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FCA meeting to hear plans for siting county facilities

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Following an 11-month study and public outreach effort, a citizen-led advisory committee, the Community Facilities Study (CFS) Committee, has presented recommendations to the Arlington County Board and Arlington School Board on how to better manage the process of siting and prioritizing community facilities. John Milliken, chair of the committee, will outline those recommendations at the March 9 Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) meeting at 7 pm in the Fairlington Community Center.

Community centers, schools, parks, fire stations, and storage yards are already competing for precious space and limited resources in Arlington, even as the demand for services grows, sparking debate over competing uses and priorities. The process by which these choices get resolved could have implications for Fairlington, which has several publicly owned properties in the neighborhood: the Fairlington Community Center on S. Stafford St., Utah St. Park, fire station 7, and Abingdon Elementary School.

Last year, for example, there was some preliminary speculation that the community center might be returned to its original purpose as a school, though this option was quickly taken off the table.

"Arlington is facing some important choices in the next few years," said Milliken, a former member of the county board. "We are growing, as young parents and their children choose Arlington as a place to live, but we are only 26 miles and space for future facilities is limited. We will have to set priorities and be creative through reuse, joint use, and collaboration with others. The strategic



CFS co-chairs John Milliken and Ginger Brown led a joint county board-school board work session at the Fairlington Community Center last fall. Photo by Guy Land.



The Fairlington Community Center is one of several publicly owned properties in the neighborhood. Photo by Guy Land.

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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 March 9

Special presentation: John Milliken, chair of the Community Facilities Study Committee, will discuss the committee's recommendations to the county board for siting county facilities and services.

Regular board business:

Approval of February minutes, Officer reports, Committee reports, Unfinished business, and New business

Special HOT lanes meeting March 14

The FCA will hold an informational meeting on the proposed I-395 HOT lanes project on Monday, March 14 at 7 pm at the Fairlington Community Center.

Online resources:

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



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MOMS Club consignment sale

Friday, March 4, 4 - 7:30 pm
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Home Improvement Showcase

Saturday, March 5, 9 am - 1 pm
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

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Monday, March 7, 6:30 pm Lost
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FCA monthly meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 7 pm FCC,
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Saturday, March 19, 10 am
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A young Fairlington resident catches some air while sledding in the aftermath of late January's monster snowstorm that dropped more than two feet of snow in Fairlington. Photo by Guy Land.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After years of waiting, residents will soon see action on a plan to bring Verizon's FiOS high-speed broadband service to Fairlington. But actual delivery of the service is many months, if not a year or so, away and real hurdles must be overcome before Verizon can install the fiber optic lines that deliver the signal.

Verizon must negotiate separate agreements with each of the eight condo and homeowner associations in Fairlington. These agreements would give the company access to the general common property for the installation of lines and likely set the terms by which Verizon could bring the fiber inside the buildings and to each unit. Several condo associations have fairly stringent guidelines on building penetrations, while others want to avoid the disruption of the grounds that occurred during the Comcast rebuild a number of years ago.

The situation in North Fairlington has a unique twist, since part of Fairlington Villages lies within the City of Alexandria, and Verizon does not have a franchise agreement with Alexandria that enables the company to provide the service there.

Working through all these issues will take some time, and some condo associations may move more quickly than others. But now, for the first time, the process has begun in earnest. At last month's FCA meeting, each condo association received a proposed premise access agreement that would authorize Verizon to do an engineering site survey and begin the process of determining the specific steps that must be taken to provide the service in that particular condo association.

Complaints about lack of access to FiOS are fairly frequent threads on FCA's Facebook page, with residents lamenting the lack of choice in broadband service providers. "Why can't we have FiOS?" participants often ask. Up until now, bringing the service to Fairlington hasn't been a priority for Verizon; we were not in the initial area that the company was required to cover under the county franchise agreement.

FCA's role has been to advance the conversation about FiOS in Fairlington. In addition to sponsoring last month's community briefing, FCA has offered to host a meeting between all the condo association presidents and Verizon to help facilitate the discussion of the fiber installation. Such a common meeting would ensure that each association is hearing the same thing. It would also help identify common barriers to the rollout of FiOS and reveal whether problems with installing fiber in one part of Fairlington could impede the delivery of the service in other parts.

We will continue to monitor the progress of FiOS rollout and keep the community informed. We're just at the beginning of what could be a long and complex process.

Guy Land, FCA President
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Verizon FiOS being considered for Fairlington

The future is now when it comes to the latest in communication technology, and it is right on Fairlington's doorstep.

Whether or not residents open the door to it is the question.

Verizon FiOS, the fiber-optic technology that brings high speed Internet, including speedy uploads and downloads, and—according to Verizon and industry publications—crystal clear high-definition television reception, took up the first hour of the monthly meeting of the Fairlington Citizen's Association on February 10.

