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Civic Association Issues

CCCA Meeting April 3

Since Amazon is coming first to Crystal City this year, the CCCA is hosting an Amazon representative to share company plans for its new headquarters in Crystal City and then Pentagon City. This will be the first opportunity for Amazon to introduce itself to residents, its philosophy, and its desire to be a "good neighbor." We are reminding folks that this is a private, civic association meeting which is limited to residents of Crystal City, Pentagon City/Aurora Highlands, and Arlington Ridge. No press. Any guests must be approved in advance through board@crystalcitycivic.org.

Note: We are moving temporarily to a larger space at the Westin Hotel since there is so much interest in this topic and the meeting is open to 22202 residents.

Crystal City Development and Amazon

County Board Approves Amazon Incentives

After four hours of testimony, the Arlington County Board approved the County's proposed direct financial incentive to Amazon, an annual pay-for-performance grant valued at approximately \$23 million, tied to the company meeting targets of occupying 6 million square feet of office space over the next 15 years. The incentive will come from a percentage of the new incremental revenue generated by the County's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), which is a tax paid on hotel rooms or other paid lodging.

The County also committed to using a portion of new incremental revenue generated by Amazon's arrival within the existing Crystal City, Potomac Yard, Pentagon City Tax Increment Financing (TIF) area to make strategic infrastructure investments in and around

National Landing. The estimated new TIF revenue is projected to be \$28 million over 10 years. TIF is a mechanism to support development and redevelopment by capturing the projected increase in property tax revenues in the area and investing those funds in improvements in that area. The Board, and senior County staff, have heard from thousands of Arlingtonians, through dozens of community engagement opportunities, including virtual panel discussions, town halls, community listening sessions, and Saturday's public hearing. The County has maintained and continuously updated a robust website on all aspects of Amazon's HQ2 plan, and produced numerous flyers. Amazon has maintained its own website to answer questions on key topics from the community.

Amazon's choice to locate in the area dubbed National Landing comes as the region is intensifying its efforts to increase the supply of housing and investing more in affordable housing. Arlington and Alexandria already have strong existing commitments to funding and supporting efforts to create, protect and preserve affordable and workforce housing. With new revenues generated by Amazon, both communities will fund affordable housing, workforce housing and public infrastructure. The two communities together plan to invest at least \$150 million over the next decade in affordable housing, resulting in the creation and preservation of 2,000 to 2,400 affordable and workforce units in and around the Crystal City, Pentagon City and Columbia Pike areas and throughout Alexandria. Of that, Arlington plans to invest \$7 million a year for 10 years, with the goal of creating 1,000 affordable housing units in and around the Amazon project area.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has also pledged to provide \$15 million per year for five years, at least, to support housing affordability in areas impacted by Amazon. [Read the County's press release here.](#)

Raucous Testimony on Amazon

In a sometimes raucous public hearing, about 100 speakers addressed the County Board either pro or con approving the Amazon incentives. The Board listened to almost



four hours of public comment, both in favor and against the Amazon incentive package before the vote. Holly Sullivan, who was among the leaders of the e-commerce giant's HQ2 search, attended to answer questions. Dozens spoke in favor of the deal, including CEOs, property owners and members of chambers of commerce from throughout

the region. They shared a similar message: HQ2 would bring prosperity, thousands of jobs and could decrease the double-digit office vacancy in Arlington caused by the military's last round of base realignment and closure. But those who oppose Amazon and its arrival in Arlington had a different message. They said Amazon does not need the county's money, contending HQ2 will worsen the region's housing shortage and cause rents to increase, displacing minority community members.

[Read one account here.](#)

Decision Was Never In Doubt

The 5-0 vote was the final action granting local and state subsidies to the online retail giant as part of its much-publicized plan to create at least 25,000 jobs over 12 years in the Northern Virginia suburb. The vote came at the end of six hours of testimony and debate in which supporters touted the project's economic benefits while opponents warned that the influx of highly paid workers would raise housing prices and displace lower-income residents. The outcome was never really in doubt because board members had signaled for weeks that they intended to back the plan, which surveys showed had broad support. "It's the most cost-effective agreement we've ever negotiated," Board Chair Christian Dorsey (D) said. The county expects to reap \$14 in new tax revenue for every \$1 it spends in subsidies. [Read Washington Post article here.](#)

After Amazon HQ2 approval, what happens now?

