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Alexandria releases options for King Street improvements



Alternative one: two way traffic with transit. Graphic courtesy of City of Alexandria.

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The City of Alexandria has released a summary of feedback from the first phase of public engagement along with initial concepts for the King Street-Bradlee Safety and Mobility Enhancements Project. The project aims to improve King Street between N. Quaker Lane and Menokin Drive using safety and mobility enhancements and stormwater improvements.

The first phase of community engagement, conducted in fall 2023, included an online feedback form that received more than 800 responses, in addition to community outreach. In Phase 1, respondents shared concerns about unsafe turns by drivers, speeding, confusing interactions at intersections, long crossing distances, and pedestrians not following traffic signs and signals as issues they hope the project will address.

In a February open house, Alexandria City staff said they received mixed feedback on the access road, with some residents suggesting its elimination while others opposed its removal. They also shared traffic delay data from along King Street, which indicates that cars are able to move through the area with little delay.

Using feedback from Phase 1, the project has moved to Initial Concept Development with three alternative concepts for the area. All three concepts include wider sidewalks, a separate and protected space for people biking/ scooting, and an access road. However, the use of the access road varies by concept including two-way traffic with transit, one-way westbound traffic with a bus lane, and one-way westbound shared traffic. Staff at the open house noted that additional treatments such as high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian lighting, and pedestrian refuge islands may also be used with any of the concepts to improve safety in the area.

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Coming up

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

FCA monthly meeting April 10

The board will hold a virtual work session. There will be no special presentation.

Regular board business:

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

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Calendar

FCA monthly meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m. Fairlington Community Center 3308 S. Stafford St.

Semi-annual clothing swap

Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. North Fairlington Community Center parking lot 3005 S. Abingdon St.

Fairlington Diners

Saturday, April 20, 12:00 p.m. Ramparts Tavern 1700 Fern St., Alexandria

Book Group

Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. Fairlington Community Center 3308 S. Stafford St.

Native plant sale

Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Church of St. Clement 1701 N. Quaker Lane

Gliding into spring



A warm weekend day in March brought large numbers of kids to the Fairlington Community Center playground. Photo by Guy Land.

Contributors this month: Barbara Berti, Lynne Blasi, Dan Burd, Leslie Cameron, Jennifer Davies, James Harlow, Guy Land, Alexis Mahoney, and Lydia Redway.

Some images in this publication may be digitally enhanced.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FCA generally avoids the large budget policy debates of the Arlington County Board or Arlington Public Schools (APS). We tend to focus on those times when there are particular issues about fund-

ing for specific programs that are directly relevant to Fairlington.

For example, we have often encouraged the county board to provide adequate funding for the Neighborhood Conservation program, which Fairlington has accessed for things like the new sidewalk on Abingdon St. between 31st St. and 31st Rd. or the sidewalk along the I-395 side of 31st St. running from Park Shirlington down to the Shirlington Transit station.

In the case of APS, a number of years ago FCA echoed the call of parents for adequate funding to expand and renovate Abingdon Elementary, which the school board did provide.

We engage on Abingdon issues because it is our neighborhood elementary school, many Fairlington families have children enrolled there, and a strong and vibrant neighborhood school is an important component of the value of living in Fairlington. Abingdon is again a focus of attention in the APS budget. The Abingdon PTA notes that the superintendent's proposed budget for 2025 would effectively eliminate the second assistant principal that Abingdon has enjoyed for years, along with two teacher slots.

Abingdon is Arlington's largest elementary school, with a projected enrollment next year of 716 students. Abingdon is also a Title 1 school, which means it serves a community with higher levels of economic need, including hundreds of English Learner students.

The assistant principals fill many roles every day—student advocate, crisis interventionist, community liaison, staff supervisor, and sometimes even substitute teacher. The loss of one could have an adverse impact on student learning and contribute to teacher burnout.

The PTA President points out that the budget assumes Abingdon has the same assistant principal needs as another Arlington elementary school (Nottingham) that has only half as many students.

Budgeting in a financially constrained environment is about trade-offs. The school board has to make difficult choices. And the budget does fund some additional slots for special education paraprofessionals at Abingdon.

But the proposed budget comes up short by failing to recognize the particular challenges of the county's largest elementary school. The school board should fund these positions to help maintain the quality of education for Abingdon's students.

