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Fairlington Farmers Market opens for the season

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Face masks, physical distancing, and a one-way path through the market were just some of the precautions in place on opening day of the Fairlington Farmers Market. From L to R, Aisha Salazar (market manager), Melissa Beene (market volunteer), and Rob Swennes (Field to Table president). Photo by Guy Land.



The Fairlington Farmers Market returned for its sixth season on May 10—a bit changed due to COVID-19, but still the same market Fairlington residents know and love as a source for fresh, locally sourced, high-quality food right in the neighborhood. Thank you to everyone who came to opening day wearing your face masks and practicing social distancing.

Our vendors are happy to be back and to see familiar faces and meet new residents. A big thank you to returning sponsors Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA), Fairlington Presbyterian Church, and Kay Houghton & Associates. Kay is generously providing hand sanitizing stations and water for market visitors. We appreciate all of our sponsors. Please thank and support them as they have supported us.

The market is open every Sunday from 9 am–1 pm through November 26, on the back patio of the Fairlington Community Center at 3308 S. Stafford St. For the latest information about the market, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

Our primary goal is to keep our customers, vendors, staff, and volunteers safe. Our market is a guest of the Fairlington Community Center, which remains closed per Arlington County.

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Coming up ...

The FCA Board invites all Fairlington residents to attend its meetings, which occur on the second Wednesday of the month at the Fairlington Community Center (3308 S. Stafford St.) unless otherwise noted. Before the beginning of each monthly Executive Board meeting, FCA members may address the board on matters affecting the community, limited to three minutes per member.

FCA monthly meeting June 10

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

Regular board business:

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

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

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Find more information on the FCA website, www.fca-fairlington.org. Sign up for updates delivered to your inbox.



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Find the latest AFB online at the FCA website the week before hard copies hit doorsteps.

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

Fairlington Knits

Monday, June 8, 6:30 pm
See p. 23 for details

FCA monthly meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 7 pm
(remote work session only)

Book Group

Tuesday, June 23, 7:30 pm
See p. 23 for details

Fairlington Diners

Monday, June 29, 6:30 pm
See p. 23 for details

Rock and Roll



The Rocklands food truck was parked in the parking lot of the STEM preschool on S. Abingdon street, providing take out to grateful customers. Other food trucks that have been serving Fairlington are DC Slices and The Big Cheese. Photo by Guy Land.

Contributors this month: Lynne Blasi, Jennifer Davies, Donna Felipe, Guy Land, Rachel Mallory, Susan Renehan, Bill Sullivan, Sam Wolbert, and Michelle Woolley.

Some images in this publication may be digitally enhanced.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fairlington's response to the challenges of COVID-19 has been remarkable. You've been looking out for the needs of neighbors, juggling work and homeschooling, building courtyard friendships, staying physically and mentally fit, and supporting neighborhood businesses.

Particularly inspiring has been your response to FCA's plea to reach out to neighbors who may need assistance. Dozens of you have volunteered to help. The condo association boards have been terrific in using their networks to connect people and spread FCA's message.

Particular kudos go to FCA vice president Jennifer Davies and Fairlington Court resident Deborah Staren-Doby, who have coordinated FCA's assistance to Abingdon Elementary families, aided by a dedicated group of volunteers and equipped with food provided by nearby businesses. It's been a compelling story of collaboration.

The stay-at-home order reinforced the already strong bonds of community in Fairlington, better connecting us with our neighbors. A recent stroll through the neighborhood revealed dozens of impromptu courtyard gatherings, with couples socially distanced from other couples and kids using lawn sprinklers in lieu of the still-closed swimming pools.

These front-yard gatherings remind me of photos from Fairlington's early days in the 1940s, which show families with small children happily enjoying their new home, despite war-time challenges.

With local gyms closed, residents have adjusted by doing more jogging, walking, and bicycling than I've ever seen. It's paid off; I can tell that a number of you have lost weight over the past couple of months!

To build on this strengthened sense of community, FCA has voted to create a 501(c)(3), Fairlington Cares, Inc. It will be a vehicle for tax-deductible contributions from Fairlington residents who want their donations to benefit families in the immediate Fairlington area. Working in a collaborative, but targeted, fashion, it can complement the work of other non-profits that serve a larger geography. See our website for more information.

A final response to COVID-19 that makes me proud is the way you have celebrated our high school seniors, reflecting the changing demographics of Fairlington. I'm not sure that ten years ago there was a single high school senior living in Fairlington. Congrats to the Class of 2020.

All of us miss the "normal" routine. We've experienced major unsettling disruptions. But the past couple of months have shown what a resilient and warm neighborhood we live in. FCA thanks all of you.

Guy Land, FCA President,
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FCA continues to support the community

As the COVID-19 shutdown extends into its third month, FCA has continued to collaborate with Abingdon Elementary PTA/staff as well as Fairlington condo association presidents to help neighbors support each other and share important information.

Residents have been eager to lend a helping hand, from donating books and supplies, to getting groceries for residents who are quarantined, to making activity bags for children who are stuck at home and do not have access to creative toys and games. As a resident who reached out to FCA for help remarked, "I am thankful and appreciative of your (FCA) reaching out to me, checking in on me, and your generous offer to provide continued assistance."

