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## FCA to hear plans for Four Mile Run Valley

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As a year-long planning process nears completion, Arlington County staff will brief Fairlington residents on the emerging vision for the area along Four Mile Run in Shirlington and Nauck at FCA's meeting, June 14, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St.

The goal of the county's Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV) initiative is to develop a comprehensive vision and policy framework that will help guide public and private investment in ways that are compatible with the surrounding area. This includes long-term county operations, the preservation and enhancement of natural resources and open spaces, and future private development.

A citizen advisory team has been guiding the discussion, which has been organized around two broad components: a parks master plan, which would include Jennie Dean Park, the Shirlington Dog Park, and Shirlington Park; and an area plan, which addresses building height, types of business uses, density, transportation, and environmental sustainability.

Kate Thomas, the Arlington County Principal Planner and Project Manager

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Four Mile Run Valley study area. Courtesy Arlington County.

# Coming up ...

The FCA Board invites all Fairlington residents to attend its meetings, which occur on the second Wednesday of the month at the Fairlington Community Center (3308 S. Stafford St.) unless otherwise noted. Before the beginning of each monthly Executive Board meeting, FCA members may address the board on matters affecting the community, limited to three minutes per member.

## FCA monthly meeting June 14

**Special presentation:** Arlington county staff will review the Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV) planning work.

### Regular board business:

- Approval of May minutes
- Officer and committee reports
- Unfinished business
- New business

**Meeting minutes:** Minutes of prior meetings can be found on the FCA website.

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## Calendar

### Fairlington Diners

Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 pm  
The Fish Market, 105 King St.  
Old Town, Alexandria

### DASH presentation

Thursday, June 8  
Parkfairfax party room  
3360 Gunston Rd., Alexandria

### Primary elections

Tuesday, June 13, 6 am – 7 pm

### FCA monthly meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 7 pm  
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

### Fairlington Diners

Monday, June 19, 6:30 pm  
Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson  
Blvd.

### Book Group

Tuesday, June 27, 7:30 pm  
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

### July Fourth Celebration

Monday, July 4, 10 am  
Fire Station 7

## Spring bargains



*The threat of showers couldn't keep savvy bargain hunters away from North Fairlington's annual spring yard sale. Photo by Guy Land.*

**Contributors this month:** Lynne Blasi, Christine Chirichella, Jeni Hornback, Guy Land, Cathy Malin, Beth McGinn, and Bill Sullivan.

*Some images in this publication may be digitally enhanced.*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This spring's neighborhood activities displayed what a vibrant community Fairlington is.

- April's 5K drew 600 runners, the bulk of them either Fairlington residents or people associated with our neighborhood elementary school.
- Despite the threat of a chilly rain, scores of bargain hunters examined the wares of more than two dozen vendors at North Fairlington's spring yard sale.
- A large crowd welcomed two new vendors when the Fairlington Farmers Market opened for its third season on May 7, illustrating the popularity of this neighborhood market that is targeted to our community.
- The historical society's biennial home and garden tour in mid-May, which showcased a dozen home renovation projects, had more than 500 people traipsing across North and South Fairlington, deepening their knowledge of the neighborhood.

Still to come this summer is the Fairlington Fourth of July celebration, which brings out hundreds of Fairlingtonians, many accompanied by their pets, for the block-long parade followed by food and ice cream.

And then there are the pool parties sponsored by the individual condo associations, as well as the FINS program for Fairlington kids. Not to mention the informal block and courtyard parties that pop up in the summer months.

And don't forget the other frequent group activities: the MOMS Club®, Fairlington Diners, and Book Group.

That's a lot going on. Taken together, they paint a picture of a dynamic, friendly, and healthy community. Pretty much the feel of a small town inside the beltway. That's the intangible value of this community.

For those of us who have lived here for several decades, one of the fascinating things is how Fairlington has maintained this warm and vibrant character even as it has undergone dramatic demographic change. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, for example, one almost never saw a stroller. That's certainly not the case now! But while the demographics have changed, the essence of the community has not.

