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Park Shirlington owners to brief FCA November 13 on expansion plans

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The owners of the Park Shirlington apartments on S. 31st St. will brief the Fairlington community on their plans to increase density on the site while preserving affordable housing units at the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) meeting on November 13. The meeting begins at 7 pm in the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Staff from the Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing & Development will also be on hand to respond to questions about the county's housing priorities and the site plan permitting process.

Park Shirlington is 294-unit garden apartment complex built in 1956. Standard Communities and Foundation Housing jointly purchased the market affordable apartment community in December 2017 with the assistance of a \$6 million loan from the county's Affordable Housing Investment Fund.

A condition of the three-year loan was that all the existing units be maintained as committed housing affordable to households earning up to 80 percent of Area Median Income.

According to plans the owners unveiled to the public at an October 2 briefing, the proposal would add approximately 423 more units to the site, though the final number of units would be determined later in the design and permitting process.

Those plans showed all 294 affordable units clustered on the eastern side



This map shows the plan for the redevelopment of Park Shirlington. Image courtesy Pennant Housing Group.

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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 November 13

Special Presentation: The owners of the Park Shirlington apartments on S. 31st St. will brief the Fairlington community on plans for the future of the housing development.

Regular board business:

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

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Tuesday, November 5
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FCA monthly meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 7 pm
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Fairlington Knits

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FCC, 3308 S. Stafford St.

The return of the natives



The annual Northern Alexandria Native Plant Sale gave local residents a chance to stock up on fall plants while also catching up with their neighbors. Photo by Guy Land.

Contributors this month: Lynne Blasi, Jennifer Davies, Kent Duffy, Donna Felipe, Cindy Kunz, Guy Land, Rachel Mallory, Susan Renehan, Sean Steele, Bill Sullivan, Chris Weathers, Lindsay Willmann, and Michelle Woolley.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The practical challenges of preserving affordable housing in Arlington will be front and center at this month's FCA meeting. The owners of Park Shirlington apartments will describe their proposal to more than double the number of units on that site through additional apartments and townhouses.

They are proposing to preserve 294 units of affordable housing. But to make that financially doable, they need additional density on the property to give them an adequate financial return.

Preserving or even increasing the stock of affordable housing is a priority for Arlington. The county's affordable housing needs are already substantial, and the arrival of Amazon's HQ2 has sparked an intense discussion about ensuring adequate affordable housing.

Park Shirlington is an important component of the larger Fairlington community. It's part of FCA's official coverage area. The diversity that it provides contributes to the vibrancy of the neighborhood. FCA understands the value of preserving affordable housing there.

As county staff have outlined it, there are three options for preserving affordable housing at Park Shirlington:

- Pay the owners to renovate the existing units, which would cost an estimated \$33 million in county taxpayer dollars;
- Purchase the property and then renovate it, which would cost the county \$28 million to purchase in addition to the renovation costs;
- Work with the owners to increase density and provide an adequate financial return to cover the investment in renovating the units and maintaining them as affordable housing.

For the owners, this is a simple proposition: Park Shirlington needs major renovation and capital investment. That can only occur if the owners get an adequate financial return to justify that investment. Without a county subsidy, the only way to get that return is to increase density.

Without increased density, there is no incentive to maintain affordable housing. The owners would likely demolish the existing units and build new and additional market-rate apartments or condos.

So the county has an interest in working with the owners to ensure the housing is preserved. The question becomes how much additional density is necessary to provide an adequate return and still minimize adverse impacts of more traffic and increased school enrollments. FCA will be working with the county and the owners to answer that question. We invite you to join the conversation.

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Fire Chief addresses the future of Fire Station 7

The October FCA meeting featured a presentation by the Arlington County Fire Department and Department of Environmental Services (DES) about the status of Fire Station 7. Fire Chief David Povlitz and DES Director Greg Emanuel represented their respective departments.



Arlington Fire Chief David Povlitz spoke to the October meeting of the Fairlington Citizens Association. Photo by Guy Land.

In the fall of 2018, Arlington County Fire Station 7, a fixture in Fairlington since the 1940s, was temporarily closed due to structural issues discovered in the building. The weight of the fire engine, which sits on the top level of the building above the dormitory when parked in the station, was more than the structural support of the floor could handle. Fire engines today are about 40 percent heavier than fire engines used when Fire Station 7 was last remodeled to a two-level building in 1983.

