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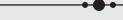
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Back to school, with APS School **Board leaders**

Calendar

FCA Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 7 p.m.



Hurricane season

June 1 - November 30 Atlantic coast

Fair Golds business meeting

Thursday, June 3, noon **FCC**

MOMS Club meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 3:30 p.m. **FCC**

Fairlington Diners

Thursday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. The Fish Market Alexandria

Fair Golds program

Thursday, June 17, noon FCC

Thirty Somethings

Thursday, June 17, 7:15 p.m. Busboys & Poets Shirlington

Fairlington Diners

Monday, June 21, 7:30 p.m. Ramparts Restaurant Alexandria

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On June 9, the FCA will welcome Arlington County School Board chair Sally Baird and vice-chair Libby Garvey, a Fairlington resident, who will provide their special insight into Arlington Public Schools. The school board, with five members elected for staggered four-year terms,



Sally Baird Libby Garvey

meets several times each month to set policies for the schools, hire the superintendent, and determine the annual budget. Ms. Baird and Ms. Garvey report that, despite a particularly difficult budget process this year, the \$442 million APS budget, adopted in April for FY 2011, will have minimal impact on the classroom, with the majority of reductions coming from restructuring of the Central Office. For example, Abingdon's much valued GIFT program was not cut, nor were other exemplary programs. Ms. Baird and Ms. Garvey will discuss why budget reductions were less than originally anticipated and preview what that means for future budget years.

In addition, Ms. Baird will talk about the rebuilding of Wakefield High School. Work on Washington-Lee HS is now complete, and Yorktown HS reconstruction is in progress. Thus, as the school board enters deliberations over the FY2011 – 2016 Capital Improvement Plan, Wakefield becomes the immediate priority. Over the last three years, APS has been working with the community and the county to bring forward a Wakefield design that best meets the school's and community's needs, always mindful of the fiscal constraints of the school system. Although originally slated for a 2014 start date, the Wakefield project may move forward sooner. APS is poised to take advantage of an opportunity presented by the downturn in the construction market—potentially with savings near \$40 million if construction at Wakefield were to begin in 2011.

The school board works closely with their colleagues on the county board, which has the ultimate authority in choosing which projects come before the voters and deciding the amount of taxpayer money that goes to support the schools. Interesting interactions may ensue, report our school board leaders. They look forward to answering your questions on all things APS.

Coming up ...

The FCA Board invites all Fairlington residents to attend its meetings, which occur on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted. If you would like to discuss a neighborhood issue at the meeting, please e-mail president@fca-fairlington.org or leave a voice-mail message at 703-243-1735 by the Sunday before the meeting. You can find more information on the FCA Web site, www.fca-fairlington.org, and by logging on to Facebook and joining "Fairlington Appreciation Society."

Preliminary agenda

Special program: Arlington County School Board chair Sally Baird and vice-chair Libby Garvey will discuss the workings of the school board, the FY2011 budget, and plans for the future.

7 p.m. Regular business meeting

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

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Calendar, cont.

Book Group

Tuesday, June 22, 7:30 p.m. North Fairlington CC

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations on the success of Fairlington Day 2010! On May 15 our community celebrated the county's Neighborhood Day at Utah Park in nearly ideal weather conditions. This event was a team effort—a partnership between residents, the Fairling-

ton Citizens Association, our neighbors in Alexandria and in other parts of Arlington County, as well as county staff members. During four hours that afternoon, the park came alive with the laughter of children, the hilarity over a hard-fought volleyball game, the aroma of hot dogs grilling, and the buzz of conversations between residents and social organizations at the information booths lining the field. (Photos begin on page 10.)

Here are some numbers to remember: 480 hot dogs served; 650 soft drinks, water bottles, and juice boxes handed out; three members of the Arlington County Board (Mary Hynes, Walter Tejada, and Chris Zimmerman) helping dedicate the new picnic shelter; two county police officers and a cruiser on display; dozens of adoptable dogs and cats on parade; eleven organizations represented at the information booths; hundreds of Fairlington residents in attendance; twenty-two staff from the county's Parks Recreation and Cultural Resources Department involved in preparing and helping us at this event; and only two foul balls hit in our direction from baseball games at the adjacent field!