The key to all of this, of course, is Fairlingtonians themselves: residents who generously volunteer to formally help with community activities or who simply check in on neighbors to see if they need anything.

Building a vibrant neighborhood isn't a spectator sport. Figure out the right use of your skills and consider devoting a couple of hours a month to strengthening our community. We will all appreciate it.

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# Work on I-395 express lanes to begin in July

Construction on the I-395 express lanes project is slated to begin in July, officials with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Transurban, the private sector partner, told residents at FCA's May monthly meeting. The initial work will consist of grading and drainage and then reconstructing and repaving the shoulder to make it suitable for carrying traffic.

Major construction will begin in the fall, with the work starting on the east side of the roadway while traffic is shifted to the west side. This work is expected to take almost a year. Then the work will shift to the west side, with traffic using the east side. Lanes will remain open throughout the construction period.

Most of the work will be done at nights and on weekends and will be subject to local noise ordinances. The new express lanes are projected to be operational in late 2019.

The I-395 express lanes project will extend the existing I-95 express lanes for eight miles north to the D.C. line. It will convert the existing two High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) lanes to three express lanes.

The lanes will use "dynamic tolling," which means that the actual toll will vary depending on traffic conditions. Vehicles that satisfy the HOV requirements will



*Jennifer Kellar of AECOM, Paul Nishimoto with VDOT Megaprojects office, Kevin Ginnerty of Transurban, and Bob Gronenberg from the Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee discuss the plans for the I-395 express lanes. Photos by Guy Land.*

be able to use the lanes without charge. All vehicles using the express lanes will be required to have a transponder.

Paul Nishimoto of VDOT's Northern Virginia Megaprojects office said that VDOT expects an increase of 35 to 50 percent in traffic volume in the express lanes over current HOV usage. This will relieve some of the congestion in the general-purpose lanes. According to Nishimoto, this would result in a 15 percent reduction in travel time in the general-purpose lanes.

He also reported that the project includes the addition of a fourth southbound lane between Duke St. and Edsall Rd., which should address the current bottleneck that occurs when the number of southbound lanes is reduced at Duke St. The project will also include a reconfiguration of the interchanges at Duke St. and Edsall Rd., replacing the loop ramps with signalized intersections.

Kevin Ginnerty of Transurban highlighted the improvements that will occur at the S. Eads St. intersection and the access to the Pentagon, with the addition of two reversible exit lanes that will separate traffic going in different directions on S. Eads. Currently all traffic uses one exit lane.

The S. Eads St. interchange will be coordinated with a proposed new bus road on the Pentagon reservation that will facilitate the flow of buses from the express lanes around the Pentagon parking lot to the transit station.

Ginnerty reported that work is underway on a draft noise abatement report that will guide the design and possible installation of sound walls. An environmental assessment last year determined that sound walls were "reasonable and feasible" along the I-395 corridor, but the decision on whether to install them will be up to affected residents along the highway. In the fall of 2017, preliminary sound wall designs will be available and residents and owners whose units are within the area to be served by the sound walls will vote on whether they want sound walls installed. FCA expects to hold a separate briefing on the sound walls later in the year.

—Guy Land



*Susan Cox talks with Jennifer Kellar and Lauren Michelotti of AECOM about details of the I-395 express lanes project.*



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## ***Arlington Mill Dr. lane realignment to be tested***

A temporary lane realignment at the intersection of S. Arlington Mill Dr. and S. Walter Reed Dr. is slated for late spring or early summer. The realignment is part of a larger set of intersection improvements that are designed to encourage more bicycle and pedestrian trips, improve access to Shirlington, and better support motorists and Arlington County service vehicles that use this intersection.



*The intersection at Arlington Mill Dr. and Walter Reed Dr.  
Photo by Guy Land.*

The realignment will reconfigure S. Arlington Mill Dr. westbound to one left turn lane and one right turn lane, along with improved slip lane crossing at the intersection.

The temporary lane realignment installation will give residents the opportunity to test out the proposed changes and crossing improvements prior to full project construction. This temporary installation will remain until the project construction begins.

