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Calendar

FCA Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m.

Fair Golds Business Meeting

Thursday, March 4, noon

FCC

MOMS Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.

FCC

Daylight Saving Time begins

Sunday, March 14, 2 a.m.

Fairlington Diners Night Out

Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.

Clyde's at Mark Center

Alexandria

Fair Golds Program

Thursday, March 18, noon

FCC

Thirty Somethings

Thursday, March 18, 7:15 p.m.

Eleventh Street Lounge

Clarendon

Book Group

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

North Fairlington CC



Who Are We? County Demographer to Review Census Process, Benefits

The census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790, and it helps describe who we are, as a county, state, and nation. The decennial count seeks to do nothing less than count every single person living in the United States, including all ages and ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens. You can learn more about how the census works, how you'll participate, and how the count affects you at the FCA meeting on March 10, when Arlington County demographer Elizabeth Rodgers will explain the process and describe how Arlington stands to benefit from an accurate count.

The census officially begins on April 1, but census questionnaires will be mailed out or delivered to every household in the middle of March. Officials say the 10-question "short" form will take less than 10 minutes to complete, and then you mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the same questions from the form. All responses are confidential and protected by law: Census officials take great care to assure citizens that they do not share any personal information with anyone—including agencies such as ICE (immigration), the FBI, the IRS, police, welfare agencies, etc.



Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to the states and to distribute \$400 billion in federal funds to states and localities each year for hospitals, schools, emergency services, and other public needs. Ms. Rodgers can put a human face on the ways Arlington loses through an undercount (which is thought to have been the case in

the census of 2000)—how many fire trucks do not get bought, how many school kids do not get funded for summer camp, and so on.

You can find interesting snapshots of Arlington's and even Fairlington's population, circa 1990 and 2000, and a comparison of the two sets of data, on the county Web site. For example, Arlington's population in 2009 was estimated at 210,000, which reflects an increase of 10.8 percent since 2000. For Fairlington, curiously, the numbers tell a different story: In 1990, the population was 9,258; in 2000, it was 6,122, or a decrease of 33.9 percent. Go online to www.arlingtonva.us/census2010; click on the right link Demographics; click on Data for Civic Associations; and click on Fairlington. For more information about the census, go online to www.2010.census.gov.

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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 unless otherwise noted. If you would like to discuss a neighborhood issue at the meeting, please e-mail fairlingtonisfun@yahoo.com or leave a voice-mail message at 703-243-1735 by the Sunday before the meeting. You can find more information on the FCA Web site, www.fca-fairlington.org, and by logging on to Facebook and joining "Fairlington Appreciation Society."

Preliminary Agenda

7 p.m. Special Program: Arlington County demographer, Elizabeth Rodgers, will discuss the upcoming 2010 census and describe Arlington's participation.

8 p.m. Regular Business Meeting

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

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Calendar, cont.

Fairlington Diners Night Out

Monday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.

Ramparts, Half-price burger night
Alexandria

See Neighborhood News on pages
18 – 19 and related articles for
details about calendar events.

Time to Spring Forward

At 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 14,
“spring forward” by setting your
clocks ahead to 3 a.m. For more
information about Daylight
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U.S. Naval Observatory Web site,
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fairlingtonians,

I'm happy to report on the inaugural meeting in January of Fairlington's Council of Presidents, where the FCA hosted the leadership of the community's condominium homeowners associations. Our goal is to foster communication and cooperation among the resident-leaders who volunteer their time to serve their neighbors, and to demonstrate how FCA can be called on to work with, and support the work of, the associations. Together with FCA secretary Stan Hanzel, I met with the presidents of six of the community's seven HOAs: Rob Ingulli, Arbor; John Sinks, Commons; Kathy Clatanoff, Glen; Stacey Knobler, Green; Tom Corbin, Mews; and Guy Land, Villages. The association presidents were joined by Joseph Harman, of Fairlington Court (next door to the firehouse), and we look forward to welcoming a representative from the Meadows at upcoming meetings.

