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# Civic Association Issues

## CCCA Meeting June 20

### “911 –what’s your emergency? “

An excellent informative meeting. Captain Wayne Vincent, Commander of the second police district, along with Sgt Lafley, Officer Butzer, provided a good overview of the situation in Crystal city, repeating that we are lucky to live in our area where crime is low. There are 370 officers in the County, and statistics for Crystal City are pretty good, with the exception that 17 cars have been broken into this year, largely from intruders “piggy backing” on people opening doors with their fobs and letting them in. There were many questions asked, ranging from the homeless under the bridges to ways to report crime, to theft of signs. Handouts on personal safety and phone numbers to call to report crime are posted on the CCCA website.

Fire Chief Captain Tiffanye Wesley then answered questions about the fire and emergency services provided by her Aurora station. IN response to a question about Hazardous Material being transported on the CSX trains, she stated that their HazMat Manager reports “close to zero hazmat” passes through Arlington. She noted that the C ounty’s busiest engine is at the Aurora station (called out about 12 times a day), as well as the medic (about 10-12 times a day). Aurora’s assets are augmented by those of the airport Alexandria, and Ft Myer—the closest unit is always the one called to get to a call within 4 minutes. Captain Wesley is famous, having appeared on the Harry Connick Jr show in November, challenging him to a modified physical test that firefighters must pass to be accepted. [See it here.](#)

## Next CCCA Meetings

We are making tentative plans for a September meeting, though the topic is not yet set. In October we may partner with our sister civic associations in 22202 for a candidates’ forum prior to the November election. Our Annual General Meeting with elections will be in November. Stay tuned for more details.

# Crystal City Development and Planning Issues

## VRE Station in Crystal City



Two clear issues arose from the June 7 VRE meetings in Crystal City: location of the new station (3 options) and the need to solve the train horn noise problem.

**1. Location of VRE Station:** VRE presented three options for location of the new station and extended platform: 1) south from entrance to Long Bridge Park stretching behind Water Park Towers to current station location; 2) from current station location stretching south of Crystal Park and Crystal Place and exiting through a commercial building next to Crystal Park; 3) surrounding a commercial building at 2100/2200 Crystal Drive. The first two options will definitely impact the quality of life for Crystal City residents, whereas the third will affect office buildings. Our concern is that the County sees this decision as a strictly transportation issue and has preferred option 2 from the start on the assumption that it is the closest to the Metro.

[See June 7 presentation here:](#)

**2. Train Horn Noise:** The CCCA has been advocating for two years that Crystal City should be a “quiet zone” where the incoming trains (VRE, Amtrak, and CSX) do not have to blow their horns. We negotiated with CSX that horns would not be blown when the VRE station is closed, and that has made a major difference to our quality of life. However, CSX told us that until safety controls are installed at an upgraded VRE station, they cannot tell train engineers not to sound a warning horn when entering the VRE station during VRE open hours. Our only hope for solving the train horn problem is an upgraded VRE station with the appropriate safety and warning measures that will allow CSX to show flexibility in its operational policies and stop the horns from blowing. County and VRE lawyer Steve Maclsaac is working with VRE and CSX to find a solution, and the CCCA and others have offered assistance to weigh in with CSX.

**Comment:** The County Board’s meeting, where they decide on the preferred option which they will want to

convey to VRE, will take place on September 16. At that meeting, the general public will be allowed to testify. Three days earlier, on September 13, the Transportation Commission will hold the meeting where they will fully discuss the VRE station issue and decide on their advice to the County Board. This meeting will also offer an opportunity for the public to testify. However, in the case of a choice between the two, the CCCA strongly recommends that priority be given to the County Board meeting.

In the meantime, many of us attended an Arlington County Board Work Session on VRE Plans & Major Projects which took place on June 28. Some 30-40 residents also attended the June 29 Transportation Commission meeting, and 10 provided public comment supporting the community's unified advocacy for option 3 and calling for a solution to the train horn problem.

We have repeatedly called for the Planning Commission to also be involved since these are quality of life issues, but the County has so far treated this strictly as a technical transportation issue. VRE acknowledged at the June 28 working session of the Board that Crystal City is unique in that it is the only station in the VRE system located so close to residential properties. There will be another Transportation Committee meeting September 13 before the full Board meeting September 16. Concept Design, Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Documentation will take place after that. A petition is being circulated out of the 1805 Crystal Park Condominium.

