

City Council Approves Arlington CRA Legislation

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At its meeting on August 11th, the Jacksonville City Council by a vote of 19-0, approved enabling legislation for the Arlington CRA with passage of RESO 2015-476, Concerning the University Blvd, Merrill & Arlington Road Redevelopment Area.

The resolution included the Council's acceptance of findings that the area is blighted and in need of redevelopment, and qualifies as an eligible project under *Florida Statutes* and the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969, The 66-page Finding of Necessity report was prepared by Strategic Planning Group, Inc., in association with Genesis Group and Acuity Design Group, a trio of consultants hired by the City earlier this year. Redevelopment Manager Karen Nasrallah of the City's Office of Economic Development, is the overall project manager.

While the study area's boundaries originally included the entire main campus of Jacksonville University, most - except an approximately one hundred foot portion along University Blvd. and the northwestern portion of the campus - was excluded from the CRA adopted by the Council. Previously during the study period, the CRA's boundaries were expanded to included the Arlington Rd. corridor, and the Bethelite Conference Center (originally Thunderbird Motor Hotel) property along the Arlington Expressway.

The adopted legislation also includes recommendations on the



Shaded portion of JU's property excluded from CRA boundaries adopted by the City Council.

prioritization of redevelopment efforts towards the area's transportation system, (CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE)

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My Arlington Monthly Goes Bi - Volume 2, No. 1

Eleven monthly and one bi-monthly issues ago, Old Arlington, Inc. launched *my Arlington Monthly*. We were following in the community news reporting efforts of Arlington pioneer William Hawley in the 1940s, the *Florida Times-Union* in the late 1900s, and most recently the short-lived entrepreneurial effort, *The Arlington Monthly*. A common thread among these was providing information to build connections, and to build community in the process. It became our objective too, with a specific mission to “change the narrative” of Arlington conversation.

It is a most important time for Arlington. The top-shelf community that many of us knew growing up was left behind in the 20th century. Ushered into the new millennium instead was a tarnished reputation and visible scars of a community in transition.

Many people left, but many have also stayed. Some have even returned, joining the area's new residents who appreciate the beauty of its miles of riverfront shoreline and its majestic oaks; who are excited by its history, which dates back five hundred years to Ft. Caroline; and, who are enamored with the City's best collection of mid-century modern architecture. And, of course, for its neighborhoods and homes.

For twenty-two years, OAI has been involved with preserving and communicating Arlington's fascinating history. In the last few years, OAI has emphasized the community revitalization piece of its dual mission - this as renewal efforts get seriously underway, ignited by the catalytic efforts and investment of the area's largest stakeholder - Jacksonville University.

The Arlington story has been changing for hundreds of years, and *my Arlington* is published to communicate about it. Not just as an OAI newsletter, but as an Arlington e-newspaper. We enter our second year of publishing with a bi-monthly schedule and expanded editions. We've partnered with some of our area's contributing writers, and with the *Florida Times-Union* and its community supplement, *Current*, to further spread the word about what's going on in Arlington.

Because there's been a lot of good stuff lately. And there's a lot more in *my Arlington, Volume 2*.

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What Others are Saying . . . *Renew Arlington - Is there hope for Arlington?*

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Post by: **coredumped** on July 21, 2015, 09:13:42 PM

I agree that Arlington needs help but it's not as bad as people think. It's still one of the most densely populated areas and there's million dollar homes in the area. What it needs is a king street. Old Arlington needs a hipster district with pubs and the like. Regency needs to be dealt with too.

Post by: **thelakelander** on July 21, 2015, 09:28:03 PM

It's got JU, a riverfront and a historic core at the intersection of University and Arlington Road. It also has the Arlington Expressway's service roads, which are set up perfectly for BRT with dedicated lanes. So there's some assets to play around with.

Post by: **C267A** on July 21, 2015, 09:39:15 PM

Yes, and there is real hope to totally redevelop Town and Country Shopping Mall. It's up for sale! Now, for a really good developer who will come in, tear that 19 acres of aged buildings down and build a fantastic, exciting mixed use center, a high rise, with open pedestrian courts and trees and landscaping, interior parking garages and turn it into a real "Hipster" place. No, not the Plush. But nice places to dine or get a glass of wine, slice of pie or pizza, after the symphony, or perhaps after a Jags game, any kind of event. Arlington is just as close to downtown as San Marco. It's time we invited the Hipster crowd over the bridge. Karen Nasrallah is doing a great job of leading this initiative for Renew Arlington. She led the initiative for 220 Riverside.

Post by: **JECJAX** on July 23, 2015, 02:05:54 PM

I currently live in Old Arlington on the river close to the old center of Arlington at Arlington Rd and University Blvd. Arlington is far from gone. There have been quite a few young couples moving over in the area west of University Blvd. Houses are affordable and the property is desirable. People actually walk and JU students jog along the river. We know the potential our neighborhood has and the interest it could draw being so close to downtown. We have seen in Ft Lauderdale older apartment complexes be renovated and desirable among young people. All of this sounds great we just need that spark to get things moving!

Post by: **CityLife** on July 23, 2015, 02:23:58 PM

Arlington has a lot of strengths in its favor and I'm glad to see steps taken to improve the area before it gets too late. Strengths - JU, Geographic location between DT and Beach, Easy access to airport, zoo, port, Mayport, DT, Beach, Town Center/SS, and salt marsh north of SJR, One of the city's outdoor gems - the Arboretum, Diverse housing stock, Very affordable compared to Beach or in town neighborhoods, Numerous commercial development opportunities. What else am I missing?

Post by: **JECJAX** on July 23, 2015, 02:54:21 PM

Several boat ramps, A public pier, Hiking trails, Tree Hill, Miles of riverfront property, mid-century architecture New subdivisions some under construction.

Post by: **CCMjax** on August 22, 2015, 11:58:25 AM

The public schools are in that area, like much of Duval, are questionable at best, that is a huge reason people with kids (that can't afford private) want out. Improving the schools is key to getting people with kids to stick around or come back. It's no fault to those who leave, when you have kids your mindset changes and most people put their kids' wellbeing before their own personal tastes. It's the public school system that needs to change. Without good public schools you will continue to see young middle class families flock elsewhere once their kids are school aged. JU is not going to transform Arlington itself, too small of a student population to be that influential. Something bigger needs to happen good public schools.



