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## In Memoriam

### **FCA monthly meeting**

NOTE: No public meeting in October.

### **Fall community yard sale**

Saturday, October 1, 8 am – noon  
North Fairlington CC parking lot

### **Taxes due: Real estate (#2), personal property**

Wednesday, October 5  
Arlington

### **Fair Golds business meeting**

Thursday, October 6, noon  
FCC

### **Fairlington Diners**

Monday, October 10, 5 pm  
Meet at FCC for benefit walk  
and 7:30 pm  
Ramparts half-price burger night  
Alexandria

### **MOMS Club meeting**

Wednesday, October 12, 4 pm  
FCC

### **E-CARE recycling event**

Saturday, October 15, 8:30 am – 3 pm  
TJ Middle School

### **Fire station open house**

Saturday, October 15, 10 am – 4 pm  
Arlington

### **Fair Golds program**

Thursday, October 20, noon  
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### **Reed Franklin 1966 – 2011**

With great sadness, Fairlington notes the untimely death of Reed Franklin, our neighbor, friend, and the president of the Fairlington Citizens Association. Reed died at home on September 5 of natural causes. He was 45 years old.

Kenneth Reeder Franklin was Director of Government Relations at the American Health Care Association. A native Virginian and graduate of Bridgewater College, Reed began work as a staffer on Capitol Hill. He then served as a healthcare advocate for several associations before moving to AHCA. A life-long Episcopalian, Reed was also drawn to the peaceful spirit of Buddhism and the leadership principles of the Dalai Lama; he was an active member at the Tibetan Buddhist Center on the Hill. Reed was involved in many non-profit organizations and believed deeply in working for social justice.

Reed served on the FCA board for two years before becoming the president in 2011. He was a regular presence at neighborhood events, like the Fourth of July parade and Fairlington Day, and easily identifiable by his ready smile and trademark straw boater. Friends recall seeing Reed tooling around Fairlington in his Mercedes roadster, which he had rescued from the junkyard and lovingly restored. He was also an avid reader and a wine connoisseur, who enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others. A cheerful friend and tireless community-service volunteer, Reed will be greatly missed.

A memorial service was held at Christ Church Washington Parish on Capitol Hill on September 15.

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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](mailto: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](http://www.fca-fairlington.org), and on Facebook at the "Fairlington Appreciation Society."

## Preliminary agenda:

**7 p.m. Special program:** The FCA board will meet in executive session to solidify plans for the remainder of the year.

**8 p.m. Regular business meeting:**

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

## Sign up for updates

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## Calendar, cont.

### Fairlington Diners

Sunday, October 23, 6:30 pm  
Bombay Curry Company  
Alexandria

### Book Group

Tuesday, October 25, 7:30 pm  
North Fairlington CC

### MOMS Club Halloween party

Friday, October 28, 5 – 7 pm  
FCC

### Fairlington Homecoming

Friday, October 28, 7 pm  
North Fairlington CC

### Invasive plant pull

Saturday, October 29, 9 am – noon  
32nd Road S.

See Neighborhood News on pages  
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about calendar events.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *We mourn the loss of Reed Franklin, make plans for the future*

I, along with all FCA board members, was deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death in early September of Reed Franklin, the FCA president. Reed was our friend, neighbor, and colleague. We were shocked by his loss. We mourn his passing. We will miss him greatly.

Reed and I ran into each other on our street the week before he died. He was in great spirits. We chatted about our Labor Day plans and promised to catch up after the holiday. “See you soon,” Reed said, with that dazzling smile of his. Many people got to revel in that smile—colleagues on the Hill, friends from Bridgewater College, fellow souls at the Buddhist center, and, for 14 years, the residents of Fairlington. Reed saw the good in everyone—some might say that’s not the way of a lawyer—but his faith in people made sense when you remember Reed’s devotion to public service.

The civic association that Reed led for the last year—and he did so ably and affably—will continue on the course set by his leadership and by the FCA bylaws. The bylaws provide that the vice president shall occupy the office of president if a vacancy should occur in that office. Therefore, I have assumed the role of FCA president. I am humbled by the board’s confidence in me, and I’m leaning on them to help gather all the threads and plans Reed had dreamed up for the organization and the community. We have recommitted to following the example that Reed set: to make Fairlington as livable and as vibrant as it can be.

