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Free outdoor movie night coming to Fairlington May 18

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Bring your blankets, low chairs, and favorite theater snacks to Fairlington's first free outdoor movie night of the summer. On Friday, May 18, FCA will show a screening of "Moana," which won the online resident poll. A large screen will be set up on the field behind the Fairlington Community Center (FCC) at 3308 S. Stafford St. Join your neighbors for this early summer community gathering under the stars.



The movie is set to begin at sundown (around 8 pm), but those attending are encouraged to come early and create a picnic. Bug spray is always a good idea. Please note that alcoholic beverages are not allowed. There is plenty of space to set up with friends and family, and additional trash and recycling bins will be provided for your convenience. Please pick up your trash before you leave.

Though there are floodlights behind the FCC, the further reaches of the field will be much darker when the movie ends around 9:50 pm. Residents are encouraged to bring flashlights, camping lanterns, or phones equipped with a flashlight setting to navigate their way home after the show.

Subtitles will be provided throughout the film, which is approximately 2 hours long. Though we are hoping for a beautiful May evening, there is always a chance the event will have to be rescheduled because of inclement weather.

In the event of cancellation, an announcement will be made on the FCA website and Facebook page. A make-up date will be announced in the June *Bulletin* or on social media.

The FCA launched its first-ever movie night last September, after an online poll indicated that activity was of interest to many Fairlington residents. The movie shown was "The Princess Bride," which was also decided by poll.

FCA is looking forward to sponsoring this family-friendly event, and celebrating the beginning of summer with our neighbors in Fairlington. We hope to see you there!

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 May 9

Special presentation: Virginia Senator Adam Ebbin will provide Fairlington residents with a legislative update from the General Assembly's 2018 session.

Regular board business:

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

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Calendar

Fairlington Villages spring yard sale

Saturday, May 5, 8 am to noon
Villages CC, 3005 S. Abingdon St.

Farmers Market opening day

Sunday, May 6, 9 am to 1 pm
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

FCA monthly meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 7 pm
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Fairlington Diners

Monday, May 14, 6:30 pm
Clyde's Mark Center
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Book Group

Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 pm
FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Fairlington Diners

Thursday, May 24, 6:30 pm
Athena Pallas Restaurant
556 S. 22nd St.

FCC Closed

Memorial Day
Monday, May 28

Thanks, Easter Bunny



A young Fairlingtonian enjoys a visit by the Easter Bunny during the Fairlington Villages' annual Easter Egg hunt in late March. Photo by Guy Land.

Contributors this month: Lynne Blasi, Jean Byrd, Christine Chirichella, Jennifer Davies, Kent Duffy, Cindy Kunz, Guy Land, Carrie Lewis, Rebecca Sayres, Bill Sullivan, Shirin Wertime, and Michelle Woolley.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fairlington has passed a milestone. 75 years ago this spring, the first tenants moved into the new rental apartments that were Fairlington. By June 1943, almost a thousand families called Fairlington home, with 150 more families moving in every month. Two-bedroom apartments rented for \$69.50 per month.

Throughout this year, FCA and the Fairlington Historical Society are collaborating to mark Fairlington's 75th anniversary.

We've run several "then and now" articles looking at Fairlington's past. This month we've included a self-guided history walking tour. This fall we're planning a celebratory reception to which everyone will be invited. We're also looking at commemorative ornaments and note cards. And we're developing an activity that will encourage kids to learn more about their neighborhood.

Fairlington has been influenced by the major currents that have shaped Arlington—the arrival of the Pentagon as a force in Arlington life in the 1940s, the decline in student enrollments county-wide in the 1970s that saw the closure of Fairlington Elementary School (now the Fairlington Community Center), the spread of infill development, the resurgence in student enrollments over the past decade that resulted in the just-completed expansion of Abingdon Elementary, and the growth of a more diverse population.

One of the remarkable things about Fairlington is how it has maintained its vibrancy and strength as a community while undergoing dramatic demographic change. At the time of the conversion to condominiums in the mid-1970s, Fairlington was a preferred location for young singles purchasing their first home. *Playboy* magazine featured a full-page advertisement for Fairlington! Families with children were rare sights and there were very few retired people.

That's a long way from today's environment, where strollers are ever-present on our sidewalks and parking lots are outfitted for a growing cadre of senior citizens. And yet Fairlington residents have always described a special bond with their neighborhood, a small-town feel inside the beltway.

When a group from this year's Leadership Arlington class visited Fairlington in April, they remarked on the passion that Fairlington residents have for their community. They sensed its special magic. (They also said that the theme for Fairlington should be "From *Playboy* to Tot Lots"!)

During this anniversary year, I encourage you to think about what makes Fairlington special. And let's strengthen those attributes to position Fairlington for the next 75 years.

Guy Land, FCA President
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Senator Ebbin to speak at May 9 FCA meeting



State Senator Adam Ebbin represents the 30th District in Virginia, which includes all of Fairlington. Photo courtesy Senator Ebbin's office.

Virginia Senator Adam Ebbin will be the featured speaker at the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) meeting on Wednesday, May 9, at 7 pm at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Sen. Ebbin will provide a legislative update from the General Assembly's 2018 session, including the April 11 special session that addressed the state's two-year budget bill and Medicaid expansion.

A top issue for Northern Virginia this session was approval of \$154 million in funding for Metro to address capital funding needs. This is Virginia's portion of a total \$500 million that WMATA is seeking from Virginia, Maryland, and the District. The original Senate bill proposed tax increases on real estate transactions and hotel stays in Northern Virginia, but those were eliminated from the final bill. As passed, the bill required redirecting funds from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) to WMATA.

