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# HAPPY JULY 4!

This month's Newsletter was delayed due to the Editor's travels. August may be delayed as well.

## Where to Watch the Fireworks in Arlington

Looking for a spot to watch the National Fireworks? Look no further than Arlington, home to some of the best views of the Independence Day display. [Favorite viewing spots](#) have perches for photographers, green space for picnickers, and views of the monuments.

## Road Closures, Flyovers and More

The Arlington County Police Department, Virginia State Police, U.S. Park Police, and VDOT will close multiple roadways on July 4th -- [see the full list and times of closures](#)

The Memorial Bridge is CLOSED TO PEDESTRIANS on July 4. Also, the Memorial Bridge and Memorial Circle on the Virginia end will be closed and off limits to vehicles on July 4.

There will be military flyovers taking place along the National Mall on the 4th of July (between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.) Arlington residents and visitors might hear an increase in air traffic noise..

On July 4, the FAA will suspend operations at Reagan Airport from 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.; Operations will also be impacted from 9:00 p.m.-9:45 p.m.

# Civic Association Issues

## CCCA Meeting June 3

Our June 3 meeting was on "Security, Safety, and Mobility in Crystal City." At the beginning, **Pat Carroll** of the Arlington County Legislative Department briefed us on "What's Next?" in renaming Jefferson Davis Highway. Then we had a panel: 1) **Captain Wayne Vincent**, head of Police Outreach for Arlington County, spoke on Security and crime in Crystal City, using a PowerPoint presentation; 2) **Eric Goldstein**, Chair of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) talked about "Safety Issues for Pedestrians and Bikers"; and 3) **Jim Larsen** of the County Transportation Mobility Team and Shared

Mobility Devices Pilot Program showed a PowerPoint on "Scooters and Dockless Bikes." The two PowerPoint presentations are on our [CCCA website](#).

## Next CCCA Meeting September 12

We have confirmation from our Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey and Vice Chair Libby Garvey that they will come for a conversation on "Livability in Crystal City" with the CCCA at our September 12 meeting. This will be in the middle of a lot of development issues, including Amazon's plans for HQ2. Mark your calendars as this will be a great opportunity to hear from our Board members, ask your questions, and have a conversation on the new "Livability Framework."

## Livability Framework

Recognizing that the pace of development in the 22202 area is expected to surge from mid-2019 onwards, and that recent community forums have shown that livability is a primary concern in our neighborhoods, the leadership of Crystal City, Aurora Highlands and Arlington Ridge Civic Associations coordinated to develop a "Livability Framework" ([click here to download](#)). This document articulates a vision for an integrated, holistic approach to achieving a highly livable community across our diverse neighborhoods and defines a set of livability themes and specific elements. The goal is to encourage a collaborative engagement among residents, the County, developers, property owners and businesses and other organizations to develop and implement an integrated holistic approach to achieving livability across our community. It's a "living document" and we welcome feedback to our email address: [board@crystalcitycivic.org](mailto:board@crystalcitycivic.org). It will be a topic of conversation at our September 12 meeting with two County Board members and at a series of planned meetings after that (e.g., housing, parks).

# Amazon in Crystal City

[The Real Story of How Virginia Won Amazon's HQ2](#)

State officials and company executives were reading from the same book—literally. Read this fascinating article in the [June Washingtonian Magazine](#).

Critics immediately fumed that the contest was rigged, that Amazon had political motivations for wanting a bigger Washington-area footprint. It's a charge that's hard to deny. But even so, there's another explanation for how the company selected these two pricey locales over hundreds of lower-cost options. It revolves around a set of ideas developed by a West Coast economist named Enrico Moretti—ideas that directly challenge the old world-is-flat consensus. The jobs of tomorrow, Moretti's research shows, aren't heading to affordable markets offering lucrative public subsidies. They're going to thrumming, dynamic cities that are already home to dense concentrations of highly educated workers. There are only a few of them, but these regions, the economist argues, offer employers such as Amazon advantages even more valuable than tax perks.

