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Field to Table scheduled to present at August FCA meeting

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Field to Table, the non-profit organization that sponsors the license for the Fairlington Farmers Market (FFM), will be presenting at the August meeting of the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA).

Now in its fifth year of operations, the Fairlington Farmers Market is licensed by Arlington County. The licensure process is facilitated by Field to Table, an Arlington-based non-profit organization whose purpose is to help communities establish ways to eat and shop for local produce.

During the most recent renewal process last year, the Fairlington Farmers Market asked for and received a one-year renewal. The next renewal opportunity will be this fall, when the market will have the chance to seek a permanent permit.

There are many factors that the county considers when deciding whether to grant a permit to a farmers market, including proposed times, location, and support and/or opposition from the local community. The Fairlington Farmers Market is managed by a volunteer committee and has a number of sponsors including local businesses, Fairlington Presbyterian Church, and the FCA.

Representatives of Field to Table agreed to speak with the FCA in August to go over some of the factors that may be in play as they seek to obtain a permanent license for the FFM. Residents will get an update on the market, learn how it is faring, get a sense for the trends that are emerging, and hear what challenges it faces going forward.

The meeting will give residents a chance to hear about potential updates in store for the market, give feedback on any proposed changes, and find out the next steps in the licensure process.

The presentation by Field to Table will take place at the regular meeting of the FCA, on August 14 at 7 pm in the Fairlington Community Center (FCC). For more information on Field to Table, visit field2table.org.

—Susan Renehan



The Fairlington Farmers Market has grown to become a popular shopping destination and gathering spot on Sundays in the spring, summer and fall. Photo by Guy Land.

Coming up ...

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

FCA monthly meeting August 14

Special Presentaion: Representatives from Field to Table will be on hand to discuss the Fairlington Farmers Market license.

Regular board business:

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

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

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Calendar

Fairlington Knits

Monday, August 12, 6:30 pm
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

FCA monthly meeting

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

Fairlington Diners

Thursday, August 15, 6:30 pm
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Fairlington Knits

Monday August 26, 6:30 pm
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Tuesday, August 27, 6:30 pm
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Tuesday, August 27, 7:30 pm
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Movie Night

Friday, September 6, 7:45pm (approx.)
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Make some noise



The Arlington Arts Truck made an appearance at the Fairlington Farmers Market on July 14, and many residents were eager to sample all the different ways to listen to art. Photo by Sara Tuke Carr.

Contributors this month: Melanie Alvord, Lynne Blasi, Leslie Cameron, Jennifer Davies, Kent Duffy, Donna Felipe, Guy Land, Gabby Phillips, Andrew Raab, Susan Renehan, Bill Sullivan, Lorin Venable, Robin Weinick, and Lindsay Willmann.

Some images in this publication may be digitally enhanced.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After several years of study, VDOT expects to release this fall a set of recommendations for improving safety in the Shirlington Circle. The next step will be to secure the funding to implement the recommendations. FCA expects to be part of a larger coalition of community groups that are working on a common strategy for getting the dollars for the project.

The study area includes the I-395 and S. Shirlington Road interchange, the I-395 southbound ramp from Glebe Rd (Route 120), and the intersections adjacent to the interchange. I suspect most of you have had sweaty palms as you navigated the circle and its intersections, particularly at the merge with Quaker Lane and the merge with the rotary coming off of southbound 395. There are frequent reports of near misses in these areas.

The current proposal, developed by VDOT after looking at a number of options, is to install traffic signals where the rotary meets Quaker Lane, and at the I-395 southbound ramp at Campbell Ave. in Shirlington. The plans would also widen the exit to Arlington Mill Drive.

VDOT projects that implementing the recommendations will cost \$11.1 million if the work is completed in phases, or \$9.5 million if it's completed as a single project. So far only \$2.5 million has been allocated toward these improvements, so additional funding must be identified to advance the project.

FCA will be partnering with the Shirlington Civic Association, Parkfairfax, and the Parc East Condominium Association in trying to present a united front in support of these improvements. Because these are VDOT roads, it is unlikely that Arlington or Alexandria would use their own road dollars for this package.

What we are hoping, though, is that both jurisdictions will jointly support a request to the state for funding for the project. We're in the very early stages of developing a game plan, but I suspect we'll try to enlist the help of Sen. Adam Ebbin and Del. Mark Levine, who represent us in Richmond.

