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## *On the street where you live— it's about parking*



*Photo, Gretchen Fallon.*

At the FCA meeting this month, there will be a discussion of changes that have affected much-prized street parking in Fairlington, and the county Parking Manager Sarah Stott, from Arlington's Transportation Division, will be on hand to answer residents' questions about parking issues in Fairlington and Shirlington. Parking has been much on the minds of some residents follow-

ing the county's seasonal street repair work last year between March and October, when several on-street parking spaces in south Fairlington went missing. Residents, particularly along S. Stafford Street, were quick to notice the "disappeared" spots after county work crews finished milling and surfacing, installing new curbs and gutters, and patching, paving, and re-striping. The removal of some street-side parking spaces—they used to be legal, and now they're not—stems from the county's policy to bring streets into compliance with federal, state, and municipal standards whenever they perform major improvement work. According to David Kirschner, an engineer with the Transportation Engineering and Operations Bureau: "When a street is resurfaced in Arlington, transportation staff review the existing parking and street operations to see if they conform to the required local and national standards and make changes where necessary."

The changes are particularly noticeable around bus stops, where additional clear-curb space was required to bring the areas into compliance with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Also, some other spaces were removed because it is "established county practice to allow for adequate sight distance at crosswalks: Parked vehicles that are too close to a crosswalk create an unsafe situation for pedestrians and passing vehicles, who may not be able to see one another until the pedestrian is crossing the travel lane." Additionally, parking spaces were removed if it was determined that they violated the following laws: Vehicles are required to provide 15 feet of clear space to a fire hydrant, and vehicles are not permitted to be parked within 20 feet of

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### **Virginia General Assembly convenes**

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### **Fairlington Diners**

Monday, January 28, 6:30 pm  
Ramparts half-price burger night  
Alexandria

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

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## Coming up ...

All Fairlington residents are invited to attend FCA meetings, which occur on the second Wednesday of the month at the Fairlington Community Center (3308 S. Stafford St.) unless otherwise noted. To discuss a neighborhood issue at the meeting, send e-mail to [president@fca-fairlington.org](mailto:president@fca-fairlington.org) or leave a message at 703-243-1735 by the Sunday before the meeting.

### Preliminary agenda:

January 9: Discussion of on-street parking in Fairlington: the removal of some parking spaces through the county's repaving and re-striping work and the procedure for securing the county's permission for zoned, or permit-only, parking areas.

Regular business meeting:

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

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Find more information on the FCA Web site, [www.fca-fairlington.org](http://www.fca-fairlington.org).



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The beginning of a new year affords an excellent opportunity for taking stock and planning for the future. That's true for organizations just as it is for individuals, and FCA is no exception.

As we look to the coming year, we want to build on the work done by our out-going President Rosiland Jordan and Vice President Bryan Pettigrew. Roz stepped up to lead the group after the sudden death of Reed Franklin in 2011, ensuring that FCA did not miss a step. She also guided a pioneering real estate forum to acquaint Fairlingtonians with the emerging development plans that could affect our community. Bryan strengthened our ties with county officials and the Arlington police and fire departments, while facilitating key community activities.

The Fairlington community has benefitted from their leadership, and we thank Roz and Bryan for their contributions.

As we enter 2013, I am pleased that we have the solid foundation of an experienced team of returning officers and board members. We welcome new board members Joe Hartman and Carrie Street. With Joe, this is the first time Fairlington Court (the 10-unit homeowners association next to the fire station) has had a resident on our board, and Carrie brings to the board her enthusiasm and many years of experience as chair of the North Fairlington activities committee.

In the coming year, FCA will continue to be a source of information on topics that affect Fairlington. This includes our traditional offerings, such as updates from Arlington County Board members and staff, as well as reports from our delegation in Richmond. But we may also explore some new topics, such as ConnectArlington (the county's new fiber optic network; *see the story, page 7*), or an in-depth look at Fairlington's trees, or celebrating Fairlington's 70th anniversary.

We need your help. First, tell us how we can better meet your needs as Fairlington residents. What topics would you like to hear more about? What activities would enrich our community? What role would you like us to take on broader policy issues affecting Fairlington?

Second, consider becoming directly involved in FCA's work. All residents are welcome to offer comments and suggestions to help in shaping our agenda. But we also need volunteers to help us execute our plans for specific activities.

Shoot me an e-mail, [president@fca-fairlington.org](mailto:president@fca-fairlington.org), and let me know how we can serve you better and how we can find the right role for your energy.

I hope one of your New Year's resolutions is to become more engaged in the work of your community and find a niche that fits your interests and talents. We need you.

