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Civic Association Issues

What do you get for your \$10 annual dues?

Your small contribution of \$10 funds primarily: our website, dues in the Arlington County Civic Federation (required); advertising for meetings; snacks for meetings. All Executive Committee members are volunteers who spend many hours working on behalf of Crystal City residents—and producing this Newsletter!

Send a check for \$10 to the CCCA Treasurer at 1200 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

SAVE THE DATE: Next CCCA Meeting June 28

Wow. Have you seen the Cyber Security articles lately? Including the FBI's warning to reboot your router? We will have a cyber security expert to give a very timely talk about "Internet Safety: How to Protect Yourself." Afterwards, we will also provide updates on a variety of issues, including transportation and development. As always, 1805 Crystal Drive, Crystal Park Condominium community room, 7-9 pm. See the article below:

The Cybersecurity 202: Only YOU can prevent a VPN Filter malware attack. That's a problem for the FBI

The FBI's move to seize control of a network of half a million wireless routers and other devices infected with malicious software threw a wrench into a massive hacking campaign by a group linked to the Russian military. The fix the FBI is pushing is relatively simple: All people have to do is reboot their router or other devices. That will direct information from the infected routers to the FBI, instead of the hackers. As my colleague Hayley Tsukayama notes: "Simply hitting the power button without updating their router would leave users at risk, software experts warned. As a next step, they should download the latest firmware for their devices and change their password to further guard themselves against infection." The FBI and security researchers are issuing instructions, and they will also pressure Internet service providers to notify users about what they need to do, according to Thakur. [Read more here.](#)

Social Media Resources

[CCCA Facebook page](#) – Immediate information on things happening in Crystal City and of interest.

[CCCA Website](#) – More extensive articles than Facebook, but not updated as regularly.

[Nextdoor.com](#) – A community bulletin board to post events, County notifications, and items for sale or of interest to the community.

[Engage Arlington](#) – Current ways to engage with the County on issues of concern to you.

[Engage Arlington Flyer](#) – Contact and resource information.

[Inside Arlington](#) – To subscribe to the County's weekly online newsletter

[My Arlington Projects Map](#) - Find projects happening around the County – daily work, transportation, parks, water and utilities, facilities projects, and more.

[CIP – Capital Improvement Plan:](#) Weigh in by May 16 on Arlington's 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2019-2028 which is now under development.

[Service Request / Report a Problem](#) – Non-emergency requests during the week.

Crystal City Development and Planning Issues

Can We Still Save The Connection Library?



Are you aware that we are going to lose our beloved Pop-Up Library, The Connection, by the end of June? Read the full article below and answer the Library survey, urging the continuance of the Connection Library in Crystal City.

According to [ArlNow.com's article of May 22](#), Arlington's public libraries are bracing for impending budget cuts — including a 17 percent cut to its collections budget — and they're asking for your input on what services staff should protect from those spending slashes.

The county's public library system is currently running [a survey on its website](#), looking for feedback on "what

collections we will provide and maintain" moving forward. The survey will stay open through June 8, and staff wrote that the results will help guide their decision-making on how library services change going forward.

Arlington's Department of Libraries has a roughly \$14.5 million budget in fiscal year 2019, and [county budget documents](#) show that the department is set to lose out on \$250,000 in one-time funding for library materials in the new budget year. The department is also set to lose one full-time library assistant, as the [county grapples](#) with an increasingly tight budget overall.

"We're really just trying to get feedback from the community and hear what they value," Peter Petruski, the department's division chief for materials management, told ARLnow.

The survey's questions say that some library collections — including bestselling books, DVDs and children's books — will remain unchanged, even with the new budget pressure. However, the survey does ask respondents to rank how much they value some categories of materials that the department could roll back, like online encyclopedias or new CD audiobooks.

The questionnaire also asks participants to rank how much they value online resources county libraries currently offer, such as access to Ancestry.com or ConsumerReports.org, as well as how much they might be interested in services the department is considering offering, but has yet to provide to patrons.

Henrik Sundqvist, a spokesman for the library, added that no decisions have been made yet on what to cut. He added that the library system has already received more than 11,000 responses to the survey.

"It just really speaks to the library department being at the heart of this community," Sundqvist said.

