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Arlington Police brief community on crime prevention

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At the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) monthly meeting on April 14, members of the Arlington County Police Department's (ACPD) community outreach team provided an overview of the county's neighborhood crime statistics and addressed specific crime concerns in Fairlington. The presentation was led by Captain Scott Linder and Sergeant Jasmine Senn, as well as several members of the team.

Overall, crimes reported in Fairlington have declined in 2021 relative to 2020. The greatest threat to the community remains larceny from auto (breaking into cars that are usually left unlocked).

Sgt. Senn stressed the importance of making sure car doors are locked at night and valuables on patios secured, noting that the majority of crimes were ones of opportunity. County-wide the largest crime threat, car-jacking in the Crystal City / Pentagon City area, had declined significantly due to a new safety strategy put in place this year.

The ACPD representatives acknowledged neighborhood-wide concerns that occurred over the past year including graffiti, white supremacist stickers on public property, and the suspicious gray jeep incidents. A valuable takeaway from the discussion was guidance on when to call the police to make a report and when to submit reports online.

As a general rule, if an incident has already happened, like vandalism, residents are encouraged to submit a report online. If an incident is happening in real time (e.g., someone in the process of spray-painting or a suspicious vehicle following someone), residents should call.

Capt. Linder noted that reports of suspicious activity can be subjective. He made it clear that suspicion should be based on "the activity and not the person."

The presentation drew participation and questions from residents who



Captain Scott Linder offers analysis on neighborhood crime and the best ways to prevent becoming a victim of crime in 2021.

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Coming up

The FCA Board invites all Fairlington residents to attend its meetings that 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 have three minutes to address the board on matters affecting the community. Due to COVID-19, meetings are being held virtually and streamed on FCA's Facebook page.

FCA monthly meeting May 12

The FCA board will hold a work session. There will be no special presentation.


Regular board business:

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

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

Online resources:

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 Find us on Facebook at Fairlington Citizens Association.

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Shirlington Library	703-228-6545
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Fairlington Knits!

Monday, May 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
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FCA monthly meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 7 pm
Virtually on FCA Facebook page

Fairlington Knits!

Monday, May 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
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Fairlington Diners

Wednesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m.
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Book Group

Tuesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m.
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Memorial Day

Monday, May 31
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Monday, May 31**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How can FCA add value to your Fairlington experience?

Are there problems you want us to tackle? Topics you want us to examine? What about activities to address needs that you and your neighbors share? Community conversations you want us to lead? Information you want about things that affect the neighborhood?

This month we will be hosting an online survey to learn your ideas on ways we can enhance the quality of life in our community. You can find it on our website or our Facebook page.

It comes down to completing this sentence: "I wish FCA would....."

The board looks carefully at the results of the surveys. A couple of years ago our survey showed that many of you wanted us to focus more on the arts. As a result, last fall we sponsored our first-ever outdoor concert, featuring the Alexandria Symphony brass quintet. Roughly a hundred of you—socially distanced and masked—turned out, making it a huge success.

And the Fairlington Farmers Market, now a neighborhood institution, grew out of the results of an FCA survey in 2013.

FCA's work falls into three broad categories: providing the collective voice of Fairlington to local elected officials and policy makers; keeping you informed on things that could have specific effects on Fairlington; and sponsoring activities to strengthen the sense of community that makes Fairlington special.

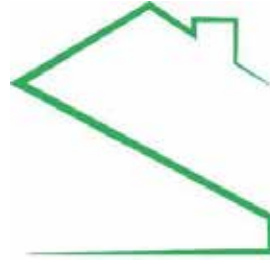
What's the difference between FCA and your condo association? The condo association, to which you pay condo fees, focuses on the maintenance of your building and the general common property that surrounds it. The condo association promulgates and enforces rules on things such as pools, trash, signs, and architectural changes.

Arlington County (and the City of Alexandria as well) turns to FCA for the community's views on county policies, local infrastructure needs, and permits for specific activities or real estate development proposals.

Because we cover all of North and South Fairlington, as well as Park Shirlington and Shirlington House, we can sponsor activities that reach across all of the larger community. We can facilitate collaboration among the condo boards and their committees.

We need you to help shape our agenda. The survey should only take three minutes. To thank you, we'll enter you in a drawing for a gift certificate to a Shirlington restaurant. Please give us your thoughts.