Guy Land, FCA President president@fca-fairlington.org



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City releases planning recommendations for Alex West

Following almost 18 months of public engagement, in early March the City of Alexandria released draft recommendations to guide the long-term vision and future development of Alex West. Those recommendations are designed to increase the stock of affordable housing, improve traffic safety, encourage ground-floor retail uses, and foster public parks and open space.



The project includes part of Fairlington Villages located in Alexandria. Graphic courtesy of alexandriava.gov.

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To improve traffic safety, Alexandria will work with property owners and other partners to study and address mobility-related issues at four intersections along King Street: Park Center Dr., Hampton Dr., Beauregard St., and Dawes St. The recommendations also envision major street enhancements at Beauregard St. and Seminary Rd.

Information on the recommendations is available at https://www.alexandriava.gov/AlexandriaWest. The city will accept public comment on the draft recommendations until March 31.

—Guy Land

The area covered by the draft planning recommendations includes the portion of Fairlington Villages that is in Alexandria and all of Alexandria that lies west of I-395, plus a small portion on the east side near Seminary Rd. and Van Dorn St.

To boost the availability of affordable housing, the recommendations would prioritize new development and redevelopment on surface parking and in commercial areas to minimize displacement of current residents.

While no major changes are envisioned for the land along King St. across from Fairlington, the recommendations would permit taller buildings, both immediately adjacent to the street and further back, upon

Northern Alexandria native plant sale on April 27



The long-running plant sale is the largest in the area. Photo by Guy Land.

The Northern Alexandria Native plant sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 in the parking lot of The Church of St. Clement at 1701 N. Quaker Lane. Parking will be available in Christ the King Church's parking lot, across the street on Oakcrest Dr.

Find native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade. Twelve vendors from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and D.C. will be hosted at this event—now 20 years old. It's the largest native plant sale in the D.C. metro region.

For a complete list of vendors, visit: www. NorthernAlexandriaNativePlantSale.org. The sale is entirely organized and run by volunteers. Questions? Contact Scott Knudsen at 571-232-0375 or cscottknudsen@gmail.com.



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Farmers market returns May 5

Spring is here, and it's almost time for the Fairlington Farmers Market to open for the season. Now in its ninth year, our popular neighborhood market will be held every Sunday through November 24. Visit the market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the back patio of the

Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. A list of vendors and their products will be published in the May issue of the *Bulletin*, along with information on pre-ordering options.

Many of your favorite vendors will be back, along with some new companies and product offerings. Learn about what our vendors will be bringing each week and plan your visit ahead of time by signing up for our weekly e-newsletter at fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org. Stay connected by following Fairlington Farmers Market on Facebook and @FairlingtonMkt on X (formerly Twitter), and tell your friends and neighbors about our wonderful market.

Opening day special events include face painting for our young shoppers and a visit from the Arlington Art Truck. This month's exhibit is Climate Hope, presented by internationally known artist Monica Jahan Bose. Visitors can write a quick six-word poem, pledge, or illustration focused on climate change on a specially designed sari from the artist's ancestral village in Bangladesh. You can also buy tickets for the Fairlington Home and Garden Tour on May 11; tickets are \$15 each and sales benefit the Fairlington Historical Society.

The market committee is looking for new members to help make decisions about vendor selection, market operations, and special events, and we need volunteers to help out on Sundays. For more information, contact fairlingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com. Please consider helping this year to ensure another successful season.

-Lynne Blasi









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County to consider Fairlington permitting problem

The Arlington County Planning Department has included consideration of Fairlington's permitting issue in its draft work plan for the coming fiscal year. The work plan can be implemented once the County Board has approved the budget, which is slated for a mid-April vote.

A zoning problem is currently requiring some Fairlington owners to get a zoning variance before they can obtain county permits to carry out routine renovation work inside their units. Fairlington owners who are seeking county permits to make interior improvements, such as opening up a Clarendon kitchen or installing egress windows or building out attics, have been required to go before the county's Board of Zoning Appeals and seek a variance from a zoning requirement that buildings be set back a specified distance from each other.

The zoning requirement was adopted after Fairlington was constructed but does not contain an exception for Fairlington. While some Fairlington buildings meet the set-back requirement, many of them do not.

FCA raised this issue with the County Board in September and asked that the county consider a zoning

amendment that would address Fairlington's situation. The draft work plan starts the process of responding to FCA's request.