According to Valerie Mosley, Capital Project Manager with the Arlington County Transportation Division, "This will allow us to improve the crossing experience for pedestrians and cyclists sooner and will allow us advance time to test out the lane realignment so that we can monitor it and determine if any additional signal timing, signage, or design adjustments are necessary at the intersection."

Mosley notes that crews began conducting test borings in April to confirm the proposed locations of the signal mast arm poles for the new traffic signals and the street light proposed with the project.

The overall project includes new crosswalks and curb ramps, ADA-complaint bus stops, two multi-use trails, technology upgrades at the intersection, and realign-

ment of Four Mile Run Trail as it approaches the S. Arlington Mill Dr. slip lane.

—Guy Land

## ***Neighborhood church plans affordable housing***

Fairlington Presbyterian Church plans to sell a portion of its current parking lot to Wesley Housing Development Corporation for the development of affordable rental housing on the site. The property, 3846 King St., is located just across King from Fairlington Mews.

Church members voted on May 7 to move forward with the sale of the property and negotiate the terms of a purchase contract. Preliminary plans call for 75 to 81 units of high-quality, affordable housing on the site.

As part of the project, Wesley Housing will provide new parking facilities for the church, as well as new combined outdoor worship and play space. Parking for the residential units will be underground. Preliminary designs call for the housing units to be behind the church. According to Juli Wilson-Black, Fairlington Presbyterian pastor, preservation of open space is one of the priorities in the design process.

The church will be working with the City of Alexandria on the site plan for the property. FCA expects to arrange a briefing for Fairlington on the proposed development.

—Guy Land

## ***Property tax payments due June 15***

The due date for the first installment of real estate taxes is Thursday, June 15. The same date applies to both Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. Real estate bills were mailed in early May. Residents will not receive a bill if their taxes are paid from an escrow account through your mortgage. If you have a mortgage and receive a bill, please contact your mortgage company as soon as possible.

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# North Fairlington moves forward with FiOS installation

The Fairlington Villages Board of Directors has approved a FiOS agreement with Verizon, and Verizon's contractor will begin installing the fiber in North Fairlington once the installation work is complete in South Fairlington. Work is expected to begin later this year and could take up to 18 months.

A group of roughly 50 residents listened to Mike Pope, project manager of Tesinc LLC, the Verizon contractor doing the construction work, describe the installation process. Working closely with condo management, Tesinc has developed detailed installation drawings for each of the six Villages' wards.

While the installation process will be similar to that in South Fairlington, Fairlington Villages General Manager Colin Horner said that "you can't just look across the bridge and see how they are doing it." He noted particularly the presence of six-unit buildings and balconies in North Fairlington that don't exist in South Fairlington.



*Barbara Kirkland examines the drawings for the North Fairlington fiber project. Photos by Guy Land.*

The FiOS lines will be installed in the back of the buildings, with the lines for the apartment units hidden by red-colored metal molding.

Those residents who live in the Alexandria part of North Fairlington will get FiOS wiring, but they can only get access to Verizon's voice and data services. Verizon does not have a franchise agreement with the City of Alexandria that permits them to provide video services. They do have such an agreement with Arlington.

Pope noted that the contractor has substantial work remaining in South Fairlington. He anticipates that installation will be completed this summer in the Arbor,



*Sharon Bisdee discusses FiOS wiring options with Mike Pope of Tesinc at the Fairlington Villages forum on FiOS installation.*

which is the condo association where the installation work started last year.

According to Pope, the contractor is running the lines to the units, but the installation within individual units will be performed by Verizon technicians when residents choose to subscribe to the service. The inside wiring is the owner's responsibility.

Pope indicated that Verizon will not wait until all of North Fairlington has been wired—service can be turned on ward by ward as the work is completed in each ward.

An informal show-of-hands by the residents at the meeting indicated overwhelming support for bringing FiOS to North Fairlington.

—Guy Land

## DASH CEO to discuss bus service

Fairlingtonians are invited to join Parkfairfax residents in a conversation with Josh Baker, the new CEO/General Manager of Alexandria's DASH bus service. Baker became CEO in February after two years as general manager of the Lynchburg, VA, transit system.

