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July 4 parade tradition continues



Last year's July 4 parade featured Arlington Police Department motorcycles, traditional fife players, and hundreds of Fairlingtonians. Photo by Guy Land.

As in years past, July 4 means it is time for the annual Fairlington Independence Day parade. One of Fairlington's most popular events, the parade is co-sponsored by Fairlington Villages and the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA).

A true neighborhood celebration, the parade is made up of individuals and families on bikes and scooters, in wagons, and on foot. The parade is also dog-friendly, and many people bring their four-legged friends to join in the festivities.

The parade itself is open to anyone who wants to march. If you want to participate, be sure to meet at the Fairlington fire station at 3116 S. Abingdon St. by 9:30 am so there is adequate time to line up. **The parade will step off at 9:45 am sharp!** While not a requirement, wearing red, white, and blue is definitely encouraged.

As they are waiting for the parade to start, neighbors may pass the time by admiring one another's efforts to festoon their bikes, scooters, and strollers with patriotic streamers, garland, and pennants. Don't forget to bring American flags to wave as you stroll.

New this year: parade time change

This year's parade will step off promptly at 9:45 am (this is a change from previous years). Please gather at the fire station by 9:30 am for an on-time start!

The parade marches along Abingdon from the fire station to the Fairlington Villages Community

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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 10

There will be no presentation at the July 10 meeting. The Board will hold a work session.

Regular board business:

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

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

Online resources:

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www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/traffic/streetlights/index.htm	
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Calendar

July 4 Parade

Thursday, July 4, 9:45 am
Fire Station 7, 3116 S. Abingdon St.
FCC Closed

Fairlington Knits

Monday, July 8, 6:30 pm
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Master Gardeners of N. Virginia class

Tuesday, July 9, 7 pm
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

FCA monthly meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 7 pm
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Fairlington Diners

Thursday, July 18, 6:30 pm
London Curry House
4906 Brenman Park Dr., Alexandria

Fairlington Knits

Monday, July 22, 6:30 pm
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Book Group

Tuesday, July 23, 7:30 pm
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Fairlington Diners

Monday, July 29, 6:30 pm
Ramparts

Lemonade with a purpose



A hot summer day was the perfect backdrop for a lemonade stand. Fairlington friends Evelyn Rives, Coral De la Cruz-Novey, and Zora Young (not pictured) are raising money to publish the book they wrote together. Younger sibling Berth Rives got to help out. Photo by Alicia De la Cruz-Novey.

Contributors this month: Randal Black, Lynne Blasi, Guy Land, Carrie Lewis, Susan Renehan, Rebecca Sayres, Bill Sullivan, Chris Weathers, and Robin Weinick.

Some images in this publication may be digitally enhanced.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To help preserve affordable housing in Arlington, in late 2017 Arlington County created a Housing Conservation District, with 12 parcels of affordable multi-family housing scattered across the county. Park Shirlington and Shirlington House are contained within one of those dozen areas.

The county board tasked staff, in cooperation with a citizen advisory committee, to craft a set of regulatory and financial incentives that would encourage property owners in the Housing Conservation District to maintain their rental property as affordable housing.

In May the staff released a report that identifies two broad strategies to accomplish this: providing additional public funding to subsidize affordable housing development and preservation efforts; and refining land use and zoning controls to allow greater density, where appropriate.

Many of you will recall that in 2013 Home Properties, which at that time was the owner of Park Shirlington, proposed to replace Park Shirlington's existing 294 apartments with 750 new apartments in five buildings that would be three- to five-stories high, with most of the units being market rate with rents competitive with others in Shirlington.

These plans were put on indefinite hold in 2014 when Home Properties announced a change in its business strategy, exiting the new development business.

Standard Property Inc. purchased the property in late 2017, stating its commitment to maintain Park Shirlington as affordable housing. To finance the purchase, Standard received a three-year low-interest loan from the county's Affordable Housing Investment Fund. The financing package contained a requirement that the property continue to be affordable housing for the life of the loan.

When it acquired the property, Standard indicated that it might consider increasing the density on the Park Shirlington site, something which it already has the regulatory ability to do.

As county staff have worked on the report on the Housing Conservation District, they have kept an eye on both Park Shirlington and Shirlington House. Preliminary signals indicate that Standard Property may file a permit application later this year to build additional units at Park Shirlington.

At this point there are no public plans for changes at Park Shirlington. County staff have assured FCA that if a plan is presented, the neighborhood will have a chance to participate in the discussion. This could illustrate the kinds of trade-offs the county is considering as it seeks to maintain the supply of affordable housing.

