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Mary Hynes to offer insight on legislative issues, budget approval, and new initiatives

Calendar

FCA Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m.

Fairlington Diners

Sunday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.
The Majestic
Alexandria

Fair Golds meeting

Thursday, April 7, noon
FCC

E-Care recycling event

Saturday, April 9, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
TJ Middle School parking lot

Home show & expo

Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Walter Reed Community Center

MOMS Club meeting

Wednesday, April 13
FCC
Call for details.

Fair Golds meeting

Thursday, April 21, noon
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Fairlington Diners

Monday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.
Ramparts Restaurant
Alexandria

“Cautiously optimistic” is how county manager Barbara Donnellan recently described her view of the county’s economic outlook. Arlington County Board Vice Chair Mary Hynes agrees, reporting that commercial real estate has rebounded, commercial activity is up, and residential assessments are up—all signs pointing to increased revenues for county coffers. When Hynes speaks to the FCA on April 13, she will be able to provide additional information about fiscal indicators affecting the FY 2012 budget, which the board will adopt a few days later on April 16.



Arlington County Board Vice Chair Mary Hynes. Photograph by Gretchen Fallon.

To counterbalance that modest good news, Hynes acknowledges that Arlington’s oft-criticized lawsuit (now abandoned) thwarting HOT lanes construction prompted disgruntled General Assembly lawmakers to exact a measure of revenge against the county at the end of this year’s GA session. When the legislature convened in January, the county board had high hopes for two of its top revenue-generating proposals. Both ultimately were defeated in the session’s last days in February:

One proposal would have allowed localities to collect the full tax on hotel and motel rooms booked through online travel providers. Currently, those providers must remit tax only on the wholesale value of the rooms they sell to consumers, which might be as much as 35 percent below retail value. County officials think they could have gained about \$2 million in additional tax revenue if the change had been approved. The second proposal would have extended Arlington’s existing authority to impose a 0.25 percent tax surcharge on hotel rooms—the tourism tax, which generates about \$900,000 a year, pays for Arlington’s tourism marketing program. Together, the two legislative defeats could cost the county about \$3 million in hoped-for revenues. Hynes can provide perspective on the county’s gain/loss record related to HOT.

In addition, Hynes will discuss her new position on the Metro board; the status of helicopter noise discussions; news of capital improvement projects; and interesting new plans for the Columbia Pike streetcar routes.

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Coming up ...

The FCA Board invites all Fairlington residents to attend its meetings, which occur on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted. If you would like to discuss a neighborhood issue at the meeting, please e-mail president@fca-fairlington.org or leave a voice-mail message at 703-243-1735 by the Sunday before the meeting. You can find more information on the FCA Web site, www.fca-fairlington.org, and by logging on to Facebook and joining "Fairlington Appreciation Society."

Preliminary agenda:

7 p.m. Speaker/presentation: Arlington County Board Vice Chair Mary Hynes will discuss items of current interest, including the FY 2012 budget.

8 p.m. Regular business meeting:

- Approval of March minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Old business
- New business
- Officer and committee reports

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Calendar, cont.

Book Group

Tuesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.
North Fairlington CC

Spring yard sale

Saturday, April 30, 8 a.m. – noon
North Fairlington CC parking lot

Native plant sale

Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Parkfairfax

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fairlingtonians,

As discussed in the BRAC update story on page 9, huge traffic problems are most likely headed our way due to the construction of the BRAC 133 complex. This aesthetically unimaginative structure now looming over I-395 has the potential to catastrophically snarl traffic by putting literally thousands of new cars on roads not designed to handle the volume.

Planners had the option of placing the project on a site much more accessible to public transportation, but money influenced politics and common sense went out the window. Local leaders and residents have warned all along about the obvious problems the development will create. No one involved can say now that they are surprised or that they didn't know about the traffic issues being created here.

Although there are clear problems for the region, I'm going to be parochial for a minute and talk about how I see BRAC 133 impacting Fairlington. First of all, being north of the new complex will be good for us. With traffic jammed up just to the south, Fairlington will become an even more desirable location.

A friend of mine who is in the real estate business and very astute about these things said he expects home prices in Fairlington to double over the ten years after BRAC 133 is put into operation. Now, that may or may not happen, but it's clear that being north of BRAC 133 is a good thing for most commuters. And what's good for commuters is good for home values.