A sincere thanks to the volunteer grillers and food and drink servers—often people had mouths too full to thank you on the spot: Bob Tetro, Arnie Malin, Du Deising, Louise Guey-Lee, Diane Growitz and son, Jason Henney, and Dee Watson. And let us thank, also, the county staff who worked quietly behind the scenes to make "our" day a success: Patrick Mallon, Ward Foley, Robert Upton, Lyndell Core, Glenda Sabouni, Susan Kalish, Tunji Akiwowo, ACPD Captain Michelle Nuneville, and Officer Brian Morrison. Kudos, too, to the eleven organizations who provided information and demonstrations: In addition to the FCA, there were the Arlington County Police Department, the Fairlington Historical Society, the Abingdon PTA and students, the Fairlington chapter of the MOMS Club, the Washington Sports Club, START, A Forever Home Pet Rescue, Homeward Trails Animal Rescue, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and artist Cindy Coldiron. And special gratitude is due to your hard-working FCA officers and board members.

These examples of teamwork and civic pride will continue next month on July 4, when the FCA will co-sponsor with Fairlington Villages our annual Independence Day parade and cookout. Learn more on page 9.

I remain, faithfully,

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Fairlington relies on Fire Station 7

Data compiled by the Arlington County Fire Department for FY 2009 shows that Fairlington residents call upon fire and EMS professionals in very much the same way, and in the same numbers, as do all other county residents. For example, of the year's total 492 response calls to Fairlington households, 294, or 61percent, were for emergency medical services. In the same time period, of the more than twenty thousand calls to AFD throughout the county, 63.2 percent were for EMS. Responses for fire were 1.9 percent of total calls in Fairlington, and 2.4 percent in the county overall. Fairlington percentages in all catego-



ries of calls mirrored the division of calls in the county, with one small exception. For the category "public service/assist," Fairlington's percentage of calls was 9.1 percent, compared to 6.9 percent for the

county overall. AFD Battalion Chief Chris Devers, who spoke at the FCA meeting in April, describes public assist as possibly involving these situations: a child or animal has been left in a car and someone has locked the keys inside the car; someone needs assistance to get up off the floor but there's no injury involved; or someone is stuck in an elevator but there's no injury or entrapment.

Chief Devers reminds Fairlington residents to *not* call the Fairlington firehouse directly in the event of an emergency—instead, for efficient and timely dispatching, call 911.



Catherine Fellows (center) discusses Fairlington at 50 with Adrian and Ed Hilz, FCA treasurer, at the Fairlington Historical Society celebration of Fairlington's 60th anniversary in 2003. Photograph by Guy Land.

Catherine D. Fellows 1931 – 2010

With sadness we note the passing in April of Catherine Fellows, a long-time Fairlington resident since the 1960s, who is perhaps best remembered as the author of our community's official history, *Fairlington at 50: 1943–1993*. A gifted writer, editor, and historian, she had worked for the Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, Time, Inc., and the *Washington Post*. Ms. Fellows was a gracious neighbor to and beloved friend of many in Fairlington, and her loss is deeply felt.

Police reports up, including larcenies from autos

In mid-May, Third District police commander Captain Michelle Nuneville reported that the arrival of warmer weather meant the police were staying busy. In particular, the district saw numerous larcenies from autos involving vehicles parked in or near school parking lots. Most incidents occurred during the evening hours, and most involved the theft of purses, laptops, and electronics. The areas targeted were Wakefield, Kenmore, Glencarlyn, and Campbell. The Fairlington area also was hit by larcenies from autos, usually at night. In some cases the vehicle was broken into and rifled through, but nothing was removed. In two instances, the vehicles were stolen. In addition, Captain Nuneville wanted to report two incidents involving teenage girls. In both cases, the girl was walking alone and approached by a man in a vehicle who asked if she wanted a ride. The suspect did not attempt to grab the girl, but he was persistent in following her, to the point where she entered a safe environment like a business. The description thus far is of a white Hispanic male, driving a large SUV-type vehicle.



