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## *David Englin to report on this year's General Assembly session, redistricting*



*Delegate David  
Englin. Photograph by  
Gretchen Fallon.*

Virginia Delegate David Englin, whose 45th district seat represents parts of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Arlington, including Fairlington, will review the 2011 General Assembly session that concluded in March, when state lawmakers addressed nearly 2,000 pieces of legislation. (For bill tracking, go online to the Legislative Information System, [www.lis.virginia.gov](http://www.lis.virginia.gov).) And he can provide an insider's assessment of the once-every-ten-years special redistricting session that followed the regular GA session, including news of re-drawn 31st and 32nd Senate districts. Now serving his second term in the Virginia House of Delegates, Englin will stand for re-election (currently unopposed) in November.

Some of the successful legislative initiatives that Del. Englin describes from this year's legislative session include:

- Repeal of the accelerated sales tax: It was a state budget "gimmick" that shifted money between fiscal years, and it placed a cash-flow burden on small businesses by requiring them to remit sales taxes to the state before having collected that revenue from their customers. The final budget eliminated the tax for 80 percent of Virginia businesses.
- Streamlining business paperwork: The legislation moved Virginia in the direction of "one-stop shopping" for business paperwork by allowing businesses to register with Commissioners of Revenue or local finance departments—rather than the state—to collect sales taxes at the same time they file other necessary forms.
- Virginia Cider Act: The act creates an economic development opportunity for Virginia apple growers and cider producers by allowing naturally fermented cider without artificial caps on alcohol content. "According to industry experts, the Virginia Cider Act opens the door for Virginia to become the world's leading producer of traditional hard cider (the kind George Washington and Thomas Jefferson served at their dinner tables) and it creates new opportunities to attract tourism dollars to the Commonwealth."

Come to the meeting with questions for your state delegate. For more information, go online to [www.davidenglin.org](http://www.davidenglin.org). You can also contact Delegate Englin by e-mail, [DelDEnglin@house.state.va.us](mailto:DelDEnglin@house.state.va.us), and phone, 703-549-3203.

### **FCA monthly meeting**

Wednesday, June 8, 7 p.m.

### **Fair Golds business meeting**

Thursday, June 2, noon  
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### **MOMS Club meeting**

Wednesday, June 8  
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Contact for details.

### **Fairlington Diners**

Monday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Ramparts Restaurant  
Alexandria

### **Fair Golds annual pizza picnic**

Thursday, June 16, noon  
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### **Book Group**

Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.  
North Fairlington CC

### **Fairlington Diners**

Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m.  
The Fish Market  
Alexandria

See Neighborhood News on pages  
19 – 20 and related articles for  
details about calendar events.

# 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](mailto: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](http://www.fca-fairlington.org), and on Facebook at the "Fairlington Appreciation Society."

## Preliminary agenda:

**7 p.m. Speaker/presentation:** Virginia Delegate David Englin will report on issues of interest from this year's General Assembly session.

**8 p.m. Regular business meeting:**

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

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**9/11 stories wanted:** Were you in Fairlington on 9/11/01? At home? On the way to work, or already there? How/when did you find out what was happening? Did you see or smell the smoke from the Pentagon? How did you get home? Share your memories (can you do it in less than 100 words? FYI, this graph is 95 words) by sending an e-mail to [editor@fca-fairlington.org](mailto:editor@fca-fairlington.org), subject line 9/11. The AFB will collect stories through August 10 and then print a selection in the September issue to help Fairlington residents mark the 10-year anniversary.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Getting Osama Bin Laden is a Fairlington issue, too

There's a long lead time for a monthly newsletter, so I'm writing this several weeks before you're reading it. As I sit here, I'm looking at the front page of the *Washington Post* and just about every page-one story is about the successful mission to get Bin Laden, which happened last week.

I know this column is supposed to be about Fairlington issues, but 9/11 and its aftermath *is* a Fairlington issue. Here's why I say this: Fairlington has a unique relationship with the Pentagon and our military in general. Built to accommodate the housing needs of World War II Americans in uniform, Fairlington continues to welcome many military families as neighbors.

Many Fairlington residents were at the Pentagon on 9/11. I myself was on the platform at the Pentagon Metro station when the airplane hit the other side of the building. My experience is nothing compared to other Fairlington residents who were much closer to where the Pentagon was hit. And that's not even to mention our neighbors who have been deployed in the two wars that have come since 9/11.

I had one neighbor who was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force at the time. Her office was destroyed by the attack on the Pentagon, but luckily she was on travel and not there. It was a couple of days, however, before we were all sure she was okay.

Another neighbor is an officer with the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, and for months after 9/11 he put in backbreaking overtime that no amount of money can compensate for. And we've all been reminded that the toll of answering the call to duty weighs not just on the individual, but on families as well.