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Clothes dryer ignites in North Fairlington condo

The second-floor unit of an apartment building on Abingdon St. caught fire on Tuesday, March 16 around noon. The Arlington County Fire Department responded within minutes and sent 35 fire fighters, multiple fire trucks, an ambulance, and the fire marshal, which is standard procedure for a one-alarm fire. There were no injuries.

The fire was caused by the owners' clothing dryer. Antoine Hart II, deputy fire marshal for Arlington county, offered advice to homeowners and renters on preventing dryer fires.

The most important thing you can do is clean your lint trap—the mesh or screen trap located (on most models) below the dryer door—after every use, says Hart. He also recommends having the hose that leads from the dryer to the outside vent cleaned by a professional company once a year.

It is important to hire a reputable company to perform any work or maintenance on your dryer. Check that the service provider is licensed, bonded and insured. A good dryer vent company will also perform a mechanical inspection, check the electrical connection as well as



The March 16 fire in a condo on S. Abingdon St. in North Fairlington brings the fire department out in full force. Photo by Barbara Berti.

clean the lint trap and dryer hose.

Hart also warns to never put anything in the dryer that has chemicals, gasoline or any elements that could cause spontaneous combustion when heated. Always wash items that contain flammable residue first before putting them in the dryer.

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Free clothing swap offers community options to reduce waste

Dozens of Fairlington neighbors attended the second annual free clothing swap in the North Fairlington Community Center parking lot on Saturday, April 10. Participants donated used and outgrown items and browsed racks of others' clothing ready for a new home.

Clothing and household items are often overlooked as a category for recycling but the growth of initiatives like the Fairlington free clothing swap offers an opportunity to reduce clothing waste and save money.



Mom and daughter hunt for new spring clothing at the free annual Fairlington clothing swap in April. Photo by Guy Land.

North Fairlington resident Kristin Johnson organized the first swap in September 2020 in response to the cancellation of popular consignment sales due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The idea prompted dozens of Fairlingtonians to participate in donating and picking up clothing items. The Fairlington Villages condo association generously offered free use of the community center parking lot.

"The success of the swap is really a testament to this incredible community," said Johnson. "The people are

what make Fairlington great."

The first swap included women and children's clothes only and the second swap was expanded to include a small section of men's clothing as well.

Consignment sales and swaps are an especially attractive option for mothers of young children as growing children often require new sizes every four-six months. Rather than tossing nearly new clothing in a mass donation bin, or throwing it away, moms can swap the too-small clothes for a new set in the right size.

The clothing swap plans to re-occur on a biannual basis in the fall and spring and requests for donations will be announced several weeks before. Other opportunities for free giving in the neighborhood include joining your local Buy Nothing group (<https://buynothingproject.org/>), or offering items for free pickup on your neighborhood Facebook group.

—Regina Bethencourt



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Retiring AFB carrier remembers Fairlington in the baby boom

John Wertime remembers his first paper route in the early 1950s delivering local Arlington papers and *The Washington Post* throughout Fairlington, then a flat, treeless apartment community for government employees and military.

Up until a few months ago, Wertime continued his news route tradition over the last decade, delivering the *All Fairlington Bulletin* (AFB) to residents of Fairlington Meadows.

"Once a paper boy, always a paper boy," he said, chuckling. "I enjoyed delivering the *Bulletin* for the exercise and the chance to connect with neighbors."

Wertime remembers being on a waiting list to move into Fairlington in 1946, after his family was stationed in the area due to his father's World War II position with the Office of Strategic Services (a forerunner of the CIA.)

"We moved to an Arlington unit in South Fairlington just before Christmas of 1946," he recalled. "I was 5 years old."

The Fairlington of Wertime's childhood was bursting with children as the post-war baby boom reached its peak. He remembers attending elementary school at the building that is now the Fairlington Community Center.



John Wertime poses outside the home he has lived in for 30 years. Wertime first moved to Fairlington in 1946 and lived in three different units before settling in Fairlington Meadows. Photo by Regina Bethencourt.

"We had an incredible number of neighborhood playmates," said Wertime. "My mother had a cowbell she would ring in the afternoons to call me and my three brothers home for dinner."

Wertime moved away from Fairlington for his undergraduate and graduate studies and then lived in Iran for several years before returning in 1976 to raise his own family.