We will likely also be seeking advice from Mary Hynes, the Northern Virginia representative on the Commonwealth Transportation Board, which allocates funding for highway projects across the state. She's a former Arlington County board chair.

We are several years away from seeing actual work on these improvements, but FCA will be engaged in trying to make this circle safer for all of us.

Guy Land, FCA President
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Abingdon Transportation Study concludes new traffic design is working

Arlington County's Department of Environmental Services (DES) and Arlington Public Schools (APS) hired Toole Design Group to review and study the operations and impacts of its student drop-off and pick-up procedures at Abingdon Elementary School. The study was part of the Use Permit requirements from the 2016 renovation and expansion project.

The study included two days of observations: on May 14 during a "typical" weather day, and on June 13 during an inclement weather day. Student arrival and dismissal behaviors were observed at six locations on the school site and on adjacent neighborhood streets.

In addition to the arrival and dismissal observations, a meeting was held to gather stakeholder feedback from local civic association members. The study stated that, "Overall, no operation or safety concerns were observed during arrival and dismissal at Abingdon Elementary."

Worth noting was the fact that well over two-thirds of students use multimodal transportation (bus, walking, biking, etc.) to get to school. This rate represents a favorable ratio of drivers to non-drivers.

According to Ajibola Robinson, Project Manager for School Construction and Design, Arlington Public Schools, "the study indicates a significant percentage of the Abingdon elementary school student population use other multimodal transportation means to get to and from school. This is one of the goals of APS Safe Routes to School (SRTS) and the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan programs for all APS schools."

While some families continue to drive to school, the fewer parents that feel the need to drive their kids to school, the better for their neighbors and also Arlingtonians as a whole. However, among those who do drive to school, only about 25% of vehicles had two or more students, meaning that there is a lost opportunity to carpool.



This map shows the sites that were observed during the APS transportation study at Abingdon Elementary this spring. Image courtesy Arlington Public Schools.

The new drop-off loop configuration was designed to "stack" cars within the parking lot and avoid back-ups on 29th St. and Abingdon St. The study concluded that this has been accomplished with the loop currently under capacity at peak times.

Robinson stated, "The study indicates the renovated school pick-up and drop-off procedures have significantly improved the pick-up and drop-off situation prior to the school construction. Congestion at S. Abingdon St. and 29th St. has been significantly minimized

and the improved pedestrian crosswalk on S. Abingdon Street is better utilized."

The study did identify a few areas the school community could improve upon.

An area of continued concern involves drivers' use of the 30th Rd. loop cul-de-sac as an unofficial drop-off spot. The study noted 12 cars dropped students off on May 14 and 14 cars used the loop on June 13. While the school has sent reminders to all families to use the official drop-off lanes, it is clear more efforts are needed to get the message out.

Robinson went on to indicate a key recommendation is to work with parents "to be 'better neighbors' to the school residential community by better adhering to the pick-up and drop-off procedures. To that end we will be meeting with the school administration and ask the PTA also to assist in further educating the staff and parents on this effort."

The PTA has created a new coordinator position responsible for Safety & Transportation for the 2019-20 school year and will work to address this issue. Robinson said, "APS will work with staff and the PTA on continuous improvements to the pick-up and drop-off procedures in line with the study recommendations."

—Jennifer Davies



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Fairlington's second outdoor movie to be held September 6

After being rained out twice last year, and again this spring, the FCA will host its second free outdoor movie night to encourage Fairlington residents to get out and enjoy the company of their community. Taking advantage of the neighborhood's lovely facilities, a large screen will be set up behind the Fairlington Community Center on Friday, September 6.

Residents are invited to bring blankets, chairs, and their favorite theatre snacks to set up a picnic on the FCC field and enjoy a viewing of "Moana" under the stars. The movie is set to begin just after sundown (around 7:45 pm), but those attending are encouraged to come early to set up and visit with friends and neighbors. Please note that alcoholic beverages are not permitted on FCC grounds.



Though there are floodlights behind the FCC, the further reaches of the field will be much darker when the movie ends around 9:45 pm. Residents are encouraged to bring flashlights, camping lanterns, or phones equipped with flashlight settings to navigate their way home after the show.