HQ2 staffing will start with 400 employees this year and another 1,100 in 2020. At this point we don't know if those will be transplants from Seattle or local hires, but Holly Sullivan, who was among the leaders of the e-commerce giant's HQ2 search, said Amazon hopes "to hire all 25,000 locally." One major concern for those who attended the county board meeting Saturday was what kind of workforce agreement Amazon and JBG Smith might have in place on these developments. Sullivan said the company was already in talks to make some kind of fair agreement. [Read more here.](#)

Amazon to Launch New Grocery-Store Business

Amazon is considering opening grocery stores in several cities — including somewhere in Washington, D.C. — and has already signed leases, according to The Wall Street Journal. The stores could open late this year and early next, though there is a chance the company could change its mind if conditions are not right, according to the report. It's unclear where Amazon would open in the region, but there is a chance it could be a stone's throw

from HQ2. JBG Smith Properties got approval from the Arlington County board to upgrade the retail section of Crystal City's commercial core in late 2018. Besides a new four-story retail building anchored by Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, JBG Smith's development is expected to include a grocery store in the existing office building at 1550 Crystal Drive. This would be on the same block where Amazon expects to lease two JBG Smith properties, 1770 Crystal Drive and 241 18th St. S, for its initial Arlington phase of HQ2. [Read more here.](#)

Amazon might be dropping plans to cut Whole Foods prices

Amazon.com Inc. might be dropping the idea of making Whole Foods Market's products less expensive not long after many analysts feared Amazon's ability to lower prices could dramatically change the supermarket industry. Amazon is launching a new grocery store chain based largely on providing wider variety and lower prices than its Whole Foods Market does. The Wall Street Journal previously reported Whole Foods is raising prices on about 550 items as a result of pressures from consumer product companies. Now, investment website the Motley Fool says the combination of those factors might mean Amazon has thrown in the towel on significantly cutting Whole Foods prices. [Read more here.](#)

County Plans Incremental Transportation Projects Alongside Major Efforts to Prepare for Amazon

With Amazon hoping to open a headquarters in Arlington, Crystal City's transportation network can't seem to stay out of the spotlight. Major redevelopment is coming whether or not local resistance turns the e-commerce giant away, but the attention-grabbing headlines and all-at-once infrastructure proposals don't reveal how mobility investment is a gradual process — or how Crystal City has been steadily improving its transportation infrastructure since long before the HQ2 contest even began. [Read more here.](#)

Amazon Could Take Advantage of a Tech Incentive Program to Generate Hefty Tax Savings

Once Amazon starts to move into Arlington, the company could take advantage of a little-used county incentive program for tech firms to substantially slash its local tax burden. Documents released in late January show that Arlington officials explicitly pitched the tech giant on the prospect of scoring major tax savings through the county's "Technology Zone" program, back when they were still wooing Amazon last year. Created

in 2001 and last updated in 2014, the program was designed to provide incentives for high-tech businesses to move to Arlington by offering significantly reduced rates for the county's "Business, Professional and Occupational License" tax in certain neighborhoods.

[Read more here.](#)

Amazon exec describes breakdown of future HQ2 workforce

While Amazon has said about half of the 25,000 HQ2 jobs here will be tech-related, we now know a bit more about the breakdown. Of those tech jobs, somewhere between 35 percent to 40 percent of Amazon's corporate jobs are software engineers. In all, "the tech jobs will be computer science, machine learning and artificial intelligence, things like that." As for the non-tech jobs, "they are usually financing, economists, marketing, the kind of things you would expect to see."

[Read more here.](#)

Crystal City Development and Planning Issues

JBG Smith seeking approval for Amazon HQ2 building upgrades at 1800 S. Bell Street

The developer submitted plans March 7 to make common area improvements throughout the 12-story, 221,000-square-foot 1800 S. Bell St., to be leased in full by Amazon. JBG Smith has retained Hickok Cole Architects and Hitt Contracting to design and build out the interior alterations. It's only an incremental step, both in terms of required permits Amazon will need to move into the building and HQ2's larger anticipated footprint of around 6 million square feet over time.

[Read more here.](#)

Update on 1770 and 1900 Crystal Drive

The promised new crosswalk from the Waterpark to the 1770 Crystal Drive entrance to Crystal Square will be in place in **early May**, to resume easy access into 1770 from the south.