But the vast majority of the 40 or so residents in attendance at the Fairlington Community Center were more interested in what the representatives of the FiOS issue had to say about how and when Fairlington could obtain this lightning speed communications technology. On hand was Rob Billingsley, Arlington County's cable administrator, Verizon's Director of Project Development Bill King, and Verizon's Multi-Dwelling Unit engineer Lloyd Saunders.

"We are not trying to force ourselves on you," said Saunders, who would be on the front lines bringing FiOS into Fairlington homes. "We know there are special concerns in the Fairlington community and would work with you to overcome them. Some we can overcome, and some we can't."

Several elements of FiOS were discussed, from what it is and what it can do, to just how to implement it into the living rooms and bedrooms of Fairlington residents. Billingsley noted that Verizon will reach buildout in for



Arlington County cable administrator Rob Billingsley addresses residents at the February 10 FCA meeting. Photo by Bob Bradley.

FiOS in Arlington by June 30, meaning it would be ready to install in residences. Meanwhile, negotiations are ongoing with Comcast, Fairlington's current cable provider.

Two major issues kept arising at the meeting, the first of which is that each of Fairlington's seven condominium associations must reach separate agreements with Verizon by signing a Premise Access License (PAL) that would allow Verizon to do an engineering site survey at each community. Without a signed PAL, the process stops before it even begins.

Several representatives of the condo associations were in attendance, and received the necessary forms. Their task is to review the forms and meet with members of their community to discuss the options. According to FCA President Guy Land, most of the condo associations either slated the Verizon agreement for discussion at their February board meetings or sent it to their attorney for review.

If a PAL is signed and a survey takes place, engineers will then present a detailed engineering design to each association, which can approve it, disapprove it, or request modifications. Only after an engineering design is approved would construction commence. One sticking point is the fact that many units in North Fairlington are located in the City of Alexandria, and Verizon does not have a franchise agreement with the city.

Verizon explained that as far as construction goes, engineers won't dig trenches, but use a "stitch" method, where a hole is dug, and a "mole" is used to drill to the next hole in order to lay the fiber optic cable. Any damage to grass or landscaping would be repaired as best it could, Saunders said, with Verizon guaranteeing the patch for one year. He also said Verizon would do its best to avoid root or tree damage.

The other issue which got the attention of those assembled was that, given a design go-ahead, Verizon



Bill King, Verizon's director of business development, explained the advantages of the FiOS technology. Photo by Bob Bradley.

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Meet Fairlington's renovation experts on March 5

At the Fairlington Home Improvement Showcase and Expo on Saturday, March 5, homeowners will hear from trusted experts about how best to renovate Fairlington homes—whether you're thinking about resurfacing the patio or undertaking a whole-house remodel.

Free and open to the public, the expo will be held in the Fairlington Community Center from 9 am to 1 pm. The expo is sponsored by FCA, the community's civic association, and organized by FCA board member Chris Weathers.

In the large meeting room, you can browse among tables hosted by remodeling specialists to see displays of finished projects and product samples. Bring your concerns and questions to DeLong Home Improvement, Silva Construction, Dwyer Plumbing and HVAC, Sullivan Landscaping, NOVA Installations, and Coldwell Banker realtors. (Other professionals will be on hand, including, if schedules allow, a representative from the county's permitting office.)

Attend a classroom session that speaks to your needs. In one session, the team of real estate professionals from Coldwell Banker will discuss how home improvements can affect the value of your home and pinpoint which projects to consider in preparing your home for sale. In another session, Bob DeLong, whose company has completed nearly 500 projects in Fairlington, will provide an overview of the remodeling process, by focusing on kitchens and bathrooms—where to begin, how to budget, and how to work with your contractor.

And in another session, Dwyer will explain how residents' plumbing needs differ now from the time when the homes were built in the 1940s and offer practical plumbing advice: how to re-do kitchen drain pipes to avoid problems (and avoid over-reliance on garbage disposals), and why it's smart to modify and update plumbing components during kitchen and bath remodels (the walls are already open!).

A completed list of classroom sessions will be posted in the FCC lobby and handed out to expo-goers on the day of the event. FCA also will post an updated schedule of classroom sessions on Fairlington's Facebook page.

If you're thinking about a remodeling project—or just curious about the process—the expo is a great place

to start. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the experts and share stories with your neighbors.

—Gretchen Fallon

The 2016 FCA Board of Directors



The 2016 Fairlington Citizen's Association is, from left, Kent Duffy, Treasurer Ed Hilz, President Guy Land, Chris Weathers, Vice President Jonathan Ansley, Secretary Lindsay Willman, Evan Harvey and Hugh Baumgardner. Not pictured is director Vernola Schlegel. Photo by Bob Bradley.

FCA to hold session on I-395 HOT lanes proposal March 14

The Fairlington Citizens Association will hold an informational meeting about the state's I-395 HOT lanes highway project proposal on Monday, March 14 at 7 pm at the Fairlington Community Center.

Representatives of Transurban and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will be at the meeting to provide information and answer questions. The original meeting, scheduled for late January, was postponed because of the major snowstorm that dumped more than two feet of snow in the area.

