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## FCA monthly meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 7 pm  
FCC  
3308 S. Stafford St.

## Fairlington 5K

Saturday, April 5, 8 am  
Abingdon Elementary School  
3035 S. Abingdon St.

## Fairlington Diners

Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 pm  
Clyde's  
1700 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria

## County Board Special Election

Tuesday, April 8, 6 am to 7 pm

## MOMS Club

Wednesday, April 9, 4:30 pm  
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## Book Club

Tuesday, April 22, 7:30 pm  
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## Fairlington Diners

Monday, April 28, 6:30 pm  
Samuel Beckett's  
2800 S. Randolph St., Arlington

See Neighborhood News on page 23 and related articles for details about calendar events.

## 5K kicks off springtime in Fairlington

On the morning of April 5, our neighborhood streets will be filled with families, running clubs, scouting troops, and supportive onlookers as the 2014 Fairlington 5K race kicks off. This year's event begins at the Abingdon Elementary School parking lot with onsite registration opening at 7 am. Festivities begin at 8 am with a prize raffle shortly before the start of the race at 8:15 am.

The 5K route circles from the school through North and South Fairlington, and back. The event concludes at the school parking lot with a community celebration including moon bounces, games, and prizes for the whole family. For the complete race route, see the map on page 12. Residents along the race route will have restricted access for car traffic for the duration of the race. Roads will open and close as the race progresses. Check the map for the affected streets.

In addition to the 5K, there will be a one-mile fun walk option for families with young children and other non-runners. Registrants for the full 5K have the option to run or walk the route. Entry fees for the 5K are \$30 for individual runners 17 or older, and \$15 for runners age 16 or younger. The fee for the one-mile walk is \$30 for both individuals and for families. As of press time, the race had more than 300 registrants.

The idea for this year's 5K began when Joe Reed, an Arbor resident and Abingdon Elementary physical education teacher, met with FCA board director Joe Hartman and learned that it had been 10 years since Fairlington had hosted a 5K race. Reed wanted to develop a fun 5K event for Abingdon students similar to what had been done at other local elementary schools. Only this time, the race would benefit the school's physical education and literacy departments, as well as A Cure for Ellie, a local charity to benefit children and families affected by mitochondrial disease.

"When I met Ellie and learned that the FCA had started outlining plans for a

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Joe Reed and Ellie McGinn. Photo by Nicole Van Hoey.

**Streets along the race course will be closed to traffic during the race. See page 12 for a map of the course.**

## 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. If you would like to discuss a neighborhood issue at the meeting, please e-mail [president@fca-fairlington.org](mailto:president@fca-fairlington.org) or leave a voice-mail message at 571-403-1943 by the Sunday before the meeting.

### April 9 preliminary agenda:

A final agenda for the monthly meeting will be posted on the FCA website the Sunday before the Wednesday meeting.

#### Regular business meeting:

- Approval of March minutes
- Officer and committee reports
- Unfinished business
  - Fairlington Day
  - Fairlington 5K
- New business

#### April 5 special event:

Fairlington 5K Run/Walk begins at 8 am at Abingdon Elementary and runs through North and South Fairlington.

### Online resources:

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**Register today for the Fairlington 5K.** For details see page 1 or go to [www.fairlington5K.com](http://www.fairlington5K.com) to register for the race.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Strengthening ties with Abingdon Elementary School is one of FCA's priorities.

Our neighborhood school has always been one of Fairlington's important attributes. A strong local school can be a key factor in maintaining property values. But the changing demographics of our community have produced a much greater level of engagement with Abingdon by our residents than was the case only a decade ago.

The number of our families with students enrolled at Abingdon has grown significantly. When I visited the Abingdon Fall Festival in October, I was constantly running into neighbors with children enrolled there. The Abingdon PTA is co-chaired by two Fairlington residents, Dan Branch from North Fairlington and Dana Andy from South Fairlington.

FCA is working to build on the growing connections between Fairlington and Abingdon. Last year for the first time the Abingdon Principal (Joanne Uyeda) spoke to an FCA Board meeting.

Arlington School Board member Noah Simon, the School Board's liaison to Abingdon, would like to visit with FCA, and we will schedule his visit with the larger Fairlington community later this year.

This month's Fairlington 5K is a concrete way that FCA is linking with Abingdon. The 5K is being jointly sponsored by FCA and Abingdon. FCA Board member Joe Hartman and Abingdon physical education teacher Joe Reed (who lives South Fairlington) are coordinating the race and walk. Another Fairlington resident, Megan Hurst, helped line up the contractor for the race logistics. The Abingdon PTA pitched in to provide a moon bounce and other activities. And a large group of local organizations and businesses are contributing volunteers and substantial financial support.

The net proceeds from the race will go to support the Abingdon physical education and literacy programs and A Cure for Ellie, a non-profit named for a Fairlington resident (and Abingdon student) with mitochondrial disease.

This will truly be a community event, designed for our residents, to benefit our school.

There's still time to sign up to run, walk, or sponsor. But if you can't do that, please come be a spectator and cheer on your neighbors. It's another way to show support for our neighborhood elementary school.

Guy Land, FCA President  
[president@fca-fairlington.org](mailto:president@fca-fairlington.org).





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# Steering committee to guide intergenerational discussion

A volunteer steering committee of residents will lead the examination of how FCA can best support the needs of Fairlington's seniors while linking Fairlington's generations and enhancing the quality of life for all residents in the community.

