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Shirlington

Fairlington 70th anniversary commemorative tree planting

Saturday, October 19, 10 am
Abingdon Elementary School

Fairlington flora & fauna walking tour

Saturday, October 19, immediately
following the tree planting
Start at Abingdon Elementary School

Join Master Naturalists, Masters Gardeners, Tree Stewards, and avid landscapers for a guided walking tour of Fairlington's flora and fauna. A team of Fairlington naturalists and gardeners will lead the walk to view best practices for resource management and sustainability, which support a healthy urban environment.

Meet at the 70th anniversary commemorative tree planting at 10 am on Saturday, October 19, in front of Abingdon Elementary School (*see the tree planting story, page 7*). The walking tour will begin immediately after the ceremony, and the walk is expected to take about an hour. The walk organizers will offer a hand-out, an annotated map of the tour's route.

The tour starts at the school's vegetable garden (called the "outdoor classroom"), where walkers will learn about the school's participation in the Plot Against Hunger program. The walk will conclude on the other side of the bridge at the community garden in Fairlington Commons, where neighbors have put an idle patch of land to productive use. Walkers can join up or leave the group anywhere along the way.

Along the route between the two gardens, the tour will stop at the rain garden in Fairlington Villages to examine effective techniques for storm water management and the appropriate use of native specimens. More recent native plantings in north Fairlington illustrate the benefits of integrating native specimens into the landscape. At the east end of the bridge, the tour will stop at the 34th St. S. median to take note of landscape improvements—one of several enhancements installed in Fairlington's public right-of-way

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Native flowers in the rain garden. Photo, Gretchen Fallon.

FCA meeting, October 9: The civic association will welcome Abingdon Elementary School Principal, Joanne Uyeda, who will speak at the October meeting and then answer questions. Come hear about all the great things happening at our neighborhood school.

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Coming up ...

The FCA Board invites all Fairlington residents to attend its meetings, which occur on the second Wednesday of the month at the Fairlington Community Center (3308 S. Stafford St.) unless otherwise noted. 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 571-403-1943 by the Sunday before the meeting.

October 9 agenda:

A finalized agenda for the monthly meeting will be posted on the FCA Web site the Sunday before the Wednesday meeting.

Presentation: Abingdon Elementary School Principal Joanne Uyeda will speak about the school's programs and answer questions.

Regular business meeting:

- Approval of agenda
- Approval of September minutes
- Officer and committee reports
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Tuesday, October 22, 7:30 pm
FV community center

Tree distribution event

Saturday, October 26, 8 am – 3 pm
Arlington nursery facility

Fairlington Diners

Monday, October 28, 6:30 pm
Ramparts half-price burger night
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Birthday, Fairlington! This year marks Fairlington's 70th year as a residential community. Originally intended as rental housing for the surge of wartime workers flooding into the area in the 1940s, Fairlington's construction began in 1942, and the first tenants arrived in 1943. The property's owner, the Defense Homes Corporation, officially gave the project the name "Fairlington" by July 1943.

FCA and the Fairlington Historical Society have considered appropriate ways to mark this important milestone. Each month Gretchen Fallon, the editor of this newsletter, has written a "Fairlington at 70" article—interesting tidbits about Fairlington history and life. And Kate Barton, our student intern, has worked with the FHS to feature vignettes of long-time Fairlingtonians in her blog.

This month the two organizations join in another celebratory activity—the planting of a 70th anniversary tree. FCA and FHS have pooled resources to purchase the tree through Arlington's Commemorative Tree program, and the county's Department of Parks and Recreation staff has facilitated the location and planting logistics. FCA treasurer Ed Hilz, who also serves on the Arlington County Urban Forestry Commission, has coordinated the tree planting.

This continues the tradition of planting an anniversary tree to mark every ten years of Fairlington's history. The tree will be planted on the Abingdon School property near the existing school garden. All Fairlington residents are invited to join us in "tossing some dirt" to plant the tree on October 19 at 10 am.

Coupled with the tree planting is a Fairlington grounds walk—a chance for residents to examine management and sustainability practices that support healthy urban environments for flora and fauna. The walk will consider such things as rain gardens, native species, supportive habitat for wildlife, and community gardens. It will begin once the tree planting ceremony is over, and it will last about an hour. Just show up around 10 am with your walking shoes on.

Special thanks go to Anne Wilson, Susan Berry, Emily Ferguson, Bill Sullivan, and Ed Hilz for crafting the walk.

To learn more about Fairlington's history, order a copy of Catherine Fellows' marvelous *Fairlington at 50*, reprinted by the FHS last year (go online to www.fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org). Kudos go to Terry Placek, Cindy Kunz, and Patty Clark for their leadership of the society. It's a great asset for our community.

So take some time this month to learn a little Fairlington history, celebrate our milestone, and explore Fairlington's oasis of green inside the beltway.

