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PRCR's quick response to the tree-snapping storm of August 5

Calendar

FCA Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 7 p.m.

FCC renovations-complete celebration

Saturday, October 2, time TBA

See www.arlingtonva.us/prcr

Fairlington Community Center

Fairlington Diners

Sunday, October 3, 1:10 p.m. (water taxi)

National Harbor

Fair Golds business meeting

Thursday, October 7, noon

FCC

Fire Department Open House

Saturday, October 9, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Fairlington firehouse

Voter registration deadline

Tuesday, October 12

Thirty Somethings happy hour

Thursday, October 14, 7 p.m.

Twisted Vines Wine Bar

Arlington

Fairlington Office Park Open House

Sunday, October 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Dinesh Tiwari and Arlington County Board member J. Walter Tejada at the FCC in 2008. Photograph by Gretchen Fallon.

Dinesh Tiwari, director of Arlington's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources will be on hand at the FCA meeting on October 13 to discuss the county's response to all the uprooted, broken, and otherwise damaged trees left on Fairlington's public streets in the wake of the severe storm of Thursday, August 5. PRCR, which includes the divisions of Parks and Natural Resources and Urban

Forestry, was the county's lead agency in responding to storm damage, and Fairlington residents were uniformly grateful for the speed and efficiency of that response. Multiple crews arrived just minutes after the winds died down to begin clearing blocked streets and intersections; chain saws could be heard into the night; and trucks and front-loaders collected debris through the weekend and into the following week.

Acknowledging Fairlington's "Well done," Tiwari notes graciously that it was a team effort: "We had the full support of all county agencies. We were able to marshal resources and call upon the Department of Environmental Services, and the police and fire departments, as well as other agencies." In turn, he reports that PRCR work crews appreciated the way Fairlington residents thanked them and cheered on their efforts as the clean-up work continued. (In some ironic way, he adds, from a purely logistical point of view, it was almost fortuitous that the force and impact of the storm was concentrated in one Arlington neighborhood.)

Remember that day? Around 4 p.m., the skies darkened, it started to sprinkle, and then *wham!* Seventy to eighty-mile-an-hour winds sent sheets of rain running sideways across parking lots and streets, and the downburst broke and toppled trees all over. In the aftermath, as awe-struck residents gathered on the sidewalks, they reported over and over again: "That tree just snapped. Not a branch, but the whole tree—in the middle of the trunk!" By 5 p.m., an Arlington Alert e-mail message singled out our community, saying: "We know of 40 to 50 trees down in the Fairlington area." A later

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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 unless otherwise noted. If you would like to discuss a neighborhood issue at the meeting, please e-mail president@fca-fairlington.org or leave a voice-mail message at 703-243-1735 by the Sunday before the meeting. You can find more information on the FCA Web site, www.fca-fairlington.org, and by logging on to Facebook and joining "Fairlington Appreciation Society."

Preliminary agenda:

7 p.m. Special program: Arlington County's director of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources, Dinesh Tiwari, will discuss PRCR's immediate and ongoing response to the tree damage caused by the severe storm of August 5.

8 p.m. Regular business meeting

- Approval of September minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Old business
- New business
- Officer and committee reports

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Fairlington Diners

Monday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.
Ramparts Restaurant
Alexandria

Fair Golds program

Thursday, October 21, noon
FCC

Book Group

Tuesday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.
North Fairlington CC

FHS models dedication

Thursday, October 28, 7 p.m.
FCC

FHS 10th anniversary celebration

Thursday, October 28, 8 p.m.
North Fairlington CC

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The coming month provides the residents of Fairlington with opportunities to interact with their citizens association. You can wear different hats this month:

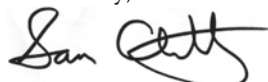
Analyst: You asked, and we answered! The page-one story for this month's *All Fairlington Bulletin* is about county staff who will meet with us and discuss what happened during the August storms—what went right, what can be improved, and how all of us can prepare for winter storms and ensure good coordination between residents and the county. The meeting is open to the public—this is your chance to listen, learn, and ask questions of our guest speakers. Come on by the community center at 7 p.m. on October 13 and join us as we welcome Mr. Dinesh Tiwari and PRCR staff at this important meeting.

Witness: The Fairlington Historical Society and the FCA will co-host a dedication ceremony for the unveiling of the restored Fairlington models. Get all the details from the insert and the article on page 9. The models are part of our community history—a physical bridge to the past. We were fortunate to have many volunteers, residents, and county staff partners on this restoration effort, and future generations of Fairlingtonians will now be able to enjoy this artifact.

Leader: During the past three years as president of this civic association I've learned several invaluable lessons. The first and foremost: Those who show up make the decisions. The citizens association exists to improve our neighborhood, whether through internal efforts with residents or by engaging elected officials and staff in the county, state, and federal governments. The election of the four officers and five directors of this civic association will occur at our December meeting, and I am soliciting officers and directors to serve on the 2011 FCA Board. Any resident interested should e-mail me at president@fca-fairlington.org by November 1. A list of candidates will be announced in the November *AFB* and the election will be held December 8. Civic associations are the building blocks of Arlington County government, and they play an important role in the City of Alexandria as well.

