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Celebrate July 4 with old favorites and new twists

Fairlington will celebrate Independence Day with one of its biggest and most popular events, the annual July 4th Parade. Each year this tradition, co-sponsored by Fairlington Villages and the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA), attracts hundreds of patriotic marchers and spectators from both North and South Fairlington.

The parade begins at the Fairlington firehouse, 3116 S. Abingdon St. Red, white, and blue can be seen everywhere—on strollers, wagons, bikes, scooters, kids, adults, dogs, and cats. Show your patriotic pride and meet up with your neighbors by 9:45 am to kick off the parade at 10 am. If marching isn't your style, join the enthusiastic spectators lining the street and waving flags.



Fifers traditionally lead the parade, dressed in colonial garb. Photo by Guy Land.

Traditionally escorted by the Arlington County Police Department and led by fifers in colonial garb, this year's parade might feature a special surprise guest. In addition, the FCA invites Arlington County Board members to our special celebration. In recent years we were honored with visits from now-Chair Katie Cristol, Libby Garvey (also a Fairlington homeowner), and John Vihstadt.

The parade marches along S. Abingdon St., ending at the Fairlington Villages Community Center (FVCC) parking lot, 3005 S. Abingdon St. Fire Station 7 will bring up the rear of the parade. If possible, the fire truck will stick around, and curious children can climb aboard Engine 107.

After the parade, take part in the community-wide, post-parade celebration that includes free cold drinks, ice cream, and hot dogs.

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New this year, Mama's Donut Bites will sell donuts at the post-parade celebration.

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 July 11

Special presentation: Mike Granger, a Lowe Vice President, will discuss plans for the conversion of two Park Center office buildings to apartments. Staff from the City of Alexandria's Department of Planning and Zoning will also be present.

Regular board business:

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

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Calendar

July 4 Parade

Wednesday, July 4, 10 am Fire Station 7, 3116 S. Abingdon St. FCC Closed

Fairlington Diners

Thursday, July 5, 6:30 pm Laporta's Restaurant 1600 Duke St., Alexandria

FCA monthly meeting

Wednesday, July 11, 7 pm FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Ticks and Mosquitos and Other Bloodsuckers

Thursday, July 12, 7 pm Burke Branch Library 4701 Seminary Rd., Alexandria

Fairlington Diners

Monday, July 23, 6:30 pm Samuel Beckett's Irish Gastro Pub 2800 S. Randolph St.

Book Group

Tuesday, July 24, 7:30 pm FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Rolling Thunder rides again



A crowd of patriotic Fairlingtonians lined the S. Abingdon St. bridge May 27 to salute the motorcyclists that were on their way to the Pentagon staging area for the Memorial Day Rolling Thunder tribute. Photo by Guy Land.

Contributors this month: Lynne Blasi, Christine Chirichella, Bob Gronenberg, Cindy Kunz, Guy Land, Carrie Lewis, Bill Russell, Rebecca Sayres, Thora Stanwood, Bill Sullivan, and Lindsay Willmann.

Some images in this publication may be digitally enhanced.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A number of real estate development projects either under way or being planned in the Fairlington area will significantly increase the number of residential units near our neighborhood, potentially resulting

in increased traffic congestion on Fairlington streets. At the same time, these apartment complexes could make Fairlington's low-rise, green environment even more valuable to future homebuyers.

If you've driven west along King St. toward Bailey's Crossroads, you've seen the major progress that's being made on the new development at the intersection of King and Beauregard Sts., often called the Alexandria Gateway or, as the signs there say, West Alex.

A mixed-use development of office, commercial, and residential, the centerpiece of the project is a large, 24-hour Harris Teeter grocery store. But the grocery store is the ground level of a seven-story building, the remaining six floors of which will contain over 250 apartments. Another building in the development will feature almost 75 units of affordable housing. So that's about 350 new apartments on that corner.

A proposal to add roughly 80 affordable housing units on the property of Fairlington Presbyterian Church, also on King St., is in the final planning stages. The church would remain, but the rear portion of the parking lot would become the site of a four-story apartment building.

The church and the developer plan to present a final permit application to the Alexandria City Council in November.

The most recent proposal to add more apartments near Fairlington is the plan to convert two of the three office buildings at Park Center to apartments, resulting in 393 new apartments. The City of Alexandria gave the go-ahead for the conversion in June.

The FCA is hosting a briefing on the Park Center conversion project at our July 11 meeting.

So that's almost 800 new apartments along a relatively short stretch of King St., and right across from parts of Fairlington.