There is plenty of space to set up with friends and family, and additional trash and recycling bins will be provided for your convenience. As those who have attended other outdoor movie showings can attest, bug spray is always a good idea. Subtitles will be provided throughout the film, which is approximately 113 minutes long.

Though we are hoping for a beautiful September evening, there is always a chance that such an event will have to be rescheduled because of inclement weather. In the event of cancellation, an announcement will be made on the FCA website and Facebook page. A make-up date will then be announced in the *All Fairlington Bulletin*.

FCA is looking forward to sponsoring this event, and celebrating the end of summer with our neighbors in Fairlington. We hope to see you there!

—Lindsay Willmann

FCA supports Arlington, Alexandria census efforts

FCA has joined with dozens of other Arlington organizations as an Arlington Census 2020 Partner and is likewise supporting the work of the Alexandria Complete Count Committee. The goal is to ensure maximum participation by all Fairlington residents in the 2020 census.

The U.S. Constitution requires a census every ten years. The census covers the entire country and everyone living here.

The collected data helps to determine things like the number of seats Virginia has in the U.S. House of Representatives and how to distribute annually roughly \$675 billion in federal funds to local communities like Arlington and Alexandria.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that every person in Arlington or Alexandria who is not counted results in the loss of over \$2,000 per year in federal funding for those jurisdictions for ten years. Those are dollars for education, health care, housing, or other programs with distribution formulas that include population. More than \$60 million in formula-driven federal funding comes to Arlington each year.

The census data is also the starting point for state decision-makers who are determining House and Senate districts for the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond in addition to representation in the U.S. House. To ensure that Fairlington's voice is fully represented in these federal and state bodies it's important that everyone who lives in Fairlington be counted next year.

Around March 2020, all residential addresses will receive a form in the mail from the Census Bureau asking for information on all residents living in your household, including all family members and non-family members who are living with you. Residents may respond by mail, online, or over the phone depending on their preference. Census Day is April 1, 2020; households that have not participated in the Census by this point may be contacted by a Census Bureau representative.

The Alexandria Complete Count Committee welcomes Alexandria residents, businesses, and organizations to participate in census outreach efforts. See www.alexandriava.gov/Census2020#CompleteCountCommittee. For more information on Arlington efforts, go to <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/census-2020/>.

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No Kid Hungry Bake Sale raises money for childhood hunger

A huge “thank you” to all the generous Fairlington families and friends who baked and purchased homemade treats at the July 4th No Kid Hungry Bake Sale. We’re proudly donating \$700 this year, bringing our 17-year donation total to more than \$22,000.

The Fairlington Farmers Market loaned us their tent for the day to help keep the hot sun off this year’s treats and volunteers.

Susan Phillips did a fabulous job of getting donations for the raffle, which was a huge hit with everyone who stopped by.



Great Harvest Bread Company in Fairlington Center on N. Quaker Ln.—their breads, cookies, and brown-



The July 4 No Kid Hungry Bake Sale was a success thanks to the support of many members of the Fairlington community. Photos by Guy Land.

We received many generous donations that made our contributions to ending childhood hunger possible. Many of these businesses are locally owned – please support them in return!

Finally, thanks to the FCA and Fairlington Villages Condo Association/Activities Committee for incorporating the bake sale into the annual July 4th neighborhood celebration once again. If you would like to help with next year’s efforts, please contact Robin at rweinick@gmail.com.

—Robin Weinick

ies are delicious, and they’re our neighbors as well as our supporters.

Also, in Fairlington Center, we received raffle donations from Reunions and Fairlington Pizza.

In Shirlington Village, we received raffle donations from Best Buns, Shirlington Shell, One Two Kangaroo Toys, and Shirlington Animal Hospital.

In Bradlee Shopping Center, we received raffle donations from Atlantis, Robcyns, Pet Valu, and Banners Hallmark.



Meeting held to consider use of Former Long & Foster Building

On Monday, June 17, the Fairlington Villages Board of Directors held a special meeting to hear from Chris Avery and Ray Arduini of Avery Thurston Companies (ATCO), who presented their proposal to convert the building that previously housed Long and Foster Realty into a child day-care and before- and after-school care facility. After the presentation, Mr. Avery and his colleague took questions from members of the Board, and then a few questions from resident attendees.