Loud, heavy demolition is underway at 1800 S. Bell Street and 1770 Crystal Drive, two of three buildings near the Crystal City Metro station that Amazon plans to lease from JBG Smith. The aging office buildings are being refurbished prior to Amazon's arrival. Lighter

construction is underway at 241 18th Street S., which is also part of Amazon's plans but which has other, existing tenants. [Read more here.](#)

CSX Construction of Access Point Is As planned

If you read our Facebook posts or get our Newsletter as a member of the CCCA (we're quoted in [the ArlNow.com article](#)), you already knew what was going to happen at the corner of 12th Street and Crystal Drive. Construction at the Aquatic Center in Long Bridge Park required CSX to move its access temporarily. Once the road is completed, CSX will replant trees and bushes, more than were there before.

VRE Station Update

The VRE Board recently authorized the process to initiate a procurement for preliminary engineering (30 percent design) and environmental documentation. The contract will also give VRE the option to advance the design to 100 percent through an amendment. A contract might be awarded in June or July. Once VRE issues a notice to proceed, they will convene a technical advisory group meeting, in which a CCCA representative participates.

After Amazon, Developer Adds Units to Planned Apartment Building Near HQ2

Last fall, developer LCOR Inc. filed a preliminary site plan application for a 285-unit multi-family and retail development at the intersection of 12th Street S. and S. Eads Street, on the site of a low-slung Verizon building and parking lot. In February, three months after Amazon announced that it would be building its massive "HQ2" across the street, the developer upped the requested number of units in the 19-story building to 306 units, according to county records. LCOR has said that it will provide additional community benefits in exchange for the added density. The revised February application also reduced the planned retail space on the ground floor from 12,194 square feet down to 10,908 square feet.

[Read more here.](#)

Missed the MWAA South Eads Street lot public meeting? Here's what you need to know

County officials held a meeting on March 18 to update the community on efforts to mitigate traffic congestion at the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's (MWAA) Uber/Lyft lot on South Eads Street and to discuss the results of changes to date. The meeting included representatives from MWAA, Uber and Lyft. [Read the meeting presentation \(pdf\)](#) Since the lot began operation in April 2018, residents have provided feedback to the County about their experiences traveling

in this area. We are looking for input to help prioritize issues that need to be addressed. Send your comments using our [online form](#) by **Friday, April 19**. [Visit the project page](#).

Updating of Dominion Energy Substation

Dominion Energy plans to update aging infrastructure at its Glebe Road Substation to a Gas Insulated System (GIS). The benefits of the new technology will allow them to condense the equipment within the current footprint and incorporate a "landing point" for an underground transmission line which will take the place of the existing overhead line that currently crosses Four Mile Run. The overhead line and transition station in Alexandria (Potomac Yard) will be removed. The security of the station will be brought up to standards with a new, tighter meshed fence. The project timeline is currently anticipated to be 3-4 years. This project was filed with state regulators, the State Corporation Commission (SCC), on 3/7/19. They will soon give a procedural order which will lay out dates for public comment. The SCC process will be approximately 1 year, and construction will be 2-3 years dependent on permitting, transmission outage regulations, and construction practices. There are not any foreseen electrical outages that will be noticeable to the customers. [The project website](#) gives a historical summary.

Crystal Drive Two-Way Conversion Phase 3

The construction contract for the final phase of the



Crystal Drive two-way conversion was approved by the County Board in September 2018.

Construction started in February 2019 and is scheduled to last

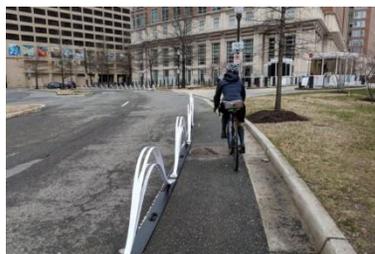
approximately 9 months.

What to expect during construction: Work hours will be 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. No weekend work is planned during this project. There are no complete road closures planned for the duration of construction. There will be temporary lane closures throughout construction, but at least one lane will remain open on both 27th Street and Crystal Drive. There will be periodic sidewalk closures during construction. Pedestrians should follow the detour signs

and not enter active construction zones during these closures. [Read more on the Project page](#).

Cyclists Can Now Test Out Experimental Protected Bike Lanes in Crystal City, Potomac Yard

Bicyclists in Potomac Yard and Crystal City might've



noticed some funky new protected bike lanes around town — but some of them won't be sticking around for long. The lanes popped up this week to coincide with

the "National Bike Summit," a gathering of cycling activists held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. [Read more here](#).