Finally, there are longer-term plans for additional in-fill development at Park Shirlington. The developer who acquired the property late last year intends to maintain it as affordable housing and preserve the existing buildings. But he expressed a long-term interest in constructing additional buildings on the property.

The FCA has previously hosted community briefings on several of these projects, and we will continue to keep you informed as they work through the permitting and construction process.

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



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Developer to convert offices to apartments at Park Center

Lowe Enterprises, the new owner of three office buildings at Park Center, plans to convert two of them to apartments, creating up to 393 new units. Park Center sits just across King St. from Fairlington Villages.

Mike Granger, a Lowe Vice President, will discuss plans for the conversion at FCA's monthly meeting, Wednesday, July 11, at 7 pm. Staff from the City of Alexandria's Department of Planning and Zoning will also be present. The meeting will be held at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Granger is responsible for design and construction activities for projects in metro Washington, D.C.,

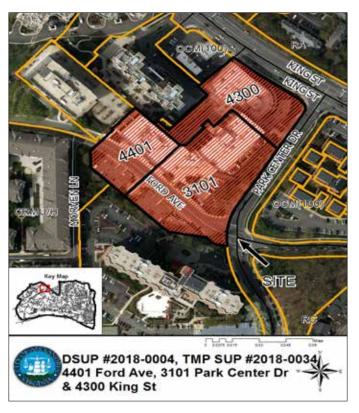
with a focus on urban mixed use, residential, and office projects. During his tenure at Lowe he has overseen a number of projects involving adaptive re-use of existing structures.

The Alexandria Planning Commission gave its approval to the Park Center conversion in early June. The Alexandria City Council was slated to take up the proposal in late June.

Lowe plans to rehabilitate the two buildings located at 3101 Park Center Dr. and 4401 Ford Ave. and convert them to apartments. The project would also update and enhance existing open space with residential amenities and install new exterior cladding for a modern building design. The project would offer a mix of one- and two-bedroom units.

The site is bounded by King St. on the north, Park Center Dr. to the east, Ford Ave. to the south and the E-Lofts Building and Halstead Tower Apartments to the west.

The United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service is the principal tenant at 3101 Park Center Dr. Last year it announced plans to move to Braddock Metro II in Old Town Alexandria. The building at 4401 Ford Ave. contains several medical and association offices.



Courtesy City of Alexandria.

The third building, 4300 King St., the location of XSport Fitness, would not be affected by the proposal. The Liberty Auto Service station is not part of the property.

Lowe proposes minor revisions to the existing terraces and plazas adjacent to the two 14-story office buildings, including repaving existing concrete areas and installing features such as turf, seating areas, fire pits, and other improvements to create amenity spaces typical of multi-family residential uses.

Because the underground garage has adequate parking to support residential use, the 17 surface parking spaces would be converted to an amenity area for tenants.

Ten units, five in each building, would be designated as affordable housing for residents at up to 70 percent of area median income.

The renovated buildings would meet LEED certification requirements or the equivalent.

The phased conversion of the office buildings will be staggered, with the first building conversion beginning in the second quarter of 2019. The second structure would begin converting in the fourth quarter of 2020.

In recommending approval of the permit, city staff identified benefits such as a lowering of the overall office vacancy rate (which in Alexandria's West End exceeds 27 percent), financial investment in existing buildings, a lower environmental impact than demolition and new construction, and the creation of new high-quality amenities.

Los Angeles-based Lowe acquired the property earlier this year. The company's other major project in Alexandria was the new location of the National Science Foundation, which moved from Arlington to Alexandria last year.

—Guy Land



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FCA hosts VDOT briefing on Shirlington circle

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) representatives Olivia Daniszewski, EIT, Engineer, Preliminary Engineering, and Tim Remy, consultant to the project, updated residents on their study of the I-395 Shirlington interchange at the June 13 Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) meeting.

Better known as the Shirlington circle, the interchange poses a number of issues for drivers, including short merge lanes and complicated traffic patterns that have made the area a crash hot spot.

Daniszewski and Remy began their presentation by emphasizing that VDOT's work is just a study at this point, and changes will not be made in the near future. The purpose of the study is to identify safety and operational issues and develop recommendations for improving the interchange.



Shirlington Civic Association Vice President Richard Alder picked up presentation materials and spoke with VDOT presenter Olivia Daniszewski after the meeting. Photo by Guy Land.

