



## *All Fairlington Newsletter*

### **President's Message**

June 2026

June is often a time of celebrating milestones, especially graduations, wedding anniversaries, and new babies. We see signs of these celebrations at our pools, on porches, and through windows. Even from afar, they help foster connections within our neighborhood. I encourage you to congratulate a neighbor, even if you do not know them personally.

Speaking of fostering community connections, since the Stumbling Stones unveiling at the end of April, three more stones have been purchased by residents for Fairlington. These acts of generosity make me proud to represent our neighborhood. We are planning a fall event to commemorate the additional stones.

Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) looks forward to connecting with you this summer. I hope to see you at the Fairlington Farmers Market this month. There will be no monthly FCA meeting in June.

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—Jenn Davies, [president@fca-fairlington.org](mailto:president@fca-fairlington.org)

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## June Events Calendar

Interested in having your event included? Email [afbeditors@yahoo.com](mailto:afbeditors@yahoo.com)

### Alexandria City Transportation Open House

Thursday, June 4, 5 to 7 p.m.

Minnie Howard Campus, 3775 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria

The City of Alexandria hosts open house on proposed safety and access improvements along W. Braddock Road and N. Howard Street.

### Fairlington Diners

Saturday, June 20, noon

[Del Ray Cafe](#), 205 E. Howell Ave., Alexandria, (703) 717-9151

Del Ray Cafe describes itself as “an innovative local eatery that melds the best of French country cuisine and American country products.” Parking is available on the street in the neighborhood. If you plan to attend, please email carol\_dabbs at yahoo dot com no later than Tuesday, June 16, so she can adjust the reservation as needed. If you would like to receive a copy of these

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### **Fairlington Book Group**

Tuesday, June 23, 7:30 p.m.

Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Room 103

The group will discuss *King of Kings: The Iranian Revolution* by Scott Anderson. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book.

### **Fairlington Moms**

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## Community Satisfaction Survey

As the FCA continues expanding community communications and engagement opportunities, resident feedback remains important. What do you enjoy most about Fairlington? How can FCA become more inclusive and responsive to the community?

Make your voice heard by completing [the survey](#).



*Photo by Jenn Davies.*

## **Park Shirlington Food Distribution Draws High Marks**

The FCA coordinates a monthly food distribution in Park Shirlington, which is also part of Fairlington's civic association boundary. Food is provided through the Capital Area Food Bank. Each month, between 150 and 160 families, representing approximately 700 individuals, access the market.

Results were overwhelmingly positive, with 98% of respondents saying they always or almost always felt welcome, and 97% saying they always or almost always felt they were treated fairly. These were among the highest satisfaction ratings reported across county distributions.

The need for the distribution remains significant. Twenty-four percent of respondents reported skipping meals monthly, while 11% said they skip meals daily. One respondent shared, “This help is so important. Thank you so much.”

A new volunteer sign-up will be available in July. Community members are encouraged to watch for opportunities to help.

—*Jenn Davies*



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## Fairlington Market Snapshot

By [The Jessica Richardson Team](#)

Fairlington’s Spring market is showing strong activity, but buyers are definitely being more selective than in the past few years. Inventory has improved, giving buyers more choices and creating better balance in the market. Over the past four months 57 homes sold ranging from \$290,000 to \$840,000 averaging 17 days on the market.

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*Photo by Tom Keith.*

## Fairlington Hosts First Open Mic

FCA hosted its first Open Mic event on May 16 at the Fairlington Community Center. Despite beautiful weather and a busy May calendar, the event drew a strong turnout from both performers and audience members.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was seeing performers share music with their young children. Nathaniel and Melissa Brown performed Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely" on piano and vocals for their daughter, while Fionnbarr O'Grady played guitar and sang American standards and classic folk songs for

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Music was the primary art form featured, but not the only one. Jim Loper of the local Toastmasters chapter entertained the audience with a story about a safari adventure. Toastmasters meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Fairlington Community Center, Room 134.

Additional performers included longtime Washington-area musicians Bert Keith and Andrew Scott Zimmer, along with local favorites The Two Peas, who will perform at the farmers market on July 26.

FCA hopes to host another Open Mic event in the future and thanks everyone who attended.

—*Tom Keith*

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## Save the Date: Fairlington's Independence Day Parade Returns July 4

One of Fairlington's favorite annual traditions returns Saturday, July 4. Community members are invited to gather at 9:45 a.m. near the former Fairlington Fire Station 7 at 3116 S. Abingdon St. to march in the parade or cheer on neighbors along the route to the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 S. Abingdon St.