At our first meeting, the HOA presidents were brought up to date on the proposed work to be undertaken by the Fairlington Historical Society in conjunction with Mike Leventhal, of the county's Historic Preservation office, on a style guidebook for Fairlington. The guide, as explained by FHS officers Patricia Clark, Cynthia Kunz, and Terry Placek, will assist residents who wish to update their homes while remaining true to the neighborhood's historic character.

In addition, some HOA presidents used the time, as designed, to ask questions about the FCA, its mission, and the issues that the FCA monitors, and some participants expressed appreciation for that work. For all of us in attendance, the meeting was a welcome opportunity to put names to faces, to share experiences, and to repair the occasional gaps in our knowledge. I think we all enjoyed the chance to “talk shop” about Fairlington. We compared notes on how we do things in our various organizations and how we can help each other. Speaking as a resident, I greatly admire the HOA presidents and the hard work they do. And as president of the FCA, I was delighted to discover that having a sense of humor seems to be a requirement for serving on the board of a Fairlington homeowners association!

Special thanks go to FCA director and historic liaison Brenda Kriegel for her work in support of this valuable first meeting. I will work with the HOA presidents to determine an agenda and to select a date in early summer for the next meeting.

I remain,
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The FCA Is Not Your Homeowners Association

—By Christine Chirichella, FCA Vice President

The challenges of last month's snowstorms, when residents struggled repeatedly to dig their cars out, brought to light the fact that there is still a lot of confusion about what exactly the FCA is, and what we do. I've lived in Fairlington for 10 years, but it took me a long time and some parking concerns of my own to finally understand the difference. Recently, many residents complained to the FCA about snow-related issues like parking lots not being plowed—but the truth is, the FCA has very little to do with the day-to-day operations of Fairlington.

The FCA is concerned with larger community issues that affect all residents of Fairlington, and all residents—both homeowners and tenants—are automatically members of the FCA. As the community's civic association, FCA has no authority over, nor responsibility for, local maintenance and management issues.

FCA serves as an umbrella group for Fairlington's seven different neighborhoods and condominium homeowners associations (plus the Fairlington Court Homeowners Association): Fairlington Villages in north Fairlington (north of the I-395 bridge) and the six neighborhoods in south Fairlington—the Arbor, Commons, Glen, Green, Meadows, and Mews. In January, the FCA organized and hosted the first-ever Presidents Council (see page 3), where HOA presidents met with FCA president Sam Anthony to talk about issues of importance to Fairlington. FCA plans to host these meetings two or three times a year to facilitate communications and strengthen the relationships among the associations.

So what does the FCA do? The FCA represents the concerns of all

3,449 households to local governments about the larger community's health, welfare, and safety. FCA is consulted by Arlington County and the City of Alexandria on issues affecting the entire community, and it represents Fairlington to the Arlington County Civic Federation and the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, where representatives from all county civic associations gather monthly to discuss local issues. If you are interested in attending these meetings as a volunteer delegate for FCA, please let me or Sam Anthony know.

Recent issues that FCA has addressed for residents include:

HOT Lanes: FCA spoke out against them at the VDOT public hearings and at local government board meetings.

BRAC: FCA has facilitated meetings with the local group START to connect neighborhoods along I-395 and find solutions to current traffic problems.

Abingdon Elementary: FCA recently signed a resolution affirming the value of Project Gift, which was slated to be cut from the school budget.

These are just a few issues that the FCA is working on. Is there an issue that you would like us to address? Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the Fairlington Community Center. We hope that you will join us there and share your concerns. You can always reach me at fairlington_comm@yahoo.com and Sam Anthony at fairlingtonisfun@yahoo.com. We hope to hear from you soon. You can find more information about the FCA at www.fca-fairlington.org.

Who You Gonna Call—FCA or HOA?

For help clarifying the difference between the FCA and the seven condominium homeowners associations, start with the list below.

