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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.

April 26 CCCA General Meeting

County Board Member Erik Gutshall talked about the challenges facing Arlington County and responded to questions from attendees. Particular concerns were raised about: the impact of a potential Amazon HQ2 on Crystal City; affordable housing; and budget impact on Crystal City projects. He emphasized that residents should engage in the ongoing Capital Improvement Process (CIP) if we really want to have the 18th Street Park developed and prevent the loss of our beloved Connection Pop-Up Library. In our April Newsletter, we published the March 30 letter from the Crystal City Citizens Review Committee (CCCRC) to the County Board, expressing concern that the proposed budget will seriously limit resources for investment in the Crystal City 'economic engine' due to a reduction in the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) rate of income from Crystal City returning to Crystal City development projects. [Weigh in on the CIP by May 16 for issues of importance to Crystal City like The Connection Library, the 18th Street park, and the bridge to the airport.]

Assistant County Manager for Communications and Engagement Bryna Helfer then presented the new Six-Step Public Engagement Guide (see article below) and urged residents to follow the issues on various social media and get more engaged. (see article below on what those media are). Erik Gutshall seconded this urging, joking that if something is important to us, we should "show up with pitchforks at meetings" to defend our interests.

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.

Next CCCA Meeting: June 28

We will have a cyber security expert to talk to us about "Social Media: How to Protect Yourself While Using It." We may also have an update from VRE on their 30% design process for the new train station in Crystal City.

Crystal City Development and Planning Issues

Sad Loss of The Connection Library



Are you aware that we are going to lose our beloved Pop-Up Library, The Connection, by the end of June?

Editorial: The library opened across from Au Bon Pain in the Underground in the Fall of 2016, with a projection of being open only for a year as a Pop-Up library. It was the direct result of strong support by attendees at our CCCA meeting November 2015 to Diane Kresh, Arlington County Director of Libraries, when she first mentioned the idea. Since then, the library has become an integral part of our community for residents and workers alike and the number of visitors has consistently gone up; it's always busy.

Unfortunately, The Connection was funded by discretionary one-time use County funds, and the County Board insists that it was never intended to be permanent in Crystal City. Major Crystal City Developer Vornado supported the library by rent-free space and payment of utilities, and JBG Smith continues to do so. So the County's primary cost for the library, after initial set up, is only about \$100,000 for staff costs. Despite many efforts by the CCCA and residents to convince the County Board members to put permanent funding into the County budget, they chose not to. We received two reprieves until December 2017 and now until June 2018. This time, despite the outstanding success of the Pop Up Library in the Underground, the library will close at the end of June and we'll be left once again without our own library. Yes, we can walk over to Aurora Hills Library, but it's not the same—our Connection Library has been a hub of activity geared towards the demographic of high-rise dwellers, rather than single family homes. It is in fact the ONLY community facility and gathering place in Crystal City—and we're losing it.

So, it's sad to note, but it seems that Crystal City may again be losing out to other parts of the County with respect to budget and community facilities. [See the CCCRC March letter to the County Board posted in our April Newsletter, expressing concern that the proposed budget will seriously limit resources for investment in the Crystal City 'economic engine' due to a reduction in the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) rate of income from Crystal City returning to Crystal City development projects.]

Crystal Drive/18th Street Developments

Editorial: You've probably noticed work on the 1750/1770 Crystal Drive building as JBG Smith moves ahead with its plans to convert that building from office to rental apartments, including construction of additional stories and a new facade. The developer has proposed the rehab and expansion of the 1770 Crystal Drive building, and also is requesting approval for a two-story retail building at the corner of 18th and Crystal Drive. Earlier proposals that are

further along in the consideration process would provide improvements to the north on the same block, including a cinema, a grocery store and other retail which are generally viewed as positive for the neighborhood.

Important public hearings are the next steps and rare open space in our neighborhood is at stake.

It's critical that the pending proposal for a retail building in the open space be measured against the guidelines in the Crystal City Sector Plan (CCSP). The six-year effort to craft that Plan revealed just how inadequate open space is in Crystal City. The final Plan emphasizes the scarcity of open space planned for/envisioned in Crystal City – most of which currently is privately owned – and sets a goal to increase open space as redevelopment proceeds.

The CCSP clearly shows a park along 18th Street which currently exists today and should remain in central Crystal City.



Proposed Plan - Figure 3.3.6

SO THE MAJOR ISSUE HERE IS THE PROPOSAL TO REPLACE PART OF AN IMPORTANT EXISTING/POTENTIAL OPEN SPACE WITH AN UNWANTED AND UNNEEDED RETAIL BUILDING.

Your CCCA representatives have argued forcefully against this **premature** plan change that allows for a new structure in the park. The developer has not provided a justification for a retail building. The CCSP calls for street level retail all along Crystal Drive (from 15th Street to well south of 23rd Street) **and** at the ground level within the two existing office buildings that border the park's northern edge between 1770 and the Metro entrance. There are more than enough existing and planned retail opportunities without encroaching on valued open space. Equally important, there is **no funding** for park design, construction and maintenance, nor is there funding for a proposed new Metro entrance at 18th and Crystal Drive. If County officials agree to postpone the imposition of a

building in the park NOW, it can be revisited when a **need can be demonstrated AND funding for the park and Metro entrance becomes available.** The 1770 project and other improvements planned for the block north to 15th Street can of course proceed.