Following the parade, everyone can enjoy community festivities, refreshments, and activities for all ages. A community bake sale benefiting the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) will also take place after the parade.

Additional details will be included in the July issue.

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## Fourth of July Bake Sale Returns to Fairlington

After the annual Fourth of July parade, join neighbors at the Fairlington bake sale benefiting the [Arlington Food Assistance Center \(AFAC\)](#). The bake sale will

Over the years, Fairlington’s efforts to fight hunger have raised more than \$23,300. Community members are encouraged to stop by and purchase treats while supporting a good cause.

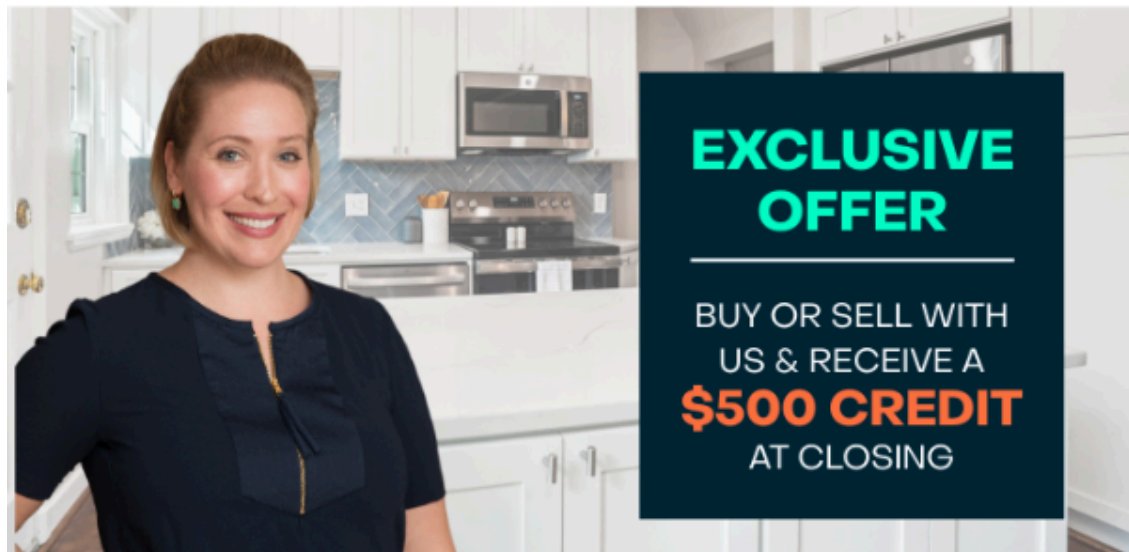
Residents interested in donating baked goods are asked to avoid frostings or fillings that may melt in the heat. Donations may be dropped off at tables outside the community center between 9 and 9:30 a.m. before the parade begins.

Volunteers are also needed to help staff the bake sale on July 4. Those interested in helping may contact Robin Weinick at [rweinick@gmail.com](mailto:rweinick@gmail.com). This year marks the 21st anniversary of the Fourth of July bake sale.

—Robin Weinick



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## **Success at the Fairlington Free Clothing Swap**

The 12th semiannual Fairlington Free Clothing Swap was held April 25 at Abingdon Elementary School and drew more than 300 shoppers. Thanks to the efforts of more than 50 volunteers and 30 donors, tables and racks were filled with clothing, accessories, and shoes for adults and children.

This spring's event also featured free books from Luci's Mobile Free Library and bagels donated by Einstein Bros. Bagels.

The community tradition began during the COVID-19 pandemic through the efforts of Kristen Jacobs Johnson, a longtime Fairlington resident and friend.

Community members interested in supporting the event may contribute toward storage costs for supplies and equipment. Donations may be sent through Venmo to [@Alexis-Mahoney-2](#) or PayPal to [@AEMahoney](#).

To volunteer or learn more, email [freeclothingswap@gmail.com](mailto:freeclothingswap@gmail.com). Organizers are already planning the next swap in October 2026.



*Photo by Caroline Weinroth.*

Farmers Market

## **Fairlington Farmers Market — Free Events, Fresh Food, and Family Fun**

The Fairlington Farmers Market opened its 12th season this month. Thank you to everyone who visited opening day. Vendors enjoyed welcoming back familiar faces and meeting new residents.