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Congressman Jim Moran's wide-ranging conversation with Fairlingtonians

A large and receptive crowd greeted Congressman Jim Moran at the September FCA meeting. The 12-term congressman, representing Virginia's 8th district and a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, covered a wide range of subjects—the quality and composition of Potomac River water, the historic and inexorable loss of manufacturing jobs due to outsourcing and automation, the efficiency of the Global Hawk UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle)—speaking knowledgeably and in detail about all. But rather than opening with prepared remarks, as is customary for most elected officials, Mr. Moran said that he wanted to hear what was on the minds of Fairlingtonians. Saying he preferred to engage in conversation, he called for questions from the audience.



Jim Moran engaged the neighbors on several topics that have implications for the federal budget. Photo, Gretchen Fallon.

Not surprisingly, the economy, taxes and federal spending, and financial concerns generally were foremost in the minds of meeting attendees. Mr. Moran confirmed the need for concern, pointing out that the Republican-majority House and the Democrat-majority Senate were \$92 billion apart in proposals for funding the government, and both sides were warning of a government shutdown to-come. The current funding agreement expires at the end of the month.

That very day, said Moran, the House had called off a scheduled vote for a continuing resolution—there were not sufficient votes to pass it. “But we must fund government,” said Moran, who was not optimistic despite the urgency. Lawmakers are heading toward impasse, and Moran could see no clear way forward for achieving a workable solution, nor even a messy compromise.

And things are only going to get worse, he said. As subsequent years of the sequester kick in, and the last pennies of any remaining discretionary dollars from the federal stimulus package are spent, more cuts will be needed. (To remind: Sequester was never intended to go into effect. Rather, it was a blunt instrument for

chopping federal spending, designed as part of the 2011 debt ceiling compromise to incentivize lawmakers to reach a more reasoned and nuanced deal to cut spending by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years. No deal was reached; thus, the sequester's threatened automatic, across-the-board cuts to defense and domestic programs went into effect in March.)

Where will cuts come from? “Personnel,” said Mr. Moran, because that's the easiest place to cut. Federal employees, civilian employees of DoD, and defense contractors will face fur-

loughs and perhaps job losses. Going forward into 2015, the impact will be particularly felt here in Northern Virginia, Moran predicted, due to the area's concentration of workers associated with the federal government. And that will cause downstream effects, potentially devastating, on the region's service and retail economy. The sequester must be fixed, said Mr. Moran, but currently there are no plans for how to fix it.

Mr. Moran's forthright assessment of a gloomy near-term future was met with a kind of quiet resignation by the audience. Asked if the situation was widely understood by others, by his colleagues, for example, or by citizens in the rest of the country, Mr. Moran answered directly: “No.” He recognized in the Fairlington audience an unusually informed and knowledgeable group of voters, regardless of party affiliation, who reflect, regrettably, he said, a small portion of the population.

Congressman Moran's remarks addressed topics too numerous to cover fully here, but one particular thought about the future bears noting. Because of the irreversible loss of high-paying manufacturing jobs, the hollowing out of the American middle class, and the growing income gap between the wealthy few and the rest of the country, Mr. Moran foresees a time when all Americans will need to consider what, fundamentally, they want

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— Fairlington at 70 —

Commemorative tree planting, October 19



Join your neighbors to celebrate Fairlington's 70th birthday, as the civic association and the historical society plant Fairlington's seventh commemorative tree—one for each decade of the community's existence—on the grounds of Abingdon Elementary School. The tree planting ceremony, brief and informal, will take place at 10 am on Saturday, October 19, on the grassy field in front of the school near the playground. FCA treasurer Ed Hilz will welcome guests and say a few words about the history

behind the tree planting. Shovel work will follow.

The tree will be a red maple, like the other six decade-marking trees that have been planted on school

grounds. FCA and the Fairlington Historical Society purchased the tree from Arlington's Department of Parks and Recreation through DPR's Commemorative Tree Program, and the planting has been coordinated by DPR landscape supervisor Patrick Wegeng.

The first five trees are now providing shade along the chain link fence next to 29th St. S. (right).

The sixth (left) is planted by the sidewalk, leading from Abingdon St. to the school, near the playground equipment. The seventh red maple will be planted nearby. Immediately following the tree planting, Fairlington Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners will conduct a guided tour of Fairlington's flora and fauna.



Photos, Gretchen Fallon.

Flora and fauna walk, continued from page 1



School vegetable garden.

street medians and traffic circles through funding from the county's Neighborhood Conservation program. In addition, the 34th St. median's underground irrigation system conserves water by preventing waste.