FCA continues to work closely with Abingdon in some of the most vulnerable communities impacted within its attendance zone. This includes Park Shirlington, Columbia Grove Apartments, and Wildwood Park Towers.

Volunteers from the school and the neighborhood



Fairlington resident and Fairlington 5K & Cure for Ellie founder, Beth McGinn, helps distribute school supplies. Photo by Jennifer Davies.

distribute hot meals donated by local restaurants including Fairlington Pizza, bread and pantry staples donated by Great Harvest Bakery, and much needed school supplies and books. Approximately 350-400 meals are distributed weekly among the three sites. FCA and the PTA have been commended by county board and school board members for these grass roots initiatives.

Accompanied by volunteers and Abingdon staff, the distribution sites enjoy support from Arlington County Police Department's Lieutenant Pilco, a 22-year veteran on the force. Lt. Pilco is a native South Arlingtonian and Wakefield High School graduate and has called Fairlington home for fifteen years. Fluent in Spanish, Lt. Pilco has been an integral part of the food/supply

distribution team.

"It has been a privilege to work alongside the Abingdon PTA, APS Staff, and private and public entities responding the needs of students and their families during this pandemic," he said. "As a community partner, ACPD is always looking to lend a hand during these challenging times. Being a part of this team has been an honor

COVID-19 mental wellness

Health and wellness—both physical and mental—is being tested all over the world and in your own home right now. Keeping everyone (yourself included) watered, fed, and rested, as well as stable and cared for emotionally and behaviorally without breaks for playdates, school, or in-person therapy is a challenge. Though we are all facing this challenge together, it can feel very isolating. Arlington County Government and Arlington Public Schools (APS) have a full list of available resources on their website: health.arlingtonva.us/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/covid-19-mental-wellness.

If you are experiencing difficulty or are in crisis, please call the county's Mental Health Emergency Services at 703-228-5160; or for your child, please call Children's Behavioral Healthcare at 703-228-1560. APS also encourages parents to contact their school's guidance counselors.

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How can I help?

Donations of grocery store gift cards are still needed. To donate a gift card, please e-mail AbingdonPTACovidRelief@gmail.com or send to Abingdon PTA, P.O. Box 6405, Arlington, VA 22206.

We continue to collect specific items including:

- School supplies (pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, scissors, glue sticks, paper, index cards)
- Diapers and wipes
- Educational games/toys (Legos, for example)

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Senator Adam Ebbin gives update



Senator Adam Ebbin.

The Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) could not hold an in-person meeting in May; the guest speaker for that meeting was originally slated to be state Senator Adam Ebbin (D-District 30). In lieu of speaking at the meeting, Senator Ebbin provided an overview of the 2020 General Assembly regular session to the *All Fairlington Bulletin*.

This year's legislative session marked the first time since 1993 that the Democrats held the Senate, House of Delegates, and Governor's mansion, resulting in a flurry of legislative activity.

"After 17 years in the General Assembly, I was thrilled at the progress a Democratic House, Senate, and Governor could make to advance our shared values. While standing firmly on our principles, the long-developed relationships on both sides of the aisle again proved critical to making strides forward for every Virginian," Ebbin stated.

Seventeen of the bills Ebbin chief patroned (the General Assembly term for being the lead sponsor) passed this year. Those with the broadest impact include:

- The Virginia Values Act (SB868), which prohibits discrimination in housing, employment, credit, and public accommodations based on sexual orientation or gender identity, and includes additional protections for veterans and pregnant women.

- Marijuana Decriminalization (SB2/HB972), which reduces the penalty for possession of marijuana from a criminal offense to a \$25 civil penalty.
- Preventing Wage Theft (SB838/HB123), which allows employees to sue employers for deliberate non-payment of wages.
- Reducing Litter (SB11/HB534), which permits localities to impose a five-cent fee on throw-away plastic bags to reduce litter and waste in our waterways.

You can find a full-listing of Senator Ebbin's legislation, and details on every bill that was introduced in the General Assembly at <https://lis.virginia.gov>.

Other major pieces of legislation Ebbin supported included wide-ranging gun violence prevention measures, addressing the climate crisis, and investing in transit.

Of near universal interest to Fairlingtonians once many of us are back to leaving our homes and commuting again, is funding for new transit options and repair and improvement of our transit infrastructure; making all handheld device use while driving a primary offense; and establishment of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, whose first major project is doubling the capacity of Long Bridge to increase Amtrak service between the District and Richmond.

Ebbin called these transit measures "the most substantial transportation investments made in recent memory, to reduce traffic, increase road safety, and connect communities."

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Primary and special elections in June and July

There are two upcoming elections: a Republican primary on June 23 and a special election on July 7.

The Republican primary on June 23 will choose from among three candidates to decide a nominee to run against Senator Mark Warner for the U.S. Senate race in the November general election. There is also a four-way primary to select a candidate to run against Rep. Don Beyer in November.

The special election on July 7 will fill the vacant seat on the Arlington County Board. Tragically, Arlington County Board member Erik Gutshall passed away in April following a brief illness.

The candidates for the special election for county board are Bob Cambridge (R), Susan Cunningham (I), and Takis Karantonis (D).