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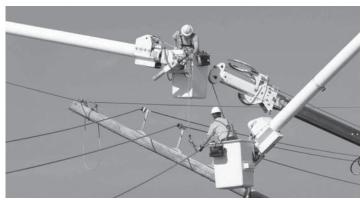


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When the lights go out in Fairlington

Sometimes Fairlington residents can't help but notice that neighbors just across the street have lights during power outages, while their own homes stay dark. To find out the source of these highly visible and annoying differences, the Fairlington Citizens Association contacted Dominion Virginia Power. Thanks to the efforts of Deborah Tompkins Johnson, Dominion Senior Manager in State and Local Affairs, FCA learned that four different circuits supply electrical power to Fairlington, as follows:

- 1. Circuit 489 in North Fairlington: Power comes from the substation on Four Mile Run Drive. It continues to Walter Reed Drive and enters North Fairlington around Buchanan Street.
- 2. Circuit 333 in North Fairlington: Power comes from the substation on Four Mile Run Drive. It continues to Walter Reed, to Arlington Mill Drive, to Taylor (at Arlington County Trades Center), and enters North Fairlington near Abingdon Elementary School.
- 3. Circuit 794 in South Fairlington: Power comes from the substation on Four Mile Run Drive. It continues along Four Mile Run, to Chesterfield Road, to King Street, and enters South Fairlington around Wakefield Street.
- 4. Circuit 341 in South Fairlington: Power comes from the substation at Glebe Road and Route 1. It continues



Photograph courtesy of Dominion Virginia Power.

along the Alexandria streets, from Commonwealth to Reed, to Mt. Vernon, to Braddock, to King, and enters South Fairlington around S. 36th Street.

The description for Circuit 341 shows that most of this route is along tree-lined residential streets in Alexandria, where the power lines are on poles. Consequently, during windy weather and wet snow storms, these power lines are more vulnerable to having tree limbs fall on them. The other circuits follow routes where very little of the power supply travels on similarly placed poles. To see a map of these circuits, go online to the FCA Web site, fca-fairlington.org, click on Issues, then click Fairlington Power Grid.

Storm season tips

Hurricanes: Hurricane season in the Atlantic begins June 1 and runs through November 30. Loads of information about past storms, storm naming, tracking current storms, and preparing for storms is available on government Web sites for the National Hurricane Center, the National Weather Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Department of Homeland Security. For quick links to all, go online to www.nhc.noaa.gov.

Power outages: Call Dominion Virginia Power, 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357), to report power outages or downed lines. Dominion reports that weather events, such as strong winds and lightning, are the leading cause of outages—trees and tree limbs fall on power lines and may destroy a span of lines or tear down supporting structures. When you call to report an outage, Dominion uses your phone number to identify your location. They suggest you add the customer service number, above, to your cell phone.

Have on hand for any emergency: Candles, matches, flashlights (and fresh batteries), non-perishable food items, bottled drinking water, prescription medications and first aid kits, battery-powered radio (to receive emergency information). Pre-set your battery-operated radio to 1700 AM Arlington for up-to-date emergency information including weather emergencies.

If a storm approaches: Use surge protectors; unplug TVs and other sensitive electronics; charge the battery for your cell phone and laptop; fill bathtubs and other containers with water.

Emergency information: Information about how to prepare for any emergency and how to stay safe as a major weather event approaches is widely available. Go online to the American Red Cross, www.redcross.org and click the Prepare tab.

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childhood hunger in America. You can support the sale by baking and delivering your homemade treats on Sunday morning, July 4, between 9 and 10 a.m. to the bake sale tables in the parking lot of the North Fairlington Community Center, where the parade will finish. (Please: No frostings or fillings that melt in the summer heat).