As far as I can tell, that's the only upside. Those of us who want to go south will encounter problems. More significantly for our neighborhood, there is the potential for increased cut-through traffic and parking overflow. We've already seen an increase in overflow parking from the new construction across King Street.

If BRAC 133 has the parking and access issues many people expect, might not employees park here in Fairlington and take a quick bus ride south to the complex? I don't know. But it's not out of the question. If that happens, we should consider the impact of cut-through traffic, more cars on the streets, and overflow parking—for one thing, on children walking to Abington Elementary School. And, as we watch for impacts, we may have to consider parking restrictions that other neighborhoods in Arlington and Alexandria have in place in order to ensure our residents and their guests can find adequate street parking.

At this point, we have no choice but to play the hand we're dealt. Fairlington must watch carefully how things unfold and be ready to take action to ensure that the poor planning involved in BRAC 133 does not come at our expense.

Reed Franklin

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Fairlington welcomed Arlington County Police Department Captain Michelle Nuneville and members of the Third District team to the FCA meeting in March. Once again, public safety officers were able to confirm residents' sense of general well-being in Fairlington. Captain Nuneville reported that over the past ten months, since ACPD last spoke to the Fairlington community, crime has actually gone down in our neighborhood. In that period, there have been no burglaries. Larceny from autos continues to be the number-one crime—48 events of breaking into a car, usually by breaking the car's window. The 48 larcenies are not an unusual volume, given the area's population density and large number of cars. Seven cars were stolen—in some instances, the cars were left



ACPD Third District team: Corporal Scott Whalin, Captain Michelle Nuneville, Sergeant Rick Rodriguez, Officer Kelly Rother, Auxiliary Lieutenant Heather Hurlock. Photograph by Gretchen Fallon.

unlocked with the keys inside; in one case the car was left running. And thefts of bikes are up. (Next month, read about ways to safeguard your bike.)

Captain Nuneville underscored the following perennial, good advice: Lock your car. Don't leave GPS devices, laptops, iPads, tools, or any items of value in your car. Check to make sure your car has both front and rear license plates. Secure your bike with a U-lock and register it on the county Web site. Stay alert to your surroundings. Report anything suspicious to the police non-emergency number—703-558-2222. That includes anything that seems out of place or anything that makes you uncomfortable. Moreover, program the police non-emergency number into your cell phone.

Robbery/assault on S. Stafford shocks neighbors

The crime report for the last week in February included the following: "ROBBERY 02/27/11, 3500 block of S. Stafford Street. On February 27 at 1:30 a.m., two unknown men forced a male victim to withdraw money from an ATM. The victim was also assaulted. The suspects were both African American men in their late 20s wearing dark clothing. One suspect was 6' to 6'5" and 240 lbs. with a goatee. The other suspect was 6' tall and wore a ski mask."

Captain Nuneville reviewed what was known about the incident, emphasizing that, as well as being shocking to residents, it was "highly unusual" for our neighborhood. The victim, a visitor, was walking to his car parked on S. Stafford St. when he was accosted by two men; a weapon was implied, though not seen. He was forced to withdraw money from a bank's ATM in the Bradlee Shopping Center (across King Street, in Alexandria); afterward, the thieves fled on foot. The night of the incident, a canine team was brought in to attempt tracking. Because the crime began in one jurisdiction and ended in another, ACPD detectives are working on the case with Alexandria police. They coordinated with Fairfax police to see if any similar crimes have been reported (no reports), and they are working with the bank to obtain the ATM's security camera video.

You can assist the police

ACPD is offering a chance for citizens to become sworn auxiliary police officers. Auxiliary police are volunteers who support full-time Arlington police officers by: patrolling county roads and bike paths; handling accidents and other traffic incidents; assisting at DUI checkpoints; conducting child safety-seat inspections and installations; providing security and crowd control at special events (the Marine Corps Marathon, July 4th celebrations, parades, festivals, and 5K and 10K races); promoting bike safety; and more.

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Lend a helping hand— and hose—to struggling street trees

Starting this month, when deciduous trees leaf out, and continuing through October, Fairlington residents are encouraged to lend a hand in watering street trees—particularly those planted near your front door or back gate, and most particularly the 44 new trees planted along neighborhood streets last fall and winter to replace trees lost in the public right-of-way after the storm of August 5, 2010.