Through an analysis, the Department of Environmental Services found that a restoration project would cost between three and six million dollars. This restoration would make it possible for Fire Station 7 to continue as it always has and include remodeling requirements like proper ADA accessibility.

Unfortunately, Fire Station 7, even restored and updated, is not equipped to serve today's modern needs in our highly populated area. Recently, Fire Chief Povlitz recommended closing Fire Station 7 due to many factors beyond the structural issue.

There are some limitations with the building and lot size. With the exception of Fire Station 7, all Arlington fire stations are able to accommodate multiple fire and other emergency vehicles. Due to its size, Fire Station 7 only has space for one fire engine. The property lines for Fire Station 7 have been maximized.

Also, the current facility does not offer enough room to deal with proper health and safety requirements. With current understandings of how fire and rescue incidents affect the short- and long-term health of firefighters, most fire stations are now equipped to properly address this.

Chief Povlitz also shared that 52 percent of dispatch calls for the last nine months that Station 7 was open were for Alexandria City as fire departments between the jurisdictions of Arlington County, Fairfax County, and Alexandria City always operate according to which station is closest and readily available. Fairlington's proximity to other jurisdictions leads to more responses outside of the community and county.

A handful of Fairlington citizens attended the meeting and voiced concerns about the feeling of safety and security that the local station provided. Arrival time to incidents in Fairlington have gone up an average of 62 seconds, however this response time is still considered acceptable for our area, with Fire Station 9 on Walter Reed Dr within three minutes of travel time to north Fairlington and Alexandria Station 203 within two minutes of travel time to south Fairlington.

Other present community members provided some history and nostalgia for Fire Station 7. Geoff Hughes, still a current Fairlington resident, shared that he spent approximately 20 years as a volunteer firefighter with the station until the program was ended in the early 1990s.



County Board member Matt de Ferranti, FCA President Guy Land, Department of Environmental Services Director Greg Emanuel, and Arlington County Fire Chief David Povlitz at the October meeting of the FCA. Photo by Michelle Woolley.

The County Manager will make the final decision on whether Fire Station 7 will be reopened by early November. If the fire station is permanently closed, both presenters assured the meeting attendees that the county will put forth a collaborative effort with the Fairlington community to identify a proper use or direction for this property.

—Chris Weathers



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Matt de Ferranti addresses challenges, concerns at FCA meeting

Arlington's newest County Board Member, Matt de Ferranti, came to the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) meeting on October 9. The FCA makes an effort to invite all newly elected board members to an FCA meeting early in their tenure in order to establish a strong relationship with our community.

De Ferranti first addressed progress on his campaign priorities. In recounting the story of a Fairlington resident who told him that she stretched to buy in the neighborhood 25 years ago, but could not afford to do so today if she was in the same financial position, de Ferranti noted the need for continued work on housing affordability.

He talked about the link he sees between the need for economic growth and the need for funding to address Arlington's school capacity challenges. De Ferranti noted that he supported the Amazon deal because he thought the publicly financed incentives were better structured to ensure a benefit to the community and that the financial benefits will exceed the costs.



FCA Directors Jennifer Davies and Sara Tuke Carr with Matt de Ferranti at the October 9 meeting of the FCA. Photos by Guy Land.

De Ferranti also campaigned on ending childhood hunger in Arlington, but said that it is hard to make time for this issue with other business before the board. Despite our relative wealth, de Ferranti said there are still about 4,000 local children who experience food insecurity in our county. He also highlighted his commitment to addressing climate change and the aggressive community energy plan the county board passed in September.

Of concern to several attendees was the recently revealed plan to redevelop Park Shirlington. De Ferranti noted the age of the complex and he believes the site requires rede-

velopment to avoid becoming further dilapidated. The Park Shirlington proposal will also add density to the area, and de Ferranti stated that Arlington Public Schools has a better system for predicting school populations and the county is doing better at planning for school needs.



Matt de Ferranti greets Fairlington resident Michelle Woolley following his remarks.

In general, de Ferranti noted that Arlington cannot stay the same and will continue the decades'-long debate about growth for years to come. Park Shirlington's owner has not yet submitted a draft development plan to the county, and as noted by FCA president Guy Land, there will be a more in-depth presentation on this project at a future FCA meeting.

Another resident asked about changes to recycling in Arlington. De Ferranti noted that Arlington, like other jurisdictions, has stopped curbside collection of glass due to the decline of the recycled glass market. Fairlington does not use county garbage and recycling services, but glass recycling is no longer offered by our vendor, Capitol Services.