No matter what the event or occasion, you will always wear the hat (or T-shirt, if you'll pardon the play on words!) of resident of this great community. Get out and enjoy the sidewalks, the friendly neighbors, and the results of the efforts not only of the dedicated members of this citizens association but also of the leaders of your condominium associations in the Villages, Mews, Meadows, Green, Glen, Commons, and Arbor. This is a great place.

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Arlington will weather the storm



Arlington County Board vice-chair Chris Zimmerman (right) with FCA president Sam Anthony at the September FCA meeting. Photograph by Gretchen Fallon.

At the September FCA meeting, Arlington County Board vice-chair Chris Zimmerman shared some interesting numbers to describe the overall prosperity of Arlington, when compared to other counties in the metropolitan area. At 4.2 %, Arlington has the lowest unemployment rate in the region; it's 5% in Fairfax, 5.7% in Prince William, and 6.6% in Falls Church. That compares with a statewide level of 7.1% and 9.7% nationally.

Revenues are not plummeting here. Rather Arlington's economy is relatively stable because we have a more balanced tax base, with a comfortable mix of about half residential and half commercial properties. In Fairfax, on the other hand, commercial property accounts for only about 18 % of the tax base; in Prince William, it's even less. "We're pretty close to fifty-fifty," said Zimmerman, "and that helps a lot." And he acknowledged that in this recession even Arlington has been forced to take some cut-back measures: "Yes, we may have trimmed library hours more than we would like—but we haven't shut the libraries."

Meeting attendees took the opportunity to voice their appreciation for county government—Arlington residents receive a good return on their tax dollars, they said. Among many possibilities, two specific areas were singled out for comment: First, the county is credited for continuing to advocate on behalf of county residents in its attempt to thwart the HOT lanes project for I-95/395—even in the face of public criticism over Arlington's lawsuit. HOT is currently stalled, not just because of the lawsuit but also, perhaps more importantly, because of the current economic downturn. When the economy comes back and funding again

seems possible, Zimmerman cautioned, the issue will take on a renewed urgency. Second, the county was thanked for its timely and fulsome response—and to the Fairlington neighborhood in particular—in the wake of the August 5 storm. That response built on lessons learned during last winter's multiple, back-to-back snowstorms. Notably, the county is now using "spotters"—quite simply, people who drive around the neighborhoods, again and again, in order to uncover problems, make early-time assessments, and dispatch appropriate responding vehicles. We're not perfect, Zimmerman allowed, but the county is getting better at responding quickly to such unplanned disasters as weather events, because, lately "we've had a lot of practice."

Despite gloomy news around the nation and in nearby jurisdictions, there are good things to look forward to in Arlington. This month, for example, Artisphere opens in the old Newseum space in Rosslyn. As Zimmerman noted, not only does art have intrinsic value, but also the county's support for the arts brings economic benefits. And watch for those Bikeshare bike lanes, and bikes, and bike stations. They're coming on line now. (See page 13 for the story on Bikeshare.)

For property tax payments, "late" starts on October 15 this year

As established by county ordinance, October 5 is the usual due date for payment of Arlington County personal property tax, and late payments after that date are subject to penalties. This year, however, defective forms from a printing error delayed the mailing of some 115,000 personal property tax bills. Arlington mailed some 45,000 bills the week of September 10, and expected to mail the remaining 70,000 bills the following week, according to county treasurer Frank O'Leary. By state law, the bills are required to be mailed no later than 30 days before the deadline for paying them. Therefore, due to the delay, the county will begin to charge penalties on payments received or postmarked after October 15.

The problem also affected the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church, all of whom use the same form supplier for their tax bills. For basic questions, call 703-228-4000. For more information about your specific tax bill, contact the treasurer's office at 703-228-3135 or go online to the county Web site, www.arlingtonva.us and search personal property tax.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Regarding the “Walk” signal at King St. and S. Taylor St.: On many occasions I have observed drivers engaged in the inconsiderate and dangerous practice of running the red light when the “Walk” sign is on since they know that traffic on King is stopped. One time a driver almost hit a woman walking her bicycle across at the “Walk” sign. The driver even honked and yelled at the woman. Maybe a few (well publicized) reckless driving charges might make this intersection a little more “pedestrian friendly.”

Ronald L. Umbeck
Fairlington Meadows



Editor's note: In ordinary parlance, we might call the driver's action reckless behavior (as described in the letter, above), but Arlington police say the driver could be charged with “failure to yield (to a pedestrian in a crosswalk).” The formal

charge of “reckless driving” is usually reserved for incidents involving high speed; in Virginia, driving 20 mph over the posted speed limit or driving 80 mph is statutory reckless driving. In addition, ACPD says that if they witnessed the above violation, police could write a ticket—even though the driver is starting the violation in Arlington (S. Taylor St.) and ending it in Alexandria (King St.). The same applies at any one of the seven intersections that involve exiting Fairlington and driving onto King St. or Quaker Lane.