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Traffic planning
Highway development
Neighborhood crime
Storm drains/water supply
Public safety
Neighborhood improvements
Public sidewalks
Taxpayer-funded projects/services
Street lights
Bus transportation
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Participate in Fairlington Day, May 15

The FCA is looking for a few good volunteers for the Fairlington Day celebration at Utah Park on May 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. As part of Arlington's Neighborhood Day, the Fairlington event will welcome county board members, who will stop by to enjoy a hot dog, chat with residents, and cut the ribbon for the official opening of the park's newly constructed picnic shelter. You can join the party early by volunteering now in any of the following areas:

1. **Iron chefs:** We need nine volunteers to man the grills. FCA will provide the grills and fuel, the tongs, spatulas, and cooking utensils, and the food, condiments, paper plates, and plastic-ware. You supply the hot-dog-turning labor for a one-hour shift between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. We'll have three grills operating simultaneously, so we'll need three volunteers for each of the three grilling hours—a total of nine grill-masters.
2. **Chef arena supervisors:** We need nine volunteers to assist the grill operators with related tasks: assemble hot dogs in buns; relay assembled hot dogs to serving platters; monitor the need for re-supply of food, condiments, etc. Generally, you'll supervise the food prep and distribution areas, so that the grill-masters can



- stay on task. All provisions will be provided by FCA.
3. **Beverage wallahs:** We need six volunteers to bring their large coolers plus ice to the venue at 10:30 a.m., assemble canned/bottled drinks on ice in the coolers, and monitor the need for drinks-cooler re-supply during the event. FCA will provide the drinks and reimburse for the ice.
4. **Sports champions:** We need four volunteers to organize sports. Two people will bring Frisbees and take turns tossing them back and forth to groups of kids on the grassy area adjacent to the picnic shelter. Organize as you like and as the need arises. Two volleyball enthusiasts will take turns supervising the volleyball court. Organize as you like and as the need arises.

For planning purposes, we'll need your commitment to attend and participate by March 20. To volunteer, contact FCA president Sam

Anthony: Leave a voicemail at 703-243-1735 or send an e-mail to fairlingtonisfun@yahoo.com. For more information about Neighborhood Day, the county-wide series of neighborhood events on May 15, go online to www.arlingtonva.us/portals/Topics/NeighborhoodDayMain.aspx. Watch for more details about Fairlington Day in the April AFB.

Green Living Expo, March 20

There will be a Green Living Expo on Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, near Ballston Metro. The expo will feature businesses and organizations with products and services focusing on energy conservation, solid waste reduction, eco-friendly transportation, green home remodeling, sustainable landscaping, and healthy homes. For more information call 703-228-6427 or send an e-mail to office@arlingtonenvironment.org.

Snowpocalypse. Snowmageddon.

SnOMG! Send snow photos to

afbeditors@yahoo.com.

New FCA Director to be Appointed

At the FCA meeting on April 14, a new director will be appointed to the FCA board by a vote of the executive board. The new director will fill out the term of our good friend and neighbor Tom McNally in his absence. If you are interested in serving as an FCA director for the remainder of the calendar year, please contact FCA president Sam Anthony by April 1. Call 703-243-1735 and leave a message, or send an e-mail to fairlingtonisfun@yahoo.com. Information regarding the duties of the executive board can be found in the FCA bylaws on the FCA Web site at www.fca-fairlington.org under FAQs.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing to share my concern with the Fairlington community that someone will be hit because of a commercial driver's reckless behavior. It nearly happened to me. On Friday, January 22, a delivery driver for a local pizzeria nearly hit me as I was parallel parking my car on South 30th Street. I then watched him screech to a stop at King Street. Instead of calling the pizzeria and reporting the driver, I drove to the shop and reported the driver to his manager. I also told the manager that Fairlington is home to many senior citizens, families with young children, and exercisers, and that we have speed limits for a reason. I then told the manager that I would be speaking with local law enforcement and with our commu-

nity association about the incident. He apologized and said he would remind his drivers to observe the speed limit in Fairlington.

This isn't the first time I've seen delivery drivers speed down my street—in fact, it seems to happen daily. The offenders range from taxi drivers to construction workers to restaurant delivery drivers on a tight schedule (and, yes, even the occasional private car driven too fast by a Fairlington resident who should know better). I have also witnessed frequent speeding on South 28th Street between South Columbus and King.

What can we as a community do to make drivers slow down? I'd hate to think that it's inevitable that I'll be in an accident with someone who

flew through the South 30th Street rotary—or, worse, that one of my neighbors will be the victim of a hit-and-run because someone was in a hurry to earn a living.