There are now five county facilities where residents can take their glass to be recycled and used locally, one of which is the county Trades Center in Shirlington, and de Ferranti hopes that more recycling locations can be added. Greg Emanuel, Director of the County's Department of Environmental Services, added that the county has no plans to further limit what can be recycled and that the bulk of Arlington's waste is turned into energy rather than going to a landfill. De Ferranti also noted that the County is looking to expand its composting program next year and developing a plan for zero solid waste.

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The Arlington Employment Center, part of the American Job Center network and a Arlington 2020 Census Partner, is holding monthly Census job recruiting events through December. Future events will be posted on the Arlington Employment Center website.

Application Process

Filling out a single Census job application opens the opportunity to be considered for several positions, including census taker, recruiting assistant, office clerk, and supervisory staff. Applicants can fill out the online job application on the Census 2020 website.

"Working for the U.S. Census provides the perfect opportunity to earn extra money while helping our



county," says Pam Egner, who is producing the U.S. Census events on behalf of the Arlington Employment Center. "As many of our residents already know, the results of the 2020 Census will help determine the Commonwealth's representation in Congress, as well as how certain funds are spent for schools, hospitals, roads, and more. This is your chance to play a part in history and help ensure that everyone in our community is counted!"

Job Qualifications and Pay Rates

To be eligible for a 2020 Census job, applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a valid Social Security number.
- Be a U.S. citizen

The Census 2020 website reports that it pays Arlington County census takers \$25 per hour. Census takers also receive reimbursement for work-related mileage and expenses, where applicable.

FCA looking for candidates for upcoming board election

The (FCA) is looking for volunteers to join the 2020 Executive Board. Representing all Fairlington residents, FCA is a great place to support our community.

The board sponsors neighborhood activities including movie night, the Fourth of July parade, Santa Ride, and Home Renovation Expo. It also publishes this newsletter.

FCA holds monthly meetings from 7 to 9 pm on the second Wednesday of each month. At the meeting, the board hosts speakers that cover issues affecting Fairlington, as well as the wider Arlington and Alexandria communities.

Board members give input on board policies and actions, and serve one-year terms. Outside of meetings, the time commitment can be as great or as small as you prefer. If you, your spouse, or a neighbor is looking to get more involved in the community, email FCA Vice President Lindsay Willmann (vp@fca-fairlington.org) for details.

The list of candidates will be published on the FCA website at least 10 days before the annual meeting on December 11.

—Lindsay Willmann

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Fire Station 9, on S. Walter Reed Dr., held its open house in early October as part of Fire Prevention Week. Fairlingtonians were invited to attend the events at this nearby station. Photo by Guy Land.

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All Fairlington Bulletin welcomes new Advertising Manager



Katarina Lesandric is the new Advertising Manager for the AFB. Photo by Swapnil Bhartiya.

The *All Fairlington Bulletin* is pleased to welcome Katarina Lesandric as the new Advertising Manager.

Lesandric, her husband and their two children moved into their South Fairlington home more than 10 years ago. They were attracted to the community not only because of its charming homes, English garden-like setting, and kid-friendly amenities, but also because of

the vibrant, welcoming, and supportive community that Fairlington offers its residents.

Lesandric comes to the *AFB* with a long career in project management. She has years of experience in marketing and she is excited to use that experience in her new role.

In her position as Advertising Manager, Lesandric will work with the other members of the *AFB* team as well as reach out to and work with community partners and potential advertisers, including individuals and families (see sidebar for details). If you or someone you know would like more information about advertising in the *AFB*, contact Katarina Lesandric at admanager@fca-fairlington.org.

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Park Shirlington from page 1

of 31st St. (the side closest to I-395), including a new seven-story apartment building at the back of the property, adjacent to the VDOT right-of-way.

The housing on the west side of 31st St. would include an estimated 267 market rate apartments and 156 townhouses, along with a common green area.



An artist's rendering of the site of the redevelopment of Park Shirlington shows the future 31st St. Image courtesy Pennant Housing Group.

The development would occur in two phases, with the first phase focusing on the affordable housing units and the second phase seeing the construction of the market rate apartments and condos.

Standard Communities and Foundation Housing have emphasized that the project would offer housing diversity, providing affordable housing, workforce housing, and “missing middle” opportunities, with a variety of floorplans. They have also stated their desire to enhance the existing character of the area and extend Fairlington’s character, scale, context, and green elements down 31st St.