In September, we needed to catch our breath and honor Reed’s life. This month, in October, we’ll do more planning in executive session, as we tackle all the tasks we agreed to carry out at the beginning of the year. The FCA will host a public forum on real estate development, originally scheduled for September, in November. We will hold annual elections for the 2012 FCA board in December. We now ask all Fairlingtonians to consider running for office. Please contact me at [president@fca-fairlington.org](mailto:president@fca-fairlington.org), no later than October 6, if you are interested.

I’ve asked board members to get out and about, to attend local meetings and fairs, to spread the word: FCA is here, and here for you. We want your input, your suggestions, and, yes, your complaints about life in our slice of northern Virginia. I see the FCA as the bridge between Fairlington and our local governments and community associations, but we can be only as effective as you insist we be.

Rosiland Jordan  
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# Big-box store ordinance update

—*excerpted from Sun Gazette and ARLnow.com*

Last month, county staff in the Department of Community Planning, Housing & Development requested an additional month to refine a provision in the zoning ordinance that the County Board had requested, which would impose an additional requirement on developers of large parcels in Arlington.

County Manager Barbara Donnellan asked Board members for a deferral of the so-called “big box” retailer development proposal: The proposal would amend zoning ordinance language to require that big-box developers secure approval for their project from the County Board, over and above meeting current zoning requirements. The issue surfaced over the summer when word got around that Walmart was possibly interested in building a store in the Shirlington commercial-zoned area. The proposed amendment was originally scheduled for the Board’s

review and perhaps adoption at its September 17 meeting.

The measure targets developers of projects with 50,000 square feet or more of space and/or 200 or more parking spaces. If the Board approves the amended language, which it asked staff to create, such projects would require a special-exception use permit from the Board, even if the land where the project is situated did not require a zoning change to accommodate the development.

The proposal, which seemed to coincide with news of Walmart’s interest in building, met resistance from business people, who said the proposal would take away land-use rights. CPHD staff told Board members that the extra month would provide time to craft a more narrow piece of legislation, focusing specifically on large-scale retail operations. It is expected that the new proposal would go to the Planning Commission in early October and be considered by the Board on October 15.

## Attention Arlington taxpayers!

Don’t forget: Real estate and vehicle personal property taxes are due on Wednesday, October 5.

The county advises that there are a number of payment options to choose from, including online, in person, and through the mail. To see a full list of all payment options, go online to [www.arlingtonva.us/treas](http://www.arlingtonva.us/treas). If you are concerned that you may not be able to pay your taxes on time, please contact the Treasurer’s Office for information about the Taxpayer Assistance Program. Call the office, 703-228-4000, or send e-mail to [treasurer@arlingtonva.us](mailto:treasurer@arlingtonva.us) if you have any questions.

## BRAC-133 update

Last month, some questions surfaced in public—belatedly, it would seem—about the security of the BRAC-133 facility at the Mark Center in Alexandria. On September 6, an article in *Time* magazine said that antiterrorism experts were increasingly anxious that something similar to the Oklahoma City bombing could take place at the BRAC-133 building. On September 8, Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille sent a letter to President Obama expressing concern about the building’s security. He requested that the City of Alexandria be treated as a full partner with the Department of Defense in addressing the fire, emergency medical, and related public safety needs at BRAC-133.

## Arlington’s tax delinquency rate is a low, low 0.55 percent

—*excerpted from Sun Gazette*

Arlington’s tax-delinquency rate fell to an all-time low in fiscal year 2011, and county Treasurer Frank O’Leary set his most ambitious goal yet for the coming year. The delinquency rate on real estate and personal property taxes fell to 0.55 percent, based on collections through early August. That compares to a delinquency rate of 0.65 percent a year before. The goal for the current fiscal year is to cut the delinquency rate to 0.46 percent. The Treasurer’s office described such low rates as “unheard of” in municipalities around the country.

All told, \$441,000 in real estate taxes and \$3.15 million in personal property taxes are delinquent from past years. The annual tax levy in the county is more than \$650 million, most of it coming in the form of real estate taxes.

**Shirlington Library news:** For complete program descriptions, go online to the library Web site at [www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Libraries/LibrariesEvents.aspx](http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Libraries/LibrariesEvents.aspx). See also <http://shirlingtonlibrary.wordpress.com>.

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## Sixth annual Fairlington Homecoming spotlights community service

The Fairlington Homecoming is an annual celebration of life in Fairlington and everyone who has ever called Fairlington “home” is invited to attend. Join your neighbors on Friday, October 28, at 7pm in the North Fairlington Community Center (3005 South Abingdon Street) for wine and cheese and a light supper. Sponsored by the Fairlington Historical Society, this year’s homecoming will celebrate Fairlington’s tradition of community service. We will ask several notable Fairlington volunteers to talk briefly about their experiences. And we will celebrate the many Fairlingtonians who have volunteered their time and talents, in community activities, on school projects, or on condominium and civic association boards and committees over the years.