Hosted by the Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee, the discussion will be held June 8, at 7:30 pm, in the Parkfairfax party room, 3360 Gunston Rd., Alexandria.

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# Fairlington 5K and Silent Auction a huge success

Thanks to an incredible outpouring of support from the community, this year's fourth annual Fairlington 5K and Silent Auction raised nearly \$30,000 for A Cure for Ellie and Abingdon Elementary's physical education and reading programs. The events are sponsored by the Fairlington Citizens Association, Abingdon PTA, and A Cure for Ellie.

Over 600 people registered for the April 29 race, which took place under cloudy skies but mild conditions. Hundreds more came out of their homes to cheer on participants as they ran or walked down the streets of Fairlington.

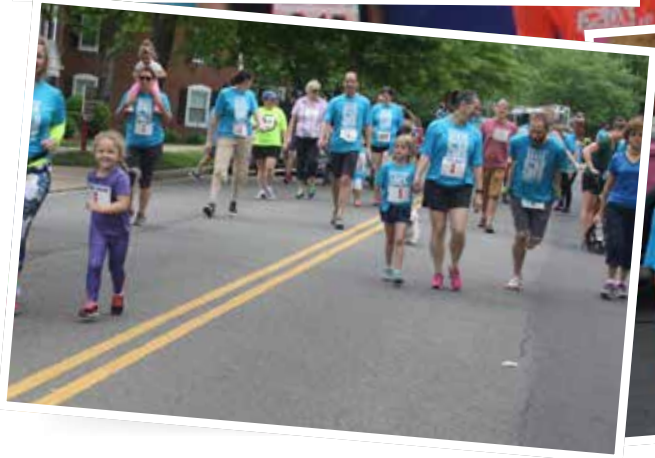
"There was an incredible sense of community," said Mike McGinn, father of Abingdon third-grader Ellie McGinn, who suffers from a rare and degenerative brain disease known as Leukodystrophy-LBSL. "The race began as a way to bring people in our neighborhood together and help raise funds for the LBSL cure research at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, and we certainly accomplished both goals."

The Silent Auction held the week prior was also a huge success. Many people noted the increase in attendance from people in the community with no prior connection to the school, but who simply wanted to come out



*The McGinn family with Joe Reed.*

*Photo by Jeni Hornback.*





and support the family and the local kids. Over 90 items were up for bid that evening—20 more than last year—and it was standing room only inside the North Fairlington Community Center.

“We are truly grateful for all the support we have received,” said Ellie’s father. “Each year these two events have grown and grown, and thanks to the people in Fairlington, our family has a lot of hope for the future.”

To check race results for this and previous years, log onto to [www.Fairlington5K.com](http://www.Fairlington5K.com).

—Beth McGinn

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# Farmers Market now open: Meet the new vendors

The 2017 season of the Fairlington Farmers Market is off to a terrific start! It was wonderful to see the great turnout on opening day—many long-time and first-time shoppers greeted returning vendors and met our two new vendors, Hog Haven Farm and Sexy Veggie.

Hog Haven Farm, a 22-acre family farm in Columbia, VA, offers pasture-raised, Animal Welfare Institute-approved heritage pork. Rob Staples and his wife, Verde Shaffer, manage the farm with the goal of connecting with customers who appreciate livestock that is raised sustainably and in accordance with high welfare standards.

Looking for breakfast while you're at the market? Try Hog Haven's hot breakfast sandwich. The market opening day sandwiches featured sage sausage, free range eggs, and local cheese on a homemade muffin with tomato aioli. Needless to say, they sold out!

Sexy Veggie is a family-owned business that started in



**Market hours:** Sunday mornings, 9 am to 1 pm, thru 11/19 at FCC on S. Stafford St.

- Park in the FCC parking lot, or along Quaker Lane or S. Utah St. to leave street parking open for residents adjacent to the FCC.
- Visit [www.fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org) for full details.

2014 as a food truck in Baltimore. Ashwini Persaud and Jon Meyers wanted to make a difference by serving healthy and delicious vegetarian and vegan fare. They quickly became known for their handmade veggie burgers and small batch soups, and expanded to farmers markets a year later.