The All Fairlington Bulletin welcomes letters to the editor and will print them as space permits. However, the opinions expressed are those of the writers and do not represent endorsement by this publication or the FCA. In addition, the AFB reserves the right to edit letters for length or clarity, and the AFB may refuse to print letters that are not appropriate for a community newsletter.

Police reminders, tips for drivers and walkers

When police deal with interactions between walkers and drivers, there's seldom a good outcome. ACPD Third District commander Captain Michelle Nuneville recently shared the following information and tips with her neighbors through her civic association and now shares them with Fairlington:

For drivers: You are required by law to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing streets in marked or unmarked crosswalks. In intersections, failure to do so often occurs when drivers turn onto another street and a pedestrian is in their path. Virginia law also requires drivers to yield to pedestrians crossing at *any intersection* when the driver is approaching on a highway or street where the legal maximum speed does not exceed 35 miles per hour. According to the Virginia DMV, if you are convicted of failing to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, you receive a four-point violation on your driver's license; the points stay for three years.

For pedestrians: You should cross the street at marked crosswalks and intersections. *Any intersection* of two roadways is a legal crosswalk, marked or not. Even so, Virginia State Police say pedestrians may not simply disregard approaching traffic when entering/crossing an intersection. For your safety, do these things: Before you step off the curb, look LEFT–RIGHT–LEFT and look over your shoulder for turning traffic. Before you cross in front of a vehicle, make sure the driver sees you and stops—make eye contact. Wear light-colored clothing. At night, carry a flashlight and wear reflective clothes. And remember that crossing the street at any point other than a crosswalk or corner is considered “jaywalking.”

Unhappy statistics for pedestrians

In 2006, approximately 4,784 pedestrians were killed in traffic crashes in the United States. On average, a pedestrian is killed in a traffic crash every 110 minutes and injured in a traffic crash every nine minutes. Most pedestrian fatalities in 2006 occurred in urban areas, in normal weather conditions, at non-intersections, and at night. Also in 2006, nearly one-fifth of children between the ages of five and nine killed in traffic crashes were pedestrians. Those 70 years of age and older accounted for 15 percent of all pedestrian fatalities and seven percent of all pedestrian injuries in 2006. In 2009, on Virginia roadways, 84 people died walking or cycling, and 607 cyclists and 1,402 pedestrians were injured.

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Fairlington featured in Washington Post



We were all pleased to see the regional spotlight focused on Fairlington recently, when our neighborhood was profiled by the *Washington Post* in the paper's Saturday real estate-section feature, "Where We Live" (August 14, 2010). Fairlington was described as an enviably "serene oasis in a rapidly shifting world," a place that seemed to be "frozen in time" because it boasts a "hypnotic" sameness. As the writer noted, very little changes in Fairlington—"Except for the vintage of the cars....the neighborhood could easily be set in the 1950s."

The article credited Fairlington's historic landmark designation for keeping uncontrolled modernity at bay and preventing visible modifications: "Homes cannot be modified externally, replacement features must match the old ones, and nothing new can be built within the area's boundaries." In fact, it would be more precise to say that historic designation, alone, does not—cannot—impose limitations on Fairlington's seven homeowners associations. Rather, the HOAs value the architectural standards that historic designation celebrates, and they uphold the established standards by granting or denying "variances" or changes proposed by individual homeowners. At the same time, as was noted in an e-mail sent to the FCA, certain modifications to original structures have been undertaken with the consent of an HOA board. In the Glen, for example, owners are permitted to install skylights on rear roofs and French doors from dining rooms to patios. Other HOAs have experimented with non-slate (i.e., non-original) roofing materials.

Nevertheless, Fairlington's peaceful ambience (and sustained property value) is due in no small part to the HOAs' overall, present-day adherence to 1940s construction standards. Holding the line against jarringly visible change is why things look and feel the same now as they did almost 70 years ago.

Fairlington Historical Society will dedicate models, celebrate 10th anniversary, October 28

Please join your neighbors for a two-part event on October 28, which will mark the restoration and return of the architect's models of Fairlington to the Fairlington Community Center and, later that night, at the North Fairlington Community Center, celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Fairlington Historical Society.

For the models: Do you remember the two enormous, three-dimensional architect's models of our neighborhood that stood against the wall in the central corridor of the old Fairlington Community Center? Generations of Fairlingtonians found their street and home on these models and enjoyed the bird's eye view, but the models were aging and needed attention. In a joint project of the Fairlington Citizens Association and the FHS, the models were taken down and restored.

Join your neighbors at the FCC on Thursday, October 28 at 7p.m. to hear the story of how the models were saved and to welcome them back to the FCC with a dedication program.

For the anniversary: Fairlington received its state and federal Historic District status in 1998 and 1999, and in 2000 the FHS was formed to preserve, protect, and promote the unique history and character of life in our community. Join us at the North Fairlington Community Center at 8 p.m. for wine, hors d'oeuvres, and light supper to celebrate the accomplishments of the FHS in the past 10 years and raise a toast to the next decade.