Rosiland Jordan
Fairlington Villages

The All Fairlington Bulletin welcomes letters to the editor and will print them as space permits. However, the opinions expressed are those of the writer(s) and do not represent endorsement by this publication or the FCA. In addition, the AFB reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity and may refuse to print letters that are not appropriate for a community newsletter.

FHS Seeking 10th Anniversary Help...

The Fairlington Historical Society is 10 years old this year, and we're planning several events and activities in the coming months:

- Republishing the 60th anniversary edition (2003) of Catherine Fellows' wonderful book about our community, *Fairlington at 50*
- Assembling a Fairlington time capsule
- Dedicating the Fairlington models at the FCC
- Publishing a Fairlington calendar
- Reaching out to the Abingdon School and developing a teacher's lesson plan on Fairlington
- Creating a Fairlington history coloring book for younger neighbors
- Recognizing past and current members, volunteers, Home and Garden Tour chairs, and trustees.

Even if you have only a small amount of time to help, we'll welcome your involvement. Please contact Patty Clark at 703-820-7328 or pattyclark2@comcast.net.

Emergency Preparedness Training Begins in March

If you'd like to join the growing ranks of Arlington residents who are better prepared for and able to respond to emergencies, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training may be for you. The hands-on training takes place over a six to eight week period on six weeknights (Tuesdays or Thursdays) and two Saturday mornings. It follows a national FEMA/DHS curriculum, which covers disaster preparedness, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, team organization, disaster psychology, fire suppression, and terrorism. All classes meet at the Arlington County Fire Department Training Academy in Shirlington and are taught by ACFD staff and CERT members. The training is free, but participants are expected to acquire certain supplies themselves (you probably already have many on hand.) The training is open to Arlington residents who are at least 18 years of age (16 if accompanied by a parent) and able to participate in all aspects of the training, some of which requires lifting and carrying.

Spring classes begin on March 4 and 9. For more information or to sign up, contact the program's volunteer coordinator Cynthia Kellams at ArlingtonCERT@aol.com.



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Growing Things Is Strictly for the Birds

With this winter's record snowfall, we had time to gaze out the windows and wonder how our gardens could look prettier in the off-season. One way is to invite birds for a meal. Bird feeders and suet packs work, but so do plants. For birds that don't fly south for the winter, food is scarce when the landscape is covered in white. Here are some specimens with built-in place settings.

Juniperus (juniper): First of all, it's an evergreen or everblue. Some of the ground cover cultivars (blue Pacific, blue star, blue rug) have bluish foliage while the taller, vertical specimens offer a washed-out green look. Fruit on the juniper is a grayish-blue. I have a picture of a robin gripping a branch with its legs while tugging at a clump of the fruit. The Juniper fruit is part of what makes up gin but there's no evidence a bird gets tipsy after indulging.

Malus florabunda (flowering crabapple): These specimens get wide (15 feet), so if you plant one inside your patio fence it will have to be pruned to fit. The bark of this tree is knobby and plated, so it also offers something to look at in the dead of winter. One winter, I passed by a leafless crabapple in the Arbor to find a flock of cedar waxwings feeding on the nickel-sized, cranberry-colored drupes. Not even my footsteps scared away a single one. The Malus fruit hangs on three-inch long stems resembling a cherry.

Ilex cornuta "Burfordii" (Burford Chinese holly): The Burford is a delight in that its leaf margin is entire (without points) except for a



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subtle one at the end. The small holly is fully fruited through self-pollination in winter and its shrub-like size fits well in a patio. Situate one along the back fence and there's a chance you'll see birds perched here enjoying the fruit. The fire-engine red fruit color stands out like the plumage of a male cardinal in gray winter days.

Aronia arbutifolia (red chokeberry): Up to eight reddish pomes per cluster hang off the branches like Malus fruit. With all the leaves fallen, the wooden strands are filled with these fruit clumps similar to the deciduous hollies in winter.

Ilex verticillata (winterberry or black alder): One of a very few hollies that loses its leaves, this specimen is unique and colorful in the bleakest months of the year. There used to be a stand in Shirlington, and when you drove by, it was a surprising sight. Birds enjoy the fruit, especially the cardinal, which likes to scamper among low-lying thickets in late afternoon and early evening

during winter. I have a picture of a mockingbird with a bright-red drupe in its bill.