Reflecting the widespread interest in this topic, more than 30 people signed up as initial members of the group, which is being coordinated on an interim basis by FCA Board Director Carrie Street and Secretary Carol Dabbs. The committee is charged with developing a set of recommendations for the FCA Board, and any resident with an interest may join.

The Board launched the discussion of this topic with a presentation in late March by Arlington Neighborhood Villages (ANV). The ANV approach features a hub-and-spoke model of local villages providing individuals ages 55 and older with social programs and support services, using a large network of local community volunteers to provide the services. Participating seniors pay an annual membership fee.

The May issue of the *All Fairlington Bulletin* will provide a summary of the ANV presentation held March 20 at the Fairlington Community Center.

The program envisioned by ANV is just one model, and the FCA Board has made no decision on whether to adopt it. The steering committee will look at other options that communities in the D.C. area have implemented and consider which aspects appear most likely to work in Fairlington and garner the most support from the community.

The committee's tasks include the following:

- **Research** the types of approaches other communities are using and the applicability of those activities to Fairlington.
- **Host community-wide briefings** to educate residents on the different options for linking our diverse population and supporting our seniors.
- **Facilitate community forums** to ascertain the interests and preferences of residents and foster a wide-ranging conversation about intergenerational strategies.
- **Conduct online surveys** to better capture the views of Fairlington residents about specific options and needs.

While the initial impetus for the discussion came from residents interested in support services for seniors, the

committee will keep in mind the circumstances of the growing number of young families as well as the substantial number of residents in the middle age brackets. Finding ways to weave together these generations, with their disparate interests, is an essential element of the steering committee's charge.

– Guy Land



*Families came out to enjoy the sunshine and fun activities at Fairlington Day in 2012. Photo by Mark Jones.*

## Volunteers needed for Fairlington Day May 17

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 17, when the FCA hosts Fairlington Day at the Fairlington Community Center. This bi-annual event brings the community together for some sunshine, food, and fun activities. In the past, sunny skies have brought literally hundreds of Fairlingtonians out to visit with their neighbors and celebrate Fairlington over the course of the three-hour event.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. The FCA is looking for help setting up and taking down tables, grilling hotdogs, restocking drinks, and chaperoning the inflatable obstacle course and other children's activities.

The FCA is also seeking sponsorships from individuals and businesses interested in supporting activities such as pony rides, a petting zoo, and multiple inflatable bounce castles. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring an event, email [fairlingtonday@fca-fairlington.org](mailto:fairlingtonday@fca-fairlington.org).

– Mark Jones





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# Alexandria talks traffic at the March FCA meeting

Three senior staff members from the City of Alexandria shared in a lively exchange with Fairlington residents about local traffic congestion and pedestrian safety at the March 12 FCA meeting. As reported in the February 2014 *All Fairlington Bulletin*, the City of Alexandria has a number of traffic and development projects directly affecting the surrounding Fairlington community.



*From left, FCA Treasurer Ed Hilz, President Guy Land, and Secretary Carol Dabbs visit with Colleen Willger of the Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning and Lisa Jaatinen of the Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services at the March 12 FCA meeting. Photo by Janis Johnston.*

Colleen Willger, Urban Planner with the Department of Planning and Zoning, delivered what turned out to be the most promising news of the evening: construction on the Lifestyle Safeway at King Street and Braddock Road is on schedule. "Hopefully it will be open for the holiday season," said Willger.

Two traffic projects scheduled for the next two years will affect most Fairlington residents at the intersections of King Street, Beauregard, and Walter Reed Drive, and the service road at Taylor Lane and King Street at the Bradlee shopping center.

- **King Street/Beauregard/Walter Reed Drive.** Lisa Jaatinen, Project Manager for the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, briefed residents about the upcoming changes to this major intersection that are scheduled to begin construction sometime during the spring of 2015. In an effort to make it more pedestrian-friendly, the city plans to

widen the sidewalks and create shared use paths for bikes and walkers, add landscape buffers between the street and sidewalks, eliminate the right turn slip lanes, and install pedestrian signals. The city purchased land on the Alexandria side of King Street and Beauregard in order to expand the sidewalks and accommodate the additional pedestrian space.

In addition, the city will be installing a median down the center of King Street and put in an additional left turn lane from King Street in both the east and west directions. Jaatinen said that the project will take about two years to complete.

- **Taylor Lane and King Street.** In an effort to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety, Bob Garbacz, Transportation Division Chief, reported that a traffic signal will be installed on the service road at the intersection of Taylor Lane and King Street. Safeway is paying for this new traffic light, replacing the current blinking red signal at that location. Garbacz said that work will start on that sometime this fall to coincide with when the Safeway is scheduled to reopen.

The city is also looking at the traffic patterns along the service road at King Street and Dearing, but it will wait to see how the traffic light at the Taylor and King intersection works before it makes any decisions about installing traffic signals at this location.



*From left, Bob Garbacz of the Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services reviews photos of the Quaker Lane and 36th St. intersection with FCA Director Bill Russell, Glen resident Alan Bow, and FCA Secretary Carol Dabbs. Photo by Guy Land.*

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# County sets dates for community-wide meetings for Fairlington Farmers Market

Opening day for the Fairlington Farmers Market (FFM) has been delayed as Arlington County makes plans to conduct two community-wide meetings to determine the interest in and need for a farmers market in Fairlington. The county has scheduled the meetings for Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, May 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Fairlington Community Center (FCC).