The new facility would be a total of 12,000 sq. ft., including an additional two-story wing that would be built on the east side of the building. It would operate from Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm and would serve approximately 150 to 160 children from infants through age 12.

The presentation cited the lack of childcare currently

available in this area. However, ATCO acknowledged that a new child care facility/pre-school is planned for the nearby West Alex complex currently under construction at King and Beauregard Streets.

One of the first steps that ATCO will need to take in order to move forward with their plans is to obtain a waiver from Fairlington Villages of the scenic easement to the west of the existing building (to the right as you face the front of the building).

Fairlington Villages has not voted on the scenic easement nor made any determinations at this time.

Questions from board members and residents showed that many people are concerned about the potential impact on traffic in the morning and evening during pick

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July 4: A Fairlington Tradition

July 4 provided a red, white, and blue spectacle on the streets of Fairlington. The annual Fairlington Independence Day parade was led off by fifers in traditional colonial garb who were followed by Fairlingtonians walking, scooting, riding, and strolling. The parade and after-party brought hundreds of Fairlington residents out to celebrate. Neighbors joined in the parade or lined the streets to wave and cheer for those marching. The parade and celebration was jointly sponsored by FCA and Fairlington Villages. Thanks go out to the Arlington County Police for their assistance, as well as the volunteers from both FCA and the Fairlington Villages Activities Committee. Photos by Guy Land.





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Elected officials celebrate independence in Fairlington



A number of elected officials came out on July 4 to join in the festivities. Arlington County Board members Katie Cristol and Libby Garvey were both in attendance again this year (Garvey is a Fairlington resident). State Senator Adam Ebbin was on hand as well. Photos by Guy Land.

Survey to determine future of Facebook page

Our Fairlington Appreciation Society (FAS) Facebook group has been in existence for many years, providing a useful and friendly neighborhood discussion forum for thousands of residents. FCA has done its best to manage the forum as it has grown, focus the conversation, and gently encourage polite interaction when necessary.

However, anyone who frequents the page is certainly aware of posts and comments that do not seem to serve the same purpose and are, in fact, causing genuine angst. At the same time, FCA also has limited time and resources to proactively manage a very active neighborhood Facebook group.

In an effort to find the best way forward, we have posted a survey to the FAS group to gather insights into community expectations for the group. The survey is open through Tuesday, August 13. You must be a member of FAS to get the link to the survey.

Going forward, FCA is considering several changes to FAS—including the use of volunteer moderators or possibly identifying a new, non-FCA administrator. In addition, a new FCA page has been created on Facebook that will be used to post civic information and announcements.

—Kent Duffy

Too late!

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August marks the half way point of the 5th season of the Fairlington Farmers Market, and it's a great time to visit the market for tomatoes, summer squash, melons, corn, blackberries, basil, plums and stone fruit, cucumbers, peppers, eggplant, okra, green beans, and more! Our weekly market e-newsletter includes information on what vendors will be bringing each week, so be sure to sign up at fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org.



This month is important for another reason: National Farmers Market Week. From August 4–10, our neighborhood market joins markets across the country in celebrating National Farmers Market Week (NFMW).

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, NFMW highlights the important role farmers markets play in the nation's food system, as well as in making people and communities stronger and healthier. When farmers and farmers market thrive, so do we.

Join us on Sunday, August 4, as we celebrate and thank our local farmers, ranchers, producers, and family-owned businesses for making our market such a successful and vibrant part of Fairlington. Fun events and activities to kick off this special week include games, giveaways, a raffle, scavenger hunt, and temporary tattoos.



National Farmers Market Week is just one of the many events happening at the Fairlington Farmers Market in August. Photos by Guy Land.

Special thanks to our terrific market manager, Aisha Salazar, for her dedication, creativity, and commitment to good nutrition and healthy eating. Thank you to all the

members of the Fairlington Farmers Market Committee for all their hard work and dedication not just in the summer months but throughout the year. Thanks also to the Fairlington residents who volunteer to help set up and staff our information booth, and to our generous sponsors.



What's happening in the Market in August?

The fun continues throughout the month with something for everyone:

August 11: Creatives by Cristina will be back with face painting, and Ed and Phil will provide live music.