### **VRE Statement on June 27, 2017 Accident**

Wednesday's tragic incident involving a teenaged girl killed on a train trestle in Northern Virginia is a sad reminder that being on train tracks and trestles can have deadly consequences. Our thoughts are with this young woman's family, friends, community and the train crew involved.

Operation Lifesaver is committed to protecting families and communities from having to endure these preventable tragedies through our national awareness campaign, See Tracks? Think Train! Our goal is to raise awareness of rail safety – and empower the public to keep themselves safe near tracks and trains. We encourage people to review and share our safety tips with their family and friends to help prevent others from risking their lives. [Read them here.](#)

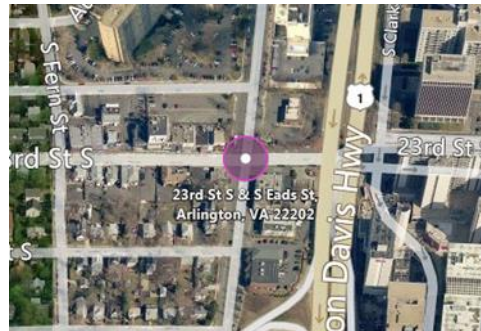
### **Vornado/JBG Merger set for July 7**

Vornado Realty Trust (NYSE: VNO) announced June 26 that the merger of its D.C. business with most assets of the JBG Cos., forming the monster real estate investment trust JBG Smith Properties, will be made

official on July 7. But its common shares will not be available on the New York Stock Exchange until July 18.

[Read more here.](#)

### **Traffic Changes Coming: 23rd St at Eads, Route 1**



The County is preparing to implement traffic changes at the intersections of 23rd Street and South Eads Street and 23rd

Street and Route 1 to address an increase in back-ups during morning peak periods. The re-striping of the intersections is anticipated to occur next week.

#### 23rd Street and South Eads Street

In the northbound direction on South Eads at 23rd Street, a right turn pocket (lane) will be added to help facilitate right turns and lessen backups in the through lane. In order to add the right turn lane, three parking spaces will be removed on the South Eads/23rd Street corner.

#### 23rd Street and Route 1

In the eastbound direction on 23rd Street at Route 1, the current curbside lane that is a right-through lane will become a right-turn-only lane to improve traffic flow. Signal timing adjustments will be made to support this change at the time of re-marking the turn lane.

#### Bikeshare Station on Eads Street at 23rd Street

The County is developing a plan to relocate the Capital Bikeshare station on Eads Street north of 23rd, in order to re-stripe the southbound approach at the intersection to include a right-turn-only lane, a through lane, and a left-turn-only lane. This re-striping will first require installing pavement markings at the new station location and then moving the Bikeshare station. We anticipate relocating the station one block to the north, just north of the intersection with 22nd Street South.

### **1395 Express Lanes Construction Project**

The early works phase of the 395 Express Lanes project is coming to a close with construction expected to begin this summer. The remaining early works activities will be minimally disruptive, short-term efforts with brief impacts to traffic in the vicinity of the work.

The following can be expected in the upcoming weeks:

- Survey work and small soil borings will continue throughout the corridor through July 2017
- Survey activity will take place along the Right-of-Way in the vicinity of proposed sound walls, and along roadways approaching the project corridor. This work will focus on locating underground utilities that might conflict with a conduit duct intended to transmit power and communication signals to future signs and traffic cameras at the following locations:
  - Seminary Road between N. Beauregard Street to N. Pickett Street
  - Army Navy Drive between Fern Street and Route 1
  - S. Eads Street between the 395 corridor and 15th Street S.
  - S. Washington Boulevard between the 395 corridor and N Boundary Channel Drive
- On-going sound wall analysis will continue

For more information on the 395 Express Lanes project and to sign up for updates, please visit the project website at [395expresslanes.com](http://395expresslanes.com), or [facebook.com/395expresslanes](https://facebook.com/395expresslanes).