According to Nick Rogers, the county's Zoning Amendment Coordinator, the staff have already begun the data collection and analysis phase of the study, with completion expected in the third quarter of 2024. Rogers notes that there are some instances of similar issues occurring in other parts of the county and staff will be including those in their inquiry.

Having to obtain a zoning variance can add time and expense to a renovation project. Some members of the Board of Zoning Appeals have themselves expressed frustration at having to consider multiple variance applications from Fairlington each month. FCA's request to the county responds to these complications.

FCA board member Dianna Bentley has coordinated FCA's work with the county on the permitting problem.

—Guy Land

Abingdon Mobile Market distributes free food to community

Last fall, Abingdon Elementary launched a Mobile Market food distribution through Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) to provide fresh produce monthly in Park Shirlington. The initiative was part of Arlington County government's commitment to address food security issues across the county. Park Shirlington was formerly a food distribution site organized by Abingon PTA and FCA during the height of the pandemic.

On the first Wednesday of the month during the school year from 1 - 3 p.m., Abingdon staff set up in the parking lot next

to Park Shirlington's management office to hand out free seasonal produce. The food is provided by CAFB and usually consists of staples such as carrots, potatoes, onions, and apples and occasionally includes protein such as milk or meat. The program is led by Caty Branco, the school's Bilingual Family Specialist and Delia Dowd, the school social worker. While organized by Abingdon staff, the food program is open to all. Park Shirlington



Abingdon staff and Arlington County Food Security Coordinator. Photo by Jennifer Davies.

was identified as a good option for a Mobile Market site by the Arlington Food Security Coalition because of its high population receiving SNAP benefits and a lack of free food distributions in close proximity.

The cost of food has increased far faster than minimum wage and has resulted in record-high demands for food at the Arlington Food Assistance Center and CAFB. Food insecurity in Arlington is now exceeding pandemic peaks.

The Mobile Market at Park Shirlington will operate through

the end of the school year and is expected to resume in the fall. Upcoming dates are April 3, May 1, and June 5. Volunteers and donations of reusable bags are much appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering to support this program, please reach out to Caty Branco at caty.branco@apsva.us.

—Jennifer Davies



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way beyond the drip line. That's a lot of roots taking up stormwater. Grass is better than pavement at soaking up water—but not much. In one study, the absorption rate of 12.4 inches of stormwater per hour in a forested area dropped to 4.4 inches per hour when the property was converted to grass. The more trees, shrubs, and plants, the less runoff, and the more stormwater management capacity.

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reproduction. For example, native oaks support the caterpillars of 500+ butterfly and moth species, native plums and chokecherries support almost 400, and native birches support 320. With very few exceptions, native insects won't lay their eggs on plants that are not native here. No eggs means far fewer caterpillars for birds to eat. Many species of baby birds, including songbirds, don't eat bird seed at all—they eat only insects, and lots of them, whether it's eggs, caterpillars, or adults. One study found that chickadee parents need 6,000 to 9,000 caterpillars per brood. The more native trees and plants, the more insects and caterpillars, and the more birds. Planting native trees and

plants means more birds.

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—Leslie Cameron



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- **Saturday, May 4**—At the Fairlington Yard Sale, Fairlington Village Community Center, 3005 S. Abingdon Street from 8–11 a.m.
- **Sunday, May 5**—At the Fairlington Farmers Market, 3308 S. Stafford Street from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
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—Barbara Berti

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Spring clothing swap on April 13

The 8th Semi-Annual Fairlington Free Clothing Swap will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, in the North Fairlington Community Center parking lot (3005 S. Abingdon Street).

You can shop for free clothing, shoes, and accessories for all ages and genders. Donations of good condition, seasonally appropriate clothing (spring/summer—no warm coats, sweaters, etc.) will be accepted at the community center, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m on April 13. All leftover items are donated to local charities. You do not need to donate in order to shop for items.

We are always in need of more volunteers to make the event successful (and volunteers get to "shop" while they work). Volunteers can sign up here: https://shorturl.at/suS58 Don't forget to bring your shopping bag! For more information: https://fb.me/e/1INZNW3qv.