They love the personal interaction that the markets provide and decided to sell the food truck, focusing instead on local markets. Visit Sexy Veggie for gazpachos, salads, veggie burgers and mixes, ready-to-eat entree items, and all-natural, homemade frozen pizzas and pizza crusts.

—Lynne Blasi



*Rob Staples of Hog Haven prepares a custom order while Meg Thompson prepares to accept an online payment. Photos by Guy Land.*



*A good crowd turned out for opening day of the farmers market in May.*



*A young customer samples an early season strawberry from Pleitez Produce.*



*Jon Meyers explains Sexy Veggie's pizzas to interested customers.*



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# 15th Annual July 4th No Kid Hungry Bake Sale and Raffle

Join us at the annual No Kid Hungry Bake Sale and Raffle, presented nationally by Share Our Strength, held in conjunction with the Fairlington 4th of July celebration. Our efforts over the years have raised nearly \$20,000 to end childhood hunger in America.

Fire up your oven and bake your favorite homemade treats (no frosting or fillings, please) and deliver them to the North Fairlington Community Center parking lot, 3005 S. Abing-



*A stalwart group of volunteers coordinated the No Kid Hungry Bake Sale at last year's Fairlington Fourth of July celebration. Photo by Guy Land.*

don St., between 9 and 9:30 am, before the parade begins.

After the parade, join in the fun by purchasing goodies for family and friends, or raffle tickets for great prizes like gift baskets and gift cards to local supermarkets and restaurants.

If you would like to help set up and/or sell, please contact bake sale coordinator Cathy at [cma-lin10.cm.com](mailto:cma-lin10.cm.com). We can all “bake a difference.”

—Cathy Malin

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## April larcenies target Fairlington unlocked cars

April brought the welcome beginning of spring, along with an unwelcome series of car larcenies. According to the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) daily crime report, eight to a dozen Fairlington residents in the 4700 block of S. 31st St. reported that their unlocked vehicles were entered and rummaged through. Nothing of value was reported stolen, and there was no suspect description.

Captain Adrienne Quigley, ACPD Third District Commander noted, “Fairlington is not alone. We’ve had several series of car larcenies since the spring months started. It’s not uncommon to have an increase in crime because of that.” Other Arlington areas hit included Barcroft, Claremont, and Columbia Forest.

Quigley stated, “We have made some arrests in some of the series, but unfortunately we haven’t been able to tie them to the Fairlington cases. In every one of the series, all the vehicles were unlocked. Over 80 percent of auto larcenies in the county are occurring to unlocked cars. Some people purposely don’t lock, and that’s their choice, but we’re finding very few criminals are breaking windows. So generally speaking, if you lock your cars you likely won’t be victimized.”

Over the years, auto larcenies have been reported with some frequency in Fairlington. Quigley noted that Fairlington’s high density foot traffic and easy access from the highways and from Alexandria to Arlington make the neighborhood attractive to those who want to get in and out quickly.

Quigley’s takeaway for everyone: “The best you can do to protect is to always lock your car and remove all your valuables. It always surprises me when a purse or very expensive item is left in the car.”

She reminds all residents that if you see anything suspicious, call the non-emergency number (Arlington: 703-558-2222, Alexandria: 703-746-4444), or 911 for emergencies.

—Christine Chirichella

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### 4MRV, continued from page 1

for the 4MRV Parks Master plan, will outline the key points that the working group has been considering in conjunction with the park planning area.

Fairlington residents have expressed interest in the future of the dog park and enhancements to the Jennie Dean fields and playground, as well as traffic and parking improvements.

Some of the options the working group has examined include:

- Reconfiguration of the dog park
- Expansion of the Jennie Dean playing fields
- Creation of an informal “arts district”
- Improved access to the Four Mile Run stream
- Additional pedestrian and bicycle bridges over Four Mile Run

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## ***Show your patriotic spirit at the annual July 4th parade***



*Fifers lead the way with patriotic music at last year's Fairlington Fourth celebration. Photo by Guy Land.*

Celebrate Independence Day, Fairlington style, with your neighbors at the annual July 4th Parade! Decorate your strollers, wagons, bikes, scooters, kids, dogs, cats—even yourselves—in red, white, and blue and meet up with your neighbors at the Fairlington firehouse, 3116 S. Abingdon St. The parade begins at 10 am.

