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President's Message

July 2026

The Fourth of July Parade is one of Fairlington's largest and best-attended traditions. For many years in our family, the holiday started with the parade with our kids in a decorated wagon, then an early morning hot dog (or two). Afterwards, we would head to the pool for a potluck with friends. The day often concluded behind Abingdon, watching the fireworks—or at least the ones high enough to see. We did not have to go far to celebrate. We welcomed neighbors at the parade, at the pool, and at the pyrotechnics display.

Diversity and inclusion are foundational to stronger communities. When we embrace the different backgrounds, traditions, and perspectives of all Fairlingtonians, we create an environment that enriches everyone.

If you are celebrating this Independence Day here in Fairlington, please welcome a new face in the crowd, cheer on someone you don't recognize

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The Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) will not meet this month, but we hope to see you at the parade.

Happy Fourth of July!



—Jenn Davies, president@fca-fairlington.org.

FAIRLINGTON VILLAGES CONDO ASSOCIATION &
FAIRLINGTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO

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4th of July

ANNUAL COMMUNITY PARADE
SATURDAY, 4TH OF JULY

MEET UP AT THE OLD FIRE STATION 7
3116 S ABINGDON ST AT 9:45 AM

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Come dressed in your best red, white and blue! Decorate your scooters, bikes and strollers. Well behaved pets welcome! ACPD and ACFD will join the fun!

The parade concludes at the Fairlington Villages Community Center 3005 S Abingdon. Following the parade, enjoy free refreshments and community activities. Purchase some baked goods to benefit AFAC.

More Details, Visit: www.fca-fairlington.org

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Fourth of July Bake Sale

Start your baking! The 21st annual Fourth of July Bake Sale will be held following the parade.

Help support the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) by donating baked goods or purchasing treats for family and friends. Drop off baked goods at the Fairlington Villages Community Center parking lot, 3005 S. Abingdon St., between 9 and 9:30 a.m. on July 4. Please avoid frostings and fillings that may melt in the heat.

Parade participants and spectators are encouraged to stop by after the parade. Cash and Venmo will be accepted, and 100% of proceeds will benefit AFAC.

—Robin Weinick

Decommissioning Buildings

The following buildings will be **decommissioned** until needed—taken out of active service and maintained at minimal cost while preserved for future use—to prevent them from deteriorating further.

Facility	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33	FY34
Fire Station 7	- \$100K \$600K							
Hudson Street	- \$150K \$4M							
Culpeper House	- \$50K \$0							
Clarendon House	- \$50K \$1.3M							
Lee Center	- \$150K \$3.6M							
Old Fire Station 5			- \$100K \$2M					
Court Square West							- \$250K \$19.9M	

Legend

- **Cost to decommission:** Varies by facility; may include elevators, fire alarm updates, plumbing, HVAC, surplus furniture, etc.
- ✓ **Deferred maintenance value:** Estimated deferred maintenance backlog



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Image courtesy of Arlington County.

County Moves Forward With Plans for Former Fire Station 7

County’s Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). FCA is working with county staff on a community engagement strategy to help determine the building’s future. Learn more about the [CIP plan here](#).

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July Events Calendar

Interested in having your event included? Email afbeditors@yahoo.com

Fourth of July Parade and Bake Sale

Saturday, July 4, 9:45 a.m.

Former Fairlington Fire Station 7, 3116 S. Abingdon St.

Join neighbors for Fairlington’s annual Fourth of July parade. Gather at the former Fire Station 7 to march to the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 S. Abingdon St., or cheer on parade participants along the route. Enjoy post-parade refreshments and Bake Sale.

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Saturday, July 18, noon

[Ramparts](#), 1700 Fern St., Alexandria, (703) 998-6616

If you plan to attend, please email carol_dabbs at yahoo dot com no later than 24 hours in advance so she can get us the right size table. If you would like to receive a copy of these notices early in the previous month, send her an email to that effect.

Fairlington Book Group

Wednesday, July 29, 7 p.m.

[Ramparts](#), 1700 Fern St., Alexandria

The group will discuss *Heartburn* by Nora Ephron. Please note the change in location, day, and time for this month only.