August 25: Super Hero Day! Kids can dress as their favorite super hero for a chance to win a prize, and there will be a raffle for the adult true-life heroes. We'll also have arts and crafts and a photo booth.

Happy Farmers Market Week and 5th Anniversary of the market!

—Lynne Blasi



but for our democracy and for fairness," Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey said at the launch of the county's Census Season in April. "When you think about representation, fair representation, the number of people we have in Congress, that is not going to change. But where they come from and how they are apportioned will, as a result of the Census. The amount of federal money available for communities is not going to change, but what will [change] is whether or not communities that are undercounted will get their fair share."

—Guy Land

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up and drop off, as well as the total number of cars that would be added to the neighborhood during the day.

Although a traffic study is one of the requirements of the county before the new facility could be built, ATCO indicated they would not be paying for any studies until they know whether they will be able to obtain the easement.

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Fairlington FINS 2019 season wraps up

If your South Fairlington pool seemed extra crowded with kids this July, it was probably the Fairlington FINS swim team! The FINS program is a regular summer fixture in Fairlington and a fun way for kids to strengthen swim skills. It also encourages camaraderie and good sportsmanship.

The 2019 FINS program ran for three weeks from July 8 to 26, and rotated through the Fairlington Mews, Arbor,



Elementary-aged children in Fairlington enjoyed participating in swim instruction and weekly swim meets during three weeks in July. Photos by Stacey McGinnis and Lorin Venable.

and Glen pools. The FINS team consisted of about 50 North and South Fairlington residents ages 5-10 and was coached by four Fairlington residents: Gabby Phillips, Emily Andrews, Jacqueline Branch, and Lily Branch.

The program is run by parent volunteers and enjoys great support throughout the Fairlington community.

—Lorin Venable & Gabby Phillips, FINS Co-Coordinators



New businesses near Fairlington

Fairlington residents have probably noticed two new businesses that have opened in the area since the beginning of 2019.

Orange Theory, a 21st Century fitness studio, opened at the end of February in Bradlee Center, occupying the former Wells Fargo bank location.

According to Julia Nass, Assistant Manager, this location has been a big hit with Fairlington residents since opening. "We have seen a large number of Fairlington residents become members, walk over, and take part in our classes throughout the day," Nass says.

The 1,300 sq. ft. studio is open from 5 am to 9 pm daily. Nass adds, "Our 5 am sessions are the most popular with local residents."

For more information on this location and to inquire about their programs, visit www.oldtownalexandria.orangetheoryfitness.com.

Down in the Village at Shirlington, Dudley's Sport & Ale opened their 13,000 sq. ft. location on March 15.

Reese Gardner, the owner of Dudley's, says this location has been a big hit with local residents. "We have a great chef-driven menu," Gardner says. "We also feature a variety of specials during the week, including a weekend brunch from 10 am to 5 pm, 'Tacos and Trivia' night on Tuesdays, and live music on Wednesday evenings."

Other features of Dudley's include a stadium theatre seating area, a private party room, and a 2,900 sq. ft. roof top bar. "We will keep the roof top open until it gets too cold," Gardner says.

To learn more about all that is happening at Dudley's, visit their website, dudleysportsandale.com.

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Take a tour of the native plants at the Fairlington Community Center

On July 9, we got a tour of the Fairlington Community Center grounds courtesy of Kirsten Conrad (Extension Agent for Agricultural and Natural Resources and Horticulture). Here are a few highlights of the native plants on the tour:



On July 9, the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia sponsored a talk at the Fairlington Community Center. Pictured here, Kirsten Conrad points out native plants growing at the FCC. Photo by Guy Land.

Outside the front door is Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica*). This workhorse landscape shrub tolerates wet or dry, sun or shade, and blooms white in the late spring.



Virginia sweetspire. Photo by Leslie Cameron.

On the slope just behind the basketball fence is a green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), with its distinctive bark.

The frothy perennials that look like shrubs are blue star amsonia (*Amsonia hubrichtii*). They bloom powdery blue in the spring, and in the fall, the foliage turns bright gold.

Walking clockwise around the building toward the basketball court, in the corner, is a stately and very old

The non-native emerald ash borer is a threat to all our ash trees.

The rain garden has many native trees and perennials, including white pine (*Pinus strobus*), river birch (*Betula nigra*), and hemp dogbane (*Apocynum cannabinum*).