Also, in route to the community garden, tour goers will traverse the little-known, leafy and secluded sidewalk that runs between the back of the Commons and I-395, where the group can observe one of Fairlington's fox habitats, located on a "wild" woodland slope. Tour guides will point out

native specimens like the red bud tree, the oak leaf hydrangea, and the spicebush, which takes its name from and plays host to the Spice Bush Swallowtail.

The walking tour is free, and there is no requirement to register. The walk will proceed unless there is a truly heavy down-pour. Just put on comfortable shoes and join your neighbors for a fun and informative stroll around Fairlington.



Median at 34th St. S.



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Rash of car break-ins in south Fairlington



Fairlington Glen resident and Court 2 alternate representative Mary Hanson was one of several neighbors who had her car broken into in the early morning hours of September 6. Ms. Hanson was awakened at 2 am by a neighbor who was alerted by the sound of breaking glass. The thief (or thieves) had smashed the driver's side window of

Ms. Hanson's car (*above*) and stolen a GPS unit.

The smash-and-grab was apparently one of several similar incidents in south Fairlington in the overnight hours. Online neighborhood message boards reported, variously, that there were three car break-in (and/or vandalism) incidents in the Glen along S. Stafford St. (one car's doors were unlocked and a radio and charger were stolen), and five similar incidents in the Mews along S. 36th St. Police reports reflect fewer separate incidents: four car break-ins (on S. Stafford, S. 35th, and two on S. 36th) and one rock thrown through a window on S. 35th.

Police responded within minutes, with patrol, K-9, and forensics units, said Ms. Hanson, who commended the officers' courteousness and helpfulness. Police reported that the neighborhood had been virtually incident-free for the last several years, and Fairlington had not seen similar incidents since the rash of GPS unit thefts from cars in 2008. Because of this recent series of incidents, police want to remind residents of the following advice:

- Lock your car doors. Do not keep valuables in your car. If valuable items *are* in your car, make sure they (and all cords) are out of sight.
- If you experience a break-in, don't touch your car or do any clean-up. Call 911 and wait to allow police to survey and process the scene.
- If you witness a break-in or theft, call 911 immediately. Do not try to intervene or "call out" to scare the person away. Do NOT give chase or try to apprehend the person.

Fairlington in photos on Facebook: You can view photo galleries of Fairlington events on Facebook at the "Fairlington Appreciation Society" page.

Conduit installed for ConnectArlington



Abingdon and 31st St. S. Photos, Gretchen Fallon.

The construction work at the intersection of S. Abingdon and S. 31st Streets around the Labor Day weekend involved the installation of ConnectArlington fiber-optic cable—eventually all public facilities and properties in Arlington, including schools, libraries, fire stations, county offices, and even traffic lights, will be connected through a county-owned and -operated cable system.

The recent work on either side of Abingdon accomplished the installation of "conduit"—the large reels of orange cable-looking material were reels of conduit. Over the next several weeks, construction crews will return to thread the fiber-optic cable through the conduit, and the cable hook-up points in Fairlington will be spliced into the existing cable points in Shirlington, at the branch library and the Trades Center. Then electronic equipment will be installed at all system ports; then they will be connected; then there will be a "burn in" test to check the connections and equipment; and then, perhaps sometime next year, the ConnectArlington team will flip the switch to "On." The massive project has been in the works for about five years.

Currently the Fairlington Community Center is something of an outlier, literally. The FCC represents the southernmost point of Arlington's constellation of public facilities in the county, and its location on the southeast side of I-395 presents something of an engineering challenge. To reach the FCC, the ConnectArlington team is currently investigating options to go under the bridge (that is, underground beneath the highway) or to make use of existing conduit that is attached to the bridge. Stay tuned.

Would you like to buy a tomato that tastes like a tomato? Maybe you'll have the chance next year at the Fairlington Farmers Market.

Farmers market meeting, October 3

If you're interested in the chance to buy food that has been grown with an emphasis on nutrition, taste, quality, and freshness, the October 3 market meeting is the place you can learn more about that possibility. The community-wide meeting to discuss plans for a Fairlington Farmers Market will be held at the Fairlington Community Center in Room 118 on Thursday, October 3, from 7 to 8:30 pm.

The market committee, chaired by residents Lane Erwin and Melissa Beene, has been meeting and conducting research into holding a seasonal farmers market in Fairlington since May. At the October 3 meeting, they will present the fruits of their labor.

Fairlington Farmers Market plan—learn more on October 3



Melissa Beene and Lane Erwin present the committee's plans for a market at the FCA meeting in September. Photo, Guy Land.

The FCA board encourages residents to attend the October 3 community meeting to learn more about the proposal for launching a farmers market in Fairlington. Market committee chairs Lane Erwin and Melissa Beene would be glad to hear what things you appreciate about the idea of a farmers market, and they are prepared to answer questions you may have about current plans for the market.