In December, the Arlington County Board weighed in on the proposed project.

In a letter to Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne, the board expressed optimism that the state and the county can reach "a mutually beneficial outcome" for extending the highway lanes north through Arling-

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Abingdon school project impacts to begin this spring

Arlington Public Schools (APS) expects to award the Abingdon renovation and expansion construction contract in late April, with onsite construction work to begin in early July, according to an APS presentation in late January.

One of the first visible impacts of the forthcoming work will be the arrival of “relocatables” (classroom trailers) in the spring. They will take up roughly half of the current playing field next to the school. The other half of the field will be taken over by the construction contractor once construction begins, eliminating any public use of the field during the construction period.

“We need to use this space so construction does not overflow into the neighborhood,” one of the design team members explained.

Since approval of the school’s use permit by the county board in September, APS staff and the design team have been developing a system for phasing construction to minimize impact on existing school operations, refining the stormwater management plan for the site, conferring with the county forester about tree preservation, and crafting detailed plans for the interior renovation work.

Under the terms of the use permit, APS will monitor the foundations of adjacent condo units to assess any adverse impacts from the construction work. APS will be contacting the target units in the next few weeks.

The final design plans for the expansion and interior renovation will be presented to the school board in late February, with a vote slated for March 3.

Key components of the final plan include improved traffic circulation, with a new bus loop and parent drop-off site; increased and improved parking; a re-graded playing field and new track; and new playgrounds.

Building improvements include a larger gymnasium with capacity for school and community functions; an expanded cafeteria; improved library acoustics; a new entrance; a new roof featuring better insulation; and new ceilings in all spaces for better acoustics.

APS expects to request the building permit from the county in May or June. Construction is slated to be completed in time for the beginning of classes in September 2017.

—Guy Land

ACPD uses Nextdoor to improve communication

The Arlington County Police Department is in partnership with Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the private social network for neighborhoods, to improve county-wide and neighbor-to-neighbor communications.



Led by Chief of Police M. Jay Farr, this partnership with Nextdoor will enable the

Arlington County Police Department to use Nextdoor to build stronger, safer communities with the help of Arlington residents. The Arlington County Police Department and Nextdoor neighborhoods will be able to work together to increase safety and strengthen virtual neighborhood watch.

“Having the ability to easily communicate with residents is extremely vital to not only maintaining, but also increasing safety and reducing crime within our communities,” said Chief Farr in a statement. “With

Nextdoor, we can help empower neighbors to keep their communities safe and connected, as well as give them the ability to collaborate on neighborhood watch efforts.”

Nextdoor has already proven to be an essential and well-adopted tool for Arlington residents. Already 73 neighborhoods, representing 88 percent of the neighborhoods in Arlington, have started Nextdoor websites.

With Nextdoor, Arlington residents can create private neighborhood websites to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities. The Police department will be able to post information, such as important news, services, programs, free events, and emergency notifications to Nextdoor websites within Arlington County.

Those interested in joining their neighborhood’s Nextdoor website can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their address. We are in the Fairlington/Shirlington neighborhood.

—Bob Bradley

The Fairlington Farmer: Get ready for backyard veggies

A wise person once said, “Give someone a fish, they eat for a day. Teach someone to garden, the whole neighborhood gets tomatoes.”

If you’ve ever been the recipient of a neighbor’s freshly grown tomatoes, you know the value of a good veggie garden. But did you know you can grow your own veggies right here in Fairlington? It’s true! Limited space does not mean limited vegetable potential. In fact, gardening in small spaces has its own name—it’s called urban farming, and it’s a growing trend. You may have heard the benefits of eating locally grown produce—well, there’s nothing more local than your own backyard! And bonus: you control how you grow it, so your harvest can be organic.



*The raised bed in our Fairlington Farm, before and after.
Photos by Rebecca Carpenter.*

I’ve been growing veggies in my Fairlington farm (my patio) for 13 years, and this past season I grew more than forty varieties. But even as an experienced farmer, I still have a tough time getting started in the garden after a long winter. After months of neglect, the garden looks as hopeless as I feel, so taking baby steps makes it more manageable. Are you interested in starting your own Fairlington farm? Here are some steps you can take right now to get started:

- **Identify your space.** Most veggies thrive with at least eight hours of direct sunlight, and they need to catch rainfall and drain well.
- **Choose your produce.** What do you love to eat? Pick a couple of your favorites, and start with those – no need to get fancy, just stick with what you love.
- **Create a garden plan.** It’s important to plan ahead so you’ll have enough space. I use Mother Earth’s garden planning tool to map out my beds—it’s easy to use, and helps you figure out how much space you’ll need for each plant. This is particularly useful for urban farmers like us, who need to maximize small spaces.

- **Order seeds.** It’s surprisingly gratifying to read through the new seed catalogs each spring. I particularly like Southern Exposure Seed Exchange—they’re in central Virginia, so they know what grows well in our region, and their seeds are organic.