Guy Land, FCA President



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## ***FCA bylaws, updated***

Next month, at the February 13 FCA meeting, residents can vote on proposed amendments to the bylaws of the Fairlington Citizens Association. FCA board members Mark Jones, Carol Dabbs, and Guy Land have worked diligently over the last year to bring the governing principles of Fairlington's civic association into alignment with the 21st century. Working on the association's bylaws is time-consuming and sometimes tedious work—all Fairlington residents can thank the bylaws committee for volunteering their time and effort on our behalf.

The full text of the proposed bylaws amendments can be found on the FCA Web site, [www.fca-fairlington.org](http://www.fca-fairlington.org). In addition, hard copies of the amendments can be viewed at the Fairlington Community Center (3308 S. Stafford Street) and at the North Fairlington Community Center (3005 S. Abingdon Street). The following is a summary of the major goals addressed in the changes:

- To redefine and clarify the membership of the FCA, to specifically include all Fairlington residents, owners and renters
- To redefine and clarify the names and types of meetings that the FCA holds and/or sponsors, in order to increase the association's flexibility in response to events and to community needs
- To redefine and clarify the roles of officers and directors of the association
- To increase the executive board's flexibility by permitting voting by electronic means
- To improve the procedures for amending the bylaws, by submitting changes to the community
- To provide the association with greater flexibility in communicating with the community, to include expanded use of electronic means and social media.

## ***Delegate Krupicka's work in Richmond***

Rob Krupicka, Virginia Delegate for the 45th District (Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax), offered the following as some of the issues he would be working on and pursuing in this year's General Assembly session. The 2013 GA session begins January 9, and is scheduled to run for 45 days.

- Sustainable transportation funding and support for the Potomac Yard Metro.
- A range of education issues with a focus on early education, closing the achievement gap as well as helping address the shortage of classroom space.
- Environmental bills focused on cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay as well as Clean Energy legislation.

## ***FCA 2013 board, priorities***



*The 2013 FCA board, from left, Carrie Street, Ed Hilz, Michelle Woolley, Carol Dabbs, Mark Jones, Kent Duffy, Joe Hartman, Jacob Gelman, and Guy Land, and 2012 FCA president and vice president, Rosiland Jordan and Bryan Pettigrew. Photo, Gretchen Fallon.*

The FCA held its annual election for the 2013 board at the December meeting. The new board members for 2013 are:

President, Guy Land  
Vice president, Kent Duffy  
Secretary, Carol Dabbs  
Treasurer, Ed Hilz  
Directors: Jacob Gelman, Joe Hartman, Mark Jones, Carrie Street, and Michelle Woolley.

FCA president Guy Land reviewed some of the board's priorities for the year, which include: Increase participation among our residents; strengthen communications with the condo and homeowners associations; enhance our overall communications strategy by making better use of social media; and continue to monitor real estate developments in the area and provide frequent updates to the community about them.

- A veterans study bill to make sure we are properly planning so we can support the growing veterans population in the state.
- Working with local officials and the state on a few measures related to reducing red tape for small businesses.
- Working on a few different pieces of equality and anti-discrimination legislation.
- Drafting a few measures related to early voting and ensuring people can vote without long lines.
- Evaluating some legislation related to stalking and public safety.

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# ConnectArlington will bring short-term construction, long-term benefit

Arlington is constructing a fiber-optic network that will interconnect government offices, public school buildings, and traffic signals throughout the county. Once completely installed, the network, dubbed ConnectArlington, will provide state-of-the-art communications for the county's intergovernmental functions. The work is described as "a long-term investment to address future telecommunications needs and bandwidth requirements," which will create a broadband fiber-optic network for education, public safety, transportation, and government use, and will also reduce county and APS expenses for commercial telecommunications services.

According to the ConnectArlington Web site, the county currently relies on a combination of county-owned facilities, lines leased from commercial providers, and a fiber-optic network made available by Comcast under the terms of its cable TV franchise. The county and Comcast are now engaged in a franchise renewal process, whose outcome will not be known for some time. To ensure continuity and expansion of its essential telecommunication services, the county is building ConnectArlington.

The project will require construction projects across Arlington, to include aerial work (the attachment of new cabling to existing telephone and utility poles) and underground work (mostly directional drilling with a small amount of open trenching). In the Fairlington neighborhood, watch for construction vehicles, excavators, work crews, and bucket trucks to get underway as early as this month or next, said ConnectArlington staff representative Laura Szlavin. The short-lived digging and detours will serve in the long run to connect Abingdon Elementary School, Fire Station 7, and the Fairlington Community Center.