Their October 2 presentation also stressed the importance of green spaces and tree preservation.

The tentative timeline for the project calls for the applicant to submit a site plan proposal in December, with the site plan review process beginning in December or January and continuing through the spring. Under this working scenario, county board approval of the plan would occur next summer. Renovation of the existing affordable units would be completed a year after board approval, with construction of the new affordable units complete two years after board approval.

—Guy Land

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Abingdon launches coat and Thanksgiving meal drive

As the holiday season gets underway, various Fairlington groups will work together to support some of Abingdon's neediest families. The FCA, the local Fairlington Girl Scout troop, and the Fairlington MOMS Club will coordinate with Abingdon's Bilingual Family Liaison, Caty Branco, to ensure that students and their families can enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner as well as keep warm as the winter season sets in.

For the past several years, Abingdon parents and staff have worked to provide meals to approximately 20 families. As the school continues to grow, the Free and Reduced Lunch Rate (an indication of those economically disadvantaged) remains at around 50%, and therefore the need continues. Many Abingdon families who live in Park Shirlington—a housing development that forms part of FCA's jurisdiction—stand to benefit from the community's generosity.

Fairlington residents can help support the effort by purchasing gift cards from local grocery stores such as Giant, Safeway, Aldi, or Harris Teeter (for Thanksgiving dinner); or gift cards to stores like Macy's, Target, or Marshalls (for winter coats). Gift cards are requested in lieu of in-kind donations so that purchases can be optimized to meet specific needs.

Branco commented, "This year, we need extra help with Thanksgiving meals as we lost our primary turkey donor, so grocery gift cards will be very much appreciated." Once all of the cards are collected, Abingdon staff will assess how the cards should best be put to use.

Girl Scout Troop 4646, under the leadership of long-time Fairlington resident Elizabeth Lyons, will help Branco with the purchasing, assembly, and delivery of goods. The middle schoolers, now Girl Scout Cadettes, have a strong connection to the school and neighborhood: 11 of the 15 attended Abingdon while two-thirds of them still live in Fairlington. Troop member Ellie Vitols said, "I love Abingdon and miss being there! Most of our troop went to Abingdon, and we are so happy to be able to give back in a small way."

Want to help?

- Gift card donations will be collected through November 22.
- Gift cards should clearly indicate the dollar amount on the card.
- Please place cards in an envelope marked "Abingdon Thanksgiving Drive, Attn: Caty Branco"



Caty Branco is the Bilingual Family Liaison for Abingdon Elementary, and she is coordinating a food drive and coat drive this month. Photo by Jennifer Davies.

- Gift cards can be dropped off at either of the following locations:
 - Abingdon Elementary's front office (3035 S. Abingdon St.)
 - FCA's secure drop box at the Fairlington Community Center (3308 S. Stafford St.), located along the corridor on the right when you enter.

—Jennifer Davies

Fairlington Historical Society to hold free training November 7

The Fairlington Historical Society (FHS) is sponsoring a special event focusing on building materials and how best to maintain, restore, and treat these as we continue the ongoing preservation of our Historic District. Julie Butler, Historic Preservationist and Fairlingtonian, is the featured speaker.

Residents, contractors, and DIY-ers are welcome to join us on Thursday, November 7 at 7:30 pm at the North Fairlington Community Center (3005 S. Abingdon St.).

—Cindy Kunz

De Ferranti said that ICE is no longer looking at the Northern Virginia area for a child detention facility after pushback from local leaders. In response to a question about public transit meeting the needs of residents, de Ferranti stated that Arlington's ART Bus needs an investment in reliability and service similar to what WMATA has done for Metro over the last few years, but that the General Assembly cut local transit funding. He is hoping we can regain it in next year's session.

—Michelle Woolley

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Scouting for Food to take place in November

Scouting for Food is an annual food collection orchestrated by scouts from National Capital Area Council, including Troop/Pack 350 at Fairlington United Methodist Church (FUMC). Scouts distribute plastic food collection bags and flyers to homes across Fairlington on the first Saturday in November (11/2/19), and return to pick up bags filled with food one week later (11/9/19). Collected food is distributed to needy families throughout the communities of the Council.