Guy Land, FCA President
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Primary elections and caucuses bring victories to incumbents, challengers

On June 11, in a much anticipated and highly contested primary election, Parisa Dehghani-Tafti defeated incumbent Theo Stamos in the race for Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and Falls Church City.

The final vote tally reflected a relatively close race, with Dehghani-Tafti receiving 52% of the vote to Stamos' 48%.



At Abingdon Elementary, voters came throughout the day to cast ballots in the race for Commonwealth's Attorney. Photos by Susan Renehan.

In Fairlington's two Arlington precincts, the vote totals looked slightly different.

Precinct 12 ("Fairlington"), which votes at the Fairlington Community Center, gave a slight edge to Stamos with 50.53% for Stamos and 49.47% for Dehghani-Tafti (a difference of only six total votes). Precinct 22 ("Abingdon"), which votes at Abingdon Elementary, chose Dehghani-Tafti by a wide margin with 56.56% for Dehghani-Tafti and 43.44% for Stamos.

Dehghani-Tafti ran on a platform of criminal justice reform while Stamos touted her many years of experience as a prosecutor in the Commonwealth's Attorney office.

Dehghani-Tafti will run as the Democratic nominee when the general election takes place on November 5; a candidate has filed paperwork to run on the Republican ticket but Dehghani-Tafti is heavily favored to win that race.

In the Arlington County Democratic Committee caucus process in early June, Reid Goldstein received the party endorsement in the race for Arlington County School Board. Goldstein, the incumbent, beat out challenger

David Priddy by a margin of 1231 votes for Goldstein to 763 votes for Priddy.

Reid Goldstein is currently serving a four-year term on the school board and has served as chair since July 2018. David Priddy is an Arlington Public School parent and serves on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Equity and Excellence.

Goldstein will be on the ballot for re-election to the Arlington County School Board in the November general election.

Alexandria residents in Fairlington were voting in the Democratic primary for Clerk of Court. Greg Parks, a government attorney and former U.S. Coast Guard JAG officer, won the primary with 56% of the vote, defeating Ben Ortiz, courtroom clerk in Alexandria Circuit Court.



Linda and John Beverly of Fairlington Villages turned out to vote in the primary on June 11.

The current Clerk of Court, Ed Semonian, is retiring after serving in the position for the past 40 years.

—Susan Renehan

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Changes made to glass recycling program

This spring, Arlington County announced it was asking residents to stop placing glass in their blue recycling carts. A significant drop in the market value of glass recyclables means it is no longer economically or environmentally sustainable for the county to collect them via single-stream recycling.



Glass can be dropped off for recycling/repurposing at locations like this one at the Trades Center in Shirlington. Photo courtesy Arlington County.

This is a nationwide trend, not limited to our area. In Fairlington, recycling is provided through Capitol Services, who said they would be making this change as well.

According to a spokesperson for Capitol Services, “We... contacted the recycling center where we drop off your recycling materials and they will not accept glass as a recycling product...glass is no longer economical to recycle. All glass is taken to a landfill per our recycling drop-off center.”

Given the change, Arlington County is offering tips to reduce the environmental impact of using glass food and beverage containers:

- **Buy fewer products in glass containers** and more in recyclable metal or even plastic
- **Reuse glass containers** for new storage and other purposes
- **Drop off glass recyclables** in new, presorted glass-only containers at the county’s two recycling drop-off centers (including the Trades Center in Shirlington; see sidebar for details) for crushing and reuse as construction and landscaping material. More drop-off locations are planned.

For more information, go to recycling.arlingtonva.us.

—*Courtesy Arlington County webpage*

Although Capitol Services no longer accepts glass for recycling, it can still be dropped off for recycling/repurposing at one of the two **Arlington County Recycling Drop-off Centers**:

Quincy Park Recycling Drop-off Center
N. Quincy St. and Washington Blvd., Arlington
Hours: dawn to 11 pm

Trades Center Recycling Drop-off Center
2700 S. Taylor St., Arlington
Hours: Monday-Friday: 5 am to 9 pm; Saturday 6:30 am to 6 pm. Closed Sundays and holidays.

July 4 parade from page 1

Center parking lot, 3005 S. Abingdon St. There are lots of spots along Abingdon St. between 30th Rd. and 31st St. for spectators to watch, wave, and cheer as the parade passes by.

Arlington Police Department officers on motorcycles lead off the parade, followed by fifers in traditional colonial outfits. As in years past, Arlington County Board members will be invited to join the parade; Katie Cristol and Libby Garvey are among those who have attended previously. Finally, the Fairlington fire truck, engine number 107, brings up the rear.

