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## Notices

### Reminder to Pay Annual Dues

The 2016 dues of \$10.00 per voting member for membership in the Association were due by **January 1, 2016**. You can use the form on the website "Join" page or just send a check to the CCCA Treasurer at 1200 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

### For Quick Updates on Issues and Events

*Like our Facebook page for notifications and check out the website. Both are updated regularly and can keep you well informed.*

# Civic Association Issues

## March 16 CCCA General Meeting

Did you miss this? What a fun evening about Arts, Crafts, Food and Entertainment in Crystal City.

Synetic Theatre founding Artistic Director Paata Tsikurishvili opened, beginning with a bit of background, including how "Synetic" was named, and what drives their productions. "Without words, you feel it, it makes you a part of the performance." Tori Berlucci, Education Outreach Manager, spoke of the various educational programs offered for children and adults, the actor training, and Synetic's community outreach programs.

As the art exhibition space of the Arlington Artists Alliance members, Sanra Douglas-Parker and Jessica Mickey shared information on Gallery Underground ranging from the structure of the gallery to the monthly shows, to the monthly first Friday open house and third Thursday Painting Uncorked, to the various artist studios in the underground, and finally about the musicians and dancers that perform in their space.

On behalf of Jaleo, General Manager Adriana Lucca and Chef Dominick Torlucci mentioned that for 23 years Jaleo has offered tapas, the traditional small dishes of Spain, made from fresh ingredients with imported meats and cheese from Spain and complimented by Spanish wines, which can be purchased by the bottle. In addition to daily meal service, Jaleo, a member of Think Food Group, has different specials and festivals, such as the Flamenco festival, the upcoming Paella day (March 27), the September tomato festival, and the winter clementine festival, as well as participating in restaurant weeks.

Teresa Rusin explained that the TechShop makes inventing accessible. Through their events, workshops, classes, and prototype services TechShop provides a learning community for everyone. Membership provides access to their extensive software and multitude of machines 18 hours daily. To TechShop, it's STEAM, not STEM. The A is for Art.

Through the questions that followed, the presenters informed the attendees that:

- Synetic offer tours, rehearsals are open, and donors can attend special events watching folks work.
- TechShop offers tours daily.

- At Gallery Underground a different artist is creating everyday between 12 and 4pm.
- The Crystal City BID sends a weekly email listing all of the activities that week.
- Synetic, Jaleo, Gallery Underground and TechShop all use various social media tools to get the word out on what is happening in Crystal City.

And then we ate and socialized! Food was provided courtesy of Jaleo. We also got to observe in action the 3D printer brought in from the TechShop.

## Save the Date: May 18 CCCA General Meeting:

Your chance to participate in a dialog with the newest County Board members, Katie Cristol and Christian Dorsey. They will comment on their take on Arlington and Crystal City issues, and you will be able to bring up your questions and suggestions about our community.

## What do you want to know about?

CCCA members are encouraged to send suggestions on future meetings to [board@crystalcitycivic.org](mailto:board@crystalcitycivic.org).

# Crystal City Development and Planning Issues

## Long Bridge Park Finally Wins Out Over Dispute!

We may get our swimming pool after all. Being active and enjoying time with friends and nature: that's what Arlingtonians said loud and clear in a statistically-valid survey the County conducted as part of its update of the Public Spaces Master Plan. Last adopted in 2005, the plan provides a vision and strategies for all of Arlington's park, natural resource and recreation needs. When asked, 70 percent of Arlington households had an interest in the amenities at the planned indoor Aquatic, Health and Fitness Facility at Long Bridge Park. The top amenities are a 50-meter pool, health/fitness training equipment and a family-friendly leisure pool. The survey also asked people how late in the day they want access to outdoor facilities. Sixty-four percent said they would use parks up until 9 p.m. on weekdays. An additional 24 percent would like them available until 10 p.m. Currently, County outdoor facilities are closed when dark, unless they are lighted. [Press release.](#)

## We Need a New School in 22202

Representatives of the CCCA have been participating in the South Arlington Working Group on Arlington County Schools, emphasizing the need for a school in our area to meet the growing population. (The Newsletter has provided regular updates on this progress.) Attached is the letter sent electronically to the Arlington County School Board (with a cc to the Arlington County Board) request that the Arlington Public Schools budget for a new elementary school with in zip code 22202. Four civic associations, including the CCCA, were signatories to the letter.

[School 22202 APS 16.03.11.pdf](#)

## Long Bridge Drive and I-395 Interchange Update

Have you noticed that Long Bridge Drive was not redone all the way to I-395? And the interchange is in horrid shape?