Our neighborhood has proudly contributed more than \$5,200 over the past seven summers to this worthwhile cause and, with your help, we can continue that admirable tradition. Come purchase treats for your family and holiday visitors, and buy raffle tickets to win prize baskets donated by local businesses and restaurants. Remember, every brownie, cookie, and muffin can make a difference. For more information, go online to www.greatamerican-bakesale.org. To volunteer to set up and sell for two hours that morning, or to volunteer to request a donation from a business that you frequent, contact Cathy Malin at 703-931-9260 or arniemalin@gmail.com.

Snow removal ordinance meeting, June 12

On June 12, the county board will hold a public meeting to discuss a permanent snow removal ordinance, which is proposed in response to problems identified during the heavy snowstorms of this past winter. After public com-



ment, the board will vote. If adopted, the ordinance requires all property owners (or occupants or persons in charge) to remove snow and ice on sidewalks adjacent to their property (a minimum of thirty-six inches wide, to accommodate wheelchairs, strollers, and adults with children in hand) within 24 hours after the snow stops falling when accumulations are less than six inches, and within 36 hours when six or more inches of snow accumulates. Failure to comply with the ordinance could result in a civil penalty. The ordinance also prohibits the transferring or depositing of snow and ice from private property onto a county street, transit stop, sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, trail, or any other public property. Doing so could be deemed a threat to public safety, and could result in a criminal penalty of a class 4 misdemeanor. For more information, go online to the county Web site, www.arlingtonva.us, and search snow removal.

Mark your calendars for Sunday July 4th. You don't want to miss Fairlington's popular Independence Day parade up South Abingdon Street, from Fire Station 7 to the North Fairlington Community Center parking lot. Assemble in front of the firehouse for step-off at about 10 a.m., and stay around for after-parade activities, sponsored by Fairlington Villages and the FCA. For those who wish to volunteer, contact activities@ fairlingtonvillages.com. "The parade is a beloved tradition in Fairlington," says FCA president Sam Anthony. "Join your neighbors to celebrate our nation's independence—without having to battle traffic and tourists."



Fairlington Day...where a good time was had by all!





Fairlington Day featured sunny weather, happy crowds, pets, kids, volleyball, and soccer.





Chef Arnie Malin (left) and visiting guest chef Shane Wilkins worked among rotating teams to grill and serve almost 500 hot dogs.

A centerpiece of the day was the ribbon-cutting (at left) for the new picnic shelter in Utah Park by (adults, left to right) FCA treasurer Ed Hilz (in back); Arlington County Board member J. Walter Tejada; Arlington County Board Member Chris Zimmerman; FCA president Sam Anthony; Arlington County Board Member Mary Hynes; and FCA board members Reed Franklin and Stan Hanzel. Above, FCA board member Reed Franklin and Mr. Tejada. Photographs by Gretchen Fallon and Guy Land.





New shirts were sported by FCA board members Stan Hanzel, Carol Dabbs, Ed Hilz, and Christine Chirichella.



Lisa Walthers, of A Forever Home pet rescue foundation, showed off "adopt me" animals.



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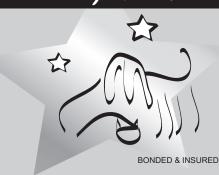
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Construction update

The playground and parking lot will open soon. Phase 2 of renovation, which includes landscaping, courtyards, basketball court replacement, and new pedestrian walkways, is scheduled for completion in June. The athletic field will be closed over the summer as new grass sod is established.

Classes, tots

Dance with the animals, ages 2 to 3 410216A Wed, June 30, 10 – 10:40 a.m., 8 sessions, \$97

Creative movement, ages 3 to 5 410212A Wed, June 30, 10:55 – 11:40 a.m., 8 sessions, \$97

Classes, teens and adults

Cardio sculpt, ages 16 to adult 440345A Mon/Wed, June 28, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., 19 sessions, \$179