### **Poll: D.C. area thinks Amazon headquarters will have good impact overall, despite concerns.**

Washington-area residents have largely positive expectations about Amazon's second headquarters coming to Arlington, with large majorities saying it will have a good impact and result in significant economic growth, according to a Washington Post-Schar School poll. But a clear majority also says Amazon's arrival will make it more expensive to live in the region, with some residents in follow-up interviews predicting a substantial jump in housing costs. [Read more here.](#)

### **Amazon donates \$3 million for Arlington housing, backs new computer degree at NOVA and GMU**

Amazon will donate \$3 million to support affordable housing in Arlington County and, in a separate venture, will help George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College create a new, high-tech bachelor's degree to help meet its future workforce needs, the company announced June 11. The initiatives are aimed at addressing concerns that the online retail giant's new headquarters in Crystal City will drive up housing costs and that it and other companies are not able to find enough workers with the skills needed for the fast-changing technology industry. [Read more here.](#)

### **Three Amazon businesses identified as HQ2 bound**

We're still a pretty long way from knowing what the estimated 25,000 workers at Amazon.com Inc.'s second headquarters will do, but a top company executive has

named three units that will be represented in Arlington: Alexa, Amazon Web Services and Amazon's consumer division. [Read more here.](#)

### **County Website on Amazon Projects**

Remember that the County has a one-stop website for basic information on Amazon and its new HQ2 plans.

[Click here](#)

## Crystal City in Development

### **Met Park Phases 6-8 Community Meeting July 10**

Arlington County will hold an introductory community meeting to kick off the review process for the proposed [Met Park Phases 6-8 site plan](#), which is the location for [Amazon's](#) first phase of new development in the County. Interested stakeholders and community members will receive information about the proposed development, planning background, and an explanation of how the review process will work. Staff from various County departments along with the applicant will be available to answer questions. Location is the [Trades Center - Park Operations Building](#) at 2700 S.

Taylor St. [check back here for details.](#) While seating is not limited, [RSVP](#) to help in planning.

The [Planning Commission's](#) committee level public review of the site plan proposal will commence on **July 15**.

### **Roseland adds townhomes to its plans for Crystal House expansion**

The proposed expansion of the Crystal House apartment

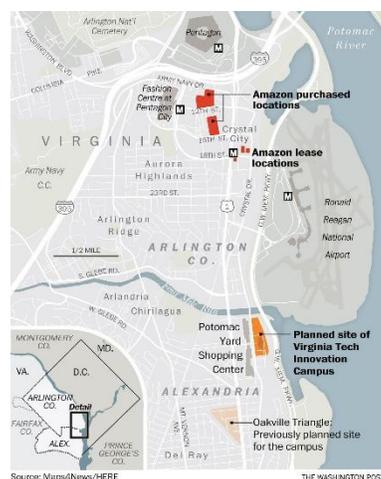


complex is getting a little larger, with 21 townhomes now part of plans at the Crystal City property. The SPRC is set to hold its second meeting about the project on June 24. That group will eventually offer a

recommendation to the full Planning Commission, but Lantelme cautioned the addition of these townhomes could well slow the process a bit as officials scrutinize these changes. [Read more here.](#)

## New Site for Virginia Tech Innovation Campus

Virginia Tech will build its new Innovation Alexandria's Potomac Yard, just south of Four Mile Run along the Metro tracks, as part of a 65-acre mixed-use development. The new location will put the \$1 billion



campus a half-mile closer to the new Amazon headquarters in the Crystal City and Pentagon City neighborhoods of Arlington County. The school had previously indicated it would build its million-square-foot campus at Oakville Triangle, a 20-acre site along Richmond Highway filled with warehouses. But that

property did not leave enough room for the school to grow, university and city officials said. The school will occupy about 15 acres between Four Mile Run and the movie theater, just east of Potomac Avenue against the Metrorail line. The remaining 50 acres, which contain the Potomac Yard shopping center, will be redeveloped into 7.5 million square feet of offices, multifamily housing, retail and hotel uses, said officials with Houston-based Lionstone Investments. The company manages the property in partnership with JBG Smith for its owner, an unidentified pension fund. [Read more here.](#) [And here.](#)