Following the parade, there is a community-wide celebration at the Fairlington Villages Community Center parking lot (3005 S. Abingdon St.) with free hot dogs and cold drinks. There will also be activities for kids including temporary tattoos. In years past, the fifers have put on an impromptu concert for anyone gathered nearby. The new FCA t-shirts will be on sale as well.

If possible, engine 107 will stay for the post-parade celebration so that children of all ages can meet the firefighters and explore the fire truck. Don’t forget your camera—there will be lots of photo opportunities.

The parade and post-parade celebration are only possible through the work of the many dedicated volunteers in the Fairlington community. More volunteers are needed; to help with the July 4 activities, e-mail activities@fairlingtonvillages.com.

—*Susan Renehan*



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Shirlington traffic circle study makes new recommendation

For the past several years, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has engaged in a study of the traffic circle at the Shirlington interchange. The purpose of the study is to improve safety and operations in the area, which has been the scene of a number of accidents and is frequently the site of traffic back-ups.



An overhead view shows the areas included in the study of the Shirlington traffic circle. Image courtesy VDOT.

The project team collected data, put forward eight alternative concepts, presented their findings at an FCA meeting in May 2018, and then held a period of public comments. Based on their research the project team has recommended the concept known as a Hybrid Alternative.

The Hybrid Alternative proposal and supporting materials were presented at a community meeting held in mid-June.

The Hybrid Alternative consists of the following improvements:

- Signalize the rotary at N. Quaker Ln.
- Signalize I-395 southbound off-ramp at Campbell Ave.
- Widen exit to Arlington Mill Dr.

The Hybrid Alternative came about after several different

alternatives were subjected to traffic modeling. The Hybrid Alternative reduces the number of non-signal-controlled entry lanes to the rotary from seven (currently) to three, and it reduces the number of weaving areas within the rotary from five to two.

The area of the study includes the I-395 (Shirley Highway) and South Shirlington Road interchange, the I-395 southbound ramp from Glebe Road (Route 120), and the intersections adjacent to the interchange.

The study, which began in July 2015, consisted of data collection on traffic volume and vehicle movements.

The project is slated to cost \$11.1 million if the work is completed in phases, or \$9.5 million if it's completed as a single project. According to VDOT spokesperson Kathleen Leonard, "There is \$2.5 million allocated toward future improvements at this time. Additional funding sources, including federal, state, local, SMART Scale and NVTa sources would be evaluated."

The final report is scheduled to be issued in the fall of 2019. For more information or to see the presentation materials, go to virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i-395_shirlington.asp.

Master Gardeners to host free classes in Fairlington

The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV) hold a number of educational events throughout the year; in July they are hosting a three-part series held at the Fairlington Community Center (FCC) located at 3308 S. Stafford St.

These public education events for July 2019 are free and open to all, but space may be limited for several of them. To reserve a spot, please register online at mgnv.org/public-education-events/vce-horticulture-programs-registration/.

Please note: these classes are outdoors and seating is not provided. Classes will be cancelled due to severe weather involving high winds, heavy rain, or lightning. Classes will not be rescheduled if this occurs. All classes are free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions? Telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

**Twilight Landscape Gardening I:
Native Plants of the FCC**
Tuesday, July 9, 7 – 8:30 pm

Come learn how native plants have been integrated into the landscape of the FCC. Extension Master Gardeners will lead a tour showcasing both woody and herbaceous plants and their cultural needs. You'll come away with tips on how to choose native plants for your own home garden.

**Twilight Landscape Gardening II:
Easy Low-Cost Landscape Maintenance Techniques**
Tuesday, July 16, 7 – 8:30 pm

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Real estate prices see fluctuations since Amazon announcement

Since Amazon's announcement of the location for their second headquarters, known as HQ2, at the newly anointed National Landing in Arlington and Alexandria on November 12, 2018, there has been an abundance of conversation and speculation about how the DC area residential real estate market will be affected, especially in nearby communities.

The expectation of 25,000 new jobs in place over the next 12 years, associated with one of the most recognized corporations in the world, has raised both hopes and concerns about appreciation and affordability. Just the announcement seemed to create a push of buying activity in the local Fairlington market, where multiple offers were occurring in typically slower months like November and December.

In Arlington County, closed sales went up 28% while

sales contracts went up 19% in December 2018 from December 2017 with less inventory year over year. During most of 2018 and leading into the late fall, Arlington County was a softening market compared to surrounding jurisdictions in the D.C. metro area. This significant rise in sales activity most likely had a direct correlation to the initial Amazon announcement for the county.