The route for construction is planned to proceed from the Shirlington Bus Station, up 31st Street S., to S. Abingdon Street, picking up the school along the way. The route will then turn left at Abingdon to enter the firehouse. It will then cross the bridge over I-395, and continue along 34th Street S. to S. Utah Street. At the intersection, it will turn left onto Utah and enter the service vehicle access drive at the FCC.

The work north of I-395 is expected to be completed in early spring. The work south of I-395 will begin shortly thereafter, to be completed by the summer.

Szlavin offered the sensible caveat that construction

can be delayed because of weather or any number of conditions that work crews encounter, and that proposed pathways for construction also could change for the same reasons. ConnectArlington notified the FCA about the coming construction in order to provide a heads-up to residents: They wanted to "ensure that affected neighborhoods were kept well informed in advance of the construction and that the construction would have a minimal impact on the community." For more information, go online to the county Web site, [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us), and search ConnectArlington.

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## *Parking, continued from page 1*



*Photo, Gretchen Fallon.*

an intersection. Kirschner added that the 15-foot and 20-foot distance requirements have always been the law (though, in practice, many people ignored it), but now there are pavement markings and signs to reinforce the restrictions.

Whenever and wherever street changes occur, Arlington is mindful of how residents may be impacted, said Kirschner: "We

approached any changes of parking locations in Fairlington as conservatively as possible, being acutely aware of the need for on-street parking. In some cases parking is now permitted where it was not previously. For example, westbound 34th St. S. approaching S. Utah St. now allows for several more vehicles to be parked than previously." In addition, he said, when the traffic engineers sign or mark pavement to denote the 20-foot-to-an-intersection rule, they do so by looking at each individual case and making a practical judgment based on enhanced sight lines and safety.

Still, the reduced parking took some residents by surprise, and they were not pleased. Kirschner explained that TE&O does not solicit public comment/input on changes that are operational in nature, and that the short time frame for the paving work did not allow for alerting people about upcoming changes. And that's too bad—a little advance warning could have helped neighbors better understand and cope with the loss of relied-upon parking spots.



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## ***Dominion repairs underground cables in electric grid***



The construction work now underway on S. Utah Street will eventually provide new electric cables to replace “vintage” ones—as Dominion Virginia Power described the oldest remaining bits of underground bulk feeder cable on the mainline of Fairlington’s

electrical grid in that area. Last summer, said a Dominion engineer, the system experienced failures on two spans of bulk feeder cable along Utah, which necessitated digging slit trenches and removing some sidewalks to gain access to the faulty cable spans, remove them, and install new cable. The work is proceeding along Utah to the north, between 34th St. and 32nd Road S., and to the south, between 35th Street S. and S. Taylor Street.

The replacement work was on schedule in December to be completed by Christmas. The next step is to terminate the old cable and splice and energize the new cable. That work is planned for early this year. Between the two steps, residents may see ends of non-energized cable exposed above ground near the devices they will be tied in to. The final, re-energizing step will require power outages of varying durations in the surrounding area. Dominion said that affected condo associations and residents would be notified by letter to let them know when the outage would occur.

In addition, Dominion has similar work in varying stages of design for Fairlington areas north of 1-395. Condo associations and individual customers will be notified when work is scheduled to begin on those projects.



## ***Safeway may be closing next month***



Unofficial word has it that the Safeway store near Bradlee will close in February. The long anticipated store reconstruction, originally expected to begin last summer, was delayed, said store employees recently, so that the store could serve customers through the end-of-year holiday season and also stay open while other nearby Safeway stores were closed for renovations. Temporary quarters for the Safeway pharmacy (*pictured, above*) appears ready to open in the new trailer nearby on Marlee Way, between the King St. service road and Braddock Rd.

### ***Update: Intersection of S. 36th Street and N. Quaker Lane***



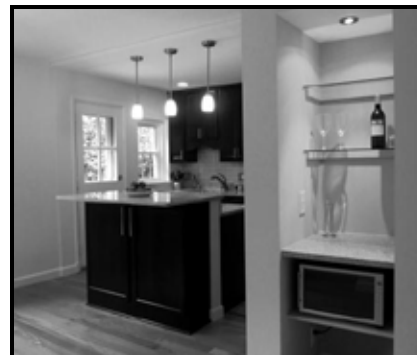
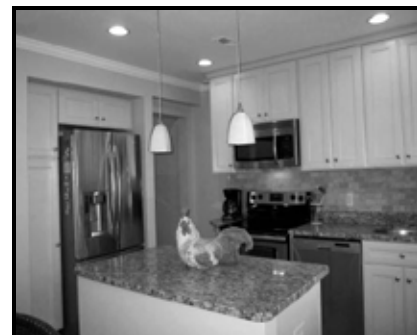
*Photo, Gretchen Fallon.*