Muscle conditioning, sculpting,

ages 16 to adult 440347A Mon/Wed, June 28, 7:35 – 8:20 p.m., 19 sessions, \$179

Tai Chi, beginning, ages 15 to adult

440355A Tues/Thurs, June 29, 6 – 7 p.m., 20 sessions, \$154

Tai Chi, intermediate, ages 15 to adult

440357A Tues/Thurs, June 29, 7 – 8 p.m., 20 sessions, \$154

Basic veneering, adults 440186A Tues, June 29, 7 – 9 p.m., 6 sessions, \$168

Ballet barre, ages 16 to adult 440203A Tues, June 29, 8 – 9 p.m., 10 sessions, \$125

Workshops, adults Signing smart, beginner work-

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440202A Sat, June 26, 2 – 4 p.m., \$34

Upcoming classes—register now

Teens and Adults

Techniques in painting, ages 17 to adult 440141A Thurs, July 8, 7 – 9 p.m., 8 sessions, \$202

Basic drawing, ages 15 to adult 440136A Mon, July 12, 7 – 9 p.m., 7 sessions, \$103

Adults

Design by mosaic

440105A Thurs, July 1, 7 – 9 p.m., 4 sessions, \$101

Shakira-style belly dance

440247A Thurs, July 1, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., 9 sessions, \$89

Yoga for flexibility and relaxation

440919B Fri, July 2, 5:40 – 6:55 p.m., 10 sessions, \$159

Senior center events

Programs run Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for residents 55 and older. Call Emma Valencia at 703-228-7791 for more information.

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FCC hours and contact Info

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, closed.

Hours were effective February 1 but are subject to change. For updates and more information, call the FCC at 703-228-6588. The center manager is Patrick Mallon, 703-228-6590, pmallon@arlingtonva.us.

FCC programs

The FCC has six multi-purpose rooms, art studios, a gymnasium, a state-of-the-art fitness room, day-lockers, accessible pre-school and school-aged playgrounds, outdoor basketball courts, a fitness trail, a playing field, a picnic shelter, and accessible public restrooms. There is indoor open play for children 13 and under in the multi-purpose gym on Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 3 p.m.—children must be supervised by an adult (18 and older). In addition, there are a Senior Program, a creative preschool (three to five years old), parent/child Co-op Program for children one and two years old, and summer camp.

June 4 and 11, Crochet class, 10 – 11 a.m.

June 15, Mental fitness brain aerobics, 11 a.m. – noon

June 17, Understanding hospice care, 11 a.m. – noon

June 18, Nutrition from the garden, 10 – 11 a.m.

June 18, Father's Day picnic, 11 a.m. – noon

Preschoolers graduation, June 4

Although the winter's snow means we are extending preschool until June 11, the Fairlington Creative Preschoolers Program will hold its annual graduation celebration on June 4. It will include games, a moon bounce, and a special show for parents. For more information, go online to www.arlingtonva.us and search Creative Preschool.

Cooperative playgroup

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DOWN TO EARTH patio gardening



Road trip! See the sights, admire the trees, plantings

This month, we'll go beyond the patio gardens of Fairlington, starting with a grouping of trees not far from the firehouse on South Abingdon Street. Turn onto 31st Street South (toward Shirlington) and look left as you approach the garden apartments. Here you'll notice a line of Aesculus pavia (red buckeye) trees. It's the state tree of Ohio and it offers six-inch-panicle blooms in May. Red is a rare color on flowering trees the only other one I know of is the Lagerstroemia indica (crape myrtle) "red rocket" cultivar. There are also a couple buckeye trees on the Shirlington running path along the dog park at Four Mile Run just before South Walter Reed Drive.

Escorting an out-of-town guest in Washington a few weeks ago, I noticed landscape plantings accenting the many memorials. At the Vietnam Memorial, there is a cluster of Cotoneaster apiculatus (cranberry cotoneaster) planted at the feet of three soldier statues. Their boots are encircled by the twining specimen, with small oval leaves and tiny white flowers. I don't know what ground cover thrives in the jungle, but this planting produces the right effect here.

The Korean Memorial features Juniperus communis (common juniper) planted as a ground cover where lifelike soldiers in ponchos are on perpetual patrol. The juniper is planted in thickets between rows of black granite, which conjures images of standing water in a rice paddy. The bluish-green evergreen is delicately pruned so as not to climb too far up the soldiers' boots.