In the years since 9/11, Fairlington families have consistently seen loved ones go off to Afghanistan and Iraq, sometimes on very little notice. As neighbors, we can't help but know the toll it takes on our friends and neighbors. We try to help out as best we can, but the families' burden is still heavy.

So the amazing mission to get Bin Laden is a real boost for Fairlington. It's symbolic, true—but it's also very real. The feeling as I'm sitting here looking at the *Post* is simply overwhelming. I realize it will be several weeks before you read this, but I'm betting it will still feel the same.

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# Libby Garvey tells the story of Wakefield

At the FCA meeting in May, APS School Board chair Libby Garvey updated residents on construction plans for the new Wakefield High School, and she wow'd the crowd with a display of hot-off-the-presses design schematics for the dazzling new school. While classes continue in the old, 1950s-era building, the new school, with an innovative geo-thermal heating system and all-new-everything, will be built on the current parking lot and playing fields. Starting this month with a groundbreaking ceremony on June 9, construction will begin in earnest on July 1, and neighbors will watch the new school go up at the corner of S. George Mason Drive and Dinwiddie Street. When construction is completed, the old building will be torn down to make way for bigger and better playing fields.



*Reed Franklin and Libby Garvey. Photograph by Gretchen Fallon.*

The story behind Wakefield is as impressive as the new school promises to be. With Arlington's other two high schools renovated, Wakefield was "next up" for improvements almost ten years ago. Garvey, who has served on the School Board for 14 years, worried that funds and resolve would run out before the county got to Wakefield. Sure enough, questions about funding slowed the project when the economy was booming and construction costs were very expensive; projections had a new Wakefield as something to be considered for 2014. But Garvey persevered, pushing to complete, at

**BRAC update:** A change in the National Defense Authorization Act moving through Congress in mid-May would allow the Secretary of Defense the power to delay seven BRAC moves for a year. Congressman Jim Moran (D-Va.), who represents Alexandria where the Mark Center is located, said he requested that one of those delays include the complex on I-395, where many have predicted gridlock by September when 6,400 new DoD employees are scheduled to arrive. The proposed delay would "give us a year's reprieve," said Moran. The ultimate decision rests with the Secretary of Defense.

least, the new school's design phase. (Garvey, unfazed by less than full-throated endorsement from county colleagues, and accustomed to budget wrangling, dismissed the opposition she faced as mere predictable "fussing.") Then the recession hit and threatened all capital projects. It also brought an opportunity. As the bottom fell out of the construction market in 2008, the School Board, with Wakefield designs in hand, was prepared to

move on contracting for the new building. Financing was key: Ultimately the new Wakefield, built now, will cost \$30 million less than what was originally projected for building earlier or later.

For more information about Arlington Public Schools, and documentation of APS' capacity issue, the system's most pressing challenge, go online to [www.APS.arlingtonva.us](http://www.APS.arlingtonva.us).

## ***Notify the county of address changes to receive real estate tax bills***

Real estate property tax bills were sent out around May 15 for first-installment payments due on June 15 (second-installment bills will be sent out around September 5 for payments due on October 5). If your mailing address has changed, you must notify Arlington's Department of Real Estate Assessment. Failure to do so means you may not receive future tax bills—which, in turn, could mean penalties and interest applied to delinquent taxes. DREA maintains a form for change of address notification (with instructions for completion and filing deadlines included) available for download on the county Web site. In addition, you can receive the form from DREA by requesting it: by mail or in person at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. #611 Arlington, VA 22201; by phone at 703-228-3920; by e-mail at [realog2@arlingtonva.us](mailto:realog2@arlingtonva.us). For more information, contact DREA, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the number above, or go online to the county Web site, [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us), and search real estate.



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## Fatal bike accident on Mother's Day—a reminder to cycle safely



Arlington police investigated a fatal traffic accident, which occurred when a bicyclist collided with a vehicle on May 8 in the 4000 block of Four Mile Run Drive. Investigation revealed that an adult man was riding his bicycle south (downhill) on Walter Reed Drive and turned right onto the access road of Four Mile Run. It appears that when the bike rider turned onto the access/

service road, he crossed into oncoming traffic and struck an occupied vehicle in the oncoming lane of traffic. The driver of the vehicle stayed at the scene; the bicyclist was transported to a local hospital and pronounced dead.

The county's Traffic Engineering and Operations bureau said that changes to the steep stretch of S. Walter Reed were already planned before the accident occurred. Work scheduled to begin this summer would add safety improvements to Walter Reed between S. Pollard Street and Four Mile Run, which include:

- Removing the slip lane right-hand turn onto the service road
- Replacing the painted asphalt medians with planted, landscaped medians
- Curb extensions, or "nubs," and raised pedestrian islands at Quincy, Quebec, and Pollard Streets
- Six foot curb extension on the east side of Walter Reed at the W&OD Trail crosswalk
- Additional signage for drivers approaching the W&OD Trail crosswalk
- A parking lane stripe and "sharrow" markings to the downhill lanes (the uphill lanes already have a dedicated bike lane and a parking stripe).