County Considers Lowering Speed Limit Along Busy Pentagon City Street

County officials are proposing changing the speed limit along S. Hayes Street as the road runs between Army Navy Drive and 15th Street S. It currently has posted speed limits of 35 and 30 miles per hour along different stretches of the road, but the county could bump that down to 25 miles per hour. The Crystal City Business Improvement District requested a study of the speed limit along that section of the street, which runs past major developments, including the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City and Pentagon Centre, as well as the neighborhood's Metro station. [Read more here](#).

Government Contractor Establishing New Headquarters In Pentagon City

A technology company that builds thermal imaging systems for the U.S. military is establishing a new headquarters in Pentagon City. FLIR Systems announced Thursday it plans to open a 30K SF headquarters facility in the Pentagon Row mixed-use complex at 1201 South Joyce St. [Read more here](#).

Stores Close and Open in Pentagon City Mall and Pentagon Centre

Haagen-Dazs closed last Feb. 27 because the store "is being updated to the newest Haagen-Dazs finishes," including "counters, wall tile, floor tile and equipment." [Read more here](#).

Invicta Watch store will be in between the Pandora Jewelry location and the Papyrus stationary store. The mall's website says that Invicta is currently set to open by May 1. [Read more here](#).

A new women's fashion boutique Windsor is on the way for the Pentagon City mall. The shop will be located next to a Lids location and the Life in D.C. store on the third floor. Windsor is set to open by April 1, according to the mall's website. [Read more here.](#)

The Starbucks located at the Pentagon Centre development, also home to the area's Nordstrom Rack, Best Buy and Costco. Mall rats and Metro users will not have to travel far to get their caffeine fix, however: the chain's other stores located inside the Pentagon City mall, on 1201 S. Fern St, and S. Joyce St. remain open. [Read more here.](#)

Arlington County Issues

Proposed Real Property Tax Increase

A public hearing on the real property tax increase will be held on April 4, 2019, at 7 pm or as soon thereafter as possible in room 307, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. After the hearing, the County Board may adopt a tax rate lower than \$1.0205 per \$100 of assessed value, but it cannot adopt higher rate. [Read more here.](#)

County Board Signals Support for Library Collections Budget Increase

The County Board is moving closer to approving the first increase in the Arlington Public Library's (APL) collections budget since 2014. The proposal is part of the FY2020 budget sketched out by County Manager Mark Schwartz, which allocates \$300,000 to APL's budget for books and other materials for rent. The Board expressed broad support for beefing up the library's budget during a work session March 5. APL's chief materials manager Peter Petruski presented that increasing the budget would help reduce the e-book hold times which have been "climbing precipitously."

[Read more here.](#)

County Board Advertises Draft MTP Bike Element Update to the Community!

On March 16, 2019, the Arlington County Board voted 5-0 to advertise the draft Master Transportation Plan (MTP) Bike Element Update to the community. The plan will go before the Transportation Commission and Planning Commission before the County Board will hear the matter at their April 23, 2019 meeting. Public comment at each meeting is welcomed and encouraged.

[Read more here.](#)

County's Recycling Costs Continue to Rise, Glass's Future Still Uncertain

Arlington County's costs for recycling is continuing to rise after a Chinese ban last year, officials say, but most of what residents place in the recycling bin is still getting recycled. Costs for processing recyclables have risen from \$15.73 per ton to \$28.62 per ton in the last six months as the value of things like paper and plastics is plummeting, Arlington's chief of solid waste Erik Grabowsky told [ARLnow](#). Recyclables remain cheaper than trash, which costs the county \$43.16 per ton, but the industry lost the primary way items get recycled. "To find out how to properly dispose of items, check out our [Where Does It Go?](#) directory."

Small Biz Focus: Arlington – The #1 Digital County in the U.S.