"When my wife and I were looking for a place to live after returning to the states, I introduced her to Fairlington and she fell in love," he said. "This place is like an island of calm and peace."

Wertime's daughter took on the role of delivering the AFB as a teen and he continued her delivery route when she went away to college. Wertime retired

as a carrier in March due to a medical condition.

The distribution manager for the AFB, Noemi Riviera, is also slated to retire this summer after more than 20 years of service. She will be replaced by Sarah Lloyd who lives in Fairlington Glen.

Community members interested in delivering the AFB should send an email to afbeditors@yahoo.com.

—Regina Bethencourt

Fairlington Architect's Map Reproduction—Now Available

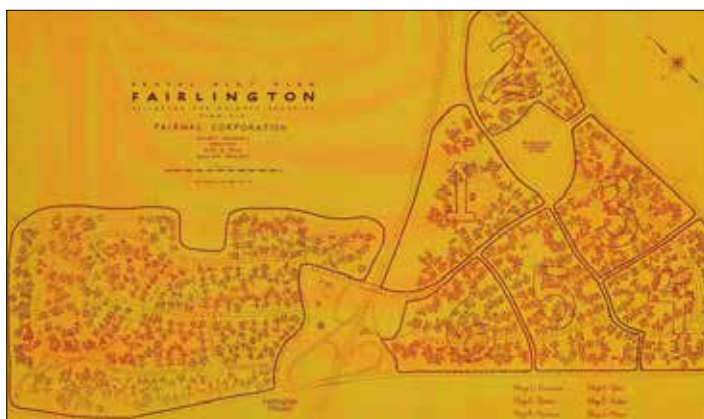
Perhaps you have noticed the sepia-toned map of the Fairlington community hanging in the North Fairlington Community Center. The original map was probably prepared c. 1943 by the architect Kenneth Franzheim for the Defense Homes Corporation and subsequently revised for Fairmac, the firm that managed the post-World War II rental community from 1947-1972.

The map was updated by CBI Fairmac, the firm that oversaw its conversion to condominiums in 1972-1978, and later revised by the Fairlington Historical Society (FHS) to better define the villages.

FHS is now making 36" X 24" reproductions available for purchase for \$40.00 each, postage included.

Go to fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org and select 'Publications and Tours.' Download the 'Fairlington Architect's

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This historical map of Fairlington circa 1943 is available for purchase at www.fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

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Special thanks to returning sponsors Fairlington Citizens Association, Fairlington Dental, Fairlington Presbyterian Church, and Kay Houghton & Associates. Please thank and support our generous sponsors as they have supported us.



Market volunteer Melissa Beene prepares to welcome customers to the market on opening day last year. Photos by Guy Land.

In response to concerns about the ongoing pandemic and the safety of shoppers, vendors, and volunteers, the farmers market committee is working with vendors, Arlington County, and the community center to operate a modified farmers market again this year. Please help ensure the market remains open by following the guidelines below. Information will be updated as the season evolves.

- Shoppers are required to wear a face mask at all times while in line and within market boundaries
- Practice safe distancing and stand at least 6 feet from others outside your household
- Enter the market via the fire lane entrance on S. Utah St. and follow the one-way signs through the market. Exit into the parking lot on S. Stafford St.
- Shop in one direction only; please don't circle back to vendors



Many market customers save time by pre-ordering their items. Spring Valley Farms has orders boxed and ready for pickup on Sunday morning.

- Come prepared with your grab & go shopping list and pre-order confirmations
- Do not eat, drink, socialize, or linger within the market

Vendors and pre-order information

Many vendors offer pre-ordering options to pick up your food at their tables or select grab & go items. Please join us in welcoming our newest market vendor, Old Blue BBQ. They offer craft barbecue in the Southern tradition, and their delicious meats get their tenderness and flavor from rubbed spices and hours of oak wood smoke.

—Lynne Blasi



Market patrons wait in a socially-distant line for farm fresh goods from Pleitez Produce.

Be sure to check vendor websites as ordering information may change. For the latest information about the market and what vendors will bring each week, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at fairlingtonfarmers-market.org.



Ana's Twist: Ecuadorian vegetarian and meat empanadas, juices, and soups. Pre-order by 12 a.m. Saturday; grab & go items.