These community meetings are part of a new county-wide process and procedure to assess the community support for a market at a county-owned location and determine the impact it would have on the current use of the FCC. After the meetings, the county will then decide if it wants to initiate an RFP process for entities interested in operating the market on FCC grounds. If so, once the RFP closes, the selected entity would submit a permit application, which would be reviewed by county staff. It would then require approval by the County Board.

In the meantime, the FFM Planning Committee, in anticipation of county approvals, forges ahead by reaching out to potential vendors, including local farmers who sell fresh produce, meat, dairy, and baked goods. Work is about to begin on website design and Facebook pages for community and market updates. The committee is currently looking for someone who can help design a website via

Word Press. If you would like to help, or be included in the email update list for the market, please contact the committee at [fairlingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:fairlingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

As a result of these added steps to the application process, the earliest the market could open would be this summer. To voice your opinion about having a farmers market in Fairlington, attend one or both of the county meetings or call the Arlington County Board at 703-228-3130 or send an email to [countyboard@arlingtonva.us](mailto:countyboard@arlingtonva.us).

– Lane Erwin and Melissa Beene, Co-chairs  
FFM Planning Committee

## Park Shirlington developer finalizes plans

As of early March, the Arlington County Planning Department reported that the original Park Shirlington redevelopment proposal submitted by Home Properties, Inc. was not final. According to Cathy Moy, Development Director at Home Properties, final changes to the Park Shirlington proposal were to be submitted to the county by the end of March, at which time the county's formal review process would begin.

Formal approval by the county for the redevelopment of Park Shirlington apartments on S. 31st St. follows a multi-level approval process, outlined below, and can take up to a year or more to complete.

- The plan first goes before the county's Site Plan Review Committee, which could require up to four or five meetings.
- Following that, the proposal then moves to the county's Planning Commission, which will conduct a public hearing before taking any action. At this time, the FCA and its Board of Directors would most likely provide input on the plan with recommendations from the advisory committee. The proposal will also undergo review by the county's transportation, housing, and landlord-tenant governing bodies.
- The final step is the review and approval by the Arlington County Board.

The Park Shirlington Redevelopment Committee has identified four primary areas for consideration regarding the redevelopment proposal from Home Properties: 1) Fairlington property values and neighborhood integration; 2) traffic and parking; 3) construction impact and community infrastructure; and 4) implications for affordable housing.

The committee plans to conduct at least one public briefing and comment session in addition to conducting a community survey.

– Carol Bell

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April 3rd*

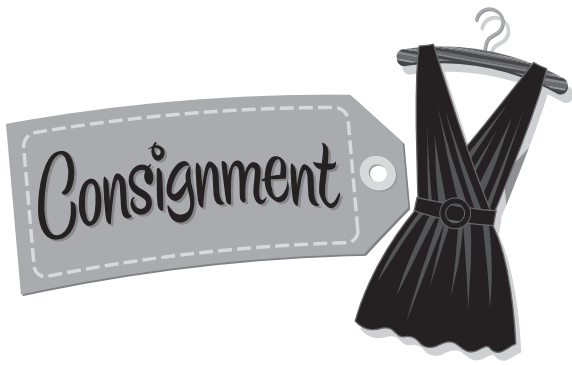


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## MOMS consignment sale draws crowds, supports community

A large crowd of eager shoppers took in the bargains at the March 8 annual spring consignment sale sponsored by the MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington® chapter. Held at the Fairlington Community Center, the event featured gently used baby, kids, and maternity items all at generously discounted prices.

This sale typically proves to be a huge draw for families in Fairlington and surrounding areas, and this year was no different, as evidenced by the large crowds of eager shoppers.

In the spirit of the organization's mission of moms helping other moms and families, proceeds of the sale were donated to the March of Dimes. This fall, the MOMS club will host its second consignment sale of the year.

In addition to the annual consignment sales, the Arlington-Fairlington MOMS Club chapter participates in a host of activities and local service projects to support the community, including projects benefiting Abingdon Elementary School and the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Learn more about the Fairlington MOMS Club at [www.fairlingtonmomsclub.com/](http://www.fairlingtonmomsclub.com/).

— Jessica Marvin



*Photos by Guy Land.*



community 5K, I knew this was the perfect time to begin organizing a co-operative event,” says Reed. He notes, “The Fairlington 5K has turned into something bigger than just a school or neighborhood event alone; it has become a way to show all of Arlington what a great place Fairlington is to live”. Reed hopes to meet his goal of 400 participants by the morning of the run.

In addition to the support from the hundreds of area race participants and volunteers helping out at the event, a long list of local businesses has also added their support including two local restaurants sponsoring diner appreciation events in support of the 5K (see page 13 for details). Other local business and individuals have donated money and raffle prizes or sponsored water stations that will be set up along the race route and at the finish line. For a full list of sponsors, see page 15.