Governor Ralph Northam proposed amending the funding bill to include a tax increase for real estate transactions in Northern Virginia by five cents per \$100 of the sales price, and a tax increase on hotel stays from two percent to three percent. Gov. Northam proposed switching funding sources to avoid using funds from NVTA that are otherwise designated for highway improvements and other transportation projects. The General Assembly voted on the amendments after this issue went to press.

Seven of Sen. Ebbin's bills passed the General Assembly. SB605 prohibits public schools from giving job recommendations to employees accused of sexually abusing students. SB918 repeals the provision of state law that allows for the revocation of professional licenses from people who fall behind on their student loans. Both of these were signed into law by Gov. Northam.

Five of the senator's bills addressed election reform and were referred to an interim committee created to address the large number of bills on the topic after several

problems in the 2017 elections. One of his bills would provide for "no-excuse" absentee voting.

Sen. Ebbin's bill to prohibit LGBT discrimination in public employment was defeated in subcommittee in the House of Delegates. His bill to decriminalize simple possession of small amounts of marijuana was defeated in committee in the Senate. His bills to ban bump stocks, institute universal background checks, and prohibit carrying firearms while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs were also defeated.

Since 2012, Sen. Ebbin has represented the 30th Senate District, which includes all of Fairlington, as well as other parts of Arlington, Alexandria City, and Fairfax County. In the Senate, he serves on the General Laws and Technology; Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources; and Privileges and Elections Committees.

Sen. Ebbin is a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the School Readiness Committee, the Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board, the Commission on Economic Opportunity for Virginians in Aspiring and Diverse Communities, the Joint Subcommittee on Block Grants, and the Task force to Commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. He is also a founding member of American State Legislators for Gun Violence Prevention. He previously served eight years in the Virginia House of Delegates.

—Michelle Woolley

No significant changes coming to Metrobus routes 22 A/C/F

The FCA has been monitoring bus route changes proposed by Arlington County. The county has informed us that there will not be any significant changes to the existing Metrobus routes Route 22 A/C/F, running through South Fairlington, for the foreseeable future.

Going back about two years, there was a proposal to replace the 22A/C routes with an ART bus. That won't be happening now. Instead, there will be some minor tweaks to the rush hour schedules to better space the buses to avoid two buses back-to-back, as sometimes happens when the 22C and 22F routes converge in the neighborhood. We'll provide an update on the schedule tweaks when available.

—Kent Duffy



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FCA talked trees at its April meeting

The Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) hosted Adam Lipera, Arlington County's Urban Forester at its April meeting. Lipera was invited to discuss Arlington's tree canopy, preservation, and promotion. Representatives from the Fairlington Arbor, Commons, Green, Mews, and Villages landscaping committees were among those in attendance.

Lipera kicked the meeting off with an overview of the *2017 Urban Tree Canopy Assessment* report by the Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation, which was issued in December.



Fairlington Glen President Thora Stanwood and Adam Lipera discuss Fairlington's tree canopy before the April meeting.



Grounds committee representatives from five of the seven Fairlington condo associations attended the tree canopy presentation. Photos by Guy Land.

Though the study was completed at the end of last year, its findings derived from satellite data collected in 2016. The objective of the study was to provide base-line data to measure ecological, social, and economic benefits that the tree canopy provides Arlington; gather data to assist in tree planting, tree preservation, and outreach activities to promote Arlington's tree canopy; and to compare and assess county canopy increases and decreases. Prior studies were completed in 2008 and 2011.

Given the gap from the previous study, Lipera stated that the county is, "hoping to do more of these studies on a three-year cycle but that would be determined based on

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Tree Canopy Fund and Tree Distribution program

The Urban Forest unit donates trees and acts as a liaison to Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE), which administers the Tree Canopy Fund. The program gives grants to community groups to plant and maintain trees on private property. Fairlington has greatly benefited from this grant program in years past.

For example, North Fairlington has received approximately 60 trees, valued at \$30,000, from 2010 to 2014, according to Fairlington Villages Manager of Operations, Mark Johnson. He states, "The last few years Fairlington Villages was not selected for trees unfortunately, but we will receive four trees to be planted this spring on the property. There may be some slight reduction in the overall Fairlington tree canopy on a percentage basis in recent years due severe storms, but the good news is that programs like the Tree Canopy Fund help communities like ours maintain a one-for-one replacement

of all canopy trees that are removed. This replanting effort, combined with a commitment from the Board of Directors to maintain the existing trees, is crucial in the protection of the tree canopy, which most of us agree is one of Fairlington's most precious assets."

The unit also makes donations through an annual Tree Distribution program, working through TreeStewards to allow residents one free tree per residential property. TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria are volunteers who take the lead within their communities to enhance a sustainable urban forest through volunteer activities and public education programs. The group offers an annual training program, which has moved to September 2018 this year. More information on the training is available at TreeStewards.org.

—Christine Chirichella



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Rep. Beyer criticizes DoD helicopter study

A recently released report by the Department of Defense (DoD) on the effects of helicopter noise in the national capital area, including the I-395 corridor, has drawn criticism from Rep. Don Beyer, the author of the legislative provision that mandated the study.

"The report failed to give anything resembling a robust study of the issue, nor does it offer any new or thoughtful recommendations for noise reduction," Rep. Beyer wrote in a March 14 letter to Defense Secretary Jim Mattis.

The report identified 21 different organizations that operate helicopters in the National Capital Region, including other federal agencies, state and local law enforcement, charter companies, and news organizations. Not all of those operate along I-395.

It noted that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has the authority to regulate the use of airspace and issue regulations to govern the flight of aircraft. Military aircraft are subject to these rules. The report pointed out that the DoD has no authority over non-military helicopters using the airspace.

Noting that the airspace inside the national capital area is one of the busiest and most congested in the country, the report highlighted a number of existing flight restrictions, such as elevation limits in the area of Reagan National Airport.