The department is also set to lose \$19,000 in funding to run a ["pop-up" library in Crystal City](#), which opened in 2016. Sundqvist said the County Board has yet to make that change official, or decide what it will mean for the location, and plans to review the matter at its June 16 meeting.

Change in Pedestrian Crossing Buttons

On the basis of a 2017 traffic study, the County has just implemented a positive change to the pedestrian crossing at the following busy locations in Crystal City:

- 18 thSt S & S Bell St
- Crystal Dr & 18thSt S
- Crystal Dr & 20thSt S
- Crystal Dr & Water Park
- Crystal Dr & Midblock

- Crystal Dr & 23rdSt S
- Route 1 & 23rdSt S
- S Eads St & 23rdSt S

At these crossings, you no longer need to press the button for a walk sign; a pedestrian walk light will automatically appear regularly.

VRE Open House on Proposed Train Station



VRE is hosting an Open House at the Gallery Underground **June 6 from 4-8 pm** to brief on their 10% design progress on a new VRE station in Crystal City. They

will have story boards and ask for resident feedback and suggestions. This is an Open House and no presentation is planned.

Construction Update: Elevated Clark Street demolition

Despite the rain, the contractor has begun removing paved surfaces on the non-bridge sections of Clark Street and will continue this task during the week of May 21. Installation of temporary lighting will continue through next week as well. No detours are planned for at least the next two weeks.

The first planned detour is now scheduled for June. It will close the westbound lanes of 15th Street at Clark Street and Route 1, including closing westbound access to the Route 1 ramps. View the planned detour during this closure, which is expected to last for four weeks.

During this closure drivers are encouraged to avoid this area and instead access Route 1 via 20th Street. Drivers wanting to access western Crystal City and Pentagon City will be able to use 12th or 18th Streets.

More information will be available as the bridge removal and detour dates are confirmed. There will be two-week advance notice before the start of detours.

[Visit the project page](#)

ART 92 service to end on June 22

The last day of service for the ART 92 bus route will be Friday, June 22, 2018. ART 92 is a weekday route that serves the Pentagon Metro, Crystal City Metro and VRE stations as well as Long Bridge Park. The route will provide service through the end of the day on June 22 and then cease operations. The bus route was eliminated as part of Arlington County's FY 2019 budget to improve the efficiency of ART service, since the route

performs below ART's minimum service standards of 15 passengers per hour. Many destinations on the route are accessible by walking from the Crystal City Metro and VRE stations. There are also several Capital Bikeshare stations located in the area that can serve as a travel alternative. [Read notice on ART website.](#)

Arlington Officials Fear Metro Funding Deal Could Imperil Ballston, Crystal City Station Projects

Funding to help WMATA keep running and catch up on maintenance may end up jeopardizing major projects slated for two busy Arlington Metro stations. A new deal brokered by state lawmakers will send about \$154 million to Metro each year, providing funding for badly needed improvements to the system — but Arlington officials fear the structure of the agreement could imperil planned Metro entrance projects.

For years, the county has been hoping to add second entrances to the Ballston and Crystal City stations to make it easier for people in those neighborhoods to access the Metro. But Arlington planned to pay for those projects with the help of a regional group that doles out money for transportation improvements: the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, commonly known as the NVTA. Yet the NVTA can only afford to fund that kind of construction effort with the tax revenue it brings in, and the dedicated funding deal hashed out in Richmond will divert a substantial chunk of that money to Metro for ongoing operations and maintenance.

[Read more here.](#)

Entrance cut from planned Potomac Yard Metro station

The plan for the Potomac Yard Metro station is changing for the lesser, as Alexandria and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority work to keep the now \$320 million project within its rising budget. In a May 4 memo to Mayor Allison Silberberg and the City Council, Alexandria City Manager Mark Jinks detailed changes to the Metro station project, most notably the elimination of the south station entrance at Glebe Road and the south mezzanine, the south pedestrian-cycle bridge and the east ramp. Some park improvements were also cut. [Read more here.](#)

HQ2 front-runner status helps JBG Smith pass symbolic milestone

JBG Smith Properties (NYSE: JBGS) hit a key milestone Thursday that eluded the company for nearly a year, though it's not one that CEO Matt Kelly is likely to reflect on publicly any time soon. Shares of the Chevy Chase-based real estate investment trust closed Thursday at an

all-time high of \$37.52 per share, surpassing a peak of \$37.24 on its first full day of trading after going public as part of its merger with Vornado Realty Trust's D.C. business in mid-July. The company's recent rise has benefited largely from its status as a presumed front-runner for Amazon.com Inc.'s second headquarters, and its share price has been on a mostly steady climb since hitting a low of \$31.75 in late March. [Read more here.](#)

JBG Smith just launched a workforce housing initiative. It may have HQ2 in mind.