You can also share your stories of service at [www.fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org). Tell us about what you’ve done; what motivated you; the most challenging and most gratifying moments; and anything else you would like others to know about your neighborhood and community service. We’ll collect the stories, share them, and place them in the Fairlington Historical Society archive for researchers and future historians.

For more information or questions, send an e-mail by clicking “Contact Us” at [www.fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org) or call Patty Clark, 703-820-7328, or Carmel Cassidy, 703-379-1610.

## Fairlington calendars



*Photograph courtesy of National Archives.*

The 2012 Fairlington calendar is now available for \$5. Featuring photographs and facts about Fairlington’s history and community life, this keepsake calendar is a perfect gift for the upcoming holiday season. You can purchase calendars at the FHS table at the fall yard sale (North Fairlington CC parking lot) on Saturday, October 1, 8 am to noon. You can also buy a calendar by sending a check made out to the Fairlington Historical Society for \$6.50 (includes postage and handling) to FHS at 2776 South Arlington Mill Drive, #150, Arlington, Virginia 22206.

## Needs grow at AFAC

Just as we prepare to enter the holiday season, the Arlington Food Assistance Center hit a new record for average number of families served last month. For the first time, the average reached 1,450—a 19 percent increase over this time last year. Ongoing economic stagnation contributed to the increase, as well as AFAC’s recently having opened new distribution sites: At Culpepper Garden, the county’s low income senior living facility, AFAC estimated serving 30 new clients and now has 64; and the Back Pack Buddies Program, which serves homeless students in Arlington public schools, plans a further expansion throughout the 2011-2012 school year and may add as many as 300 new clients. Clients have asked especially for the following: canned meats (tuna, salmon, and chicken), cereal, cooking oil, dried beans (one pound bags), rice, soup, and tomato sauce. Donations can be dropped off at AFAC between 8 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, at select locations. For more information, go online to [www.afac.org](http://www.afac.org).

**Fire station open house, October 15:** Stop by the Fairlington firehouse, or any Arlington station, on Saturday, October 15, from 10 am to 4 pm, during Arlington County’s Fire Department open house. You can tour the station, get fire safety and prevention information, learn about home-escape plans, and check out the shiny red truck.





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## *Revamped free tree giveaway program shifts season, site, and process*



The county's free tree giveaway program will take place on the weekend of October 15 and 16, 8 am to 5 pm. The tree program used to occur in the spring, but many young trees struggled in the summer heat and frequent droughts. Moving the tree giveaway to the fall will allow young trees to set roots and increase their survivability. This year, there will be a wider selection of trees available, to enhance landscape diversity, but fewer of each species. The nine types of canopy trees are American sycamore, black oak, black gum, cherrybark oak, pin oak, red maple, river birch, poplar, and Virginia pine. The eight smaller, understory trees are American hazelnut, arrowwood viburnum, Eastern redbud, serviceberry, staghorn sumac, sweetbay magnolia, winterberry holly, and American witch hazel. The trees are small whips in two-gallon containers that you plant yourself. (For information about each species, go online to [www.bscl.org/treeinfo.pdf](http://www.bscl.org/treeinfo.pdf).)

Also new this year, the county now asks homeowners to pick up their own tree(s) at the county nursery (or carpool with neighbors and pick up several trees), located behind Barcroft Recreation Center on Four Mile Run off George Mason Drive (look for signage). The new venue allows residents to see the large variety of trees planted in Arlington, meet county staff responsible for street trees, and learn best practices for the planting and care of the tree they receive. County staff and volunteer Tree Stewards will be on hand Saturday and Sunday to answer questions about tree care. While supplies last, you can reserve a tree directly from the county at [www.tinyurl.com/TreeDistribution](http://www.tinyurl.com/TreeDistribution).

## *Household hazmat collection event, Saturday, October 15*

Arlington's twice-yearly Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE) gives residents a chance to safely dispose of hazardous household materials like paint, solvents, photographic chemicals, lawn and garden chemicals, poisons, pesticides, auto fluids/products, propane gas cylinders, fuels and petroleum products, and flammable solvents. You can recycle electronics, like computer monitors (\$15 fee) and televisions (\$20 fee); no charge for LED or LCD monitors and TVs. Also recycle small metal items, shoes, eyeglasses, books, durable medical equipment, and bicycles. Bikes for the World will be present to collect serviceable bikes to be sent overseas for basic transportation needs. Representatives from Covanta Energy will be on-site this fall to provide a \$5 gift card to all residents who drop off household devices containing mercury (thermostats, thermometers, sphygmomanometers, manometers, barometers, hygrometers and liquid mercury). The following are specifically banned: ammunition, freon, radioactive materials, prescription drugs, medical waste, and asbestos.