The county is working to complete Long Bridge Drive and redesign the entire interchange. Work on some of the utilities and preliminary street work should begin later this year. The interchange design continues and progress is being made. The current schedule is for reconstruction of the interchange to occur in 2018. For more information about the different alternatives, please check the county's webpage for the project:

<http://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/boundary-channel-drive-interchange/>

## Potomac Yard Big Box Shopping Center To Be Redeveloped

Big changes are afoot directly south of us! Alexandria is beginning a year-long effort to plan for the redevelopment of its North Potomac Yard (Target, Best Buy, Shoppers Food Warehouse) "temporary" commercial center. It plans to replace the existing 600,000 sq. ft. shopping center with 7.5 million square feet of mixed use development, including retail, office, residential and hotels rivaling Crystal City. [For more information on this and the new Potomac Yard Metro station](#)

## Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway

Frequently Asked Questions: Transit Lanes

This week's question about the new bus-only lanes in Crystal City and Potomac Yard, opening this spring: **Can cyclists use the bus lanes?**

- Cyclists are allowed to use the bus lane where arrows are marked on the pavement and the signage

indicates "Bicycles OK," but they may not use the bus lane where a dedicated bike lane exists.

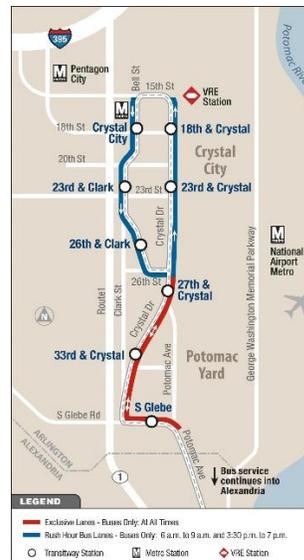
- There is a bike lane adjacent to the bus lane on southbound Clark Street between 20th and 26th Streets and on northbound Crystal Drive between 23rd and 15th Streets.
- Cyclists are not allowed in the exclusive bus lanes in Potomac Yard, which are dedicated to buses 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week. Instead, riders should use the side path next to the bus-only lanes, or use the bike lanes on Potomac Avenue.

Review the full list of [questions and answers](#). If you have a question about or suggestion for our FAQs, send it to [des@arlingtonva.us](mailto:des@arlingtonva.us)

## Understanding Transit Lanes

Check out the latest Fact Sheet with Qs and As on the Crystal City/Potomac Yard Transitway. The FAQ provides clear/reassuring answers beyond what the flyer explains. For example:

- **If I am exiting a driveway next to the bus lane, can I use the bus lane to merge into general traffic?**
- **Yes. Drivers may exit the driveway into the bus lane and then safely merge into the general traffic lane.**



If you have a question about or suggestion for our FAQs, send it to [des@arlingtonva.us](mailto:des@arlingtonva.us). The County is not however speculating about the precise implementation date. <http://transportation.arlingtonva.us/transit-lanes/#faqs>

Download the [transit lanes flyer](#) (includes English and Spanish versions) and help us spread the word by posting it in your building and sharing it with your neighbors.

## New Metroway Service to Pentagon City

Metrobus will add new Sunday service in Greenbelt, extend Metroway to Pentagon City and provide new express buses on the Z line among other changes that take effect March 27 to improve service and reduce crowding. The service changes are part of Metro's Better Bus initiative, a comprehensive effort based on customer feedback to improve reliability and build a better bus experience. For more information view news release:

[http://www.wmata.com/about\\_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=6o88](http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=6o88)

# Arlington County Issues

## Slow Progress on Airport Noise

Joe Pelton reports that the next meeting of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) Noise Committee is March 31. No action seems likely at this meeting with information still be exchanged. A chart about excessive noise event has been put together from data supplied by MWAA. It shows Rosslyn as being among the very highest impact area. Additional flight statistics since 2009 are available at the MWAA website:

<http://www.mwaa.com/about/reagan-air-traffic-statistics? ga=1.210135446.246031587.1459118116>.

Joe Pelton and Steve Geiger are Arlington County representatives.

## Watch Commission Meetings Anywhere, Anytime

Starting in April, meetings of the Arlington County Planning and Transportation commissions will begin broadcasting live on the County's cable channel, and streaming on the County website. The broadcasts/webcasting are part of the County's [Open Government](#) program, which aims to make County Government — and the decision-making process — more accessible, transparent and efficient.

## Arlington to Submit Five Projects for I-66 Corridor Improvements Grant Program

The Arlington County Board today approved the submission of five projects for funding under a regional grant program for I-66 corridor improvements. The projects are intended to help move more people and increase travel options along I-66 as tolling is implemented on the highway. The grant program is

being administered by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) as part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) [Transform I-66 Inside the Beltway Project](#). The Transform I-66 project will convert I-66 inside the Capital Beltway to dynamically-priced toll lanes during rush hours in the peak directions.

## Public Meeting: Sign Regulations for Regional Shopping Centers

Arlington County Government meeting: You're invited! Please join us for a public meeting to discuss the vision for enhanced sign regulations at Arlington's regional shopping centers, Ballston Quarter and Fashion Centre at Pentagon City.