Not sure what you should donate? According to our friends at Capital Area Food Bank, some of the most highly needed items are:

- Non-perishable food items
- Canned protein (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter)
- Soups & stews (beef stew, chili, meat-based soups)

- 100% fruit juices (all sizes)
- Grains (pasta, whole grain pasta, rice, brown rice, boxed macaroni & cheese)
- Cereals (multi-grain, low sugar such as Cheerios, cornflakes, raisin bran, Grape-Nuts, oatmeal)
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Condiments
- Hygiene products (diapers, toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste)

More information is available from Pack 350's Service Officer, Sean Steele (pack350campingandservice@gmail.com).

—Sean Steele

Alexandria makes decision on High School Project

The Alexandria City School Board has come to a decision on the High School Project (HSP)—the culmination of more than a year-long study to determine the best way to deal with capacity issues at the city's only high school, T.C. Williams.



T.C. Williams is the City of Alexandria's only high school and the largest high school in Virginia. Photo courtesy T.C. Williams Twitter feed @TCWTitans.

In late September, the Alexandria City School Board voted to endorse a one high school model—a plan to create an interconnected high school, using T. C. Williams as the main campus. Other buildings and satellite locations, including the Minnie Howard campus on Braddock Rd., will serve as additional campus locations.

T.C. Williams is currently the largest high school in Virginia. While it currently has approximately 3,200 students, projections estimate that the enrollment will reach 5,000 students in the next few years.

Madeeha Jauhar, a consultant to ACPS on the High

School Project, spoke at the September meeting of the FCA in order to give community members an update on the latest developments on the project. She reported that the school board would choose from between two options: either the one school model using a main campus and satellite campuses, or building a second high school.

The option that the school board chose, called the Connected High School Network, involves the construction of a new building at the Minnie Howard campus, as well as opportunities to utilize the local campus for Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA). The T.C. Williams campus will remain as the central location for high school students.

According to Jauhar, construction will begin in either 2021 or 2022.

—Susan Renehan

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Farmers market season wraps up November 24



There are a few more weeks to visit the Fairlington Farmers Market before the season ends the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Let the market make your holiday food shopping easier and pick up fresh produce, breads, and desserts. Don't forget prepared foods for the long weekend!



The Fairlington Farmers Market wraps up for the year on November 24 after a robust season of shopping, activities, and community service. Photo by Guy Land.

You can also get a jump on holiday shopping – items like honey and jams from Kuhn Orchards and Spring Valley Farm and Orchard, and coffee from Café Los Sueños, make delicious and enjoyable gifts.

Here are a few highlights from this year:

- We marked five years in Fairlington and celebrated with a fun birthday party in October.
- We added several new vendors: Ana's Twist, Fairie Springs Farm, Rustiq Bakery and Café, Foggy Mountain Pasta, and Ozfeka Catering.
- Be Snacking joined us as a pop-up vendor.
- Shoppers enjoyed a wide variety of activities, including live music, theme parties, face painting, raffles, educational events, visits from community organizations, and more.

- This was our second year as a food scraps collection site.

Rob Swennes, Executive Director of Field to Table, Inc., the organization that owns the market, reflected on the success of the 5th season: "How time flies! The use permit for the market will soon be extended by the county board for an additional five years," he said. "It's a testament to the quality of the Fairlington market and the strong support that it enjoys in Fairlington, Parkfairfax, and nearby Alexandria and Arlington neighborhoods. But the real underlying strength of this market is the local volunteer committee which handles so many of the day-to-day tasks. Please thank them—and consider volunteering yourself to help preserve this vital community asset."

If you would like to join the market committee or have ideas for vendors and activities for our 2020 season, please contact info@fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

Thanks for shopping this season and see you next year!

—Lynne Blasi

Fairlington Farmers Market says thank you

We are so thankful for our wonderful volunteers and sponsors. Their dedication and commitment to the market is greatly appreciated each and every week!

Volunteers: Maureen Broyles, Gail Crider, Katie Dawson, Eliot DeLa Cruz Kriviski, Warene Garmeson Sheridan, Martha Hulley, Laura Nixon, Erik Nordlof, and Erin Treacy.

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Market committee: Melissa Beene (co-chair), Lane Erwin (co-chair), Lynne Blasi, Cheryl Goodman, Jeff Kost, and Tracey McGovern.

Market manager: Aisha Salazar

What's happening at the market in November?

November 10: Casa Chirilagua. Learn more about the work of this Alexandria non-profit organization.

November 17: Arlington County Census. Hear about plans for Arlington's 2020 Census.