## Plans for Potomac Yard innovation campus

"Meanwhile, Virginia Tech's plans have prompted Lionstone and JBG Smith to reconsider their strategy for the mixed-use redevelopment of North Potomac Yard, a multiphase project including the Regal Potomac Yard 16 multiplex that's been in the works for several years. JBG Smith and Lionstone hope to develop up to around 2 million square feet in the first, though that will require additional approvals from the city of Alexandria. That phase, to include the movie theater, was to be more heavily focused on retail and residential, followed by a second phase closer to Route 1 including the Shoppers and Target stores." [Read more here.](#)

## What Are Biophilic Cities?

Biologist E.O. Wilson was who brought forward the concept of biophilia, which points out how we – human

beings – are part of the natural world and, consequently, inherently connected to it. Not only do we yearn to be in communion with nature, whether consciously or unconsciously, but we actually need this contact to remain healthy and in balance. This knowledge is what's at the core of the Biophilic Cities movement.

Therefore, a Biophilic City is an urban region that allows its inhabitants to remain in constant contact with nature as they go through their day. These inhabitants, on the other hand, are also individuals who have knowledge about, and care for, their natural surroundings. Providing wildlife habitat, utilizing green infrastructure, and constructing bird-friendly buildings are some of the characteristics Biophilic Cities strive for. [Read more here.](#)

## A look at the finer details of the Potomac Yard Metro station design

The \$370 million Potomac Yard Metro station is entering



the down and dirty phase of design review, one of the final steps before construction can finally get underway. The city of Alexandria, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Potomac Yard Constructors, the private joint venture picked to build the station, have submitted a design for an upcoming evaluation by the city's Board of Architectural Review. [Read more here.](#)

## DEA Museum to Close for a Year During Renovations

The museum, at 700 Army Navy Drive in Pentagon City, will be closing for over a year as part of a headquarters-wide renovation. Clarion Partners, the landlord for the DEA headquarters, received an \$11.5 million incentive grant from the Arlington County Board in April to keep the DEA in Pentagon City. Clarion Partners agreed to invest \$82 million into a full renovation of the headquarters and to secure temporary space in Crystal City. The final day for the museum is scheduled for Saturday, July 20. The museum is planning to reopen in fall 2020. [Read more here.](#)

## As it prepares to launch astronauts, Boeing plans to move space headquarters from Arlington to Florida

Boeing will move its space headquarters from Arlington, Va., to the Florida Space Coast as it pursues a number of rocket and spacecraft programs, including one that would launch astronauts from U.S. soil for the first time since the space shuttle retired in 2011. A spokesman later said the total number would be “small” and include Jim Chilton, Boeing’s space and launch senior vice president, members of his executive team and support staff. [Read more here.](#)

## Composting is Back at the Farmer’s Market

Every Tuesday from 3-7 pm. Do your part and bring your compost. If you got to the County’s Rock way recycling



open house on June 8, you know how they turn this compost from all over the County into ground soil for

gardens and also donate to the AFAC garden sites.

## 1776 Incubator Leaving Crystal City

Startup incubator 1776 plans to open its new D.C. location this year and will ultimately shut down its Crystal City location. 1776 spokesman Lucas McCanna said the company will relocate to ‘the general McPherson Square area,’ but declined to give a specific address.” [Read more here.](#)

## Fiona’s Irish Pub in Crystal City Closes Suddenly

Two months after opening, Fiona’s Irish Pub (567 23rd Street S.) in Crystal City has closed — possibly for good. [Read more here.](#)

## New Pizza Place to Open on Pentagon Row

A new pizza place, Pizzetta, is set to open on Pentagon Row sometime within the next month. The restaurant is planned to open at 1201 S. Joyce Street next to the Smallcakes Cupcakery and a man who identified himself as a co-owner said he hoped to have the location open by the end of the month. [Read more here.](#)

# Arlington County Issues

## County Board Proclamation on Immigration

In response to a tweet from President Donald Trump regarding immigration, and in an effort to provide context and comfort for the community, the Arlington County Board issued a statement during the June 18 Board Meeting. The County Board Chair closed his remarks by reading an already-planned proclamation, officially making June Immigrant Heritage Month. Anyone in our community who fears he or she may be at risk should visit the [County website](#), where you will find a wealth of immigration resources: This Board has approved funding for the [Legal Aid Justice Center](#), to provide legal services to immigrants:

## Is Arlington ready to get serious about housing affordability?

Arlington County has a shortage of homes, and with Amazon moving in, that pressure is only increasing. Now the county is asking residents about their housing needs and their ideas to address the crunch as part of its Housing Arlington initiative announced earlier this year. [Read a comprehensive view of the initiative and how you can provide feedback here.](#)

## Amazon’s HQ2 is already making Arlington’s housing prices skyrocket

Median home prices in Arlington County are projected to increase 17.2 percent by the end of 2019, according to data from the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors and George Mason University’s Center for Regional Analysis. Prior to the HQ2 announcement, the groups had only forecast an increase of 5.1 percent. [Read more here.](#) [Note: The article talks about houses, not apartments.]

## New Arlington General Registrar Sworn In

When Gretchen Reinemeyer was sworn in as Arlington



County’s general registrar, she became only the fifth person to hold the position since it was created in 1947.

Reinemeyer is succeeding long-time registrar Linda Lindberg who is retiring at the end of the month after serving more than

25 years in the Arlington Voting and Elections Office—16 of them as general registrar. [Read more here.](#)

### ART 43 Schedule Changes Effective June 30



ART 43 Saturday and Sunday service will be eliminated starting on Sunday, June 30.

Weekday service will

remain the same. [View the new ART 43 schedule \(PDF\).](#)

More information can be found at [ArlingtonTransit.com](http://ArlingtonTransit.com).

### Arlington Honors 2019 Women of Vision

The Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will honor three women for the 2019 Arlington County Women of Vision for their commitment and leadership in the Arlington community. The women will be recognized during a ceremony on Tuesday, June 25. [Read more here.](#)

### Making Walking Safer with Rapid Flash Beacons

If you walk or drive in Arlington, you've probably already seen a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (commonly



abbreviated RRFB) at a crosswalk near you. An RRFB is a set of high-intensity yellow lights, mounted below the pedestrian warning sign,

adjacent to a crosswalk. When a person on foot approaches the crosswalk, he or she presses an accessible button which activates multiple sets of yellow flashing lights and quickly signals to drivers that they must yield to the crossing pedestrian. [Read more here.](#)

### What's the Dillon Rule?

It's the reason Arlington officials sometimes can't act autonomously without state approval. June 10, 2019 Matt Blitz Iowa Supreme Court Judge John Forrest Dillon died more than a century ago and may never have even visited Virginia, but he continues to have an outside impact on how Arlington County functions.

Here's why: In 1868, while serving as chief justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, Dillon opined that a local government's power is derived solely from the state, and that a municipality can only take actions that are explicitly allowed by state law. In the 150 years since, the "Dillon Rule" interpretation has twice been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court and adopted by 39 states, including Virginia.

In May, due to an Attorney General decision, after years of lobbying the Richmond Legislature unsuccessfully, Arlington finally won approval from the Commonwealth Transportation Board to rename Jefferson Davis Highway as Richmond Highway—the same name that applies to the road where it passes through Alexandria. Why was the Alexandria City Council previously able to successfully vote to rename its own stretch of that road? Because under a nuanced interpretation of the Dillon Rule, cities are often given more leeway to act by the General Assembly than are counties. [Read more here.](#)

### County Board Extends Shared Mobility Device Demonstration Project

The County Board today approved an extension to Arlington's demonstration project for e-scooters and e-bikes for six months, through Dec. 31, 2019, to allow continued public comment and sufficient time for analysis. More than 300,000 trips have been taken on the devices since Arlington launched the demonstration project in October 2018. [Read more here.](#)

## Other Issues

### National Night Out

At our June 3 CCCA meeting, Captain Wayne Vincent of the Arlington County Police Department Outreach Unit urged us to consider organizing a community event as part of the National Night Out festivities. NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and improve quality of life. During the campaign, residents in neighborhoods throughout Arlington County and across the nation are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, firefighters and other County personnel. Events such as cookouts, block parties and ice cream socials will occur simultaneously throughout Arlington County and nationwide. We are going to co-sponsor with the Crystal City Business Improvement District (BID) to host a great NNO at the Water Park on **August 6 from 6-9 pm**. Stay tuned for more details in late July and our August Newsletter.

