in Arlington's growing community.

Thank you to the County Board for this recognition—and to everyone who grows, teaches, volunteers, donates, and makes fresh food more accessible. We look forward to celebrating with you throughout October!

Read the Arlington County Board's proclamation.

Want to make a donation to support urban agriculture activities in Arlington? Support FOUA here!

Find FOUA at these events in October:

More activities added weekly!

Oct 1 – PARK(ing) Day – PARK(ing) Day is a community collaboration to temporarily transform drab parking spaces into small parks to elicit reconsideration of the term “public space.”
900 N Stuart St.

Oct 17 – **Fitness in the Garden with One Life Fitness** – ***RESCHEDULED TO OCT 17!*** Move your body, tend the soil. Join fellow gardeners for a low?impact workout designed to increase strength and flexibility with movements specifically for gardeners by OneLife Fitness trainers ?. Come a little early or stay a little late to join volunteers in the garden, too. Free, donations appreciated. Two FOUA garden locations to choose from:
~~**Terborgh Terrace Garden (TTG):** 4578 26th St N, Arlington~~
Highlands Urban Garden (HUG): 1600 S Hayes St, Arlington (Virginia Highlands Park)

Oct 3 – Rosslyn Fall Fest! – Navigate the inflatable corn maze, sip seasonal brews with friends, explore fall-inspired activities and vendors, and enjoy live music from local band Loyal Skeptics performing fan-favorite songs from every decade. Fall Fest is **free to attend** and packed with ways to make the most of a crisp autumn afternoon. Visit the NOW pop up garden and learn how you can get involved in FOUA’s growing urban adventure!
1401 Wilson Blvd

Oct 7 – Garden Talks: Teas and Tinctures – Discover the many ways herbs can be enjoyed as teas and tinctures. Learn about choosing and preparing herbs, and explore simple ways to make your own herbal preparations at home.
Central Library – 1015 N Quincy St

Oct 10 – Columbia Pike Pike Fest – Every year, we come celebrate and support Columbia Pike’s small businesses and vibrant community. Save the date for this year’s Columbia Pike Pike Fest! Enjoy local food and drinks, music, family-friendly activities, and pike photos, all designed to showcase and uplift the businesses that make the Pike special. Find FOUA at the Fest!
Penrose Square – 2597 Columbia Pike

Oct 11 – Fairlington Farmers Market, 3308 S. Stafford Street. 9 am – 1 pm

Oct 17 – The Great Local Pumpkin Patch – 10 am -2 pm – ***RESCHEDULED TO OCT 17!*** We have lots of amazing pumpkin varieties to choose from! Reserve your pumpkin package online now to secure your share of the harvest. See you soon!
Area 2 Farms Fairfax – 9571 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax

Oct 17 – Fall Fest with Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia – It’s that time of year again, where the air turns crisp, leaves crunch, and pumpkins adorn stoops and walkways. The Annual Fall Fest features several family friendly activities, live music, food trucks, and more! ?
-Houseplant and Native Plant Sale (Featuring Nature By Design) / Bake Sale / Tool Sharpening / Plant Clinic (Ask a Master Gardener!) / Games & Contests such as: Herb Quiz; Leaf Quiz; How Many Acorns

/ Pumpkin Carving Contest (bring in your completed pumpkins!) / Free Saplings and Seeds
-Educational tables featuring: American 250, Our Founders Gardening Practices / Seed Harvesting / Winter Sowing / Container Gardening
-Kids' Activities: Miniature Pumpkin Painting / Wreath Making / Scavenger Hunt
Duncan Library – 2501 Commonwealth Ave, Alexandria

Oct 21 – Garden Talks: Garlic! Plant it Now – Are you a garlic lover? Learn about how to plant and when to harvest garlic, plus the history and many types of garlic to choose from.
Central Library – 1015 N Quincy St

Oct 24 – Lubber Run Farmers Market, 4401 N. Henderson Road. 8 am – 12 pm

Oct 24 – First Responders Fall Planting Event at Culpepper Gardens invites our community to join us as we gather alongside our first responders to plant daffodils and tulips and prepare our garden beds for beautiful spring blooms. This is a family-friendly event, so children and families are warmly welcome to join us and we'll have treats and fun activities for kids as well. We hope you'll come out, get your hands in the soil, and help us prepare for a colorful spring! 10 am – 12 pm.
Please RSVP at the link above to reserve your space.
(Partner event, not managed by FOUA)
Culpepper Garden – 4435 North Pershing Drive

Oct 25 – Westover Farmers Market, 1644 N. McKinley Road. 8 am – 12 pm

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