JBG Smith Properties announced Wednesday that it will launch an initiative to preserve or build between 2,000 and 3,000 "affordable workforce" housing units in the D.C. region over the next decade. It's a sign that the private sector is stepping up efforts to provide less expensive housing in a region that remains one of the priciest in the country. But the program also signals efforts by Chevy Chase-based JBG Smith (NYSE: JBGS) to alleviate concerns that housing prices could spike if Amazon.com Inc. (NASDAQ: AMZN) selects the D.C. region for its second headquarters, a potential \$5 billion investment that could generate as many as 50,000 jobs over time.

JBG Smith's holdings in Crystal City are widely believed to be a front-runner for Amazon's HQ2. [Read more here.](#)

Tim Kaine Foresees Arlington's Workforce Helping to Win HQ2

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) negotiated his fair share of economic development deals back in his days as Virginia's governor, and he thinks Arlington has an awfully strong chance to land Amazon's vaunted second headquarters. The county has already emerged as a prime contender for "HQ2" and the 50,000 jobs that could come with it, with two possible sites for the massive new development pitched by state officials to the tech company: one split between Crystal City and Alexandria's Potomac Yard, and another in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor. [Read more here.](#)

Why a New York-REIT is cheering on Crystal City as an HQ2 frontrunner

It's considered a possible frontrunner for Amazon.com Inc.'s second headquarters, so you'd think Vornado Realty Trust CEO Steve Roth might have regrets about spinning Crystal City and the rest of his New York-based REIT's D.C.-area properties into a separate company. To the contrary, Roth is actually feeling quite the proud parent of JBG Smith Properties (NYSE: JBGS) now that it and Crystal City are getting talked about as a leading candidate for HQ2. [Read more here.](#)

Northern Virginia could get a big bite of Apple

Even if it doesn't come up with Amazon.com Inc.'s second headquarters, Greater Washington could still land one of the most sought-after economic development prospects in North America right now: Apple Inc. The Cupertino, California-based tech giant plans to make a decision relatively quickly on where it will put its latest corporate campus, and Apple (NASDAQ: AAPL) executives are considering several sites in Northern Virginia that could meet the company's needs for around 4 million square feet, according to sources familiar with the search. [Read more here.](#)

Reminder: Train Horn Notice

It is now CSX policy that trains should not blow horns passing the Crystal City VRE station when the station is closed: i.e., weekends and outside of 5:30 am to 8 pm weekdays. The only exception is for a potentially dangerous situation; e.g., equipment, workers, or intruders on the track. There have been violations of this



policy last weekend and this, which we have reported.

Remember that you can report violations of this policy to:

[mailto:crystalcity](mailto:trainhorn@comcast.net)

trainhorn@comcast.net. List train owner (CSX, Amtrak), direction train is traveling, and the time you heard the horn.

Alexandria-Based Tex-Mex Restaurant Planning to Open in Crystal City

An Alexandria-based Tex-Mex restaurant is gearing up to move into the space once occupied by Cantina Mexicana in Crystal City. The owner of Los Tios Grill is planning to open their third Northern Virginia location at the space at 515 23rd Street S., according to landlord Stratis Voutsas. Voutsas expects that Mejia will have the new restaurant, which sits next to what was once Cafe Italia, open to customers within the next month or so.

[Read more here.](#)

Freddie's Beach Bar Owner Planning to Revive Crystal City's Cafe Italia

Longtime Crystal City restaurant Cafe Italia is getting new life, thanks to some former employees and one prominent local restaurateur. Freddie Lutz, the owner and namesake of Freddie's Beach Bar at 555 23rd Street

S., says he's planning to revive the restaurant after it closed in April. [Read more here.](#)

New Store Coming to Pentagon City

Roots Canada, a premium leather and clothing outlet, will be opening a 3,200 square foot store in the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City in August. [Read more here.](#)

Retail Kiosk at Pentagon Row to be Demolished

Demolition permits have been issued for one of the freestanding retail kiosks at Pentagon Row. The kiosk is one of two built in Pentagon Row's central plaza during its 2013 renovations. A frozen yogurt store operated out of the kiosk until it closed in November 2015. We're told the kiosk is being torn down to provide additional outdoor seating for the forthcoming Basic Burger location and "pop-up" street taco eatery.