The limits of the study include the ramp from Glebe Rd. (Route 120), the intersection of Shirlington Rd. and Arlington Mill Dr., and the intersection of Gunston Rd. and Martha Custis Dr. This area will impact several civic associations, and representatives from both Parkfairfax and Shirlington Civic Associations were on-hand to hear the presentation.

Using a combination of police input, field observations, and collected data, VDOT conducted a detailed analysis of the interchange and began developing alternatives for the current structure. The rotary interchange at Shirling-

ton circle is not a common structure and poses unique challenges. High speed ramps and low speed intersections entering the ramps cause operational issues that are the impetus of the study.

Plans for change, called alternatives, include a number of different strategies:

- Alternative S-1: Reduce and repurpose existing lanes, eliminating low-volume lanes to reduce weave movements in the traffic pattern.
- Alternative S-2: Realign Quaker Ln. ramp. This is a crash hot spot and adjusting the approach angle of the ramp will reduce the speed of vehicles entering the interchange and reduce the risk of traffic incidents.
- Alternative S-3: Add a lane to Arlington Mill Dr. exit.
 This area forces a lot of weaving across lanes at high speeds, creating a safety issue. Adding a center lane that allows drivers to turn in either direction will reduce the required number of movements to reach the desired destination.
- Alternative S-4: Create a signalized T-intersection
 with the rotary and Quaker Ln. Another crash hot
 spot, this area could be altered to create a signalized intersection, which would reduce traffic speeds
 and eliminate required weaving from the rotary to
 Gunston Rd.
- Alternative S-5: Create a signalized intersection with I-395 northbound off-ramp and Gunston Rd. Convert I-395 northbound off-ramp to an intersection with signals to control speeds and remove required weaving.
- Alternative S-6: Create a signalized intersection with I-395 southbound off-ramp and Campbell Ave. Proposed changes would reduce queue jumping (when drivers use the exit to merge back onto I-395), control speeds, and remove required weaves.
- Alternative G-1: Merge two-lane west ramp to one lane at Glebe Rd. This is another crash hot spot, with only about 100 feet for drivers to merge while entering the highway.
- Alternative G-2: Shift west ramp at Glebe Rd. to shoulder to increase acceleration distance for merging.

Suggestions made at a prior meeting regarding existing merges onto Gunston Ln. led to the creation of another

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Meet one of two new vendors at the farmers market



Summer is here and the Fairlington Farmers Market is going strong.

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some Acme Pie Co. favorites for July 4th celebrations.

While you're at the market, visit our two new vendors, Chase Your Tail Bakery and Number One Sons. They have appreciated the warm welcome from Fairlington residents and are excited to be part of our market family.

In this *Bulletin* and next month's issue, we'll introduce you to the new vendors one at a time.



Chase Your Tail Bakery, new to the market this year, bakes handmade treats that have been people- and pet-pleasers. Photos by Guy Land.

Chase Your Tail Bakery: From farm to treat jar

If you have pets and they seem a little more excited than usual when you get home from the market, they may be expecting a treat from Chase Your Tail Bakery. The bakery specializes in handmade dog treats, dehydrated sweet potatoes and chicken, fresh and dried catnip, and doggie popcorn.

Based in Leesburg, owners Deb Matthews and Chey Larson are passionate about using products from local farmers. They have their own chickens and use their eggs to make dog treats. Milk and sweet potatoes are sourced from farms in West Virginia, and apples from local orchards. They also grow their own catnip.



The Virginia Cooperative Extension (housed in the FCC) Master Food Volunteers offer infused water to young Fairlingtonians as part of the 'Rev Your Bev' program to raise awareness about the hidden sugar in drinks.

Chase Your Tail Bakery is one of the few dog treat vendors accepted into the Virginia's Finest® program, created by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to enhance the economic opportunities and success of Virginia's specialty food companies, processors, and agriculture producers. Stop by to see the wide variety of treats available to bring home or give as gifts!

See you at the market!

—Lynne Blasi



In honor of the Washington Capitals' Stanley Cup win, market staff created a Fairlington Farmers Market award replica.



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Fairlington's 75th lookback: Getting around

Few factors have influenced Fairlington more than the need to get around. From the 1770s and John Carlyle's horse breeding farm at his Morven plantation (located roughly at S. 30th and S. Columbus Sts.), to the 2018 vote by Fairlingtonians living along I-395 and its King St. exit about whether sound barriers should be constructed as HOT lanes are extended toward the District of Columbia, transportation has been a continuing preoccupation.

