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President's Message

October 2025

Last month, FCA welcomed Arlington County Board Member JD Spain to our monthly meeting. Elected in 2024, he spoke to the Fairlington community for the first time. Among the issues he addressed was the future of Fire Station 7 located on S. Abingdon St, next to the STEM preschool. Known as "The Little House," the station has been idle for over six years since the decision was made to close it due to structural concerns. Spain indicated that County staff from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) will work with FCA to engage the Fairlington neighborhood to help determine its future use. Stay tuned for updates on how you can be part of this process.

The loss of Fire Station 7 meant that Fairlington gained a new Arlington County Fire Department (ACFD) community partner in Fire Station 9, located at the top of the Walter Reed hill. The crew from Fire Station 9 has carried on the traditions of being part of Fairlington with their participation in the July 4th Parade and leading the way with Fire Truck Santa in December. We are grateful for this partnership. The second week of October is Fire Prevention Month and Fire Station 9 cordially invites you to their open house on Saturday, October 11. Do your part and check your smoke detectors.

Speaking of being prepared and ACFD, FCA is excited to welcome officers from their community engagement team to the FCA monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 8, at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., at 7 p.m. Officers will lead a free training based on the [Hands2Heart](#) program on how residents can respond to a cardiac arrest and save a life. We hope you can join us!



– Jennifer Davies, president@fca-fairlington.org



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October 4: Rescheduled Outdoor Movie Night

The FCA Outdoor Movie Night has been rescheduled for this **Saturday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m.** on the FCC field. 3308 S. Stafford St. This much-loved

Families are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks to enjoy an evening outdoors together. Weather permitting, the field will be transformed into an open-air theater where friends and neighbors can gather under the stars. Don't forget your bug spray and flashlights!

This year's feature film will be "The Parent Trap" from 1998 with Lindsay Lohan. The evening promises to be full of laughter, fun, and memories made with family and friends. Admission is free, and all residents are welcome to come and share in this special event. Please, no alcoholic beverages are allowed.

Since there's always a chance of inclement weather, check for day-of updates on the [FCA website](#), by email, and on the [FCA Facebook page](#).

We hope to see you there!

— Julie Butler



Arlington County Board Member JD Spain meets with Fairlington residents and FCA Board members including past FCA President Guy Land and current President Jennifer Davies. Photo by Guy Land.

County Board Member JD Spain Speaks to Community

JD Spain addressed the Fairlington community to discuss Arlington County priorities and challenges, as well as responded to local concerns and questions. He noted that growing unemployment has increased demands on nonprofits, which are critical to the community's social safety net. Yet, 2026 may see cuts to programs and services. In addition, Arlington Public Schools (APS) stands to lose \$22 million in federal funding, and the County may be asked to fill the void. One bright spot is the County's zoning change to allow for

office vacancy by 1%. “We are doing better in comparison to others in the region, particularly D.C.”

At the Fairlington neighborhood level, JD spoke briefly about the Shirlington House project, acknowledging concerns about the narrowing of S. 31st St. and added density, but stating it met all development requirements. Regarding the vacant Fire Station 7, JD noted there are currently no immediate plans for it, and it was not in this year’s Capital Improvement Plan. He said there should be a process by which the Fairlington community can work with County staff to determine its future.

JD fielded questions from residents with regards to improving the EV charging stations in the Fairlington Community Center (FCC) parking lot, as well as concerns about long-term parked vehicles near the FCC, particularly along S. Utah St. He acknowledged there was not enough parking enforcement in Arlington and would look into the special zone (permit) parking next to the field. JD thanked the Fairlington attendees and looks forward to attending future events, as he did this year’s July 4th Parade.

– *Jennifer Davies*

Interested in Serving Your Community?

Join the FCA Board

The Fairlington Citizens Association is seeking interested residents to serve on the 2026 FCA Board. Board members set the policies for the association and serve one-year terms. Anyone interested in serving on the board should email FCA President Jennifer Davies at president@fcafairlington.org. All nine seats on the board will be up for election at the December 10 annual meeting. Directors receive no compensation for their service, other than the satisfaction of helping make Fairlington an even greater place to live. For information about what serving on the board entails, contact [any board member](#).

Are You an IT Guru?

The FCA is looking for some technical expertise upgrading its web and communications platforms. This is a great way to help your community—do you have time and IT expertise? Could you offer pro bono or discounted rates? Our current needs include: upgrading website elements, helping to evaluate the web host and email/newsletter platform, and working on back-end updates. If you have time and talent to offer, contact FCA President Jenn Davies at president@fca-fairlington.org.



FAIRLINGTON SEMI-ANNUAL FREE CLOTHING SWAP

*The Villages' Community Center Parking Lot
3005 S Abingdon St*

Photo by Alexis Mahoney.

Semi-Annual Fairlington Free Clothing Swap

The weather is finally getting colder and it's time to start switching out your seasonal clothes! The **11th Semi-Annual Fairlington Free Clothing Swap** will be on **Saturday, October 25**, from **12–3 p.m.** at the Fairlington Villages Community Center (FVCC) parking lot (3005 S. Abingdon St.). Come shop for FREE fall/winter clothing, shoes, and accessories for all ages and genders!