- **Prepare your bed(s).** When the weather is bearable, begin cleaning out your space. Enlist a helper, put on some good tunes, grab your tools, and take it bit by bit. Clear out rocks, throw away debris, and start turning over the soil and adding compost (I use a hoe, but a sturdy rake or shovel also work). An easy alternative is to use containers—it saves you from having to break through our dense Virginia clay.

This preparation is the least gratifying phase of farming, but building a strong foundation is critical for a successful harvest. Like life, the garden is cyclical. And I’m thankful for that.

Garden-to-Kitchen: Strawberry Cilantro Salsa

This is one of my favorite fresh—from—the—garden snacks—the ingredients are clean and simple, and most can be grown right here in our Fairlington farms. If you can chop and stir, you can make this! Here’s how:

Chop strawberries, tomatoes, red onions and cilantro, and mix together. Drizzle with equal parts of lime juice, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, add a dash of salt, and gently stir. Serve with pita bread, corn chips, or atop grilled chicken or fish. Eat. Love.



Strawberry Cilantro Salsa, from garden to kitchen. Photos by Rebecca Carpenter.

Coming next month, the fun stuff: planting! We’ll begin sowing our cool season crops—leafy greens (spinach, kale, lettuces) and flowering heads (broccoli & cauliflower). Until then, happy farming!

—Rebecca Carpenter

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Fairlington Farmers Market opens on May 1



In a sure sign of spring, the Fairlington Farmers Market will open its second season on Sunday, May 1, and will run every Sunday through November 20 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Fairlington Community Center.

We Need Your Help ...

It takes a village and you'll earn the appreciation of your fresh food loving neighbors! We need volunteers to participate on the coordinating committee, write monthly *All Fairlington Bulletin* articles, manage the



Volunteers are always needed, and are a vital part of the Fairlington Farmers Market's success. Photo by Guy Land.

Facebook/Twitter accounts, update the website, organize special events, get the marketing word out and help with market set up and staffing on Sundays.

Attend the 2016 volunteer meeting on Saturday, March 19 from 11 am to noon

at the Fairlington Community Center (3308 S. Stafford St.), or send an email to volunteer@fairlingtonfarmers-market.org.

Don't want to wait until May for fresh produce or that tasty cup of joe?

Kuhn Orchards is making deliveries every other Saturday morning at Fairlington Presbyterian Church on King Street. All you have to do is order on the webstore (www.kuhnorchards.com) and you can restock the pantry with crisp juicy apples, frozen berries, winter vegetables (give those watermelon radishes a try), even fresh milk, eggs and meat. They'll be there March 5 and 19 and April 2 and 16.

Our coffee vendor, Café Los Suenos, will deliver 12-ounce bags of freshly roasted coffee to your doorstep; Arlington deliveries are on Fridays. For details on

subscriptions (or brewing that perfect pour over), please visit cafelossuenos.com.

Some of our other vendors can be found at the Westover Winter Farmers Market (Atwater's, Fresh Crunch Pickles, Mama's Donut Bites, Sprigg's Delight Cheese, and Spring Valley Farm & Orchard).

2016 Season Update

Thank you to all the Fairlingtonians that helped make the Fairlington Farmers Market's inaugural season such a resounding success. A number of vendors were very pleased with the support and business they did last year – a few even exceeded expected sales for a first-year market!

Many of our vendors have decided to return, including our three produce/anchor vendors – Spring Valley Farm & Orchard, Kuhn Orchards and Pleitez Produce. We are thrilled to have other vendors return-
ing including

Atwater's Bakery, Café Los Suenos Coffee, Fresh Crunch Pickles, Kiwi Kuisine, Mama's Donut Bites, Sandy Bottom Acres and Spriggs Delight Cheese.

Based on your feedback and requests, we are working to identify additional vendors who can sell food available for immediate consumption (!) and will also be rounding out other offerings (organic, additional meat vendor, etc.) If you have something in particular in mind, please email/volunteer to help us identify and vet potential vendors. It takes a bit of legwork to identify vendors and then confirm they meet our local producer criteria—but it's worth the extra effort to have our market have the quality/price/diversity balance that everyone appreciates so much.

Stay tuned to the website (www.fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org) or FFM Facebook page for more updates on 2016 vendors and special market activities. See you in May ... and start saving those egg cartons!

—Lane Erwin



A satisfied customer makes a purchase from one of the vendors at last year's inaugural season of the Fairlington Farmers Market. Photo by Guy Land