Along the patio wall is gro lo sumac (*Rhus trilobatum*) and littleleaf Linden (*Tilia cordata*). The Linden trees have a “landing pad” type feature near the flowers. Linden honey comes from bees who visit Linden trees for nectar.

On the patio, against the back of the building are blue muffin viburnum (*Viburnum nudum*). Take a seat on the patio wall sometime and watch the birds devour the berries.

Outside the parking lot, nearer the street is a white ash (*Fraxinus americana*), with its distinctive compound leaves. We make baseball bats out of wood from this tree. Near the white ash is a sawtooth oak (*Quercus acutissima*), recognizable from its “toothed” leaves.

The oakleaf hydrangeas against the building next to the parking lot are native, as are all the shrubs and plants (well-marked) in the Tribute Garden where the bench is.



FCC tribute garden. Photo by Leslie Cameron.

If you'd like to do a self-guided tour with the complete plant list, email Leslie at leslieacameron5@gmail.com. It's worth visiting these beautiful plants at all seasons, and come back next spring to see many of the natives in their blooming glory.

—Leslie Cameron

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Additional density considered for Park Shirlington



Photo by Guy Land.

The owner of the Park Shirlington apartments has been talking with Arlington County staff about increasing the number of units on the site as a part of an arrangement to maintain it as affordable housing.

In late 2017 the owner received a three-year low-interest loan from the county to help finance the acquisition of the property. The loan required the property to be preserved as affordable housing for the life of the loan.

FCA will be talking with county staff and with the owner about the emerging proposal. FCA expects to host a briefing for the community on the proposal in the fall.

—Guy Land

Come to the Arlington County Fair

The annual Arlington County Fair is happening August 14 to 18 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. Second St. There is no public parking at the Fair, and parking on nearby streets is restricted to neighborhood residents with temporary permits. A free shuttle and bike valet service is available. Visit <http://arlingtoncountyfair.us> for complete details including hours, vendors, and a map with shuttle information.

Shelley and the Raccoons



Local bluegrass band Shelley and the Raccoons features Fairlington resident Shelly Burns. They play at the Fairlington Farmers Market throughout the season. Photo by Guy Land.

Letter to the Editor

We live in the “little oasis in South Arlington” penned someone a long time ago. I wonder if he or she envisioned seeing trash bags day and night. It takes only one trash bag to spoil the beauty of a court.

We are extremely fortunate to have trash pickup six days a week...and on most holidays. The trash is picked up in the mornings. Your condo association executives can tell you when you are allowed to put trash outside. In the Glen, the rule is to put the trash out by 8 am on weekdays and by 9 am on Saturdays and holidays.

So, why are we seeing trash bags the rest of the day?

Laziness? Smelly garbage in the bag? Don't know the rules? Sorry, these excuses don't cut it. When trash bags, especially filled with garbage, are left out, crows and other critters break into the bags and scatter garbage everywhere. Surely, one can keep the trash bag in the house until the next morning.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and respect the beauty of our “little oasis in South Arlington”.

Thora Stanwood
Fairlington Glen

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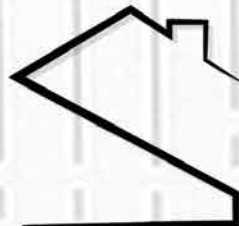


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School board names new Abingdon principal



David Horak was appointed as the new principal of Abingdon Elementary, where he will succeed long-time principal Joanne Uyeda, who retired this summer. Photo courtesy Arlington County.

years, at both the elementary and middle school levels. He holds a Master's degree in secondary education and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame. Prior to being named assistant principal at Springfield Estates, he was the assistant principal of Rose Hill Elementary School in FCPS.

Horak has also worked at Poe Middle School where he served as interim Assistant Principal, International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme coordinator and advanced academic resource teacher. Horak began his career teaching social studies, religion, and theatre arts in grades 7-12 at Mercy Cross High School in Biloxi, Mississippi.

In his current role, he helped Springfield Estates Elementary earn the National Blue Ribbon School award by diligently working to close achievement gaps.

In his previous elementary school, he was part of the administrative team that achieved Fully Accredited Status from the Virginia Department of Education for the first time in four years.