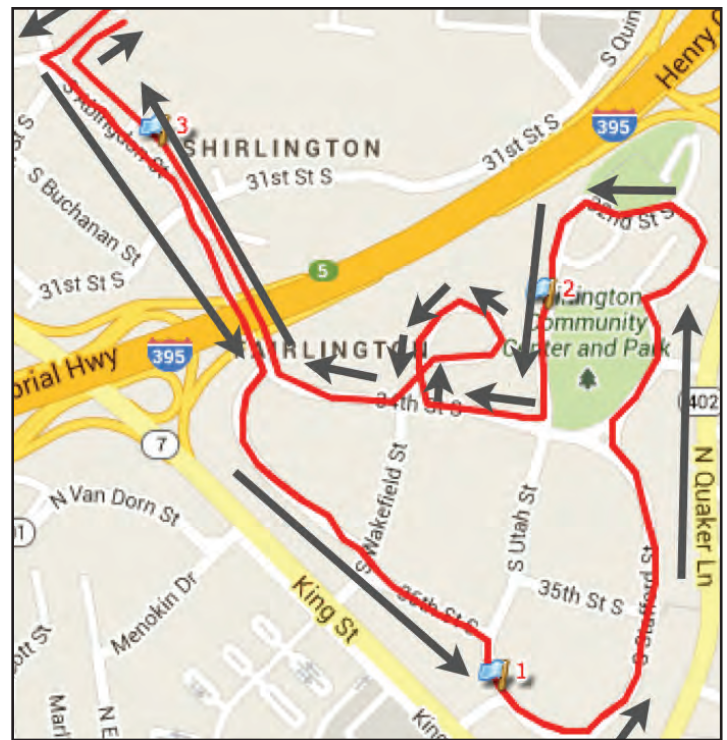
“The positive business response has been overwhelming,” says Reed. “Local businesses, from past Abingdon supporters like Johnny Rockets in Shirlington, to new contributors like Pro Feed Pet Shop, have rallied for a bigger reason than just running—for Ellie, for Abingdon, and for a connection with the entire community.”

## A Cure for Ellie

Reed and the FCA saw the 5K as an opportunity to renew an active, community-building wellness event while raising money for the school and one of its kindergarteners, Ellie McGinn. After months of physical examinations and doctor visits, Ellie was diagnosed in September 2011 with Leukodystrophy (LBSL), a genetic myelin disorder that causes muscle weakness and MS-like symptoms in afflicted children, and for which there is no cure.

The McGinn family, who lives in Fairlington Arbor, has established a foundation, A Cure for Ellie, to spur awareness of and research about all varieties of LBSL. So far, the foundation has raised more than \$12,000 toward its \$15,000 goal for LBSL programs. According to the foundation’s website, funds raised by A Cure for Ellie will go to other 501(c)3 organizations dedicated to supporting “mito-kids” and their families and to medical organizations researching this condition.

LBSL is a progressive disease that develops from mild walking and balance difficulties to a complete loss of muscle coordination, predominantly in the lower limbs. Everyday aspects of childhood, such as fevers or playground tumbles, can hasten myelin degradation



**Race map (above). Streets along the route will be closed to all traffic during the race and will reopen once the racers have passed through that area.**

## Street-by-street 5K race route

- Race begins at 29th and S. Abingdon St. in the school parking lot.
- Racers progress down S. Abingdon St., past 31st St. and cross over the 34th St. bridge.
- Turn right at S. 36th St., past S. Wakefield St. and S. Utah St., and circle around to S. Stafford St.
- On S. Stafford St., the route crosses S. 35th St. and continues past S. 34th St. to the Fairlington Community Center (FCC).
- Past the FCC and cross by S. 33rd St.
- Down the hill, the race then turns right at S. Stafford St. past S. 32 Rd. St.
- At the intersection of S. Stafford St. and S. 32 St., runners turn left past Utah Park baseball field.
- Racers proceed up S. Utah St. to S. 34 St. where they turn right at S. 34th St.
- Runners turn right on S. Wakefield St., loop around the pool and tennis courts, and return to S. 34 St.
- The final leg of the race loops back onto S. 34th St. up to S. 29th St. and concludes at the Abingdon parking lot.





*Ellie McGinn, Abingdon Elementary School kindergartner, captured the attention of the community. Photo by Nicole Van Hoey.*

and increase symptoms in kids with LBSL. Progression typically cannot be reversed, and no prescription medications are available to treat the symptoms or cause of LBSL. However, the disorder's impact can be slowed by protecting the existing myelin.

For five-year-old Ellie, this means attentive hand washing in the classroom to minimize colds and wearing a helmet to protect her from bumps when she is walking the school halls or playing at gym or recess.

Ellie's family is touched by the generosity of the community. "Mr. Reed's efforts to jumpstart this event truly show the strong connection between Abingdon and the community and highlight how special the Fairlington neighborhood really is," says Beth McGinn, Ellie's mother. For more information about the foundation, visit [www.acureforellie.org](http://www.acureforellie.org).

#### **Fairlington 5K featured on NewsChannel 8**

Tune in to see Joe Reed, Ellie McGinn, and her mother Beth McGinn interviewed on NewsChannel 8's talk show, "Let's Talk Live," Wednesday, April 2. The program airs from 11 am to noon.

## ***Local businesses go the extra mile***

Two local restaurants are throwing their support behind the Fairlington 5K by sponsoring diner appreciation events.

On Wednesday, April 2, Cafe Pizzaioli on Fern St. in Alexandria and Cafe Pizzaioli in Shirlington, will donate 15 percent of sales throughout the day from diners who bring in a Fairlington 5K coupon. Donations apply for both carry out and eat-in orders.

Johnny Rockets in Shirlington will host a post-race event on Wednesday, April 9, donating 20 percent of the total sales from diners bringing in a 5K race coupon between 5 and 8 pm.

Download coupons for each of these restaurants from the Fairlington 5K website at [www.fairlington5k.com](http://www.fairlington5k.com). Flyers are also available at the Abingdon Elementary main office and at the Fairlington Community Center. They were sent home with Abingdon students in their Tuesday packets in March.