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or feedback to provide: Jennifer Kellar, Lane Construction/AECOM Design-Build Team, 443-794-2682, [jennifer.kellar@aecom.com](mailto:jennifer.kellar@aecom.com).

### South Park at Potomac Yards



If you want a closer look at the three concept plans, and additional context as to how they were developed, please refer to the most recent presentation:

<https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2017/05/South-Park-Meeting-3-Presentation-05-03-17.pdf>

The next public meeting will provide a summary of the survey results and feature one draft park concept plan for the community to evaluate. This meeting will be in late June or early July. Notifications will be sent out once the date is finalized.

### Century Center Project

*The Century Center development project (at 23rd and Crystal Drive) is now in the middle of the formal approval process. A hearing in the Transportation Commission took place on June 29 and will be followed by a hearing in the Planning Commission on July 5. This high-quality project, which sends a signal that new development in Crystal City has not completely fizzled out, is fully supported by all three Civic Associations in the vicinity (Crystal City, Aurora Highlands and Arlington Ridge). However, in the context of this approval process, the three Civic Associations are jointly drawing the County's attention to a flawed process for evaluating the traffic impact of new projects beyond just its perimeter. Such analysis tends to take a narrow and piecemeal approach rather than a broad and holistic one. Similarly, there is a concern that the County is focusing in a one-sided fashion on obtaining reassurance from the landowner that the project will not have a negative impact on the traffic situation. But there is not much attention to the issue of the County doing its part in ensuring that known bottlenecks and trouble spots in the vicinity of the project site are removed or remedied, so that the success of the new project is not undermined.*

### New Movie Theater for Crystal City

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema has signed on to anchor JBG Smith's conversion of an aging Crystal City office building at 1750 Crystal Drive into a residential and retail development. JBG Cos. Principal Kai Reynolds, the future JBG Smith co-chief development officer, said on a recent investor call that JBG Smith — as it will be called after the third-quarter merger of The JBG Cos. and Vornado Realty Trust's D.C. business — has a signed lease with the Austin, Texas-based movie theater chain and is close to a letter of intent with a specialty grocer for the property.

The proposal is an amended and augmented version of a plan that Vornado (NYSE: VNO), Crystal City's dominant landowner, has worked on for several years. The Vornado plan is listed as "inactive" by Arlington County. In 2015, Vornado earned Arlington's approval to modernize and reskin the 12-story, 250,000-square-foot 1750 Crystal Drive — at that time the home of the U.S. Marshals Service — with glass and metal. A year later, Vornado submitted a plan to add a multiplex and retail to the same square, above the Crystal City Shops at Crystal Drive and 18th Street South. The building will get a new address: 1770 Crystal Drive.

The 1770 Crystal plan is key to JBG Smith's long-term vision for Crystal City, Kelly said. JBG Smith, which will trade on the New York Stock Exchange as "JBGS," plans 650 new residential units and 120,000 square feet of new

retail in the first phase, between 1770 Crystal and two additional projects at 1800 S. Bell and 2121 Crystal Drive, neither of which have been detailed. [Read more in bizjournals.com.](#)

### Software Startup Receives Grant After Crystal City Move

A software startup received a \$35,000 grant at Saturday's Arlington County Board meeting after relocating to Crystal City last year. Stardog is one of two companies to receive a Gazelle Grant, an incentive program from Arlington Economic Development for fast-growing companies to locate in the county. The other company to receive a grant so far, Videoblocks, announced it would move to Courthouse last month. It will receive \$110,000.

Stardog moved to 1400 Crystal Drive in September, having launched in 2005 in the Shaw neighborhood of D.C. CEO Kendall Clark said the company helps businesses bring together internal data from various different sources. Under the terms of the grant, Stardog must create 70 new full-time jobs at its Arlington office and lease 3,500 square feet of office space. If, by the end of 2019, it has not hit 90 percent of its space target and 50 percent of its employment target, it will have to pay back some or all of the grant. [Read more at ArlNow.com.](#)