In Fairlington, just three or so miles from National Landing, the real estate sales market has been very active since the announcement, however, most of the sales statistics show that the neighborhood was already experiencing a favorable seller's market in 2018.

The number of closed sales marketed in Bright MLS since the Amazon announcement are actually down from 63

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County to study increased density in Shirlington

Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT), the owner of the Village at Shirlington, has filed an application with Arlington County to study an increase in density in parts of Shirlington.

FRIT envisions future residential redevelopment of the surface parking lot at the corner of S. Arlington Mill Dr. and S. Randolph St., as well as the potential for additional office and hotel development.



A map shows the area in Shirlington that is being considered for an increased density designation. Image courtesy Arlington County.

The area subject to the study application is currently designated "Low" Office-Apartment-Hotel, with up to 72 units per acre for residential and up to 110 units per acre for hotel. The property is occupied by a cinema, retail and office development, and a hotel, as well as the surface parking lot. FRIT is requesting an amendment to the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) to designate the property as "Medium" Office-Apartment Hotel (up to 115 units per acre for residential and up to 180 units per acre for hotel).

Representatives of FCA, the Shirlington Civic Association, and the Green Valley Civic Association will participate

in the discussions with the county. FCA will be represented by Board members Chris Weathers and Sara Tuke Carr.

The study will likely analyze the site in the context of the surrounding area and obtain feedback from the Long Range Planning Committee of the Planning Commission on the appropriateness of the requested change.

The scope of the study is expected to include existing environmental and topographical features, land uses, densities, and building heights for the study site and its surrounding area (including 3-D computer modeling), along with a preliminary transportation analysis for the study site and its surrounding area, including recommendations for improvements such as new streets and walkways.

FRIT filed an initial application in December 2017 and amended it to include additional acreage in May 2019.

—Guy Land

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Bathrooms!



Get prepared for hurricane season

Whipping winds, torrential downpours, 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, for the Atlantic Basin, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has predicted a likely



Fairlington is not immune from calamitous weather events and their byproducts. On May 23, after The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for Arlington, a severe storm rolled through the community leaving fallen trees and power outages.

To mitigate damages when these events occur, it is important to be prepared. Arlington County residents can stay informed of severe weather and impending emergencies by enrolling in Arlington Alert (ArlingtonAlert.com).

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—Rebecca Sayres



A lightning strike took out a tree at 31st and Buchanan Sts. during a thunderstorm last month. Photo by Guy Land.

range of nine to 15 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, NOAA predicts four to eight could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including two to four major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5, with winds of 111 mph or higher).

Subtropical Storm Andrea, the first named storm of the season, sustained winds of 40 mph less than 300 miles west-southwest of Bermuda.

New t-shirts est. 2019



The FCA unveiled a new t-shirt design. Shirts will be on sale at the July 4 parade.

Master gardeners from page 9

pruning, propagation of perennials, and edging and mulching techniques on the grounds of the FCC. Weed management practices for lawn and landscape will also be addressed.

Twilight Landscape Gardening III: Small Space Vegetable Gardening

Tuesday, July 23, 7 – 8:30 pm

The FCC has a vegetable garden filled with state-of-the-art techniques for food gardening in small spaces. Extension Master Gardeners will provide tips and tricks for producing food in shady garden spaces and particularly focus on management of common pests and diseases and ways to promote pollinator activity.

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Summer fun at the farmers market

July is a great time to visit the Fairlington Farmers Market! Our vendors will have an abundance of colorful, seasonal fruits and vegetables for healthy summer meals and snacks, and a variety of special events will take place throughout the month that you won't want to miss.



Summer is a great time to check out new vendors at the Farmers Market. Photos by Guy Land.

If you haven't met our newest vendor, Foggy Mountain Pasta, and sampled their delicious homemade pasta, you're in for a treat.

For Gabriel Key, owner of Foggy Mountain Pasta, some of his earliest memories are of good, fresh, and simple food.

Gabriel started cooking professionally in college, but his true professional journey began at Il Cibreo in Florence, Italy. This intense immersion in Tuscan and Italian food, wine, and culture was the foundation for Gabriel's work.

To gain more experience and live in the heart of modern professional cooking, he went to Paris and studied at Le Cordon Bleu. He returned to Northern Italy to study at

the Italian Culinary Institute for Foreigners and worked in multiple Michelin-starred restaurants.

After that he went to the San Francisco Bay Area to work in the then-emerging "farm-to-table" scene with other well-known chefs, farmers, and winemakers.