For the third consecutive year, Arlington County was ranked the #1 Digital County in the United States. But what does this really mean? What is a digital county and why should Arlington residents and businesses care about residing in one? Well, you may know that the internet (ARPANET), GPS, Siri and other high-profile technological advancements were pioneered right here in Arlington, thanks to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency calling the County home for decades (see that historical placard in Rosslyn re: the creation of the internet? DARPA now calls Ballston home). But it isn't the many innovations that have been envisioned within the boundaries of the County that has led to this distinguished title, it is County government's efforts to tap these technologies to positively impact the efficiencies and effectiveness of government programs. [Read more here.](#)

Arlington's Spring Cleaning for Water Pipes Begins March 25

From March 25 through May 6, Arlington's safe and dependable drinking water may taste slightly different as the regional supply system undergoes its annual spring cleaning. Crews at the Washington Aqueduct will begin the temporary disinfectant switch from chloramine to chlorine. The annual switch is part of a routine program to clean and maintain the drinking water systems. The Aqueduct also adds a corrosion control inhibitor during the switch to prevent the potential release of lead in system pipes throughout the region. Extensive research in Arlington has never found any lead service lines or lead pipes inside homes. Running the cold water tap for about two minutes, using water filters and letting water sit in a container in the refrigerator are generally effective for removing chlorine taste and odor.

Arlington Can Now Rename Jefferson Davis Highway



Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring issued an opinion that Arlington County can, in fact, initiate a renaming of Jefferson Davis Highway (Route 1) within its borders. After years of unsuccessfully pushing for

state legislation to allow it, the Arlington County Board can now just go ahead and pick a new name for “J-D Highway” and ask the Commonwealth Transportation Board to make it so, bypassing the change-resistant General Assembly. [Read more here.](#)

But should we rename? [. Read more here.](#)

Arlington Announces New “Brigade” of Neutral Facilitators

Representatives from seven neighborhoods in north and south Arlington. Strong commitment to community engagement. Fluency in four languages. Diverse facilitation skill sets. And a passion for Arlington County. The Neighborhood College graduates selected as neutral facilitators for the County’s recently launched Arlington Engagement Brigade (AEB) bring a wealth of experience and expertise that will help expand the County’s public engagement landscape. The seven members — Tania Bougebrayel, Minneh Kane, Rafael Sampayo, Kitty Clark Stevenson, Alyson Jordan Tomaszewski, Thao Tran, and



Tandra Turner — were selected from a range of applications submitted during last year’s recruitment process.

“This team will help us pilot an innovative program for Arlington County that will be one of the first of its kind in the country,” said Roger Munter, Arlington County’s Director of Public Engagement. “The AEB will focus on our larger engagement initiatives, specifically those where a neutral presence will add value to the process and increase community trust.” Establishing a cohort of neutral facilitators for community engagement on County projects and initiatives is a key objective in Arlington’s Public Engagement Action Plan. The plan was developed in December 2017 with input from the community, and the desire for neutral facilitators emerged as a top priority for participants. [Read more here.](#)

‘I Voted Sticker’ Design Contest Announcement

The Arlington Electoral Board is proud to announce our first “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest. The winning design will be used throughout Arlington Votes projects and outreach campaigns. It will also be printed on stickers distributed to voters, and adapted by the Arlington Electoral Board for use for ‘Future Voter’, ‘Absentee/By Mail Voter’, and/or other digital stickers. [Read more and submit here.](#)

Pothole Season is Here

Winter has given way to spring, and with it comes Arlington’s annual milling and paving season, when older, deteriorated streets are resurfaced. Be on the lookout for door hangers, distributed 48 hours prior to the paving on your street. [See the 2019 Paving Projects Map.](#) Pesky pothole providing problems? [Report it here. \(“Streets” > “Pothole”\)](#)

Arlington Once Again Ranked ‘Best City to Live in America’

Arlington has once again been ranked as the “Best City to Live in America” by the online review service Niche. The website awarded the county with its top marks in part due to its high-quality public schools, low crime rate, abundant nightlife options and walkability. Niche calculates the rankings each year, and last named Arlington to its top spot in 2016. [Read more here.](#)

Bolt Brings Its Dockless Scooters to Arlington, Becoming Seventh Company in the County

Yet another company is now offering dockless electric scooters around Arlington, as Bolt has now become the seventh firm operating in the county. Bolt first began renting out its scooters in Arlington Feb. 27 county transportation spokesman Eric Balliet told ARLnow. Like its six other competitors, the company is participating in the county’s pilot program for dockless vehicle providers, which is set to run through the summer and help Arlington officials determine the best way to regulate the technology. [Read more here.](#)

Environmental Collection & Recycling Event

Arlington County will hold its biannual Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE) on Saturday, **May 4** from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1425 N Quincy St (directly across the street from Washington-Lee High School and the David M. Brown Planetarium). E-CARE is an event where residents can safely dispose of hazardous household materials (HHM), recycle bikes, small metal items and much more! For a full list of acceptable items, go to www.arlingtonva.us or to Google and search “E-CARE.” Pro tip: Pack your vehicle

in reverse order of E-CARE drop-off. So electronics go in first, HHM next, then lastly and most accessible – metals and bicycles. It'll make unloading much faster.