Watering newly planted trees is critical for their initial growth, says Patrick Wegeng, environmental landscape supervisor with the county's Parks and Natural Resources division. The new trees will be monitored and sufficient water applied to help them survive this crucial first in-ground year. He adds, though, that just as important is the continuous watering of street trees that are now four or five years in the ground. During last year's summer drought, Wegeng noted that many street trees planted five years ago were showing significant signs of stress.

Any need for irrigation is always dependent on weather conditions, says Wegeng. Basically, yes, water during an obvious drought. Another rule of thumb is to apply water when there have been four or more days without rain. More helpfully still to the tree, water just prior to the leaves showing signs of stress. Wegeng knows it's not easy for most people to judge that pre-stress moment, so he offers the following cues: Notice the dryness of the ground. Be aware of the consecutive number of days of extreme heat. If it's 90 degrees, with no rain, for six or seven days, the four- and five-year-old trees will welcome help. Watch for leaf curl up or leaves with crispy edges. Then, next time, try to anticipate the need for water before the leaves curl.

Make it a slow, thorough soaking of the soil around the tree—about eight to ten minutes. Ten to fifteen gallons of water should be dispensed, and it should be done at least twice a week (again, depending on weather conditions). The two soakings should achieve an application of twenty to thirty gallons a week, which is a good measure for attaining the kind of long-term soil moisture that encourages the roots of the tree to descend deeper into the ground. A light watering actually can be harmful, causing the tree's roots to rise up toward the surface, where they are then more susceptible to burning and drying out.

Concrete fixes for curbs, gutters, sidewalks



Photograph by Gretchen Fallon.

The county's Department of Environmental Services is working on broken or deteriorated concrete along Fairlington streets—you may have noticed the white-arrow markings on some sidewalks, curbs, and gutters in the public right-of-way. The work began last month and will continue for about three months, weather

permitting. Among things scheduled for repair or replacement are sidewalks that have settled more than one-half inch; settled curbs/gutters that prevent effective drainage; and damaged catch basin tops. Not included in the county's maintenance program for street-side concrete are driveway aprons, which are on private property. However, if Fairlington condo associations choose to do so, they may purchase driveway repair services from the county while DES work crews are on site for concrete maintenance. For more information, contact the construction manager, Carleton Thompson, cthompson@arlingtonvaus.

Tree therapy for neighborhoods

The Tree Canopy Fund helps cultivate Arlington's tree canopy, by offering grants to HOAs, civic associations, service clubs, school groups, non-profits, and ad hoc neighborhood groups to acquire trees for private property. TCF is administered by Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment and the Arlington County Urban Forestry Commission. Notice of intent to apply is due on April 8. For more information, go online to www.arlingtonenvironment.org/treecanopyfund.htm.

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BRAC 133 update

Last year, several media outlets and local elected officials predicted that I-395 was headed for a traffic catastrophe because of BRAC—the Base Realignment and Closure commission process, which, under provision 133, will bring 6,400 new Department of Defense workers to Alexandria's Mark Center location at the intersection of Seminary Road and Beauregard Street at I-395. For the massive, \$1 billion BRAC 133 complex, consisting of 17-story and 15-story office towers, housing one-and-a-half-million square feet of office space, there will be a reported 2,000 parking spaces in attached garages. Early on, DoD planners said that “to mitigate traffic problems at the Alexandria site, scheduled to fully open in September 2011, workers will be encouraged to carpool and take mass transit.”

Although the influx of people and cars will occur in Alexandria, some local residents fear that the projected traffic volume will likely exert increased pressure on surface streets to the north in Arlington, such as the already congested intersection of King Street and Beauregard/Walter Reed.

DoD and Virginia Department of Transportation planners, as well as officials from Alexandria and Fairfax County, have worked since mid-2008 to find ways of avoiding what many people say will be a traffic nightmare that will create gridlock on local streets. But after months of talks and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on studies, officials were still searching last year for a solution. VDOT's regional director, Ronaldo Nicholson, said that the dozen or so options state and local authorities had considered did not adequately address the transportation issues or they infringed on the Mark Center site's nearby Winkler Botanical Preserve.