Gabriel's goal is to bring happiness to a home by sharing food that is comforting to the mind, soul, and heart, while also fostering a local community that is economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable.

Foggy Mountain Pasta's pastry, trinity, and other specialty flours are organic, pesticide-and germicide-free, GMO-free, heritage grain, and stone cold milled in Asheville by Carolina Ground, a woman-owned mill. Gluten free flours are from Pamela's, a recognized leader in gluten free or other specialty flours. Eggs are from small, local farmers. Mangia Pasta!



Foggy Mountain Pasta is a new vendor at the market this season.

The market is open every Sunday from 9 am to 1 pm through November 24, and is located on the back patio of the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St.

—Lynne Blasi

What's happening in July at the Market

July 7: 4th of July Bash. Join us for crafts, giveaways, and—if we have watermelon—a seed spitting contest.

July 14: The Arlington Art Truck presents Futura Percussion 1860. Let Baltimore artist and Guggenheim Fellow Neil Feather be your guide in this journey through science, sound, and history!

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Fairlington associations act to benefit Chesapeake Bay

Fairlington is part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. You may have noticed the blue and green plaques on the storm water drains along the streets. This means that storm water runoff and the chemicals and sediment it carries make their way into the Chesapeake Bay.

Likewise, anything else, such as motor oil and other substances poured into these drains is transported to the Bay. To help protect the Bay, several Fairlington associations are taking advantage of the Arlington County StormwaterWise program that reimburses a portion of the costs of installing storm water mitigation practices.

These practices include rain gardens and conservation landscaping methods to control runoff and erosion. The county gives only ten grants to HOAs a year and Fairlington is fortunate to be recognized for its efforts to sustain the Bay.



Rain gardens have been installed throughout Fairlington to help control standing water and encourage conservation landscaping. Photo by Mark Johnson.

Fairlington Villages has installed nine rain gardens, which are specifically designed to capture runoff and allow it to seep into the soil. The long roots of native plants help the water easily infiltrate into the soil, preventing standing water which can become a mosquito breeding area.

Anne Wilson, Master Gardener and member of the Fairlington Village Grounds Committee, said, "Fairlington is already recognized as a leader in HOA practices that reduce pollution and protect the environment while also reducing maintenance costs."

She added that Arlington County has recognized Fairlington associations for their rain gardens and that Fairlington Villages is the first HOA to receive an Audubon Habitat Certification. "I believe that these recognitions, as well as the citing of Fairlington as a good example of an 'urban forest' in the *Remarkable Trees* book, demonstrate our forward thinking," she said.



This rain garden on S. Utah St. adds beauty to the landscape while controlling erosion and runoff. Photo by Jo Ann Mills.

Fairlington Commons also has received StormwaterWise grants to control erosion. Jo Ann Mills, chair of the Commons Grounds Committee, stated, "For three years, Fairlington Commons has received StormwaterWise grants to slow water runoff and prevent erosion on steep hillsides along South Utah Street by planting native plants."

Mills went on to say, "The resulting natural setting, which includes perennial flowers, shrubs, and trees, provides food for pollinators and birds, beauty for the residents, reduced maintenance, and reduced risk of flooding sidewalks and homes." The Commons has been awarded a grant for this year to continue the work.

The Arbor participated in the StormwaterWise program last year by installing a rain garden and conservation landscaping practices in two other areas. This year's grant will be used to plant native shrubs to control erosion in additional areas.

—Randal Black



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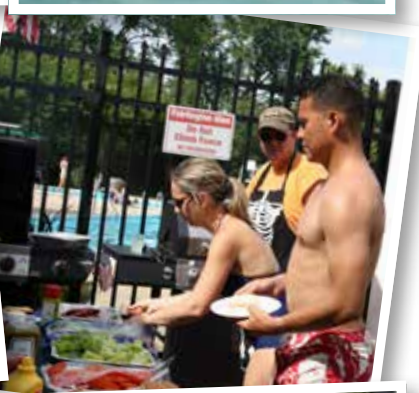
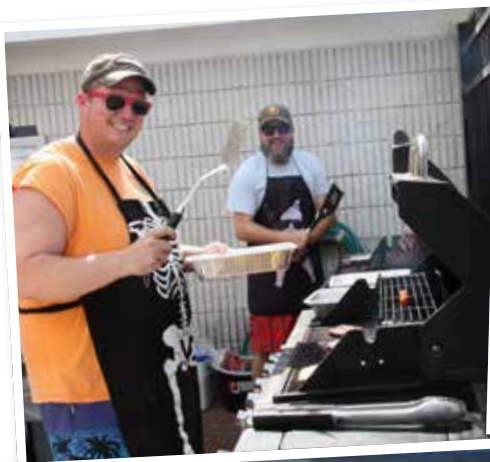
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Summer season is pool season in Fairlington

Many of Fairlington's condo associations hold pool parties to celebrate the start of summer. Pictured here are kick-off parties held last month in Fairlington Villages and Fairlington Glen. Photos by Guy Land.