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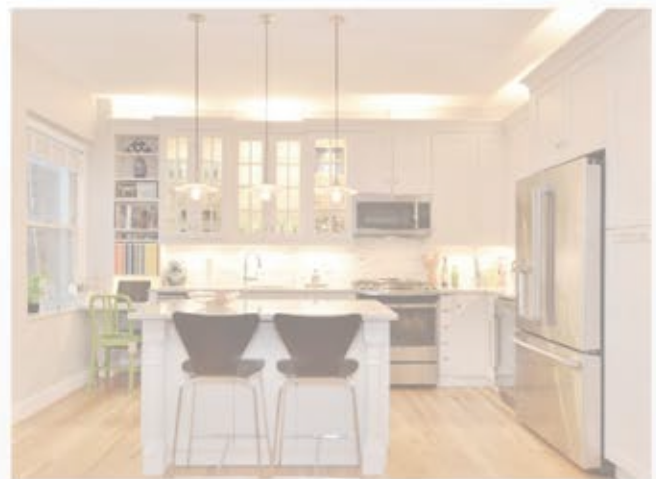
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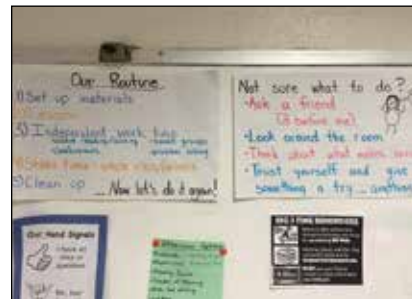
Abingdon benefits from being a "Project School" with Columbia University

Language Arts education has evolved considerably over the past 20 years. How teachers provide instruction and how students learn has become a much more interactive and dynamic process. Abingdon's Reading and Writing Workshop model has met with great success in large part because of its relationship with Columbia University's Teacher College Reading and Writing Project (TCWRP). In fact, as a "Project School," Abingdon one of only two schools out of the county's 28 to have such affiliation. TCWRP has proven to be so effective that APS is considering adopting the curriculum countywide.

Abingdon's Reading Specialist Team – including Susanna Smith, who has been working at Abingdon since 2003, and Mary Lou Rube, with APS since 2001—work closely with classroom teachers to ensure that each child develops a love of reading and writing, whether the student is

already an avid reader or a reluctant one. Further, the curriculum is merged with Virginia's Standards of Learning (SOLs).

"The Reading & Writing Project allows us to tailor our work to meet each student's individual needs. Teachers team with TCWRP staff devel-



An example of writing workshop guidance at the Abingdon School. Photo by Jennifer Davies.

opers from New York City to strengthen their skills in teaching literacy. This on-site training enables our teachers to gain insights and strategies, watch demonstrations, and apply these methods with Abingdon students," Smith commented.

In fact, several teachers have sought out Abingdon as a desirable school of employment because it is a Project School affiliated with Teachers College (TC). Over the past few years, educators from New York and North Carolina have joined the staff, including recently hired

kindergarten, first, third and fifth grade teachers.

When first grade teacher Kimberlee Pooler was moving to the NoVa area, she reached out to her former colleague, Mary Lou Rube, to learn more about Abingdon.

"As an educator, Abingdon's affiliation with TC is so important for many reasons," Pooler said. "I came from a Title I school with about 70 percent free/reduced lunch. Our school decided to implement Reader's and Writer's workshop. With consistent staff development and training the results were amazing! The common language within the school was wonderful and the students really enjoyed having choice. Having experts from TC to help further advance our staff is so beneficial."

What makes the Reading and Writing Workshop model popular with students is the way they learn. Rather than prescribing a book for the whole class to read, students are given the opportunity to choose, based on level. Book Clubs are commonplace in classrooms where students can discuss topics peer—to-peer and develop appreciation for literature in much the same way adults enjoy their book clubs.



A fifth-grader at the Abingdon School ponders over some poetry. Photo by Jennifer Davies.

"The Reading Workshop provides a more authentic reading life the children can take with them into their adult years. Reading activities used in the past such as dioramas or worksheets do not provide for this," Rube added.

In Ms. Oshinsky's classroom, students were integrating their knowledge of poetry with February's Black History month. Students were given the choice to select from among several African American female poets. Working first individually, then with partners, students were asked to think about different poetic approaches and use each other's strengths and needs to analyze the poems.

Oshinsky, a NYU grad, taught for five years at a TCWRP model school in New York and strongly believes in its

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Animal Talk

Sidewalk (and street)

A recent Fairlington Appreciation Society Facebook post about confusion that arose when a jogger and a dog walker met on a Fairlington sidewalk prompted me to dust off and update an article that ran in the *Bulletin* a few years back.

One of the nicest things about our neighborhood is its walk—or jog—ability. Yet, Fairlington is a busy place, with lots of dog (and other) walkers, joggers, cyclists, and cars that have to share the sidewalks and streets. Some people probably haven't given "sidewalk/street etiquette" much thought, so below is a somewhat editorialized list of guidelines that might make outdoor activities in Fairlington a more pleasant experience as we head into warmer spring weather.

1. Please share the sidewalk.

Dog walkers, guide your dogs out of the way to let people by. Non-dog walkers and joggers, don't expect to be able to take up the entire sidewalk. I have actually seen a jogger force a

dog walker off the sidewalk and cause them to fall. The dog walker had been trying to share the sidewalk; on the other hand, the jogger made no such attempt, kept running, and didn't bother to apologize or offer to help the person get up.