Home and Garden Tour kick off

Save the date: Friday, November 19, at 7 p.m. at the North Fairlington Community Center. Join the current and past committee leaders, past and prospective showing homeowners, and tour volunteers as we organize the planning for the May 2011 FHS Home and Garden Tour. The tour is both a very popular community event and undoubtedly the most engaging and enjoyable program we offer. It is also a sizeable undertaking, and we always need volunteers to help plan and manage it. If you have even a very limited amount of time to volunteer, we can put it to good use on this signature event. If you are interested in showing your home or garden, or if you are able to help with tour planning or tour day activities, plan to stop by for wine and cheese and meet the 2011 committee leadership.

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Polls open:

6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

More information:

www.arlingtonva.us/departments/vote or call the voter registration office at 703-228-3456.



Four bond issues seek voter approval on November 2

This year, on the November 2 ballot, four bonds are up for Arlington voter approval. Each begins with template phrasing and the specifics follow. “Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of...

[For Metro and transportation] ...\$34,100,000 to finance, together with available funds, the cost of various capital projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects?"

[For parks and recreation]...\$5,975,000 to finance, together with available funds, the cost of various capital projects for local parks and recreation, and land acquisition for open space?"

[For infrastructure]...\$18,065,000 to finance, together with available funds, the cost of various capital projects for County facilities, land acquisition and infrastructure?"

[For Arlington Public Schools]...\$102,888,000 to finance, together with available funds, the cost of various capital projects for Arlington Public Schools?"

For more information, go online to the county Web site, www.arlingtonva.us, and search Voter.

*Showcase for affordable art at the
FCC, October 15, 16*

The Arlington Artists Alliance will host an “affordable” art show at the Fairlington Community Center, in the center’s large multi-purpose room, on October 15 and 16—just in time for early-bird holiday shoppers. Entitled “For What It’s Worth,” the show will feature oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, ceramics, pottery, and wood-turned items, as well as offer a variety of tabletop paintings and shrink-wrapped items. The opening reception is Friday, the 15th, from 5 to 8 p.m., and the show will be open on Saturday, the 16th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, go online to www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org.

Vaccines available for 2010-11 flu season

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a yearly flu vaccination as the first and most important step in protecting against the flu. The U.S. 2010-11 seasonal influenza vaccine will protect against an H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus, and the 2009 H1N1 virus that emerged last year to cause the first global pandemic in more than 40 years and resulted in substantial illness, hospitalizations, and some deaths. Seasonal 2010-11 vaccine began shipping from manufacturers in August, and CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older get a flu shot for the upcoming season as the vaccine becomes available (usually starting in October). For more information, go online to the CDC Web site, www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu.

FCC celebrates completed renovations, October 2

The renovated Fairlington Community Center reopened in 2008, and now the outdoor construction is completed. An event to celebrate the end of dust and dirt will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 2. For more information closer to the date, go online to www.arlingtonva.us/prcr.

Artisphere opens October 10

The county's new cultural center "campus" combines the old Newseum space with nearby Spectrum Theatre in Rosslyn. Featuring four performance spaces and three visual arts galleries, Artisphere will host, for example, "Skateboard Side Effects," a free exhibit of motion-inspired works by artists who also skateboard, on show in the Terrace Gallery from the center's October 10 opening until November 15. For more information and a full schedule of activities, go online to www.artisphere.com.



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The bike beat—bike-sharing and sharrows

On his first day as chairman of the Arlington County Board, Jay Fissette said that one of his top priorities for 2010 was to expand bicycling in Arlington. “Arlington has a long-standing commitment to become one of the best places in the nation to bicycle. I love cycling and at different times in my life have done all my commuting on a bicycle. I have also traveled extensively by bicycle, including many vacations, as well as a three-month ride from England to Greece. Bicycling is good for one’s health, great for the environment, and a sustainable form of transportation.” The following bike initiatives support the county’s commitment to biking:



Bike-sharing has arrived in Arlington as part of the regional Capital Bikeshare program. The Arlington portion will have more than 100 bikesharing stations and a fleet of more than 1,000 bikes—the first will be along the Route 1 corridor in Pentagon City, Crystal City, and Potomac Yard. Alta Bicycle Share, MetroBike, and county staff will operate the program, which will enable customers to rent a bicycle from an unattended fleet at one location and return it to another. The one-way rentals are intended for short trips, generally under five miles. Annual, monthly, and daily memberships will be available for area residents and visitors.

Bikeshare will be similar to Montreal’s BIXI bikesharing system, which has been in operation since 2009 and features solar-powered stations and wireless technology to allow for easy installation and adjustments. Similar programs will arrive soon in Minneapolis, London, and Melbourne. For more information, go online to www.BikeArlington.com and click the Bikesharing tab.