The sometimes very busy intersection of S. 36th Street (in Arlington) and N. Quaker Lane (in Alexandria) was being examined by Alexandria’s Parking and Traf-

fic Board for possible safety-improvement changes. At a meeting last summer, the board heard a proposal that would prohibit left turns from northbound Quaker onto S. 36th. The public was invited to provide comment at the board’s October meeting, but the intersection agenda item was removed from the docket. After further consideration last fall by the city’s Traffic and Environmental Services Department, Alexandria abandoned the plan to restrict left turns from Quaker onto 36th. Alexandria T&ES decided that making the proposed changes essentially would create other traffic roadblocks.

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# Fairlington history: How we achieved landmark status

Fairlington was placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register in December, 1998 and on the National Register of Historic Places in March, 1999. As a result, Fairlington is deemed a cultural resource worthy of preservation. But gaining that recognition was no simple matter—it didn't come with just making a phone call or writing a letter. Today the neighborhood enjoys landmark status due to a diligent and committed band of volunteers who worked for the ten years prior to designation to make it happen.

The historical designation committee undertook the job of satisfying the rigorous requirements for submitting an application to Virginia's Department of Historic Resources. The work included developing an architectural survey of Fairlington's buildings, which identified the building types and materials, and then training a team of more than 100 volunteers to walk the grounds, take photographs and measurements, and create a building survey.



*Historic district plaque at S. Wakefield and King. Photo, Gretchen Fallon.*

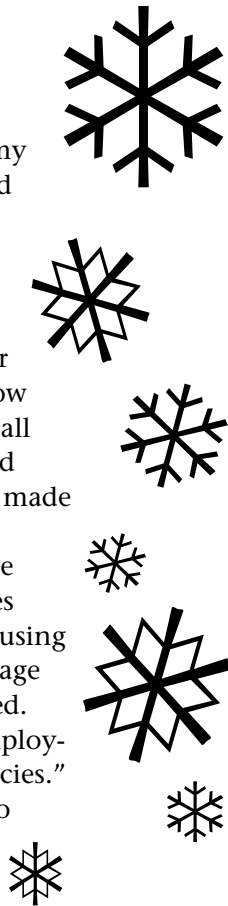
To mark the achievement of securing both state and national historic designation, the committee installed a granite marker with the Virginia Landmarks and National Register plaques on S. Abingdon Street near the North Fairlington Community Center and affixed oval bronze plaques to the brick entrance walls that mark major access points to Fairlington.

The Fairlington Historical Society was founded as an outgrowth of the decade-long pursuit for historic designation. FHS sponsors the very popular, every-other-year Home & Garden tour (to be held this year in May), and publishes *Fairlington at 50: May 1943 – May 1993*, which is considered the neighborhood's definitive history. To celebrate Fairlington's 70th birthday this year, FHS is issuing a special memorial edition of the book, dedicated to its author, the late Catherine Fellows. For more information, go online to [fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

**Santa and the firehouse elves** visited Fairlington on December 15 to ring in the holiday season with flashing lights and sirens. *Photos, Steve Andrews, Gretchen Fallon, Guy Land.*

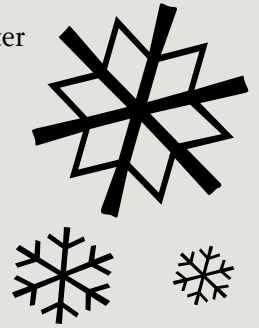


**Government snow day?** The federal government, through the Office of Personnel Management, exerts heavy influence on regulating the region's commute on stormy days. But calling a "snow day," said the *Washington Post* in December, is difficult for forecasters when it's snowing in one zone, raining in another, and there's sleet at points in between. It's no easier for OPM and school systems that follow its lead: Call for cancellations, or call people in? Based on lessons learned during Hurricane Sandy, OPM has made things a little easier by refining its message, after determining that the old announcement, "Federal offices are closed to the public," was confusing to some employees. The new message would be: "Federal offices are closed. Emergency and telework-ready employees must follow their agency's policies." For more information, go online to [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov).