2. Joggers please announce your presence when approaching from behind

and do not come charging up on walkers—especially those with dogs—expecting them to get out of the way at the last minute and expecting the dog to be well-behaved. Dogs will chase movement. At the same time, dog walkers should have their dogs on a short enough leash to control them in case sudden, unexpected motion causes them to react.

3. Cyclists, take note as well.

I have heard verbal altercations between bikers and joggers in the bike lanes. Even though bike lanes might be intended just for bikes, the reality is that others are going to use them as well. All bike lane users should announce their approach from behind out of consideration and to avoid mishaps.

4. Drivers, it is state law to yield the right of way to pedestrians in a cross walk.

Sometimes those on foot barely get across the intersection before drivers impatiently speed out. Is it really worth the risk of an accident?

5. Dog owners should leash their dogs AT ALL TIMES.

Arlington and Alexandria both have leash laws, in addition to our condo association rules. This is for everyone's safety, including your own dog. Despite your confidence that Fido won't run up to someone walking by and bite them, dogs are animals and can be unpredictable. Why take the risk? Take responsibility for your dog and keep it on leash.

I hope everyone takes this in the spirit it is intended—to raise awareness and make you think the next time you head outside. Outdoor activities in our neighborhood are supposed to be enjoyable. If everyone took the time to be courteous and careful, Fairlington would be a more pleasant and safer place to enjoy the outdoors.

—Christine Chirichella

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curriculum. Like Pooler, she sought out Abingdon when her husband was relocated to the DC area.

"The TC curriculum is academically rigorous," she said. "Students develop tremendous stamina to focus on both reading and writing. Within any single lesson, there are multiple levels of complexity to meet students where they are. It supports independent student driven work. "

It was clear that Ms. Oshinsky's students were so engaged in their schoolwork, that the academic rigor of the TCWRP curriculum and the workshop model that supports it, mattered little to them. It was just a "regular" period of language arts. It simply is how students learn to read and write at Abingdon.

—Jennifer Davies

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neighborhood news

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. In February, we enjoyed welcoming new attendees as we returned to Ramparts, one of our most-visited local establishments.

Here's what's planned for March:

Monday, March 7, 6:30 pm, Lost Dog Cafe, 2920 Columbia Pike, 703-553-7770, www.lostdogcafeairlington.com. We had a misfire and didn't get to this popular local eatery as planned in January, but it's worth visiting. An amazing array of sandwiches and other dishes is available; each can be customized. Free parking under the building after 6 pm, accessed from Walter Reed Drive.

Thursday, March 24, 6:30 pm, Los Tios Grill, 2615 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, 703-299-9290, www.lostiosgrill.com. In the Mount Vernon section of Alexandria, this well-recommended restaurant describes their dishes as "Fine Tex-Mex & Salvadorean Food." The friendly staff will start you off with tortilla chips and salsa, and a variety of fun cold drinks; Margaritas are a specialty and you can choose from multiple varieties. There is also a good Mexican beer selection. The house specialty is fajitas, with your choice of protein.

Please call Carol at 703-379-6840 if you plan to attend, and leave a voicemail if you don't reach her—include your name and how to contact you the day of the event, in case plans change. If you want to receive a copy of these notices early in the previous month, send an email to carol_dabbs@yahoo.com.

Book Group

Join the Fairlington Book Group in March to discuss *The Invention of Wings*, a novel by Sue Monk Kidd.

Kidd tells the story of Sarah, daughter of a wealthy South Carolina plantation owner, and her unlikely friendship with Handful, a slave in her father's household. The book follows the two women from childhood to middle age, and is based on the true story of early-nineteenth-century abolitionist and suffragist Sarah Grimké.

The Book Group welcomes first—time visitors and drop-ins. No commitment required! We are meeting on Tuesday, March 22, at 7:30 pm in the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. We hope you'll join us.

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 Babysitting Co-op

If you are looking for a night out without the kids, or an afternoon to yourself, join the Fairlington Babysitting Co-op. For more than 30 years, Fairlington families have been exchanging free babysitting services using a card system. It's perfect for parents who would like to know dependable adults to watch their children and meet other families in the community.

Email the coordinators, Yulia Tuinstra and Anne Viser, at fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com to request more information and an application.

MOMS Club consignment sale March 4

The Fairlington MOMS Club is holding its annual consignment sale on Friday, March 4 from 4 pm to 7:30 pm at the Fairlington Community Center.

Last year, the club sold nearly 3,300 items totaling roughly \$14,500 in sales. More than \$2,100 was donated to The March of Dimes, as well as a "trailer full of donations" to My Grandmother's House. Consignors have the option to donate any items that aren't sold, which is how so much got donated to My Grandmother's House.

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—Bob Bradley

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DOWN TO EARTH patio gardening



Snow blast is past, and spring is in the air

Days after a comforter of snow tucked in our January landscape, soggy grass appeared around trees and along sidewalks. Robins hopped to extract earthworms. Cardinals called in metallic chirps. Starlings filled leafless tree branches. Even pigeons started to waddle out in public. It was a sign that spring was next up in the seasonal roll call.