## ***The classroom connection***

In addition to the foundation, a portion of the funds will also benefit Abingdon's school literacy and physical education departments. Abingdon Principal Joanne Uyeda emphasizes that all students will benefit from the race proceeds, because "every classroom library will receive new books to replace and expand current collections."

Funds will also go to boost the language arts program, which includes the Abingdon Read'N'Roll Book Bus, a popular July and August traveling library developed to encourage life-long reading skills and prevent summer reading loss. This will be the book bus program's third summer and funds from the race will contribute to an end-of-the-school-year kickoff visit to start getting the kids excited about summer reading.

Race proceeds dedicated to the Abingdon's physical education department will help to replace aging equipment and add new materials.

To register for the 5K, sign up to volunteer on race day, or donate to Ellie's foundation, visit [www.Fairlington5K.com](http://www.Fairlington5K.com).

— Nicole Van Hoey

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## Fairlington Battery for sale

Fairlington residents may have noticed the recent "For Sale" sign on the building that used to house Frosty's Heating & Cooling on Abingdon Street next to Fire Station 7.

Officially known as The Battery at Fairlington, this property is now on the commercial market for sale at \$3.5 million. Kenneth Matzkin from William Buck and Associates, Inc., the listing broker, reports that the redevelopment of the lot into a robust retail marketplace is no longer being pursued by the owner, Abingdon Partners, LLC, which purchased the property in 2004 for \$1.3 million.

The storefront area at 3120 S. Abingdon St. is also available for lease. A health, exercise, and wellness business has shown interest in the 2,400 square-foot retail space, but nothing has been officially signed. The property could be suitable for a variety of retail uses, including an eating establishment. Matzkin explains, "We want to be sensitive to making sure the tenant fits with the atmosphere of the Fairlington community. The goal would be to have the residents of Fairlington as the primary customers."

There is no specified timeline for a new tenant, but the leasing agent believes Abingdon Partners is close to having this prospective business on board. Sure Shot Productions remains a tenant in the lower level space, accessible from the rear of the building. The Battery sits on approximately 37,000 square feet with a total of 10,100 square feet of facility space.

– Chris Weathers



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- **South 36th Street and Quaker Lane.** This intersection was cited by residents as an ongoing concern as many find it to be dangerous and prone to high traffic congestion. While Alexandria had conducted a study of this intersection in 2012, Garbacz said the city was “going to leave it alone for now.” Residents expressed their concern and frustration with the safety of making left turns from S. 36th Street onto Quaker Lane going north and making left turns onto S. 36th Street heading north from Quaker Lane. Fairlington Glen resident Alan Bow suggested the city block the section from standing cars by painting a grid across the junction; however, Garbacz believed that this could create potential confusion for traffic making a right turn onto King from Quaker.

As reported in the October 2013 *Bulletin*, in a letter sent to the City of Alexandria, Glen residents drafted a list of recommendations on ways to improve the safety of this intersection, including bigger “do not block this intersection” signs, installing a flashing light, and installing mirrors to help motorists see oncoming traffic. Some Fairlington residents strongly opposed the city’s earlier proposal of eliminating the left turn onto S. 36th Street from Quaker Lane.

- **King Street/North Quaker Lane/Braddock Road.** Garbacz briefed residents on developments with traffic changes at the King Street/North Quaker Lane/Braddock Road intersection – or as he called it “dysfunction junction.” Garbacz said that over the years several traffic studies have been conducted at this location. “Every generation has tried to do something with that intersection,” he said, “but nothing has changed.”

The current proposal is to create additional left turn lanes off of King Street in both the east and west directions; however, the city lacks funding to make any changes at this time. Residents were concerned about pedestrian safety at this location, particularly for the safety of school children from T. C. Williams High School and Minnie Howard campus who cross the streets at this intersection every day.

- **Landmark Mall.** Willger, briefed residents on a variety of local development projects, one being the upcoming redevelopment of the Landmark shopping mall. Last year, the Alexandria City Council approved plans for a mixed-use residential and retail

complex with a traditional street grid, sidewalks, trees, and open space. The development will only affect the center portion of the existing mall. The Sears and Macy’s structures will remain in place. Demolition of this 10 acre site should start this fall or early winter and be completed sometime in 2016.

- **Gateway.** Plans are in the first stages for the proposed redevelopment of the Gateway property at King and Beauregard Streets, located in the empty lot once occupied by the Jefferson Hospital, 4600 King St. The developer’s initial plans are to build a mixed use property to include office, retail, residential, and perhaps a hotel and grocery store. According to Willger, buildings in the existing shopping strip where the old Five Guys restaurant was located would not be included in this new development plan.

Willger addressed concerns about the impact this new development would have on traffic at this intersection. She said the developer, Abramson Properties, will need to conduct a trip study as part of the formal application process. She expects the developer to submit a formal application to the city sometime this fall.

FCA president Guy Land said that he has invited the developer to address the community once the final proposal is in the review process.

– Janis Johnston



Lisa Jaatinen of the Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services reviews the plans for the King/Beauregard/Walter Reed Dr. intersection. Photo by Guy Land.

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## Library gardener needed

The Shirlington Branch Library is looking for a gardener who would like to bring the container garden back to life and then maintain it. The garden has eight pots that are 1.5 to 2 feet in diameter. The gardener would have to bring his or her own tools, but other supplies will be provided. If interested, email [volunteercoordinator@arlingtonva.us](mailto:volunteercoordinator@arlingtonva.us) for more information.