A-Town . . . What's the Buzz



Arlington Connecting in Social Media

myArlington MONTHLY checks in on several social media sites featuring Arlington people, places, and things. The views and comments expressed may not necessarily represent ours - *but they could be yours!*



I Grew Up in Arlington is a Facebook Group boasting 6,902 members providing a way for people who have lived in Arlington to re-connect with others.

Old Arlington Inc. is the Facebook page for OAI and this publication.

The Rich History of Arlington - A Unique Place in Time is a Facebook Group of 1,280 members inviting posts and discussion about historical topics in Arlington.



2242 UNIVERSITY BLVD. N.
6315 BEACH BLVD.

I always wondered what this building was originally, I knew it had to be a roast beef restaurant. Nowadays this is Carrol's Meat Market next to JU although they have added to the front on it. The other building still stands on Beach Blvd. - Don

There was a building like this which had a big picture of the Alpine Mountains on the ceilings on each side when built, if I am not mistaken. - Tommy



Loved the buffet in A town when I was little. - Cesar

I worked at the one at town n country. - Kay

We ate at that buffet a lot! Town and Country. - Jennifer

They had a great breakfast also!!! - Kelly

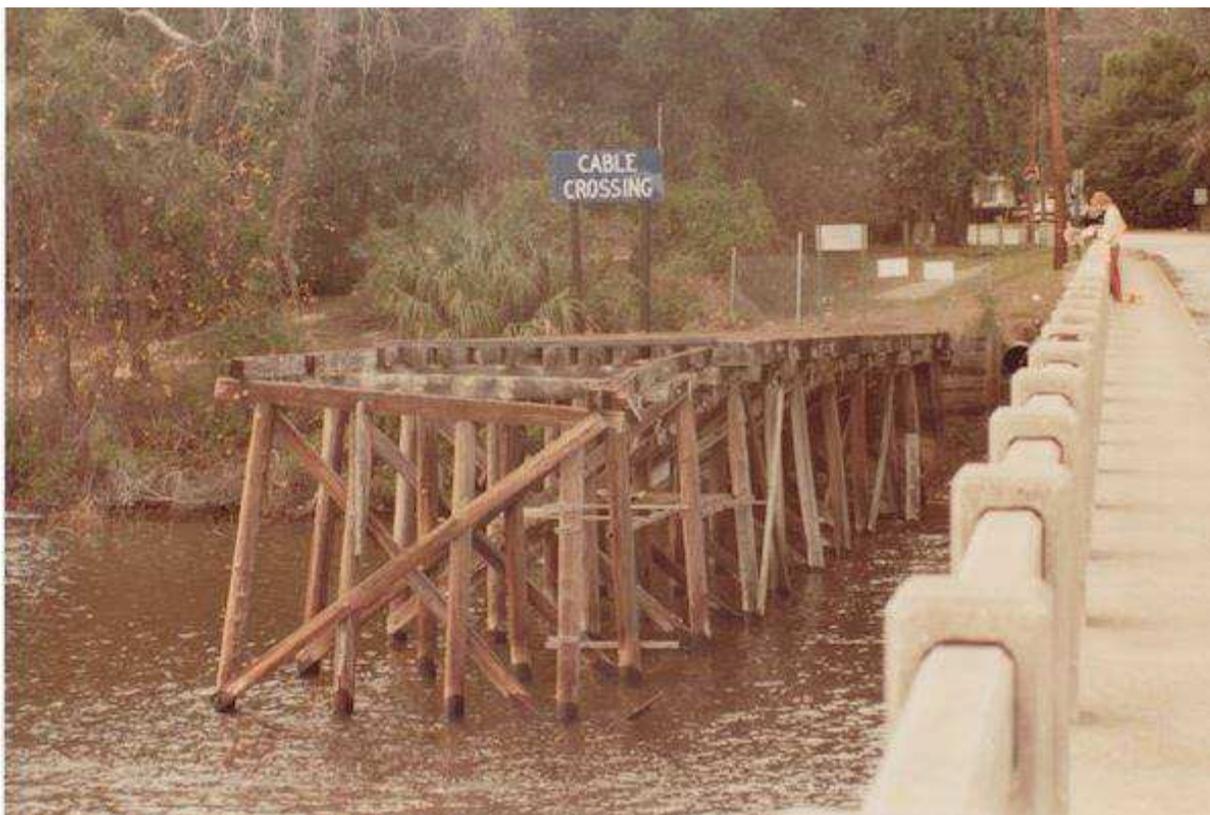
I loved Pic N Save, they had everything. Wish we had prices like that now !!!! - Dorothy