The DoD study offered two major recommendations:

- Develop a noise inquiry website that would collect inquiry information, geo-tag the location to an exportable map, and create a spreadsheet for tracking the complaints, to better identify the problem areas and times. Creating this complaint data repository could facilitate mitigation efforts directed toward concentrated areas of inquiries.
- Establish a DoD-led monthly helicopter noise abatement working group to collect, correlate, and identify trends associated with helicopter noise. The



Rep. Beyer addressed an audience of concerned citizens at a January forum about helicopter noise legislation he introduced. Photo by Guy Land.

working group would recommend "systemic changes to mitigate the impact of helicopter noise on the community while sustaining aircrew readiness, training, and mission support."

A spokesman for Rep. Beyer identified three general options for next steps in dealing with the helicopter noise that affects the Fairlington-Shirlington area.

The first is to move forward with the DoD recommendations of a website for tracking helicopter noise complaints and establishing a citizen working group. Beyer's letter expressed support for these efforts as a first step but said

they "are insufficient as lone solutions to reduce helicopter noise to acceptable levels."

The second is to work with the FAA to determine whether there is any opportunity to adjust the elevation restrictions in the Fairlington area, which could result in permitting higher altitudes for certain types of aircraft.

The final option would be additional legislation to address the problem, though this would be more complicated and would face an uncertain future.

The summary of the DoD report can be found at https://beyer.house.gov/uploadedfiles/dod_helicopter_summary_to_congress_short_version.pdf

—Guy Land

Fairlington Park renovation set

Renovation of Fairlington Park at the Fairlington Community Center is set to begin in early May. The project includes a new playground for both two-to-five and five-to-12 age groups, outdoor fitness equipment, a picnic area, better handicapped accessibility, and drainage and stormwater management improvements. The playground will be closed during much of the work. The county board approved the \$2.1 million contract in December.

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“Rolling Thunder” returns May 27



Fairlington residents gathered along the S. Abingdon St. bridge last year to wave at hundreds of motorcycles on their way to the Pentagon. Photo by Guy Land.

Hundreds of motorcycles are expected to roll along the I-395 HOV lanes May 27 on their way to the Pentagon for the Rolling Thunder 31st Ride for Freedom.

Fairlington residents usually crowd along the S. Abingdon St. bridge to cheer the riders and wave American flags. In the past, as many as an estimated 2,000 motorcycles have traveled along I-395 during the holiday week-end. The motorcycles usually pass by Fairlington sometime between 8:30 and 10 am. So listen for the sound of motorcycles or check Facebook for updates. The procession of motorcycles normally lasts about 15 minutes.

Riders traditionally meet at Harley Davidson dealerships south of the beltway and then travel along I-95 and I-395 to the Pentagon. The formal Run goes from the Pentagon across Memorial Bridge to the area of the Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans Memorials.

The I-95 Express Lanes and I-395 reversible lanes will be closed from 7 to 11 am as the bikers pass. When the lanes re-open, they will remain northbound for the remainder of the day.

Enjoy the Wakefield spring musical “The Drowsy Chaperone”

Join your neighbors to watch and listen to the beloved Tony-Award winning musical, “The Drowsy Chaperone,” based on a book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar. The musical pokes fun at musical comedies/musical theater of the 1920s Jazz Age. Performances will take place at 7 pm at Wakefield High School, 1325 S. Dinwiddie St. on Friday, May 4; Saturday, May 5; Friday, May 11; and Saturday, May 12. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://wakefield.apsva.us>.

Shop for bargains at the yard sale May 5

Get excited for the annual Fairlington Villages Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, May 5, from 8 am to noon. Join the fun at the Fairlington Villages Community Center parking lot, 3005 S. Abingdon St.

Enjoy the warming weather, continue that spring cleaning, and see what your Fairlington neighbors have for sale.

Sale areas are \$10 per space and are available on a first come-first served basis (no reservations necessary). Residents should set up between 7 and 8 am, and everything must be cleared out by 1 pm. A member of the Villages’ Activities Committee will collect the fee once you are set up.

Spring plants will be available for sale by the Villages’ Grounds Committee. Coffee, other beverages, and food will also be available for sale at the concessions table, with proceeds going to support community activities. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. If you can help, please email the Activities Committee at activities@fairlingtonvillages.com.

Please note: The rain date for the yard sale will be in October.

Opening day surprise



Abingdon’s Little Presidents, which made their debut last Halloween and attracted the attention of the real Nat’s Racing Presidents, helped Arlington Little League celebrate opening day on April 8. Arlington County Board Member and Fairlington resident Libby Garvey joined the fun at Barcroft Park. Photo by Jennifer Davies.

The Farmers Market is back starting May 6



opening day of the Fairlington Farmers Market around the corner! Come to the market on May 6, and help celebrate the start of the season with fun activities and giveaways. Visit our Facebook page and weekly e-newsletter for more details.

The market offers a mix of fresh produce, meats, eggs,



Spring Valley Farm and Orchard is back for another season of locally grown produce. Photos by Guy Land.

flowers, baked goods, honey, jams, prepared foods, goat cheese, and coffee. All vendors are producers who grow and/or make their products within 125 miles of Arlington. Shop for fresh, high-quality food right in the neighborhood, and get to know the people who grow and prepare your food.



Hog Haven prepares delicious breakfast for the Sunday morning crowd.

Most of the vendors from last season are back this year, and we're excited to welcome two new vendors: Chase Your Tail Bakery (your pets will thank you) and Number

1 Sons. We may have some new vendors on a regular or "pop up" basis too. Here's a quick look at our vendors; more information about products and payment methods is available at www.fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

Acme Pie Company: Handmade pies using the finest local ingredients.

Bonaparte Breads: Artisan breads and pastries made in the classic French tradition.