—Alexis Mahoney

Letter to the Editor

Thank you for the wonderful tribute to Libby Garvey. She has not only worked hard for Arlington County but has been very responsive to Fairlington. Not only has Libby been interactive with Fairlington, she has taken time to meet with the Presidents at their quarterly meetings. We are indebted to Libby and wish her the best on her new undertakings.

—P. A. Schoen, Fairlington Arbor

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Until this crisis is over, we will continue to monitor the developments set by the CDC and our local governments and will make any necessary adjustments to our practices to keep you safe.

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Soviet Map of Fairlington

During the Cold War, the Soviet Union used publicly available atlases, satellite information, and human intelligence to create detailed maps of many cities in the United States. Washington, D.C., and its environs, including Fairlington, were among those included in this mapping project. Many of these maps were sold to curious Westerners after the rapid collapse of the Soviet Union. It is now possible to view them on redatlasbook.com.

The Soviet map of Fairlington, dating from 1975, is very detailed. Individual roads are correctly labeled

in Russian, along with the neighborhood as a whole ("ΦЭΡЛИНГТОН"). Some individual residences are included, and some courts are recognizable. The distinctive shape of certain buildings, like Shirlington House and Fairlington Elementary School (now the Fairlington Community Center) are more or less faithfully portrayed.

The high level of precision and accuracy draw attention to the few errors that are present. Residences are shown on the south side of 32nd Rd. S., in the forested area next to the present-day Fairlington Park, where there have



Photo courtesy of Fairlington Historical Society.

never been any residences. While Fairlington Elementary is properly labeled as a school ("ШК"), Abingdon Elementary is not, but the now-demolished Claremont Plaza Shopping Center is. (The shopping center was located at the southern corner of South Walter Reed Drive and South Arlington Mill Drive, where the Heatherlea condominiums are now.) Finally, a bridge is shown connecting S. Abingdon Street and S. 28th Street, which actually existed in Fairlington's first years but had been removed about 10 years before the map was published.

Collectors of Soviet maps can only hypothesize about their purpose, as they are still classified in Russia and so first-person testimony from their creators is unavailable. Among other uses, the maps would have proven useful in an invasion and occupation of the United States.

You can read more about these maps in the book *The Red Atlas: How the Soviet Union Secretly Mapped the World* by John Davies and Alexander J. Kent.

—Dan Burd

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In spring 2024, they will refine the concepts using that feedback and additional feedback collected in an upcoming third phase of community engagement. This summer and fall, staff will identify the preferred concept and seek additional project funding. They will also determine short- and long-term design elements, as some improvement measures may be implemented before construction of the full concept development.

Construction is not expected to begin until late 2025 or later, pending final design and funding available. Additional information on the King Street-Bradlee Safety and Mobility Enhancements Project, including a recording of the open house presentation, can be found at: https://shorturl.at/akyM4.



Alternative two: one way traffic and bus lane. Graphic courtesy of City of Alexandria.

The Study Area consists of the King Street Corridor and parallel access road, from N. Quaker Lane in the east, to just north of Menokin Drive on the west. No design changes to the intersection of North Quaker Lane, King Street and West Braddock Road are being considered as part of this project.

—Lydia Redway



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Annual Abingdon book fair a success thanks to Fairlington neighbors

Spring is in full swing over at Abingdon Elementary. On the heels of a successful Winter Wonderland skating night at Pentagon Row, students flocked to the school library for our annual book fair, then welcomed parents for the return of Amazing Abingdon, a schoolwide "bring your family to school" morning. Hundreds of parents visited classrooms, observing the latest and greatest activities of their students. We thank the incredible Abingdon staff for opening their doors for this event.



School Book Fair volunteers. Photos courtesy of Maggie Bush.

We gratefully acknowledge the many of you who donated to our February Book Fair. As a result of generous neighbors, 177 Abingdon students received vouchers to redeem for new books. That's 177 children who experienced the joy of picking

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Young skaters at the Abingdon Winter Wonderland.

out a book alongside their classmates when they otherwise wouldn't have. Thank you for making sure a love of reading is shared with students in need.

If you missed the chance to support the book fair, consider scanning the QR code to donate to the Abingdon Read-A-Thon! During Read-A-Thon, each class sets a goal for total minutes the students spend reading or being read to. All classes that meet their time goal get a special prize. Your donation helps the PTA host this fun e



donation helps the PTA host this fun event and build our next generation of readers.