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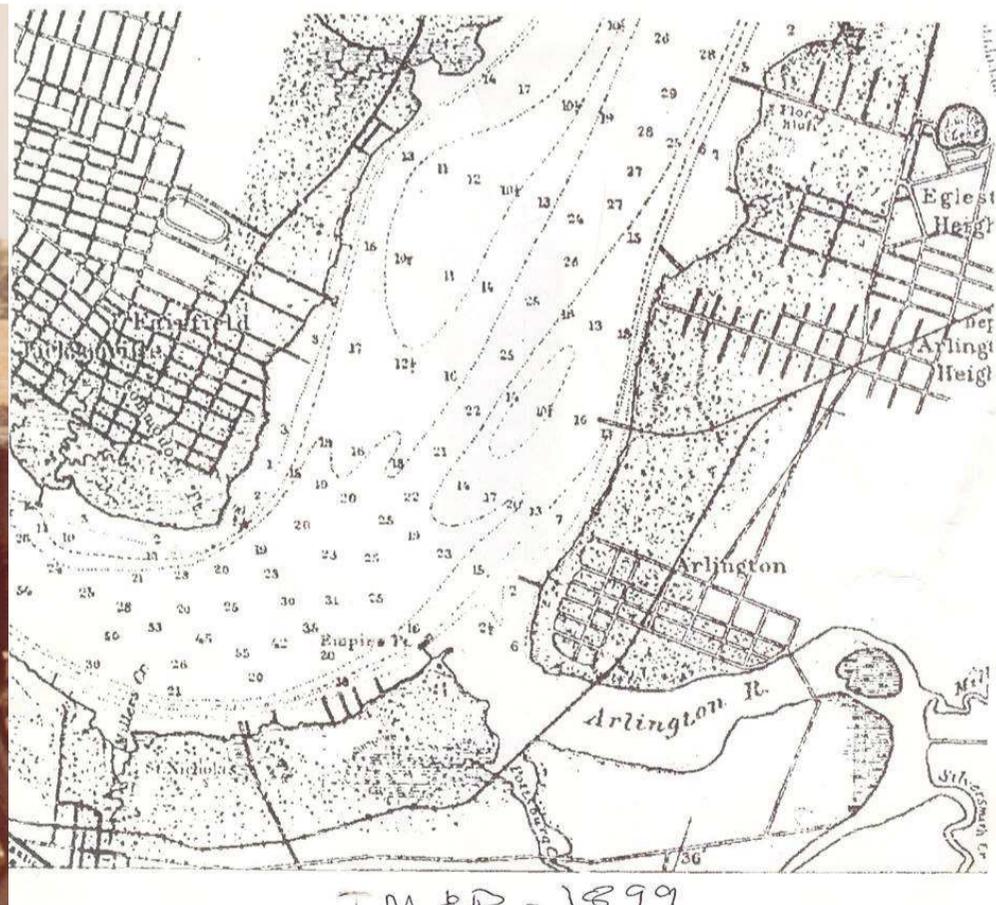
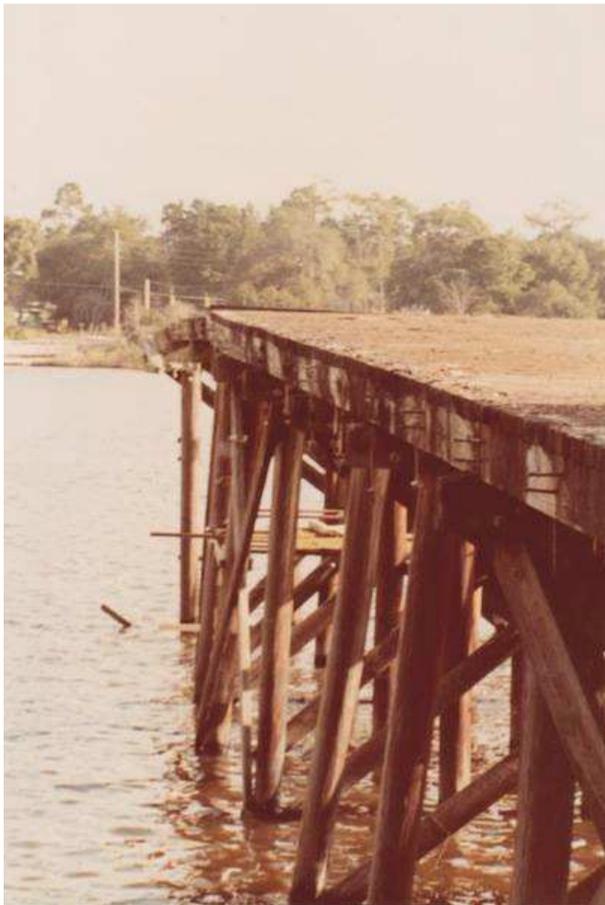
King Arthur and Lone Star Road

The New Arlington Bridge on University Blvd is open! Nice wide lanes and 6.5 foot wide sidewalk and 4 foot wide bicycle lane. The concrete bridge is higher than the old bridge. Has architectural railing and decorative lighting. Nice smooth ride and new bridge for Arlington! - Leilani



Here are some pictures I took around 1978 of the old wooden bridge spanning the Arlington River. For several years after these pictures were made, a small portion of the bridge was fenced off and was used as a fishing platform. However, several people were killed when lightning struck them while fishing and the city decided it was best to remove the "hazard." - John

Don't forget the JM&P railroad tress was there first...Jodie



The RR went through Clifton and crossed the Arlington River about through the "A" in Arlington River. Then it crossed little Pottsburg to Empire Point and ran a little North of where Atlantic Blvd. was built some 12 years later to South Jax. - Cleve Powell



Cleve's Corner on . . .

As Arlington's redevelopment emerges, Cleve reflects on

The Bradshaw Family - Arlington Pioneers

I selected the Bradshaw family from my personal knowledge of their active part in the development of Arlington and was surprised to learn that some of the family had relocated to Arlington before 1900. Carolyn Bradshaw Dixon informed me that her great Grandfather, William Bradshaw, (1840- 1898) came from England in 1868 To Trenton, N. J. and brought his family over in 1869. He moved to Arlington, Florida, in 1894 along with his sons, William (1865-1954) and John (1867-1932). William Sr. died in May of 1898 and was buried in the "Philip's" Crm.

The 1900 census for Arlington shows William, age 30 (35) as a gardener, His wife Clara (1871-1958), 28, from N.J., and his daughter Florence, 7, from N.J.. Next door was Brother John, 34, also listed as a Gardener, and his wife Katie M., 39, (also from N.J.), son Fred, 9, and daughter Helen, 8, (both from N.J.). The 1920 census shows William as a grocer and Florence as a teacher with the addition of son William, 15, and son Howard,12, with Bowie's and McQueen's as neighbors. Per Carolyn, they had two-story homes side by side on what is now the Town and Country shopping center. The brothers tried farming the homesteaded land, but the unfamiliarity with Florida sand led to their giving it up. John and his family moved back to N.J. in 1901. In the years prior to their departure, Katie had been the piano player for Mrs. Sayre's chapel in Clifton. The Bradshaws remember their time in Arlington fondly. Per son Fred, in later years, they all remembered the fireworks from across the river in Jacksonville at the turn of the century.

The Bradshaws and the Post Office

The Matthews Post Office in Clifton was renamed the "Arlington Post Office," on March 27, 1912. Mr. Bradshaw first operated the Post Office from his home, but it was relocated to the end of Arlington Road, which became the ferry landing shortly thereafter. Based on a 1939-40 news article on his retirement, William Bradshaw at the age of 44, became the first Arlington Postmaster and remained so for 29 years. Per a 2003 interview with the Steeves' brothers, the post office was originally in its own building on the hillside of the southwest intersection of Arlington Road and River Bluff Road South. Mr. Bradshaw then purchased a grocery store on the north side of Arlington Road (then called St. Johns Ave.), from the McLeans, and



*Arlington Post Office and William Bradshaw, Postmaster, ca. 1936
Old Arlington, Inc. Collection*

moved the post office into his store. When he sold the store it moved back across the street. The exact sequence of the moves is not known.