Chaenomeles speciosa (flowering quince): One of the first bloomers in spring, the quince's tight but scraggly branch habit is filled with three-inch-long, yellowish-pink pomes with small dots or glands. For humans, the fruit is bitter unless cooked. I have a photo of a cedar waxwing trying to swallow one whole pome whose diameter is half the length of the bird's bill.

Viburnum setigerum (tea viburnum): The prettiest of this fruiting genus due to the long stems similar to the Malus and Aronia, the specimen is so named since its leaves are used in making teas. This viburnum—like all others in the genus—flowers white in spring (April-May). After its reddish-purple leaves drop in fall, the pendulous fruit hangs from branches like winter ornaments.

Pyracantha coccinea (scarlet firethorn): Firethorn is so named due to the heavy fruit set of this orange pome, which appears in the fall and persists throughout winter. It has a small, oval evergreen leaf and sharp prickles (as I call them), but espaliered against a fence it doesn't really inhibit the gardener from moving around in the beds. Due to its naturally protective habit, birds nest in firethorn, since their young are shielded from predatory birds (crows and hawks) and even from squirrels looking for a meal.

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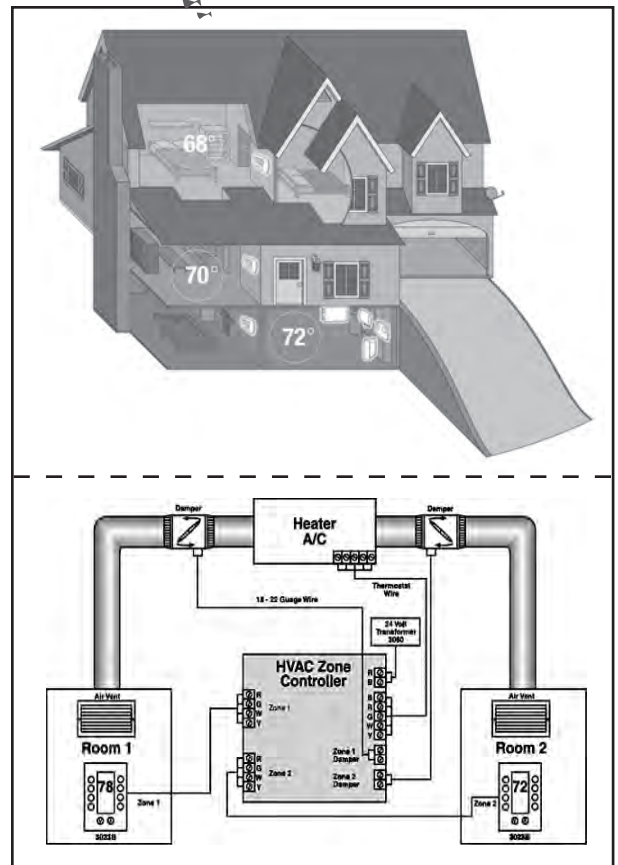
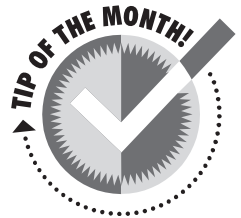
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Animal Talk

Losing a Pet

This month marks exactly one year since I lost my beloved Pepper, the first dog I owned as an adult. While logically you know that your pet will not live as long as you, the loss of a pet can be very traumatic, since many of us consider our pets family.

Pepper had been seriously ill for the last year of her life, yet somehow she always bounced back. But I knew it was just a matter of time before time ran out and I dreaded having to make "that decision"—whether or not to euthanize. It's a personal and very difficult decision, and there's a delicate balance between wanting to keep your pet around and not wanting it to suffer. I kept hoping for a definitive moment when I would know what to do.

That moment did come, and I knew I had to take action. I think Pepper knew too and was not in any distress. I take comfort in the serenity she showed the night I made that final trip to the vet. I decided to have her privately cremated and bought a beautiful urn that had room for a photo of the two of us. Again, these decisions are very personal and



The author's dog Pepper. Photograph by Christine Chirichella.

everyone needs to do what is best for them to memorialize their pet and cope with the loss.

