All Fairlington Newsletter

President's Message

November 2026

I'll be honest, I don't mind the change of weather, the colder days, and longer nights. I am not sure if it is because I grew up in Canada or because I don't have to deal with mosquitos, but the crisp air contrasts with the sense of a warm and cozy home. I am grateful. A person once commented that Fairlington's tagline should be "Our homes may be tiny, but our hearts are big." I definitely feel this as the holidays approach and more of us gather inside. I hope you remember that phrase when you are trying to squeeze friends and family around the table.

After you vote this Tuesday, please join us at the Fairlington Community Center on Wednesday, November 4 (note the date change due to the November 11 holiday), to take a class on how to respond to an emergency, taught by Arlington County's Department of Emergency Management. This is one way we can be helpful neighbors when it matters most.



—Jenn Davies, president@fca-fairlington.org

FCA Offers First 15 Course on Wednesday, November 4

All community members are encouraged to attend Arlington County's Department of Emergency Management's First 15 preparedness and response class, which empowers residents to be more prepared for emergencies and provide life-sustaining care to themselves and others while waiting for first responders. The course is free and will take place at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Room 100, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Note: Fairlington Citizens Association will hold its November monthly meeting immediately after the class because November 11 is a holiday.

—Jenn Davies

Fire Station 7 Future

FCA has rescheduled the briefing for Wednesday, December 2. Please check our website and Facebook for details on in person or virtual.

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November Events Calendar

Interested in having your event included? Email afbeditors@yahoo.com

Election Day
Tuesday, November 3, 6 a.m.–7 p.m.
Polls are open for federal and local elections.
Arlington election information | Alexandria election information

Election Day Bake Sale
Tuesday, November 3, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
Abingdon Elementary School
Stop by for coffee and baked treats to support the fourth-grade field trip to Jamestown, Virginia.

First 15 Emergency Preparedness Course
Wednesday, November 4, 6–8 p.m.
Fairlington Community Center, Room 100

FCA Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 8 p.m.
Fairlington Community Center, Room 100

Saturday, November 14, noon
Clyde's, 1700 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria | 703-820-8300
If you plan to attend, please email carol_dabbs at yahoo dot com at least 24 hours in advance so she can reserve the appropriate size table. To receive these notices early in the previous month, email Carol to be added to the list.

Fairlington Book Group
Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 p.m.
Fairlington Community Center, Room 103
The group will discuss *Trust* by Hernán Díaz. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Thursday, November 26

Fairlington Grandmas Group
Calling all grandmothers—whether or not you have grandchildren currently living in the neighborhood. The group meets regularly for happy hours, coffees, theater outings, and other social activities. For more information, contact Peggy Jondahl.

Fairlington Moms
Connect with local moms and families! The club offers playgroups, family events, moms' nights out, meal trains and other support, plus a classifieds listserv and WhatsApp group. All moms are welcome! Email fairlingtonmomsclub@gmail.com for more information.



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Fairlington residents greet a dog available for adoption through Lucky Dog Rescue. Photo by Jenn Davies.

Fairlington Pet Festival

An unseasonably cool Saturday morning did not deter pet lovers from attending Fairlington's first-ever Pet Festival. A good time was had by many of our four-legged residents.

—Jenn Davies



Abingdon Trunk or Treat. Photo by Julie Butler.

Halloween Festivities in Fairlington

Every year, the decorations get spookier and the neighborhood is transformed into a haunted scene. Abingdon Elementary held its annual Trunk or Treat on October 25, as well as the popular Halloween parade on October 30, complete with Wakefield High School's marching band. On Halloween night, all sorts of witches, clowns, and creative costumes (big and small) filled the sidewalks. It was hard to tell whether parents or kids had more fun!

—Jenn Davies

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Last year's Election Day bake sale. Photo by Guy Land.

Abingdon Elementary Election Day Bake Sale

Abingdon Elementary parent and student volunteers will host their second

thank you to everyone who supported our efforts last year and continues to support our neighborhood school. Please stop by Abingdon for a cup of coffee and some baked treats!

—*Adriana Alfaro*

Family Movie Night and Indoor Playground at FCC

Enjoy free family-friendly movies at the Fairlington Community Center on the third Friday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. Families with children ages 2–5 can also enjoy the Indoor Playground on Mondays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Arlington County Parks & Recreation. Learn more about both programs.

Fairlington Historical Society: 9/11 Remembrance Project

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks, the Fairlington Historical Society is sharing its 9/11 Oral History Project with the community. Listen to the recordings and read the transcripts.

Sharing these stories helps personalize and preserve history for future generations. We thank the volunteer interviewees and interviewers, along with the Arlington Historical Society for providing oral history training.

If you lived in Fairlington and would like to share your 9/11 story or join the Historical Society, please email president@fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

—*Gavin Hilgemeier*

Get Your Fairlington Swag and Ornaments Before the Holidays!

and Sunday, November 22. This is your last chance to pick up some Fairlington items, including T-shirts, tea towels, and the new Fire Station 7 holiday ornament.



Visit the Fairlington Farmers Market through Sunday, November 22, for local food, hot breakfast, fresh bread, and holiday shopping! The final market of the season will feature a special Makers Market alongside weekly vendors.

Free Community Events –

- **November 1:** Live music by Nick Adde; Fairlington Citizens Association; yoga and fitness with Just Move with Joy; Alexandria Schoolhouse
- **November 8:** Live music by John Kamman; Illuminate Montessori School; Henna by Houda
- **November 15:** Live music by DC Starlight Orchestra; Go Bananas Dancing
- **November 22:** Live music by DC Starlight Orchestra; Field to Table Makers Market; Fairlington Citizens Association

The market is open every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the back patio of the Fairlington Community Center through November 22. For the latest updates, follow the market on Instagram at @fairlingtonmarket**,** on Facebook at Fairlington Farmers Market**,** and subscribe to the weekly newsletter at www.field2table.org**.**

November is the last month to donate perishable and nonperishable food to Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) at our information table. AFAC is most in need of canned goods (fruit, tuna, soup, vegetables, tomatoes), peanut butter, cereal, and plastic water bottles (no glass please!). Thank you for helping our Arlington neighbors facing food insecurity.

—Charlotte Terry

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Mulch protects the soil and flower stalks left standing feed birds over winter. Photo by Leslie Cameron.

Tucking the Garden in for Winter

Protect plants and trees through winter's cold and storms: In the vegetable garden, harvest what won't survive the first frost (usually by mid-November), clean up diseased plant debris, and bag it for the trash. Add mulch or organic matter to prepare soil for spring. Add mulch in perennial beds and around trees (keeping it 6 inches from the trunk) to retain moisture and minimize fluctuating soil temperatures. Leave the leaves and flower stalks for wildlife. Remove annuals or bring tropicals inside. Visit Houseplant Moving Day on the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia website for tips.

—Leslie Cameron

Share Your Feedback on King Street Intersection Safety

The City of Alexandria is seeking community feedback on proposed safety improvements at seven West End intersections, including King St. and S. 28th St., a major entrance to North Fairlington. Residents are encouraged to review the proposed improvements and submit feedback by Friday, November 6. View the project and provide feedback.

—Jenn Davies



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