The buckeye tree's colorful blooms are a surprise—they look like red paint brushes held aloft against a blue spring sky. Photograph by Corey Hilz, www.coreyhilz.com.

At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery—not far from the green-canvassed shelter used when lightning threatens—there are two or three mature Fraxinus (ash) trees. In mid-May, branches were full of ivory flower panicles at the branch tips. Also visible were thick clusters of samaras, the same "helicopter-like" fruit of the Acer (maple) tree.

In between thick, rectangular stones at the John F. Kennedy gravesite is Sedum lydium (stonecrop) "flaming carpet," a mat-forming ground cover with red-tipped foliage that grows just two inches above the decorative hardscape.

At night, the Pentagon Memorial is quite moving, with 184 illuminated ponds honoring those killed on September 11. Recently, seven-foot-tall crape myrtles were planted in diagonal rows to soften the stark "floor" covered only with tan pea gravel.

In late June, check out the left-side front of the National Air & Space Museum on Independence Avenue. You will notice Vitex agnus-castus (chaste tree) filled with lavender, cone-like blooms at the branch tips.

—By Bill Sullivan, www.sullivanslandscaping.net



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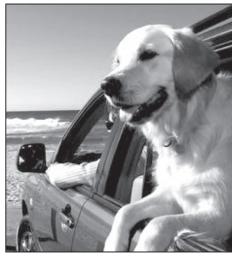
Do your summer vacation plans include your pet? The pet industry is big business (we're talking billions of dollars annually) and, in response, many hotel chains and bed and breakfasts accept pets as standard practice. There is even a new airline that flies only pets!

If you are planning to take Fido or Fluffy with you this year, below are some tips to help ensure that both you and your pet have a great time.

Pack their bags. Take your pet's leashes, carriers, favorite toys, food and water bowls, beds, treats, and food.

Check that your pet is current on all meds and vaccinations. A trip to the vet before you leave can help make sure there are no surprises at your destination, nor diseases picked up along the way.

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Include your cell phone number on the tag so you can be easily reached. If your pet isn't micro-chipped, now might be the time to do this since your pet will be registered in a national database and easier to find.

Buy a proper pet carrier. If flying, be sure that whatever you buy meets federal regulations. Double check any other requirements, rules, and costs with your airline.

Keep your pet comfortable and calm. Travel can be stressful for pets, so talk to your vet before you leave so you know how to best prepare your pet for the trip. Make sure your pet will have access to water at all times and will never be subject to intense summer heat.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals recommends that you take a photograph of your pet with you, as well as affix one to your pet carrier, so that if your pet goes missing, it can be easily identified.

There is a lot of information online about traveling with your pet, so be sure to consult a trusted source to do your research as you plan your fabulous getaway with your pet!

—By Christine Chirichella, AFB Assistant Editor

No bones for Bowser

The Food and Drug Administration issued a reminder to consumers to toss out bones from their meals rather than feed them to pets. "Some people think it's safe to give dogs large bones, like those from a ham or a roast," said an FDA veterinarian, "but bones are unsafe no matter what their size." The dangers include broken teeth, mouth or tongue injuries, and bones or fragments of bones getting stuck in a dog's esophagus or stomach, which might require surgery.

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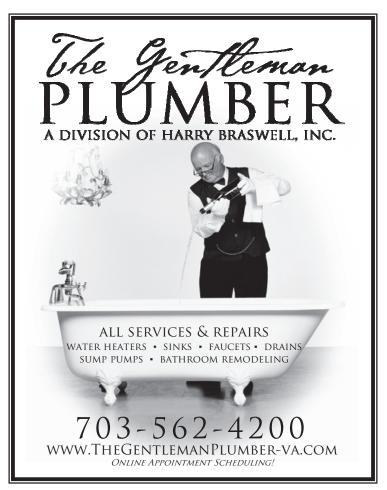








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ABING School news



ABC meteorologist visits Abingdon

News Channel 8 and ABC 7 News meteorologist Adam Caskey visited Abingdon Elementary School May 5 for a special weather assembly. Adam the Weatherman, as the students called him, talked with all of the students in grades two through five about his job as a meteorologist. Mr. Caskey explained how weather balloons, sent up every 12 hours, help to predict the weather by collecting data every second. Even with today's technology, however, predicting the weather is extremely difficult since it's always changing.