## Storm-ready resources online

We have now entered the cold weather and perhaps snowy-winter season. When severe weather threatens, FEMA and the American Red Cross say you should be able to take care of yourself for three days—potentially without electricity or outside assistance. (Some south Fairlington residents got extended practice in dealing with power outages last year after the June derecho.) You can prepare now by assembling your family's emergency kit; making a plan for all family members (including pets); and staying informed. Information about emergency preparedness is widely available online:



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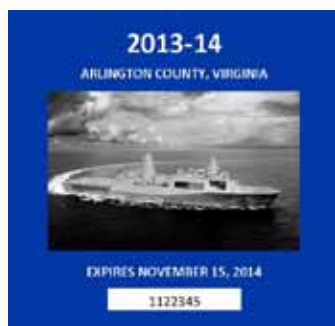
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## Car decal will feature the USS Arlington



You can vote this month for the vehicle decal design that will grace about 155,000 windshields in Arlington by November 2013. The decal denotes payment of personal property tax (\$33 decal fee added to the tax owed).

The yearly car decal con-

test, masterminded by the county Treasurer, Frank O'Leary, solicits designs from county high school students. This year's designs were winnowed to four finalists in December; residents can view the designs and vote for their favorite online at the Treasurer's Web site, [www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Treasurer](http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Treasurer), through January 24. The winner will be announced at the January 29 Arlington County Board meeting.

No matter which design wins this year, the decal will feature a ship—student-designers were asked to incorporate an image of the soon-to-be commissioned USS Arlington, an amphibious landing platform dock naval vessel, named to honor Arlington's response to the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon in 2001.

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Krupicka says: "In everything I am considering, I'm focused on concepts that will produce a strong and clear return on investment for our Commonwealth and community. What I mean by that is, there should be a clear public benefit to doing it. Return on investment is not just measured in jobs and economic growth, although I think those are very important factors to consider. It also includes ways to save state dollars. And most importantly, I'm focused on things that improve people's ability to successfully and responsibly contribute to and participate in their communities.

Those efforts should naturally help support broader economic opportunities for the Commonwealth, because as each of us does better, our overall communities and economy do better." For more information, go online to [www.krupicka.com](http://www.krupicka.com). At the Web site, you can follow the link to "2013 Legislative survey" to provide feedback.

## Arlington says "Welcome" to newcomers

As part of its PLACE initiative, Arlington has created a Welcome Kit to help new residents settle into the community. The kit consists of a Web site, [www.arlingtonva.us/portals/topics/page87702.aspx](http://www.arlingtonva.us/portals/topics/page87702.aspx), and a six-page PDF document that can be linked to from the Web site.



There you'll find handy information gathered in one place: a new resident's checklist, for things like registering a car, getting a car decal, registering to vote, and setting up service with electric and telecom companies; ways to get involved in the community; ways to find out about county services, like curbside recycling, snow removal, and household hazmat collection; a diagram of county government; a list of useful phone numbers, including state offices and county departments; and a map of Arlington. The Welcome Kit makes a very convenient guidebook for newcomers—and it's a handy reference even for old hands.

**Opportunities to help out at the library:** Shirlington Branch Library is looking for a volunteer on the first Saturday of the month, noon to 2 pm, to assist gaming events for families. Tasks include setting up the room and monitoring the play. The library needs a volunteer who is organized, dependable, able to set up a Wii, and enjoys helping people. A second volunteer, for a two-hour shift on Tuesday mornings, will help fill requests from readers across the library system by pulling needed items from the shelves and forwarding them to the requesting location—it's a great way to become familiar with the library's collection. Another volunteer is needed to keep the current newspapers in correct chronological order, so everyone can find the issue they want quickly. The task is for someone who works independently; it takes about two hours a week; and it can be done on a flexible schedule when it's convenient for the volunteer.

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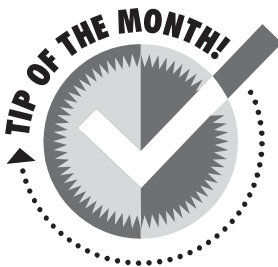
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Straight electric heat uses heat coils (similar to those found in your blow dryer) to heat your home which makes it very dry and somewhat expensive. Electric heat has output temperatures that exceed 115 degrees so it is perceived as being warmer heat but can cause static and excessively dry air. Humidifiers can often cure this while allowing you to run your heat at lower temperatures. It is quite common for many straight electric furnaces to lose one or more elements during the course of the heating season. If your house does not feel as warm as it did in previous years, this is probably why. If this happens, call us immediately to avoid any further problems.

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## What's in a name?



Many years ago, I adopted a black dog with white-speckled paws named Sprinkle. To me, her name brought visions of accidents on the floor, so I immediately decided to change it unless she answered to it. Luckily, she did not, and soon she became “Pepper” for her coloring and zest for life.