## Green Home & Garden tour, June 5

Find ideas about how to go green at home at the Green Home & Garden tour, Sunday, June 5, 1 to 5 p.m., sponsored by Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment. The tour includes a mix of new homes, green renovations, and environmentally-friendly gardens. View energy efficient technologies, solar elements, water saving technologies, native plants, wildlife habitats, rain-gardens, and rain-barrels. Talk to the homeowners about how they went green, and get ideas for your own home and yard. See the tour brochure (with link to online map) at [www.arlingtonenvironment.org/gardentour.htm#garden](http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/gardentour.htm#garden).

## No grilling on balconies

The Fire Department wants to remind residents of apartments, condos, duplexes, and multi-family dwellings that open-flame cooking on balconies is extremely dangerous—also, a Class 1 misdemeanor. Because of the public-safety danger, laws against apartment grilling are strict. Anyone caught grilling illegally in Arlington can face up to one year in jail or a \$2,500 fine. According to ACFD: No charcoal cooker, brazier, hibachi, grill, or any gasoline (or other flammable or combustible liquid or liquefied petroleum gas) -fired stove or similar device...shall be ignited or used on the balconies of apartment buildings, stacked units, or other structures with similar occupancy. ACFD recommends using an electric grill instead. For more information, call the county's fire prevention office at 703-228-4644 or go online to the county Web site, [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us), click on Departments>Fire>Edu>Safety>FireEduBBQ.

*Editor's note:* Some people say the regulation's language is confusing; others complain that a townhouse's wood deck is surely more flammable than a north Fairlington balcony made of concrete with steel railings. Nevertheless, per Arlington fire regulations, grilling is not allowed on balconies.

## Crime stopper—your cell phone

On May 11, the Arlington County Police Department reports, they received a call about a man exposing himself in view of children near Tyrol Hill Park. Police arrested the suspect, who was charged with Indecent Liberties with Children and held without bond. Third District Commander Captain Brett Butler noted that the original call was made by a witness who observed the suspect exposing himself and called police right away—which allowed police to locate the man a short distance away. Captain Butler underscored the timely reminder that citizens should always have their cell phones with them. And he recommends you program the ACPD non-emergency number into your phone—703-558-2222.

### Sewer project, continued:



At the intersection of S. Utah and 34th Streets, repair work on a defect in the new sewer line continued in May, with completion expected by June. Part 2 of the county's sanitary sewer improvement project will consist of the installation of a new 12-inch sewer line along S. Utah, running north from S. 32nd Road to the Utah Park area. The work is expected to begin this summer.

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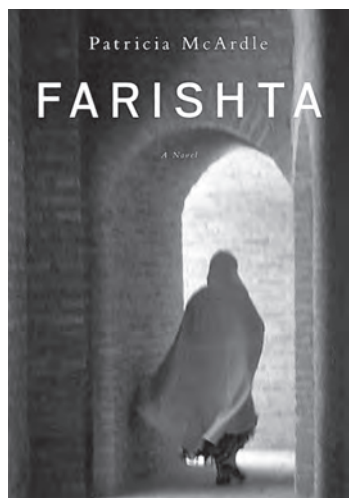
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## Fairlington Arbor resident publishes award winning novel



Congratulations to retired Foreign Service Officer and long time Fairlington resident, Patricia McArdle, who won the 2010 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award. Her debut novel, *Farishta*, which was inspired by the year she spent in northern Afghanistan, will be available this month in bookstores and as an e-book from Penguin/Riverhead Books, which also published *The Kite Runner*.

## AFAC needs produce handlers

Farmers market season is the time of year when the Arlington Food Assistance Center welcomes lots of donated produce. Volunteers are needed during the summer and fall months (June to November) on Saturdays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., and Sundays, 1:30 to 4 p.m., to receive donations of fresh produce and repackage and store it in coolers. You must register to volunteer, so AFAC asks that you complete the online Volunteer Profile Form, which can be found at the Web site, [www.afac.org](http://www.afac.org). If you have completed the form, send an e-mail to AFAC at [volunteer4afac@afac.org](mailto:volunteer4afac@afac.org) for the link to the online calendar where you can sign up for specific days to volunteer.

## Great American Bake Sale on July 4



The ninth annual Great American Bake Sale will be held in conjunction with Fairlington's 4th of July festivities, so dust off your spatulas and bake for a good cause. Support the sale by bringing home-baked treats on Monday morning, July 4th, between 9 and 10 a.m. to the North Fairlington community center parking lot, where the parade will finish. (Please, no frostings or fillings that melt in the summer heat.) Sponsored nationally by Share Our Strength, The Great American Bake Sale is dedicated toward ending childhood hunger in America. Generous Fairlington neighbors have contributed more than \$6,600 to the effort over the past eight summers. After the parade, come purchase tasty treats for your family and holiday visitors, and try your luck at a raffle featuring great gifts donated by local stores and restaurants.