As confirmation, Pennsylvania's unofficial state mascot—Punxsutawney Phil—spun around but didn't see his shadow. Breaking News: spring is coming early—even if Washington,



Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow, so legend has it that it will be an early spring.

D.C. was immobilized for nearly a week. At the same time, WebMD sent an email about spring allergies/hay fever—dust & dander, tree, grass, mold and weed.

Thanks to snow—induced irrigation, plants in the landscape won't be water deprived in spring. Watering in winter keeps plants strong and resistant to disease or drought that may

occur later in the planting season.

Spindly-branched shrubs like nandina, buddleia and Scotch broom or tender perennials such as coral bells, sedum and lenten rose easily can sustain damage from snow, which hardens to ice in overnight temperature dips. But notice the dwarf nandina ('firepower' or 'harbor dwarf'), whose dense branches filled with leaves kept their shape despite being topped with snowcaps for a week. Even broadleaf evergreens like cherry laurel, yew and holly may be a bit disfigured with branches partially buried or listed.

If you haven't already, cut back spent (grayish-brown, withered) foliage from bulb plants or perennials such as iris, day lily, gladiolus, daffodil, hyacinth, snowdrop, lily of the valley, hollyhock, tulip, grape hyacinth, or crocus, poppy, peony. New foliage accompanying flowers will emerge in spring. If shrub branches are broken, prune them back where they meet the main trunk. If branches are bent, leave them be as they might revive. If snow still is clumped at the base of a plant, that is a good thing—like slow-drip irrigation.

The wetter the soil, the more malleable it is for tilling and planting. March isn't too early to plant shrubs. I've planted an entire landscape in late December when the ground was frozen. But just the top 4-5 inches were hard. Beneath that, the soil was soft. I planted Juniper—a tough, woody-rooted specimen tolerant of

cold as well as heat and humidity.

As for annuals—begonia, impatiens, petunia and geranium—those usually don't arrive at nurseries until the third week of April. By then, there's no frost threat.

Fairlington residents ask about "improving the soil" or "removing and replacing the soil." Only the planting holes need to be amended and that should be with soil conditioner. Fertilizer and composted manure aren't necessary in cultivating a garden. Agents besides soil conditioner (loam soil) can alter the soil's pH and burn plant roots. As long as rocks, clay clumps and debris are removed from a planting hole (and soil conditioner added), the plant will benefit.

If you haven't collected the dead leaves from late autumn/winter, do so now since you'll soon be spending time in the patio. Once the leaves are cleared, you'll find vacant areas where you'd like to plant new specimens. If not, just spread fresh mulch for a "finished" look. Mulch is organic, keeps plant roots cool in summer and warm in winter. It also retards weed germination and ebb soil erosion onto your patio.

"Winter burn" is another fallout from freezing temperatures. Leyland cypress branches, cherry laurel, nandina and yew suffered this but it isn't lethal.

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Registration is open for the third annual Fairlington 5k run/walk

In 2015, the second year of the Fairlington 5K race, there were over 600 participants and more than \$22,000 was raised for A Cure for Ellie Fund and Abingdon Elementary School.



Ellie McGinn crosses the finish line at last year's Fairlington 5K run/walk. Last year's event saw more than 600 participants and helped raise \$22,000 for A Cure for Ellie Fund and Abingdon Elementary School. Photo by Kendra Best.

This year's 5K race and Fun Run is set for Saturday, April 23 and will again help support Abingdon Elementary and Ellie McGinn, a Fairlington resident and Abingdon second grader who was diagnosed with Leukodystrophy, a degenerative brain and spinal cord disease.

The McGinn Family recently announced a joint research project between the Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins

University that will provide a roadmap towards nanotherapy for LBSL. The outcomes will be a very powerful tool for testing new effective medications that will hopefully save Ellie and other children like her, said Joe Reed, director of the Fairlington 5K and a physical education teacher at Abingdon Elementary.

There are three milestones within the project that require funding. The first milestone of \$60,000, which was reached in October 2015, will allow the project to begin. The second milestone, \$231,000, will be needed to keep the project going over the next two years.

In connection with the race, a silent auction is set for April 15 at the Fairlington Community Center, featuring many intriguing offerings.

Last year, there were Nationals tickets, a signed puck from Alexander Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals, and many gift certificates.

Race director Joe Reed is still seeking donations and those who would like to help can contact him at josephcreed@gmail.com.

To register for the 5K and the 1-mile Fun Run and Walk go to fairlington5K.com.

—Bob Bradley

Arlington Neighborhood Village coming in March

Many Fairlington residents have expressed interest in learning more about neighbor—to—neighbor services available, either because they might need more household help as they age or because they want to offer help to neighbors in need.

Arlington Neighborhood Village, one of our main local support services to help older adults stay in their homes, is responding by bringing its weekly Coffee and Conversation programs to the Fairlington area throughout the month of March. Programs feature a different speaker every week, and they are free and open to the public.