Collections will take place at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, from 8:30 am to 3 pm. E-CARE is open to Arlington residents only (ID required). Commercial/business waste is not accepted. For more information, including details about acceptable items, go online to [www.arlingtonva.us/recycle](http://www.arlingtonva.us/recycle) or call 703-228-6832.

### **Solar home tour, October 1 and 2, 11 am – 5 pm:**

The tour features a remarkable variety of solar designs, technologies, and sustainable living concepts, illustrated in more than 70 homes. See the systems up close and talk to homeowners about their experiences going solar. Learn more and get the tour booklet at [www.solartour.org](http://www.solartour.org). For more information, call 703-528-5406.

### **October sales tax holiday, October 7 – 11:**

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## ***Find out about urban hen keeping, October 20***

Get the facts about small-scale, sustainable backyard hen-keeping at the Fairlington Community Center on Thursday, October 20, 7 to 9 pm. Learn about how hens fit into the growing urban agriculture movement in America and about egg production, coops, and predator protection. Part of the Sustainable Urban Agriculture Lecture Series, speaker Pat Foresman, author of *City Chicks*, will talk about her experiences assisting communities across Virginia write chicken keeping ordinances (autographed books available for purchase). For more information, go online to [www.ArlingtonEggProject.org](http://www.ArlingtonEggProject.org); to pre-register, you can contact the Extension Help Desk at [mgarlalex@vt.edu](mailto:mgarlalex@vt.edu) or by call 703-228-6414.

## ***Shirlington Library calls for volunteers***

Shirlington Branch Library is looking for volunteers to shelve books and AV items when the branch is open. You will sort books and AV items by call number, re-shelve them, and straighten the shelves to make it easier to find what is wanted. Another part of the job is shelving materials in a special section to be picked up by customers. Attention to detail is important, as is the ability to stand for the entire shift, bend and stretch, and wheel a cart of library books around the library. Familiarity with the Dewey decimal system call numbers is a plus. They also need someone to come in on Friday mornings to work with the items placed on holds by customers.

The library needs people who enjoy working on detail-oriented projects and are dependable. In the process, volunteers learn about all the great things the library owns. The work is for two to four hours a week; a two-month commitment is requested. For more information, contact Barbara Dean at 703-228-7688 or [volunteercoordinator@arlingtonva.us](mailto:volunteercoordinator@arlingtonva.us).

## ***Planting plans at 32nd Road tree stand, October 29***

Stop by the 32nd Road tree stand on Saturday, October 29, from 9 am to noon, to help rehabilitate this natural habitat. This month, Lenny Bankester, who organizes the work, plans to use the time for planting.

### **Back to school, September 2011:**



*Photograph by Dana Andy.*

Fairlington residents Abby Presson, Brodie Schwarz, Owen Anderson, Maura Andy, Wesley Anderson, and Ben Andy wait for the bus to pick them up for the first day of the school year at

Abingdon. Students in south Fairlington receive bus service to and from Abingdon each day, and north Fairlington students are within walking distance of school.

## ***Flu season arrives***



The Centers for Disease Control recommends a yearly flu vaccine (shot or nasal spray) for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against the seasonal influenza virus. Flu vaccine shipments began in August and will continue through October until all vaccine is distributed. CDC recommends getting your flu shot as soon as vaccine becomes available in the community, but vaccination can take place at any time throughout the season. There will be a flu shot clinic at the Fairlington Community Center on Friday, October 28, 10 am to 12:30 pm.

Influenza seasons are unpredictable, and can begin as early as October and last as late as May. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against the virus. The 2011-12 flu vaccine is designed to protect against the three influenza viruses that experts predict will be the most common during the season: an influenza B virus, an influenza A (H1N1) virus, and an influenza A (H3N2) virus. This year's vaccine can protect you from getting sick from these three viruses, or it can make your illness milder if you get a related but different influenza strain. For more information, go online to [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov).