Choosing your pet's name seems to be simple, yet it can be unexpectedly complicated since a name can instantly convey to the world what your pet is about, and leave a lasting impression, as Sprinkle did with me. Remember that you (hopefully)

will have to live with the name for a long time. You want to be sure to pick something you and your family feel comfortable with and, for those with dogs, not embarrassed to call out in public! Here are a few things to consider and ideas about ways to name your pet.

**Physical attributes.** A popular way to name your pet is to highlight a primary characteristic, for example, “Spot.” I recently met a new dog in the neighborhood named Bitsy for her small stature.

**People names.** Many pets are named for people their owners know or admire. Names can be either gender-specific, as with my friend's cat Mia, or gender-neutral. It seems that Bailey and Reilly are popular for both male and female dogs in the neighborhood.

**Personality traits.** Naming your pet by one of its lovable or not-

so-lovable characteristics can tell others what might be expected from the pet. I recently met a dog named Havoc, and the owner assured me that he could certainly wreak some. Just be careful the name doesn't become a self-fulfilling prophesy!

**Geography.** Many people name their pets after a favorite place, the place they got the pet, or a hometown to evoke memories of someplace they love, for example, neighborhood dog Raleigh.

**Famous people.** Celebrities, athletes, or famous characters are another popular source of inspiration. I once knew a cat named Chewbacca!

Whatever name you choose, remember to keep it simple, and pick something that hopefully your pet will recognize and respond to.

—Christine M. Chirichella, Assistant Editor

## Fairlington Community Center news

### Winter classes begin January 22

Enjoy Arlington recreation classes this winter. Classes offer a wide variety of activities for the New Year: Get a jump on fitness resolutions, tap into your creative side, share experiences with loved ones, get involved with your community, and much more. Online registration began last month and classes start January 22. Don't let fee be a barrier to your winter activities; you may qualify for a fee reduction. For more information and full class descriptions, go online to [www.arlingtonva.us/dpr](http://www.arlingtonva.us/dpr).

### Help reduce childhood obesity

Join other concerned parents and Arlingtonians on Thursday, January

17, from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the FCC to discuss specific multi-year projects to reduce chronic disease in Arlington's youth through policy, systems, and environmental changes. For more information or to RSVP by January 10, contact Kara Grace at 703-228-6401.

### Senior center events

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

### Master Gardeners plant clinic

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

### FCC hours and contact info

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

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# DOWN TO EARTH patio gardening



## *The winter garden is a feast for the eyes—and the birds*

Imagine having colorful ornaments decorating your garden's leafless branches in late fall and winter. Specimen fruit in various colors enlivens the bleak dormancy of a perennial garden devoid of evergreens. And with fruit come visitors seeking a winter meal. Cardinals, mockingbirds, sparrows, wrens, and cedar waxwings remain in our area during winter and need food, water, and shelter.

If your garden lacks the winter flower color of a camellia, "Knockout" rose, or "Encore" azalea, try planting the following specimens next spring. Come winter, you will have your share of color and wildlife to enjoy when looking out the window.

**Beautyberry.** This multi-stemmed shrub bears white flowers in summer. Its leaves turn yellowish-green in fall before dropping. Once that happens, clusters of smallish, shiny, purple fruit cling to thin branches. The Beautyberry fruit is easy to admire since the shrub grows only 4 – 5 feet tall with a similar spread.

**Winterberry.** The only deciduous holly becomes leafless in late November, revealing round, red drupes that hang like miniature Christmas balls on the stiff branches. Planted against the beige/grey wood of a patio fence, the red spheres will stand out all winter long.

**Serviceberry.** This ornamental tree is one of the first to flower, along with the Bradford pear and dogwood. It has whitish-pink blossoms



*Nandina. Photo, Gretchen Fallon.*

in late February and March. Come fall, purplish-pink fruit fill the network of branches until birds flock to it looking for a sweet meal. You can try to gather the fruit yourself to make jam or even a pie.

**Dogwood.** While its flowers are pink and white and noticeable in early spring, the fruit is subtle and resembles a red seed. You will know both birds and squirrels have visited for a meal when you see cracked-open bits of the fruit lying on the ground.

**Crab apple.** The tree won't fit in a patio, but you can walk around the common areas of Fairlington and see the cranberry-colored, translucent fruit hanging off branches like cherries with long stems. If there is a cedar waxwing in the area, it will land here to sample the fruit.