Cafe Los Sueños: A specialty coffee roastery with a variety of blends. Grab & go beans, bottles, and to-go cups of cold brew available; no pre-orders.



Faerie Springs Farm: Cheese made from pasteurized goat and cow's milk, including chevre, feta, mozzarella, and camembert. Grab & go items; no pre-orders.



Kiwi Kuisine: New Zealand-style, handmade savory pies. Grab & go items; no pre-orders.



Kuhn Orchards: Seasonal fruits and vegetables, jams, cider, and honey. Pre-order by 10 a.m. Friday; limited grab & go items.



Mama's Donut Bites: Mini donuts in a variety of flavors. Pre-order by 12 p.m. on Saturday; limited grab & go bags.



Ana's Twist joined the market last year and features Ecuadorian vegetarian and meat empanadas, juices, and soups.



Number One Sons: Pickles, kimchi, and kraut. Pre-order by 7 a.m. Saturday; grab & go items.



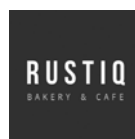
Old Blue BBQ: BBQ, marinades, meal kits, sauces, rubs. Pre-order and grab & go information will be updated on the FFM website.



Ozfeka Catering: Turkish borek, kisir, sarma, and baklava. Pre-order by 8 p.m. Saturday; grab & go items.



Pleitez Produce: Seasonal vegetables, fruits, and herbs. Pre-order by 7 p.m. Thursday; grab & go items.



Rustiq Bakery: Croissants, artisan breads, and French pastries. Pre-order by 4 p.m. Thursday; grab & go items.

Sandy Bottom Acres: Eggs, chicken, beef, pork, and sausage. Grab & go items; no pre-orders.



Sexy Veggie: Vegan and vegetarian salads, soups, wraps, and patties. Pre-order by 6 p.m. Friday; grab & go items.

Spring Valley Farm & Orchard: Salad greens, seasonal fruits and vegetables, jams, honey. Pre-order by 12 a.m. Thursday; limited grab & go items.

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The year of the cicada

The spring emergence is almost upon us. No, not crocuses, I am referring to cicadas. For about two to three weeks near the end of May, 17-year cicadas will be everywhere. It may feel like there are more cicadas than stars in the sky. After spending 17 years underground, they crawl to the surface one night, climb a stalk, and break out of their skin. Imagine what it must be like seeing daylight for the first time.

Their skin is actually an exoskeleton. That's right, insects, as well as many of their relatives, have an external skeleton. Cicada shells are easy to collect and examine. The best part is that the two front legs are sharp enough to attach to clothing, so they can be worn as a pin.

First of all, know that cicadas will not hurt you. They are large and clumsy, but not dangerous. They are part of the *Phylum Arthropoda* (jointed legs), the class *Insecta* (six-legged arthropods), and the suborder, *Hemiptera*, (sucking mouthparts). Their wings are sometimes called "roof like," since they look like a roof over their bodies when they are at rest. All members of this order are plant eaters.

Adult insects have three body sections, a head, thorax, and abdomen. These cicadas have two red eyes, as well as three smaller eyes on what you might think of as its nose. A large sucking mouth acts like a straw. The thorax is next. Six legs attach to it as well as four wings. Finally the abdomen, where a person can determine the males from females. On the male, you will find two panels called tymbals that beat like drums. That noise helps females find them. The female has a large needle



Cicada exoskeletons. Photo by Sue Davis.

near the end of her abdomen called an ovipositor. Eventually she uses it to lay eggs into skinny tree branches.

This is why they have emerged; find a mate, mate, and lay eggs. Mission accomplished. Eggs are laid in thin tree branches, a process that kills the wood. When the eggs hatch the nymphs drop from the branch, crawl into the soil, and live among the tree roots for 17 years. Living there helps to aerate the soil for the trees, and for that the trees lose a few small branches.

Some people think the cicadas cause tree damage, and that can happen to younger, vulnerable trees. Small plants and trees can be covered with lightweight garden fabric for protection. Keep in mind that trees and cicadas evolved together.

The biggest beneficiary of the cicada emergence is other wildlife such as birds and mammals. This feast only arrives every 17 years, and who could pass up such a delicious meal?

By mid-June the 17-year cicadas will be gone. But not to worry, annual cicadas will fill the air with their calls later this summer.