Both the June and July elections will have in-person voting, although voters are encouraged to vote by mail. Information on both these elections and the candidates can be found on the website of the Arlington County voting and elections page, vote.arlingtonva.us/elections/.

All registered voters are eligible to vote in both these elections. The voter registration deadline for both the June 23 and the July 7 elections was May 26.

—Susan Renehan

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FCA to create new non-profit

The FCA board has voted to create a new non-profit organization, Fairlington Cares, Inc., to serve people in the general Fairlington area. The entity would have authority to provide a broad range of assistance for humanitarian and educational purposes, including food, clothing, rental assistance, transportation assistance, and school supplies and other educational resources.

Although the immediate impetus behind the decision was to address the COVID-related needs of area residents, particularly in Park Shirlington, the board envisions an organization that can respond to a variety of situations affecting Fairlington residents, such as major storms. It can also help residents take advantage of educational opportunities.

A short online survey launched in early May showed broad support for the idea. The survey will remain open through early June for residents who want to indicate their priorities for the new organization. Just go to www.fca-fairlington.org.

Fairlington Cares will be a separate entity from FCA with its own board and finances, but the two groups are expected to be mutually supportive of each other's activities. Under the proposed bylaws for the new group, at least one member of the Fairlington Cares board would be a member of the FCA board. That will help ensure strong collaboration between the two groups.

Fairlington Cares will work with established organizations, such as the Abingdon PTA that are already serving the neighborhood. "Our desire is to complement, not duplicate, the work of larger organizations that may be doing things in our area, essentially filling in the gaps," said FCA president Guy Land.

Fairlington Cares will be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Contributions will be tax deductible.

—Guy Land

County installs 31st St. sidewalk

Work began in mid-May on sidewalk and associated improvements along S. 31st St. between Shirlington House apartments and the transit station at S. Randolph St.

Funded through Arlington County's Neighborhood Conservation program, the project will install a sidewalk for the first time on the side of the street that is adjacent to I-395. Previously the sidewalk ended at a bus shelter across from Shirlington House.

The project also includes the installation of 75 trees,

which will replace some of the trees that were removed when the sound wall was constructed last year. The full project is slated to be completed by next spring.



Work continues on the new sidewalk on 31st St. Photo by Guy Land.

FCA supported the project as part of the Neighborhood Conservation program, which helps improve and enhance Arlington neighborhoods. The program provides funding for a variety of improvements including installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, streetlights, signs, park improvements, neighborhood art, and beautification. This program empowers citizens to identify and plan projects in their own neighborhoods.

—Guy Land

Property taxes due June 15

The due date for the first installment of real estate taxes is Monday, June 15. The same date applies to both Arlington County and the City of Alexandria.

Real estate bills were mailed in early May. Residents will not receive a bill if taxes are paid from an escrow account through your mortgage. If you have a mortgage and receive a bill, please contact your mortgage company as soon as possible.

For customers who are responsible for paying their real estate taxes, Arlington's Customer Assessment and Payment Portal (CAPP) is a convenient way to pay securely online. Even if you do not pay via the internet, CAPP has many other benefits, including reminder emails about upcoming due dates. To learn more about CAPP, visit capp.arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-3702.

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Fairlington adapts to COVID-19 restrictions

With Northern Virginia under a stay-at-home order and masks the apparel of the day, Fairlington residents adjusted to a different pace of life. Spring afternoons saw neighbors gathering in courtyards (with couples appropriately socially distanced), students doing online

courses outdoors, kids enjoying makeshift pools and playground activities, and the community joining in tributes to first responders and health care workers. *Photos by Guy Land.*





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You may have heard recently that a fox in Fairlington tested positive for rabies. We share our backyard with an abundance of wildlife and, unfortunately, these types of incidents—although infrequent—can happen. The good news is a little bit of information, understanding and prevention goes a long way to protecting ourselves and our beloved pets.

The Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) is tasked with rabies prevention in Arlington County and is your resource for rabies protection. Here are some facts and information to keep you, your family, and your pets safe from this disease.

What is rabies?

Rabies is a preventable, but deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. It is spread mainly through bites or scratches from an infected animal. Rabies is almost always deadly if not treated before symptoms begin.

In Virginia, rabies is found primarily in raccoons, followed by skunks, foxes, and bats. In the United States, wildlife accounts for the vast majority of rabies cases (93% in 2018) and cases of human rabies are incredibly rare, with only about 1 to 3 incidences reported annually.

How do I protect myself and my family?

Most importantly, do not feed or approach any wild, stray, or feral animals, even if they appear friendly or injured. This also includes handling deceased animals. Also, please stay away from animals acting strangely and immediately report any incidents or concerns to AWLA. Note, though, that wild animals *do* share



This fox was rescued by the AWLA after being found with numerous injuries. Photo courtesy AWLA.

our neighborhood and it's not uncommon to see animals in the daytime, especially with many of us now working from home. Strange behavior would be an unusually aggressive or hostile animal or, most commonly, animals that act timid, shy, or let you approach.