Mr. Caskey told the students he's been a "weather geek" since he was in elementary school. His favorite time of the year is winter because he loves snow, so this past winter was especially exciting—and a recordbreaking winter at that. The only part of his job he doesn't like, said Caskey, is having to wear the same kind of make-up his sister wears—a comment that made the students laugh. After the assembly everyone went outside to see the official Storm Chaser Truck he uses, equipped with the Weatherbug computer and a complete weather station.

Fairlington Dental supports Abingdon's science curriculum

Many thanks are due to Fairlington Dental for their continued support of Abingdon Elementary's science enrichment. For the past few years, they have covered the cost of the popular "Raging Reptiles" Day, which is organized by Abingdon's



Fairlington Dental's Dr. Michael Rogers joined students to examine snakes and other reptiles at Abingdon Elementary in May. Photograph by Anne Sywilok.

science lead teacher, Anne Sywilok (aka the "Queen of Science"). Students in grades pre-K through five are given the opportunity for true, hands-on science when Sean the Reptile Man brings a variety of turtles, tortoises, lizards, and snakes for students to learn about and to have a chance to hold.

The program runs all day long, with classes rotating through to discuss concepts, many of which are tested on the Virginia SOLs. Students have the opportunity to learn about the reptiles' habitats, adaptations, diets, predators, and the conservation efforts designed to keep these animals alive. Many of these beautiful creatures would otherwise be seen only at a zoo or in a *National Geographic* magazine.

Abingdon garden receives "black gold"

The Abingdon Outdoor Classroom, run by science lead teacher Anne Sywilok, gratefully received a dona-

tion of 25 bags of alpaca manure known as "black gold" to farmers. The valued donation came from the Full Moon Alpaca Farm in Marshall, Virginia, owned by John and Lee Lane, who have long-time ties to the county and the school. John worked for the Arlington County Police Department for 22 years and retired in 2003 as a lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division. He also worked as a Youth Resource Officer at Abingdon Elementary for two years. In fact, John even volunteered to attend the overnight camping trips to the Outdoor Lab when he worked with Abingdon students. Lee worked for 19 years as an Emergency Therapist for Arlington's Department of Human Services.

After hearing about how successful Abingdon's garden has been as a teaching tool, the Lanes generously offered the alpaca manure from their farm to help enrich the soil in the Outdoor Classroom.

—By Anne Sywilok

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Fair Golds

The Fair Golds, an Arlington County social group in and around the Fairlington area (including Alexandria), meets at the Fairlington Community Center in South Fairlington at noon on the first and third Thursdays of each month, with the exception of the months of July and August when there is only one meeting on the third Thursdays of those months. The meetings begin with a brown-bag lunch. Dessert and beverages are provided.

In June, the Fair Golds will have a business meeting on Thursday, June 3, and on Thursday, June 17, it will have its annual indoor picnic. We always welcome guests and/or new members. The only requirement is that you be over 55 years of age. Please feel free to join us at one or more of our meetings and see if Fair Golds is a group you would be interested in joining. We try to arrange a special program or engage a speaker for the second Thursday meeting of the month. If you would like more information about Fair Golds, feel free to call Gertrude Frankel at 703-931-3759 or Vernette Kukolich at 703-548-8571.

Card Players Welcome

Join your Fairlington neighbors for a friendly game of Canasta. No previous experience is necessary to enjoy this card game. We are happy to teach you. The group meets Tuesday mornings at a local church hall near Fairlington. Call Carol Ann at 703-931-8533.

Fairlington Diners

We're an easy-going group of Fairlington and non-Fairlington friends who gather for dinner a couple of times a month, and focus on having a good meal in great company. Since we didn't get a quorum in January, probably due to the weather, this month we'll go to the Fish Market in Alexandria. And we'll return to Ramparts for our fix of half-price burgers.