## Household waste recycling

Time for some spring cleaning? Dispose of hazardous household materials, computer monitors, and televisions at the Environment Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE) on Saturday, April 19, from 8:30 am to 3 pm at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. Recycle small metal items, electronics, shoes, clothes, and linens. There is a \$15 fee for computers and \$20 for televisions.

This event is open to Arlington residents and employees only; commercial or business waste will not be accepted. For more information about E-CARE, visit [www.arlingtonva.us/recycle](http://www.arlingtonva.us/recycle). Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd, Arlington.

## North Fairlington yard sale

Looking to clean out your closets or perhaps find a special deal on an end table? Don't miss the North Fairlington Spring Yard Sale, Saturday, May 3, from 8 am to noon. Located at the North Fairlington Community Center parking lot on S. Abingdon, the sale also includes a spring plant sale. Spaces are \$10 each and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, email [activities@fairlingtonvillages.com](mailto:activities@fairlingtonvillages.com).

## Fairlington kids' tennis clinic

Want to introduce your little ones to tennis, but just haven't had the chance? Join your friends and neighbors at the Fairlington kids' tennis clinic coming this May to the Fairlington Villages clubhouse tennis courts. As long as they can swing a racquet, your children will learn about tennis with kids their own age through games, activities, and prizes. For more information about the date and cost of the clinic, email Andrew Vitols at [tennisballandrew@gmail.com](mailto:tennisballandrew@gmail.com).

## Stream clean-up volunteers needed

The 26th annual stream clean-up takes place on Saturday, April 26, from 9 am to noon at five locations along Four Mile Run. Volunteers are needed to help clean Shirlington Park. Get outdoors and give back to your community. Volunteers should wear waterproof boots and bring work gloves. Bags will be provided. An adult must accompany children under 16 years of age. For more information, contact Arlington County Park Rangers at 703-525-0168 or [ParkRangers@arlingtonva.us](mailto:ParkRangers@arlingtonva.us).

## May meeting to feature Del. Krupicka

Virginia Del. Rob Krupicka, who represents Fairlington in the House of Delegates in Richmond, will discuss this spring's session of the General Assembly with residents at FCA's regular meeting Wednesday, May 14, at 7 pm.

A former member of the Alexandria City Council, Krupicka was first elected to the House of Delegates in a special election in 2012.

## Plant tour set for May 10

Enjoy the arrival of spring and boost your knowledge of Fairlington's flora (and maybe some fauna) by taking a 90-minute walk through Fairlington's grounds on May 10.

A team of Fairlington's master gardeners, master naturalists, and landscaping professionals is putting together a tour that will take participants into parts of the community they may not have seen before and expand their understanding of the diversity of the community's plants.

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# DOWN TO EARTH patio gardening



## *Advance planning is key to attractive patio garden*

Before you visit a plant nursery, create a plan that organizes your garden's layout. This will also save on unnecessary plant purchases that clutter a garden. Think first-grade class picture—tall ones in the back, shorter ones out front. And focus on corners—these draw the eye since they are empty and dull. Here's some guidance on plant selection.

**Corners:** Think vertical plants that unify fences meeting at right (and non-artistic) angles. Once you have an evergreen here, your eye will move past this unsightly speed bump. Plant choices here are: Camellia, Arborvitae 'Emerald Green,' Nandina domestica, Euonymus 'Green Spire,' Mahonia, Juniper 'Hollywood,' Holly 'Chesapeake' or 'Centennial,' and Juniper 'Skyrocket.' All are evergreen and grow taller rather than wider. All year long you'll see foliage, not a barren corner.

**Dining room window:** This is center stage, so a shrub maxing out at four-feet tall with a similar width situates well. This will not obstruct your view (from the inside) and fills a large space. Plant choices: Cherry Laurel, which grows into the shape of a large coffee cup, is evergreen and bears white (finger-like, fragrant) flowers in summer and sometimes through October or November. Azalea 'Encore' has a similar habit. It becomes an evergreen in its second year and flowers in spring and fall (even into early December). 'Knockout' Rose is a

quasi-evergreen that keeps its leaves until late December. Its branches are floriferous with rose petals in pink, white, or red.

**Outer edges of bed:** OK, the "short kids" go here. Bulbous plants with modest growth habits (Daffodil, Crocus, Hyacinth, Snowdrop, Grape Hyacinth) situate well along the edges of your concrete patio (or flagstone or brick, if this is the case). Annuals, too: Impatiens, Geraniums, Petunia, Marigold, and Vinca, but they only live one year. Ground Cover is sensible since these plants stay small: Skimmia, Barberry, Lavender, Ajuga, Juniper 'Blue Star,' Juniper 'Blue Pacific,' Bearberry, and Heather. Small perennials will work here too: Astilbe, Salvia, Sedum, Coral Bells, Columbine, Catmint, Candytuft, and Balloon Flower.

**Largest dirt spaces:** Shrubs go here and are defined by size (height and width), typically two feet by two feet, three by three, or four by four in a globose shape. Anything larger doesn't fit a Fairlington patio garden. Ideas are: Hydrangea, Rhododendron, Holly 'Compacta,' Aucuba, Pendulous Yew, Azalea, 'Birds Nest' Spruce, Juniper, and Holly 'Burfordii.'

**A/C unit area:** Makeshift fences with latticework hide it but aren't an attractive alternative. Try a subtle screen—small plants that fit the dirt area around the unit while not blocking the unit's air transfer: Ajuga, Mondo Grass, Salvia, Sedum, Liriope, Hosta, Bleeding Heart, Fern,

Astilbe, Daylily, Yarrow, Liatris, Purple Coneflower, and Black-Eyed Susan.