Pentagon Row's other retail kiosk is currently home to Bread and Water cafe, which opened in February. (source: ArlNow.com)

Arlington County Issues

VOTE: Dual Primaries June 12

A Republican Primary for U.S. Senate and a Democratic Primary for County Board will be held on June 12, 2018.

Voters can choose to vote in either primary but can only choose one or the other.

June 12, 2018 [Republican Primary Sample Ballot](#)

June 12, 2018 [Democratic Primary Sample Ballot](#)

Dual Primary [Info for Voters](#)



Proposed 10-Year Capital Plan Rolls Back Transportation, Neighborhood Improvement Projects

Arlington County Manager Mark Schwartz unveiled his proposed Capital Improvement Plan in a presentation to the County Board Tuesday (May 22), detailing the \$2.7 billion in construction projects he wants to see Arlington take on over the next 10 years, and he did not have much in the way of good news for county officials.

Schwartz's proposal does not call for the county to stop work on any existing construction efforts, or cancel some of Arlington's major new facilities projects. For instance, Schwartz noted that his CIP still has full funding for things like the Long Bridge Park Aquatics and Fitness Center, the new Lubber Run Community Center and a replacement for Fire Station 8 on Lee Highway. However, he believes the roughly \$90 million in additional bond funding the county will need to put towards Metro, under the terms of the dedicated funding deal hammered out by state lawmakers earlier this year, will seriously squeeze Arlington's ability to take on major new projects over the next 10 years. When combined with rising school costs, and the Metro funding deal's cuts to regional transportation funding available through the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, Schwartz feels there's every reason to believe Arlington will be under some serious budget pressure for the next few years.

Schwartz echoed the warning by some county leaders that the county will likely have to abandon or severely delay plans to add second entrances at the Crystal City, Ballston and East Falls Church Metro stations. The county expected to use regional funds from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to pay for the combined \$230 million in costs — now, NVTAA leaders warn that they'll likely have less money to dole out under a hotly debated provision of the Metro funding deal, and Schwartz told officials that he "can't tell you a way to come up with the funds for those" projects without NVTAA money.

Schwartz concluded his presentation by noting that he expects to propose tax rate increases in his next budget, an outcome the Board managed to avoid this year. The Board will now hold a series of work sessions on the CIP over the next month, and is set to approve it by July 14.

[Read more detail here.](#) [Read Arlington County Press Release here.](#) See the May 30 Town Hall meeting with Mark Schwartz [here](#). **Shannon Flanagan-Watson Appointed Deputy County Manager**

Arlington County Manager Mark Schwartz has appointed Shannon Flanagan-Watson as deputy county manager, effective May 21, with oversight responsibility for Arlington Economic Development, Arlington Public Libraries, and a portion of the Department of Environmental Services, one of the County's largest departments. She brings nearly 25 years of combined experience working in and with local governments on a range of professional local government management and policy issues and has extensive experience in

customer service and public engagement. [Read more here.](#)

Gurjit Chima Named Assistant County Manager for Human Rights and EEO

Arlington County has named Gurjit Chima as the new Assistant County Manager for Human Rights and EEO. She will join Arlington County in her new role on May 29. Most recently, Chima served as the Employee Relations Manager for the Henry Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine. In that role, she was responsible for advising the agency on employment laws, corporate policies, personnel practices and resolving employee relations concerns. This included creating an anti-harassment program for domestic and international employees and providing training or coaching managers and employees on proper methods for handling performance and conduct concerns. [Read more here.](#)

Activist Carrie Johnson Dies at 77, Remembered as "Part of the Glue" Holding Arlington Together

Carrie Johnson, a fixture of Arlington County civic life and a longtime Democratic activist, died at the age of 77 this past Saturday (May 5). Johnson served for years as the keeper of voter lists at the Arlington County Democratic Committee, earning the moniker of "list lady," and she spent nearly 20 years on the county's Planning Commission. She passed away at the Virginia Hospital Center due to complications from lung cancer, according to her nephew, Gavin Cahill. [Read more here.](#)