If you are bitten or have come into contact with any wildlife, including a potentially rabid animal, wash any wound thoroughly with soap and lots of water and seek immediate medical care. There is a series of vaccines to prevent rabies that you can get after the bite and before symptoms begin.

How can I protect my pets?

Make sure your pets are vaccinated and those vaccines are kept up to date. AWLA offers multiple rabies and microchip clinics for members of the public—visit AWLA's website at awla.org for the latest clinic schedules.

Finally, limit the possibility of exposing your pet to rabid animals by keeping them on your property or by using a leash while walking or playing away from home. We recommend cats stay indoors year-round, but especially in the spring when wildlife is most active with their young. Arlington County law requires dogs to be leashed when away from home or outside of a County dog park.

Contact AWLA immediately at 703-931-9241 to request removal of a dead animal that could pose a risk of rabies; to report an animal acting strangely; or if you believe you, your family, or pet has been exposed to a wild animal. To learn more about rabies visit the CDC's website at cdc.gov/rabies

—Sam Wolbert

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ABINGDON *school news*



Abingdon families have continued to complete school activities at home this month due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). To help support at-home learning, Arlington Public Schools (APS) now offers parents the opportunity to pick up Continuous Learning paper packets for grades PreK-2 at the grab-and-go meal pickup sites. The packets are designed to support learning for each month and can be picked up outside of Barrett, Campbell, Drew, Randolph, Hoffman-Boston, and Key Elementary Schools as well as Kenmore Middle School on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11 am to 1 pm.

Abingdon teachers now also have the option of connecting with students both individually and in groups for a live “morning meeting” through Microsoft Teams.

This helps teachers check in with each student, talk with parents about learning material, and help students stay connected with both their teacher and their classmates.

Although learning continues at a distance, the Abingdon Parent Teacher Association (PTA) still organized activities for teacher appreciation week from May 4 - 8. To thank the amazing teachers and staff at Abingdon, the PTA organized a virtual “Kudo Board” where students and families could upload videos and pictures or write a message to thank their teachers. Many messages included thanks for the creative ways that teachers and staff have engaged students during this time of distance learning.

—Rachel Mallory

Fairlingtonians from page 5



Lt. Pilco volunteers at a food distribution site. Photo by Jennifer Davies.

and something I will look back on and certainly feel proud that we were able to help our APS families and Fairlington community.”

In other good news, Fairlington residents found ways to safely help their neighbor who contracted the virus. This was done by bringing packages to the front door and going grocery shopping so strict quarantine could be observed, as well as voluntarily wiping down common areas more frequently. As someone in

the building commented, “I was touched by the open flow of communication in our building the moment one of us was in need. Our neighbor was open and clear about what they were going through and precautions being taken. I loved seeing the rest of us come to their aid or at least offer as soon as we knew. I think it’s brought our building of neighbors closer than we would have been otherwise.”

—Jennifer Davies

Senator from page 7

Like budgets at all levels of government, the budget passed by the General Assembly will see revisions as a result of the global pandemic. “At the end of the 2020 legislative session, the General Assembly passed one of the most progressive budgets in Virginia’s history, while also making one of the largest investments in our ‘rainy day fund’ in recent memory. Unfortunately, in light of the public health and economic crisis caused by the spread of the novel coronavirus, which arrived only days after sine die, we were forced to make tough decisions on our priorities during the ‘veto session.’ We approved Governor Northam’s recommendations to freeze \$2.2 billion in planned spending, at least until we can reforecast expected state revenues later this summer,” Ebbin explained.

The General Assembly already made some funding changes to respond to the crisis, such as providing increased funding for long-term care facilities, but Ebbin expects that in late summer, “the Governor will call a special session. At that time, we can then consider restoring funding for key priorities.”

—Michelle Woolley

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To inform our decisions, the market committee has been reading Governor Northam's orders, following guidance from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), Virginia Farmers Market Association (VAFMA), and Arlington county, and researching what other markets throughout the state are doing, including our sister markets.

Farmers Market rules

Thank you in advance for following these rules and for your continued support! Please note these rules may change if state and local regulations are adjusted, and we will keep you updated through the market website and social media channels.

- Masks/face coverings **MUST** be worn to enter the market.
- Stay home if you are sick. Please do not come to the market if you are unwell, have symptoms of coronavirus, or have potentially been exposed to someone who is sick, have traveled recently out of the area, or have been tested and not yet received results.
- Only one adult family member should enter the market to pick up food purchases. Kindly leave kids at home. We love children, but due to space and the circumstances it's best that they stay home. The playground, track, and soccer field remain closed.
- Please stand six feet apart from other people at all times, especially while in line.
- The market is one-way only. Enter the market via the fire lane entrance from S. Utah St. and follow the one-way signs as you make your way through the market. You can exit into the parking lot on S. Stafford St.
- We are limiting the number of customers inside the market. To decrease the wait time, bring your grocery list, be mindful of others, and don't eat or mingle in the market.
- Don't ask vendors to break down prepackaged portions of food in smaller quantities.
- Once you've picked up your orders, we ask you to move out of the market boundaries so that other shoppers can enter. If you run into a friend and want to catch up, please exit the market and remember to maintain appropriate social distance at all times.