VDOT and DoD are now focused on mass transit options—which have gotten creative, since the Mark Center site is not close to a transit station. Alexandria planners say DoD will subsidize a shuttle bus service between BRAC 133 and the Franconia-Springfield Metro and the King Street Metro stations. The length and viability of such commutes has been questioned. One particularly skeptical critic is Fairfax County Supervisor Jeff McKay who asked: After driving to Metro and taking a train to a Metro stop, will workers be willing to get on

a shuttle that's estimated to take as long as 50 minutes from the Franconia station, and as long as 25 minutes from the King Street station? In comments to WTOP radio, McKay concluded that “people are not going to use transit when they have to change three different modes to get from their house to the workplace.”

VDOT responds that in addition to efforts to encourage transit and carpooling, there will be changes to the roads around the Mark Center—such as more turning lanes, new traffic signal timing, and traffic calming measures—to help mitigate increased volume, particularly at rush hours. Also, as part of its plan to abandon pursuit of HOT (high-occupancy toll) lanes on I-395 in

Alexandria and Arlington, VDOT now says it will construct a dedicated off-ramp connecting the highway's HOV lanes directly to BRAC 133.

Despite these announced measures, nearby residents continue to voice concern about the impacts of increased traffic. Alexandria residents worry that drivers without a BRAC 133 parking space will park on neighborhood streets. Arlington residents worry that the increased numbers of cars com-

ing from the south will likely experience back-ups at the I-395/Seminary Road exit; in that case, they might choose to continue north on I-395 and exit at King Street or Quaker Lane or Shirlington; and then they would double back south to the Seminary Road site on surface streets. Arlington neighbors are concerned about increased BRAC-related traffic—not only at intersections north of Seminary Road, along Beauregard and Walter Reed Drive, but also as it affects cut-through traffic or commuter parking on local streets.



Photograph courtesy of Army Corps of Engineers.

Next month: Fire safety news

At the FCA meeting in March, in addition to police officials, neighbors also welcomed Arlington County Fire Department Captain Rudy Eversburg, station chief of the Fairlington firehouse, and C Shift firefighters. See next month's issue of AFB for a report on Captain Eversburg's discussion of run statistics for Station 7 and the most common ways to keep your home fire-safe.



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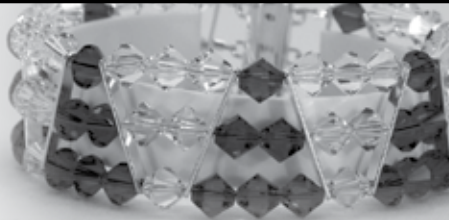
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The tour committee is inviting neighbors to volunteer as tour home guides and to assist with other tour day events. If you are interested in helping, we would love to have you join us. Please e-mail us at FHSHomeTour@gmail.com or call Kevin Silvia or Patsy Hester at 703-578-3824.

E-Care event, Saturday, April 9

Residents can dispose of household hazardous materials (and other items) at the county's spring electronics recycling event, Saturday, April 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School west parking lot. You can recycle computer monitors, TVs, electronics (some fees apply), bikes, small metal items, shoes, eyeglasses, and durable medical equipment. Be sure to carry ID to verify residency. For more information, go online to www.arlingtonva.us/recycle.

Teen summer jobs expo, April 9

The Arlington Teen Summer Expo is an annual event that links Arlington teens with summer jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities—everything from lawn mowing to Web page design. Sponsored by the Arlington Employment Center and the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, the expo is free for all participants, and it will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive.

For more information, go online to www.arlingtonteensummerexpo.com. The site will continue to add information about employment opportunities, so teens are encouraged to check back often. Direct questions by e-mail to info@ArlingtonTeenSummerExpo.com or call 703-228-1404.

Home show and expo, Saturday, April 9

More than 50 exhibitors will be on hand to showcase their products, offer home improvement services, and answer questions at the fifth annual Home Show & Expo, sponsored by Arlington County and the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization. The event is free and open to the public on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th Street. You can learn about tenant/landlord law, renewable energy, home improvements, permits and inspections, zoning, financing, and related topics from county agency staff. For more information, go online to www.arlingtonhomeshow.org or call the Housing Division at 703-228-3765 or CPRO at 703-892-2776.