They will be offered every Wednesday in March, at the Fairlington Community Center, only the March 30 program will be held at Shirlington Library. Bring your own coffee, learn about aging in place with Arlington Neighborhood Village, and hear from a speaker on an interesting topic. No RSVP needed.

March 2: Eileen McGervey, owner of One More Page

Books in Falls Church, will talk about how she went from shelving books in a bookmobile to offering books, wine, and chocolate in Falls Church.

March 9: Betsy Campeau, new executive director of the Arlington Philharmonic, will discuss her plans for Arlington's professional symphony orchestra.

March 16: Scott Miller, development director for A-SPAN (Arlington Street People Assistance Network) will provide an update on A-SPAN's activities and mission to end homelessness, including their recently opened service center.

March 23: Former Virginia State Senator Mary Margaret Whipple will discuss "Voices from the Garden," the first monument to Virginia women of achievement from early Native Americans and Jamestown settlement days to the 20th century.

March 30: Erica Wood will describe Arlington's intention to become an AARP "age—friendly" certified community and seek comments on several community qualities that help or challenge us as we grow older.

—Carol Rosen

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challenges we identified should be on the office white boards of elected and appointed officials to serve as a backdrop for their day—to-day decision making.”

The CFS committee identified five pressing community challenges:

- **A scarcity of land for public facilities.** Just 2.2 square miles of Arlington’s 26 square miles are public land owned by the county or Arlington Public Schools (APS). That public land is needed for schools, fire stations, community centers, storage and maintenance facilities, and more.
- **Changing demographics.** Arlington’s population is projected to grow from 216,700 today to 283,000 in 2040. School enrollment is expected to exceed 30,000 students by 2024.
- **A threatened commercial tax base.** A shrinking federal presence, shifts in the way businesses use office space, and a competitive regional market has combined to push office vacancy rates to a historic high in Arlington.
- **Strategic facility planning and priority setting.** The county needs a clear and open structure for setting priorities among competing needs.
- **Revamping the community dialogue.** To reach all members of our community, Arlington needs to make participation easier, earlier, and more meaningful.

In November the CFS committee delivered its recommendations to the county board and the school board, which both instructed their staffs to review them and assess community feedback, with a final staff report to both boards due in September 2016.

A key recommendation is the creation of a new structure to improve planning and decision making for public facilities. The structure is designed to improve coordination and collaboration between the county and APS; establish and implement a process to identify facility needs early; raise awareness of needs with the community and provide opportunities for input; monitor demographic and economic data to influence decision-making; and examine alternative solutions before determining capital improvement funding and beginning specific siting processes.

A process similar to that envisioned by the CFS recommendation was used last year for selecting the site for a new South Arlington elementary school. Michelle Woolley and Guy Land represented FCA in that process. Former FCA Board member Gretchen Fallon represented FCA in the work of the CFS committee.

Other CFS recommendations included finding creative ways to maximize the use of public space, improving demographic forecasting methods and developing strategies to retain millennials, continuing economic development initiatives, and improving opportunities for meaningful public participation in decisions about the siting of facilities and services.

—Guy Land

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engineers may require 100 percent access to units to ascertain if direct installation into units is possible. Saunders said there are ways of getting into units, but the uniqueness of Fairlington’s construction may require other avenues.

“We don’t know



Bill Gillespie, vice president of the Fairlington Arbor condo association, makes a point during last month’s FCA meeting at the Fairlington Community Center. Photo by Bob Bradley.

until we see your community and how it is laid out,” Saunders said. “It’s a case by case basis.”

Another potential obstacle is whether historic designation requirements and each condo associations’ rules and regulations could prevent installation.

In the coming months, associations will meet and discuss what their options are, stay in contact with Verizon representatives and decide whether to sign the PAL agreement, triggering the engineering survey.

Billingsley also was quick to point out that Comcast is still the neighborhood’s cable provider, and said residents should not hesitate to call the cable administration office with complaints or questions regarding service.

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ton to the District of Columbia line.

The proposal calls for easing congestion on I-395 by turning the interstate's High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes into I-395 express lanes, to be operated by Transurban, and extend tolling to the DC line. The project also would expand the two-lane roadway into three lanes—those lanes will still be reversible for rush hour. Some of the toll revenue would be used to fund transit. Construction is expected to begin in 2017.

County Board Chair Mary Hynes, in a letter to Layne, cautioned “any successful HOT (High Occupancy Toll) project on I-395 must ensure that transit service is capable of operating effectively, and is enhanced rather than degraded further.”

Hynes noted that the County's previous objections to the 2009 plan to bring dynamic tolling to I-395 were “due to the lack of a detailed impact analysis and to specific implementation details, as opposed to the general concept.”

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March 3: Early Release, 12:26 pm
 March 3-4: Parent-Teacher Conferences
 March 9: Early Release, 12:26 pm
 March 11: Project GIFT Showcase: Arts Integration, 8:00-9:45 pm
 March 15: Kindergarten Information Session: 12:45-2:15 pm
 March 15: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
 March 21-25: Spring Break

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