For more information, go online to [www.greatamericanbakesale.org](http://www.greatamericanbakesale.org). To volunteer to set up and sell that morning, contact volunteer coordinator and 29-year Fairlington resident Cathy Malin, at 571-480-9260 or [arniemalin@gmail.com](mailto:arniemalin@gmail.com).

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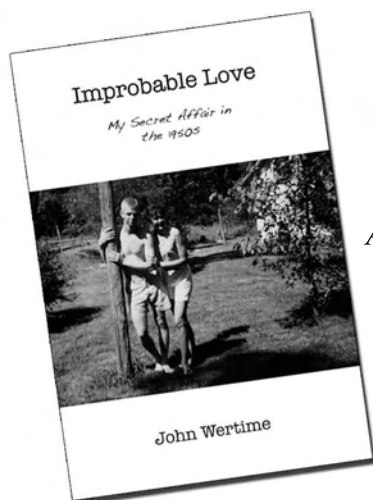
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# FAIRLINGTON

## community center news

### Check out FCC art

Come check out the new art work on public display in Court Yard 2. The work was created by a group of teens participating in an afterschool program along with staff from the Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources. The kinetic piece, entitled "Stepping Stones," is 10 feet tall and 4 feet wide and serves as the backdrop of the courtyard fountain. It was created by nailing 5,200 blue, green, and silver sequins to an aluminum pegboard. The results are a striking piece of art and a great addition to the Community Center.

### Friendship Club

Know a young adult (ages 15 to 21) with special needs who wants to have fun and make new friends? Introduce them to Friendship Club. The Friendship Club meets every other week starting June 1. Please send a family member/responsible adult to join in the fun. We will be meeting at the Fairlington Community Center, neighborhood swimming pools, and tennis courts. We will also have social events like a pizza/movie party and a walking event to Shirlington for frozen yogurt. For more information, contact Susie Edminster, [susie30.e@gmail.com](mailto:susie30.e@gmail.com).

### Summer camps, classes, workshops

**Camps:** FCC hosts several summer camps for kids between the ages of 3 and 15. Search "summer camps" at [www.arlingtonva.us/prcr](http://www.arlingtonva.us/prcr). Camps can be searched by location on the "Browse for Summer Camps" page.

**Class registration:** Tennis, swimming, robotics, nature programs, and arts and crafts—there is something for everyone among Arlington's summer classes. Look for the summer issue of *Enjoy Arlington* at FCC or visit [www.arlingtonva.us/prcr](http://www.arlingtonva.us/prcr) to find the class that is right for you. Online registration starts at 8 a.m. on June 1. For questions, call 703-228-4747.

### Classes and workshops

Get the complete description online or go to the FCC to pick up a copy of *Enjoy Arlington*.

For questions or registration, go online to [www.arlingtonva.us/prcr](http://www.arlingtonva.us/prcr) or call 703-228-4747.

**Summer workshops:** Register now for workshops that will be held in July: Meditation plus, one session, July 9; More life, less stress, one session, July 9; Beading fun for all, one session, July 9; and Basic beading, one session, July 23.

### Senior center events

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

### Master Gardeners plant clinic

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

### Open play in the gym

**13 and older,** Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m.  
**13 and younger,** whenever no other scheduled programming is ongoing. Check the FCC bulletin board or call the day-of to confirm availability.

### FCC hours and contact info

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

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, closed.

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

### 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.—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.

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# DOWN TO EARTH patio gardening



## *View eyesores as opportunities*



*Flowering shrubs soften the patio's expanse of bare wood fence. Photograph by Gretchen Fallon.*

Eliminating eyesores, inside or out, is the first step for any successful design. This means removing clutter and masking distracting elements. The key to masking is "Be subtle." Be too obvious that you're hiding something and it really beckons. Here's how to make your Fairlington front garden bed or patio garden eyesore-free:

**Window well:** Aluminum and usually rusted, the window well's look could be improved by spray-painting the curved frame black to match the half-moon grill cover. Better yet, circle that frame with evergreen ground cover. Its foliage shields the frame and lets your eye move to the attractive iron rail. Ground cover suggestions: liriopse, lenten rose, coral bells, skimmia, heather, crimson pygmy barberry, or leucothoe.

**Electric meter:** You'll usually find

it two to three feet above ground and between the dining room window and fence. Plant a vertical specimen in this corner and you'll hide the meter and white downspout. The meter "disappears" and the downspout's dominance is mitigated. Try planting a nandina, camellia, or photinia. All are evergreen and flower.

**Concrete stoop:** It's there and not going anywhere. Soften the edges with a one-foot-tall ground cover with pendulous foliage. The leaves drape over the stoop edge and take your eye off its right angles (to my eye, unsightly elements in any garden). Day lily foliage is perfect here since the sword-like leaves reach two feet long.