Café Los Sueños: A specialty coffee roastery with a variety of blends to enjoy at the market or bring home for the week.



Hot coffee from Café Los Sueños is perfect for a Sunday morning visit to the market.

Chase Your Tail Bakery: Farm to treat jar. Handmade dog treats using human grade ingredients; catnip too!

Hog Haven: Heritage pork in a variety of packaged cuts and made-to-order hot breakfast sandwiches.

Kiwi Kuisine: Traditional New Zealand-style savory pies, hand-made with all-natural ingredients.

Kuhn Orchards: Seasonal fruits and vegetables, jams, honey, and more.

Mama's Donut Bites: Mini donuts, hot and fresh in a variety of flavors and combinations.

Number 1 Sons: Fermented foods that draw from cultures all over the world—pickles, kimchi, kraut, and more.

Pleitez Produce: A wide variety of vegetables and herbs, with lots of great produce early and late in the season.

Sandy Bottom Acres: Eggs, chicken, beef, sausage, bacon, flowers, and more.

Sexy Veggie: Vegan and vegetarian cuisine, including salads, frozen soups, and veggie burgers.

Spriggs Delight Farm: Goat cheeses, including plain and flavored chevre, feta, camembert, and valençay, plus fudge.

Spring Valley Farm and Orchard: Salad greens, seasonal fruits and vegetables, jams, honey, and more.

—Lynne Blasi



Mama's Donut Bites always attracts a line of customers waiting for fresh, hot donuts.



Crowd pleaser Sexy Veggie offers an array of healthy vegetarian cuisine.

Market Reminders

- The market is open every Sunday from 9 am to 1 pm through November 18, on the back patio of the Fairlington Community Center at 3308 S. Stafford St. Please be a good neighbor and avoid parking directly in front of residences across from the community center. Parking is available along S. Utah St., S. 32nd Rd., in the community center lot, and on Quaker Ln.
- Only certified service animals can be brought into the market. Please leave your canine companions snuggled up at home or be prepared to secure your pet at least 20 feet from the market boundaries.
- Help promote the market by sharing updates from Facebook (Fairlington Farmers Market) and Twitter (@FairlingtonMkt).
- Visit fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org to sign up for weekly email updates or to volunteer.

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2018 Market survey results

A big thank you to everyone who completed the market survey. We received 218 responses and got some great ideas to consider for this year or down the road. Some key findings:

- New vendor types that respondents would like to see include dairy, organic produce, hard cheese, prepared foods to eat at the market or take home to cook later, and ice cream.
- There is high interest in having pop up vendors at the market on an occasional basis, with food trucks, bagels, pies, and tea mentioned frequently.
- The majority of respondents are interested in having seasonal festivals or celebrations at the market, followed by cooking/food-related events, and health and wellness activities.
- Most respondents visit the market multiple times a month.
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Free composting is available at county facility

Composting is an easy and effective way to free up space in landfills, save money on trash disposal, and reduce the production of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Food is the largest single source of waste in the United States, accounting for approximately 20 percent of municipal landfill waste according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Fortunately, each of us can do our part by separating out organic matter from other solid waste. Arlington County makes composting easy with a free food scraps drop-off center for county residents at its Earth Products Yard (4300 S. 29th St.).

Located in the Trades Center around the corner from Shirlington, off S. Arlington Mill Dr., this drop-off consists of two large green organics carts at the yard's scale house, where residents can dump their food scraps and other compostable items. Accepted materials include fruits, vegetables, food-soiled paper (paper towels, napkins, and paper plates), coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, breads, grains and pasta, meat and seafood (including bones) and plate scrapings. Just remember to remove stickers or tags from any items before composting.

Once collected, these food scraps are processed in the large on-site vessel composting unit. The resulting nutrient-rich compost is used for landscaping projects in county public spaces and in student gardens. Applying compost helps enrichen soil, suppress diseases and pests in plants, and reduce the need for chemical fertilizers.

Not sure how to go about separating and storing organic waste in your home? A simple method is to buy or create a countertop compost pail for use during meal preparation or cleanup. When that fills up, transfer the contents to a leak-proof bucket in a corner of your kitchen. You can then drop off your full bucket(s) for composting at the county facility.

—Shirin Wertime



John Wertime, Fairlington resident, dumps food scraps at the county's free compost drop-off site. Photo by Shirin Wertime.

Trees, continued from page 7

what the budget allows.” He went on to express that the studies were vital in order to determine what changes are occurring with the canopy, where it is changing, how it can be improved, and if improvements are working.



Master Gardener Anne Wilson of the North Fairlington Grounds Committee discusses trees with FCA Director Rebecca Sayres after the meeting. Photo by Guy Land.

The study revealed that Fairlington Community Center and Fairlington Park made up 8.18 acres total and 3.45 acres of canopy, with roughly 42 percent of the park covered. Lipera commented that, “while it wasn’t the highest, it wasn’t the lowest in terms of percent of canopy cover” and noted that there is room for improvement.

The Fairlington Civic Association, which comprises 339 acres saw a one percent reduction in canopy, approximately 1.7 acres in total loss. Most of the loss was attributed to storms. Overall, Arlington County saw tree canopy improvement of 2.7 percent.

Every year the county plants 800 to 1000 trees to assist with canopy. Most of these trees get planted on county parkland because of limited space for street trees. In 2007, the county launched a grant program to shore up the declining tree canopy in Arlington. The program provides grants to individuals and community groups to plant and maintain trees on private property.

Trees play a significant role to the community and environment. Lipera highlighted the essential values of trees which include: mental and physical health benefits, wildlife, stormwater reduction, cooling and heating cost reduction, carbon sequestration, community identity, increased property value, air pollution reduction, beautification, inspiration, and food.

In one way or another, the tree canopy affects and benefits everyone.