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# FAIRLINGTON *community center news*

## **Workshops, classes, and programs**

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**Plant a winter garden**, Friday, October 14, 10 am – 11:30 am. A VCE agent and Master Gardener will discuss plant varieties and also plant the garden at the FCC with plants that can be harvested throughout winter. Free, but register at 703-228-7791.

**Laughing with hearing loss**, Tuesdays, October 11, 18, and 25, 11 am – noon. A three-part series on living with hearing loss without losing your sense of humor presented by Marla Dougherty from the Northern Virginia Resources Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons. Free, but register at 703-228-7791.

**Flu shot clinic**, Friday, October 28, 10 am – 12:30 pm. Arlington County Department of Human Services will provide flu shots at Arlington Mill Senior Center at Fairlington. Bring your Medicare Part B and/or insurance cards to the clinic. Cost without insurance is \$30.

**Teen Fitness Challenge**: Open to Arlington students aged 13-18 years old, the FitArlington Teen Fitness Challenge allows teens the opportunity to learn how to work out safely in the weight room, gain an understanding of overall health benefits through physical activity, and develop a lifelong fitness habit. Just \$10 covers your membership costs until you graduate from high school. Register for the program, pay the \$10 registration fee, and attend the introductory training sessions to become a member and start training.

Contact Shanan Knox at 703-228-7782 or email [Sknox@arlingtonva.us](mailto:Sknox@arlingtonva.us).

**Volunteer training for financial education**: Help individuals and groups reconcile debts, set goals, budget spending, save money, organize financial records, and learn sound money management skills. Volunteer financial coaches can work one-on-one with individuals and/or teach money management classes to groups such as senior citizens, new immigrants, teens, and others. Volunteers receive a comprehensive training manual with information on budgeting, retirement planning, home buying, and many other finance topics, instruction in counseling techniques, and lists of other community resources of use to clients. Volunteer training will be Saturdays, Oct. 15 and 22, 10 am – 4 pm. Contact the Arlington office of Virginia Cooperative Extension at 703-228-6417 or [jabel@vt.edu](mailto:jabel@vt.edu).

**Beaded wire jewelry**: Discover the basics of wire-beaded jewelry in this fun make-and-take class. Kits (\$10 - \$40) with various metals and beads are available for purchase from the instructor. Good hand-eye coordination is helpful. Bring reading glasses if you use them. Prior experience with loops and wrapped loops in basic beading is helpful, but not necessary. Inst. Lee, \$51, adults. 140152A. Sat., Oct. 8, 10 am – 2 pm.

## **Senior center events**

Regularly scheduled programs are Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm for residents 55 and older who hold a 55+ pass. Call Emma Valencia at 703-228-7791 for more information.

## **FCC hours and contact info**

Monday through Friday,  
8 am – 9 pm

Saturday, 8 am – 5 pm

Sunday, closed.

Hours 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](mailto:pmallon@arlingtonva.us).

## **FCC programs**

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## **Open play in the gym**

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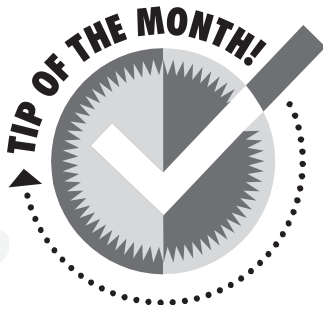
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# DOWN TO EARTH patio gardening



## *It all starts with the soil, followed by proper planting*

Traveling through northern Illinois over Labor Day, I saw residential and corporate landscapes filled with clusters of Miscanthus grasses, yucca, barberry, yew, azalea, and blue rug juniper. Few plants seemed stressed in the 96-degree heat, and that might have been due to the soft, rich soil in which these specimens were growing.

Soil in the Midwest is charcoal-black and soft, unlike the rocky chunks of orange clay we find here when tilling dirt that's never been cultivated. Frequently, customers ask, "Do we need to remove all the soil and bring in new?" No, not totally. But wherever you plant a new specimen, it's wise to remove clay and rock while adding topsoil, soil conditioner, or peat moss to soften the root zone. If back fill (existing soil) is soft, mix it in with new soil amendments.

When Fairlington was converted to condominiums in 1972, the soil in the patios became a sort of wasteland and dumping ground during construction. Demolishing upstairs bathrooms and kitchens involved tossing porcelain tubs and sinks, among other debris, out windows into the dirt. I know—I was a laborer during construction. To this day, I find scraps of porcelain and glass in patio dirt. But since homeowners have tilled the soil and planted gardens for the last 39 years, the soil has become malleable.

