

**Fairlington Community Walking Town Meeting
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<p>1. <u>Fairlington Community Center (FCC)</u></p>	<p><u>Welcome:</u> The Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) would like to highlight the completion of Phase I of the Center; and expound on Phase II insofar as the proposed and upcoming changes affecting the landscape on the immediate grounds. Phase I & II are resultant of ongoing County funding.</p> <p><u>Unresolved policy:</u> The scheduled renovations will enhance the programs and activities held at FCC, such as providing a play space for the preschool program between one of the wings and a better playing surface for the soccer field. FCA would like to emphasize the need for Parks Recreation and Community Resources (PRCR) to provide programming support to develop neighborhood-oriented programs like those that PRCR conducted before the building renovation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fairlington neighbors expressed concern since re-opening that the neighborhood has lost the feeling of the community center as a hub of neighborhood activity. ▪ PRCR staff met with a group of civic association neighbors to discuss interests. ▪ By mutual agreement, staff posted an interest survey on the County's website and the Fairlington Citizens Association newsletter and list serves providing a link to the survey to gather feedback on program interests. ▪ Staff and neighbors discussed the survey results and agreed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schedule community open play in the gym especially on weekends. 2. Schedule Family Night activities the community will plan and lead. PRCR will support with set-up, equipment, and activity supplies such as Wii games, arts activities, cooperative games and portable game room equipment. 	<p>County staff works very closely with residents to insure that center programs meet the needs and desires of the Fairlington community. In response to ongoing feedback and collaboration, program changes have been made to reflect the interests of the community. The Fairlington Community Center has a full schedule of class, workshop, tot and youth camp programs. Neighborhood families are enrolled in these programs. As a result of that ongoing work, following are the activities offered and planned at the Center:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open Play is scheduled in the Gym: Saturdays 3-5 pm, Sundays 12 – 3 pm. 2. As per Civic Association preference, the Family Night schedule will start in the fall. A room is currently reserved for Family Nights and the Civic Association has been contacted and offered times for summer and fall Family Night activities.

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<p>2. <u>Utah Street Park— inclusive of dog park/softball and open field.</u></p>	<p>Nefarious activity & ongoing flooding: Discuss illicit activity taking place during the evening hours (i.e., insufficient lighting, and efforts towards better community policing).</p> <p>Additional Follow Up Items:</p> <p><u>Auto Larcenies:</u> Car break ins on 32nd Street; Are there prevention strategies?</p> <p><u>Park Use:</u> After hours use of park</p>	<p>Utah Park undesired activity: The Police Department’s Third District Community Policing team works closely with the Fairlington Citizens Association in addressing crime concerns. The District team also works closely with personnel from the County’s Parks and Recreation Department when it comes to incidents at Utah Park.</p> <p>The District team and patrol officers routinely monitor Utah Park. Captain Michelle</p>	<p>Auto larcenies: Auto larceny is a widespread problem throughout the County. It continues to be an issue in the Fairlington area due to the number of vehicles parked in a confined area and the location to a major highway. Last fall, the Police Department had two sign boards posted in the Fairlington area, as a preventive measure, reminding everyone to lock their vehicle doors and remove valuable items. These signboards were</p>

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<p>3. <u>Noise attenuation, sound barriers and open sewer pipe</u></p>	<p>The impending HOT Lanes: This project will increase the amount of traffic and currently there are no bona fide proposal/approvals for sound barriers to mitigate vehicle noise that comport with our historical standards set forth</p>	<p>HOT Lanes noise barriers: Staff forwarded this list of issues to the VDOT project team for review. VDOT's response on the noise barrier issue is as follows: <i>"Noise barriers: Noise impact from the project has been</i></p>	<p>Historic preservation: Staff met with representatives of VDOT on May 28, 2009 at Fairlington and walked the approximate line of where the proposed noise barrier walls would be placed. Staff made three requests concerning</p>