The Carlyle plantation and its surroundings remained largely rural into the late 1870s. When the plantation was sold to Courtland Hawkins Smith in 1879, it was renamed Hampton, but the tradition of horse breeding continued with stables standing about where the Fairlington firehouse now stands.

In the decades before Fairlington was built, part of what is now South Fairlington was used as a landing field. "One patch in South Fairlington was used as a landing field: It wasn't much of a landing field. Didn't have a hangar or a name." The field ceased being used as an air strip around 1934 when "the residents of nearby Seminary Hill banned local flying activities after a fatal crash."



S. Abingdon St. and S. 31st Rd. in 1943. Photos courtesy National Archives.

When construction began in 1942, Shirley Highway (now I-395) ended at Fairlington and, as the first residents arrived, transportation continued to be a concern. "Housewives had to walk up to three-quarters of a mile along unpaved streets and across muddy fields, children in tow, to the town's only bus stop, there to wait for one of the two buses a day that linked the community to downtown Alexandria; all that to buy even as little as a quart of milk.... Those who worked at the Pentagon or other government buildings had to tramp through the

same muddy streets and fields and wait in long lines, sometimes for hours, for the same overcrowded buses; it took them up to two hours sometimes to travel the few miles to work."



Quaker Ln. and King St. in 1943.

By the time of Fairlington's conversion to condominiums in the mid-1970s, significant transportation improvements had been made. The construction of the Metro, the addition of bus routes to the Pentagon and Ballston Metro stations, and the addition of express lanes on I-395 all contributed to greater choices—if not to greater speed—in getting around and in to the District.

More recently, a bus terminal was constructed in Shirlington; bicycle lanes were added as street repaving occurred; rental bicycles were offered; and an electric car charging station was installed in North Fairlington. All of these occurred in the interest of advancing the choices for getting around.

—Cindy Kunz

*All quotations from Catherine D Fellows, *Fairlington at Fifty: May 1943–May 1993 – The Catherine D. Fellows Memorial Edition*. The Fairlington Historical Society, 2012.

Save the date: 75th anniversary celebration

On Saturday, October 20, the FCA and Fairlington Histocial Society are planning a community-wide 75th anniversary celebration. Details will be announced in future issues of this *Bulletin*.

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alternative that would involve extending the existing lanes to create a more cautious merge condition. In heavy traffic, this would cause drivers to slow down in place of a signal requiring a complete stop.

Remy noted these alternatives are not necessarily standalone improvements, but could be combined as needed. The study, budgeted at \$1.6 million, also includes an examination of the funding needed for major improvements, which is not currently budgeted.

Public information meetings have allowed VDOT to gather additional information as they prepare plans, and they continue to collect suggestions from residents. FCA Director Hugh Baumgardner asked about interrupting the circular flow of traffic in the area at rush hour, which allows for a continuous flow of vehicles. FCA Director Jennifer Davies and other residents echoed this sentiment and outlined similar issues, including the high density on Quaker Ln. during morning and evening rush hours.

At the meeting, numerous suggestions were offered regarding Shirlington Rd., especially the Shirlington Rd. and rotary merge. FCA Treasurer Ed Hilz suggested altering the traffic pattern where drivers exit onto Shirlington Rd., as left-turn traffic backs up onto the ramp in that location. He also noted the damage to pavement markings, which Daniszewski noted was being fast-tracked for improvement should the budget allow.



Olivia Daniszewski presented multiple alternatives to improve navigation at the Shirlington interchange and surrounding roads. Photos by Guy Land.

If such funds are available, VDOT intends to make other basic improvements such as repairing and replacing existing interchange lighting, adding signage to improve navigational clarity, and trimming overgrown vegetation.

Currently, there is no dedicated funding for major improvements to Shirlington circle. VDOT will continue analyzing alternatives throughout the summer and will hold a final public information meeting in the fall. There, they will present what items have



VDOT's Tim Ramey and Scott Buchanan, President of Parkfairfax, discussed the Shirlington circle study, which will also impact that neighborhood.

moved to the top of their list of improvements. Next steps for the study include an operational analysis and cost estimates. A final report will be issued later this fall.

—Lindsay Willmann

Fairlington condo presidents get together

On May 14, a representative from each of the seven Fairlington condo boards and the one homeowners' association board met to share ideas and experiences.

Let's face it ... We have eight separate associations but we all live in the same neighborhood. How different could our issues be?

Our first meeting enabled us to get acquainted with each other and discover the pressing issues faced by each association. Many topics were touched on with the goal of pursuing them in-depth at future meetings.