During Mr. Bradshaw's service as Postmaster, Arlington took over the Chaseville, Gilmore,

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The History of Old Arlington

Arlington development pioneer and first postmaster William Bradshaw

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and Floral Bluff areas' mail delivery. This was probably a big factor in the name "Arlington" being applied to the outlying communities. Hartley Steeves e-mailed me this memory in July 08:

"Arlington received mail in a bag at 11 a.m. from RFD (rural free delivery). Sometimes, I do remember a second delivery by a post office truck meeting the ferry on the Jacksonville side at 4:30 p.m. and arriving on the Arlington side at 4:45 p.m. This was a big item - Arlington getting two deliveries a day. Hurrah! Arlington was coming up in the world. Everybody would come to the post office and wait for Mr. Bradshaw to stick the mail in the mailboxes. During this time the window was closed and service suspended. This was a time when much gossip would be exchanged or started."

Based on my grandmother Louise Johnson's diaries, the ferry quit running on Dec. 11, 1933, and Mr. Bradshaw moved the post office to a new building about two lots west of "the crossroads" on the north side of Arlington Road. He remained postmaster there until ca. Feb. 1940, when he was forced to retire at the age of 75. In 1939, Mr. Hawley praised Mrs. Bradshaw for making an extra trip daily to pick up Arlington's mail and he also noted when savings stamps (later changed to Defense Stamps) went on sale. When Mr. Bradshaw retired, he was temporarily replaced by Mr. Harrell.

Shortly thereafter, Lillian Bryant Bradshaw (Howard) passed the required government test and took over with an assistant. Her daughter, Carolyn Bradshaw Dixon, has furnished a great picture of her mother in front of the modest structure. What is so remarkable in the picture is the lack of development around it. Carolyn says that the area behind the post office and to the sides was Mrs. Townsend's cow pasture. As a little



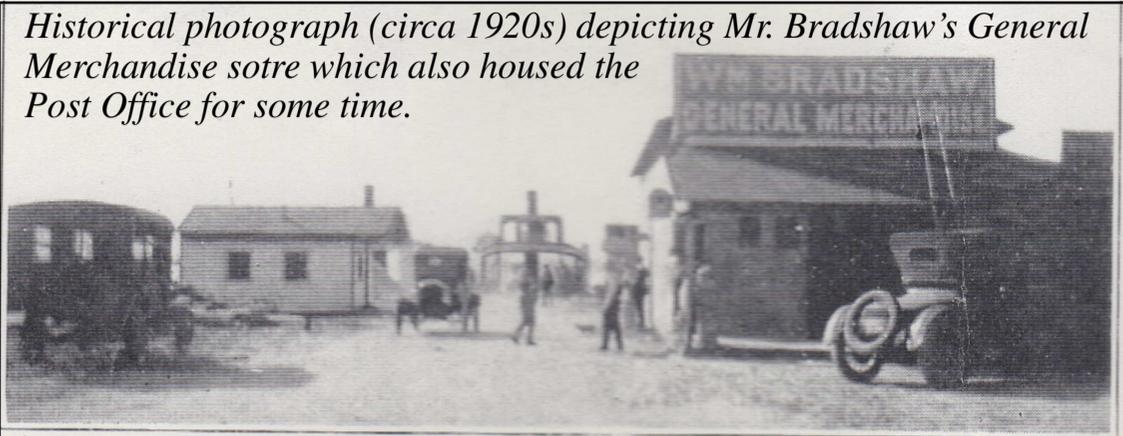
girl, she recalls reading "Remember Pearl Harbor" on the blackboard outside the building, and at first not knowing who "Pearl" was. Her mother had a payphone installed in August of 1942. She also remembers answering a phone call from Louise Johnson (my grandmother) asking if she had mail. That was prohibited, and Carolyn didn't know her mother had a secret code for that information. Carolyn said her mother felt the work was very demanding for the pay and that they experienced vandalism even in those days. The little post office was replaced by a much larger concrete block building on the northwest corner of the crossroads some time after the new building was finished in 1946. The wooden building was sold to Mr. Laseter who moved it across the street for a piano repair shop.

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CLEVE'S CORNER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7)**Arlington Loan and Investment Company**

Mr. Bradshaw, his wife Clara, my grandfather Cleve Johnson, and his wife Louise, evidently formed a loan company during the Great Depression as I found a satisfaction of Mortgage dated 1941 for a 1938 mortgage on a lot in Arlington for \$900.00. They signed as "The Arlington Loan and Investment Co." and was witnessed by Mr. Kenyon and Mr. Hawley.

Historical photograph (circa 1920s) depicting Mr. Bradshaw's General Merchandise store which also housed the Post Office for some time.



Wm. Bradshaw
General Merchant and Post Master

William Bradshaw as a Gardner

Probably after his retirement, Mr. Bradshaw took up the shipment of roots and herbs found in the Arlington woods to a pharmaceutical Co. in New York. He hired Ray (Piggy) Bennett and some other boys to dig the roots of "Bamboo" vines which resemble clumps of small sweet potatoes. He would clean and dry and bag them in Burlap. Piggy would take them to town for shipment by Clyde Liner. He may have sold "Deer Tongue" which also has medicinal usage. I remember going with my Grandfather, Cleveland Johnson, to Mr. Bradshaw's home, then in Clifton, which was surrounded by plants. He had two things I remember well: a root (mushroom) cellar and a windmill.

Next Generations of Bradshaws

Florence S. (1893-1989) married Charles Theodore Macy (1898-1979) and continued to be a teacher. William Burton (1904-1968) lived in his father's home and was a carpenter and built many of the new homes in Arlington and East Arlington with his Brother-In-Law, Ed. Metcalf. He was also a fisherman, as were many others, to make extra money. He married Martha Lucille Metcalf (1908-1995) and they had four children, William (Billy), Norman (1934-1979), Martha (Moncrief) and Linda (Youmans). Howard Henry (1909-1987) worked in the shipyard and automotive trade



Carolyn Bradshaw Dixon at 2010 ceremony unveiling "The Crossroads" historical marker located at the intersection of University Blvd. and Arlington Road.

and was also a fisherman and lived on Arlington Rd. near the river. He married Lillian Bryant (1914-1975) who was Arlington Postmaster for a while and then worked at JU. They had three children Carolyn (Dixon), Howard Jr. (Buddy deceased 1934-1994) and Chris. Additional sources of reference include a family discussion of history between Florence Bradshaw Macy and the Macy and McLean families (an OAI archival file), and the Arlington Park Cemetery's online information.

Renew Arlington Draft Plan Unveils Radical Changes in Old Arlington

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In 20 years, people driving down either University Boulevard or Merrill Road will see streets with no overhead electric lines, more people walking down wider sidewalks, cyclists buzzing past on "JU Green" painted bike lanes and more roundabouts than traffic lights.