### Like 'living in a war zone': Washington-area residents say increased helicopter traffic is giving them nightmares

Following a sharp spike in complaints from D.C.-area residents about the frequency and severity of helicopter noise, local lawmakers in January asked the Government

Accountability Office to study the issue. Earlier this month, the GAO accepted the request and will launch the study this fall. [Read more here.](#)

### Helicopter Noise Story Input

Hannah Natanson, a Washington Post reporter, is working on a story about the impact of helicopter noise on residential areas in Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia. She wants to tell the human story behind the noise complaints -- first-person accounts of what it is like to live with helicopters flying overhead. Hannah is reachable via email:

[hannah.natanson@washpost.com](mailto:hannah.natanson@washpost.com) or by cellphone: 202-450-8744. You can contact her anytime. Hannah's deadline is Thursday June 20. Accordingly, she would need to hear from you on or before Wednesday **June 19**.

### The Stand Opens Beer Garden

Attention Happy Hour lovers! The Stand will be officially open for happy hour, Wednesday-Saturday starting **June 20**.



### Metro to examine solutions to Rosslyn bottleneck. Maybe a new tunnel under the Potomac?

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority plans to conduct a two-year study examining one of the most congested areas in the Metro system — the Rosslyn station bottleneck, where the Blue, Orange and Silver lines meet. The choke point, a daily bane of commuters and headache for transportation officials, starts at the Rosslyn station, where the three lines share a tunnel, and continues to Stadium-Armory station where they share tracks. The aim of the study is to find a solution. [Read more here.](#)

### PROJECT JOURNEY UPDATE

Travelers visiting Reagan National Airport this summer will see new evidence of Project Journey's progress:



Steel assembly of the new 14-gate concourse is moving at a steady pace. More than 240,000 square feet of new pavement, which will serve as gate areas for regional aircraft parking at the concourse, is open and operating. In Terminal B/C, two protective corridors between the Metro station and the main terminal will keep pedestrians moving while structural transformations take shape outside. Project Journey has reached a pivotal phase of construction, with work going vertical on the new buildings. Passengers traveling to and from the airport will begin to see new infrastructure take shape, as the steel frames are assembled. [Read more here.](#)

### \$50M might not cut it for Potomac Yard Metro southwest entrance

The promise of an additional \$50 million to revive the nixed entrance, city officials say, might not be enough to bring it back. And it is possible the overall station project will move forward, at least initially, without it. [Read more here.](#)

### DMV 2 Go: UPCOMING DATES AND TIMES

Get your new Real ID driver's license before the October 2020 deadline.

Aug 15, 2019 - Thu, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Oct 10, 2019 - Thu, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

220 20th St; 833-248-3875

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!

[visit website](#)

### Park Service Advances Plans to Redesign Memorial Circle

NPS finalized a study last week, stating its plans did not negatively impact the surrounding environment or historical character of the area. The agency can now move forward on making the nexus of roadways safer for

drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. NPS chose the most aggressive of three proposed plans to modify Memorial Circle and the roads around it, S. Arlington Blvd and Washington Blvd. The plan chosen, Alternative C, calls for changes like re-striping Memorial Circle down to one lane of traffic instead of two, thus reducing conflicts between drivers in the circle and approaching the circle. The plan also includes a proposal to enlarge and shorten the text on signs in the circle, making them easier to read. Additionally, new yield signs would give vehicles inside the circle the right of way. NPS also proposed adding walk signals for pedestrians and flashing beacons for drivers at six intersections where the study notes near-misses are common. Officials estimated 600 crashes occurred near Memorial Circle between 2005 and 2012. The agency would also re-stripe S. Arlington Blvd down to two lanes before it approaches the crosswalk just north of the circle to make crossing safer for pedestrians. [Read more here.](#)

### **Crystal City Twilighter 5k**

CRYSTAL CITY COURTYARD GREEN, 2121 CRYSTAL DRIVE, FRIDAY, JULY 20, 8:30 P.M.

Summer nights are for racing: When the sun goes down, we turn up the heat for the most sizzling race of the summer at the Crystal City Twilighter 5k. Race through crystal city and party afterward at our post race beer garden with port city brewing co beer, we the pizza, and hot beats and karaoke. [register](#)

### **The Connection Library**

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

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