### Crystal Gateway Marriott Showcases New Renovations

The Crystal Gateway Marriott hotel at 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway in Crystal City showed off some of its recently-completed renovations yesterday. Major upgrades were made to the guest rooms, imparting a more modern design and moving away from the hotel's red and gold color scheme to a royal blue one. The hotel also gave a taste of its new restaurant 15th & Eads, named after the intersection it sits on. Included were mixed drinks served in mason jars, a selection of flatbread pizza, sliced meats and cheeses and made-to-order samples of New York strip steak. [Read more here.](#)

### Celebrating And Anticipating Positive Change In Crystal City

The Crystal City Business Improvement District team congregated with stakeholders, friends, elected officials and board members on June 12 to celebrate another year of positive change in Arlington's largest downtown. The event featured lively discussion of exciting future developments in the area. Crystal City will be the site of several new landscape-altering construction projects in the near future, including the second phase of Long Bridge Park, which encompasses an aquatic center, and

several high-priority county road infrastructure projects. Over a thousand new residential units are in the pipeline, including LCOR's Altaire, now under construction, Vornado/Charles E. Smith's Metropolitan Park 6 project and the recently approved Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group residential project at Century Center. [Read more in BizNow.com.](#)

### Reagan National about to begin its \$1 billion improvement project

A \$1 billion construction project at Reagan National Airport that promises to ease traveler congestion is about to get underway. Project Journey, as the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority calls it, is a multiyear effort to deliver a new commuter concourse and two new security checkpoints serving terminals B, B/C and C. The \$245 million checkpoint project is up first. While prep work is already underway, the demolition of two hangars (Nos. 11 and 12) and the former MWAA office building at One Aviation Circle should begin in mid-July, said Rob Yingling, MWAA spokesman. The VIP Parking Lot will become a construction staging area later this summer, MWAA said. And airport passengers will start seeing construction possibly affect their movement come November, when road improvement work is set to begin, Yingling said. MWAA said roadway work will take place during off-peak hours, largely between midnight and 9 a.m. [Read more in Bizjournals.com.](#)

### Bubble Tea Cafe Now Open at Pentagon City Mall

A new bubble tea cafe opened recently at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City mall. Kokee Tea opened on the food court level of the mall in April. By coincidence, it is located next to the Bubbles hair salon.

### North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan Update

Arlington staff are reviewing Master Plan Amendment #2017-003 in the City of Alexandria for the North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan Update. The amendment will be heard by the Alexandria Planning Commission on June 6, 2017 and the City Council on June 13, 2017.

The update would allow for the existing Target and shopping center to remain for longer than originally planned and redevelopment to proceed on the former theater site including the new Metrorail station. Neighboring civic associations and the Crystal City Citizens Review Council have been notified.

### Construction Progressing At New Potomac Yard Church and Apartment Building

Work at a new Potomac Yard apartment building set to include a new church is well underway. The County Board approved the addition of a church to the first and

second floors of the 12-story residential building in 2015. The building was originally approved in 2007 but went unbuilt for some time. Now, however, the site between Jefferson Davis Highway, 33rd Street S., 35th Street S. and S. Ball Street has been cleared by construction crews, with foundations set to be laid soon. [Read more in the ArlNow.com article.](#)

### Crystal City Water Park Concession Stand Has Closed



The concession's last day was June 16, after landlord Vornado declined to renew vendor Adel Ishak's lease. Ishak, who was a prominent attorney in Egypt

before he fled to the United States with his family due to safety concerns, had run the kiosk for at least six years. ArlNow.com has learned that landlord Vornado — soon to be JBG Smith — is planning an expanded retail presence in the park, perhaps a more full-featured restaurant or a beer garden. [Read more here.](#)

## Arlington County Issues

### Army Opts Out of Land Exchange with Arlington County

The U.S. Army has informed Arlington County that it will no longer pursue a land exchange with the County. The Army has said it will use the entire former Navy Annex site, along Columbia Pike, to expand Arlington National Cemetery. Columbia Pike and Southgate Road will be realigned and the Columbia Pike/Washington Boulevard interchange will be modified. The realigned Southgate Road will carry traffic coming to and from Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall. The Realigned Columbia Pike will be rebuilt in a manner consistent with the County's Columbia Pike Multimodal Project, as a four-lane roadway with a sidewalk and a shared-use path, improved landscaping, enhanced lighting and undergrounding of utilities.