This is only a part of the picture City of Jacksonville Redevelopment Manager Karen Nasrallah and Renew Arlington consultant Strategic Planning Group painted of old Arlington in Renew Arlington's Draft Concept Design Master Plan. They presented this plan for the first time to the community at the Renew Arlington Community Workshop Thursday night [9-17-15].

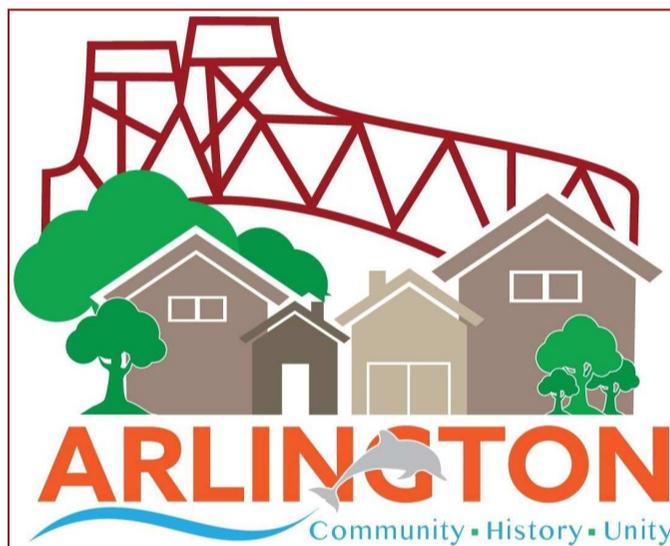
Once final, it will serve as the backbone for projects in the Renew Arlington Community Redevelopment Area, which includes University Boulevard from Arlington Expressway to Fort Caroline Road, Merrill Road from the gates of Jacksonville University to Interstate 295, and Arlington Road from University Boulevard to Rogero Road. The Renew Arlington CRA, once established, will make all of these changes in the next 20 years. Its goal is to revitalize and sustain old Arlington for the next 50 years.

It identifies six key issues of improvement for the old Arlington area: lack of walkability, need for corridor improvements, traffic calming, infrastructure, transportation and public safety. Roads, drainage and electric are the biggest focus within the draft master plan. Bob Gray of Strategic Planning Group said that in their studies they found that a majority of roads in old Arlington are under-utilized, built for twice the number of cars that actually use the road. The plan proposes condensing these roads, especially on North and South University, Arlington Road and Merrill Road, with a design that places a landscaped median, one or two lanes of traffic on either side, and parallel parking spaces separated by landscape. Gray said that this design allows more space on the road for a bike lane and wider sidewalks.

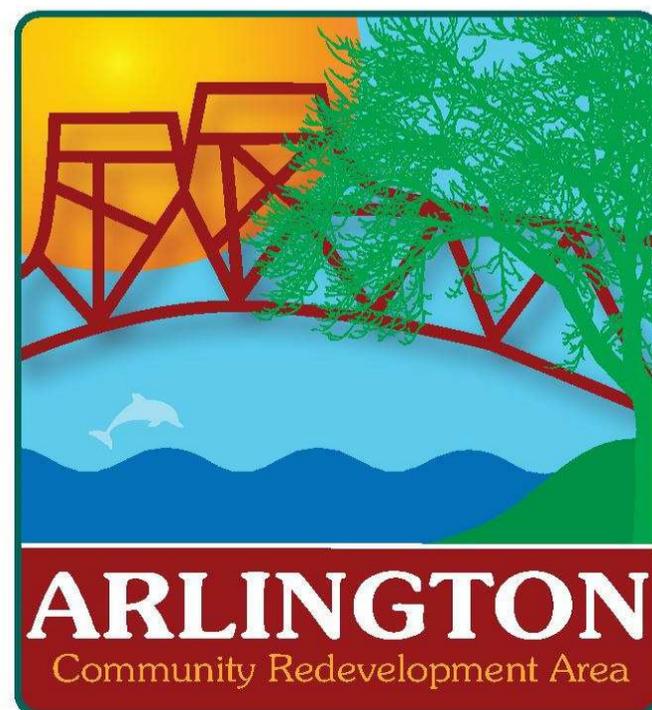
Along North University, the plan proposes adding drainage with electricity connections to temporarily turn the road into an event area, with vendor booths using one lane and the other lane dedicated to foot traffic.

To calm traffic, the plan proposes to place roundabouts on intersections along Rogero Road, the intersection of Merrill Road and University Boulevard, Cesery Boulevard and University Boulevard, and Fort Caroline Road and University Boulevard. The plan also aims to lower the speed limit to 30 mph on many roads.

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Two of the revised logos being considered as part of the CRA's branding



Arlington Personified

*A Regular Feature on Those Who
Are Shaping Our Community*

Arlington Lions Club Shares Gift of Sight

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Seeing eight patients once a week is just an extension of what Roger Hogan does as an optometrist and as an over 40-year member of the Arlington Lions Club. For him, it's another way for the as a club member to help residents in the Arlington and the surrounding community get the eye care they need.

"There's definitely a need in our community, because there's a lot of people who need assistance who just can't afford to go to a doctor and pay for an eye exam or pay for glasses," said Hogan said. "That's where our Lions Club comes in. We assist people who cannot afford it financially."

The Arlington Eye Clinic, 1420 Rogero Road, opened on Aug. 25. Completely funded and run by the Arlington Lions Club, the clinic serves people with no health insurance who live in the greater Jacksonville area through offering eye exams, screenings for diseases such as glaucoma and stigmatism, and vouchers for prescription glasses, if needed. Local optometrists volunteer their time to see patients who qualify.

Currently, the clinic is open once a week with Hogan as its lone optometrist. To help relieve him, the Arlington Lions Club has sent letters to other optometrists in the area, hoping to open the clinic more days out of the week with more doctors.

The Arlington Lions Club began work for the clinic around 2002. Clinic Director Tommy Dover, then Lions' district governor, got the idea to open an eye clinic after seeing one in another city.

He soon took it on as personal project with the Arlington Lions Club, gaining support of current President Peter Sarmie and Treasurer Charlie Largen. Hogan assisted Dover in getting the right equipment for the clinic.

It took the club 13 years and \$160,000 to open the clinic in August. The club budgeted for the clinic every year, raising money through its Bingo games. A boost in Bingo attendance two years ago helped the club make its goal, and it purchased the land and building for the clinic a year and a half ago. It took another 13 months to buy all the equipment, get approval for the layout of the interior of the clinic and make all the renovations and changes, including making the building handicap accessible.