Led by the fife and drum corps, the parade begins at 10 am and marches along S. Abingdon St., concluding at the Fairlington Villages Community Center parking lot, 3005 S. Abingdon St. After the parade, take part in the community-wide after party that includes free cold drinks, ice cream, and food truck goodies. Curious

children can climb aboard Engine 107 after it finishes bringing up the end of the parade.

Each year, hundreds of residents take part in what has become a Fairlington tradition, co-sponsored by Fairlington Villages and the FCA. Volunteers are needed. For more information about helping out with this popular event, please email [activities@fairlingtonvillages.com](mailto:activities@fairlingtonvillages.com).

## ***Primary elections to be held June 13***

Democratic and Republican primaries for statewide offices will take place on Tuesday, June 13, from 6 am to 7 pm, at each of the Fairlington community centers (North Fairlington residents will once again vote at the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 S. Abingdon St., due to ongoing construction at Abingdon Elementary).

Alexandria residents who live in Fairlington will vote in the statewide primaries at the NOVA Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Dr.

Because you do not register to vote by political party in Virginia, any voter may choose to vote in either primary. Voters make that choice when they check in at the polls, and they can only vote in one primary.

Democratic candidates for Governor are Lt. Governor Ralph Northam and former Congressman Tom Perriello. Republican candidates are GOP consultant Ed Gillespie, Prince William County Supervisor Corey Stewart, and Virginia State Senator Frank Wagner.

## ***Home and Garden Tour, 2017***



*Cindy Kunz of the Fairlington Historical Society sells home and garden tour tickets at the North Fairlington Yard Sale. Photos by Guy Land.*



*Fairlington Glen owners Joanna and Kevin Ostle visit with host Pat Piper at the pre-tour reception for participating owners and volunteers.*



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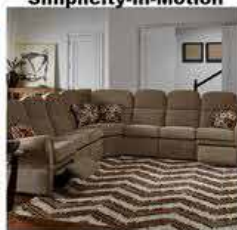


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# neighborhood news

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## ***Fairlington Diners***

The Fairlington Diners gather a couple of times a month for relaxed dinners nearby. We focus on having a good meal and an opportunity to chat with neighbors. In May, we re-visited the Del Ray Café in Alexandria.

Here's what's planned for June:

Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 pm, The Fish Market, 105 King Street, Old Town, Alexandria 22314, 703-836-5676, <http://fishmarketva.com>, where we can enjoy the weekly lobster special, or anything else on the menu.

Monday, June 19, 6:30 pm, Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA, 703-276-9693, [www.whitlows.com](http://www.whitlows.com). We very much enjoyed a visit to Clarendon for Burger Night at Whitlow's a couple of years ago and another visit seems warranted. Parking nearby is highlighted on their website. Described as the triumph of funky charm, this venerable establishment gets high marks for its burger night.

Please call Carol at 703-379-6840 if you plan to attend, and leave a voicemail if you don't reach her—include your name and how to contact you the day of the event, in case plans change. If you want to receive a copy of these notices early in the previous month, send your email address to [carol\\_dabbs@yahoo.com](mailto:carol_dabbs@yahoo.com).

## ***Book Group***

Join the Fairlington Book Group in June to discuss *Moon-glow: A Novel* by Michael Chabon.

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The Book Group welcomes first-time visitors and drop-ins. No commitment required! We are meeting on Tuesday, June 27, at 7:30 pm, in the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford Street. We hope you'll join us.

## ***Card players welcome***

Join your Fairlington neighbors for a friendly game of Canasta. Some card playing experience is helpful, but we are happy to teach you the rules of Canasta. The group meets Tuesday mornings at a local church hall near Fairlington. Call Carol Ann at 703-931-8533.