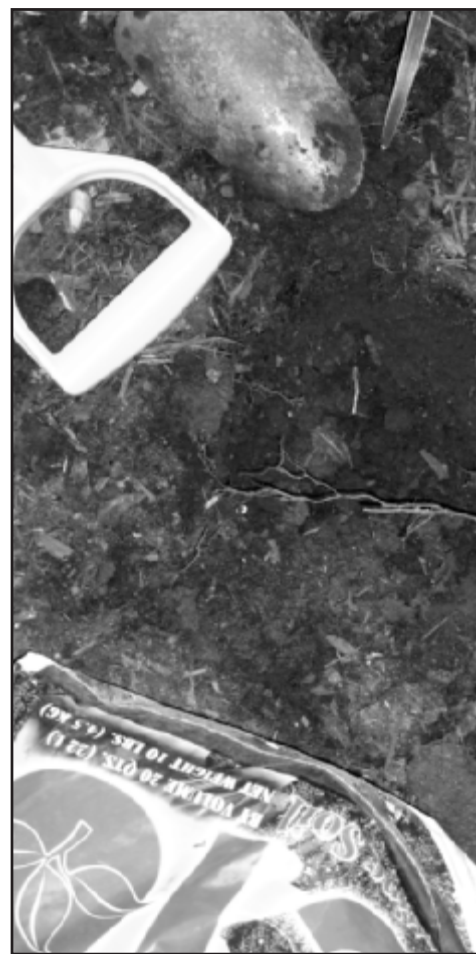
Fertilizer helps plant growth, but it isn't as vital as "soft" space in the

root zone. Porous soil allows oxygen and water to reach underground roots. If that's inhibited, photosynthesis is compromised. Proteins within a plant's chloroplasts convert sunlight and carbon dioxide into sugar but a plant can't be nourished totally if its roots are unable to absorb water due to poor drainage.

When plantings are crowded, they fight for sunlight, water, and room in the soil. Oftentimes, one plant stresses or dies. Plants situated near a tree's broad root system also struggle unless they're ground covers with fibrous roots needing little space to flourish, such as ajuga, pachysandra, or periwinkle.

When you set a plant in a hole, make sure the ball isn't wedged in against the circumference of the hole. Leave space so roots can meander and grow.

Fertilizer should be used sparingly so its chemicals don't burn a plant's tender root hairs. Nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium are principal macronutrients and they are signified on the fertilizer bag by an N-P-K ratio. Nitrogen ensures plant foliage growth, phosphorous aids in root and flower development, and potassium tenders overall plant health. Excessive nitrogen ensures lush foliage but weakens a plant in resisting air- or soil-borne pathogens. Too much plant fertilizer in a garden can leach into waterways and harm marine life in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, too.



*Virginia clay calls for you to do three things—amend, amend, amend.*

Other macro and micronutrients—sulfur, hydrogen, oxygen, carbon, magnesium, boron, and zinc—can benefit plants. But first consult a Soil Extension Service agent (in the Fairlington Community Center), who will explain which ones are recommended in our Plant Hardiness Zone 6B-7.

— Bill Sullivan,  
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# Animal Talk

## *Exercise common sense and courtesy on Fairlington sidewalks and streets*

After last month's report of a dog bite in Fairlington, the *Bulletin* editor and I had a candid conversation about the frustrations we've felt almost every day while walking our dogs. We acknowledged that our walks can actually increase stress, caused by the behavior of neighbors who either disregard the rules put in place to make Fairlington safe or by those who just don't show consideration towards their neighbors. I've been told "It's a free country" when I asked someone why they didn't cross the street to avoid a dog confrontation. She has been cursed at when she complained about an off-leash dog's aggressive behavior.

Fairlington is a busy place with lots of dog walkers, plus other public-space users like walkers, joggers, cyclists, and drivers who all share parts of the common concrete. Some people probably haven't given "sidewalk etiquette" much thought. Others, it seems, simply don't care that they can be the source of a stressful situation. As a result of numerous unpleasant encounters, we offer our highly editorialized list of "rules" that we think could make walking about Fairlington a safer and more pleasant experience for all.

1. Leash your dog AT ALL TIMES. Arlington's leash law says that dogs are not permitted off leash, nor outside your direct control, unless in a dog park or your yard/balcony. This is for the safety of everyone, including your own dog. Despite your

insistence that Fluffy is "friendly" or your confidence that Fang won't run up and bite someone, dogs are animals and can be unpredictable. Why take the risk? Each year there are multiple reports of dog bites in Fairlington. Take responsibility for your dog—keep it on leash and under control.