November 24: Closing Day! We're having a fresh food drive for the Arlington Food Assistance Center and are collecting market donations for Thanksgiving. Support our vendors by purchasing healthy items to donate to our neighbors. Requested items include fresh produce, jams, salads, soups, pies, breads, eggs, cheese, and meats. Thank you!



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FCA releases survey results concerning Facebook page

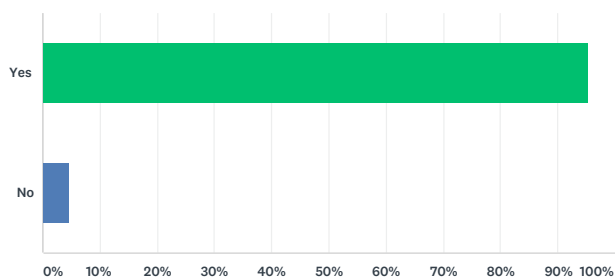
The results of the online survey conducted this summer show that the community finds great value in the Fairlington Appreciation Society Facebook group. There were 236 people who participated in the survey.

Reasons for visiting the Facebook group included finding neighborhood news, recommendations, and occasionally gossip. Perhaps most interesting is the even split between those seeking more active moderation versus a live and let live (within reason) approach. This seems to mirror our society at large today.

FCA thanks everyone for their input. Our challenge

Q1: Does the FAS Facebook group play a meaningful and useful role in the life of the Fairlington community?

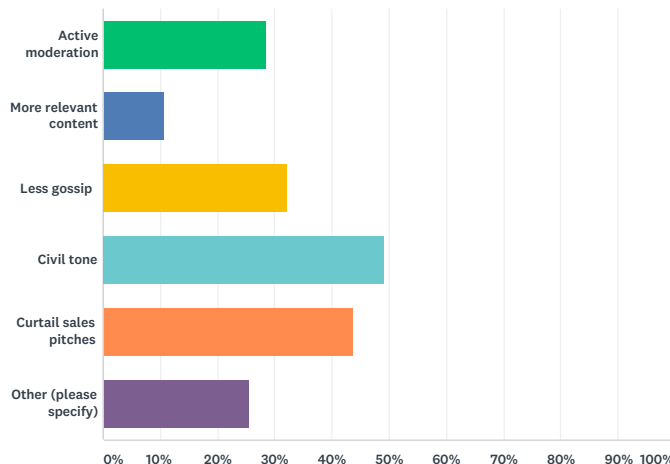
Answered: 236 Skipped: 0



The results of the FCA survey on the future of the Fairlington Appreciation Society Facebook page showed residents use the site for a variety of reasons. Images courtesy FCA.

Q3: What would improve the FAS? (select multiple)

Answered: 236 Skipped: 0



remains that moderating a very active Facebook group requires more time than the board has available. So, we're going to try one of the key suggestions from the survey: to add a group of volunteer moderators.

We'll see how that works going forward. The full survey results are posted on the FCA Facebook page. Be sure to like the page while you are there, so you can get updates on civic news and events.

—Kent Duffy

Vote in Virginia's general election on November 5

On Tuesday, November 5, Virginia will hold a general election. A number of offices will be on the ballot, including members of the Senate of Virginia and Virginia House of Delegates, although in Fairlington those races are not contested. There will also be a number of local races.

State legislative offices

The entirety of Fairlington is represented by the 30th Senate district. Senator Adam Ebbin (D), the incumbent, is up for re-election and is running without opposition.

On the House of Delegates side, Fairlington is represented by the 45th House District (for the Arlington part of Fairlington) and the 46th House District (for the Alexandria part of Fairlington). In the 45th District, Delegate Mark Levine (D) is running for re-election without opposition; likewise, in the 46th District, Delegate Charniele Herring (D) is running unopposed for re-election.

Local offices

In Arlington, voters will select two members of the Arlington County Board. Two current county board members, Katie Cristol (D) and Christian Dorsey (D), are running for another term. They face opposition from Audrey Clement (I) and Arron O'Dell (I).

Also, Arlington voters will cast ballots in races for School Board, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue, and Treasurer. In all these races, the Democratic candidate is running without opposition.

In Alexandria, the Clerk of Court race will appear on the ballot—J. Greg Parks (D) is running unopposed.

Polls are open from 6 am to 7 pm. For more information, including polling places and sample ballots, visit vote.arlingtonva.us/elections/ or alexandriava.gov/Elections.