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<p>3. <u>Continued</u></p>	<p><u>Dilapidated sewer pipes in Fairlington:</u> Residents have questions about ownership, ongoing maintenance and storm water drainage and management, especially as it is affecting Fairlington Commons Condominium Association and adjacent grounds. Land and soil erosion is obvious resultant of these sewer pipes.</p>		<p><u>Dilapidated sewer pipes:</u> As follow up, staff contacted the property owners who raised issues during the Walking Town Meeting. Staff has inspected the storm water structures in those areas and found damage. Staff will make repairs and improvements in the next month to address the identified issues.</p> <p>The contact person for this item is Mary Strawn who can be reached at 703-228-6508 or mstrawn@arlingtonva.us.</p>
<p>4. <u>Impact to residents should this Firehouse close</u></p>	<p><u>A quick tour of Station 7 and brief comments from Station Chief, Captain Stilwell</u></p> <p>In FY 07, Station 7 provided response and service to 1,390 calls of distress in and around Fairlington. In order to provide and preserve the community, and afford all residents the benefits with an active fire station, it is with high priority we continue to have this fire station remain [fully] operational. Fairlington Citizens</p>	<p>Arlington County is committed to retaining the goal of a four-minute response time to any emergency call in the county. There are four fire stations that currently provide four minutes or less response time to an emergency in the Fairlington area. The Fire Department has a Fire Station Location Study, in which one of the goals is to have an equitable distribution of fire stations to keep that response time. At some point in the future, this study may have an impact on the location</p>	<p><u>Fire Station 7:</u> Arlington County will keep the neighborhood and community informed of any planned changes regarding the disposition of Fire Station 7. There are no current plans to replace or relocate this Fire Station.</p> <p>The contact is Captain Charles Gibbs who can be reached at 703-228-0107 or cjibbs@arlingtonva.us.</p>

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<p>4. <u>Conclusion:</u></p>	<p><u>Summarize the tour and address ancillary topics of concern that were not obvious or discussed during the tour:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus stops on South 31st Street. Current space constraints make it difficult for the operators to pull out of the traffic lanes when making stops. Request action be taken, such as installing "no parking" signs, to create pull-off space. • Additionally, cars pass buses, despite a "double yellow" line, which could lead to a pedestrian safety issue. • <u>Noise:</u> Noise from bus route announcements. 	<p>Captain Michelle Nuneville, Third District Commander will coordinate with the District team and patrol to monitor South 31st Street for vehicles passing buses and crossing the double yellow line into on-coming traffic.</p>	<p><u>Buses:</u> Captain Michelle Nuneville's District team will monitor and enforce the area of South 31st Street for vehicles passing busses into on-coming traffic.</p> <p><u>Captain Michelle Nuneville,</u> Third District Commander, may be reached at 703-228-4097 or mnuneville@arlingtonva.us.</p> <p><u>Noise:</u> The bus announcements are made in compliance to ADA regulations for the visually impaired. A request to lower the volume has been made. The contact is <u>Lynn Rivers</u> who can be reached at 703-228-7929 or lrivers@arlington.va.us.</p>

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<p>5. <u>Continued</u></p>	<p><u>Repaving:</u> Repaving around and near traffic islands of 34th Street between S. Wakefield and South 36th Street.</p> <p><u>Additional Follow Up Items:</u> Crosswalk is needed at 31st Road and Abingdon Street</p> <p>Evaluate 31st street for traffic calming measures.</p>		<p><u>Repaving:</u> This traffic island will be re-paved in July weather permitting. The contact person is Dave Hundelt who can be reached at 703-228-6539 or dhundelt@arlingtonva.us.</p> <p><u>Crosswalk:</u> Due to the existing fire station driveway and tree locations, an ADA-compliant crosswalk cannot be installed at 31st Road South and South Abingdon Street. There is a nearby crosswalk, which is encouraged for use, and four way stop 150' from the site. The point of contact is Patricia Bush who can be reached at 703-228-3724 or pbush@arlingtonva.us.</p> <p><u>Traffic calming:</u> A traffic-calming project was constructed on 31st Street South between South Randolph Street and South Abingdon Street in 2007. The project consists of a series of speed cushions and bus nubs at bus stops. No additional measures are anticipated. The contact person for the traffic-calming program is Jeff Sikes who can be reached at 703-228-3696 or jsikes@arlingtonva.us.</p>

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