Ms. Erwin and Ms. Beene will discuss: the locations investigated for the market and the advantages and deficits of each; the outreach effort conducted to contact neighbors in the vicinity of the Fairlington Community Center, which is the proposed market site; and the research done to understand and deal with any challenge posed by parking concerns.



The committee, which has been hard at work on planning for months, can also describe the underlying process required by the county to launch a farmers market. After the October 3 meeting, next steps include submitting an application to Arlington County this fall. The application will be reviewed by county staff who will then submit it to the Arlington County Board. Ultimately the decision for approval rests with the county board when they review the open air market application. When the county board meeting that will consider the market proposal is scheduled, Fairlington residents will be notified of the

A weekly farmers market helps build community.

meeting date, so that they can share their opinions with the county board prior to a decision.

The October 3 meeting at the FCC is the best opportunity now for residents to hear about the work that's been undertaken for the market thus far, and to ask questions, raise issues, or voice any concerns they may have.

In advance of the October 3 meeting, Ms. Erwin and Ms. Beene presented an overview of their research to the FCA board at the September FCA meeting. Here, in brief, are some of the topics they touched on—all will be explored at greater length and in greater depth at the October 3 meeting:

The choice of the FCC for the market location involved comparing it to other possible sites, both inside and outside Fairlington's borders, and weighing the advantages and disadvantages. In its favor, for example, the FCC building is closed to regular business on Sundays; it is accessible and attractive to market-goers; and the site has available outdoor restrooms.



Households in close proximity to the FCC have been and continue to be canvassed, through a door-knock and flyer campaign, to gather opinions from the planned market's nearest neighbors. In addition, in order to create a site traffic plan, the committee has surveyed and mapped parking spaces, in the FCC lot and among curbside parking spaces (public, not

zoned) in nearby walking distance of the FCC.

Ms. Erwin and Ms. Beene said that a core group of about a dozen committee members have learned a great deal about some

unexpected things over the course of the last few months, like governing structures for markets and coordination with municipal offices. While there has been significant interest and support expressed for the farmers market, there has also been some opposition and concerns expressed about parking, privacy, and a potential influx of non-Fairlington residents into the neighborhood. To date, the level of support far outweighs the number of residents who oppose having a farmers market at the FCC.

Eventually, the committee anticipates engaging in discussions of such food-centric things as the amazing number of mushroom varieties, whether or not an onion can be "sweet," the proper way to rinse, bag, and store tomatoes, ways to prepare fresh beets and how to use them in salads.....all the "fun" topics that emerge when market vendors and organizers get together with market-goers and chat over a bushel basket. Currently, though, Fairlington's



Residents have opportunities to weigh in and voice opinions.

market committee stays focused on the less glamorous, but critical details of such subjects as financing, governing, liability, contracting, municipal coordination—all the essential spadework that underlies the fun of a farmers market. It's like preparing the soil before you plant.

ABCs of a Fairlington Farmers Market

Where: Fairlington Community Center

When: Sundays, April through November, 8 am to 1 pm

What: A variety of locally-sourced (125-mile radius) fruits and vegetables; perhaps also dairy products, baked goods, meats, flowers, and specialty foods. Vendors typically commit to market arrangements in February; thus, specific vendors and products are not yet determined at this time.

Who: The Fairlington market would operate as a program under an umbrella organization responsible for overall governance, but it would maintain a unique Fairlington look and feel. A volunteer corps, composed of Fairlington residents, would be responsible for planning and operating the weekly market (including marketing, set-up/break-down, and soliciting financial sponsorships).



The committee has discovered an additional benefit: Establishing a farmers market in Fairlington is not just about giving residents a nearby source of fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables. It is also about building community. It offers an outstanding opportunity for residents young and old, single and married, with and without children, to come together to enjoy a weekly village market experience built around good food and healthy eating. It replicates a model that has proven successful around the world over many centuries. A vibrant farmers market will add a new facet to the already strong sense of place we enjoy in Fairlington.

For more information, you can contact the Fairlington Farmers Market committee by e-mail. If you are unable to attend the October 3 meeting, but would like to receive updates or share your thoughts, please send e-mail to fairlingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

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Secure paper shredding: Save the date, November 3

On Sunday, November 3, Fairlington's civic association will sponsor a paper shredding event in the parking lot of the FCC, so that Fairlington residents can, for a small fee, securely shred old receipts, account statements, bills, tax returns, and other paper documents. All shredded paper is then recycled. You watch the shredding process via video monitor. Look for more details (things to be excluded, amount per standard-size "banker's" box of paper, etc.) in next month's *Bulletin* and on the FCA Web site.

To remind: FCA has new phone numbers

FCA has a new phone-contact system to receive residents' voicemails using Google Voice. The new numbers are:

General contacts: 571-403-1943
Bulletin ads: 571-403-1942

The current phone numbers, printed on page 2 of the *Bulletin*, are now operational.