Follow [@fairlingtonmarket on Instagram](#), [Fairlington Farmers Market on Facebook](#), and subscribe to the weekly newsletter at [www.field2table.org](http://www.field2table.org) for

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### Free June Market Events

- June 7: Strawberry Fest; live music by Swingology; yoga and fitness with Just Move with Joy; FCA table
- June 14: Live music by John Kamman; henna tattoos with Henna by Houda
- June 21: Live music by Khalil Nazar; visit from Alexandria Schoolhouse
- June 28: Follow social media for updates

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

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

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

Stop by the Market Tent to say hello this summer.

—*Charlotte Terry*

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## Visit the FCA Table at the Farmers Market

Stop by the FCA table June 7 to say hello, learn about upcoming community events, and check out a new batch of FCA swag.

Available items include:

- Adult and youth T-shirts — \$20
- Toddler T-shirts — \$15
- Christmas ornaments — \$15
- Tea towels — \$15

Support your civic association and enjoy a great Sunday at the market.

—*Lizzie Lyons*



*Photo by Helen Vera.*

Abingdon Elementary

## **Abingdon Students Visit Jamestown**

On May 6, Abingdon Elementary School's fourth-grade students visited Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America. The field trip brought their Virginia Studies curriculum to life through hands-on experiences and historical demonstrations.

Students gathered around the hearth in a Jamestown Fort home, heard the blast of a musket at the Yorktown military encampment, explored a Powhatan longhouse, and learned about the experiences of people captured in West Central Africa and enslaved in Virginia. The visit came just days before students took their Virginia Studies Standards of Learning (SOL) exam.

The Abingdon community expressed gratitude to the sponsors, donors, volunteers, and neighbors who helped raise funds to cover the full cost of the trip. Fundraising efforts included the fourth-grade table at the Fairlington Farmers Market, which raised \$564, and the Election Day bake sale last fall,

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Sponsors included Abingdon PTA, Arlington Community Foundation, Pat Carroll, Kay Houghton & Associates, Guy Land, Orange Line Sports and Venture Global.

Food donations were provided by Einstein Bros. Bagels, Food Star, Fresh Market, Giant Food, Good Company Doughnuts & Cafe, Harris Teeter, Peet's Coffee, and Trader Joe's.

—*Sharon Burd and Helen Vera*

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*Photo by Tina Byrd.*

For the Love of Nature

## **Want More Birds? Add Keystone Plants to Your Garden**

Just as a keystone is essential to holding a Roman arch in place, keystone plants play a critical role in supporting the local food web. These important plants generally fall into two categories: those that feed the caterpillars of many butterflies and moths, and those that support specialist bees, which rely exclusively on pollen from specific plants.

wrens, downy woodpeckers, and mockingbirds, rely on caterpillars as an important food source. Fortunately, most plants recover after caterpillars consume them.

Many keystone plants found in Fairlington are both ecologically valuable and visually appealing. Examples include asters, black-eyed Susans, coreopsis, goldenrods, orange coneflowers, river birch trees, and white oaks.

The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia maintain a detailed list of keystone plants for home landscapes on their [website](#). The resource also explains how many species of butterflies, moths, and specialist bees each plant supports.

—Tina Byrd



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**When Pain or Poor Sleep Starts Affecting**

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Government Updates

## **FY 2027 Budget Information**

In late April, the Arlington County Board adopted a balanced \$1.7 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2027, representing a 0.7% increase over FY 2026. The board also voted 4-1 to approve the previously advertised 2-cent real estate tax increase, raising the rate from \$1.033 to \$1.053 per \$100 of assessed value. County Board Member Susan Cunningham cast the lone dissenting vote.

Based on the average home value of \$882,900, the increase is expected to raise the average homeowner's annual real estate tax payment by \$466.

The average apartment renter could see an estimated increase of \$317, based on an average apartment value of \$373,772 and assuming the increase is passed on by landlords.

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## City to Host Open House on W. Braddock and N. Howard Street Improvements

The City of Alexandria will host a public open house on Thursday, June 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Minnie Howard Campus Forum, 3775 W. Braddock Rd., to discuss proposed safety and access improvements along W. Braddock Road and N. Howard Street. Proposed updates include improved crosswalks, bicycle infrastructure, signal timing adjustments, and safer connections between the Minnie Howard and King Street campuses.

Additional information is available [here](#).

—*Jenn Davies*



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