Donations should be good condition, seasonally appropriate clothing and accessories (fall/winter only—no bathing suits, tank tops, shorts, etc.), organized by gender(-ish) and size (Men's and Women's sizes S–XL, Plus Sizes, Maternity, Baby/Kids newborn–5T, S–XL). We also accept shoes, jewelry, handbags/purses, hats, scarves (both fashion and winter), kids' dress-up clothes, and HALLOWEEN costumes—basically anything you can wear. **Drop off donations at the FVCC parking lot on Saturday, October 25, from 8 a.m.–11 a.m.** You do not need to donate in order to shop for items.

Volunteers are needed from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help with sorting, setup, and shopping assistance. And volunteers get to “shop” while they work. Interested in volunteering or have questions? Email Alexis at freeclothingswap@gmail.com. Bring your shopping bags! All remaining items are donated to local charities. Hope to see you there!

– Alexis Mahoney



Fairlingtonians Carrie Lewis and Pat Altuna work the check-in at food distribution. Photo by Jenn Davies.

FCA Supports Food Distribution in Park Shirlington

For over a year, FCA has coordinated a monthly food distribution provided by Capital Area Food Bank in Park Shirlington. The distribution provides fresh produce and pantry staples to a growing number of families, now averaging over 600 people. The distribution is largely staffed by Fairlington volunteers. September was Hunger Action Month and your neighbors helped feed other neighbors. Thank you!

— Jennifer Davies

October Events Calendar

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

Fairlington Outdoor Movie Night

Saturday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.

Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St.

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FCA Monthly Meeting: Arlington County Fire Department

Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m.

Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Room 100

Arlington County Fire Department [Open House](#)

Fairlington Diners

Saturday, October 25, 12 p.m.

[Duangrat's Thai Restaurant](#), 5878 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, 703-820-5775

Excellent Thai cuisine, including luncheon specials, even on Saturdays; parking is on the side away from Bailey's Crossroads when approaching on Rt 7 from Fairlington. Please email carol_dabbs at yahoo dot com not later than 24 hours in advance if you plan to attend--include your name and how to contact you the day of the event, in case plans change. If you want to receive a copy of these notices early in the previous month, send your email address to the above email address.

Voter Registration Ends/Last Day to Request Mail Ballot

Friday, October 24

Fairlington Free Clothing Swap

Saturday, October 25, 12–3 p.m.

Fairlington Villages Community Center (FVCC) parking lot
3005 S. Abingdon St.

Fairlington Book Group

Tuesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.

Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Room 103

The next meeting of the Fairlington Book Group will discuss the book, *Chip War: The Fight for the World's Most Critical Technology*, by Chris Miller. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book.

Happy Fairlington Halloween!

Friday, October 31

Fairlington Moms

Are you a Fairlington Mom looking for more support, play opportunities for kids, or a group of friends in the same period of life for some fun? The Fairlington Moms' Club is the place for you. We offer:

- Playgroups for different age groups, accommodating all moms & schedules
- Family holiday-themed events
- Moms' nights out
- Meal trains and support for when you need it most
- Our very own classifieds listserv and WhatsApp group

All moms welcome! Please email fairlingtonmomsclub@gmail.com for further information.



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Photo by Guy Land.

Fall Fun at the Fairlington Farmers Market

Cool and crisp weather, an abundance of colorful fall produce, pumpkins, gourds, and cider are sure signs it's time to visit the Fairlington Farmers Market.

Join us for our **Halloween special event on October 26: Jack 'o' Looza Costume Contest and Pumpkin Carving!** Show off your Halloween costume and win prizes for most creative, funniest, or scariest costumes. Make Jack 'o' lanterns with our carving and decorating supplies (adult supervision required). Trick-or-treat for candy at the Market Tent.

Mark your calendar for this month's activities:

- October 5: Live Painting by Tenley Brady; music by Pete Erickson
- October 12: Music by Joshua Luongo
- October 19: Fairlington Civic Association; music by John Kamman
- October 26: Halloween; music by Swingology

The market is open every Sunday from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. on the back patio of the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., through November 23. To learn more, visit Fairlington Farmers Market – Field to Table

– *Lynne Blasi*



Abingdon School News

Autumn at Abingdon Elementary!

- Abingdon celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month
- Ways to Support Abingdon Students: [Make sure to renew your membership & Contribute to the Field Trip Fund](#)
- Save the Date: Trunk-or-Treat is Saturday, October 18
- Next PTA Meeting is Monday, November 3



Extension Master Gardener Mary Frase researches a question at the MGNV Help Desk in the Fairlington Community Center.

For the Love of Nature

Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia— Always Open

The growing season is coming to an end and Master Gardener plant clinics and garden days are closing up shop, but plant- and pest-related help is available year-round. Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV) work with Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE), an educational partnership with Virginia's land-grant universities. VCE has offices across Virginia, and the Arlington office is right here in the neighborhood at the Fairlington Community

– *Leslie Cameron*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN Saturday

HOUSE October 11th

All Arlington County Firehouses

10am to 2pm

YOUR

FIND FIRE STATION



The second week of October is Fire Prevention Month and Fire Station 9 cordially invites you to their [Open House](#) on **Saturday, October 11, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**, at 1900 S. Walter Reed Dr. Do your part and check your smoke detectors.



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