FCA vice president Kent Duffy worked on signs for the association in early September. The sign boards help inform residents of upcoming FCA events. Photo, Guy Land.

2014 FCA board election, nominating committee

In support of the election of FCA board members for 2014, the association board has appointed a nominating committee, consisting of FCA board vice president Kent Duffy (*pictured, above*), board treasurer Ed Hilz, and board member Joe Hartman. Anyone interested in serving on the board may express that interest by sending e-mail to Kent Duffy, vp@fca-fairlington.org. It is expected that a slate of candidates will be published in the November and December *Bulletins*, and/or the slate will be updated and posted on the FCA Web site at least 10 days before the December 11 meeting and election.

County taxes due, October 5

The second installment of real estate taxes and the car tax ("vehicle personal property tax") are due October 5. Penalties apply for late payment.

This year, October 5 falls on a Saturday. Per the county: "If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, late payment penalties will not be assessed for payments made on the following business day," which is Monday, October 7.

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Tree distribution, October 26



The county's popular free tree giveaway program helps renew Arlington's urban canopy by offering trees to be planted on private property, by individual property owners or by condo and neighborhood associations. The annual tree distribution will be held this year on Saturday, October 26, 8 am to 3 pm, at the Arlington

County nursery facility, located off S. Four Mile Run, behind the Barcroft Sports Center field. Parking is available in the lot in front of the ball field. From the lot, walk back to the nursery to pick up your tree.

The six native species offered this year are black gum, white oak, sweet birch, pagoda dogwood, black haw, and sweetbay magnolia. Called "whips" in the nursery trade, the trees are 2 to 4 feet tall and in two-gallon containers—you can carry them and they will fit in your car. TreeSteward volunteers will be on site to provide additional information. Only one tree per household.

To register for a tree, go online to the county Web site, www.arlingtonva.us > tree distribution and follow the link, or go directly to www.eventbrite.com/event/8152218505?ref=ebtnebreg.

Create a backyard bee refuge, October 10

On Thursday, October 10, 7 to 9 pm, at the Fairlington Community Center, join your neighbors for a one-hour presentation on how to create a bee habitat in your yard or patio. Learn about plant recommendations and what kinds of bees you might attract. The speaker is Sam Droege, a wildlife biologist at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. After Mr. Droege's presentation and time for questions, he will conduct a workshop on native bee identification. The program is sponsored by Arlington Regional Master Naturalists. For more information, contact Sherrie Burson, sherrieb58@gmail.com.



Over Labor Day weekend, fire fighters from Station 7 accepted charitable donations.

Household hazmat recycling, October 12



At the fall E-CARE event (held twice annually, in April and October), you can safely dispose of hazardous household materials (paint, solvents, garden chemicals, pesticides, acids, CFL bulbs, and more). There is a charge for disposing of computer monitors (\$15) and for CRT TVs (\$20).

Compost bins are available for purchase, \$20. Check or cash; no credit cards. You can also recycle small metal items, electronics, shoes, clothes, eyeglasses, and durable medical equipment. Commercial and/or business waste will not be accepted. Other unacceptable materials include asbestos, ammunition, Freon, and prescription drugs. Call 703-228-6832 for information about disposing these items.

The event will be held on Saturday, October 12, at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School west parking lot (125 S. Old Glebe Road), from 8:30 am to 3 pm, rain or shine. The event is open to Arlington residents only—take along ID. For more information, call the number above or go online to www.arlingtonva.us > recycle.

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Fairlington Glen expresses concern about traffic safety at 36th and Quaker

The Fairlington Glen condo association has drafted a list of recommendations on ways to improve traffic safety at the intersection of Quaker Lane (in Alexandria) and 36th St. S. (in Arlington). The recommendations, based on the observations and experiences of Glen residents reported by condo board vice president Keith June, were sent in a letter to the City of Alexandria earlier this year, and, more recently, the Fairlington Citizens Association agreed to facilitate communications between the Fairlington community and city traffic planning staff.



Photo, Keith June.

The entrance to Fairlington via 36th is well-used by Glen residents for access to/from Quaker Lane. They report that traffic on Quaker Lane, north- and southbound, increases substantially during rush hours, and particularly during the evening hours, 4 to 7 pm.

Glen residents describe the intersection of 36th and Quaker as dangerous. One resident reported a car-totaling accident, and several residents said they had observed accidents or near accidents there. Residents cited the following as contributing factors to their concerns about safety: limited visibility; an unmarked third lane for southbound drivers on Quaker to make a right turn onto King; the speed of cars southbound on Quaker moving toward the intersection with King; the failure of drivers on Quaker to see or heed cars entering/exiting Fairlington via 36th; and the fact that drivers on southbound Quaker, queuing for the light at King, often do not

realize they are blocking access to/from 36th.