Cherry Blossom Festival



The Cherry Blossom festival continues through April 10. National Park Service horticulturists predict the peak bloom date will be March 29 to April 3—the day when 70 percent of the blossoms of Yoshino cherry trees around the Tidal Basin are open. For more information, go online to www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.

Parkfairfax native plant sale, Saturday, April 30

The spring sale, which is organized and run entirely by volunteers, will be held on April 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the tennis courts parking lot at 3601 Valley Drive in Parkfairfax. Come find native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade. Fourteen vendors from 5 states (VA, MD, PA, WV, & SC) will be hosted at this event, the largest native plant sale in the D.C. metro region. A list of vendors is on the sale Web site at www.home.earthlink.net/~sknudsen. Questions? Contact Scott Knudsen at 703-671-8416 or sknudsen@earthlink.net.

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community center news

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Get the complete description online or go to the FCC to pick up a copy of *Enjoy Arlington*. For questions or registration, go online to www.arlingtonva.us/prcr or call 703-228-4747.

Vegetable gardening workshop.

Free. Friday, April 8, 10 – 11:45 a.m. Join master gardener Kirsten Buhls and Arlington Mill participants for planting and cool season vegetable gardening help. This session will be outside, weather permitting. If inside, we'll learn about common garden insects, the good and the bad. To register, call 703-228-7791.

Spring break camp art series.

Monday through Friday, April 18 – 22, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Classes offer students a chance to create projects based on famous artworks throughout history. Students will experiment with a variety of materials and techniques that may include drawing, painting, sculpting, print-making, book-making, mask-making, and multi-cultural arts. Emphasis is placed on developing creativity and imagination with a special focus on skill building. Participants invite family and friends to their art show at the end of the session. Students should wear clothes they can get messy. Ages 5 – 8. Five year olds must have completed kindergarten. 5 sessions, \$213. 616810A.

Beading fun for all. Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. – noon. This family style beading workshop is a great way for parent/caregiver and child to learn the basics of beading through simple techniques. Make and take necklace and bracelet. All

supplies included. Ages 7 – 12, \$40. Register child only. 340151A.

Spring greeting cards. Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Use stamping, printmaking, and collage techniques to make unique stationery and special cards for any holiday or event. Participants of all ages are welcome; children under 8 must be accompanied by parent or guardian. All supplies included, \$28. 340108A.

Mixed media family fun. Saturday, April 30, 10 – 11:30 a.m. This class is for a parent/caregiver and child. Adult and child will explore five basic genres through themed projects in painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, and collage. Plan to get messy; wear old clothes. Ages 4 – 6. All materials included, \$66. 320113A.

Senior center events

Regularly scheduled programs are Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for residents 55 and older who hold a 55+ pass. Call Emma Valencia at 703-228-7791 for more information.

Master Gardeners plant clinic

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Help Desk, 703-228-6414.

Open play in the gym

13 and older, Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m. **13 and younger**, whenever no other scheduled programming is ongoing. Check the FCC bulletin board or call the day-of to confirm availability.

FCC hours and contact info

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, closed.

Hours are subject to change. For updates and more information, call the FCC at 703-228-6588. The center manager is Patrick Mallon, 703-228-6590, pmallon@arlingtonva.us.

FCC programs

The FCC has six multi-purpose rooms, art studios, a gymnasium, a state-of-the-art fitness room, day-lockers, accessible pre-school and school-aged playgrounds, outdoor basketball courts, a fitness trail, a playing field, a picnic shelter, and accessible public restrooms. There is indoor open play for children 13 and under in the multi-purpose gym on Saturday 3 to 5 p.m.—children must be supervised by an adult (18 and older). In addition, there are a Senior Program, a creative preschool (three to five years old), parent/child Co-op Program for children one and two years old, and summer camp.

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DOWN TO EARTH patio gardening



Year-round pleasures of the Japanese garden

Even during winter's gloom and spring's slow start, the Japanese garden thrives. It has 12-month interest since all elements are evergreen and foliate in blue, green, maroon, and yellow. Plants are grown naturally, and then radically pruned (Bonsai) or clipped into ornamental shapes (topiary). Usually plants are situated in clusters by genus. The variety of color helps your eye move through the garden. The design is rich and filled with defined growth habits.