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Rolling Thunder's final ride



There was a large turnout to see the final D.C. ride of Rolling Thunder on Memorial Day weekend. Fairlington residents gathered on the Abingdon bridge to watch, cheer, and wave flags. Photos by Guy Land.

Letters to the Editor

To the editor,

I'm disappointed that the editors of this *Bulletin* felt it appropriate to post a letter that attempted to normalize an extremist group and their hateful ideology. To borrow from its author, every first-year journalism student learns that while the First Amendment permits extremists to publicly espouse their views, newspapers or community bulletins such as this one are in no way obligated to disseminate them to a wider audience.

To be clear, Patriot Front is a white-supremacist, neo-Nazi group who believe our country should be a white ethnostate, where non-white citizens need not be considered Americans. Furthermore, the group's leader has plainly said, "we're Americans, and we're fascists." And just because their propaganda fails to list their opposition to every non-white ethnic group doesn't mean it's not bigoted, hateful, racist, and wrong.

There may be a debate to be had about immigration in this country. But that doesn't mean that groups like Patriot Front or their racist ideas should be given a seat at the table, or a voice in a community newsletter that promotes unity among neighbors.

Adam Mandelson
Fairlington Green

Dear Editor,

I am disappointed in your decision to print the letter from Mr. Layer in the June 2019 *All Fairlington Bulletin*, Volume 45, Number 6.

The letter reads as an attempt to dismiss numerous Fairlington residents' honest and reasonable concerns over a real-world incident that befell our neighborhood, wherein a vandal came to Fairlington and illegally posted divisive flyers. That incident sparked a mostly worthwhile discussion

within the community and with law enforcement and thankfully has not recurred. Notwithstanding the writers claim, the material was extensively photographed and shared among residents and in news media. Moreover, a man was identified and criminally charged for posting the same flyers elsewhere in Northern Virginia.

Illegal immigration is a complex issue, which merits a constructive, fact-based discussion, rather than sloganeering. One cannot determine who is "illegal" on the basis of their appearance or accent, and organizations that encourage our neighbors to try to do so are corrosive and ill-intentioned. A letter tacitly excusing vandalism that encourages mistrust among neighbors is not part of a constructive conversation.

I hope and expect that you will be more responsible in the future.

Ken Clair
Fairlington Villages

The All Fairlington Bulletin welcomes letters to the editor and will print them as space permits. However, the opinions expressed are those of the writers and do not represent endorsement by this publication or the FCA. In addition, the AFB reserves the right to edit letters for length or clarity, and the AFB may refuse to print letters that are not appropriate for a community newsletter.



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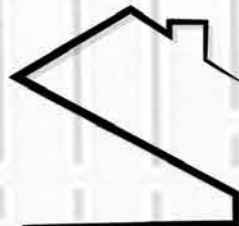


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Abingdon bids farewell to Joanne Uyeda

As the school year ends, Abingdon bids a fond farewell to Principal Joanne Uyeda, who is heading off for a well-deserved retirement. Ms. Uyeda graciously agreed to a final interview as she departs.



Joanne Uyeda has been the principal at Abingdon for the past 18 years. Photos courtesy Abingdon Twitter feed @AbingdonGIFT.

How long have you been principal at Abingdon?

I have been the principal at Abingdon for 18 years. I was also the principal at Glebe Elementary for 10 years and the assistant principal at Taylor for one year. Before going to Taylor, I was the elementary teacher mentor (one year) and started my career in Arlington as a 5th and 6th grade special education teacher at Patrick Henry Elementary (four years).

How has the school changed since you first came to Abingdon?

Abingdon has changed in many ways. When I first became principal

of Abingdon, we had a partial Spanish Immersion program along with graded classes. When they combined Abingdon's Immersion program with Oakridge's program to create Claremont Elementary, we created Project G.I.F.T. at Abingdon. Initially, G.I.F.T. stood for Gaining Instruction Fostering Talents. It has since evolved into Guiding Instruction through Fine Arts and Technology.

What are you most proud of in your tenure as Abingdon principal?