2. If your dog is not sociable to other dogs or people, control the dog and avoid a confrontation. How hard is it to cross the street to avoid an unpleasant situation? I am speaking from experience here, as I have a dog that isn't always friendly to other dogs, and I cross the street to avoid dogs I know can trigger my own dog's bad behavior.

3. Share the sidewalk. Dog walkers, guide your dogs out of the way to let people by. Non-dog walkers and joggers, don't expect to be able to take up the entire sidewalk. I have actually seen a jogger force a dog walker off the sidewalk and cause them to fall. The dog walker had been trying to share the sidewalk; the jogger, however, just kept running and didn't bother to apologize or offer to help the person up.

4. Joggers, announce your presence. Don't come charging up on people with dogs, expecting them to get out of the way at the last minute and expecting the dogs to be well-behaved. Dogs and people will startle when rushed from behind, and dogs will instinctively chase movement. Aren't there trail rules

that say indicate "on your left/right" as you approach someone from behind? Can't that be applied here as well?

5. Cyclists, take note. I have heard verbal altercations between bikers and joggers in the bike lane. Perhaps there is an ordinance I don't know about saying joggers should not use bike paths, but if we happen to be in the same place at the same time, can't we all share? And let others know we are approaching? (In fact, a runner in a bike lane should run *facing* oncoming traffic—cars and bikes.) A little courtesy goes a long way.

6. Drivers, it is state law to yield the right of way to pedestrians in a cross walk. Sometimes those on foot or bike barely get across the intersection before drivers impatiently speed onward. Are drivers in that much of a hurry that they are willing to risk an accident instead of waiting mere seconds for someone to cross?

I hope everyone takes this in the spirit intended—to raise awareness and encourage you think of your neighbors the next time you head outside. Walking in our neighborhood is supposed to be enjoyable—famously so. If people just took the time to be courteous and careful, in my opinion, Fairlington would be a much better place.

—Christine Chirichella, AFB Assistant Editor

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*The PTA's annual back-to-school picnic on Labor Day was well attended and a lot of fun! That is, until the clouds opened up and torrential rain poured down on us. Pictured here are Principal Joanne Uyeda, Meg Tuccillo, APS Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, and APS Superintendent Dr. Pat Murphy, who joined us in enjoying this memorable event. Photograph by Brian Efird.*

## **Abingdon leads the way integrating computers into the classroom**

As the students came back to school in September, they were welcomed with a brand new computing infrastructure for Abingdon Elementary. The most noticeable differences are new MacBooks in every classroom and a computer lab outfitted with an entirely new set of large screen iMacs. What is behind the scenes, and in the works to be rolled out over the course of the school year, is even more impressive. This includes a centralized server that ties students and teachers alike into a school network, so that a student's work can be shared and synchronized more easily with that of others and with teachers. Students will also be able to create their own podcasts and wikis, which opens up many new possibilities for the teachers to bring the latest technologies (in an easy-to-use form) into student activities.

As the year progresses, the school hopes to continue to move Mac laptops and desktops into classrooms in support of special projects that integrate the already great multi-disciplinary activities available at Abingdon through Project GIFT with cutting edge technologies. It is an exciting time to watch the changes happen and see Abingdon become a county-wide model for technology integration in the classroom.

## **Abingdon's Fall Festival, October 21**

Abingdon's Fall Festival has become an annual celebration for the children and community of Fairlington every October. This year's Festival will run from 6 to 8 pm on October 21.

The evening will feature carnival games and prizes, a cake walk, face painting, color hairspray, and a temporary tattoo parlor. This year, we'll again have two moon bounces, for twice as much fun for the kids—one

of them includes a bouncy obstacle course. The festival is also the perfect place to grab an inexpensive dinner while enjoying all of the fun. This is not a fundraiser; the food is available at minimal cost to help cover the expense and make sure the entire family can have a great time! Finally, there will once again be raffle prizes from local shops. You can purchase raffle tickets or get one free with each can or box of non-perishable food you bring with you to donate to the Arlington Food Assistance Center.

## **Lavenders wrapping paper sales**

Every year, we get questions from residents of Fairlington about when we will start selling the wonderful wrapping paper from Lavenders. This fall sales activity continues to be our biggest fundraising event of the year, so we appreciate all of the community support! Lavenders is an Arlington-based, family-owned company. Their products are high quality and cover a wide variety of household and gift needs, all at a great price. The student sales kicked off on September 27, so keep an eye out for your neighborhood Abingdon students for this year's supply of wrapping paper and gift wrap accessories. If you prefer internet shopping, you can use their Web site, [www.shoplavenders.com](http://www.shoplavenders.com). Abingdon's school code is 110051. The fall catalog sale officially runs until October 12, but you can purchase items online all year and Abingdon will still get credit for your purchases. We sincerely appreciate the support.