The County now will negotiate with the Army to ensure that Arlington and its taxpayers receive fair compensation for the County-owned land as the Army pursues its acquisition. The County also will work with the Army to commemorate historic Freedman's Village in a meaningful way at a site as close to the original site of the village, as possible. The original village was

located just north of the Navy Annex site. [Read more here.](#)

### Celebrate July 4th at Long Bridge Park



Arlington's FREE July 4th event returns for its sixth year! Join in the fun with a food truck rally, drop-in lawn kickball games and contests, free face painting, moon bounces, balloon art and a great view of Washington, DC's fireworks display! The live music stage will be rocking with Jeff From Accounting and Steve Lauri! No on-site parking; free shuttles will run continuously from Pentagon City and Crystal City Metro stations. Please visit the [event webpage](#) for more details.

### TRAFFIC ALERT: July 4th Road Closures

The Arlington County Police Department, Virginia State Police, United States Park Police, and the Virginia Department of Transportation will close several roadways on **Tuesday, July 4th, 2017**. These closures are designed to facilitate the safe passage of large crowds for the Independence Day events and fireworks. Listed below are the streets and times that will be affected:

#### 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM

- Memorial Bridge / Memorial Circle

#### 1:00 PM to 11:00 PM

- Marshall Drive from Route 110 to N. Meade Street
- N. Meade St. from N. 14th St. to Marshall Drive

#### 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM

- Meade Street from Marshall Drive to Route 50 (access to the Ft. Myer Heights neighborhood will be from the Rhodes Street bridge); Exit ramp from westbound Route 50 to N. Lynn Street (Rosslyn exit)
- Exit ramp from eastbound Route 50 to N. Meade Street (Rosslyn exit)
- Long Bridge Drive from Boundary Channel Drive to S. 10th Street

#### 8:30 PM to 11:00 PM

- Eastbound Route 50 at Washington Boulevard. All traffic diverted from Route 50 on ramps to East and West Washington Boulevard

- Eastbound N. 10th ramp to eastbound Route 50 will be closed, all traffic diverted to westbound Route 50
- Courthouse Rd. ramp to eastbound Route 50 will be closed, all traffic diverted to westbound Route 50 or N. 10th Street
- Pershing Drive at Route 50 will only be allowed westbound
- Eastbound N. Fairfax Drive from N. Pierce Street to N. Fort Myer Drive
- Columbia Pike between S. Orme Street and S. Joyce Street
- Joyce Street between Army Navy Drive and Columbia Pike

Street parking in the areas of the United States Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima), Long Bridge Park, and the Air Force Memorial will be restricted. Motorists should be on the lookout for temporary "No Parking" signs. Illegally parked vehicles may be ticketed or towed. If your vehicle is towed from a public street, please call 703-558-2222.

Arlington County residents and visitors are also reminded of the following:

- Alcoholic beverages, grills, and fireworks are prohibited on county and federal parkland during Independence Day events.
- Vendors will not be allowed in the area of the United States Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima).
- Coolers and backpacks will be subject to search upon entry to the United States Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima) and Long Bridge Park.

Attendees are strongly encouraged to use public transportation. The Rosslyn Metro stop is approximately 5 blocks north of the United States Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima), and the Air Force Memorial is within walking distance of the Pentagon City Metro station. Arlington County will be running shuttle buses to Long Bridge Park from the Crystal City and Pentagon City Metro stations.

Any questions about traffic or street closings should be directed to the Emergency Communications Center 703-558-2222. Any information about planned July 4th events in the county can be viewed on the [county webpage](#).

### Accessory Homestay (Airbnb) Permit

REMINDER: On July 1, 2017, a \$63 filing fee is required for [Accessory Homestay applications](#). This new fee is in accordance with the County Board's adoption of a revised zoning fee schedule on April 22, 2017.

### Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Update

Arlington County is in the process of updating the 2005 Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP). The purpose of the PSMP Update is to assess various aspects of Arlington's public space system and provide strategies for the future for the full breadth of public spaces, including all of the parks, natural resource and recreational needs that make up that system. The community and park and recreation stakeholders will be fully engaged in the process. Help Arlington plan for our parks and recreation places and spaces. Attend a public meeting (July 13, 14 or 15) to provide feedback on the draft Public Spaces Master Plan. Learn from interactive stations and brief presentations and share your ideas. Prior to the meetings, the draft will be posted online for review and comments. [Get more information here.](#)

### Intersection, Trail and Bridge Improvement Contracts

#### Safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists

The County Board authorized a \$2 million contract with Sagres Construction Corporation for safety improvements to two of the County's most heavily used bicycle trails. The project will improve three intersections along the W&OD shared-use trail near South Four Mile Run Drive – at South George Mason Drive, at the signalized entrance to the Barcroft Sports Complex and at South Oakland Street – and along the Custis Trail at the intersections of Lee Highway and North Scott Street, North Quinn Street and North Oak Street.

#### Bridge repairs and demolition

A \$358,000 contract was authorized for Fort Myer Construction Company Corporation to repair three bridges in Rosslyn – the North Nash Street pedestrian bridge south of Key Boulevard, the 17th Street North bridge over Ft. Myer Drive, and the Ft. Myer Drive pedestrian bridge north of Wilson Boulevard. The repairs will prevent further deterioration and will extend the life of these structures. County PAYGO funds will be used for this work.

### Turf Wars: Arlington Magazine

Check out the article in the July/August issue on the tensions between competing interests for use of the County's fields and parks. With only 11% of County land devoted to parks and open space, the problem is not going away. Written by Kim O'Connell who lives in Aurora Highlands, there are many references to the parks in our 22202 area.

## Public Hearings Set for Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Map Update



The Arlington

County Board will hold a public hearing on an update to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area map, also called the Resource Protection Area (RPA) map, on **July 15, 2017**. The updated map includes additional streams and wetlands defined by the County's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance as Resource Protection Areas. It also includes a number of corrections based on more accurate field data. The Board also set a public hearing before the Planning Commission on the proposed update for **July 5, 2017**. The revised RPA map will be considered by the County Board for adoption at the **July 15, 2017**, meeting. If adopted, the new map would take effect in January 2018.

The more accurate map will help Arlington protect environmentally sensitive lands near streams and ensure that the County can comply with local and State regulations. It will allow the County to review development projects fairly and provide accurate information to residents and other stakeholders. [Read more here.](#)

### Gunston Field Update

With the help of the Arlington Sports Foundation in the form of a grant, Arlington County will be converting the Gunston Diamond Field from a natural turf softball field to a synthetic turf field. The conversion will add almost 880 new possible playing hours to the field. [Learn more about the project here.](#)

### Carla de la Pava wins Treasurers' Association of Virginia's President's Award

Arlington County Treasurer Carla de la Pava received the President's Award at the 2017 Treasurers' Association of Virginia (TAV) annual conference in Virginia Beach. De la Pava was commended for providing excellent service to the citizens of Arlington County and for her contributions to the Association. Stafford County Treasurer Laura M. Rudy, outgoing TAV President,

presented the award to de la Pava, "In appreciation and recognition of her leadership and years of dedicated service to the Treasurers' Association of Virginia." De la Pava was elected Treasurer of Arlington County in 2014. Prior to being elected Treasurer, she served as Chief Deputy Treasurer for six years. She is the first female and first Hispanic to be elected Treasurer in Arlington. One measure of a Treasurer's Office's effectiveness is the tax delinquency rate, which in Arlington in 2016 was an all-time low of 0.24 percent and is recognized as the lowest in Virginia. [See press release.](#)

### Police Participate in Discussion on Regional Law Enforcement Efforts to Curb Heroin/Opioid Abuse and Save Lives

On Thursday, June 15, 2017, the Arlington County Police Department, in conjunction with local law enforcement partners, participated in a discussion on regional law enforcement efforts aimed at reducing the growing heroin/opiate epidemic. As part of this effort, a variety of enforcement and education actions were taken by departments across the region.