Sharrows are specially marked lanes—you may have noticed the new markings on streets around Arlington. Shared-lane markings consist of a bike with two chevrons (inverted Vs or arrow points). They are designed to remind drivers that they should expect to share the lane with cyclists and to remind bikers that they can ride in mixed traffic where there is no bike lane. The sharrow markings emphasize safe sharing. Bicycle lanes are

marked by a solid white line and a different symbol (a bike, no chevrons), and they are exclusively for bikes.

Reminder: Cyclists can ride on any street in Arlington except for limited access freeways with signs explicitly prohibiting cyclists (such as Interstate 66). Just as every street in Arlington has a 25 mph speed limit (unless stated otherwise, even if there is no speed limit sign), cyclists are allowed on every street regardless of whether there is a marking or sign for them. Shared-lane markings are intended to reinforce the idea that cyclists are allowed to use the traffic lanes, not to define a special condition. Sharrow

markings will not occur on every street in Arlington; they will be used primarily on streets designated as part of Arlington’s bicycle route network, and on streets where there is routinely a significant number of cyclists. For more information, go online to the county Web site, www.arlingtonva.us, and search “sharrow.”

For more information about motorist, bicyclist, and pedestrian safety, go online to www.drivesmartva.org or www.bikearlington.com.

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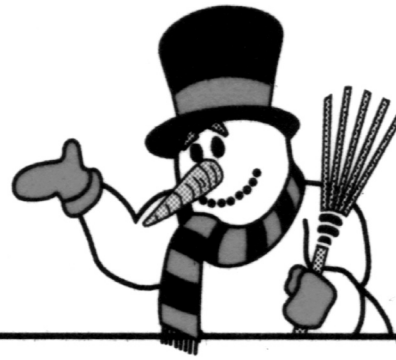
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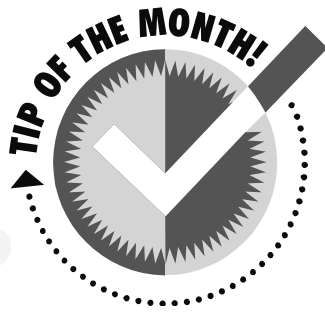
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Hang up and drive—Fairfax police use old law to impose fines for distracted driving

Last year the Virginia legislature passed a law banning driving and texting, but, as reported in the *Washington Post*, most people describe the law as largely “toothless,” because of its loopholes. For example, if a driver tells a police officer that he was using his cell phone’s GPS function or looking up an address, then he escapes the ban against texting while driving. Also, the ban makes texting a secondary offense, which means police must have another reason to pull over a driver before issuing a texting ticket.

Last month, Fairfax County police decided to employ an old law in order to pull over distracted drivers. In Virginia you are required to “pay full time and attention” to your driving, and failure to do so in Fairfax might cost you a fine of \$250. And it’s not just text-messaging drivers that Fairfax police will cite. They are also watching out for weaving or erratic driving behavior in people who are munching on a hamburger or applying lipstick.

It’s not illegal to talk on a cell phone while driving a car,



but it is the single most dangerous distracted-driving behavior, because it is the one that occurs most often. That was the conclusion of the Arlington County Police Department in joining the statewide effort to stop distracted driving in Virginia earlier this year. Virginia State Police and the state Highway Safety Office

said that distracted driving (eating, drinking, grooming, reading, and, of course, using a cell phone) is a growing problem throughout the country, and it is recognized as a major cause of many roadway crashes. Last year, 753 people died on the roadways of Virginia. A Virginia Tech Transportation Institute study determined that in eight of 10 crashes and 65 percent of near-crashes, a distracted driving action occurred within three seconds of the incident. Also, the institute found that use of a headset, which is required in the District and will be required in Maryland starting this month, does not substantially reduce the risk of cell phone use. Drivers can pledge to drive distraction free at www.drivesmartva.org.



Fire Department Open House, October 9

You can check out Fire Station 7’s new engine (a Pierce XT) during Arlington County’s Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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assessment reported a possible 100 mature trees felled in Fairlington.

Tiwari reports that the county will follow up on damaged trees in the public right-of-way: “We are certainly committed to finding a way to replace lost trees.” At the same time, he will explain county programs designed to assist homeowners associations and individuals in planting new trees, as well as provide information on how homeowners can prepare their patios and trees for the coming winter. For more information about tree programs and tree maintenance, go online to the county Web site, www.arlingtonva.us and search trees.





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FAIRLINGTON

community center news

Construction update: It's done! Let's celebrate!

Come celebrate the completion of the indoor and outdoor renovations on Saturday, October 2 at the FCC. For more information on the fun things that will be available, go online to www.arlingtonva.us/prcr or call 703-228-6588.

Classes and workshops

Get the complete description online or go to the FCC to pick up a copy of *Enjoy Arlington*. For questions or registration, go online to www.arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-4747. Contact the FCC at 703-228-6588.

Mixed media family fun

This class is for a parent or caregiver and a child. Adult and child will explore the five basic genres of the visual arts through themed projects: painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, and collage. All materials included. Plan to get messy; wear old clothes. Inst: Sauer. Six sessions for kids ages four to six with an adult, \$91, Sat., Oct. 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m., # 120109A.