To learn more about cicadas visit <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/northeast-prepares-swarms-cicadas-spring-180958806/>

—Sue Davis

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School board caucus launches 2021 election season

Arlington county Democrats will kick off the 2021 election season with an online balloting platform to determine whom the party will endorse for the Arlington School Board in the November general election. Voting will take place from Monday, May 17, through Sunday, May 23. In Virginia all school board candidates run as independents.

Two candidates met the March 1 deadline to be considered for an endorsement from Arlington Democrats: Miranda Turner and Mary Kadera. They are vying to replace current school board chair Monique O'Grady, who chose not to seek re-election.

According to county Democrats, the Internet-based platform, Democracy Live, will facilitate safe voting under COVID-19 conditions by enabling voters to cast ballots securely from their computers, tablets, or smartphones. Voting will be open 24/7 during the week of caucus voting and the platform will be mobile device compatible.

At press time county Republicans had not announced plans for endorsing in the school board race.

May also brings the deadline for registering to vote in the June 8 Democratic primary, which will see elections for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, state Delegate, Arlington County Board, and Alexandria Mayor and City Council.

The registration deadline for the June primary is May 17. Residents may register online, by mail, or in person at the office of voter registration in Arlington (or Alexandria for Alexandria residents).

Absentee voting is available by mail or in-person. Forms for requesting absentee ballots may be obtained online at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>.

The Republican party did not call for any primary elections in Arlington. County Republicans will attend a state convention, held at multiple sites, on May 8 to select candidates for statewide offices. The deadline for registering to attend the convention was April 12.

—Guy Land

Arlington Police, from page 1

joined live on the FCA's Facebook page. Several residents posted questions which were fielded by the ACPD team.

Occurred Incident Type	2020 YTD	2021 YTD
Abduction - Domestic	1	0
Assault and Battery	1	4
Burglary	1	0
Destruction of Prop (Vehicle)	1	2
Destruction of Property	3	0
Domestic Assault and Battery	4	2
Driving Under the Influence	2	0
Drunk in Public	2	0
Fraud	5	2
Harassment	3	1
Identity Theft	7	3
Larceny	6	3
Larceny from Auto	4	5
Narcotics Violation	2	1
Other	10	15
Sex Offense	1	3
Stolen Vehicle	0	2
Suspicious Circumstances	3	10
Threats	0	1
Unlawful Entry	1	0
Vehicle Tampering	0	4
Incident Count	57	58

*Other includes accidents, admin cases, death investigation, domestic dispute (non-criminal), ECO/TDO, eluding, mental health, obscenity, overdose, police information, recovered stolen vehicle, and CPS referral.

Graph shows summary of Fairlington crime incidents in 2020 and 2021.

One resident asked about how police handled calls that might not meet the criteria of criminal behavior, but could be characterized as neighbor disagreement or offense.

Sgt. Senn explained that "when we get a call, we come," but that is not necessarily the best or most appropriate action. She encouraged residents to exercise alternatives to calling police.

Ultimately, if officers are unsure whether to respond to a call, they must engage their supervisor to make the decision of whether

or not they are dispatched.

"People don't always know the right people to call." Sgt. Senn commented that sometimes it is a question of educating people before they act. "We are the last ones that should be invited to the party."

ACPD has guidance on whether a call to the police is merited. More info can be found at <https://police.arlingtonva.us/online-police-reporting-system/>

Another resident expressed concern over packages being stolen from porches. ACPD responded that usually this was a larger issue during the holiday season. If concerns persist, including "porch pick-up" buy/sell/trade items, residents should let their neighbors know that people may be coming to collect items.

With respect to observing speeding cars and properly using stop signs, residents can report traffic violations to 703-558-2222. Should it be warranted, ACPD will post electronic messaging boards in high traffic areas to increase driver awareness.

ACPD concluded by reassuring residents that Fairlington is a safe community and stating that they would be pleased to attend other meetings in the future.

—Jenn Davies

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—Barbara Berti

Tennis ladder league begins this spring

The North Fairlington Tennis Committee invites Fairlington residents of all skill levels to participate in the 2021 Tennis Ladder running from April 9 to Oct. 8. No-host Friday Night Ladder events will be held every Friday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on North Fairlington Main Courts 1, 2, and 3. Ladder players will be able to contact other members of the Ladder to schedule and

play matches at their convenience. Please wear tennis apparel. Masks are not required while playing; any spectator should wear a mask and maintain a social distance.