—Rebecca Sayres

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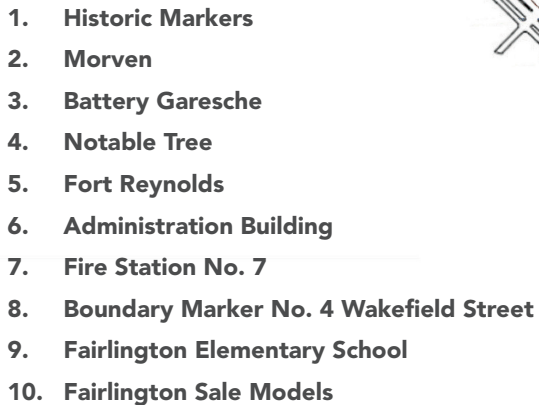
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FAIRLINGTON HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Narratives from Fairlington at 50 -
The Catherine D. Fellows Memorial Edition

1. Historic Markers – Following historic designation, the Historical Society designed and installed a variety of historic markers throughout Fairlington. In addition to the combined National Register and Virginia Landmarks plaque installed on South Abingdon Street between Fairlington Villages office and the Community Center, oval plaques were placed on the brick entrance walls." (p. 95)

2. Morven – In 1756 Colonel John Carlyle, a friend of George Washington, held the title to the land now known as Fairlington. "Sometime before 1770, Carlyle began building a plantation on this land – at 30th and South Columbus Streets, North Fairlington – naming it Torthorwald after one of his family's Scottish properties. Because some people began calling it Totherworld; the name was changed to the shorter, easier-to-pronounce Morven." (p.4)

3. Battery Garesche – "Nearby was the 166-yard perimeter Battery Garesche, a small redoubt with seven guns, named in honor of Colonel Julius S. Garesche: ... Battery Garesche was dismantled after the war, possibly when Virginia was readmitted to the Union(1870)." (p.91)

4. Notable Tree – In the Spring of 2015 the large white oak tree at 3059 S. Abingdon Street was recognized as a Notable Tree by Arlington County.

The selection criteria include size and/or age, species, historical interest or significance the community. The age of this tree is unknown but some think it dates to the Civil War.

5. Fort Reynolds – "The building of the defenses of Washington began in 1861 and resulted in 22 forts in present-day Arlington County alone: one in North Fairlington and one near it. Fort Reynolds, first called Fort Blenker after the German major general whose emigrant division built it, was a 12-gun field fortification made of earth with a 360-yard perimeter." (p. 91)

6. Administration Building, 4800 South 3151 Street – "During the rental years, tenants or future tenants would make their way with the unerring instinct to the administration building. There they would apply for an apartment, or pay their rent before the seventh of the month – along with a \$10 charge if they were late – or reserve one of the building's rooms for a community get-together, or file a complaint. ... It served as a link between tenant and general manager. During the tenant occupancy years – 1943-1977 – it was a link forged by that strongest of all intangible steels: a genuine and deep affection for Fairlington by tenants and by managers." (p. 75) Today the building is a Long & Foster Realtors office.

7. Fire Station No. 7, 3116 South Abingdon Street – "A nearby station means lower insurance premiums. The fire house has longstanding ties with the community. It is a service and a landmark no one wants to lose. It has been here since the start of the project and is part of Fairlington's history. The start was 1943 when the station was built by the Federal Works Agency on a 42 by 82-foot site, which was to be maintained by Arlington County, at an estimated cost of \$46,000. ' Its title was vested in the Defense Homes Corporation and not in the Government.' (Arlington County later bought the station for \$3,500 in 1950)." (p.87)

8. Boundary Marker No. 4, Route 7 near South Wakefield Street – The Constitution stipulates a district not to exceed ten miles square to become the seat of the United States government. "For 56 years Fairlington, then in Alexandria County, was included in this square. Boundary markers were set at 1-mile intervals along the border of the new federal enclave, 30 miles of which were in Virginia. (In 1789, the state consented to the cession of any land that might be required by the government.)"(p.80) "In 1846, by the desire of the inhabitants and the request of the State of Virginia, Congress retroceded the 30 square miles originally acquired from the state. That same year, the measure passed in Virginia's legislature, with 763 votes for and 222 against. Most of the Arlington portion of Alexandria opposed retrocession. The pastures and woodlands of Fairlington were

again in Virginia. The Daughters of the American Revolution had iron fences built around the markers in 1916. Their plaques read: 'Original Federal Boundary Stone – District of Columbia – Placed 1791-1792.'" (pp. 81-82)

9. Fairlington Elementary School, 3308 South Stafford Street – "A family man, architect Kenneth Franzheim believed people in a community needed more than their homes. They needed schools as well. Arlington School Board applied for a grant (September 1942) from the Federal Works Agency and was given \$190,000 for an elementary and \$174,500 for a junior-senior high school in Fairlington. And Defense Homes conveyed 8.1813 acres to the county 'for and in consideration of,. Ten(10) dollars ... for public school, park, recreation and other public purposes ... ' in the rental housing project (March 1943)." (p. 83) The school opened in 1944 and closed in 1979. Today the building is the Fairlington Community Center.

10. Fairlington Sale Models – On display at the Fairlington Community Center are the sale models used in the 1970s when the Fairlington property was converted from rental units to condominiums. They were used to show potential purchasers the layout of their new neighborhood. In 2010, the models were repaired and restored with the financial support of the Fairlington Historical Society and the Fairlington Citizens Association.

Vote in the Virginia primary elections June 12

All localities in Virginia will have a primary in June for offices on the November 6 general election ballot. The deadline to update your address or register to vote for the June 12 primaries is Monday, May 21.

Applications to have an absentee ballot mailed to you must be received by 5 pm on Tuesday, June 5, and ballots must be returned and received by 7 pm on Tuesday, June 12.