The group will return to the Fairlington Community Center on Tuesday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 134 to discuss *The Brothers: John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles and Their Secret World War* by Stephen Kinzer. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book.

Fairlington Grandmas Group

Calling all grandmothers—whether or not you have grandchildren currently living in the neighborhood. The group meets monthly, and sometimes more often, for happy hours, coffees, theater outings, and other social activities. For more information, contact Peggy Jondahl at pjondahl@gmail.com.

Fairlington Moms

Are you a Fairlington Mom looking for more support, play opportunities for kids, or a group of friends in the same period of life for some fun? The Fairlington Moms' Club is the place for you. We offer:

- Playgroups for different age groups, accommodating all moms & schedules
- Family holiday-themed events
- Moms' nights out
- Meal trains and support for when you need it most
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Visit the FCA Table at the Farmers Market

FCA looks forward to seeing neighbors at the Fairlington Farmers Market on Sunday, July 12. Stop by the table to learn about upcoming community events and check out FCA swag.

Available items include:

Adult and youth T-shirts — \$20

Toddler T-shirts — \$15

Christmas ornaments — \$15

Tea towels — \$15

Support your neighborhood association, pick up something fun, and enjoy a great Sunday at the market.



Photo courtesy of Field2Table.org.

Farmers Market

Summertime at the Market

July is a great time to visit the Fairlington Farmers Market. Vendors offer everything needed for summer meals, and free activities are planned throughout the month. Follow [@fairlingtonmarket on Instagram](#), [Fairlington Farmers Market on Facebook](#), and subscribe to the weekly newsletter at www.field2table.org for updates.

Free July Market Events

- July 5: Live music by All Stars Jazz; yoga and fitness with Just Move with Joy; Captain Token the Magician
- July 12: Live music by John Kamman; henna tattoos with Henna by Houda; visit with the FCA
- July 19: Live music by Bill Lloyd; Kay Houghton & Associates Free Ice Cream

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Walking Wind and Florist

Our Field to Table monthly event is making patriotic windsocks. Come to the market table to participate in this free craft!

The market is open every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the back patio of the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Learn more at [Fairlington Farmers Market – Field to Table](#).

Special thanks to returning sponsors [Active & Connected](#), [FCA](#), [Fairlington Dental](#), [Fairlington United Methodist Church](#), and [Kay Houghton & Associates](#).

Parking is available on S. Utah St., S. 32nd Rd., in the community center parking lot, or on Quaker Ln. Dogs are not permitted, except for service animals.

Stop by the market tent to say hello this summer.

—*Charlotte Terry*



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When Pain or Poor Sleep Starts Affecting Everyday Life

Many patients arrive at [Fairlington Dental](#) after dealing with jaw pain, chronic headaches, poor sleep, or discomfort that hasn't been clearly explained elsewhere. What tends to feel different is how those concerns are handled. Appointments aren't rushed. Rather than jumping straight to treatment, the team takes time to understand how pain, bite, and breathing may be connected, then suggests practical solutions for symptom relief.

Some patients come in worn down from years of tension or disrupted sleep. Others simply want to understand why something doesn't feel quite right and be offered options for feeling better.

That steady approach brings clarity around what's causing the pain or poor sleep, and meaningful relief. It gives people confidence that their symptoms can ease and daily life can feel better again.



Abingdon Elementary

Update on Abingdon Title 1 Status

The Abingdon PTA recently shared an update following a meeting with Arlington Public Schools (APS) Superintendent Francisco Durán regarding the school's Title I status.

During the 2024–25 school year, the percentage of Abingdon students participating in programs used to determine Title I eligibility fell from the required 25% threshold to approximately 20%. The programs include Medicaid, SNAP, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

APS and the Virginia Department of Education reviewed the possibility of using a household income survey as an alternative measure of eligibility. However, participation rates were too low for the survey results to be accepted.

school year, although a final determination is still pending. School leaders have applied for contingency funding to support positions that could be affected by the loss of Title I funding, and all requests submitted by Abingdon have been approved to date.