In Arlington County, officers focused on the education and awareness components of heroin use and addiction. Heroin addiction is a growing epidemic that is ruining lives and destroying families. As such, the Arlington County Police Department strongly encourages substances users and their family members to seek assistance. [Read here for the treatment facilities located in Arlington County:](#)

### The Connection Library

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

Make-It Tuesdays. Make something cool. Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25, 4-5 p.m. (RSVP for reminder)

Build a Better World: TEDTalk Screenings. Take a coffee break and change your day, your perspective, even your life. Fridays in July, 3:00 p.m

### Department of Environmental Services (DES)

Lots of interesting events coming up this summer, including Firefly Festival, River Palooza, Cool Creek Critters, and Four Mile Run Walk. [Check them out here.](#)

### Staff Continues to Develop Residential Parking Working Group Recommendation

Here is an update on the Residential Parking Working Group since asking for your feedback in April. Staff continues to develop a recommendation for the County Board that incorporates the Working Group recommendation to the County Manager, input from the



County's Advisory Commissions and feedback from members of the community about the Working Group's proposal. If you participated in our online survey in April, thank you again!

We will let you know when we have a recommendation that we can present to the Advisory Commissions and the Board. In the meantime, thank you for your continued interest in this project and let me know if you have questions. Stephen Crim, Parking Planner, [scrim@arlingtonva.us](mailto:scrim@arlingtonva.us), 703-228-7494

### More Route 110 Lane Closures

ArlNow.com reports that Lanes will close on Route 110 near the Pentagon early June for up to two months as part of a state construction project. The right lane of northbound Route 110 at Washington Blvd will close Wednesday night and the right lane of southbound Route 110 will close Thursday night at the same interchange.

The Virginia Department of Transportation said the closures are to remove and rebuild the bridge piers on the shoulders. Message signs alerting motorists to the lane closures are in place. The left lane of northbound Route 110 and the left lane of southbound Route 110, which have been closed since early April to reconstruct the bridge pier in the median, will reopen Tuesday night. The work is part of the Route 27 over Route 110 project, which is scheduled for completion next spring. The project will modify and repair the Washington Blvd bridge, including widening it and making it longer, wider and taller than the existing bridge.

### New ART and STAR Fares Effective June 25

The Arlington County Board has approved fare increases for Arlington Transit (ART) and Specialized Transportation for Arlington Residents (STAR), the County's transit service for people with disabilities. The new fares will take effect on June 25, 2017.

The ART adult fare will increase from \$1.75 to \$2.00 and the ART discount fare for seniors, students and people with disabilities will increase from \$0.85 to \$1.00. STAR Zone 1 fare will increase from \$3.50 to \$4.00, the STAR Zone 2 fare will increase from \$5.00 to \$5.50 and the Zone 3 fare will increase from \$9.00 to \$9.50. [Read more details here.](#)

### Arlington County Reaffirms Commitment to Climate Action

Arlington County supports the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda and the commitment of communities across the nation to uphold the Paris Agreement Goals under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. On Monday, June 5, Arlington joined

mayors, governors, college and university leaders, businesses and investors in signing "WE ARE STILL IN," an open letter to the international community and parties to the Paris Agreement saying these entities – already primarily responsible for the dramatic decrease in greenhouse gas emissions in recent years, will multiply and accelerate their actions, whatever policies the federal government may pursue. The Board will consider a climate action resolution later this month.

[Read more here.](#)

### Calling All Millennials

[Share your thoughts and views](#) on what issues and topics are of interest to you and how to get more millennials involved and engaged in the County.

### Police Now Accepting Applications for Citizen's Police Academy

The Arlington County Police Department is now accepting applications for the fall Citizen's Police Academy. The 21st Citizen's Police Academy will begin on Thursday, September 7, 2017. The Academy will consist of 12 sessions that meet on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at police headquarters located at 1425 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia. The Citizen's Police Academy is designed to create better understanding and communication between citizens and the police through education and provide comprehensive information about the operations of the Arlington County Police Department. Some of the topics of discussion include: police hiring, legal considerations, use of force, vehicle operations, community engagement, K9, SWAT and mental health crisis intervention. Individuals who wish to apply will be subject to a background check. Applications are due no later than Friday, July 7, 2017. Individuals seeking additional information about the Citizen's Police Academy may contact the Training and Career Development Unit at 703-228-4247 or by email at [ACPDTTraining@arlingtonva.us](mailto:ACPDTTraining@arlingtonva.us).