There were lively discussions about the FiOS installations, opening of the pools, communications with residents, handling violations, maintenance issues and costs, and, of course, trash and recycling. We also touched on Fairlington's 75th anniversary.

The group's goal is to stay in touch and to meet quarterly. There is a lot of information that we can share—common issues that we can conquer through strength in numbers and best practices to benefit all.

—Thora Stanwood





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Virginia Senate approves special resolution commending Fairlington



Sen. Adam Ebbin, who spoke at the May FCA meeting, introduced a resolution that was approved by the Virginia Senate to commend Fairlington during its 75th anniversary year. Photo by Bob Bradley.

During the April 11 special session of the Virginia General Assembly, the Virginia Senate approved SR530, a resolution introduced by Senator Adam Ebbin. The resolution honors Fairlington during the year of its 75th anniversary. Sen. Ebbin addressed the community in May at the monthly FCA meeting.

The resolution recognizes the history of Fairlington, built during the early 1940s as wartime temporary housing for defense workers during World War II, converted to a condominium community in the 1970s, and now housing approximately 7,500 residents in a thriving neighborhood.

Fairlington was added to the Virginia Landmarks Register in 1998 and the National Register of Historic Places in 1999, thanks to the work of the Fairlington Historic Designation Committee, which the Fairlington Historical Society succeeded. The Society and these designations were called out in the resolution.

The FCA was recognized as maintaining the neighborhood's special character, green spaces, and small-town atmosphere. Its work in nurturing a sense of community pride and hosting activities including the July 4th Parade, Fairlington 5K, and farmers market is also noted.

SR530 concludes by asking that a copy of the resolution be prepared "for presentation to the Fairlington community as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for its residents' many contributions to Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth as a whole."

Discussions are underway to read the full resolution at the October 20 celebration of Fairlington's 75th anniversary. Look for full details in future issues of this *Bulletin*.

To read the full resolution, visit https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?182+ful+SR530.

—Christine Chirichella

Abingdon's Little Presidents make it to the big leagues



As promised by the Washington Nationals after they met Abingdon's Little Presidents last Halloween, the Racing Presidents challenged the little leaguers to a race on June 9 at Nationals Park. Here, both sets of presidents pose before the game. Photo by Catherine Ladd.

Pre-order your Fairlington commemorative ornament



The FCA and Fairlington Historical Society (FHS) are taking pre-orders for this special brass-plated ornament to commemorate Fairlington's 75th anniversary this year. The price per ornament is \$10.00.

To order, email FCA Director, Rebecca Sayres, rsayres@ yahoo.com, to indicate how many you wish to purchase. There will also be a table and sample on display in the Fairlington Villages Community Center parking lot at the July 4th celebration to place orders. To pick up and pay for the ornament, come to an FCA monthly meeting. For now, we will accept cash or check only (payable to FCA). By early fall, we may be able to accept major credit cards.

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DASH fares increase July 1

Effective July 1, Alexandria Transit Company has implemented new fares for DASH buses. The base fare increases from \$1.60 to \$1.75, and monthly DASH pass from \$40 to \$45. In response to passenger input, the unique four-hour transfer privilege will be maintained for those using SmarTrip cards.

DASH has for the first time introduced reduced off-peak fares for seniors and disabled persons. Passengers with a senior/disabled SmarTrip card will now pay \$1.00 when boarding weekdays before 6 am, between 9 am and 3 pm, or after 6 pm, as well as all day on weekends and holidays.

Visit www.dashbus.com for complete details.

WMATA announces new Pentagon City bus loop from Parkfairfax

Since 2015, Metrobus 22A has been providing Parkfair-fax with midday, evening, and weekend bus service to and from the Pentagon via I-395. In an effort to better serve the community, Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has altered the 22A route to include a Pentagon City "loop" seven days a week, providing direct service from Parkfairfax. With a stop in both directions at S. 12th St. and S. Hayes St., the new 22A service provides an additional transfer option for Metrorail Blue and Yellow lines.

—Bob Gronenberg, Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee (both bus articles)

Fairlington Park field open for play



Renovation of Fairlington Park at the Fairlington Community Center began in May. The playground will be closed during much of the work, but the field and most of the track remain open. Activities at the community center, including the farmers market, also continue during construction. Photo by Guy Land.

Celebrate, continued from page 1

New this year, the popular Fairlington Farmers Market vendor, Mama's Donut Bites, will sell fresh, hot donuts. Be sure to bring your wallet to enjoy these tasty treats. You may also want to pre-order your Fairlington 75th anniversary commemorative ornament, which will be on sale for \$10 a piece during the event (see page 15 for details).