**Nandina.** It grows all over Fairlington, especially on the circle between S. Stafford and 36th St. S. The evergreen's foliage turns reddish in winter and bears clumps of holly-like red berries. Tiny white flowers appear on branch tips in April. The

leaves are so slight they "whisper" when a gust of wind blows.

**Tea viburnum.** White flowers appear in April and May but a prettier display comes in December/January when burgundy berries fill the branches on this 10 foot tall, 8 foot wide specimen. Drive by the corner of Valley Drive and Summit Ave. in Alexandria and you will see two of them planted among crab apple trees that bear apricot-colored fruit. When I was there, a flock of cowbirds was gobbling the viburnum fruit.

**Pyracantha.** Look for the mockingbird to enjoy the plentiful orange berries while also building a nest in this thorny evergreen vine. I saw a mockingbird snuggled in its nest in a pyracantha against a brick wall in Old Town last year. The vine bears white flowers in spring.

**Ligustrum.** A rounded, dense evergreen shrub, there are many in Fairlington that bear dark blue, egg-shaped drupes in winter. The thick, dense habit is also ideal for nesting birds. The leaf resembles that of a camellia with its pointed tip and glossy surface.

**Liriope.** The mainstay of ground covers bears a bounty of shiny black fruit in winter, a few months after its spiked lavender flowers have passed in September. The mounded evergreen foliage makes for an attractive plant year-round.

— Bill Sullivan,  
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## ***Abingdon to host another Movie Night***

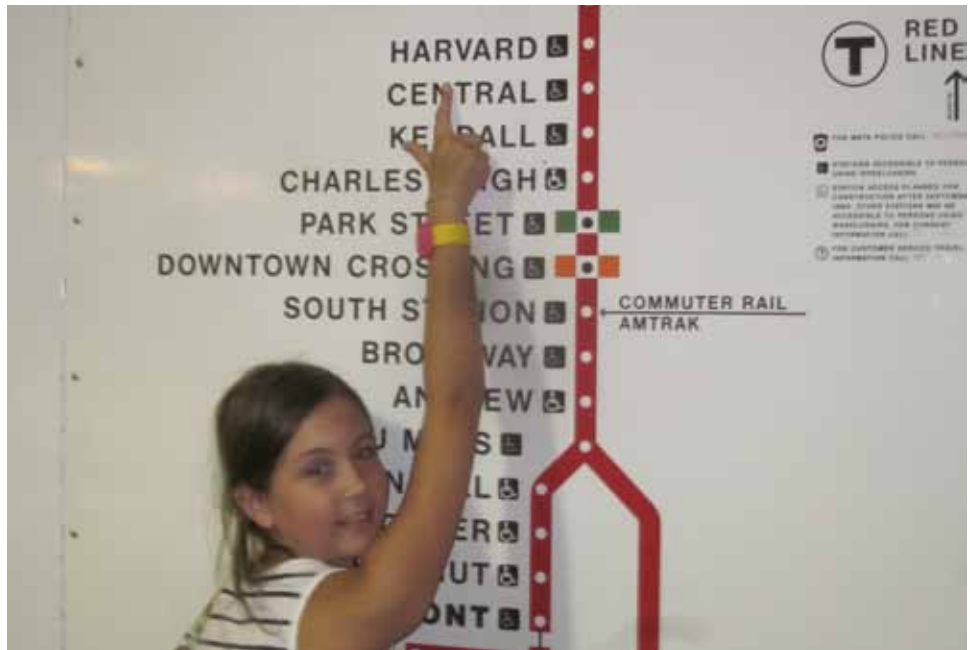
The Abingdon PTA will hold another FREE movie night on Friday, January 11. This time, we'll be showing Pixar's *Brave*. Doors open at 6 pm and the movie will start at 6:15. The PTA will be selling pizza, drinks, and snacks. And we'll raffle off two copies of the CD and other related prizes. Kids are welcome to come in their jammies, and make sure to bring pillows and blankets for the floor.

## ***Girl Scout cookies on sale***

Girl Scout cookies are available now through March from Abingdon Brownie and Girl Scout troops. Each box is \$4.00, and all your favorite kinds are back: Thin Mints, Tag-alongs, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Savannah Smiles, Dulce de Leche, and Thank U Berry Munch. You can order boxes for yourself or for the troop's chosen charities, including the American Red Cross. Cookies will be delivered starting February 13; no payment is due until delivery. Send e-mail to [abingdoncookies@yahoo.com](mailto:abingdoncookies@yahoo.com) or see your neighborhood Girl Scout to get yours today!