The opening day of the Fairlington Farmers Market on May 10 brought many people out to the market to pick up locally sourced food and support the market and its vendors. Photos by Guy Land.

- We recommend washing your hands thoroughly as soon as you return home from the market. Produce can be washed with soap before consuming.
- We are not collecting food scraps or hosting special events for safety reasons.
- Since the community center is still closed the restrooms are also closed; a portable toilet onsite is for vendor and volunteer use.

Pre-ordering and vendor information

Many vendors are offering pre-orders through their websites that you can pick up at their tables, as well as grab & go items. For up-to-date information please visit fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org/vendors.

- **Ana's Twist:** Vegetarian and meat empanadas, juices, and soups made in the Ecuadorian tradition. Pre-order and grab & go items.
- **Cafe Los Sueños:** A specialty coffee roastery with a variety of blends. Grab & go (bags of beans and bottles of cold brew), no pre-orders.
- **Faerie Springs Farm:** Cheese made from pasteurized goat and cow's milk, including chevre, feta, mozzarella, and camembert. Grab & go products, no pre-orders.

- **Hog Haven Farm, LLC:** Heritage pork in a variety of packaged cuts and breakfast sandwiches. Pre-order by Saturday at 10 pm; limited grab & go sandwiches.
- **Kiwi Kuisine:** New Zealand-style savory pies, hand-made with all-natural ingredients. Grab & go items, no pre-orders.
- **Kuhn Orchards:** Seasonal fruits and vegetables, jams, cider, and honey. Pre-order by Friday at 10 am; grab & go items.
- **Mama's Donut Bites:** Mini donuts in a variety of flavors. Pre-order by Thursday at 12 pm; limited grab & go bags. They will be at the market every other week; see their Facebook page for more details.
- **Number 1 Sons:** Pickles, kimchi, and kraut. Pre-order by Saturday at 7 am; no grab & go.
- **Ozfeka Catering:** Turkish favorites, including beef or vegetable borek, kisir, sarma, and baklava. Pre-order by Saturday at 8 pm; grab & go items.
- **Pleitez Produce Farm:** Vegetables, fruits, and herbs. Pre-order by Thursday at 7 pm; grab & go items.
- **Rustiq Bakery & Cafe:** Croissants, artisan breads, and mouth-watering French pastries. Pre-order by Thursday at 12 pm; grab & go items.
- **Sandy Bottom Acres:** Eggs, chicken, beef, pork, and sausage. Grab & go items, no pre-orders.
- **Sexy Veggie:** Vegan and vegetarian salads, frozen soups, wraps, and patties. Pre-order by Saturday at 1 pm; grab & go items.
- **Spring Valley Farm and Orchard:** Salad greens, seasonal fruits and vegetables, jams, honey. Pre-order by Saturday at 3 pm; no grab & go.

—Lynne Blasi



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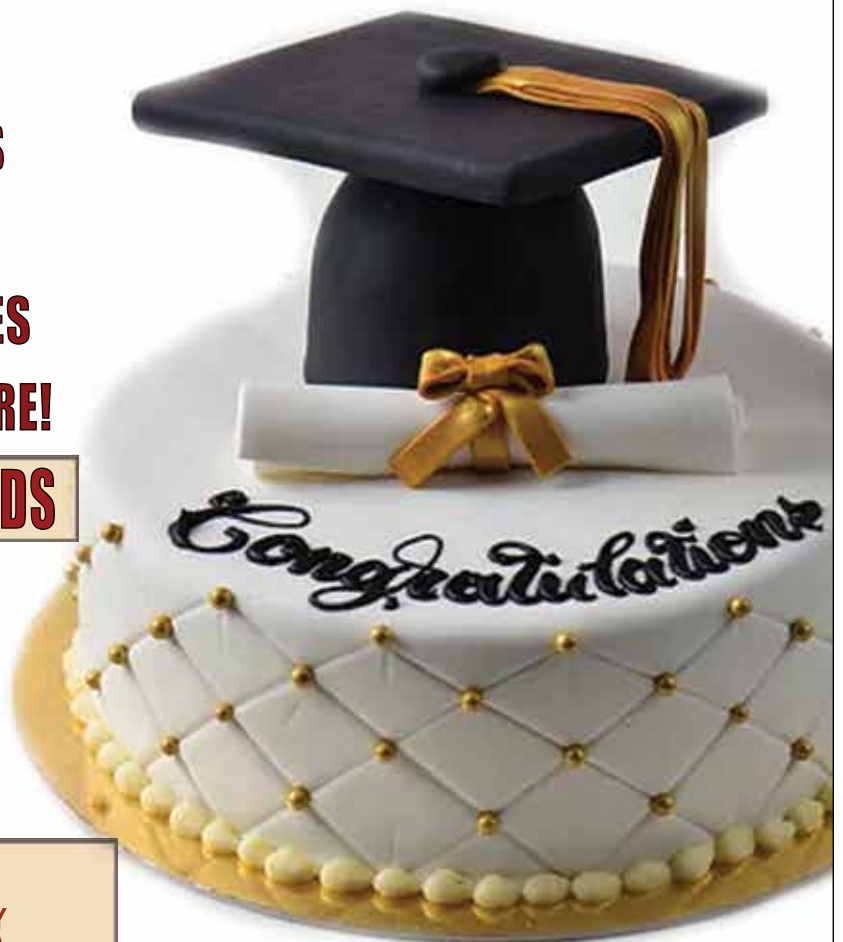
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Wakefield happenings

"Reflections"

It is hard to believe that my youngest child graduates from Wakefield High School this month. All three of my children attended Abingdon, Gunston, and Wakefield.