Horak succeeds Joanne Uyeda, who is retiring from APS after serving as principal of Abingdon since 2001. Horak's appointment began on July 1.

—Courtesy Arlington Public Schools

At its June 18 meeting, the Arlington School Board named David Horak as the principal of Abingdon Elementary School. Horak was previously an assistant principal at Springfield Estates Elementary in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).

"Mr. Horak possesses organizational, planning and goal-setting skills that will make him a strong instructional leader for the Abingdon community," said Superintendent Dr. Pat Murphy. "Throughout his career, Mr. Horak has continually worked with teachers, staff and students to strengthen and implement curriculum in innovative ways, which matches his experiences with Abingdon's emphasis on fine arts and technology through Project GIFT. We look forward to welcoming him aboard."

Horak has been an educator for 15



On June 21, Abingdon students, staff, and families gathered to mark the end of another school year by participating in the annual "Big Wave." Buses looped around the drop-off circle, students waved to their friends, and everyone enjoyed the skits and dances put on by the teachers and staff. There was a special send-off for retiring teachers Ms. Shaw and Mrs. Buckingham, and lots of love and appreciation for retiring principal Joanne Uyeda. Photo courtesy Abingdon Twitter feed @AbingdonGIFT.



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Ms. Kigin will be in Wakefield Townhall collecting paperwork on August 5 starting at noon. Games and early season exhibitions start at the end of August. See the Wakefield website for more information.

—Donna Felipe

Master Naturalists training accepting applications

Applications are currently being accepted for the Fall 2019 Arlington Regional Master Naturalists Volunteer Training Class.

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Arlington Regional Master Naturalists (ARMN) will hold daytime training this fall, beginning September 9 through December 9, 2019, on Mondays from 9 am to 3 pm at Long Branch Nature Center in Arlington, and at other locations around the area. Classroom training generally will be scheduled for the mornings with field training to follow in the afternoons.

Applications are due Friday, August 9, 2019. ARMN will hold an open house for prospective trainees on Tuesday, August 6 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at Long Branch Nature Center. Applicants for the Fall 2019 Basic Training Class are encouraged to attend.

For more information and to complete an application, visit the Arlington Regional Master Naturalist website at www.armn.org.

Fun in the sun at the Mews pool party



The Mews held a pool party for residents to celebrate the start of summer. Neighbors enjoyed the chance to be together on a beautiful summer evening. Photos by Guy Land.

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neighborhood news

Fairlington Diners

The Fairlington Diners gather a couple of times a month for relaxed dinners nearby. We focus on having a good meal and an opportunity to chat with neighbors. In June, we tried out the London Curry House in Cameron Station, which received rave reviews.

Here's what's planned for August:

Thursday, August 15, 6:30 pm, Il Porto, 121 King St., Alexandria, 703-836-8833, ilportoristorante.com. "Serving classic Italian fare since 1973." The dinner menu features appetizers, pasta, fish, chicken, veal, and side dishes. Let's enjoy the Italian atmosphere in this long-time favorite. Please let Carol know that you plan to attend no later than Wednesday, August 14, at 6 pm, so she can make a reservation.

Tuesday, August 27, 6:30 pm, Beckett's, 2800 S. Randolph St., Arlington, 703-379-0122. We'll have a chance to bounce back from our experience at Clyde's quiz night in June at this Trivia Night hosted by Trivia Kings at 7:30 pm. There are food and drink specials, as well as the regular menu available.

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

Book Group

Join the Fairlington Book Group in August to discuss *Unexampled Courage*, by Richard Gergel.

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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. We are meeting on Tuesday, August 27, at 7:30 pm in the Fairlington

Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. We hope you'll join us.

Canasta Group Doubles the Fun

Our local Canasta group has multiplied the cards, the luck and the fun. We are now playing "Hand and Foot," a Canasta-type card game played coast to coast. If playing your hand was fun, there may be wild cards waiting in your foot! Join this local group, which plays Tuesday mornings at a church hall near Fairlington. Having card-sense is helpful, but we're happy to teach you the rules of this game. Call Carol Ann 703-931-8533.