## ***Fairlington Babysitting Co-op***

If you are looking for a night out without the kids, or an afternoon to yourself, join the Fairlington Babysitting Co-op. For more than 30 years, Fairlington families have been exchanging free babysitting services using a card system. It's perfect for parents who would like to know dependable adults to watch their children and meet other families in the community. Email the coordinators Erika Enright and Jen Bhartiya at [fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com](mailto:fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com) to request more information and an application.

## ***Fairlington MOMS Club***

The Fairlington MOMS Club® is a group for moms of young kids to find friends, get support, and have play opportunities for the kids. The Club participates in a number of annual service projects to help our community, four big annual parties, routine playdates and crafts, and moms' nights out. We have a great listserv for sharing advice and connecting to other Fairlington families. We welcome all moms!

Please email [fairlingtonmomsclub@gmail.com](mailto:fairlingtonmomsclub@gmail.com) for information on joining and visit us online at [www.fairlingtonmomsclub.com](http://www.fairlingtonmomsclub.com). \$30 in annual dues goes to support the club's work and service projects. The Fairlington MOMS Club is the local chapter of MOMS Club International.

## ***Complete Streets seeks nominations***

The Arlington Neighborhood Complete Streets program is accepting nominations through June 16 of problem streets for potential future projects. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us) and search "Neighborhood Complete Streets."

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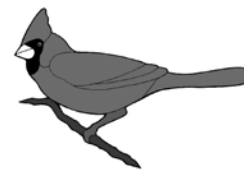
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## Abingdon Cardinals helping others

Throughout the year, Abingdon staff and students participate in several service projects to help those in need in Arlington County. Each fall and spring, the school holds food drives for the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

Over the past four years, Abingdon has donated almost 4,000 pounds of food to AFAC, which distributes groceries to nearly 2,200 families every week. Over 35 percent of the people AFAC serves are children, including some within the Abingdon community.



*Abingdon extended day students proudly display the bagged lunches they prepared for the homeless. Photo by Katherine Young-Smith.*



*Abingdon students and staff bag produce for distribution at AFAC. Photo by Deb Staren-Doby.*

Each month, Abingdon staff members volunteer at AFAC's warehouse to bag food items, such as chicken, produce, oatmeal, and rice, to support their food distribution efforts. Members of the Abingdon Cardinal Kids Mentoring Club, as well as the staff's family members, often participate in these monthly volunteer sessions.

In addition to Abingdon's support for AFAC throughout the year, students in Abingdon's after school

extended day program last month participated in a project to support the Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (A-SPAN). A-SPAN's mission is "to secure permanent housing and provide life-sustaining services for Arlington's most vulnerable individuals through outreach and relationships built on trust and respect."



*Members of the Cardinal Kids Mentoring Club bag oatmeal for distribution. Photo by Deb Staren-Doby.*

Twenty of Abingdon's third-through fifth-graders spent the afternoon preparing bagged lunches that included two sandwiches, a sweet snack, a savory snack, and a piece of fruit. While packing one of the lunches, one Abingdon fifth-grader exclaimed, "Helping others feels really good." Another student said, "I've never been homeless, but I can imagine how hard it would be to not have food." Bagged lunches are distributed daily by A-SPAN throughout Arlington to people in need of a meal.

—Jeni Hornback

### Upcoming events

- June 2 – Spring dance
- June 9 – Spring music concert
- June 16 – Field day
- June 20 – Market day
- June 21 – Fifth-grade promotion
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## Ask the gardener

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**Which plants bloom the longest?** There are a few, depending on what space you have available in your patio garden. The **'Knock-out' Rose** blooms from spring into December. Flowers come in pink, red, yellow, and white. The bonus, in my view is the habit. Unlike the traditional, leggy Rosebush with bare, thorny trunks, 'Knockout' foliates to the ground. **Salvia** has vivid purple or white flowers. The foliage is basal (clumped at the bottom) while the flowers grow straight up like your fingers. Salvia blooms in spring, summer, and into fall.