It was the need from the community that drove Dover, Sarmie and Largen to make the clinic a reality. It's a cause that is dear to the Lions Club as the worldwide organization has been involved in helping people with vision problems for at least 100 years.

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Tommy Dover (from left), Peter Sarmie and Charlie Largen have been working since the early 2000s to make the Arlington Eye Clinic a reality.

Wine and Dine in the Woods



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Tickets and information at www.jacksonvillearboretum.org

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Before the Jacksonville clinic opened, the local club would get a lot of calls from the community about its vouchers for prescription glasses and, until a few years ago, vouchers for eye exams. Providing a place with all of these services under one roof is a more direct way to help the community get the eye care they need.

"This is our way to respond, because this is our community and our backyard," said Sarmie said. "We want to take care of the local people."

The club continues to pay about \$6,000 per month to keep the clinic open. With each prescription eyeglass voucher costing \$50, the club is currently giving \$800 worth of eyeglass vouchers to patients each week.

That number is expected to go up as the number of patients and the number of days that the clinic is open increases.

Dover dreams of the clinic expanding even further in the future. Plans include an additional eye exam room and an eye surgery center.

The ultimate goal is to make the clinic run independently from the club, preventing it from closing if the Arlington Lions Club ever ceases operations.

To make an appointment at the Arlington Eye Clinic, call (904) 900-1551.

RADICAL CHANGES (Continued from page 9)

With fewer lanes of traffic and limited on-street parking, where else can people park their cars? Gray said that could be found in Arlington's retail space. Throughout the CRA's map, buildings are divided into degrees of redevelopment, from renovation to complete rebuilding. To mesh with a more bike and pedestrian friendly environment, the plan proposes turning some these businesses into mixed use, business on the first floor with residential on the second floor, or an urban apartment, which moves the building up against the street and leaves more room for parking on the side and back of the building. Electricity is also proposed to be moved behind buildings, with transformers placed on the roof of businesses. JEA is currently reviewing this plan with Renew Arlington.



Consultants present draft of Arlington's redevelopment plan at Community Workshop on September 17th.

The plan proposes to address drainage as a community issue, easing the pressure on individual businesses to meet current drainage standards. Renew Arlington will find areas that can improve drainage for a wide area, and move drainage underground. This will create bioswales, landscaping that helps remove silt and pollution from runoff water, above ground and turn these drainage areas into parks or bike and walking paths throughout old Arlington. This also addresses the lack of parks for many Arlington neighborhoods.

While currently in the draft phase, Nasrallah said that they will send their final plan to the Mayor's Budget Review Committee and present it to the community at the Arlington CPAC meeting Monday, Oct. 12th. It will then be introduced to the City Council on Oct. 27th, go through Council committees starting Nov. 16th, and go back to the council for final consideration and approval on Nov. 24th. If any delays happen, Nasrallah said that the final plan will be approved no later than Dec. 8th.

Compared to the establishment of most CRAs, which take between 18 to 24 months, Renew Arlington is on a fast track thanks to previous area studies done in Arlington since 2005. Along with their own research, Nasrallah and Strategic Planning Group took proposals made by Arlington Town Center Vision Plan in 2005, Old Arlington Neighborhood Action Plan in 2007 and Greater Arlington/Beaches Plan in 2010 and included them in the Renew Arlington Master Plan.

"You guys have already done the work, and because CRA provides us with a funding source, we're going to start to implement these plans," Nasrallah said.



*Need a speaker & program for your next group meeting?
Contact OAI to schedule our complimentary presentation
highlighting Arlington's history and future vision.*

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*Old Arlington, Inc. meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in JU's Gooding Building.
- Everyone Welcome -*

OLD ARLINGTON CRUISE-IN

First Saturday of each month

Town & Country Shopping Center
965 University Blvd. North



4:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Information: Bruce Nussman - bruceandpeggy@bellsouth.net

Arlington Expressway Workshop



Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) invites you to the Arlington Expressway Mobility Workshop!

You're invited to join a community-wide dialogue and feedback session related to Arlington Expressway from Mathews Bridge to Monument Road.

We will be discussing bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as mobility improvements and concerns within the corridor. We would love to get your input!

Fast Facts

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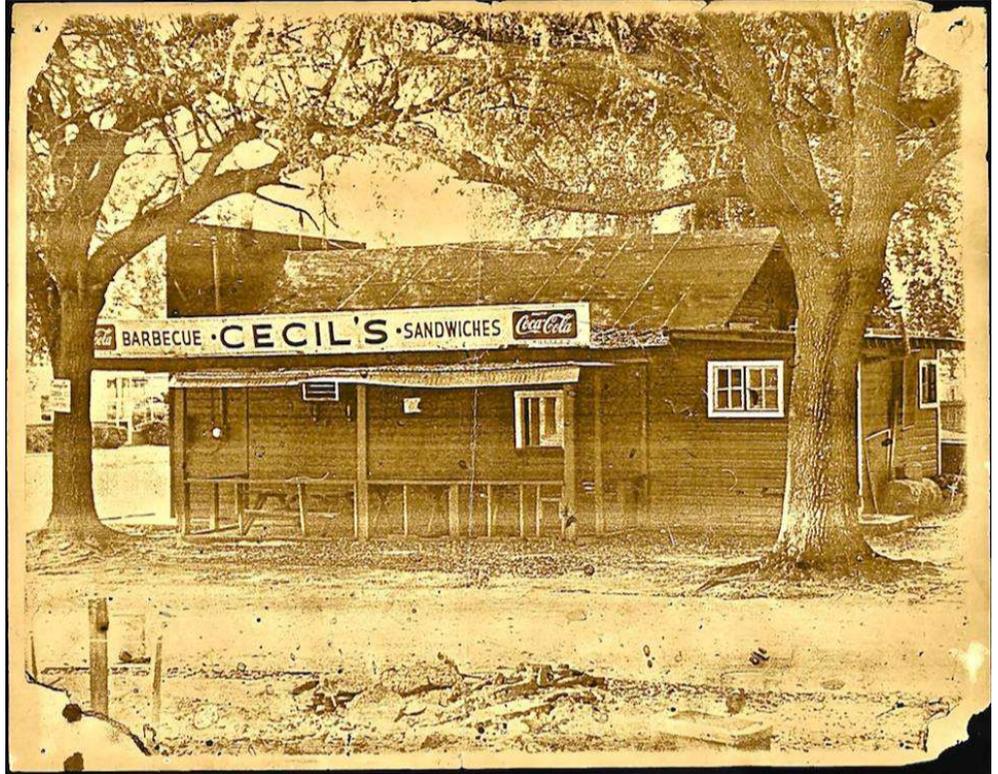
Address:
8985 Lone Star Road
Jacksonville, Florida

When:
Wednesday, October 21
Arlington Expressway
Mobility Workshop
4 -7 p.m.