Fairlington Knits

Join Fairlington Knits! at the Fairlington Community Center on Monday, August 12, and Monday, August 26, from 6:30-8:00 pm for a knit/crochet meet-up. Bring what you're working on, share what you know, and learn new skills. Meet new friends, some who might be neighbors, and enjoy an evening of making things with like-minded people. All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome. The event is posted on the Fairlington Appreciation Society's Facebook page. For more information, contact: Turner at Turnerwork@aol.com.

Fairlington Babysitting Co-op

If you are looking for a night out without the kids, or an afternoon to yourself, join the Fairlington Babysitting Co-op. It's perfect for parents who would like to know dependable adults to watch their children and meet other families in the community. Email fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com to join.

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Showcasing summer blooms: hydrangea

One of the biggest summer blooms is on the hydrangea. It's dwarfed only by the flowers of the crape myrtle (pink, red, white and lavender) tree, southern magnolia (white) tree, and catalpa (white) tree.

The hydrangea flower is noticeable since it is profuse—no matter the species—and shows in vivid pink, blue or ivory/white. Most of the hydrangea blooms are globose and the size of a softball, whereas so many other flowers are trumpet or rosette shaped.

What's peculiar with hydrangea is its pruning schedule, which varies depending upon the cultivar. Most show flowers on "old wood," meaning growth from the previous year. Thus, a radical prune of these branches will compromise or eliminate blooms the following summer. But if a hydrangea blooms on "new wood," or current season's branch growth, cutting should be done in late winter (February or March).

The following species should be pruned in late summer, preferably in August: hydrangea macrophylla (bigleaf), hydrangea serrata (lace cap), hydrangea quercifolia (oak leaf), and hydrangea anomala var. petiolaris (climbing).

Bigleaf is the "standard-looking" type with softball-sized blooms on a squat shrub. Lace cap is another squat grower but its flowers have a flat top. Oak leaf has long (eight-inch), fragrant blooms in white that turn pink in fall. Its leaves resemble that of an oak tree only these leaves



*Hydrangea blooms can be seen throughout Fairlington in the summer months.
Photo by Guy Land.*

are 10 inches long and five inches wide! Climbing has white, fragrant flowers in delicate domes growing off exfoliating, rust-colored stems that twine.

These species should be pruned in late winter: hydrangea paniculata (panicle) and hydrangea arborescens (smooth). Panicle is a vertical grower, reaching eight-feet tall. Its flowers are white and long (six inches). Smooth's flowers form in green before turning to white. They also are flat on the top of the bloom.

Before pruning, reach down into the heart of the shrub, near the soil. Oftentimes, there is branch dieback here. And with a soft tug, these old branches come off in your hand—an easy way to "prune" and remove unsightly branches at the base of the shrub.

Hydrangea get thirsty in our summers so it's best to plant it in full or part shade. The leaf will notify you if dehydrated by drooping and becoming limp. When properly irrigated, the leaf will be stiff and growing straight out from the stem. The margin of a hydrangea leaf is serrated and resembles that of an elm tree leaf.

The plant can be moved but be sure to take a big root ball. In its new location, the plant may look ragged from the transplant but with sufficient watering, will revive.

Cutting the blooms (to bring indoors with water) won't harm the plant. Just do so "here and there" so the shrub's habit won't have dead-looking spots.

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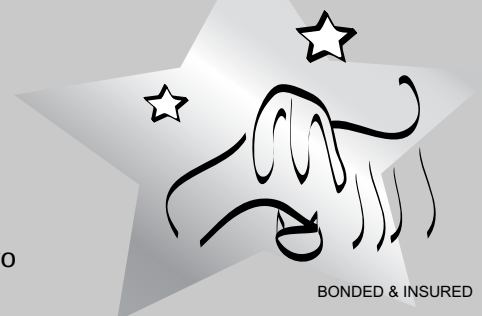


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- Send mini-ad copy via email, regular mail, or drop off at FCA drop box.
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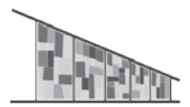
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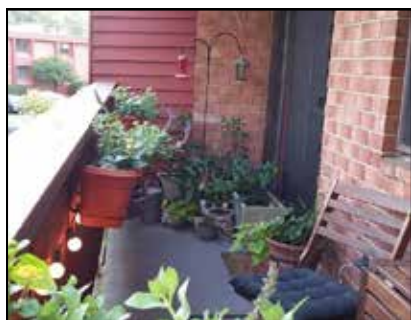
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