The discussion about safety first arose about six years ago, when Alexandria announced a decision to bar vehicles exiting Fairlington on 36th from making left turns onto Quaker. After Fairlington residents registered their opposition to the change, Alexandria rescinded the decision. Early this year, Glen residents again became

concerned that Alexandria was planning changes for the intersection, although no decision or action was announced. Glen residents decided to make known their ongoing concerns about safety at the intersection by creating the list of recommendations for improvements. (Some residents were not opposed to a ban on left turns out of 36th; many more opposed a ban on left turns.) The list of options for improvement includes:

- Install bigger “Do not block the intersection” signs.
- Install a cross walk (to alert drivers to the existence of the intersection).
- Install a flashing light saying “Hidden intersection ahead.”
- Install mirrors that allow drivers leaving Fairlington to see oncoming traffic on Quaker.
- Install a traffic light.
- Install a stop sign.
- Remove some shrubs/trees from the area to improve visibility.
- Prohibit left turns during rush hours.
- Lower the speed limit in the surrounding area.

So long, Safeway

You can still catch a last glimpse of the old Safeway on King Street next to Bradlee Shopping Center—but look quick, because the old store is fast becoming rubble. The Safeway store closed in July, and demolition was well underway in early September at the fenced-off construction site wedged between King and Braddock Road. Safeway continues to operate a nearby on-site pharmacy, in the trailer structure in the parking lot of the medical building (on Marlee Way between the King Street service road and Braddock).



More than a year ago, the company announced plans to close the store, tear it down, and re-build on the site to create a two-story, fully updated “lifestyle” Safeway, featuring boutique-like centers for dairy, deli, bakery, etc., increased offerings of prepared foods, and pedestrian-friendly access and seating/gathering plazas. The new store will replace the 1982 facility of 44,000 square feet with more than 61,000 square feet; it will be among the largest in Safeway’s eastern division. The new Safeway is currently scheduled to open in fall 2014.

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Emergency preparedness for pets

This month marks the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, so it's a good time to remind everyone about preparing for weather emergencies before they occur. FEMA's Web site (www.ready.gov/hurricanes) has great information for preparing yourself and your family, but those of us with pets will want to take extra precautions to make sure they, too, will be safe. Below are a few tips to think about before an emergency occurs:

1. Be sure all your pets have ID collars with your cell phone, address, and e-mail address. You can also microchip your pet to increase the chance of being reunited in the event its collar is lost.
2. Create a disaster supply kit that includes food and water for your pets for up to five days, pet first aid supplies, important vet papers and medications, leashes or carriers, litter boxes, photos of your pets, and written care instructions.
3. Find a place to stay with your pets ahead of time. If you are forced to leave your home, don't leave your pets behind—you never know how long you might wind up being away.
4. On the flip side, if you stay home in an emergency, bring your pets indoors and prepare a safe room with emergency supplies for both you and your pets.
5. Make sure a neighbor, friend, or family member has a key to your house in case you are unable to make it home. Keep written care instructions posted where someone could step in and know how to care for your pets.



We hope that this year's hurricane season will be event-free, but take a few minutes to prepare now so you will be ready should another storm strike.

—Christine M. Chirichella, Assistant Editor



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DOWN TO EARTH patio gardening



The garden is a feast for the senses

To most gardeners, the beauty of landscape is visual: the paper-thin petals of a petunia flopping in a breeze; lilac blooms bobbing on their long stems; rose petals holding droplets of morning dew; purple coneflower or black-eyed Susan serving as landing pads for bumble-bee pollinators or hungry goldfinches that peck at seeds from the center of these flowers.

But what if someone can't see any of this? There's still much to be appreciated at the nursery, when someone depends on touch, smell, and sound to experience plant life.

For fragrance...the winter daphne rivals only the gardenia for the sweetest scent of any flower. The rose is sweet but muted and even ordinary to our sense of smell. For a more "earthy" scent, I would visit the crape myrtle and butterfly bush blooms. They're not sweet at all, but smell like a fresh meadow's soft dirt after a rainfall. For maybe the freshest and sweetest scent, my favorite is the magnolia "Little Gem." At the nursery, they are like large shrubs (10 feet tall and 6 feet wide). Somehow, I could inhale this bloom without getting "sugar overload." For a subtle fragrance, it would be pieris and abelia: Their flowers are small and bugle-shaped and pushing your nose to the center of either bloom reveals traces of the flower's nectar.

For touch...the juniper has a coarse texture. Yes, it can scratch, but grab the end of a branch and slowly pull



Nandina. Photo, Gretchen Fallon.

your hand down toward the main trunk and you'll feel a million bendable needles that tickle as they rub against your palm. Grab the branch of a euonymus "Green Spire" and quickly pull on it toward the branch end. It will feel like cool plastic—very refreshing. With the aucuba, take one of its rubbery leaves between the thumb and forefinger, and move it around. Yes, it feels like pliable rubber and it will not break.