—Brian Efird, Abingdon PTA

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## ***MOMS Club hosts Halloween party***

All Fairlington families are invited to attend the MOMS Club Halloween party! The party will be October 28 from 5 to 7 pm at the Fairlington Community Center. Please join us even if you are not a member of our club! Activities will include face painting, a family photo booth, a pumpkin hunt, pumpkin decorating, the monster mash, and more. The pumpkin hunt will take place at 5:15—don't miss it!

Are you a parent and looking to connect with other Fairlington moms and dads? The MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington VA© chapter of the International MOMS Club may be for you. Members and their children participate in general monthly meetings, member planned outings/events, Parents' Night Out, and much more. The weekly age-specific playgroups start as young as birth and go up to 3+ years old. Playgroups are great for kids, but they also offer parents a chance to find support and friendship.

In the last year members have also worked on several community service projects benefitting Abingdon Elementary School and the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Our club also raised donations for and participated in the March of Dimes' March for Babies, which took place in May. We have hosted speakers on topics including separation anxiety, nutrition, early childhood literacy, and positive discipline, and even wardrobe styling for busy moms. Recently we hosted a local author who shared tips on how to help children learn to appreciate a variety of foods and flavors.

Parents and parents-to-be are welcome to join us for our next general meeting on October 12 at 4 pm at the

Fairlington Community Center. Children are always welcome. For more information about the club, the general meeting, or membership, please visit [www.fairlington-momsclub.com](http://www.fairlington-momsclub.com). Annual dues of \$25 support quarterly group functions and community service projects.

## ***Fair Golds***

The Fair Golds, a social group in and around the Fairlington area, meets at the Fairlington Community Center on the first and third Thursdays of the month at noon (except in August). Regular meetings begin with a brown-bag lunch; dessert and beverages are provided. We always welcome guests and/or new members over 55 years of age. This month, Fair Golds will meet on Thursday, October 6 for a business meeting and on Thursday, October 20 for a social program. For more information, call Gertrude Frankel at 703-931-3759.

## ***Fairlington Diners***

We're a low-key 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. In October, we'll take a walk to benefit the homeless (with burgers afterwards at Ramparts) and later we'll revisit Bombay Curry Company. If you'd like to be included in our e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to [carol\\_dabbs@yahoo.com](mailto:carol_dabbs@yahoo.com).

Monday, October 10, 5pm. We'll meet at the front steps of the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., for a walk in south Fairlington to see the five notable trees designated by Arlington County. The mini-walk benefits the Walk for the Homeless. Please call Carol at 703-379-6840 for information about how to register for the walk, and so we can get the right size table for dinner. Afterwards, we'll proceed to Ramparts, 1700 Fern St, Alexandria, 703-998-6616, for our monthly fix of 1/2 price burgers. Please leave a voicemail if you don't reach Carol directly—include your name and how to contact you the day of the event, in case of a change in plans.

Sunday, October 23, 6:30 pm, Bombay Curry Company, The Calvert Building, 3110 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, 703-836-6363. This excellent Indian restaurant is a favorite of the group; we found it by cross referencing *Cheap*



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Eats with the 100 Best Restaurants as rated by *Washingtonian* magazine several years ago. Please call Carol at 703-379-6840 NLT Saturday, October 22, to let us know if you plan to attend, so we can choose the right size table when we arrive. Please leave a voicemail if you don't reach Carol directly—include your name and how to contact you the day of the event, in case of a change in plans.

## Book Group

Critically rediscovered seventy years after its original publication, Kate Chopin's novel *The Awakening* is a classic story of a woman struggling to create an identity of her own in a patriarchal society. All Fairlingtonians are invited to discuss the book on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30 pm in the North Fairlington Community Center. For more information, please contact Terry Gough at [tjgough@verizon.net](mailto:tjgough@verizon.net).

## Dogtober Day, October 8

On Saturday, October 8, from 1 to 3 pm, you can showcase your favorite pooch at Dogtober Day celebrations in Lacey Woods Park, 1200 N. George Mason Dr., Arlington 22205. Games and activities for Fido and friends, plus contests for the furry ones: Best kisser, Old dog, new tricks, and more. For more information, call 703-535-0168.



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