Effective workouts in 30 minutes or less—Free workshop

Try this free, one-hour workshop for the busy young professional, the stay-at-home parent, and everyone in between who is looking for ways to fit a little exercise into a hectic schedule. This class will discuss the importance of living a healthy lifestyle, introduce effective techniques

for success, and include a quick 10 to 15 minute group workout. Please wear comfortable clothes and exercise shoes. Inst: Fit2Be, one session for adults, free, Thurs., Oct. 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., #140312A.

Plein air drawing/painting

Experience the joy of plein air—drawing and painting outdoors. This class is for all levels of experience with instruction in the fundamentals of drawing, color mixing, brush stroke, luminosity, shadow, and perspective. Arrive with a blank piece of paper or canvas and leave with a work of art to hang. The first class will meet at the FCC. Bring any drawing or painting materials (water based paints only) you have. Eight sessions for people 17 and older, \$179, Tues., Oct. 5, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., #140139B.

Painting with tissue paper

Here's an ideal class for anyone seeking an easy, inexpensive "entry" point to creating art. You'll discover various tissue paper collage techniques such as the "bleeding" tissue technique, cut paper collage, and "grid-style" collage. Have fun using rudimentary materials while you learn more about your own creativity. A \$15 materials fee is due to the instructor at the first class. Inst: Jernigan. Five sessions for people 16 and older, \$183, Tues., Oct. 19, 7 to 9 p.m., #140143A.

Senior center events

Regularly scheduled programs are Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for residents 55 and older. Call Emma Valencia at 703-228-7791 for more information.

FCC hours and contact info

Monday through Friday,
8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, closed.

Hours were effective February 1 but are subject to change. For updates and more information, call the FCC at 703-228-6588. The center manager is Patrick Mallon, 703-228-6590, pmallon@arlingtonva.us.

FCC programs

The FCC has six multi-purpose rooms, art studios, a gymnasium, a state-of-the-art fitness room, day-lockers, accessible pre-school and school-aged playgrounds, outdoor basketball courts, a fitness trail, a playing field, a picnic shelter, and accessible public restrooms. There is indoor open play for children 13 and under in the multi-purpose gym on Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 3 p.m.—children must be supervised by an adult (18 and older). In addition, there are a Senior Program, a creative pre-school (three to five years old), parent/child Co-op Program for children one and two years old, and summer camp.

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Shrubs that stand up to 30 inches of snow and days of 100-degree temperatures

In this year of radical weather extremes, let's look at shrubs that are both winter hardy and heat tolerant. The plants listed below survived the 30-inch snowfall in January and February, as well as the 100-degree days that baked us in July and August.

Euonymus japonicus (Japanese euonymus) "Green Spire." Go figure—this shrub bears no flower or fruit. Nor does it have a fragrance. Still, its stiff branches stand upright bearing evergreen oval leaves. The winter's snow clumped between each branch but caused little damage since these branches are almost woody. And heat? Extreme temperatures don't bother euonymus. In fact, it thrives in intense heat. This genus is handsome and durable. Think about including some in your patio for a 12-month attraction.

Taxus baccata (English yew) "Repandans." The pendulous yew isn't as prominent in the landscape as the upright cultivar. However, the pendulous yew has soft, needled branches that droop to the ground, giving the landscape a sense of grace and movement. Snow packed atop the shrub did little to damage it since it has woody branching. And I've yet to see yews turning sickly due to the record-setting heat we had this summer.

Juniperus scopulorum (Rocky Mountain juniper) "Skyrocket." If you like the bluish tint to the foliage of the Colorado spruce tree, try planting one of these in a sunny area. It grows just six feet

tall and its width is less than a foot. Columnar, it is striking and flame-shaped toward the top. The foliage is bristly and textured. During winter, I merely broomed the snow off the one in front of my home. Heat tolerant? Definitely. All junipers love heat.

Liriope (lilyturf). We can't leave this one out. Though common and over-planted, it's still one of my favorites. It does everything—including live! Purple flowers show from July to September and fruit is born in the winter. The foliage is evergreen, pendulous, and even variegated. It's perfect as an accent plant or for repetition in a tree understory (like what you see beneath the huge willow oak on South Utah Street across from the Community Center sports field).

Camellia japonica (Japanese camellia). This handsome evergreen grows upright with very thin but stiff branching. It held its own in the heavy snowfall, and, during summer, fared well as long as it was growing in some shade. Even winter's chill can't thwart the camellia's flowering from November until early April. Though not fragrant, its flowers bloom intermittently and sometimes with two colors on the same bloom. The leaves are glossy and dark green.

—By Bill Sullivan,
www.sullivanlandscape.net



This euonymus "Green Spire" still stands upright, despite wet, weighty snow that gathered amid the branches in February. Photograph by Corey Hilz, www.coreyhilz.com.