Farmers market favorite Mama's Donut Bites will join the July 4 festivities with donuts, for sale at the post-parade celebration. Photo by Guy Land.

Over the past 16 years, Fairlington's No Kid Hungry Bake Sale has raised more than \$20,000. Contribute to this great cause and join in the fun by purchasing goodies for family and friends during the post-parade gathering. If you'd like to donate your favorite baked goods (please, no frosting or fillings to melt in the heat), deliver them to the tables set up by coordinator Robin Weinick at the FVCC between 9 and 9:30 am, before the parade begins.

Later in the evening—depending on the weather—you may be able to see some of the fireworks on the mall from several Fairlington locations. A popular one is roughly the corner of S. Abingdon and S. 29th Sts., though the growth of trees at the end of 29th has somewhat reduced the visibility. The fireworks usually start a little after 9 pm.





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Protect yourself from mosquitoes

In recent years, reports of the Zika virus had many Fairlingtonians concerned about outbreaks occurring in the neighborhood. But in reality, the West Nile Virus is the most common virus spread by mosquitoes in the United States.



Mosquito. Photo courtesy of CDC.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there have been more than 5,700 cases of Zika reported in the United States, with most of the cases in travelers returning from affected areas. More than 2,400 pregnant women have shown

lab evidence of the infection. There is no evidence as yet that the Washington, D.C., area is at high risk.

Arlington County's public health director, Dr. Reuben Varghese, who spoke at an FCA meeting a few years back, explained that Arlington has issued a phased,

risk-based response that includes public health interventions appropriate to the level of Zika virus risk in the community. The county's response is based on guidance from the Virginia Department of Health and the CDC.

To reduce your risk of getting bit, the county is promoting DRESS – DRAIN – DEFEND again this year. Recommendations to reduce exposure to mosquitoes include:

- DRESS in long sleeves and pants and be sure to wear socks
- DRAIN or dump all sources of standing water to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Clean out birdbaths once a week. Turn over or remove containers in patios where rainwater collects, such potted plant trays, buckets, and toys.
- DEFEND by using an Environmental Protection Agency-registered, effective repellent, such as DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, and IR3535.

For more information on mosquitoes and the Zika virus, go to cdc.gov/zika and health.arlingtonva.us.

—Christine Chirichella

Get prepared for hurricane season

Whipping winds, torrential down-pours, power outages, and floods—hurricane season in the Atlantic brings a host of dramatic and dangerous weather with it. Hurricane season began June 1 and runs through November 30.

This season, the National Weather Service has predicted there will be 14 named storms, seven hurricanes, and three major hurricanes in the Atlantic Basin. Hurricane

Alberto, the first named storm of the season, made landfall in Florida on Memorial Day as a subtropical storm.

Fairlington is not immune from calamitous weather events and their byproducts. Fallen trees and power outages have been experienced by the community over the years. To mitigate damages, it's important to get prepared now.

Arlington County residents can stay informed of severe weather and impending emergencies by enrolling in Arlington Alert (ArlingtonAlert.com). Enrollment will



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—Rebecca Sayres

Pedestrian safety in Fairlington

One of the joys of living in Fairlington is the perfect setting. We live in a garden with homes, sidewalks, and streets thrown in. The meandering streets and paths make for a great place to bike, jog, or walk. The very setting, however, can lead people to let down their guard when it comes to pedestrian safety.



The crosswalk at the Fairlington Community Center is a known blind spot for drivers; pedestrians should proceed with caution. Photo by Bill Russell. We share the roads with other pedestrians, joggers, bicyclists, and motor vehicles, and that can lead to potentially dangerous situations unless everyone is aware and considerate of others. While much of the safety problem comes

from other sources, especially motor vehicles, pedestrians need to take responsibility for their own safety.

1. Be visible. Wear bright clothes and have reflective clothing or lights at night.

- 2. Be aware of your surroundings—some places are higher risk. The crosswalks to Bradlee and Fairlington shopping centers often have heavy traffic. Within Fairlington, some of our crosswalks are blind spots for drivers, particularly the traffic circle at the community center.
- 3. Try to use crosswalks. Pedestrians stepping out from between parked cars are not always easy to see.
- 4. Don't wear headphones while running on streets. You can't hear what you can't hear.
- 5. Walking or jogging while using your smartphone is unsafe. Stop, get out of the street, or step aside on the sidewalk to take the call or send the text.
- 6. Don't expect motor vehicle drivers to yield to you.
- 7. Don't run or walk side-by-side in the streets. Our streets are narrow and buses especially may not have room to avoid you.
- 8. Distraction is the major cause of the big increase in pedestrian deaths the past 10 years. Don't be so distracted that you are unaware of safety hazards.