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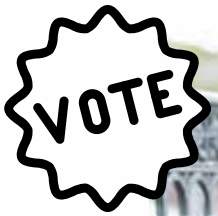
—Bobby Calise

FCA seeks Fairlington resident feedback

In May, the FCA will once again survey respondents about local activities, events, and areas of interest to better understand how the FCA can continue to serve the Fairlington community. The survey will offer residents an opportunity to tell the FCA what they'd like to see more or less of in the near future.

The survey will go live on May 1 on the FCA Facebook page and website. The FCA looks forward to learning more about what's important to Fairlington and, as a thank you for their time (less than 5 minutes), respondents will be entered for a chance to win a gift card to a Shirlington restaurant of their choosing.

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Fairlington Diners

The Fairlington Diners focus on having an opportunity to chat with neighbors and maintain connections. There's no commitment to attend regularly; many people attend as their schedules permit.

For May, the following event is planned.

Wednesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m., picnic on FCC grounds. As we did last fall, let's take advantage of the splendid weather that May offers for a picnic together. If we each bring our own food and drink, we can have supper together but have a chance to visit, still socially distanced.

Please RSVP by email to carol_dabbs at yahoo.com, and directions for the specific location will be sent about a week in advance.

If you have questions or suggestions about this group, call Carol at 703-379-6840 (leave a voicemail for a return call), or you can email her to be added to the email list.

Book Group

Please join the Fairlington Book Group on Tuesday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the last two parts of *Grant, a biography* by Ron Chernow. This month we will cover Part Three, A Life of Peace, and Part Four, A Life of Reflection.

"Ron Chernow's biography reminds our 21st-century selves of the distinction between character and personality."—*National Review*

The Book Group welcomes first-time visitors and drop-ins. No commitment required! Join us for our discussion, even if you haven't read the book. Our meeting will be held on Zoom this month. Please call Carol at 703-379-6840 to be added to our email list in order to receive a Zoom invitation.

Join Us for Two Virtual Fairlington Knits! and Crochets Meet-ups in May

Please join Fairlington Knits! and Crochets online on Monday, May 3 and on Monday, May 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We continue to meet virtually, at the same time on

the first and third Monday of each month, until we can meet in person once again.

Tune in to join fellow crafters for these meet-ups of knitting, crochet, and fellowship. We believe that knitting/crocheting together, showing off our work, and talking with like-minded people helps us feel the support of a community. Log on to see what everyone is working on, to ask for help/advice, or for inspiration for a project. All levels of crafters are welcome—beginner to expert.

Email Turner for the Zoom information to join the calls: Turnerwork@aol.com.

Fairlington Moms' Club

The Fairlington Moms' Club is a group where moms can meet friends, form a support network, and create opportunities for children. The Club organizes several community service projects, routine playdates, craft days, family parties, and moms' nights out. We have a great listserv for sharing advice and connecting with other Fairlington families, as well as our own classifieds listserv. We welcome all Fairlington moms! Please email fairlington-momsclub@gmail.com for further information.

FCC chalk obstacle course boosts springtime fun



The Arlington County Parks & Recreation department created a superhero training obstacle course at the Fairlington Community Center. It contained elements specifically designed to provide physical activity and sensory input that aid in self-regulation, concentration, and stress relief. Photo by Guy Land.

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With flowers blooming, pollinators like bumblebees and butterflies are visiting newly opened buds to dine on nectar. Robins are hopping along in search of earthworms. Doves are peacefully nesting. Cardinals are calling out to females with their "chew-chew-chewing."

April can be hit or miss for landscaping. Plant inventories at local nurseries either are limited or crammed into heated, tarp-enclosed bubbles. Annual flowers don't arrive until late April. But this month, the plants you seek are on display.

Bulbous flowers are the first to appear. Crocus shows in March, far ahead of daffodil, hyacinth, tulip, and grape hyacinth. If you want color in early spring, plant these in the fall when Indian summer has passed. Annuals live from late April until the first frost in December. They display color for over seven months and then say "Goodbye" forever. Perennials return each year but have a dormancy period (when they look frail or they totally wither)



A colorful palette of blooms in purple, red, white, and pink grace a Fairlington fence. Photo courtesy Anonymous.

during winter. Some perennials are "tender" meaning they are intolerant of brutal winters.