ABINGDON *school news*



Scout information night, October 5

Interested in registering your child for Girl Scouts or Cub Scouts? Stop by Abingdon's multi-purpose room on Tuesday, October 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to find out how to enroll your child for an exciting adventure in scouting. Students do not need to attend Abingdon to be part of Abingdon Girl Scouts or Cub Scouts troops.

Girl Scout troops meet bi-monthly at Abingdon. Daisies are Kindergarten and first grade girls; Brownies are second and third grade girls; and Juniors are fourth and fifth grade girls. Cub Scouts meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at Fairlington United Methodist Church on King Street in Alexandria. First grade boys and older are eligible to participate.

For more information on Girl Scouts, contact Dana Andy at 703-671-3460 or djandy1998@yahoo.com. For more information on Cub Scouts, contact Susan Snare at 703-969-4868 or jssnare@comcast.net.

Don't miss the Fall Festival, October 22

Abingdon's Fall Festival has become the must-do family event of the Halloween season! Make sure to put it on your calendar for October 22. Last year, more than 500 people came, and you won't want to miss it this year! As always, the evening will feature carnival games and prizes; a cake walk; and face paint-

ing, color hairspray, and temporary tattoos. This year, we'll have not one by two moonbounces, including a fun, bouncy obstacle course.

We'll also have cheap eats—no one feeds a family on a budget quite like the PTA! This is not a fundraiser; it's just about family fun.

Also, don't forget the raffle prizes from local shops. You can purchase raffle tickets or get one free with each

you can purchase items all year and Abingdon will still get credit for your purchases. Abingdon's fall catalog sales continue to be our biggest fundraising event, so we really appreciate the support!

This year, we're using a family-owned Arlington company, Lavers. Their products are high quality and cover a wide variety of household and gift needs, at a great price.



Scouts from Pack 350 participated in the largest Boy Scout parade in nearly 70 years this July in Washington, D.C. Thousands of Scouts from across the country marched in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America. Photograph by Susan Snare.

can or box of non-perishable food you bring with you to donate to the Arlington Food Assistance Center.

Need wrapping paper?

Every year, we get questions from Fairlington residents about when we'll be selling wrapping paper. The student sales kicked off on September 28, so if you're looking for your year's supply of wrapping paper and gift wrap accessories, please visit our Web site, www.abingdonpta.org. While the fall catalog sale officially runs until October 13,

Save the date now: November 3

Wheel Nights—the quarterly events at Abingdon where students show off all they are learning in our unique Architecture, Communications, Instrumental Music, and Science and Math Lab classes—are now called Project Gift Showcases.

The first one will be November 3. We invite you to come and see what makes Abingdon such an extraordinarily special learning environment.

Children will be performing musicals learned in their Communications classes and showing off their projects. Don't tell the kids, but they're not just having fun, they're learning (and the rising test scores prove it).

The PTA will be selling pizza, drinks, and snacks for bargain prices. So, don't worry about grabbing dinner after work. Have dinner with the show.

—By Michelle Marston, Abingdon PTA co-president, and Dana Andy

neighborhood news

Fair Golds

The Fair Golds, an Arlington County social group in and around the Fairlington area (including Alexandria), meets at the Fairlington Community Center at noon on the first and third Thursdays of each month, with the exception of July and August when there is only one meeting on the third Thursdays of those months. The meetings begin with a brown-bag lunch. Dessert and beverages are provided.

In October the Fair Golds will have a business meeting on Thursday, October 7. At the meeting on Thursday, October 21, Virginia Cooperative Extension agent Jennifer Abel will speak on "Green Fall Cleaning." We always welcome guests and/or new members. The only requirement is that you be over 55 years of age. Please feel free to join us at one or more of our meetings and see if Fair Golds is a group you would be interested in joining. We try to arrange a special program or engage a speaker for the second Thursday meeting of the month. If you would like more information about Fair Golds, feel free to call Gertrude Frankel at 703-931-3759 or Vernetta Kukulich at 703-548-8571.

Card players welcome

Join your Fairlington neighbors for a friendly game of Canasta. No previous experience is necessary to enjoy this card game. We are happy to teach you. The group meets Tuesday mornings at a local church hall near Fairlington. Call Carol Ann at 703-931-8533.

Fairlington Diners

We're an easy-going group of Fairlington and non-Fairlington friends who gather for dinner a couple of times a month, and focus on having a good meal in great company. We had a grand time at Indigo Landing on Labor Day evening, watching the monuments light up from our riverside table and trying to identify all the lights on the opposite side of the river. This month, we'll meet for an expedition to National Harbor by water taxi from Alexandria.

Sunday, October 3, 1:10 p.m. water taxi to National Harbor, with lunch at 2:15 p.m. at McCormick & Schmick's. Round trip tickets for the water taxi are \$16, and may be

purchased from the Potomac Riverboat Company, either at their office at Cameron and Union St. in Old Town or online. We'll plan to have lunch and then head back later in the afternoon, probably on the 4:50 p.m. water taxi.