## ***Reflections competition crowns winners***

The Abingdon PTA is proud to announce this year's winners of the Reflections contest. Abigail Presson won the Intermediate Literature competition. Parrin Hall won the Primary Dance Choreography competition. Jessica Spindler won the Primary Visual Arts competition.



*Abigail Presson, 5th grade Honor Roll student and Fairlington resident, points to future ambitions. Photo, Michelle Marston.*

All their great works are now competing at a countywide level, and the County Council of PTAs will be celebrating their contributions and announcing the county winners at a reception on January 17. Congratulations to all our competing artists!

## ***Abingdon father remembered***



*Photo, Trista Nealon.*

November 30, 2012. Last June, as staff and parents were volunteering at the annual Abingdon Field Day, the initial word of Jack's diagnosis became known. It was unimaginable

The Abingdon family is greatly saddened by the passing of Jack Nealon. Jack's brave and difficult battle with cancer ended

that our friend, who just a few days earlier was cajoling with fellow parents and kicking the ball with his son, would suddenly be faced with fighting cancer. In a true testament to the way people felt about Jack, various friends and family at Abingdon and throughout Fairlington immediately rallied around him, his wife Trista, and son Jack, Jr. Jack's memorable voice, friendly persona, and integrity inspired many of us to walk up and initiate a conversation with him. His humility became apparent when many friends just recently learned that Jack was the recipient of the 2010 Presidential Award conferring the rank of meritorious executive in the Senior Executive Service for sustained superior accomplishment and noteworthy achievement in public service. A 25-year resident of Fairlington Glen, he had a distinguished

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37-year career with the National Agricultural Statistics Service. During retirement Jack taught statistics at Northern Virginia Community College. The indelible image of Jack waiting for his son to exit the school, standing with a ball under his right arm, wearing a green zip-up hoodie, khakis, and beige cap will remain etched in our minds. Jack's wife Trista added, "We are so thankful to everyone at Abingdon and in Fairlington Glen for their boundless love and support."

### ***Abingdon brings in New Year***

**January 28**, APS Kindergarten Information Night  
(Wash.-Lee High School). Snow date, Feb 4

**February 7**, Project GIFT Showcase

**February 8**, Movie Night

**February 19**, PTA meeting with Gunston Middle  
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**March 15**, CETA Day

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—Dan Branch, PTA co-president



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## ***Book Group***

Severe drought and ruinous deep plowing of the Great Plains caused an ecological and human catastrophe during the Great Depression. In *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*, Timothy Egan narrates the stunning experience. All Fairlingtonians are invited to discuss the book on Tuesday, January 22, at 7:30 pm in the North Fairlington Community Center, 3005 S. Abingdon St. For more information, please contact Terry Gough at tjgough@verizon.net.

## ***Fairlington Diners***

Fairlington Diners is a group of Fairlington and non-Fairlington friends who gather for relaxed dinners nearby. We focus on having a good meal and an opportunity to chat with neighbors. This year, we will generally hold our ethnic dinners on the second Thursday of the month, and burger night at Ramparts on the fourth Monday of the month.

Thursday, January 10, 6:30 pm, McCormick and Schmick's in Crystal City, 2010 Crystal Drive, Arlington, 703-413-6400; it's the closest outlet of the American seafood restaurant chain, based in Portland, Oregon, where the original restaurant opened in 1979. The chain is famous for its generous happy hour and its signature \$1.95 half-pound cheeseburger (now \$2.95). Remember, parking is free after 5 (and on weekends) in Crystal City.

Monday, January 28, 6:30 pm, Ramparts Restaurant, 1700 Fern St, Alexandria, 703-998-6616. This is a local favorite that we usually visit monthly. On Mondays, they offer half-price burgers with the purchase of a beverage, and the rest of the menu is also available.

For either event, please call Carol at 703-379-6840 to let us know you plan to attend, and leave a voice-mail if you don't reach her directly—include your name and how to contact you the day of the event, in case we need to let you know of a change in plans. If you'd like to be included in our e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to carol\_dabbs@yahoo.com.

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

Members and their children of the MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington VA® chapter of the International MOMS Club participate in fun activities, service projects, Parent's Night Out, meetings with interesting speakers, and groups such as our walking, dinner, and book clubs. Our weekly age-specific playgroups start as young as birth and go up to 3+ years old. Playgroups are wonderful for kids, but they also offer parents a chance to find support and friendship.

Parents and parents-to-be are welcome to join us for our next general meeting on Wednesday, January 9 at 4 pm at 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 or visit [www.fairlingtonmomsclub.com](http://www.fairlingtonmomsclub.com). Annual dues of \$25 support our club activities and charitable projects.

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