Other Issues

After 80 years, the Memorial Bridge is getting a massive makeover

Work on the south side of the bridge began in 2018 and should be completed this year. Work will then shift to the north side. That procedure is being used to permit traffic on the bridge while the repair is underway. About 68,000 vehicles used the span daily before the project began. Traffic is down to about 51,000 a day, the Park Service said. [Read more here.](#)

National Airport Project Journey Update

The final phases of below-ground and at-grade construction of new structures at Reagan National Airport are setting the stage for an exciting and visible transformation that will become more apparent to



travelers flying to and from the airport as 2019 progresses. Carefully coordinated changes along terminal roadways and inside terminals will facilitate

construction while maintaining regular operations as much as possible to accommodate 24 million passengers per year. As the aerial photo shows, work areas are fully engaged with activity at several different sites that are surrounded by travelers on the go.

With construction of new foundations making progress in front of Terminal B/C, the ongoing reduction of lane capacity on roads outside Baggage Claim will continue for the rest of the year. Pile drilling and installation operations have moved closer to the building, blocking several exit doors from the terminal to the curbside.



Signs direct passengers to the center doors to reach taxis, ride app pick-up and private vehicle pick-up zones. This

ongoing work will mean more frequent traffic backups

near the terminal through spring and summer as travel volumes increase.

To offer an alternative to curbside congestion, the airport allows free parking in Terminal Garages up to 60 minutes. This provides private vehicle drivers a convenient place to drop off, wait for or pick up passengers away from the most congested areas. Also, the longer grace period brings new relevance to the option of parking and walking inside to greet your passenger. Patrons who park can exit each garage seamlessly by inserting their ticket at any "express" lane – avoiding the cashier line.

Airport roadway traffic is generally busiest on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays after 2 p.m. Each night between midnight and 9 a.m., additional lane closures and traffic detours are possible, because construction activity is busiest overnight. Tune to AM 1640 while on airport roads for the latest traffic pattern updates. Sign up for Project Journey updates [here](#). [Read more on Project Journey here.](#)

Metro shutdown and survey

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), which operates Metrorail, has announced that **all stations south of the Ronald Reagan National Airport Station will be closed between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2019.** The extended closure will allow WMATA to address long-standing and extensive repairs needed for the continued safe operation of three outdoor station platforms. Single-Tracking and temporary work were considered, but estimated to extend the repair timeline to several years. The Metro Board chose instead to enact the temporary closure.

[Take the survey](#)

In addition, Metro is advising customers that the contractor will conduct pre-construction activities over the weekend of **May 4-5**, requiring the closure of all six stations south of Reagan National Airport. Additional weekend outages may be necessary before the start of around-the-clock construction on Saturday, **May 25.**

Building an Eco Teen Action Network

A Fundraiser for Global Co Lab Network's work highlighting teen leadership and community collaboration in the DMV and across the world on sustainable development will be held **April 6** from 5:30-8:30 pm at 241 S. 18th Street. Featured will be a new local Arlington documentary "StyrofoamMom." Nine global winners will be announced of Teens Dream Video Contest on 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. Teens discuss actions on consumption and production, climate change, zero hunger and building a local teen

leadership network to save our planet. What businesses are doing locally on sustainable development. For more info contact Linda Staheli at lstaheli@globalcolab.net.

Easter Bunny Hopping Over to Pentagon City Mall Next Month

The fluffy, often bespectacled mascot of Christianity's second-most-celebrated holiday will be on hand for photos with children at the Pentagon City mall starting on Friday, **April 5**. Little ones are invited to ring in the season with a special Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City on Saturday, **April 13** from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. The festive morning will include a cookie decorating station as well as a special appearance by the Easter Bunny! Breakfast is \$42 per person, excluding tax and gratuity. For reservations, please call **703.412.2728**. [Read more here.](#)

Ball-Sellers House Season Opening: April 6

Greetings, You and your neighbors and friends are invited to the festivities of the Ball-Sellers House Season Opening on **April 6** starting at 1:00 pm. The Arlington Historical Society welcomes you to celebrate history with colonial and revolutionary era music by musicians from the Monumental City Ancient Fife and Drum Corps. These living history musicians will perform at 1:00 sharing musical favorites that the 18th century residents of the oldest house in Arlington county would have enjoyed. They'll answer questions about music and music making from that period. Then perform again! We also will be providing free docent-led house tours and colonial era sweet treats. This is a unique historical reenacting event for visitors of all ages. The house is located at 5620 3rd Street, South in Arlington VA 22204. Questions? Please email the Arlington Historical Society at info@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org or call us at 703-892-42402.