If you'd like to follow pedestrian safety issues, join the Fairlington Pedestrian Safety Group on Facebook.

—Bill Russell

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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 had a fun visit to the Fish Market in Alexandria for the lobster special.

Here's what's planned for July:

Thursday, July 5, 6:30 pm, Laporta's Restaurant, 1600 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314, 703-683-6313. Based on the interest among several of our members in dining Italian, we returned to this charming local restaurant last year to rave reviews. There is free parking to the right of the front door.

Monday, July 23, 6:30 pm, Samuel Beckett's Irish Gastro Pub, 2800 S. Randolph St., Arlington, VA 22206, 703-379-0122. This is an alternate burger night for us in Shirlington, which we've enjoyed at previous visits. There is a special burger menu on Mondays, and the rest of the menu is also 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, email carol_dabbs at yahoo.com.

Book Group

Join the Fairlington Book Group in July to complete our discussion of *Theodore Rex*, a biography of Theodore Roosevelt by Edmund Morris. Because of the length of the book, we are tackling it over the course of two months.

"In Edmund Morris, a great president has found a great biographer." —The Washington Post

The Book Group welcomes first-time visitors and dropins. No commitment required! We are meeting on Tuesday, July 24, at 7:30 pm in the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. We hope you'll join us.

Card players welcome

Join your Fairlington neighbors for a friendly game of Canasta. Some card playing experience is helpful, but we are happy to teach you the rules of Canasta. The group meets Tuesday mornings at a local church hall near Fairlington. Call Carol Ann at 703-931-8533.

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. For more than 30 years, Fairlington families have been exchanging free babysitting services using a card system. 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.

Fairlington MOMS Club

The MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington VA® is a group for moms of young kids to find friends, get support, and have play opportunities for the kids. The Club participates in a number of annual service projects to help our community, four big annual parties, routine playdates and crafts, and moms' night outs. We have a great list-serv for sharing advice and connecting to other Fairlington families. We welcome all moms! Please email fair-lingtonmomsclub@gmail.com for information on joining and visit us online at www.fairlingtonmomsclub.com. \$30 in annual dues goes to support the club's work and service projects. The MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington VA is the local chapter of International MOMS Club®.

Ticks and Mosquitos and Other Bloodsuckers

This free workshop will be held on Thursday, July 12, from 7 to 8:30 pm at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Rd., Alexandria. Extension Master Gardeners will teach you about the mosquitoes and ticks common in our area. We will focus on implementing sustainable options for you and your yard. Advance registration is requested at mgnv.org. For more information, call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

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ABING School news



Abingdon celebrates a diverse community

Abingdon International Night

Hundreds of students, parents, and staff gathered to celebrate the diversity that makes Abingdon Elementary School so special. Abingdon is home to students from more than 40 countries around the world who bring their rich culture and traditions to the school.



The international dance troop performs at International Night. Photo by Carrie Lewis.

The second annual Abingdon International Night potluck featured foods from around the world, cooked and served by Abingdon families. Attendees devoured delicious treats, from Moroccan soup and bread, to Italian pasta and sausage, to Chinese snacks flavored with Hawthorn berries. A world dance group taught by volunteer Abingdon parents delighted the audience with a selection of international dances.

Parents and students were heard expressing great appreciation for the event, with comments like, "It is such a joy to experience the rich diversity of the school while enjoying yummy treats from around the world."



Kindergarteners join science teacher Jordan Kivitz to plant kale. Photo courtesy Abingdon Twitter feed, @AbingdonGIFT.

Green thumbs sprout at Abingdon

With construction finally complete, the Abingdon garden is once again in place. The new site, alongside the school, provides an excellent location for students to explore first-hand how food grows, is harvested, and can be put to good use by those in need.

In May, students, parents, and Abingdon Science Teacher Jordan Kivitz spent one Saturday putting soil on the raised beds and planting cucumbers, cantaloupes, strawberries, and other fruits and vegetables. Later, kindergarteners added young kale plants to the garden.

Food from the Abingdon garden is harvested and donated to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Volunteers are needed to tend to the garden during the summer months. Interested residents can contact deborah.starendoby@apsva.us.