Not a day goes by that I don't miss Pepper and her sweet smiling face.

She was my heart, and I will never forget her and all the joy and adventure she brought to my life for 15 years.

For those of you facing tough decisions or the loss of a pet, talk to those who have been through it, gather information to be prepared, and take the time you need to be comfortable with your decisions. And don't be afraid to seek professional help when needed, whether it's from your vet or a resource like the ASCPA's Pet Loss Hotline at 877-474-3310.

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The book fair will be open to the public the evening of Tuesday, March 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Abingdon library. Photograph by Michelle Marston.

It's Time for the Book Fair

Abingdon Elementary School will once again hold its annual Scholastic Book Fair the week of March 15 to 19. There will be an assortment of both paperback and hardcover fiction and non-fiction titles for sale along with some Spanish language materials, posters, and other novelty items. Students will be allowed to purchase items during the school day from Wednesday to Friday. Proceeds will benefit the Abingdon PTA and the school library.

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—By Michelle Marston, Abingdon PTA co-president

Next Movie Night: Friday, March 12

Snow made us cancel last month's movie night, but there's still one left this year. So please join us for Movie Night on Friday, March 12 in the Abingdon Multi-Purpose Room. We'll be showing *Scooby Doo: The Mystery Begins*. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie will begin at 6:30.

The PTA serves pizza for a dollar a slice and drinks and snacks for just 50 cents. Thanks to the generosity of our neighborhood movie theater, AMC Loews Shirlington 7, we're now featuring real movie theater popcorn. Bring your blankets and pillows to get comfy on the multi-purpose room floor or take a seat in one of the chairs. Movie night is a great way to enjoy a cheap family date night

Johnny Rockets Spirit Night, March 3

Abingdon Elementary will be having its next fundraising spirit night on Wednesday, March 3. Join us for dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. that night. Johnny Rockets will donate a portion of each purchase to the PTA to help us support our teachers and students. Make sure to tell your waiter or waitress that you're there to support Abingdon Elementary School.

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Fair Golds

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

In March, the Fair Golds will have a business meeting on Thursday, March 4, and on Thursday, March 18, there will be a program on "The Fascinating Honeybee" with naturalist Marty Pross from the Gulf Branch Nature Center. We always welcome guests and/or new members. The only requirement is that you be over 55 years of age. Please feel free to join us at one or more of our meetings and see if Fair Golds is a group you would be interested in joining. We try to arrange a special program or engage a speaker for the second Thursday meeting of the month. If you would like more information about Fair Golds, feel free to call Gertrude Frankel at 703-931-3759 or Vernetta Kukolich at 703-548-8571.

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Fairlington Thirty Somethings



Please join us on Thursday, March 18, for our next happy hour at Eleventh Street Lounge at 7:15 p.m. at 1041 N. Highland St. in Arlington near the Clarendon metro.

We celebrated the snow on Super Bowl Sunday with a snow ball fight on S. Buchanan Street, inner tubing down the hill between S. 28th and S. Buchanan, and then watched the game at the North Fairlington community center. We gathered again the next day, Monday, at Luna Grill and Diner in Shirlington to venture out of our homes between snow storms.

If you want to be added to the list, please contact Jeff Hewitt at j.b.hewitt@verizon.net or Kavita Kalsy at kkalsy@hotmail.com.

Book Group

We will meet on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Fairlington Community Center to discuss *The Senator's Wife* by Sue Miller. For April 27, the title is *West with the Night*, by Beryl Markham. For further information, please contact Kavita Kalsy at kkalsy@hotmail.com.

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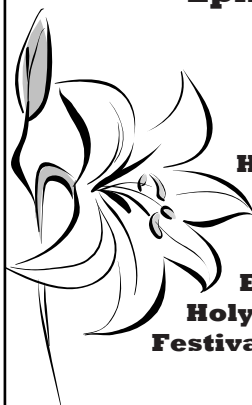


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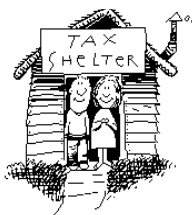
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