Arlington Neighborhood Village Coffee and Conversation for April

Everyone is invited to join Arlington Neighborhood Village's "Coffee and Conversation" series. Bring your own coffee, learn interesting things about our community, become familiar with Arlington Neighborhood Village, and hear from the speakers listed below. No RSVP Needed. Wednesdays in April from 10 - 11 am at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 South 16th Street. Free parking is available in the adjacent lot.

April 3: Lucky Severson, long time television newsman and author of "Lucky From Virgin" will describe his adventures traveling the globe as a correspondent for NBC, PBS and the Discovery Channel.

April 10: Bonnie O'Leary, Certified Hearing Loss Support Specialist and Outreach Manager for the Northern Virginia Resource Center and Hard of Hearing Persons will talk about "Hearing Aids: Beware and Be Wise!". No Sales Involved.

April 17: Donna Pastore, ANV member and volunteer, will talk about and demonstrate Amazon's home assistant Alexa.

April 24: Laurie Young from Arlington's Commission on Aging will discuss the Arlington Age Friendly Initiative with AARP Livable Communities and other Commission on Aging activities.

Trash & Treasure

The Aurora Hills 55+ Advisory Committee holds an annual Trash and Treasure Sale on Sat., April 27, 9:30-1:30 p.m. Come find your very own treasure at this neighborhood rummage sale: household goods, decorative items, small appliances, games & toys, jewelry, luggage and craft supplies galore! All proceeds benefit Aurora Hills Senior Center programs. Drop off donations on Fri., April 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. [Details.](#)

Crosshairs Garage Races

201 12th St S, **Saturdays thru April 6**, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. The race series returns to Crystal City for its 10th anniversary this year. Starting on April 5, runners can race each Friday starting 6:30 p.m. Billed as the area's "fittest happy hour," Crystal City 5K Fridays give race participants tickets for exclusive bars after they finish. Crosshairs Garage Races (named "The Best Use of a Garage that Doesn't Involve Your Car" in 2018 by Washingtonian Magazine) returns for the fifth year of the region's ONLY underground bike race! [Learn More.](#)

Food Truck Thursdays

220 20th St & The Grounds (1102 S Eads St), **Thursdays thru September**, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Get your lunchtime Food Truck fix at Food Truck Thursday from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the lot at 220 Twentieth Street and at The Grounds (1102 S Eads St)! Sign up for alerts from Curbside Kitchen to get updates about which food trucks will be onsite each week: [Learn More.](#)

5k Fridays

2121 Crystal Dr, **Fridays in April**, 6:30 p.m. Who wants to spend extra time in your stiff work clothes, fatigued at a Friday happy hour? That's why you gotta love your favorite spring evening race series, the Crystal City 5k Fridays. [Learn More.](#)

EarthFest

Join us for a special Earth Day festival Wed., **April 17**, 10 a.m.-noon at Arlington Mill Community & Senior Center

to learn about compost, recycling, energy efficiency and much more! Play recycling games, learn how to compost and create upcycled art. Stations will include representatives from AIRE, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Environmental Services, Arlington Art Truck, Remove Invasive Plants, Creative Arts, Fitness, and more. This free activity takes place over spring break, and all ages are invited! [Details.](#)

With Rising Demand From Boomers, Senior Housing Developers Shift To More Urban Projects

Gone are the days of sleepy, gated retirement communities in secluded, suburban settings. Millions of baby boomers reaching retirement age today are demanding a more urban style of living, and developers are beginning to respond. Mather LifeWays last year proposed a senior housing project in Tysons, Virginia, that will feature two high-rise towers of 27 and 18 stories within a half-mile of the McLean Metro station. The company has previously built a senior living project with 10- and 12-story towers in an urban setting in Evanston, Illinois, but the Tysons project will be its most high-density development to date. The trend of baby boomers seeking urban-style communities in amenity-rich neighborhoods is similar to the way their millennial counterparts have transformed the apartment market, Morgan said. [Read more here.](#)

The Connection Library

For events at the Pop Up Library, see the [calendar page.](#)

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