Practical in our area, the Japanese garden tolerates heat, humidity, and especially drought. If you work late or travel, this is the garden to have because water maintenance is minimal. Frequently the bed of the garden is gravel, not mulch, which reflects the xeriscape techniques of gardens bearing yucca and other cacti sitting in swards of brightly-colored stone. Stones come in beige, white, gray, and red. With blue stone, you can create the look of a faux stream meandering through the plantings. Let's examine some plants:

Falsecypress (*Chamaecyparis pisifera*). Lace-like fans of green foliage hang gracefully and even come tinted in yellow. You'll see it at the bus stop where S. Utah St. meets S. 35th St. in south Fairlington.

Hinoki falsecypress (*Chamaecyparis obtuse*). Similar to its genus mate, the Hinoki has thicker foliage fans that curve inward at the margin. Fans range from a dark to Kelly green, adding dimension to the



Falsecypress. Photograph by Corey Hilz, www.coreyhilz.com.

plant's structure.

Mugo pine (*Pinus mugo*). Globe-like in shape, with three-inch-long, stiff green needles, the Mugo is oval-shaped, stout, and densely filled with erect branches. When grouped together, the plants' rounded-shapes add "bounce" to the garden.

Barberry (*Berberis*). Maroon, oval leaves really grab the eye—so accustomed are we to seeing green in the landscape. "Rose Glow" offers a burgundy leaf with swirls of pink variegation. In sunlight, this specimen becomes illuminated.

Blue or Colorado spruce (*Picea pungens*). True-blue, its foliage softens the landscape even though its branches are stiff with erect needles that resemble a bottle brush. Specimens come in tall, pyramidal shapes or dwarfs. The "Fat Albert"

reaches six to eight feet tall while "Glauca Pendula" is two feet tall with a similar spread.

Atlas cedar (*Cedrus atlantica* "Glauca Pendula"). Its main trunk stands four feet tall and then bends to grow parallel to the ground. A true "L" shape, its branchlets hang straight down. Needled foliage is blue, two inches long, and radiating off the stem.

Creeping juniper (*Juniperus horizontalis*). The genus has plants ranging from a height of 80 feet tall to a mere six inches, but this species is a prostrate-grower. The plant is mounded in the center with arms of foliage that rest on the ground like an alligator's legs. Needled foliage comes in mint green or bluish green.

— Bill Sullivan,
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Animal talk

Warm weather care for dogs

Spring is on its way, and Fairlingtonians are starting to take to the outdoors—which reminds me about the importance of keeping dogs cool during DC's "hazy, hot, and humid" summers.

While humans sweat to cool off, dogs are particularly "heat challenged" and can cool themselves only by panting and sweating through the pads of their paws. It doesn't take much for them to overheat—running or walking in the middle of a hot day or sitting in a car for even a short period of time can be dangerous. On a mild 70-degree day, temperatures inside a car—even with the windows cracked—can reach over 100 degrees in as little as 30 minutes, potentially leading to heatstroke and even death.

Signs of heatstroke include restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, rapid heartbeat, fever, vomiting, or lack of coordination. If your dog displays these symptoms, get it into the shade immediately



Photograph courtesy of Arlington Animal Clinic.net.

and call your veterinarian. Lower your dog's body temperature gradually by giving it water; applying a cold towel or ice pack to the head, neck, and chest; or immersing it in lukewarm (not cold) water.

Safe ways to enjoy the summer weather outdoors with your dog include:

- exercising in the early morning

or evening hours

- providing shade and water at all times
- trimming long-haired dogs' fur
- using pet-friendly sunscreen for lighter colored dogs

Whatever you do, never force your dog to exercise if it seems too hot or tired. Older dogs and puppies are particularly susceptible to overheating, so be sure to protect these special populations!

If you see a dog locked in a car on a particularly hot day and are concerned, you can try taking down the car's information to locate the owner in a nearby shop. Or call the local animal welfare authorities (Alexandria: 703-838-4774; Arlington: 703-931-9241) or the police. Play it safe this summer and keep your dog safe and cool—at home—while you run errands or enjoy outside activities on a hot day.