I am proud of so many things, but these particularly stand out:

- Abingdon was the first school in Arlington to eliminate early release Wednesdays. The school system has since followed our lead and there are no longer weekly early release days at the elementary level.
- Our creation of the wheel classes, including STEAM lab, architectural engineering, and Living Histories. I believe we are still the only school in the country offering an architectural class at the elementary level.
- Our work on the integration of 1:1 devices. Our staff and community have really embraced integrating technology across the curriculum as a creation tool.
- Our 12-year partnership with the Kennedy Center. We are the only Arlington school to be a CETA (Changing Education Through the Arts) demonstration school.

- Our partnership with Teachers College at Columbia University, where staff developers work with our staff for 12 days during the school year on readers and writers' workshops. The county has since followed our lead and adopted Teachers College units of study in reading and writing as well.
- The first summer Book Mobile—the county has since followed with the Book Trolley.

All of these efforts have been grassroots and have stemmed from the creativity of the Abingdon staff.



What makes Abingdon such a special and unique place?

The students, staff, and community make Abingdon such a cohesive and fun place to learn and work.

What do you think the future holds for Abingdon?

The future only holds great things for Abingdon. In addition to all of the creative programs and partnerships,

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July 4 bake sale raises money for childhood hunger

After the annual 4th of July parade, join us for the 17th Annual Fairlington No Kid Hungry Bake Sale, presented nationally by Share Our Strength. The bake sale will be held at the conclusion of the parade at the Fairlington Villages Community Center (FVCC) parking lot, 3005 S. Abingdon St.

Over the years, Fairlington's efforts to end childhood hunger in America have raised more than \$21,000. Contribute to this great cause and join in the fun by purchasing goodies for family and friends.

If you'd like to donate your favorite baked goods



Volunteers at last summer's bake sale. Photo by Guy Land.

(please, no frostings or fillings to melt in the heat), deliver them to the tables set up at the FVCC between 9 and 9:30 am, before the parade begins.

If you would like to help set up and/or sell at the No Kid Hungry bake sale on July 4—or if you can't make it that day and would like to make a donation to this worthy cause—please contact coordinator Robin Weinick at rweinick@gmail.com.

Please contribute lots of baked goods, come hungry, and help

us make a generous donation to the No Kid Hungry campaign!

—Robin Weinick

Real estate from page 11

to 48 through the first four months of 2019 from the same time period a year prior. The total time on the market for these closed sales to secure a contract went from nine days to seven days, year over year, showing a strong seller's market continuing to flex its muscle.

The glaring statistic for 2019, thus far, is related to inventory. New listings marketed in the MLS are down 28% in the first four months this year from 2018. The median price for closed sales in Fairlington marketed in the MLS jumped close to 5% from the first four months of 2018 to the same time frame this year.

Clarendon I models with the traditional, three finished levels appreciated from a sales price average of \$477,431 to \$503,205. With the limited inventory, most sales in Fairlington this year have been competitive situations with multiple buyers submitting offers on the same home.

Amazon's announcement may be playing a role in motivating more buyers to purchase in Fairlington, however the biggest factor on appreciation appears to be the limited amount of homes available for purchase in the face of high demand. In addition, interest rates have stayed relatively low, even retracting from 2018, which has kept many buyers eligible to purchase.

There is no doubt that Fairlington is experiencing accel-

erated appreciation in 2019. As Amazon establishes their initial presence in the near future and creates jobs over the next decade, it will be interesting to monitor how the Fairlington housing market adjusts from our current conditions.

—Chris Weathers
Statistics courtesy of Bright MLS.

School News from page 23



I can't wait to see how our students and staff blossom with the support of Amazon and their generous grant.

Anything else you would like to add?

It has been such a pleasure to work with such talented and creative students and staff. The memories of my 18 years with students, families, and staff will always be dear to my heart.

Thank you Ms. Uyeda, and happy retirement!!

—Carrie Lewis

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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 re-visited the Fish Market on lobster night, consuming a variety of seafood.

Here's what's planned for July:

Thursday, July 18, 6:30 pm, London Curry House, 4906 Brenman Park Dr., Alexandria, 703.419.3160, londoncurryhouse.com. A *Washingtonian* review in March indicates that, "This Cameron Station dining room was recently taken over by a group including Dip Raj Magar, owner of Alexandria's esteemed Royal Nepal. The menu has been overhauled. At Royal Nepal, Magar is known for head-turning presentations." Please let Carol know if you plan to attend no later than 6 pm on Wednesday, July 17.