Abingdon’s free breakfast and lunch program will not be affected. The school remains eligible through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), and students are expected to continue receiving free breakfast and lunch during the 2026–27 school year.

—*Abingdon PTA*



Dry tolerant native plants in a Fairlington Villages garden. Photo by Leslie Cameron.

For the Love of Nature

Beautiful Landscapes in Dry Times

asked residents to conserve water. Recent rains improved streamflow and upper soil moisture. But groundwater remains way below normal, and we are still more than 7 inches behind average for this time of year.

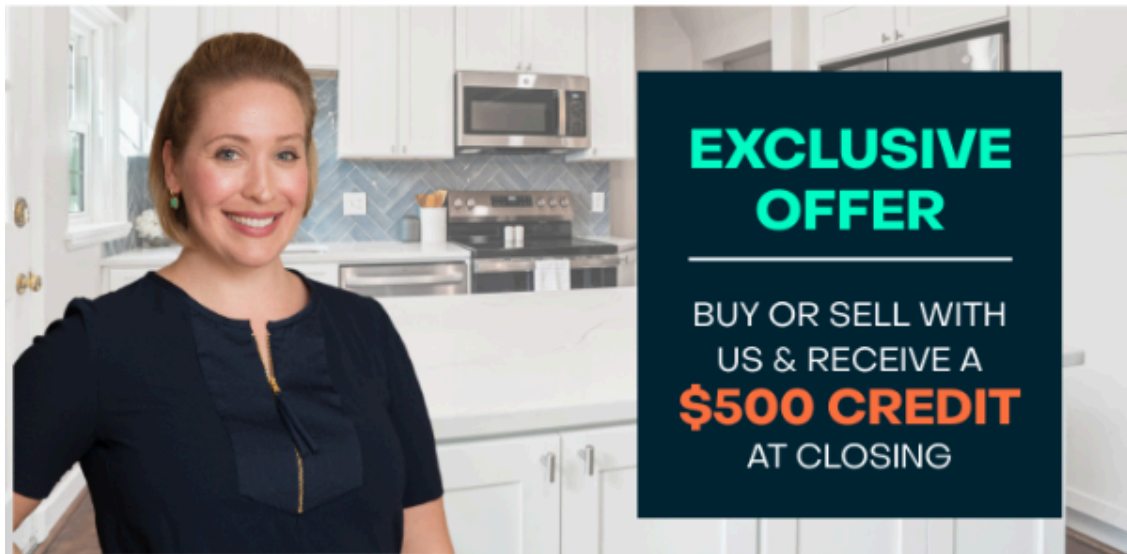
Extended droughts are the new normal. Water-wise habits inside conserve water (shorten showers, turn off water while brushing teeth, do full loads only of dishes and clothes). Outside practices matter too. Fairlington already avoids watering lawns (a plus!). Covering soil with mulch or plants retains water. Soil that is healthy is spongier and does the same. Watering in the morning, deeply and infrequently, or using drip irrigation conserves water. For any new plantings, check for dry tolerance. Trees, shrubs, and perennials planted now will likely beautify our landscapes years from now if they can tolerate dry conditions.

[Extension Master Gardeners](#) have a few plant ideas, plus suggestions for managing drought (& flooding).

—Leslie Cameron



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Government Updates

City Seeks Funding for King Street Safety Improvements

The City of Alexandria has proposed seeking \$27 million in Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE funding for safety improvements along King St. between Quaker Lane and Menokin Dr. The corridor borders Fairlington Glen and Fairlington Arbor.

Earlier this year, the FCA submitted a letter supporting the project following a briefing from the City of Alexandria's Department of Transportation. More information on the project can be found [here](#).

Dual Primary Election Day August 4

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local offices. Arlington County will use ranked-choice voting for the County Board election. The Democratic primary candidates are James DeVita, Julie Farnam, and incumbent Matt de Ferranti.

Virginia is an open-primary state, meaning voters do not register by party. If both Democratic and Republican primaries are held on the same day, voters must choose one party's ballot. Early voting runs from June 18 through August 1. Additional information is available [here](#).

—*Jenn Davies*

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