And for extremes, take your hand and ever-so-slowly make a fist around the end of the sharply pointed leaf margins of the Chinese holly. You will feel hundreds of what could be sharp pin pricks.

If you don't close your fist, you won't be pinched. With the burning bush, again take the thumb and forefinger and slowly move it down the branch. You will feel "wings" or appendages growing off the branch. It's the only specimen I've seen with such irregular growth.

Then there's the doublefile viburnum, which has pronounced veins that feel like a potato chip with ridges. With the leatherleaf viburnum, the lance-shaped, soft leaf almost feels like Play-Doh that hasn't yet hardened. In the perennials section, feeling the leaf of stachys or Lamb's Ear is a must. Each leaf has thousands of cilia or tiny hairs on the upper side of the leaf. Pinch it and it feels exactly like its name (although I've never lived on a farm, I've been told it does feel like a lamb's ear). Speaking of spongy, one can't forget to squeeze the fruit of a spruce tree. Each cinnamon-colored cone is 4 to 5 inches long with scales like a reptile. Compress it in your hand and it will feel "mushy."

For sound...the Nandina has one-inch-long, thin leaves that actually "whistle" in a breeze. The wind almost blows "through" the shrub. With any of the ornamental grasses (miscanthus genus) there is a "swooshing" sound when the wind is active near the thin grass blades of any of these cultivars.

— Bill Sullivan, www.sullivanlandscaping.net

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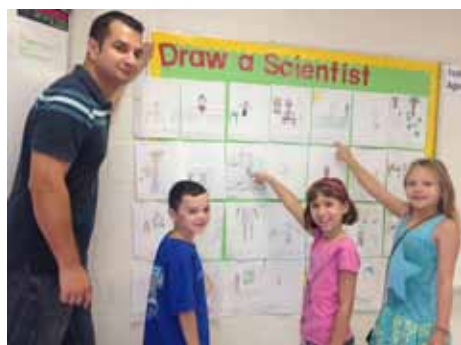
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Honored teacher continues Abingdon's science focus



New Abingdon science teacher and Fairlington resident Matt Tosiello looks at student drawings of scientists with third graders Ben Andy, Olivia Van Hoey, and Gabriella Young-Smith, all Fairlington residents. Photo, Dana Andy.

Abingdon is pleased to welcome Fairlington resident Matt Tosiello as its new lead science teacher. Now in his seventh year of teaching, Mr. T, as he's called by students, has been previously honored as the Arlington Public Schools 2011 Teacher of the Year, and he was one of 21 metropolitan DC area teachers recognized by *The Washington Post* as part of the annual Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards sponsored by The Post Company's Educational Foundation. In 2012, he received the George Washington University Alumni Association Recent Alumni Achievement Award and gave the keynote address at the GWU School of Education commencement exercises in 2011.

Mr. T is the son of two educators who inspired him to become a teacher after a successful career in marketing and public relations for large companies like USA Today, USAirways, Citibank, and JC Penney. Mr. Tosiello is an advocate and ardent supporter of STEM education

(science, technology, engineering, and math). He puts this passion into practice as a teacher trainer and frequent speaker for the Sally Ride Academy, founded by NASA astronaut Dr. Sally Ride. During the recent 2013 summer break, Mr. Tosiello joined the faculty of the Mickelson ExxonMobil Science Teachers Academy in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Complementing his love of science, Mr. Tosiello also has a passion for foreign languages and speaks Japanese, French, and Spanish. He is currently studying Korean at the King Sejong Institute at the Korean Embassy in Washington, DC. After visiting Beijing and Chengdu, China in August as a volunteer site visitor and flight chaperone for AFS-USA and the National Security Language Initiative for Youth, Mr. Tosiello plans to resume his Chinese studies.

"I'm so excited to join the Abingdon school community," said Mr. T. "STEM education is critically important for our nation's future and I'm honored to have the opportunity to interact and engage with students in classrooms both inside and outdoors. As a Fairlington resident, I'm especially pleased with the chance to meet my neighbors and find new ways to collaborate with our enthusiastic and supportive community."

You can spot Mr. T all over Fairlington walking his golden lab, Shelly, "The Super Science Dog."

Library programs encourage reading habits

More than 100 students were recently awarded "Star Reader" medals at the school's annual assembly to recognize and praise students for

reading books throughout summer break. The Abingdon PTA provided the awards after teachers determined which students met summer reading requirements.

The Abingdon PTA is funding another program to encourage student achievement in reading: the visit of acclaimed children's author Jerry Pallotta to Abingdon on Wednesday, October 16. Mr. Pallotta is best known for his "Who Would Win" animal fiction series and various alphabet books. Mr. Pallotta will hold an interactive workshop with all first, second, third, and fourth grade classes. Students will have an opportunity to pre-order one of his books that will be signed by the author during his visit.