In-person absentee voting run from Friday, April 27, to 5 pm on Saturday, June 9, at Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, for Arlington voters and the Office of Voter Registration and Elections, 132 North Royal Street, Suite 100, for Alexandria voters.

Democratic and Republican primaries will take place on Tuesday, June 12, from 6 am to 7 pm, at Abingdon Elementary for North Fairlington, and the Fairlington Community Center for South Fairlington. Alexandria residents who live in Fairlington will vote at the NOVA Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Dr.

Because you do not register to vote by political party in Virginia, any voter may choose to vote in either primary. Voters make that choice when they check in at the polls, and they can only vote in one primary.

For the Republican primary, voters in both Arlington



and Alexandria will select a candidate for the U.S. Senate. Candidates include Nick J. Freitas, E. W. Jackson, and Corey A. Stewart.

For the Democratic primary, two incumbents face no opponents—Senator Timothy M. Kaine and Representative Donald S. Beyer. Arlington voters will select a candidate for Arlington County Board from Chanda Choun and Matthew D. de Ferranti. The winner will face incumbent John Vihstadt (I) and Heitham Ghariai (I) in November. The November race for School Board will include candidates Barbara Kanninen (I), incumbent, and Audrey R. Clement (I).

In the City of Alexandria Democratic primary, voters will select a candidate for Mayor from Allison Silberberg and Justin M. Wilson. They will also elect candidates for City Council from Canek Aguirre, Willie F. Bailey Sr., Elizabeth B. Bennett Parker, John Taylor Chapman, Matthew S. Feely, Derek M. Hardwick, J. Chris Hubbard, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, Robert Ray IV, Mo Seifeldein, and Paul C. Smedberg.

For more information, visit the Virginia Department of Elections at www.elections.virginia.gov, Arlington County at <https://vote.arlingtonva.us/elections>, the City of Alexandria at www.alexandriava.gov/elections.

—Christine Chirichella

Fairlington's 75th lookback: The Fairlington history walk

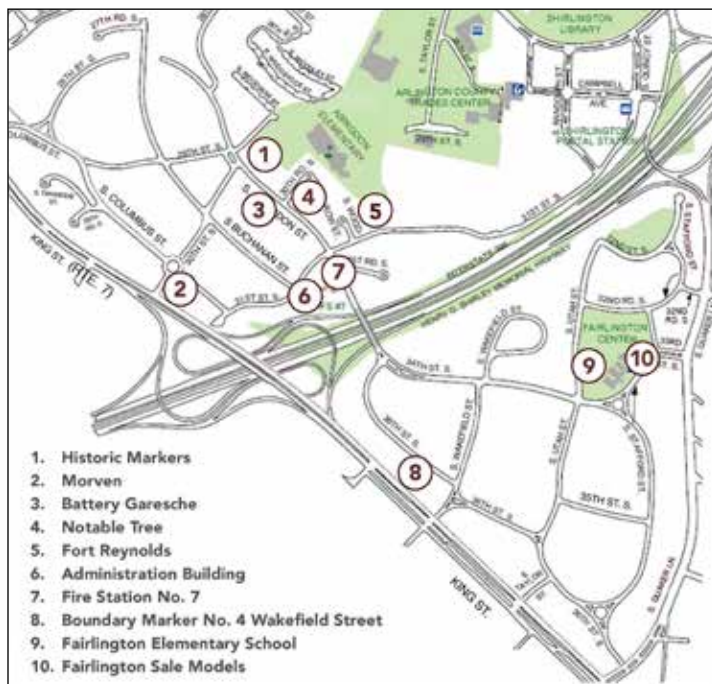
This month's *Bulletin* features an insert brochure for the Fairlington Historical Society's (FHS) walking tour of the community. In 2015 and 2016, FHS and FCA collaborated to conduct two very popular guided tours.

In 2018, in recognition of our 75th anniversary, we are providing the brochure, which includes a map and descriptions of the 10 featured sites, so that residents can take the tour, or any part of it, anytime they would like.

The brochure is printed on both sides and designed to be folded in half so that the map is on the back.

If you have questions about tour locations—or any other element of Fairlington's history—visit the FHS website, www.fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

—Cindy Kunz



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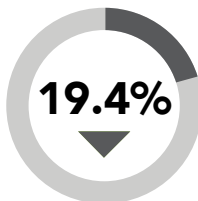
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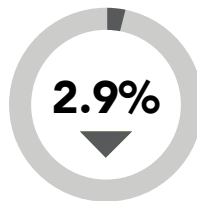
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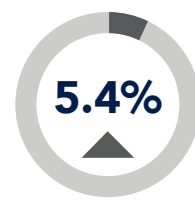
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Leadership Arlington group visits Fairlington



North Fairlington resident Kathleen Branch, FCA President Guy Land, and Fairlington Villages President Terry Placek enjoyed an on-site discussion about Fairlington as part of the Leadership Arlington 2018 program. Photo by Rick Strobach.

Members of the Leadership Arlington Class of 2018 visited Fairlington in April as part of their exploration of seven Arlington neighborhoods. The visit, which was arranged by class member Kathleen Branch, a long-time resident of North Fairlington, featured informal presentations by Fairlington Villages condo President Terry Placek and FCA President Guy Land. Fairlington Glen resident Beth Offenbacher, also a member of the class, joined in discussing Fairlington's attributes.

"The opportunity to bring leaders from all across the county to Fairlington was something that I could not pass up," said Branch, a member of the Neighborhood Program Planning Committee. "These are individuals who are very influential in their own businesses, agen-



Fairlington parent Catherine Ladd tells the Leadership Arlington group the history of the Little Presidents, who joined in providing a welcome to the neighborhood. From left: Catherine Ladd, Patrick Kunze, Beth Offenbacher, Christine Bond, Renee Gentry, and Carter Waddell. Photo by Guy Land.

cies, organizations, and communities, and they were able to witness the Fairlington community—and all of the good things we are doing—firsthand."