Open House format
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Remembering . . . BARBECUE · CECIL'S · SANDWICHES

Cecil's, as in the picture below, was a joint, but in a good way. Simple places where one came to refresh themselves with a cold beverage and good hot food. Back in the day you didn't concern yourself with calories, sodium content or if the place had an A health rating. Our homes did not have AC nor did our cars and we didn't expect places like this to be cool inside either. When we came to Cecil's we usually had been surf fishing all day and us kids were barefoot and covered with salt spray and sand. Dad would drive up in his 1963 Rambler station wagon with fishing rods hanging out the rear widow with sinkers slapping the side of the car -- hooks still covered with dried shrimp skins. When you are eight years old the hamburgers at Cecil's looked like they were the size of Frisbees, and they came wrapped in wax paper with a slice of onion so strong you could blow on a fly and kill it dead. Beer and Coke Cola, so cold, it about cracked the enamel on your teeth.



Elvis at the Record Shop on Chaseville Rd (University Blvd) before heading over to Cecil's for a big old hamburger with extra onions and a cold one. (mid 1950's)



Thanks for posting this. My husband was the cook at Cecil's in the late 80s and early 90s. – Phyllis

Miss Cecil's. More, I miss the people and conversations. – Bill

Back in the day sitting on the benches outside we told stories about big fish and the bigger ones that got away. Stray cats wandering around and a little cigarette smoke never hurt anyone. Yep, I remember when Coke was still cola and a joint was a good place to be. -John



Fate of Historic 'Butterfly House' Uncertain with Home on the Market

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If home is where the heart is, then the house on Wildwood Road in Arlington holds many hearts.

Known as the Butterfly House for its upward-angled roof, like a butterfly in flight, it was designed and built by architect Bob Broward in 1957.

Not only is the house's outward appearance with its butterfly roof unique, its interior is also classically airy. Tall sliding-glass doors lead to the backyard, secret gardens are on either side of the front of the house, and small skylights throughout bring in the light characteristic of similar designs.

The Butterfly House is now considered a mid-century modern classic, one of at least 200 that were built in the city between 1955 and 1972.

Mid-century modern is a style of home that became popular in America after World War II. A clean design, floor-to-ceiling windows, flat roofs or roofs extending past the house, and the use of native wood and stone are signature details of this style.

Not only did the design captivate its initial owners, it has attracted the love of others since it was listed for sale June 29. The house, at 7902 Wildwood Road, is on the market as a short sale. Currently, the bank is reviewing an offer.

Realtor Carol Nadler said she has never seen or sold any home like it. She first heard about the home from a client who contacted the home's last owner, Helen Marshall, by mail. Marshall's daughter, Linda Parrish, replied that the bank was in the process of foreclosing on the home after she sent her mother to a nursing home.

Her mother had moved into the home in 1993 with her husband Bill Marshall, a well-known Jacksonville artist. Marshall personally loved the style of the home, and drove by it for years while working as a real estate agent.

Proud of owning such an iconic house, Marshall took every opportunity to show it off by holding parties for friends, including the architect himself.

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This is the Butterfly House as it stands today.

Photo by Tiffanie Reynolds

A "Forgotten River" Gets a New Bridge

The Arlington River Bridge Opens After Year-Long Project

The Arlington River - No. 3 on a list of Jacksonville's Forgotten Rivers by METROJACKSONVILLE



The Arlington River Bridge on University Boulevard opened last month to traffic, replacing its nearly 60-year-old predecessor with a new concrete, slightly more elevated span. The original wooden bridge was replaced by a "modern" concrete span in 1956, but increasing maintenance costs in recent years dictated its replacement.

The \$11.5 million project extended from Cesery Boulevard to Clifton Avenue. The new bridge features 6 1/2 ft. wide sidewalks and 4 foot wide bicycle lanes, along with decorative lighting, architectural railing, and new signalization at the Cesery Boulevard interchange. New landscaping at both ends will add to the vista.

The Florida Department of Transportation project that began with the construction of a roundabout at the University Boulevard/Colcord Avenue/Arlington Expressway interchange will conclude with a final roadway resurfacing in the next few months.

(Below) Approaching the new span from Clifton; (Right) New lighting and railing mark the new bridge's aesthetics, while sidewalks and bicycle lanes add to safety.

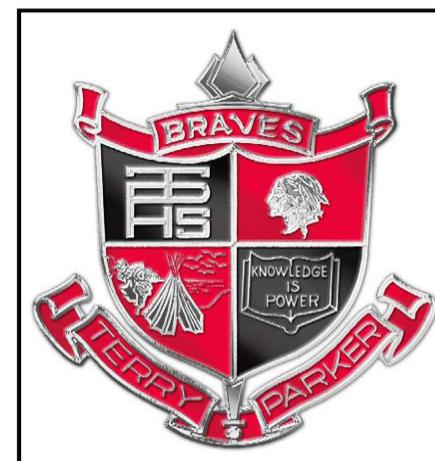


Check out some of the *A-TownBuzz* on page 5 for photos and more - past and present - on the Arlington River Bridge.

Hello Brave Nation,



I wanted to say how excited I am to be your Principal at Terry Parker this coming year! It is my privilege and honor to join the Terry Parker family and community. I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning and growing with our students as well as working with the faculty and staff, our parents, and community members. My husband, two children, and I are very happy to be joining the Brave Nation.



As Terry Parker's Principal, I aspire to establish a school culture and educational program conducive to student learning and development. Families often experience tremendous challenges today. As your Principal, I will seek to foster positive behavior, student and faculty teamwork, and cooperation in the school environment. My belief is that students make choices and there are natural consequences for these choices. They should be held accountable in a consistent and fair manner as well as recognized and rewarded for their accomplishments.

My goal is to continue the positive momentum that the faculty and staff as well as students and parents of Terry Parker have worked so hard to achieve where every student is provided the highest quality of education possible in a safe and supportive learning environment. In order to accomplish this goal, we have developed a philosophical phrase: Be Brave, Dream Big Through The 4 A's to Success: Attendance, Attitude, Academics, and Activities. We will be spending a considerable amount of time discussing and implementing these concepts into what we are already doing at Terry Parker. I sincerely believe that by adhering to the basic ideas embedded in these four concepts, our students will become well-rounded individuals and ready for the next phase of their lives.