**A/C unit:** It's unwise to blanket it with a plant or small fence since this decreases air flow. But a subtle

planting here moves your eye off this "metal box." Euonymus "Green Spire," dwarf nandina, pieris, mountain laurel, or Scotch broom situate well here since each grows three to four feet tall with minimal width.

**Wood fence:** Even when new, it's dominant and stark. Vertical plants minimize the fence's height and length. Plant a camellia, holly "Steeds," juniper "Skyrocket," nandina, or arborvitae to invite "green" into this "woodscape."

**Concrete patio:** Lining the edges is a way to bring your eye away from the sheer mass of the surfacing material (9 x 12 feet). Any ground cover aforementioned will work. If you want to totally "eliminate" it, paint the surface to match the building's brick or cover it with brick or flagstone.

**Balcony understory:** Often used as a "storage" site for undesirables, it can be hidden with latticework painted black to match the balcony frame and iron railing. Or plant three to four-foot-tall evergreens along the outer edge. This "brings" the railing into the landscape since your eye is pulled from the shrub branches, upward.

**Clean out:** It's that white plastic pipe port sitting six inches above ground in your front shrub bed. Any one-foot-tall ground cover (see above) will effectively hide it.

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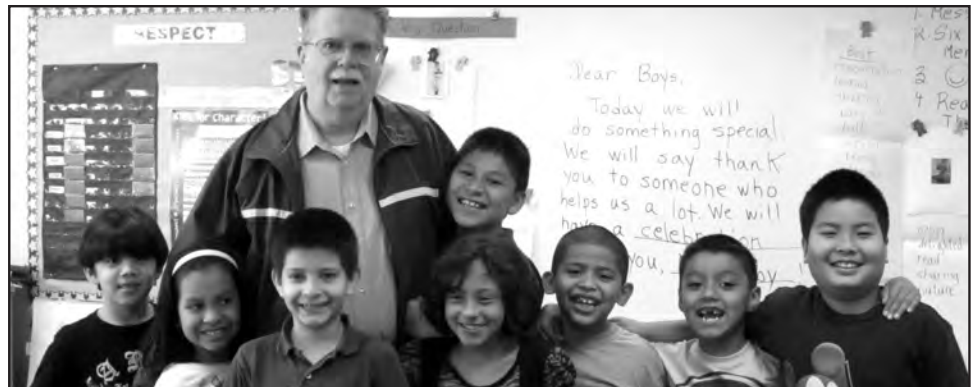
## **Community helps Abingdon thank our teachers**

Teacher Appreciation Week was a great success thanks in large part to the generosity of our neighbors. The more than 100 teachers and staff at Abingdon were treated to daily gifts in their inboxes; a daily raffle of cash, gift cards, and other prizes; and a luncheon on May 4. And a team of very talented parents gave the teacher bathrooms a much-needed makeover. Many parents donated their time, money, and talents to make sure our teachers and staff know how much they are loved and appreciated. We appreciate, too, the neighborly generosity of many local businesses:

- Chicken Out, Bradlee (catered the lunch at a generous discount)
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## **New PTA officers elected for 2011-12 school year**

On May 17, the Abingdon PTA elected a new slate of officers for the 2011-12 school year. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful group of dedicated parents who will be both running the PTA as officers and supporting them as committee



*The second language learners, who benefit from a generous donation of one man's time, spirit, and love, celebrate Mr. Derby with a cake donated by CakeLove in Shirlington. Photograph by Michelle Marston.*

chairs and volunteers. Our retiring co-presidents, Donna Felipe and Michelle Marston, wish to thank everyone—parents, teachers, staff, students, neighbors, and community leaders—who helped to make the last two years a truly rewarding experience. Join us in welcoming the new PTA officers:

President: Wendi Ward  
Vice President: Brian Efird  
Treasurer: David Spindler  
Recording Secretary: Tom Wince  
Corresponding Secretary: Michelle Marston

## **Thank you, Frank Derby!**

In April, a very special neighbor was honored at a reception for Arlington Public Schools' 2011 Honored Citizens. From the APS press release:

"Almost every day for the last eight years, Frank Derby could be found at Abingdon Elementary School. Dedicated to supporting second language students, he provides invaluable assistance one-on-one to students in their reading, social studies, and mathematics work. He sometimes brings unexpected gifts to help students in their studies, be it a map for a social studies lesson, a math prac-

tice book for a student struggling with a particular skill, or a special pencil to encourage students working on their handwriting skills."

## **Last chance to see Project GIFT in action this year**

The final Project GIFT showcase of the school year will be held on Tuesday, June 21, and will feature the talents and work of our upper-elementary students. These events are a perfect opportunity to see how Abingdon teachers use the arts in the classroom. Recently, the Kennedy Center honored 22 Arlington teachers for their participation in CETA (Changing Education Through the Arts), and 17 of them teach at Abingdon: Kerry Brown Abbott, Tara Carter, Kim Chi Crittenden, Sonjia Davis, Alicia Donoghue, Karen Edwards, Linda C. Ellis, Meredith J. Hughes, Judy Johnson, David McDavitt, Laura J. Roberts, Laurie Shaw, Anne Whitten Sywilok, Denise Jennifer Taylor, Cloris Valenzuela, Paddy Waldner, and Paige Whelan. We're so proud of our teachers!