Summer reading adventures

Although the school year has come to a close, Abingdon students will continue to learn and grow all summer long. Students will have access throughout the summer to the myON digital book library. The library contains thousands of enhanced and age-appropriate titles that are dynamically matched to each individual learner's interests, grade, and reading level.

Students and parents had an opportunity to learn about the Arlington Public Library Summer Reading Program and participate in fun literacy activities at Abingdon's final Library Night of the year. Students made pipe cleaner structures based on the book Rosie Revere Engineer; created a bug from recycled materials based on the book Some Bug; designed, planned, and built their own buildings inspired by the book Iggy Peck Architect; and created a puppet show using Gerald, Piggie, and the Pigeon—beloved characters from author Mo Willems.

Abingdon Reading Specialist Erin Watson explained, "Research shows that children who read over the summer maintain, if not strengthen, their reading skills, while children who take a vacation from reading often return to school in the fall having lost ground. The Abingdon summer program is designed to ensure that all children have access to books over the summer so they can continue to develop their joy and passion for reading while maintaining their skills."



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DOWN TO EARTH patio gardening



Popular low-maintenance plants

Frequently, I'm asked about low-maintenance plants. Now that we're in the middle of a typically humid and sticky summer, it's wise to think about specimens which a) tolerate heat, b) don't need regular watering, and c) need little attention from the gardener.

Low-maintenance plants also tolerate drought—think xeriscapes in the southwest where **Yucca**, **Cacti**, **Juniper**, and ornamental grasses thrive in dry desert heat. These are ideal if you have extensive travel plans during the summer.

Below are low-maintenance plants for your patio garden. They are regularly inventoried at all local plant nurseries.

Euonymus: This plant is tough to pronounce and challenging to spell but easy to grow in our climate. The Euonymus genus has both shrubs and ground covers. While the flowers are insignificant (miniscule to the eye), the leaves are showy in variegations of white and yellow. Some markings color the entire leaf while others rim the outer margins.

Liriope: Though noted for being "typical," it's functional in that it flowers (purple or white beads on long stems) from late July into September, is evergreen, has variegation, bears fruit, and seldom dies. It's also one of the most affordable plants. Liriope can be planted in clusters or rows (on the edge of a bed, patio, or walkway). As it ages, it thickens at the root ball. After a few years, divide the plant for added specimens.

Salvia: A Mint family member, this plant stays small (12-inches tall with a similar spread) and loves full sun. It flowers (purple or white) during summer. Rub the leaves between your fingers and you'll inhale a minty fragrance.

Mondo Grass: This sun-loving ground cover has thin, dark green leaves in a "tuft-like" habit. It grows in smallish (four-inch wide) clumps close to the soil. Plant Mondo Grass in clusters and you'll have an evergreen carpet.



Barberry. Photos courtesy Pixabay.

Barberry: This is a plant you want to look at but not touch—it has tiny appendages that can stick you. Its maroon, oval-shaped leaves rimmed in yellow offer a break from the typically green foliage in your garden.

Juniper: Nothing handles our intense heat more than this genus.



Juniper.

There are many shapes—some are tall and rangy, while others are dense and roundish. The Wedgewood-blue fruit that clings to the stems is eye-catching. It seems no color combination is more earthfriendly than blue and green on one specimen. The foliage is bristly but stiff and feathery in appearance. Ground cover cultivars have branches that extend and lie on the soil, giving the appearance of a squid.

Ornamental Grasses: Miscanthus

is a common genus and its habit is fountain-like. Some grass blades are one-inch wide while others are as thin (**Gracillimus**) as needles. Variegation can appear as thin or thick lines along the length of the blade while **Zebrinus** has yellow stripes horizontally on the blade.

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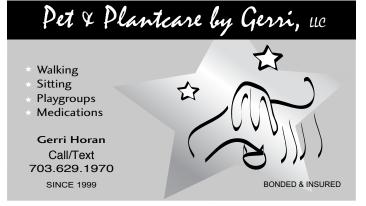
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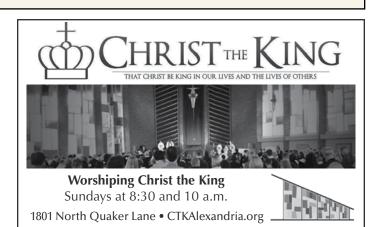
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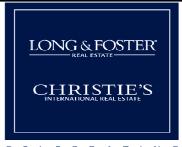
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