—By Christine Chirichella,
AFB Assistant Editor

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AFAC needs

The Arlington Food Assistance Center, the county's food pantry, welcomes your donations to help supply supplemental groceries to their 1,300 clients. (In February, AFAC served an average of more than 1,400 families per week—an all time high.) In FY 2010, AFAC served over 69,000 client visits; this year, that number will be closer to 75,000 client visits. Of the total food distributed to clients, 63.5 percent was donated to AFAC. Families who rely on seasonal jobs often have a harder time throughout the winter; but after the winter holidays, food donations to AFAC often decrease.

AFAC requests low-sodium, low-sugar, and low-fat items. Clients have especially asked for the following: canned meats (tuna, salmon, and chicken), cereal, cooking oil, dried beans (1 pound bags), rice, soup, and tomato sauce. Donations can be dropped off at AFAC between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can also donate via AFAC's virtual food drive, www.afac.org/donate/food.php. For more information about AFAC volunteer and donation opportunities, go online to www.afac.org.



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Maundy Thursday	April 21 st	7:30pm Holy Eucharist Followed by All Night Vigil
Holy Friday	April 22 nd	6:30am Holy Eucharist 12:00pm-3:00pm Holy Hours
Holy Saturday	April 23 rd	7:30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	April 24 th	8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Holy Eucharist (nursery provided) Followed by Easter Egg Hunt

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Math and science take center stage at Abingdon

March was a big month for math and science education at Abingdon as our lead teachers in these subjects—Carrie Wolfe and Anne Sywilok—went above and beyond to bring fun and interactive learning experiences to students of all ages.

Genomics mobile lab visit: First, on March 14, there was a visit by the DiscoverGenomics! mobile lab of the J. Craig Venter Institute (JCVI), a worldwide leader in genomics research located in Rockville, Maryland. Genomics is the study of the genomes, or genetic sequencing, of humans and other organisms.

JCVI scientists worked with Ms. Sywilok, Abingdon's "Queen of Science," on two programs for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Third graders learned how to use pipettes and other typical lab equipment in

a hands-on lesson about measurement and the scientific method. Fourth and fifth graders had the opportunity to do DNA extraction on fruit, learning about cells, the structures within them, and different types of tissue.

Family math and science night:

Just a week later, Abingdon families spent an evening together in the Multi-Purpose Room discovering how much fun math and science can be. Ms. Sywilok worked with local high school students to bring several science experiments to the kids, such as a van de Graaff generator to demonstrate static electricity. Ms. Wolfe taught families a variety of fun and interesting, age-appropriate math games that reinforce critical learning building blocks. Families even got activities and games to take with them to continue the learning fun at home. Parents were also invited to review several new math textbooks currently under consideration by the Arlington Public Schools and pro-

vide feedback on them.

Raging Reptiles: And, finally, thanks to the boundless generosity of Fairlington Dental, Raging Reptiles visited Abingdon again last month, as well. Students not only got to see a wide variety of reptiles—from commonplace snakes to rare lizards—and learn about them and their habitats, they also got to touch and hold them (to which this reporter says, "eeeew").

April 5th Wheel Day

You've read about our Wheel Night programs. This month, Abingdon is trying something new with a Wheel Day. On the morning of April 5, parents are invited to attend the Project GIFT Showcase: Integrating Arts with Multiple Smarts. From 7:50 to 10:20 a.m., the teaching methods developed through our cooperation with the Kennedy Center's Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA) program, and utilized across curricula and grades at Abingdon, will be on display. Parents will start with a free continental breakfast and overview by Principal Joanne Uyeda in the school library. Then they'll be free to visit classrooms, their children's or any other, to see CETA techniques, such as tableaux—a "living" picture in which children represent a scene or concept from a variety of perspectives, in action.

We ask our neighbors to bear with us that morning as we expect more traffic and parked cars than usual around the school. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

—By Michelle Marston, Abingdon PTA co-president



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Fair Golds

The Fair Golds, an Arlington County social group in and around the Fairlington area (including Alexandria), will meet at noon on Thursday, April 7, and Thursday, April 21, at the Fairlington Community Center. The meetings begin with a brown-bag lunch; dessert and beverages are provided. We always welcome guests and/or new members over 55 years of age. For more information, call Gertrude Frankel at 703-931-3759 or Vernetta Kukolich at 703-548-8571.