In addition to the conversation with Placek and Land, the group got a warm welcome from Abingdon's now-famous Little Presidents, and toured Abingdon Elementary and the Fairlington Community Center. Branch reported that the group was struck by the pride and passion of the Fairlingtonians they met during their visit.

Leadership Arlington is a nine-month program for established leaders, designed to strengthen and build community through an experiential skill-building curriculum. Each class is comprised of 50 leaders from the private, nonprofit, and public sectors.

Co-ed Cub Scout Information Night, May 16



Join Cub Scout Pack 350 for a fun-filled Information Night on May 16. Photo by Scout Pack 350.

Is your child interested in scouting? (And yes, I said "child"—many Cub Scout packs, including ours, are going co-ed!) Cub Scout Pack 350 will host a fun-filled Scouting Information Night on Wednesday, May 16, from 7 to 8 pm at Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St., Alexandria. Children in grades kindergarten through five may join Cub Scouts. Interested families with pre-kindergarteners and older are welcome to come to the information night or join in Pack 350's summer activities. More information about Pack 350 is available online at www.pack350.mypack.us and on Facebook at facebook.com/CubScouts350. You may also contact committeechairpack350@gmail.com.

—Jean Byrd

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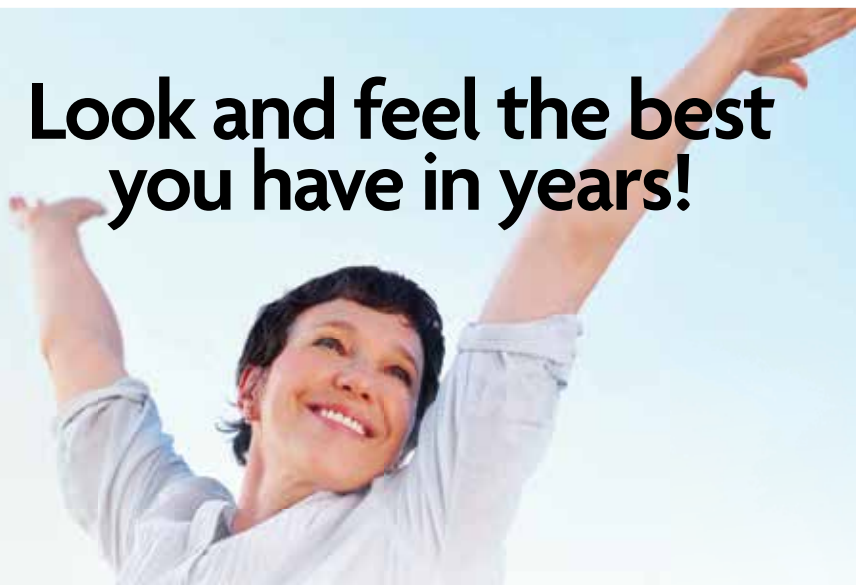
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neighborhood news

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 April, we went to the Del Ray Café for a spring treat of French cuisine, and to Ramparts on a Thursday for ribs, rather than a Monday for burgers, for a change of pace.

Here's what's planned for May:

Monday, May 14, 6:30 pm, Clyde's, 1700 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA, 703-820-8300, www.clydes.com/mark-center. This is a local favorite, nearby with easy parking. We'll go on their Trivia night, which starts at 7 pm—let's see how we can do! The crab cakes are a favorite with a number of the regular diners, as are the hamburgers. Because we do need a reservation, please call Carol (see below) no later than 6 pm on Sunday, May 13.

Thursday, May 24, 6:30 pm, Athena Pallas Restaurant, 556 S. 22nd St., 703-521-3870, www.athenapallasrestaurant.net. The restaurant serves classic Greek cuisine. There is parking in front of the building, and if all spots are taken, there is an additional lot just down S. 22nd St. on the right-hand side. There is also some street parking.

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.

If you want to receive these notices early in the previous month, email carol_dabbs@yahoo.com.

Book Group

Join the Fairlington Book Group in May to discuss *Mrs. Dalloway*, a novel by Virginia Woolf.

Woolf's story details a day in the life of Clarissa Dalloway, an upper-class Englishwoman living in London in 1923, as she plans a party for her husband, a mid-level Tory politician.

The Book Group welcomes first-time visitors and drop-ins. No commitment required! We are meeting on Tuesday, May 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. Some card playing experience is helpful, but we are happy to teach you the rules of Canasta. The group meets Tuesday mornings at a local church hall near Fairlington. Call Carol Ann at 703-931-8533.



Canasta players enjoy weekly camaraderie. Photo by Carol Ann Linder.

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 coordinator, at fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com to request more information and an application.

Fairlington MOMS Club

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



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The old school is a new school!



Abingdon students helped with the official ribbon cutting, along with Dr. Patrick Murphy (APS Superintendent), Joanne Uyeda (Abingdon principal), Dr. Barbara Kanninen (Chair, APS School Board), Libby Garvey (Arlington County Board), Jeni Hornback (Abingdon PTA President), and Nancy Van Doren (APS school board). Photo by Carrie Lewis.

On lucky Friday, April 13, the new Abingdon Elementary School building was officially dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Officials from the Arlington County Board and Arlington Public Schools (APS), representatives from the architecture firm Hord Coplan and Macht and construction group Hess, along with parents, students, and staff of Abingdon Elementary celebrated the school's four-year transformation.

Guest speakers included APS Superintendent, Dr. Patrick Murphy and School Board Chair, Dr. Barbara Kanninen. Remarks were also made by Abingdon principal Joanne Uyeda, PTA president Jeni Hornback, and John Chadwick, APS Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Operations.