Get to Know 5 Women Who Keep Arlington Safe

They fight fires and respond to medical emergencies. They proactively patrol your neighborhoods. They ensure the proper intake and release of inmates at the County jail. They answer 9-1-1 calls. Women in Arlington County's public safety agencies and departments take on a diverse array of roles, all of which will be on display at the second annual Women in Public Safety Outreach Event. Women in Public Safety Outreach Event is free and family friendly, **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 2**, Arlington Traditional School (855 N. Edison St.). Here are a few of the women you'll meet Saturday:

- Corporal Beth Lennon has been with the Arlington County Police Department for more than 27 years.
- Deputy Markita Edwards has worked in the Arlington County Sheriff's Office for more than three years.
- Chief Watch Officer and PIO Jen Meyers started working in Arlington as a 9-1-1 dispatcher in 1991.

- Debbie De La Fuente has been a 9-1-1 dispatcher in Arlington County for 11 years.
- Firefighter/EMT III Marcia Reed has worked in the Arlington County Fire Department for almost 11 years.

[Read more here.](#)

Summer Reading for All Ages

Track Your Reading Online - Or use the printed reading log.

Claim fun prizes!

First Day to Sign Up - Saturday, June 2

[Summer Reading Events](#) Start - Saturday, June 2

Summer Reading Kick Off - Saturday, July 7

[Register Online](#) - Children 12 and under register with a parent or guardian's permission. Last Day to Sign Up/Summer Reading Ends - Saturday, Sept. 2

Chief M. Jay Farr Releases Video Message on Police Department's Strategic Restructuring

On Sunday, May 13, 2018, the Arlington County Police Department's new organizational structure will take effect. Due to a significant reduction in staffing, the police department recently completed a strategic restructuring by reallocating positions within the agency. The new organizational structure maximizes available resources by focusing on core services and ensures the services provided to the community are effective and efficient. [Read more here.](#)

Police Now Accepting Applications to the Citizen's Police Academy

The Arlington County Police Department is now accepting applications for the fall Citizen's Police Academy. The 22nd Citizen's Police Academy will begin on Thursday, September 6, 2018. 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. [Read more here.](#)

How should Arlington grow?

Please join the Arlington County Board and Commission leaders in a series of robust community conversations. Neighbors will have the opportunity to learn from one another, identify our differences, and find common ground. Due to limited space, we ask interested participants to RSVP for only ONE roundtable. [Sign up for ONE of the dates here.](#)

.Arlington County Profile

The Arlington County Profile is an annual report providing statistical information including

demographics, development, employment, transportation and community resources. For more information about Arlington's history, amenities and highlights, see [Arlington Fast Facts](#). You can also find Supplemental Fact Sheets: [Migration To and From Arlington County](#); [Multifamily Residential Unit and Hotel Room Conversion Factors](#). [Read more here and download the Profile.](#)

New Online Resource for Consumers

[A new Consumer Protection Clearinghouse site](#) aims to help consumers and businesses in Arlington County by providing educational resources and a way to submit concerns. This new site centralizes existing consumer resources from across County government and consolidates and incorporates a variety of state and federal resources as well. It also enhances access to public information on a range of topics regulated by the County government, including:

Towing

Cable TV

Taxis

Pawn Shops

Food Trucks

Solicitation

The page also includes an easy-to-use "submit a complaint" button that appears on each page in the site.

The new resource was announced at the May 22, 2018, County Board Meeting by County Manager Mark Schwartz.

County Board Approves Four Mile Run Valley Policies, Including Contested Jennie Dean Park Changes

The Arlington County Board has signed off on a new policy framework to guide the redevelopment of the Four Mile Run valley in Nauck, a long-awaited step in the lengthy planning process for the area. The Board voted unanimously to approve the planning document May 19, highlighted by a recommended redesign of Jennie Dean Park (3630 27th Street S.) that's prompted fierce debate among community groups working on the issue.

Broadly, the policy framework is designed to guide the Board as it works in the coming months to develop a final area plan and parks master plan for the area. Most of the focus of the document is on plans for green space in the area — including Shirlington Park, Shirlington Dog Park and portions of both the Four Mile Run stream and trail — in addition to future pedestrian and cycling options along nearby roads like S. Four Mile Run Drive.