### Report Suggests Uber and Lyft Could Help Boost County's Transit

A new report says Arlington County should use ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft to supplement underperforming ART bus routes and better connect residents with Metro stations. Graduate students at George Mason University's Schar School of Government and Policy compiled strategies to improve transit in the county, and concluded that using ride-hailing is one way to do so. The solution of using the likes of Uber and Lyft to supplement buses on routes that are underutilized is based on a similar program in Pinellas County, Florida

called Direct Connect. Through the program, the county pays for half of a commuter's Uber fare if it begins and ends at certain points and stays within a specific area.

[Read more in the ArlNow.com article.](#)

## NVTA Seeks Public Input on Draft Transaction Plan

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) seeks public input on its newly released Draft TransAction Plan and associated Project List through July 23. The Draft TransAction Plan and its Project List are available at [NVTATransAction.org](http://NVTATransAction.org) and in person at the NVTA office weekdays from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

By 2040, population in Northern Virginia is forecast to increase by 24 percent, and employment by 37 percent. Attention to the regional transportation system is critical in addressing the projected increase in traffic congestion and crowding on transit services. Aimed at significantly improving the regional transportation network, the Draft Transaction Plan identifies more than 350 candidate projects and \$44 billion in unmet transportation needs. The candidate projects are multimodal in nature and vary in scope from expanded infrastructure to new capacity across modes.

The public comment period is open now through midnight July 23, 2017. [See press release on how Northern Virginia residents can submit comments in three ways:](#)

For more information on the TransAction Draft Plan visit: [NVTATransAction.org](http://NVTATransAction.org). Send your comments by July 23, 2017 to [TransActionUpdate@NVTATransAction.org](mailto:TransActionUpdate@NVTATransAction.org) or NVTA, 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22031

## Other Issues

### Arlington's Vanished Businesses

The Arlington Historical Society and Marymount University's Department of History and Politics will host Charlie Clark to discuss Arlington's Vanished Businesses. The event will be held in Marymount University's Reinsch Library Auditorium at 7:00 on Thursday, July 13, 2017.

Causal Adventure is fading away after 60 years on Washington Boulevard. A building is going up where Colony House furniture long dwelt in Rosslyn off I-66. The popular Willow restaurant closed two years ago after a decade on Fairfax Drive. Join us at our July lecture to hear columnist a local historian Charlie "Our Man in Arlington" Clark perform an interactive talk on vanished

businesses of Arlington, going back to the early 20th century. Be prepared to share your own recollection of favorites that went away.

This program is free and open to the public. It is part of a monthly series of public programs sponsored by the Arlington Historical Society. For more information, please go to the Arlington Historical Society website at: [www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org)

### Registration Open: Crystal City Twiligher 5k

Saturday, July 22nd ~ 8:30pm; 2121 Crystal Drive

Bypass the height of the heat and make your midsummer night's jaunt through the streets of Crystal City with the [Crystal City Twiligher!](#)

### Alexandria City Council wants more input before voting on Old Town BID plan

The controversial proposal to create a business improvement district for Old Town Alexandria will get more review and more feedback before potentially moving forward. The Alexandria City Council moved on June 27 to spend the summer gathering additional opinion from business and property owners within modified proposed BID boundaries and, depending on what they hear, put a new ordinance up for a vote no later than October. [Read more here.](#)

### Arlington firm says its data leak of millions of voters occurred 'without our knowledge'

An Arlington-based data firm has dominated headlines after it unintentionally leaked the personal information of almost every registered American voter. According to Gizmodo, the leaked information from Deep Root Analytics includes voter addresses and phone numbers, as well as information about their positions on certain issues. Roughly 198 million of America's 200 million registered voters had their information leaked, or roughly 60 percent of the entire American population.

[Read more here.](#) [And here.](#)

### 'Minority Nerd' Convention Coming to Crystal City

BlerDCon, an "exclusively inclusive" convention for geeks of all colors and backgrounds, arrives at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City (2799 Jefferson Davis Hwy) today. BlerDCon strives to help people embrace their inner nerd across a variety of genres, including "anime, comic books, sci-fi, gaming or cosplay." It's taking place **June 30 through Sunday, July 2.**

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