I still remember the first day of kindergarten for each of them. While attending our neighborhood schools, my children not only learned how to read and understand math, they learned the value of communication and using different methods to reach a goal.

Arlington teachers challenged my children to not just take the easy way but to find the best way that works for them. We had several teachers that we called the Felipe Club: those that taught all three. Shout out to Mr. Kelly. We let Mr. Utley join as an honorary member.

My children learned how to investigate, ask questions, explore, advocate, and grow. Their maturity did not come just from inside the classroom, but through all the other aspects that make our schools great.

All of my children were involved in music, clubs, and athletics. I am very familiar with sitting on bleachers or in auditoriums to watch school events and driving the family "shuttle" at various times of the day and night (those early morning bus departures and late-night arrivals). I attended over a decade of orchestra pyramid concerts and froze on cold bleachers.

The diversity and caring staff can't be beat. Mr. Clishman will pull seniors into his office and help them complete scholarship applications. I remember my daughter's human geography class. They were told to find someone from a different culture and share background information. The class completed multiple rounds with everyone being paired up.

Last fall I had a conversation with Dr. Willmore from Wakefield. We discussed the "Wakefield bubble." Wakefield is one of the most diverse high schools in the state if not the country. Students that graduate from Wakefield have a personal understanding that multiple views



All three Felipe children attended Abingdon, Gunston, and Wakefield. From L to R, Teresa, Anthony, and Anne Felipe. Photo by Mark Felipe.

and perspectives are always present and cannot be overlooked by others. This skill helps students navigate adult challenges.

I know that the education they received prepared them well for what is ahead. In addition to the required Senior Project, my children all completed AP, Advanced Placement through the College Board, and other advanced courses. These advanced courses freed up their college schedules for more interesting electives.

My oldest graduated from Virginia Tech in May with a degree in Finance. His Wakefield senior project was about increasing school spirit. He helped improve the SuperFans student activities and promotions.

My oldest daughter just completed her 1st year at the University of Virginia. She is working on a biomedical engineering degree with an additional major in economics. She said that Wakefield overly prepared her for college to the point that she was asked to be a TA for a class she completed at Wakefield. Her Wakefield senior research project reviewed the resources available in Arlington for students with physical disabilities.

My youngest completed her senior research on the portrayal of the deaf community in films. She said that she will always remember that Wakefield taught her to honor and celebrate other people and cultures. She will attend Mary Washington University and plans to major in history/education with the goal of obtaining a teaching license in 5 years. She will continue the Wakefield diversity perspective in college through her freshman honors seminar American Ideals of Inequality.

I will miss being in the daily Wakefield loop, but once a Warrior always a Warrior.

—Donna Felipe

Editor's note: The June issue marks the last month that Donna Felipe will be writing the Wakefield happenings column. The FCA thanks her for her many contributions to this publication.



Class of 2020

For families with children in school, the past two months have represented a time of unprecedented challenge and change. Not only have students had to contend with distance learning, but they have

been missing the day-to-day interactions with friends and teachers.

For high school seniors, these losses are especially poignant. In June, we normally honor and recognize graduates; in 2020, June has brought the cancelation of all graduation ceremonies, activities, and official celebrations.

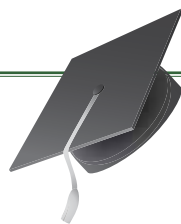
Fairlington has a number of high school seniors who are a part of this historic class. Many of these members of the class of 2020 have lived in Fairlington their entire lives; they learned to ride their bikes on the streets of Fairlington and learned to swim in their neighborhood pool.

Here, we salute Fairlington and Park Shirlington's Class of 2020.



Emily Andrews

Fairlington Mews
Wakefield High School
Valedictorian
Wakefield Best Buddies Chapter President
Arlington Aquatic Club team member for 10 years.
Wakefield swim team: Captain, District Champion and 4-year State qualifier
National Honor Society
Math, French, & History Honor societies
Wakefield Chamber orchestra
AP Capstone Program
Attending University of Virginia in the Fall



Fiona Hynes Dowell

Fairlington Villages
Wakefield High School
Fiona has participated in the Spanish Immersion Program since kindergarten, fulfilling all its requirements. Fiona is Secretary of the Math Honors Society, a member of Spanish Honors Society, winner of both Golden Key and Silver Key Art Awards, and an award for over 200 hours of community service.

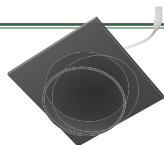


Ellen Egeland

Fairlington Villages
Wakefield High School
Ellen is graduating with an advanced diploma, and will be attending Coastal Carolina University in the fall. She is majoring in Marine Science, and plans to continue exploring her interests in the arts and soccer. Her family is proud beyond words, and their home will seem empty without her.