Another school-wide reading event that always attracts large crowds and excitement is Library Night. On Tuesday, October 1, the school's literacy team will host the first Library Night of the school year: "Let's Write a Story...You are the Author." Students will receive a free, light meal of pizza and juice, followed by grade-level activities and bonus library check-out time.

Fall Festival coming on October 25

The annual Abingdon PTA Fall Festival will be held at the school on Friday, October 25, from 6 to 8 pm. This year's event co-chairpersons, Julie Brady and Lizzie Lyons, are carrying on the tradition of providing a fun-filled evening for Abingdon families and the Fairlington community. Games, moon-bounces, face-painters, and a cakewalk contest will be among many other activities.

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from government. "I want people to be employed," he said. "Whether in the public or the private sector—it doesn't matter. I'm looking for the highest quality of life for more people." And that may mean, going forward, that government will be called upon to provide more jobs for more people—jobs in, for example, natural resource management, communications, human services, and infrastructure.

At the same time, Mr. Moran acknowledged a growing libertarian sentiment in the country—not just among conservative politicians, but also, increasingly, among voters who are skeptical of the government's competence to spend money wisely and responsibly. But that trend of the moment may simply

cloud what Mr. Moran sees as the essential long-term question: How do we want our country to work?

On these topics and more, Congressman Moran urged constituents to get in touch with his office with questions or comments—his staff, he said, is not only smart and capable, but they're also "really nice people."

For more information, go online to <https://moran.house.gov>. From the Web site, you can sign up for an e-mail newsletter and e-mail updates. You can also contact Congressman Moran at two offices, by phone or postal mail (the numbers are on the Web site). The phone number for his local office in Alexandria is 703-971-4700.



Mr. Moran accepts the gift of a Fairlington T-shirt from FCA president Guy Land. Photo, Gretchen Fallon.

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PTA Fall Festival chairpersons, Abington parents and Fairlington residents Julie Brady and Lizzie Lyons proudly display the Fall Festival sign. Photo, Dan Branch.

For the second year in a row, we are excited to have 25 Wakefield student volunteers offering their time and enthusiasm during the event.

This is a large event and volunteers are always needed, so please e-mail us at abingdonelementarypta@gmail.com if you are willing to help before or during the festival. We expect

another large crowd this year, so please arrive early to purchase tickets. Tickets will be on sale starting at 5:45 pm. Don't stress about rushing home, eating dinner, and trying to get to the festival on time, because we will be selling pizza and drinks in the cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

—Dan Branch, PTA co-president

Fairlington Community Center News

Fall classes

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MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington

Members and their children of the MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington VA© chapter of the International MOMS Club participate in fun activities, service projects, Parent's Night Out, meetings with interesting speakers, and groups such as our walking, dinner, and book clubs. Our weekly age-specific playgroups start as young as birth and go up to 3+ years old. Playgroups are wonderful for kids, but they also offer parents a chance to find support and friendship.

Parents and parents-to-be are welcome to join us for our next general meeting on Wednesday, October 9, at 7:30 pm at the Fairlington Community Center. NB: Note the change of time for this month only; regular meetings are held at 4:30 pm. Children are always welcome. For more information about the club, the meeting, or membership, contact our Membership VP at fairlingtonmomsclub@gmail.com or visit www.fairlingtonmomsclub.com. Annual dues of \$25 support our club activities and charitable projects.

Fairlington Diners

The Fairlington Diners gather a couple of times a month for relaxed dinners nearby. We focus on having a good meal and an opportunity to chat with neighbors. In September, we enjoyed a delicious meal at T.H.A.I. in Shirlington, and our tried-and-true hamburger night at Ramparts.

In October, we'll have the following events:

Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 pm, Lotus Grill & Noodles, 4041 Campbell Ave., Arlington, VA 22206, 703-566-2173. This is a new Vietnamese restaurant several of us have been meaning to try, so come join our exploration of this addition to the Shirlington restaurant scene. The cuisine is French-Vietnamese style, specializing in Pho.

Monday, October 28, 6:30 pm, Ramparts Restaurant, 1700 Fern St., Alexandria, VA 22302, 703-998-6616, www.rampartstavern.com. This is a local favorite that we usually visit monthly. On Mondays, they offer half-price on burgers with the purchase of a beverage, and the rest of the menu is also available.

Please call Carol at 703-379-6840 if you plan to attend, and leave a voice-mail if you don't reach her—include your name and how to contact you the day of the event, in case plans change. If you'd like to be on our e-mail list to receive notice of our events a couple of weeks in advance, please send your e-mail address to carol_dabbs@yahoo.com.

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