The Abingdon chorus and string instrument players provided musical entertainment, and fifth-grade stu-

dents performed the song, "The Old School Is Now a New School," written by Abingdon 5th-grader (and Fairlington resident), Vivian Haley.

Many in the audience were especially moved by a video produced and scripted by Abingdon 5th-grad-

ers titled "Oh the places we have been...Abingdon Elementary" that chronicled the school's construction and how it is now an incredible learning environment. View the video on the FCA website. The ceremony concluded with a ribbon-cutting, followed by tours of the beautiful new facility.

The Abingdon family thanks the entire Fairlington community for their support and patience during the renovation process, and invites you to take advantage of the many events that will take place in the new building.

—Carrie Lewis and Jennifer Davies

Full "STEAM" **ahead at Abingdon**

Barn owls, slime, 3-D printers, and a live eagle cam were just some of the exciting offerings at Abingdon's

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Key APS leaders participated in the ribbon cutting. From left, Dr. Patrick Murphy (APS Superintendent), Dr. Barbara Kanninen (Chair, APS school board), Jennifer Davies (Building Level Planning Committee), John Chadwick (APS Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations), and Nancy Van Doren (APS school board). Photo by Jeni Hornback.

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DOWN TO EARTH patio gardening



Planting up to maximize space

So often, the Fairlington patio seems confining. With the average-sized concrete pad just 9 feet by 12 feet, there is little space for a table, chairs, and grill. Factor in the kids' cozy coupes and wagons and living space diminishes.

Then there is the garden space—less than two feet wide on the sides—with a bit more space in the beds at the dining room window and back fence. With so little square footage, try installing trellises for an “espaliered” garden theme.

Trellises need to be sturdy, so purchase a thick, wooden one or a black, wrought-iron model, which is even stronger. Dig a hole and then insert the “foot” of the trellis down into it before using your foot to tamp down the soil around the base. Then plant the root ball just before the trellis. Once in the ground, train the branches of the plant through the holes in the trellis. Most vines need support since their “arms” are flimsy. Here are a few to consider:

Carolina Jessamine: This evergreen likes shade and offers yellow, bugle-like flowers in spring. The leaves are dark green, shiny, and small. The plant tolerates a bit of sun, but if you have deep shade, this is the perfect vine.

Honeysuckle: This flowers in white, orange, yellow, and mauve and likes full sun. It can run wild, so train its branches around the trellis. The summer-into-fall blooms are fragrant.



Trumpet Vine. Photos courtesy Pixabay.

Campsis or Trumpet Vine: This bears two-inch-long, orange flowers that resemble the musical instrument. This summer bloomer likes full sun and its branches run wild.

Star or Confederate Jasmine: This shade-preferring evergreen has fragrant, white flowers that resemble a pinwheel that “rotates” around a miniature yellow eye.

Hyacinth Bean: This attractive vine has large leaves and dark pink flowers as well as shiny, pink (pea) pods. It can be seen twining around Fairlington lamp posts. The flowers appear in summer and fall and show best when planted in full sun.

Ipomea or Morning Glory: True-blue, violet, pink, or white flowers with yellow throats scramble

on fragile stems in summer. Like the Lilac or Gladiolus, this is one of those “sentimental” flowers. As a kid, I saw it twine around metal fences in upstate New York.

Mandevilla: This native of South America has four-inch-wide flowers in pink, red, or white with yellow throats. The leaves are five inches long, glossy and oval. You will find it in late April (at nurseries) and it lives until the second frost in December.



Passion Flower.

Passiflora or Passion Flower: Wait until you see this at the nursery! The lavender or white petals surround blue, frilly stamens that twist like string around its bead-like purple eye. Plant it in full sun and it flowers in summer. Some cultivars produce fruit that's cultivated in Australia, Africa, and the Caribbean.

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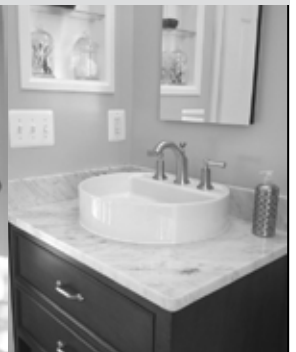
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Students show off their Jackson Pollock-inspired canvas art created with hand-made catapults. Photos from Abingdon Twitter Feed, @AbingdonGIFT.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) night on Thursday, April 12. Students from pre-K to 5th grade participated in a wide variety of hands-on experiences designed to excite and engage them in the broad array of STEAM programs.

While students made slime at one table, others used toothpicks and marshmallows to build 2-D and 3-D figures. Younger children played fun math games to strengthen estimation, adding, and subtracting skills.



Building 3-D figures from toothpicks and marshmallows was a fun way to incorporate STEAM into learning.

In the science lab, children delighted in touching snakes and turtles and watching a skilled raptor handler hold owls and hawks.

Outside, students built catapults out of popsicle sticks and spoons and used them to splash paint onto canvas in the style of Jackson Pollock. And, in the library, imaginations were put to the test with creative maker space materials.

The event involved the whole Abingdon community, with parents and teachers joining children in building projects, and Wakefield High School students guiding their younger Arlington peers through fun activities.

Abingdon science teacher Jordan Kivitz, who coordinated the event, explained that, "STEAM night is a fantastic way to create community development and help kids get excited about STEAM subjects. It makes them college- and career-ready. Starting young is great to build interest and sustain it through middle and high school."

Students were equally enthusiastic, saying, "My favorite part was making a catapult and launching paint balls. The paint went everywhere!" and "The owl was so cool!"

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May Abingdon Calendar

- May 2: Spring pictures
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- May 7-11: Staff Appreciation Week
- May 10: Abingdon drama production
- May 18: Abingdon International Night
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