Thursday, June 10, 7:30 p.m., The Fish Market, 105 & 107 King Street, Old Town Alexandria, 703-836-5676, fishmkt@starpower.net. We've been here several times; it's always great seafood (although the menu includes other selections) and good company in an informal atmosphere.

Monday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., half-price burger night at Ramparts Restaurant, 1700 Fern St, Alexandria, 703-998-6616. This is a local favorite that we visit almost every month, usually with a good turnout.

Please call Carol to let us know if you plan to attend, so we can choose the right size table when we arrive. Prior to the day of the event, please call at 703-379-6840. On the day of the event, please call by 6 pm. at 202-647-2624. (NOTE: *New number, changed in December.*) Please leave a voicemail if you don't reach Carol directly at either number—include your name and how to contact you the day of the event, in case of a change in plans. If you'd like to be included in our e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to carol_dabbs@yahoo.com.

Fairlington Thirty Somethings

The Fairlington 30-Somethings June Happy Hour will be on June 17 at 7:15 p.m. at the Busboys and Poets bar in Shirlington. Come out, socialize, and meet your neighbors.

The Fairlington 30-Somethings is a social group for people who live in Fairlington. Members range from their mid-twenties to their mid-forties. Singles and couples are welcome. The F30s have monthly happy hours that tend to alternate between Shirlington and another local neighborhood in Arlington or Alexandria. They also sometimes organize other activities, such as attending concerts or plays, or inner-tubing or beach trips. Kavita Kalsy and Jeff Hewitt would love your help with organizing events. If you'd like to be on the e-mail list or help organize, please e-mail kkalsy@hotmail.com or j.b.hewitt@verizon.net.

Fairlington Babysitting Co-op

The Fairlington Babysitting Co-op held its spring quarterly meeting in April at the Fairlington Community Center. Members caught up with each other, met new families, and conducted a bit of business while the children enjoyed arts and crafts.

Fairlington families have been enjoying the benefits of this unique organization for more than 30 years. Parents who are ready for some time away from the kids but don't have anyone to call should consider joining the

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Babysitting Co-op. The Co-op is a network of Fairlington families who exchange free babysitting services. It's perfect for parents who would like to know dependable adults to watch their children and to meet other families in the community. Whether a parent is single or married, working or staying at home, the Babysitting Co-op can accommodate diverse schedules and situations.

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Book Group

We will meet on Tuesday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Fairlington Community Center to discuss *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. For further information, please contact Kavita Kalsy at kkalsy@hotmail.com.

MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington

Are you a stay-at-home parent, pregnant, or on maternity leave, and looking to connect with other Fairlington moms and dads? The MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington, VA© chapter of the International MOMS Club© may be for you.

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Most events are held during the daytime, but we also have occasional weekend events, including quarterly parties, and evening events such as Parents' Night Out. Some examples of our recent activities include a Cinco de Mayo Party, a Parents' Night Out at Let's Dish in Alexandria to prepare meals for the freezer, and a new member mix-and-mingle breakfast.

If you would like to learn more about the club and meet other parents, please join us for our general meeting on June 9 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Fairlington Community Center. Children are welcome. We hope to have a presentation from a Fairlington lifeguard with information about water safety for children. In addition, Jennifer Lindquist of the March of Dimes will recognize the Club's Service Coordinator, Corrie Moncrief, for doubling our 2009 fund-raising efforts for the March for Babies.

For more information about the club, the general meeting, or membership, please contact the Membership VP at fairlingtonmoms@yahoo.com. Annual dues of \$25 support quarterly group functions and community service projects.





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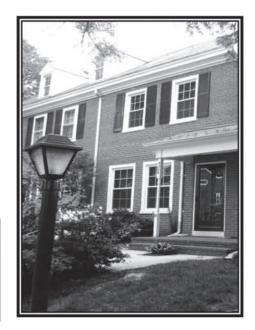


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2 BRs/2.5 BAs Sq ft: 1,088

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