[Read more here.](#)

VDOT open house on I-66 eastbound widening construction

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is holding a "Pardon Our Dust" meeting June 5 from 6:30-8:30 pm (presentation at 7 pm) at Yorktown High School, 5200 Yorktown Blvd., to discuss upcoming I-66 construction that will:

Add an additional travel lane on a four-mile stretch of eastbound I-66 between the Dulles Connector Road and Fairfax Drive (Exit 71)

Connect two existing ramps at the I-66 and Route 7 interchange to allow direct access from eastbound I-66 to the West Falls Church Metro Station

Build a bridge for the Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail over Route 29 (Lee Highway)

Construction is getting underway and the new eastbound lane is scheduled to open in fall 2020.

Meeting attendees will be able to view project plans and talk with project team staff. [View VDOT's project area map.](#) Visit VDOT's project page - inside.transform66.org - for more information.

Arlington Parks Ranked Fourth Nationally, Just Behind D.C. in Third

Arlington has the fourth-best park system in the entire country, just behind our neighbors across the Potomac, according to a new set of rankings from the Trust for Public Land. The county climbed two spots in the California-based group's rankings from a year ago, earning a "ParkScore" of 81.6 out of 100. D.C. was just slightly ahead of Arlington at 81.6. Minneapolis took the top spot nationally with a score of 84.2, with its twin city St. Paul, Minnesota placing second with 82.4. [Read more here.](#)

Other Issues

Airport Construction



See the Reagan National Airport Project Journey Fact Sheet [here](#). Don't forget to sign up for Construction Advisories on the [Project Journey webpage](#).

Metro to shut down all rail service south of Reagan National Airport over summer 2019

The Metrorail system on the Blue and Yellow lines will be shut down south of Reagan National Airport for more than three months in 2019 to allow for the demolition and rebuild of three station platforms. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority announced Monday that the closure, between Memorial Day and Labor Day, is part of a multiyear plan to reconstruct 20 station platforms throughout the rail system. Those 20 stations "have platforms requiring immediate attention; temporary measures installed where needed to stabilize and ensure safety until reconstruction occurs," per Metro. [Read more here.](#)

Alexandria moves forward on renaming Jefferson Davis Highway

After years of discussion about stripping the name of the president of the Confederacy from U.S. Route 1, the City Council voted to put the proposed ordinance on its June 23 agenda for a public hearing, with a final vote coming shortly thereafter. A task force recommended the name Richmond Highway because that's what the road is called in Fairfax County. The name change, if it passed, would cost the city \$27,000 for sign changes and would not take effect until Jan. 1. The portion of the road that splits into Patrick and Henry streets in Alexandria would not be subject to the change, officials said.

[Washington Post article.](#)

'Wonder Woman 2' to film at Alexandria's dead Landmark Mall

"Wonder Woman 2," the sequel to the smash 2017 hit starring Israeli actress Gal Gadot, will film at the shuttered Landmark Mall in Alexandria in June and July, sources tell the Washington Business Journal. The film, it was recently confirmed, will be set in the 1980s, and nothing says 1980s like Landmark Mall. Filming will also take place in D.C. during roughly the same period. [Read more here.](#)

Memorial Bridge overhaul will be painful, but not endless. Here's when it will hopefully all be over

The National Park Service expects to start demolition and rehabilitation of the Arlington Memorial Bridge in September, a two-year project that will cause commuter headaches — no matter the mode of transportation — with the ultimate goal of restoring the historic span's structural integrity. The overall project will take place in two phases, one immediately after the other, with reconstruction scheduled to be complete by October 2020, according to an NPS description of the project.

Work will include replacement of expansion joints, sidewalks and bridge bearings, removal and replacement of the concrete brick deck, structural repair to the 10 arch spans, and replacement of the bascule span with a new fixed span comprised of steel girders and K-frame.

[Read more here.](#)

Tattoo Expo Returns to Crystal City Next Week

Tattoo artists and lovers alike are coming to the Hyatt Regency Crystal City next week. Cost for The Nation's Tattoo Expo, which is being held from June 1-3, is \$30 per day or \$60 for a three-day pass. Children under 12 may attend for free with a paying adult. Members of the military can receive \$10 off a three-day pass. The expo claims to be the D.C. area's only summertime tattoo convention. [Read more here.](#)

The Connection Library

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

Crystal City BID Updates

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