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# neighborhood news

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## ***Fair Golds***

The Fair Golds, an Arlington County social group in and around the Fairlington area (including Alexandria), will hold a business meeting at noon on Thursday, June 2, at the Fairlington Community Center. On Thursday, June 16, we'll hold our annual pizza picnic. Regular meetings at the FCC begin with a brown-bag lunch; dessert and beverages are provided. We always welcome guests and/or new members over 55 years of age. For more information, call Gertrude Frankel at 703-931-3759.

## ***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 just having a good meal in great company. If you'd like to be included in our e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to carol\_dabbs@yahoo.com.

Monday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., half-price burger night at Ramparts Restaurant, 1700 Fern St., Alexandria, 703-998-6616. The new burger menu has proved to be very tasty, with regulars developing new "usuals."

Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., The Fish Market, 105 & 107 King Street, Old Town, Alexandria, 703-836-5676, [www.fishmarketva.com](http://www.fishmarketva.com). Join us for lobster night—one-pound whole Maine lobster with potatoes and cold slaw for \$16.99—as long as they last. We had a wonderful time here in August: the seafood is always good (although the menu includes other selections) and we enjoy the informal atmosphere.

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 event (not the day of), call at 703-379-6840. On the day of the event, please call by 6 p.m. at 202-647-2624. 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.

## ***Book Group***

Join the Book Group on June 28, 7:30 p.m. at the North Fairlington CC, when we'll say good-bye to Kavita Kalsy, who has led the group since 2005, and welcome Terry Gough as the new coordinator. We'll chat about books from the past, like *The Kite Runner*, which we read in the fall of 2005 when it was enjoying considerable "buzz." Some other popular books were *Interpreter of Maladies*, *My Sister's Keeper*, and *Eat, Pray Love*. Worst book by far: *Wicked*. The book for the July 26 meeting is *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers. For more information, contact Kavita Kalsy, [kkalsy@hotmail.com](mailto:kkalsy@hotmail.com) or Terry Gough, [tgough@verizon.net](mailto:tgough@verizon.net).

## ***Fairlington Babysitting Co-op accepting new members***

One of the great resources of Fairlington, the Co-op is a network of Fairlington families who exchange free babysitting services. It's perfect for parents—single or married, working or staying at home—who would like to know dependable adults to watch their children and meet other families in the community.

The Co-op works on a card system, where each member starts out with 15 one-hour cards and can use them to pay for sits. Members send out their own sit requests via the Fairlington Babysitting Google Group. During the day, children normally are brought to the sitter's house, and in the evenings the sitter usually comes to the children's house; however, different arrangements may be made.

Fairlington residents can e-mail the summer quarter co-coordinators Erica Brown and Erin Snow at [fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com](mailto:fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com) to request an application and a complete set of rules. Once your application is complete, your references will be contacted, and then the co-coordinators will come for an in-home interview. Once all of these steps are successfully completed, you will receive a supply of co-op cards equal to 15 hours of babysitting. The Co-op is currently accepting new members.

# neighborhood news

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## MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington



MOMS Club members at a Let's Dish fundraiser for the March for Babies.

Are you a full- or part-time stay-at-home parent 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. Members and their children participate in general monthly meetings, member planned outings/events, Parents' Night Out, and much more. The weekly age-specific playgroups start as young as birth and go up to 3+ years old. Playgroups are great for kids, but they also offer parents a chance to find support and friendship.

In the last year members have also worked on several community service projects benefitting Abingdon

Elementary School and the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Our Club also raised donations for and participated in the March of Dimes' March for Babies, which took place in May. We have hosted speakers on topics including separation anxiety, nutrition, early childhood literacy, and positive discipline, and even wardrobe styling for busy moms. In May, we hosted a local author who shared tips on how to encourage children to enjoy and appreciate a variety of foods.

Parents and parents-to-be are welcome to join us for our next general meeting June 8 at the Fairlington Community Center. Children are welcome. For more information about the club, the meeting, or membership, contact Angela Klaus (Membership VP) at fairlingtonmoms@yahoo.com. Annual dues of \$25 support quarterly group functions and community service projects.



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## For Sale

**ARLINGTON MODEL** for Sale by Owner. Four bedrooms and three bathrooms. One bedroom and bathroom on the first floor. \$550,000. [www.fairlingtonsale.com](http://www.fairlingtonsale.com) (Details and pictures). Open house Sundays, June 12 and 19. 3454 S. Wakefield Street. Phone 571-217-2797.