Card players welcome

Join your Fairlington neighbors for a friendly game of Canasta. No previous experience is necessary to enjoy this card game. We are happy to teach you. The group meets Tuesday mornings at a local church hall near Fairlington. Call Carol Ann at 703-931-8533.

Fairlington Diners

Fairlington Diners is a group of Fairlington and non-Fairlington friends who gather for dinner a couple of times a month. We focus on just having a good meal in great company. If you'd like to be included in our e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to carol_dabbs@yahoo.com.

Sunday, April 10, 6:30 p.m., The Majestic, 911 King Street, Alexandria, 703-837-9117. This restaurant comes highly recommended. They offer what they call Nana's Sunday Dinners—in April the menu includes Virginia ham, apple chutney, sweet potato mash, broccoli gratin, and pineapple upside down cake. Please call Carol at 703-379-6840 by 6 p.m. on Saturday the 9th if you plan to attend, so we can make a reservation.

Monday, April 25, 7:30 p.m., half-price burger night at Ramparts Restaurant, 1700 Fern St., Alexandria, 703-998-6616. This is a local favorite that we visit monthly—usually with a large turnout. Please call Carol to let us know if you plan to attend, so we can choose the right size table when we arrive. Prior to the event (not the day of), call at 703-379-6840. On the day of the event, please call by 6 p.m. at 202-647-2624. Please leave a voicemail if you don't reach Carol directly; include your name and how to contact you the day of the event, in case of a change in plans.

Thirty Somethings

Please join us at Samuel Beckett's Irish Gastro Pub in Shirlington on Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. If you want to be added to the list, please contact Kavita Kalsy at kkalsy@hotmail.com.

Book Group

Photojournalist Helen Adams, at the center of Tatjana Soli's *The Lotus Eaters*, is drawn to Vietnam to document the combat that claimed her brother's life. Her triangular professional and romantic involvement with the magnetic war photographer Sam Darrow and his conflicted Vietnamese assistant Linh plays out against the novel's exploration of the morality of their work and the seductive quality of danger. Please join us to discuss the book, and bring your suggestions for future titles, on Tuesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Fairlington Community Center.

Fairlington Babysitting Co-op accepting new members

One of the great resources of Fairlington, the Co-op is a network of Fairlington families who exchange free babysitting services. It's perfect for parents—single or married, working or staying at home—who would like to know dependable adults to watch their children and meet other families in the community.

The Co-op works on a card system, where each member starts out with 15 one-hour cards and can use them to pay for sittings. Members send out their own sit requests via the Fairlington Babysitting Google Group. During the day, children normally are brought to the sitter's house, and in the evenings the sitter usually comes to the children's house; however, different arrangements may be made.

Fairlington residents can e-mail the spring quarter coordinators Stephanie Seltz and Cara Fahey at fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com to request an application and a complete set of rules. Once your application is complete, your references will be contacted, and then the coordinators will come for an in home interview. Once all of these steps are successfully completed, you will receive a supply of co-op cards. The Co-op is currently accepting new members.

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MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington

Are you a full- or part-time stay-at-home parent and looking to connect with other Fairlington moms and dads? The MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington VA© chapter of the International MOMS Club may be for you. Members and their children participate in general monthly meetings, member planned outings/events, Parents' Night Out, and much more. The weekly age-specific playgroups start as young as birth to 6 months and go up to 3+ years old. Playgroups are great for kids, but they also offer parents a chance to find support and friendship.

In the last year members have also worked on several community service projects benefitting Abingdon Elementary School and the Arlington Food Assistance Center. We will again participate as a group in the March of Dimes March for Babies in May. We have hosted speakers on topics including separation anxiety, nutrition, early childhood literacy, and positive discipline. Our most recent speaker was a local fashion consultant

who answered questions about new-mommy style, while providing tips for shopping and organizing.

If you would like to learn more about the club and meet other parents, please join us for our next general meeting on Wednesday, April 13, at the Fairlington Community Center. Children are welcome. For more information about the club, the general meeting, or membership, please contact Angela Klaus (Membership VP) at fairlingtonmoms@yahoo.com. Annual dues of \$25 support quarterly group functions and community service projects.



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