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Interview with Anne Oliveira, Abingdon's new Assistant Principal



Anne Oliveira, Assistant Principal, and David Horak, Principal, speaking at September's Parent-Teacher Association meeting. Photo by Rachel Mallory.

Anne Oliveira, Abingdon's new Assistant Principal, was interviewed during the September Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meeting. Mrs. Oliveira told the group about her positions prior to accepting the Assistant Principal role, which included teaching English in Africa before moving to Virginia.

Once she was back in Northern Virginia, she taught adult education and worked as both a testing coordinator and a math coach in public schools for many years. When asked about an accomplishment that she's proud of, she spoke about her work as a math coach and how she used targeted interventions to increase stu-

dents' abilities in mathematics. Mrs. Oliveira has two sons, one of whom is at James Madison University.

Both David Horak, Abingdon's Principal, and Mrs. Oliveira said that Abingdon is trying to make the best of the continuing growth in student enrollment at the school. Mr. Horak expressed regret that the second art classroom had to be converted into a 4th grade classroom to help make room for the additional students, but said that it had to be done.

Despite these challenges, Mrs. Oliveira said that she believes that Abingdon's population is fantastic, the staff are strong, and the teachers set very high standards for themselves and work together as a team. She views Abingdon as a microcosm of the world.

Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day

On October 2, Abingdon students participated in the annual Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day, an event that encourages students to get to school without the use of cars or buses. Abingdon had a strong showing of students who walked

or rode their bicycles or scooters to school. The school buses were noticeably emptier than usual and the crossing guard on South Abingdon Street had many more people than usual to help across the road.

—Rachel Mallory



Abingdon students walking, biking, and scooting to school on Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day. Photos by Rachel Mallory, @AbingdonPTA Twitter feed, and @AbingdonGIFT Twitter feed.

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As part of their Senior Project, students create displays to present the findings of their research projects. Photos courtesy Wakefield High School website.

Past topics have included teen suicide prevention, starting a DJ business, researching cultural heritage, researching medical careers, beekeeping, improving school spirit, women as business entrepreneurs, and creating smart phone apps. If you have a profession, hobby, or other expertise in areas such as cooking, gardening, sports, flying, music, genealogy, literature, starting a business, engineering, medicine, advertising, design, or any other area and are interested in working with a senior, please contact Lisa Labella, Senior Project Coordinator, at lisa.labella@apsva.us.

Consultants meet with a student approximately once a month or provide expertise in a specific area. More information about Senior Projects may be found at wakefield.apsva.us/senior-project/.

In addition, a portion of the Wakefield senior class is completing an AP Capstone project through College



Students have the opportunity to share their research projects at an annual fair, like this one held in 2018.

Board. These students complete a two-year intensive college-level research course.

AP Capstone students use scholarly journals, surveys, and other research methods. The first year focuses on how to conduct scholarly research. Second year students design and explore unique research topics such as using music to improve memory in elementary classrooms, the effectiveness of services available for students with physical disabilities, exploring racial bias in AP classes, and the portrayal of people with disabilities in film and television.

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—Donna Felipe

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Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 pm, Sardi's Pollo a la Braza, 3400 Washington Dr., Falls Church, 703-746-9070. The first Sardi's opened in 2008 in Maryland, but this new location is in Bailey's Crossroads, and continues their traditional Peruvian recipes with flavors of the South. Their stated goal is to create the region's best Rotisserie Chicken and bold homemade sauces.

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. This enables us to get the right size table. If you want to receive a copy of these notices early in the previous month, send your email address to carol_dabbs at yahoo.com.

Save the date: Our holiday reservation for the Auberge Chez Françoise is for the 11:30 am seating on Thursday, December 19.

Book Group

Join the Fairlington Book Group in early December to discuss *The Age of Innocence*, a novel by Edith Wharton. Winner of the 1921 Pulitzer Prize, it was the first Pulitzer awarded to a woman.

The Book Group welcomes first-time visitors and drop-ins. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we have moved our November meeting to Tuesday, December 3, at 7:30 pm in the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. We hope you'll join us.

Canasta Group Doubles the Fun

Our local Canasta group has multiplied the cards, the luck and the fun. We are now playing "Hand and Foot," a Canasta-type card game played coast to coast. If playing your hand was fun, there may be wild cards waiting

in your foot! Join this local group, which plays Tuesday mornings at a church hall near Fairlington. Having card-sense is helpful, but we're happy to teach you the rules of this game. Call Carol Ann 703-931-8533.