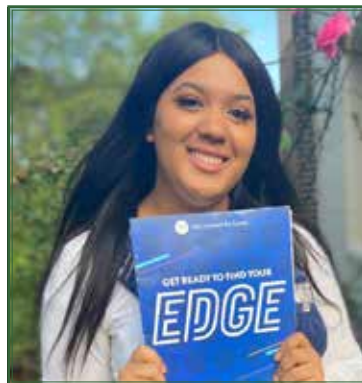
Jacqueline Branch

Fairlington Villages
Wakefield High School
Jacqueline was Captain of Wakefield's rowing team, was on the board for the Arlington Youth Philanthropy Initiative (AYPI), part of the National Honor Society (NHS), and a member of the American Sign Language Honor Society (ASLHS).
Jacqueline is attending Ohio University next year and planning on majoring in communications.



Aaliyah Dade

Park Shirlington
Wakefield High School
Among Aaliyah's extracurricular activities are singing, dancing, acting, and enjoying time with family and friends. Aaliyah will be attending Marymount College in New York City to pursue a BS degree in musical theater.





Mia Fisher

Fairlington Villages
Wakefield High School
Valedictorian

Mia will graduate with a Capstone Diploma and as an AP Scholar with Honor. She is a member of NHS and Interact, has been awarded the VA Biliteracy Seal, and has received several photography awards. She is on the Arlington Aerials gymnastics team at Barcroft and has also competed for the Wakefield Varsity team. Mia will attend college in the Netherlands.

Pili Gil

Fairlington Meadows
Wakefield High School
Pili sang in the chamber choir, played ultimate frisbee, and did costumes for the theater dept. She plans on studying Urban Design and Planning at VCU, as well as continuing her education in music. She'd like to thank all the Fairlingtonians who supported Wakefield Music.

Cor Medrick

Fairlington Glen
Washington-Liberty High School
Captain of the Rifle Team, Valedictorian Speaker
The Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange Program picked Cor for an immersive German program during the 2020–2021 school year. After completion, Cor will be attending university in Germany or returning to the U.S. to take part in the NOVA Pathways program.

Teresa Felipe

Fairlington Villages
Wakefield High School
Activities: Volleyball (8th–12th grade), Indoor and Outdoor Track, NHS and ASL Honor Societies
Senior Research: Review of the portrayal of the Deaf Culture in film.
College: Mary Washington University



Clara Gardner

Fairlington Commons
Wakefield High School
National Honor Society
United Minority Girls Club
Attending McDaniel College

Nataša Volk

Fairlington Villages
Wakefield High School
Nataša plans to study fashion in Florence, Italy. Her dream is to become a fashion designer because fashion is about dreaming and making other people dream!

Talia O'Brien

Fairlington Mews
Wakefield High School
Valedictorian
Spanish Immersion Graduate
Virginia Biliteracy Seal
AP Capstone Diploma
AP Scholar with Distinction
National, Spanish Honor Societies
Varsity Lacrosse
JV/Varsity Field Hockey (All County Honors)
Photography: Scholastic Gold, Silver Awards (4 years), Portfolio Gold Award; PTA Reflections—School/County 1st place
JV Soccer
Interact, Treasurer
Attending William and Mary

Editor's note: If you know a Fairlington or Park Shirlington graduating senior who did not make this list, email editor@fca-fairlington.org and we will recognize them in July's issue.

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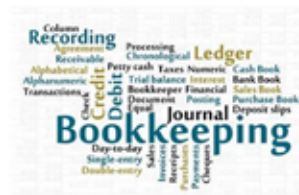
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neighborhood news

July 4th parade falls victim to COVID-19

FCA and the Fairlington Villages condo association, which have jointly sponsored the popular Fairlington Fourth of July parade, have announced that this year's parade has been cancelled.

"Everyone regrets doing this but we feel there is no other option," said Fairlington Villages president Terry Placek.

FCA and Fairlington Villages are looking at other options that would yield a community-wide celebration while honoring whatever social-distancing guidance may be in place at the time. These include having a fire truck from Station 9 accompany Uncle Sam through the neighborhood—much the way Santa does at Christmas, but without stops—or sponsoring a contest for the best patriotic sidewalk art or best-decorated porch.

Both organizations expect to have a large supply of flags available for residents.

If you have suggestions for ways to celebrate while respecting COVID-19 constraints, please email president@fca-fairlington.org. More information will be coming on FCA's Facebook page, as well as in next month's issue of the *Bulletin*.

—Guy Land

Fairlington Diners

The Fairlington Diners gather a couple of times a month for relaxed dinners nearby. We focus on having a good meal and an opportunity to chat with neighbors. There's no commitment to attend regularly; many people attend as their schedules permit, or based on the choice of restaurants.

Monday, June 29, 6:30 pm, Zoom dinner. While we will continue our hiatus from restaurant meals through June, we'll try dining together on Zoom this month! Please email the organizer at carol_dabbs@yahoo.com if you want to receive an invitation to this virtual event.

Please watch this space in the July AFB for news about possible July restaurant visits.

If you have questions or suggestions about this group,

call Carol at 703-379-6840 (leave a voicemail for a return call), or you can also ask to be added to the email list.