I look forward to this being the best year at Terry Parker High School. Focusing on student achievement, parental involvement, and community partnerships will help every Terry Parker student succeed.

Be Brave, Dream Big! Go Braves!

Respectfully,
Megan Pardue, Principal
904-720-1650 ext. 113



TERRY PARKER BRAVES Head Coach: Tommy Balom
District: 5A Region: Northeast Florida

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
7	10/2	Wolfson	7:00p
8	10/9	Paxon	7:00p
9	10/16	@ Westside	7:00p
10	10/23	@Bishop Kenny	7:00p
11	10/30	Ponte Vedra	7:00p
12	11/6	@ Atlantic Coast	7:00p



Feeding in the Rain - University Park Branch Library Hosts Feeding Northeast Florida Event

City of Jacksonville and University Park Library employees join forces with members of Living Waters Christian Church and other volunteers in Feeding Northeast Florida's food pantry event on August 14th.



Suppliers and volunteers finish final preparations as the line quees around the library.



A torrential downpour unleashed as food distribution began. More than three hundred remained in line and in the storm, which overflowed drain pipes and transformed the parking lot into an ankle-deep lake.



Paper packaging turned into wet paper mache and had to be discarded while contents were salvaged and re-labeled.



Un-dampened spirits!

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"All the people they knew would come into the house and would say 'This is Bob's house.' Mom and Bill would be sitting there just smiling," said Parrish. "And Bob would be sitting on the couch and they would say, 'Bob, we love your house.'"

As Parrish's mom grew older, she could no longer keep up with the house financially. Through the help of a relative, she was able to stay through a reverse mortgage. Now that she has moved to a nursing home, the bank is giving Parrish and Nadler until Oct. 4 to find a new owner before the home goes into foreclosure.

Nadler said that she has shown the home twice a day since it was listed, but has had a hard time securing a buyer because of the home's current condition.

While Marshall took care of the house as much as she could, she wasn't able to tackle many major repairs including replacing piping in the ceiling, patching the roof, cleaning out mold due to water damage, and replacing the hot water tank.

Parrish said that the bank won't accept a traditional mortgage for the home because of these and other problems, and that turns many potential buyers away. But someone who is willing to take on the project could end up with a classic home.

Local architect historian Wayne Wood said the home is not only iconic of the mid-century modern period, but also a great example of Broward's style. A student of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, Broward always aimed for a balance between building and nature in his designs. Wood said it was also the first home where Broward could show off his architectural style.

"His principles were always the same," said Wood. "To respect nature, to respect the site, to build a house that's custom designed, : for the owner."

The Butterfly House inspired this 1959 Broward-designed home in Monterey. Broward's homes have been a regular feature on OAI's annual Arlington Mod & More home tour.

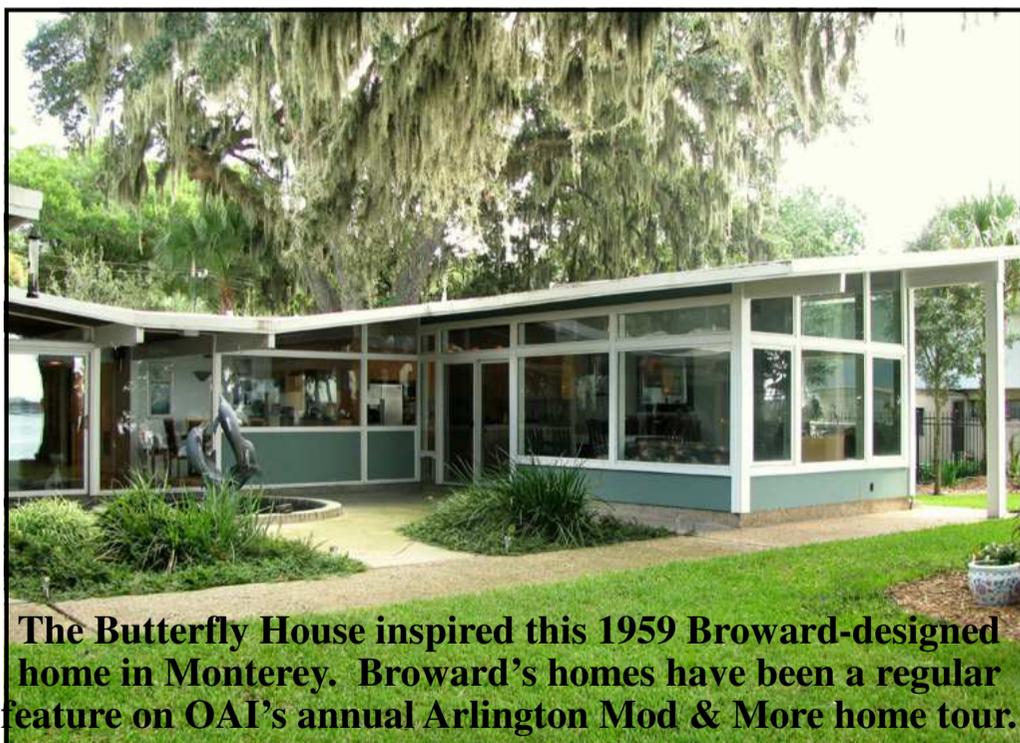
Wood, Parrish and Nadler hope to find a buyer who loves the house as much as they do and who would be willing to spend the money to restore the home to its former glory.

Parrish still sees the home's beauty, even in its old age. "When you walk in," Parrish said, "it's almost like a breath of fresh air."



Bob Broward designed and built the Arlington home that has come to be known as the Butterfly House in 1957

Provided by Wayne Wood



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streetscaping, and aging infrastructure. A finding of the study states, "According to City staff, the only properties within the Redevelopment Area that are currently in compliance with the Zoning Code are 'the CVS parcel (located at the JU entrance) and also those properties located on Merrill Road east of Townsend Boulevard. All other parcels in the study area that were developed prior to the revised development code in 1991 are substandard or deficient in relation to the current minimum landscape and/or parking requirements, usually both.'"

The approved legislation also directs the Mayor to appoint - with City Council confirmation - a seven-member Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board regarding implementation of the Community Redevelopment Plan. The formal plan will be adopted later this year by separate ordinance.