The **Azalea 'Encore'** begins to bloom in mid-April and flowers intermittently into early December. Its flowers appear here and there instead of covering the shrub as it does on the traditional Azalea. Let's not forget annuals (a few are: **Impatiens**, **Begonia**, **Vinca**, **Petunia**, **Marigold**, **Ageratum**, and **Snapdragon**). They show from mid-April until the first or second frost. There are sun-loving and shade-loving types that come in many colors.

**What plants are the most fragrant?** Choosing one depends on which flower color you like and how big you want the plant to be. **Gardenia** has a white flower and shiny leaf that needs some shade and a burlap wrap in winter. **Daphne** has a pinkish-white flower that gets

leggy and needs sun. **Lilac** is lavender or white and is a small tree, so it needs space. **Star Jasmine** is a white-flowering vine. **Pieris** has a bell-shaped, white flower that is evergreen and wants shade.



*Lilac.*

**Hosta** has a faint lavender or white flower atop a long stem. The flower has a very subtle fragrance. **Scotch Broom** blooms in yellow, orange, red, or white in April/May. The flowers cling to tallish stems and the shrub will mature at 4-feet tall with a similar spread. **Peony**—maybe the largest flower next to a **Dahlia**—has a densely petaled bloom in spring. The scent is sweet and soft. Flowers come in many colors. Buy an underwire cage to support its listing branches.

**What plants are low maintenance?** Number one is **Liriope**

because it's evergreen, it flowers, it doesn't need pruning, and it takes sun or shade. And it seldom dies. The plant bears purple flowers in vertical spikes from late July into September. It's an ideal accent plant and grows only 12 inches tall with a similar spread. **Euonymus** has a green leaf or white or yellow variegation. It is drought tolerant and takes our brutal summer heat. **Juniper** can as well, and comes in tree form, shrub form, or as a ground cover.

### Which plants need little sun?

Some patios lie beneath a tree canopy. If yours is one, try these: **Euonymus 'Green Spire'** has an oval evergreen leaf and its branches grow straight upward. The **Coral Bells** perennial has maroon, apricot, olive, purplish, or green leaves. Tiny pink flowers appear on long thin stems in May. **Bleeding Heart** has pink and white flowers shaped in a heart come late April.

**Hosta** appears in early May and has an array of bluish-green or green leaves that are wide and form like a geyser. White or lavender flowers appear on long stems in May. **Lenten Rose** has a palmate leaf and ivory flowers that grow beneath the clumped foliage. **Lamium** offers a small magenta flower in spring and 'frosting' (or variegation) on its leaf. **Leucothoe** is an evergreen with wandering, pendulous branches. A small white flower (like a snowflake) appears in May.

—Bill Sullivan  
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- Redesigning S. Four Mile Run Dr.

Also included in the broader 4MRV working group discussion is a proposed land swap by which the owner of the property adjacent to the CubeSmart storage building on S. Shirlington Rd. would exchange that land for property that the county has an option to purchase in North Arlington. The county has until later this year to exercise the purchase option.

The emerging plan for the Four Mile Run area would provide overall guidance for the development and use of that area over the next two to three decades. Components of the plan could be implemented as existing properties become available to the county in future years.

The 4MRV working group hopes to finalize its recommendations in July and send them along to the county board for review and approval in early fall. The FCA briefing will outline the key aspects of the planning process to date. Information about the planning work can be found at [www.4MRV.com](http://www.4MRV.com).

—Guy Land

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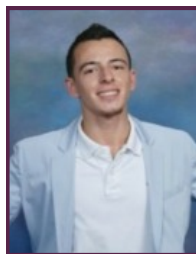
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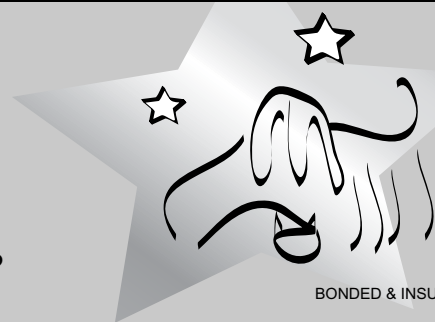
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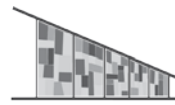
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