Monday, October 18, 7:30 p.m., half-price burger night at Ramparts Restaurant, 1700 Fern St, Alexandria, 22302, 703-998-6616. This is a popular event, with a different group each month. Come try the new burger menu, which has proved to be very tasty.

Please call (not e-mail) Carol to let us know if you plan to attend, so we can choose the right size table when we arrive. Prior to the day of the event, please call at 703-379-6840. For National Harbor, please call NLT Saturday October 2. For Ramparts, if you call on the day of the event, please call by 6 p.m. at 202-647-2624. (NOTE: NUMBER CHANGED IN DECEMBER.) Please leave a voicemail if you don't reach Carol directly at either number—include your name and how to contact you the day of the event, in case of a change in plans. (For example, the day of the Indigo Landing dinner had to be changed from Sunday to Monday due to a private party at the restaurant on the planned day.) If you'd like to be included in our e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to carol_dabbs@yahoo.com.

Thirty Somethings

In September, the Fairlington 30-Somethings had a fun happy hour at the Carlyle Café in Shirlington. October's happy hour will be on Thursday, the 14th at 7 p.m. at the Twisted Vines Wine Bar at 2803 Columbia Pike in Arlington. Please come. The more the merrier!

The Fairlington 30-Somethings is a social group for people who live in Fairlington. Members range from their mid-twenties to their mid-forties. Singles and couples are welcome. The F30s have monthly happy hours that tend to alternate between Shirlington and another local neighborhood in Arlington or Alexandria. They also sometimes organize other activities, such as attending concerts or plays, or inner-tubing or beach trips. Jeff Hewitt will be retiring as co-organizer soon, and Kavita Kalsy would love your help with organizing events. If you'd like to be on the e-mail list or help organize, please e-mail kkalsy@hotmail.com or j.b.hewitt@verizon.net.

neighborhood news

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Book Group

Love, poverty, and war intertwine in *The Blue Star*, Tony Earley's novel of discovery, loss, and growing up in rural North Carolina in 1941. The book takes its title from a mother's window symbol denoting a son in military service. We welcome regulars, some-timers, and first-timers to our discussion of it on Tuesday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Fairlington Community Center. For further information, please contact Kavita Kalsy at kkalsy@hotmail.com or Terry Gough at tjgough@verizon.net.

Fairlington Babysitting Co-op

Would you like to...

...have time alone with your spouse/away from your children?
...identify dependable adults to provide FREE babysitting?
...find a way to meet other families in our community?
If you said "YES," then the Fairlington Babysitting Co-op may be right for you!

What is FBC? The co-op is a group of energetic parents (with children of all ages) in Fairlington. Through the co-op agreement, parents exchange free babysitting services with other members. We are also planning to host a social event immediately following our next meeting on October 24 at the Fairlington Community Center.

How does the co-op work? Members send out their own sit requests via the FBC Google group. Members then "pay" for sitting services with "cards" (worth one hour of babysitting, depending on the time and day).

What are the basic requirements? Members must post and arrange for their own sitters. Members are also expected to attend two quarterly co-op meetings, serve as co-coordinator about once every other year (depending on number of members), and pay \$10 in annual dues.

How can I join? E-mail this quarter's coordinators, Ann Billian Thompson and Katherine Smith, at fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com to request an application and a complete set of rules. Once your application is complete, your references will be contacted, and then the coordinators will come for an in-home interview. Once all of these steps are successfully completed, you will receive a supply of co-op cards equal to 15 hours of babysitting.

The co-op is currently accepting new members, so contact the coordinators at fairlington.babysitting@gmail.com.

Fairlington Office Park invites the neighbors to an open house

On Sunday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the parking lot of the office buildings on S. 31st St. will become a fun-for-all venue, featuring a 5k fun run at 10 a.m., plus face painting, fitness demonstrations, a moon bounce, goodie bags, and more. The event is free and open to the public, and it will help introduce several new businesses in the Fairlington Office Park to Fairlington neighbors. For more information, call Dawn Patrick, Office Administrator for Fairlington Dental, at 703-671-1001.

Good news at Wakefield High

The new principal of Wakefield High School, Christian Willmore, wants neighbors to know of the many good things that go on every day at the nearby school. Among last year's accomplishments, these are just a few:

- The class of 2010 earned more than \$5 million in scholarships, and students were accepted at more than 90 colleges, including Ivy League and other private universities and many public schools across the U.S. and abroad.
- Students in the class of 2010 won the following awards: a Gates Millennium Scholarship, a National Merit Scholarship, three Posse Scholarships, a Robert Byrd Scholarship, 13 Arlington Community Foundation Scholarships, nine ECMC Scholarships, one USAF Academy Prep School acceptance, and a George Mason EIP Valedictorian Scholarship.

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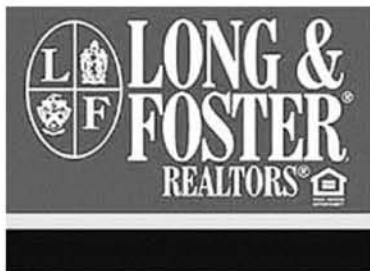
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