Book Group

The Fairlington Book Group is scheduled to discuss *The Grammarians*, a novel by Cathleen Schine, at its June 23 meeting. If the Fairlington Community Center is open at that time, we will likely meet there; otherwise, we will hold a virtual meeting on Zoom.

"Cathleen Schine has written a playful and joyful celebration of the interplay of language and life. A dazzling comedy of sisterly and linguistic manners, a revelation of the delights and stresses of intimacy, *The Grammarians* is the work of one of our great comic novelists at her very best." —Amazon.com.

Please call Carol at 703-379-6840 to confirm meeting location and other details. We hope you can join us!

Join Fairlington Knits virtually, on June 8

Join us for a virtual evening of knitting, crochet and fellowship Monday, June 8, from 6:30-8 pm via Zoom.

We're meeting on Zoom so we can share what we're working on, ask for help/advice, or for inspiration for a project. Log in from your home to talk with other like-minded people about projects that might interest you.

Email Turner for the Zoom information to join: Turner-work@aol.com.

Fairlington MOMS Club

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



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My “office” is boundless—no cubicles, partitions, or walls. Not even ceilings or floors.

My work environment is “the elements”—wind, sun, sub-freezing chill, drizzle, and birds singing. During my landscaping endeavors, I’ve encountered nature’s wonders, which I pause to enjoy. Fairlington parents might want to read this column to their young ones.

Four-leaf clover: Last month, a customer of mine, Tammie, took her two boys out for fresh air and to detach from video games and other digital devices. They found something they never would on the Internet—a four-leaf clover (pictured here). I wondered how many other children were on this kind of treasure hunt? Whenever I took time to finger through patches of clover, I only found three-leaf types.

Skink: A young man who worked for me (and lived in Fairlington) called me to see something. He walked me to the house and on the brick wall was a six-inch-long, iridescent lime skink (so he said). It must have had sharp claws since it was splayed, motionless on the side of the building. It was the one and only time I’ve seen a skink.

Gecko: As I was moving a shed in a Fairlington patio, I saw what looked to be a lizard. I clicked a picture and sent it to my customer, Jennifer. Her response, “Oh yeah, I get them in my kitchen.” Welcome to Fairlington, the great outdoors.

Baby robin: A warning cry got me up from planting perennials to look into a Fairlington window well. I saw a baby bird, hopping on the gravel and making repeated “cheek, cheek, cheek” calls. It couldn’t free itself with the iron grate on top of the concrete well. Luckily, the grate wasn’t chained down. Removing it, I leaned in, cupped the bird in my hands and set it free.

Fox: In Lincolnia, I was tree trimming, mid-day. I cut a dead limb from a cherry tree and walked toward the woods to dispose of it. Stepping through a narrow meadow of three-foot-tall grass, I saw what appeared to be an orange blanket ahead. Then the “blanket” moved. It was a napping red fox. When it stood up, its eyes were narrow slits from a deep sleep. After a moment, it trotted off. When I took a few more steps, I saw a patch of grass matted down where the animal had been snoozing.

Hummingbird: I’ve only seen two in the wild. Seeing them at feeders filled with sweet nectar doesn’t count (for me). The first sighting was on the edge of Lake Washington in Seattle, near the University of Washington campus. I was about to take a picture when one buzzed me and landed on the tall stem of a wildflower. The second sighting was in Fairlington. It landed on a weigela shrub which has tubular, pink flowers in April and May. The bird inserted its pointed bill down into the throat of the flower for nourishment. I’ve worked outside for over



A Fairlington four-leaf clover. Photo by Tammie Dzubak.

thirty years and play ball on Sundays in local parks. And I’ve only seen two hummingbirds—very rare.

Besides “natural” finds, I’ve located a sterling silver spoon, colorful marbles, a horseshoe, an Indian-Head nickel dated 1937, a rosary, a cross on a chain, numerous cat collars, a Mercury Head dime dated 1920, and a crystal knob, maybe from a chandelier.

In closing, I recall a funny story. When I was visiting my sister in upstate New York, we were out walking her dog and passed a wooded park. I asked her, “Do you ever see any deer here?” Her response was, “No, but there was a black bear up in that tree, last month.”

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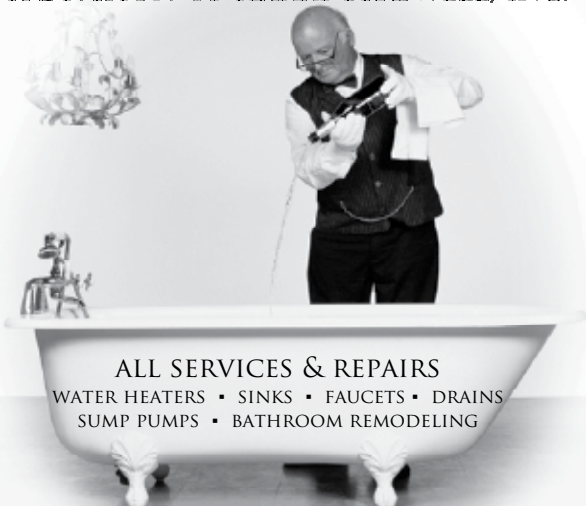
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