**FURNITURE.** Misc furniture, appliances, televisions and sewing machines for sale. 571-970-6833.

**TUTOR.** Reading and ESL specialist/ English teacher available for tutoring. Kindergarten through college. Summer slots available. 956-346-3894.

**LUXURY PET STROLLER.** Perfect for cat or small dog. \$50.00/OBO. 703-671-9283

## Services

**I FLAUT! DO YOU?** Does your child love playing music? For pleasure or competition? My passion is helping all abilities and ages thrive and learn. Adults welcome. Former GWU flute professor. Call 703-998-7223 for a free lesson. [www.lynnhertel.com](http://www.lynnhertel.com).

**INCOME TAXES.** We can prepare your Federal and State Income Taxes. New home-owners and all-50-state taxes our specialty. Electronic Filing. Convenient location, evening and weekend hours. 30% discount for Fairlington Residents. Visit [www.cpa-coker.com](http://www.cpa-coker.com) for more information, directions. Call for appointment 703- 931-3290.

**YOGA, REFLEXOLOGY, REIKI, INFANT-CHILDREN'S MASSAGE, MEDITATION, BREATHING TECHNIQUES & MORE.** Self-care starts with you. Create a class or purchase a private session. Gift certificates available. Certified Fairlington resident. [www.moorethanyoga.com](http://www.moorethanyoga.com). 703-671-2435.

**COMPUTER HELP.** Fairlington resident will help resolve problems with computers and other electronic equipment. Jim 703-820-8767 - [jandgonline.com](http://jandgonline.com).

**HUGHES COMMUNICATIONS.** Complete installation or repair of telephone, CATV, or data wiring and outlets. All work performed by owner/technician Al Hughes. 40 years experience. Licensed and insured. All services are schedule for a specific appointment time. All work guaranteed, with free estimate, if necessary. Call 703-354-4528 with any questions or to schedule an appointment.

**HEALING TOUCH.** Massage therapy services. 1225 Martha Custis Drive Suite 2. Alexandria, Va. 22302. 5-10 minutes from Fairlington. Phone 703-980-5304. For more information check out: [www.healingtouchmassagetherapy.biz](http://www.healingtouchmassagetherapy.biz).

**COMPUTER PROBLEM?** Don't overspend to fix it. Free estimate – evening hours – on-site service. We can handle anything computer related. 571-969-1122. [BeltwayPC.com](http://BeltwayPC.com)

**SAVE MONEY.** Share a taxi to and from the airport. It's FREE! Mobile website, iPhone, and Android. <http://www.CabMatch.com>

**NEED HELP WITH MORTGAGES?** Real estate mortgage professional can help you refinance/buy at today's low interest rates. Work with people you trust! I'm a Fairlington resident and specialize in upsidedown value refs, credit repair and no-to-low downpayment plans. Let's grab coffee and talk! Andrew Sterling, WestStar Mortgage, [juniorsterling@gmail.com](mailto:juniorsterling@gmail.com), 703.244.5881, Facebook "Andrew Sterling Real Estate".

**CERTIFIED MASSAGE THERAPIST** offering massage in quiet, comfortable home setting in Fairlington. Deep tissue, Swedish, acupressure, reflexology, and more. Best prices in town. Call 703-300-7719 or e-mail [emergingplanetaryhealing@yahoo.com](mailto:emergingplanetaryhealing@yahoo.com)

## Child Care

**CHILD CARE.** Professional in-home daycare. FT/PT. CPR and first aid certified. Excellent references. Worked with children for 25 years. Infants welcome. Call Pat at 703-370-2603 or 703-566-7448. [www.patkids.com](http://www.patkids.com)

**CHILD CARE.** Warm home setting and very nurturing environment. Experienced and licensed. Excellent references. Call 703-824-0385.

## Gardening/ Landscaping

**SULLIVAN'S LANDSCAPING** will make over your patio with new plantings, pruning, and fresh mulching. Visit: [www.sullivanlandscaping.net](http://www.sullivanlandscaping.net) to learn more. Contact Bill for a free consultation via email [billsullivan41@gmail.com](mailto:billsullivan41@gmail.com) or cell 571-213-9567.

## Improvements

**HANDYMAN.** Windows, glass, clogged drains, storm door repairs, fixtures, garbage disposal installation, etc. Dave Pearce. 703-201-6303.

**WINDOW REPAIR.** Best prices. Quality work. Check my ad on new vinyl windows! Dave Pearce. 703-201-6303.

**HANDYMAN.** Senior Craftsmen, Inc. Biff Henley. Licensed, insured, bonded. 703-403-5354. [Seniorcraftsmen@verizon.net](http://Seniorcraftsmen@verizon.net)

**DOOR SOLUTIONS.** 1,000's of pleased customers since 1992. An expert in Fairlington doors. Website: [www.doorsolutions.biz](http://www.doorsolutions.biz) (information/ prices). Email Bill: [bill@doorsolutions.biz](mailto:bill@doorsolutions.biz).