**Fence panels:** Vines work here and can be purchased on a wood trellis. They espalier without invading the cubic space of a garden. Some are evergreen. Most flower. Some fruit. Ideas are: Pyracantha (white flower), 'Fall-Blooming' Clematis (white), Carolina Jessamine (yellow), 'Spring Blooming' Clematis (white, lavender or purple), Campsis (orange), Honeysuckle (pink, orange or white), Wisteria (lavender), and even Magnolia (white). Wisteria,



*Daylily.*

Pyracantha, and Magnolia have woody stems/branching and grow profusely so they need renewal pruning. The others have herbaceous (non-woody) stems and can be trained or modestly pruned.

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# neighborhood news

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## ***Fairlington Diners***

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Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 pm, Clyde's, 1700 N. Beauregard St, Alexandria, 703-820-8300, [www.clydes.com/mark-center](http://www.clydes.com/mark-center). This is a local favorite, nearby with easy parking. The crab cakes are a favorite with a number of the regular diners. Because we do need a reservation, please call no later than 6 pm on Monday, April 7 to let us know you'll be attending.

Monday, April 28, 6:30 pm, Samuel Beckett's, 2800 S. Randolph St, Arlington, 703-379-0122, [www.samuel-becketts.com](http://www.samuel-becketts.com). For a change we'll try burger night at this popular Irish pub in Shirlington.

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 contact information for 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).

## ***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. For more information call Carol Ann at 703-931-8533.

## ***Book Group back in new location***

Join the Fairlington Book Group in April to discuss *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II*. This book by author and journalist Denise Kiernan tells the story of the young women who were recruited to help build the atomic bomb — in secret — in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The book group is meeting in a new location this month! Please join us in room 103 at the Fairlington Community Center in south Fairlington, 3308 S. Stafford St., Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30 pm.

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

If you are looking for a night out without the kids or an afternoon to yourself, look no further than the Fairlington Babysitting Co-op. For more than 30 years, the Babysitting Co-op has been a community of parents helping parents right here in our neighborhood.

The Co-op is a network of Fairlington families who exchange free babysitting services. It's perfect for parents who would like to know dependable adults to watch their children and meet other families in the community.

To request an application or for more information, email the coordinators, Rebecca Carpenter and Michelle Gregory, at [fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com](mailto:fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com).

## ***MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington***

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Parents and parents-to-be are welcome to join us for our next general meeting on Wednesday, April 9, at 4:30 pm in the Fairlington Community Center. Children are always welcome. For more information about the club, the meeting, or membership, contact our Membership VP at [fairlingtonmomsclub@gmail.com](mailto:fairlingtonmomsclub@gmail.com) or visit [www.fairlingtonmomsclub.com](http://www.fairlingtonmomsclub.com). Annual dues of \$25 support our club activities and charitable projects.



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## ***Abingdon's annual Arts Integration Day showcases classroom innovations***

On February 21, the staff and students of Abingdon Elementary hosted hundreds of parents and members of the Kennedy Center CETA (Changing Education Through the Arts) program for its annual Arts Integration Day. Abingdon's value-



*Abingdon students read poetry to visitors on Arts Integration Day. Photo by Abingdon Staff.*

rich learning approach was on full display throughout the day, as audiences were treated to a wide variety of creative learning sessions.

The morning began with an impressive "strings" ensemble, directed by Abingdon teacher Kristin Gomez. The guests were then invited to walk the hallways and visit any of the 14 classrooms that were presenting a plethora of arts-integrated learning sessions, such as integrating poetry and music to improve reading fluency; student-created claymation movies to teach and bring to life economic concepts; drama, pho-

tography, and iPads as a vehicle to deepen reading comprehension; student portraits, biographical poems, assorted technology applications, and original music compositions to deepen understanding.

One proud parent mentioned, "I saw the kids enthusiastically engaged in the learning and creating process. Also, their reflections and commenting afterward showed a lot of understanding, observation, and technical skills." Another parent commented, "It is clear that these children are taking greater ownership of content when they learn in this manner." At the conclusion of one of the technology sessions a guest raised his hand and commented, "Abingdon seems way ahead of the curve when it comes to integrating technology in the classroom."

Abingdon is one of only 15 schools in the Washington metro area to have a partnership with the Kennedy Center. Among these area schools, Abingdon arguably ranks among the highest in the number of staff that are certified through the Kennedy Center's CETA courses and workshops. Resoundingly, Abingdon teachers say that this training was the finest that they have received during their respective teaching careers. Teaching veteran Kathi Aagard concludes, "When students learn through the arts, we notice a greater level of engagement and

retention of information. Arts integration has truly revolutionized our teaching."

To learn more about arts integration at Abingdon and the Kennedy Center's CETA program, visit Abingdon Elementary: <http://www.apsva.us/site/default.aspx?domainid=185>

Kennedy Center: <http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/ceta/>

## ***Abingdon Summer School exclusively for Abingdon students***

Principal Joanne Uyeda is thrilled to announce that Abingdon will be hosting its own summer school program, fully staffed with Abingdon teachers! The program is open to Abingdon students only. Students should register for the grade level in which they were enrolled during the 2013–14 school year. Students registering for pre-k summer school must be pre-registered to attend kindergarten at Abingdon in the fall prior to registering for this summer school program. Classes run daily from July 7 through August 7 from 8 to 11 am.