Monday, July 29, 6:30 pm, Ramparts, 1700 Fern St., Alexandria, 703.998.6616, rampartstavern.com. We'll return to this perennial local favorite on a Monday, when they offer a special price on hamburgers (and turkey burgers, and the occasional fish burger) with the purchase of any beverage. 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, send your email address to carol_dabbs at yahoo.com.

Book Group

Join the Fairlington Book Group in July to discuss *Sleep No More*, a short story collection by English mystery writer P.D. James.

The book is a "sophisticated collection of 'six murderous tales,' all stylishly told and worthy of being read aloud by the fire."—Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times Book Review*

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, July 23, 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, July 8, and Monday, July 22, from 6:30 to 8 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

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Summer patio garden's All-Stars

In Major League Baseball, the upcoming All-Star Game featuring the game's top performers is referred to as the Midsummer Classic.

In the natural world, there are some most valuable "players" as well. And they are free to view, touch, and smell. Northern Virginia residents (mostly myself) whine about the summer humidity but there are some plant specimens which rely on heat to flourish. Take time to notice them while you're driving around in your air-conditioned vehicles this month. Here are three summer showcase specimens.

Hydrangea: This deciduous shrub flowers in pink, blue, white and even pink & blue on the same specimen. The flowers are mini pom poms the size of softballs. Its Latin name is *hydrangea macrophylla* (large flower). They fill the roundish habit as do the broad leaves to give the shrub a dense, full appearance. Additives can be added to the root zone (soil) to produce pink or blue flowers.

The drawback to hydrangea is six months of bare branches when the leaves drop (which are noticeable due to its size of four-feet tall and five-feet wide. So, it's wise to have some evergreen plants nearby so your garden isn't devoid of foliage all winter.

Hydrangea has other species, including panicle (an upright grower with white flowers), oak leaf (a sprawling shrub that reaches six-feet tall and ten-feet wide) and climbing (a deciduous vine with white flowers in summer). Oak leaf's habit

includes flowers that are nearly one-foot long and leaves that resemble an oak tree but are one-foot long by six-inches wide). You will see the specimens in sun or shade, meaning it's adaptable. New specimens need daily water (in our summer heat) or the leaves will totally wilt.



Hydrangeas are an adaptable specimen and can be seen blooming throughout Fairlington in the summer months. Photo by Guy Land.

Crape myrtle: Take a walk down Utah Street until you reach the softball field. There you'll notice a few of these summer-flowering trees. There are many species which a) flower at different times, b) have different flower colors and c) have various fall foliage. Flowers appear in mid-June and last into early October. For a patio, try a semi-dwarf specimen, which will reach no taller than eight to ten feet. The bark typically is a palomino color though some cultivars (*fauriei*) have cinnamon swirls on the trunk. At the nursery, look for 'hopi' (light pink), 'zuni' (lavender)

or 'tonto' (fuchsia). There's little need to pollard (radically prune) these semi-dwarfs since they have a compact shape and are multi-trunked.

Besides the hydrangea, I've seen only one other specimen with two different flower colors on the same specimen. And that's a crape myrtle which can be seen on a median strip at the intersection of S. 36th and S. Wakefield Sts. (about 50 yards in from King St.). Take a look and you'll notice pink and red flowers on the same branches! Crape myrtles range from eight feet tall to 30 feet tall, depending on the species. There is even a crape myrtle shrub which is no bigger than two feet tall with a similar spread.

Southern magnolia: Grows only from the D.C. area to Florida. It's stately like a white oak or red maple in its beauty and dominance. This tree will reach 80 feet tall and 50 feet at the drip line (its width). While it's an evergreen with its leathery, football-shaped leaves, it does continually drop leaves, giving the homeowner maintenance in the form of continual raking. Even the fruit (a mini football with red seeds in a tightly packed aggregate) covers the ground beneath the tree's canopy. There is one where South Stafford St. runs into South 32nd Rd., just beyond the Fairlington Community Center playground. The magnolia's fragrant flower is white and wide (up to six inches when fully open) and sits atop the branch nestled in thick foliage.

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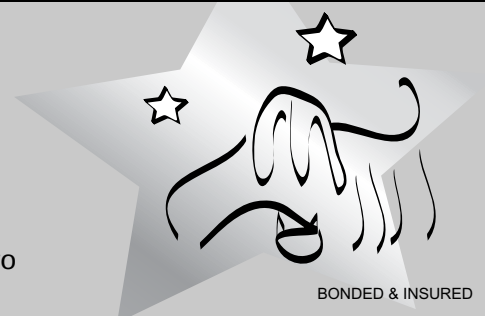


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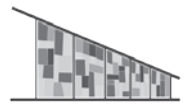
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