Know if and when your patio receives sunlight. Morning sun is modest but afternoon is intense. A south-facing garden receives hotter sun than one facing north. Partial shade means there's a tree canopy nearby which filters the sun. Or maybe there is a "McMansion" next door which shields the sun.

One way to design a garden is to examine plant categories. This equips you with a practical shopping list. Type these phrases in an online search engine: sun-loving perennials, shade perennials, plants for full sun, plants for shade, small trees for patio gardens, ground cover (these grow horizontally, covering the soil area), evergreen trees, and ornamental (flowering) trees.

Think also about what will best fit your lifestyle. If your patio gets full sun, faces west and you travel a good

deal, you will need drought-tolerant plants. Look at the pictures and read about each specimen. Mature height is important to note since it may be different from its size at the nursery.

If you seek various colors or prefer a monochromatic look, type your choice in an online window. For example, look up "red-flowering plants." When designing, don't forget about the foliage. Variegated leaves are beautiful. This means a line of color exists around the edge of a leaf or a splash of color covering the leaf.

Variegation comes in white (*euonymus japonicus*), ivory, yellow (*aucuba*), shades of green (*hosta*), and even pink (*Wintercreeper euonymus*). Simple leaf variegation can brighten a garden in heavy shade. Plus, it's always creative to have plants with leaves that aren't your ordinary green.

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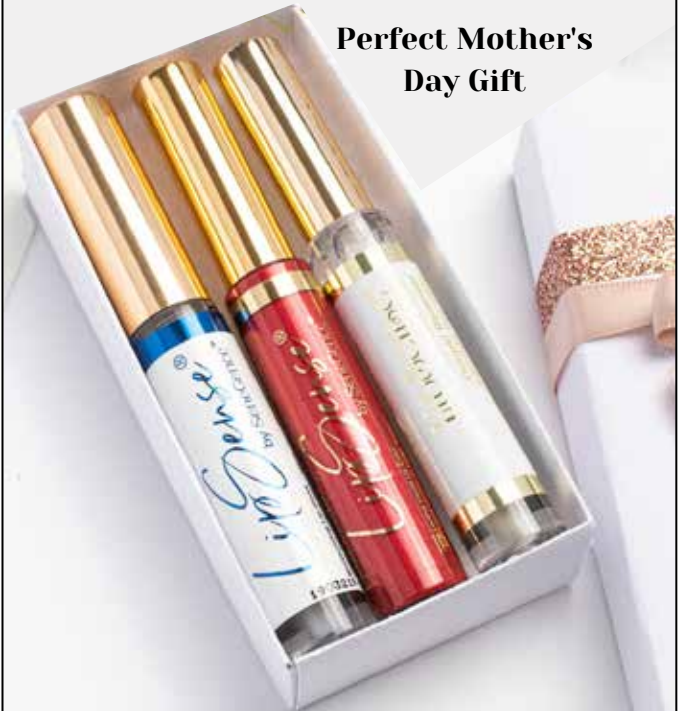
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- Checks payable to "Fairlington Citizens Association."
- Pay via PayPal at fca.fairlington.ads@gmail.com.
- Send mini-ad copy via email, regular mail, or drop off at FCA drop box.

Email: admanager@fca-fairlington.org

Mailing Address: FCA-AFB, PO Box 6182, Arlington, VA 22206-0182.

Drop Box Location: Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. (Hours: 8 am-9 pm, M-F, 8 am-5 pm, Saturday; closed Sunday.)

Cost: 50 cents per word.

Include with ad copy: Name, address, phone #, email address, and ad category (see Mini-ads for options).

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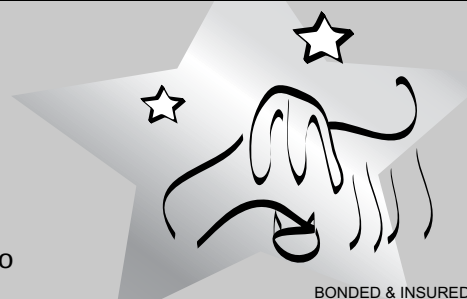

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