"This is a tremendous benefit to our students because their teachers are highly skilled in the workshop approach to learning, and will be able to effectively target and differentiate the skills and strategies each student is ready to learn next," says Uyeda.

Registration for the Abingdon summer program is open through May 9. The cost is \$100. Download the application at [www.apsva.us](http://www.apsva.us) and look for the Summer School section.

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# Animal Talk

## Pet allergies

Spring is finally here, and that means sunny days, warmer temperatures, blooming flowers and trees, and, unfortunately for some of us, allergies. Did you know that allergies can affect both cats and dogs in similar ways? Our pets can be allergic to the same things that we are, and can experience both indoor and outdoor allergies to mold, dust, dander, food, trees, pollen, and, of course, fleas.

Symptoms of pet allergies are similar to those in humans: sneezing, itching, scratching, runny eyes. But they can also include incessant licking and chewing, particular in the pet's paws and underside where

they come into direct contact with allergens.

What can you do if you suspect your pet has allergies? Your vet can conduct various tests including skin tests and blood work, to help determine what is going on. If food allergies are suspected, you can restrict your pet's diet until a cause can be determined.

As the old saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. If allergies are diagnosed or suspected, keep them at bay by:

- Bathing your pet weekly (for both dogs and cats)
- Cleaning your pet's bedding regularly

- Starting a flea prevention program
- Giving antihistamines (though never decongestants)
- Feeding fatty acid supplements to help the skin
- Cleaning your pet's paws and the underside after contact with allergens

If allergies are chronic or become severe, steroids or cortisone treatments may help. But as always, consult your veterinarian before beginning any new regimen or giving your pet new medications.

– Christine M. Chirichella,  
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Dear Fairlington Friends and Neighbors,

As you may know, there is a special election April 8 for the Arlington County Board. I will be voting for my friend John Vihstadt, whom I've known and worked with on community issues for about 25 years. He is highly respected throughout Arlington for his integrity and ability to bring people together.

Unlike every other candidate I've asked you to support, John is not a Democrat. He is a moderate Republican running as an Independent. I do not make this endorsement lightly. Arlington has a lot of good things going for it and the current board deserves a lot of credit, but I believe it is time for some fresh perspective on the board. We need to examine our spending priorities and support our core services like public education, public safety, and infrastructure maintenance rather than expensive and useless projects like the Columbia Pike streetcar. John will help me take Arlington in the direction it needs to go.

You can learn more information about John's campaign at [www.VoteforVihstadt.com](http://www.VoteforVihstadt.com).

I hope to see you at your regular polling place on April 8 between 6am and 7pm and that you will vote for John Vihstadt. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or want to discuss this race or any County Board issue. It is a real pleasure to serve you on the County Board.

Sincerely, Libby Garvey  
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Janis Johnston, a long-time resident of North Fairlington, has taken over as editor of the *All Fairlington Bulletin*. She has an extensive background in writing, editing, and publishing and a track record of involvement in community activities. In 2010 she received North Fairlington's award for being the outstanding volunteer of the year.

A growing team of volunteer writers is helping ensure that the *Bulletin* remains your go-to source for information on all things Fairlington: Amy Schardt, Chris Weathers, Jessica Marvin, Nicole Van Hoey, Mary Anne Barton, Kate Barton, Kerianne O'Donnell, JoAnna Greene, Amy Heishman, Hannah Lipps, Dan Branch, and Katarina Lesandric.

Christine Chirichella remains the assistant editor and volunteer webmaster for our website, www.fca-fairlington.org. South Fairlington resident Beth Andrews manages the *Bulletin's* advertising, while Noemi Rivera

coordinates the monthly distribution to Fairlington doorsteps.

If you have writing and reporting skills that you would like to deploy to help your community stay informed, please contact editor@fca-fairlington.org.

– Guy Land

## "Paws to Read" at the library

Children grades K–5 are invited to read to therapy dogs at the Shirlington branch library on Wednesday, April 9, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Children are paired with trained and certified volunteers (both owners and dogs) for 15-minute reading sessions. The volunteer dogs come from PAL (People.Animals.Love.).

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*A message from Paul Ferguson, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Former Member of the Arlington County Board asking you to vote for the Democratic Nominee, Alan Howze, in the upcoming April 8 County Board Special Election*

Alan and I agree on the key issues that are important in Arlington:

- Great Schools, Alan has three children in Arlington Public Schools.
- A safe community with adequate funding for law enforcement.
- Investments in schools and transit that strengthen our economy and make Arlington a better place to live.
- Quality services that Arlington residents have come to expect and rely on.
- Alan shares my interest in clean energy. He started a business that provides residential energy audits and efficiency improvements.
- Alan has the leadership capabilities to work together with other County Board Members along with community and business leaders.
- A commitment to smart growth land use and transportation policies
- A background in business and government that Alan will use to identify ways to improve services and reduce costs – and deliver quality services that Arlington residents have come to expect and rely on.
- Alan supports the Crystal City & Columbia Pike Street Car project for its long term economic and transportation benefits. (which I voted for as a County Board Member in 2006) As with any project, he will question costs and won't give the project a blank check. Visit [www.alanhowze.com](http://www.alanhowze.com) to read more about his position.

Alan will bring new ideas and fresh perspectives to the County Board and will work hard to make Arlington even better.

He has a wide range of civic and community experience including serving as Civic Association President, Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission, active PTA member, and board member of the Alliance for Housing Solutions.

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