**PAINTING.** Greg the Painter – Sixteen years Fairlington resident, quality interior painting and drywall repair. Large and small jobs. Call 571-242-2702.

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**HOME IMPROVEMENT.** Ask to see finished bathrooms and kitchens to compare quality and price. Call Fairlington Maintenance Service. 703-379-7733. fairlingtonmaintenance.com

**KITCHEN CEILING.** Serving Fairlington since 1978. We have developed several ceiling designs. Talk to us about your kitchen renovation needs. Call Fairlington Maintenance Service. 703-379-7733. fairlingtonmaintenance.com

**HOME IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS.** Serving Fairlington since 1978. Hundreds of bathrooms and kitchens renovated. Other services include painting, plumbing, window repairs, leak detection and correction, dryer vent replacement, regrouting, recaulking, drywall repairs, etc. Call Vic Sison at Fairlington Maintenance Service 703-379-7733. fairlingtonmaintenance.com

**R.R. HOME IMPROVEMENT, INC.** Celebrating our 20 year anniversary with very LOW RATES. Painting, drywall, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, floors, and general household repairs. Office 703-495-0781. Call 703-801-9151. rrhomeimprove.com.

## BATHROOM AND KITCHEN.

Fairlington Maintenance Service is now on "Angie's List" of contractors. Thanks to all Fairlingtonians who voluntarily recommended us. Company ID 462536. Call 703-379-7733.

## RESALE OR RE-RENT

**PREPARATIONS.** We have previously prepared hundreds of units for sale or rent. Lots of references. Call Fairlington Maintenance Service. 703-379-7733.

**PAINTING.** Professional, neat, clean, reliable, references available. Wallpaper removal/hanging, drywall repairs. Large and small jobs. 25 years experience. Licensed, bonded and insured. Free Estimates. Call Steve Chute at 571-216-9338.

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**IMPROVEMENTS:** Joel Riggs Home Repair Service. Your Fairlington specialist. Kitchen and bath renovations, bath ceramic tile repair, painting, drywall, handyman services, trim work, flooring, carpentry, wallpaper removal. Free design services. Free estimates. VA. Class-A lic./ins., fast turn around time. 20 years N. Va. Experience. Joel 703-929-4676. References available.

## CUSTOM FINISH CARPENTER.

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**PAINTING & WALLPAPERING.** 25 years experience. Excellent references in Fairlington and all areas. Interior and exterior. Faux finish. Call Ricardo for free estimate 703-495-0781. rrhomeimprove.com.

**STAPLES REMODELING.** For all of your home improvement needs. Specializing in kitchens, bathrooms, basements and painting. Give us a call to set up an appointment for a free estimate at 703-499-2249 or visit our website at www.staplesremodeling.com.

# House Cleaning

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Reliable, experienced and good references. Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, occasionally, move in/out, windows and offices. Other services: carpets steams cleaned. Call us for free estimates (703) 569-7799.

**B&A CLEANING SERVICES.** 22 years experience. Excellent references in Fairlington and all areas. Reasonable prices. We provide our own equipment and supplies. Call for free estimate 703-495-0781.

**HOUSE CLEANING.** Reliable, experienced, good references, flexible scheduling, reasonable rates. We bring our own equipment. Weekly - bi-weekly - monthly - occasionally. One-time, move-in/out, offices. For free in home estimate call Maryen/Raul at 703-321-5335.

# Pet Services

## PET & PLANTCARE BY GERRI,

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**HOME ALONE FELINES.** Loving, professional in-home care of your special feline. 703-671-5504; homealonefelines@gmail.com

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**PET LOVERS.** Serving Fairlington since 1998. Loving and responsible care for pets in your home. Mid-day dog walking, cat sitting, vacations and holidays. Excellent references, bonded and insured. 703-941-6113.

## Help Wanted

**WALK TO WORK!** Part-time receptionist for Long & Foster office in Fairlington. Approximately 30 hours a week. Weekdays & some weekends. If interested, please e-mail resume to debra.rose@longandfoster.com or fax to 703-379-7162.

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Due Date for All Ads: 6 pm on 10th of the preceding month (June 10th for July issue)

Payment: BOTH payment and ad copy must be received by the 10th. Make checks payable to "Fairlington Citizens Association."

NEW E-Mail Address for All Ads: admanager@fca-fairlington.org

Mailing Address for All Ads and Checks: FCA-AFB, PO Box 6182, Arlington, VA 22206-0182

Drop-Off Location for Ads and Checks: Drop-Off Box in Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford Street

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Mini-ad copy can be e-mailed to admanager@fca-fairlington.org and then submit your payment by mail to FCA AFB, PO Box 6182, Arlington, VA 22206-0182 or drop off ads and checks to the drop-off box in the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford Street. E-mailed ad text will not be processed until payment is received.

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