Thursday, April 7, 2016, 7 – 9 PM  
Key Elementary School  
Multipurpose Room  
2300 Key Boulevard

## Other News:

OAR's 8th Annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast

April 6 - 7:45 AM to 9:00 AM

Crystal Gateway Marriott - 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy

OAR will hold its 8th Annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 7:45am to 9:00am at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Crystal City. This event is the organization's largest annual fundraiser. 600 guests are expected this year including elected officials, dignitaries, community partners, donors, volunteers, and those interested in learning more about OAR. Guests are treated to a free, hot breakfast and a program full of guest speakers, client stories and a video about OAR's programs. Attendees are asked to consider making a donation to OAR, with no minimum or maximum donation required. Please RSVP here.

## Virginia dooring law for bikers: Now Stay off the sidewalks

Virginia lawmakers gave bicyclists reason to cheer March 7 by passing a measure that would bring the commonwealth in line with dozens of other states and make "dooring" a traffic violation punishable by a fine. An exception is that the law focuses only on the driver-side door and exempts people from opening the door on the side away from traffic. With this new legal protection, bikers should stay off the sidewalks. Note:

This is a recurring problem in Crystal City around the Water Park where bikers come off the George Washington bike trail, but stay on the sidewalk. See the Washington Post article.

### **Arlington Historical Society Event: Becoming Madison**

Join the Arlington Historical Society, on Thursday, April 14, 2016, as we host Dr. Michael Singer, author of *Becoming Madison: The Extra Ordinary Origins of the Least Likely Founding Father*. The program will take place at 7:00 PM in Reinsch Library Auditorium at Marymount University.

### **Wednesdays in the Garden**

April 6, 13, 20, and 27, 7 to 9 p.m., Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington. This series, taught by Arlington Food Assistance Center volunteers and by VCE Master Gardeners, is designed to teach gardening skills to a wide audience. April sessions will take place in the second floor conference room. Topics are: April 6, Growing Superfoods; April 13, Container Gardens for Edibles; April 20, Edible Landscaping & Fruit in the Garden; April 27, Water, Irrigation, Ollas & Rain Barrels. Free; no need to register. To confirm topics and locations, check the Arlington Library Events Calendar at <http://library.arlingtonva.us/> or call the library at 703-228-5990.

### **Crystal Rolls: Street Hockey**

1900 Crystal Drive  
Thursdays from April through May  
Welcome to USS Street Hockey! DC Social's great league in Crystal City is now powered by USS and we are PUMPED for this Spring season! There's no skill requirement - new to the sport? Great! Former olympian at Street Hockey? Perfect! Everyone is welcome! More info and registration can be found here.

### **5K Fridays**

2121 Crystal Drive

**Fridays in April - 6:30 PM**

Every Friday in April, Crystal City hosts this popular evening race where you can hit the pavement after work and head to dinner or a local watering hole after crossing the finish line. Runners that register for the entire series will receive a complimentary Crystal Run shirt. Click here to register.

### **Farmers Market to Open**

The Crystal City Farmers Market will open April 5 from 3-7 pm between 18th and 20th Streets.

### **Mobile Bike Repair**

1900 Crystal Drive

Thursdays, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The weekly Mobile Bike Repair station will be open at Food Truck Thursdays for bike service every week starting April 7th. If you need a bike repair or simply a tune-up, show up onsite where walk-ups are welcome. You can also schedule an appointment by emailing [roman.m.semenov@gmail.com](mailto:roman.m.semenov@gmail.com).

### **296 Project**

**Crystal City Shops @ 2100**

The 296 Project provides every possible resource, supply, workshop, social program and art therapy session completely free of charge for anyone who's ever served our great nation, their spouses, and child dependents. See a list of their events and programs at [www.the296project.org](http://www.the296project.org).

### **National Walking Day**

April 6, 2016 - 11:30am-1:30pm

Join Arlington Transportation Partners to celebrate health and fitness on National Walking Day at the Crystal City Water Park. Stop by for a free ATP Water Bottle (supplies limited) and visit with TechShop, PotBelly's and Virginia Hospital Center. Register today or learn more.

### **DMV2go**

1900 Crystal Drive

**Thursdays, April 7, June 2, August 4 & November 3, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

DMV2Go is a handicapped-accessible full service office-on-wheels that is equipped to process all DMV transactions including: apply for or renew your ID card - available for adults and children, apply for or renew your driver's license, get a copy of your driving record, apply for certified copies of Virginia birth certificates, get fishing and hunting licenses, and much more!

### **Crystal City BID News**

If you're not yet set up to receive the weekly Newsletter from the Business Improvement District (BID) of happenings in Crystal City, you can view the November 30 Newsletter [here](#) and sign up.

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