—James Harlow

Did you know that Abingdon was the site of many Saturday night dances during the 1950s? An era newspaper article details lively twice-monthly dances in the new Abingdon auditorium. The tradition, of course, continues to this day—as anyone who attended our recent BINGO night can attest! Visit www. abingtonpta.org for more fascinating history.

Abingdon School Dates

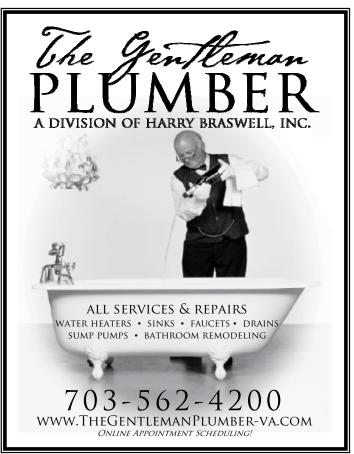
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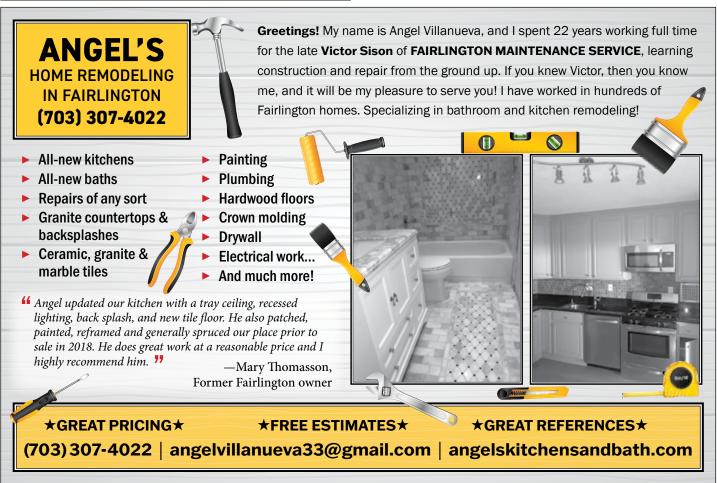
April 15— No School for Students (Grade prep)

April 19 — Cultural Heritage Night (6 p.m.–8 p.m. at Abingdon)

May 27—Memorial Day







neighborhood news

Fairlington Diners

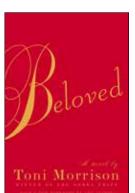
The Fairlington Diners generally gather monthly for relaxed dinners nearby. We focus on having a good meal and an opportunity to chat with neighbors. In March, we enjoyed exploring the enormous menu at City Diner on Rt. 7.

Saturday, April 20, 12:00 p.m., Ramparts, 1700 Fern St., Alexandria. Phone: 703-998-6616, http://www.rampartstavern.com. We'll return to this perennial local favorite on a Saturday for a change. This is our "home base," located in the Fairlington Centre just across from Fairlington on Quaker Lane.

Please call Carol at 703-379-6840, no later than 24 hours in advance if you plan to attend, and leave a voicemail if you don't reach her--include your name and how to contact you the day of the event, in case plans change.

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Book Group



Join the Fairlington Book Group in April to discuss *Beloved*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Toni Morrison. We will meet Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St.

"This is a dazzling novel."—The New York Times

The Book Group welcomes first-

time visitors and drop-ins. No commitment required! Join us for our discussion, even if you haven't read the book.

Bulletin thanks Bethencourt for leadership, names new editor

Editor Regina Bethencourt is passing the baton. Bethencourt began editing the *Bulletin* in 2020, helping it thrive during the pandemic and beyond. We're grateful to her and wish her the best as she continues to grow her business.

Fairlington resident Dianna Heitz will be the next editor for the *Bulletin*. Heitz has lived in Fairlington since 2020 and is an Abingdon Elementary parent as of this school year. In her professional life, she has been a journalist in the D.C.-area for almost 15 years.

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Family Movie Night planned for May

Because last fall's Family Movie Night was rained out—twice!—FCA hopes to offer a spring Family Movie Night in May.

Details, including the date and the movie title, are still being worked out. Would you like to see the original *Star Wars* on May the 4th? That's an option under consideration. But May 18, with a different movie, is also an option. All of this depends on obtaining a permit from the county and being able to rent the equipment.

See next month's *Bulletin* for the latest information.

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