Join us for Fairlington Knits! and get crafty

Join Fairlington Knits! on Monday, November 4, and Monday, November 25, at the Fairlington Community Center from 6:30-8 pm for a knit/crochet meet-up. Bring what you're working on, share what you know, and learn new skills. Meet new friends, some who might be neighbors, and enjoy an evening of making things with like-minded people. All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome. The events are posted on the Fairlington Appreciation Society's Facebook page. For more information, contact: Turner at Turnerwork@aol.com.

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DOWN TO EARTH patio gardening



Patio gardening cold weather queries

Now that cool weather has arrived here for four to five months, I'll share some of the questions I get when I am in the field. These are actual queries from Fairlington homeowners:

What should I do with my hosta? Hosta is a perennial that blooms throughout summer. Its dormant period is early December to the end of April. In September, the leaves turned yellow due to the drought. Hosta leaves lose their green color and become beige and crinkly in late November. This is when you can pull these leaves from the base of the plant. Soon after, you can prune the specimen to the ground. In early May, you'll notice green funneled leaf shoots curling out of the soil. Hosta is one of the fastest growers. Watch and you'll notice that by mid-May, it's already 12 inches tall and beginning to form its vase shape.

Should I mulch in the fall? It's a matter of preference. With the advent of cold weather, it's wise to pack some mulch around the base of your plants to keep the roots warm in winter. A full-scale mulching is appropriate if you want your garden floor to look fresh. Mulch should never be applied more than an inch or two high. In the common areas of Fairlington throughout the year, I notice mulch packed, sometimes four inches high, especially around the base of shrubs. And this is on top of dead leaves. Thus, water is unable to seep down into a plant's root zone.

Why does lint stick to dryer vent covers? Since lint is dry, it's surpris-



A drought-impacted sycamore tree in Fairlington. Photo by Guy Land.

ing it just doesn't blow through these plastic cages. But it does stick. I was in one patio last month and felt this surge of heat. It was alarming since the patio was in full shade. When I started weeding around the a/c compressor, I noticed this plastic cage totally clogged with lint. The heat could not escape and was trapped in the hose leading from the back of the dryer to the outside vent—a fire hazard. I used a toothbrush to remove the lint. Then I used the hose with a powerful stream, aiming the water straight through the cage. This totally cleaned out the lint and allowed the heat build-up to escape.

Why do some shrubs not flower? Drought is one reason. Insufficient water is another. And the sun-shade requirements may not have been met for a particular plant. Usually, compacted soil is a culprit as well. I noticed a hydrangea where the leaves were erect—a good sign the speci-

men was receiving sufficient water. But when I looked at the base of the shrub and the surrounding soil, I noticed the ground was hard. Then, I used a spade fork to till the root zone. If you have a long-nosed shovel, jab it deep into the soil until it is beneath the plant's root ball. Gently lift up on the shovel to raise the root ball out of the soil. Now you have loosened (but not cut) the roots, which allows air and water to more freely move through the root zone. Earthworms will be most appreciative.

Why did trees lose their leaves in late summer? Again, drought. When plants, including trees, are stressed from a lack of water, they will drop their leaves to conserve energy. With fewer leaves on the branches, a specimen has less work to do (in terms of feeding). Many trees in our area in mid-to-late September had defoliated branches (tulip poplar, sycamore, and dogwood) or leaves that were crinkly.

Is the plant dead or dying when there are dead branches? No. But it depends how many dead branches are on the specimen. In most cases (yew, juniper, rhododendron, or dogwood) you will notice a branch or two with brown needles or leaves. Otherwise, the rest of the plant's habit is vigorous and green. Prune back the dead branch at an inside crotch to keep the specimen attractive. Sometimes, dead branches come with age, like liver spots, gray hair, and hearing loss with folks my age.

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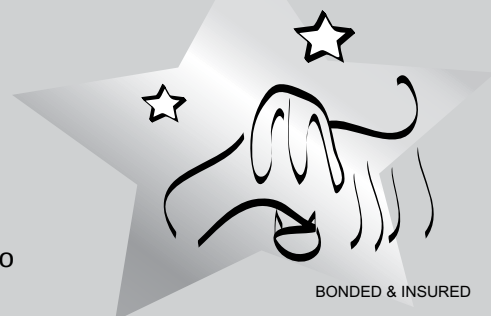


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