It is very important that County officials hear from Crystal City residents at the Planning Commission (meeting May 7) and the County Board (May 19 or 22). It's also important that the citizens appear in person, even if they don't choose to speak, to demonstrate public engagement and concern.

Please check the CPHD website

(<https://departments.arlingtonva.us/planning-housing-development>) for further information and the County Board site for the meeting date and agenda (<https://countyboard.arlingtonva.us/meetings>).

Re-Imagining Crystal City/Pentagon City and Potomac Yard

The Crystal City Business Improvement District (CCBID) is embarking on a collaborative strategic planning process aimed at creating an Action Agenda to guide the continuing transformation of the Crystal City, Pentagon City and Potomac Yard area as a dynamic commercial marketplace and a more walkable and livable urban place. The planning process will be led by an appointed steering committee drawn from the BID's Board of Directors, civic associations, business and arts groups, and major property owners in the Pentagon City and Potomac Yards area along with other public and civic sector leaders and officials. *Members of the CCCA Executive Committee are participating in the working groups and will keep our membership informed. The final report is scheduled to be released in November.*

Will Crystal City Get a Walkway to DCA?

Advocates call the proposed bridge a game changer. But at a potential cost of \$35 million, it won't happen without a major financial commitment from the County and/or others.



[Read the Arlington Magazine article here.](#)

Long Bridge Aquatic and Fitness Center Fee Working Group

A working group has been established to recommend fees for memberships, passes, and other proposed uses of the new Long Bridge Park Aquatics and Fitness Center. [Read more here.](#)

Long Bridge Drive Utility Undergrounding & Roadway Realignment

The Long Bridge Drive utility undergrounding and roadway realignment are part of the Boundary Channel Drive Interchange project, which will upgrade the Boundary Channel Drive/I-395 interchange to more efficiently and safely serve future traffic generated by



Long Bridge Park and existing local and regional traffic generated by the Pentagon and I-395. The

interchange project also includes a connection to Long Bridge Park Drive and a bicycle connection from the Humpback Bridge to Long Bridge Park.

Phase 1 Utility Undergrounding is completed. The first phase of the Long Bridge Drive project removed the four overhead utility poles along the south side of Long Bridge Drive, underground the utilities and provided necessary utility connections for the future Long Bridge Park and aquatic, health and fitness facility.

Phase 2: Roadway realignment: The second phase will extend the reconstructed section of Long Bridge Drive (formerly Old Jefferson Davis Highway) to the Boundary Channel Drive/I-395 interchange. Long Bridge Drive will be realigned in order to tie into the future interchange at a less skewed and awkward angle. Improvements will include new sidewalks, bike lanes, landscaping, bus stops and street lighting.

Long Bridge Park Field #3 Renovations Begin April 23!

Renovations of Long Bridge Park Field #3 are scheduled to begin on Monday, April 23, 2018. The field will be closed for renovations for approximately 45 days. Field #3 has had very high use since the park opened over seven years ago. As part of the work, synthetic turf field surfacing will be replaced with new dual fiber

(monofilament and slit film) synthetic infill-type surfacing and will include new infill, lines, and field markings.

Demolition of elevated Clark Street

The fly-over roads from 12th and 15th Streets to Route 1 have both been closed. The contractor is working on permit applications, noise and vibration monitoring, and site preparation and pre-demolition items. Once demolition begins, there will be temporary street closures and detours to accommodate removal of the bridge structure. The first major detour is expected to begin in late May or early June with the closure of westbound 15th Street at the Clark Street and Route 1 bridges. 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](#)

Potomac Yard Metro station is over budget and behind schedule

The Potomac Yard Metro station is going to cost \$52 million more than previously estimated and might not open for passenger service until 2022, Alexandria city officials said this week. Alexandria and Metro blame increases in the cost of building materials and labor, saying the previous price tag was based on 2015 construction costs. "Clearly we would have preferred to pay a lower cost as was estimated in 2015 ... but we are still in a solid position to move forward with this new station," said Craig T. Fifer, chief spokesman for the city of Alexandria, which is paying for construction of the now \$320-million project. [Read more here.](#)

Office out. Apartments in. Here's the look of JBG Smith's revised PenPlace plan.

Arlington County has uploaded [the proposed PenPlace site plan](#), now featuring two seven-story apartment buildings totaling 300 units, 40,000 square feet of ground-floor retail and a future park. The site, which sits across 12th Street South from JBG Smith's Whole Foods Market-anchored The Bartlett (the single largest apartment building in Arlington), is currently vacant.

[Read more here.](#)

Boston or D.C. 'most likely to win' Amazon's HQ2, report finds

The Boston and Washington, D.C., metro areas are the "most likely candidates" to win Amazon.com Inc.'s second headquarters, a study from New York-based The Conference Board concludes, based on real-time labor demand and advertised online job vacancies among the 20 markets vying to land HQ2. The e-commerce giant's HQ2 campus could house 50,000 high-paying jobs in an

8 million-square-foot campus and generate \$5 billion in investment. [Read more here.](#)

Amazon HQ2 speculation boosting JBG stock

JBG Smith Properties Inc. (NYSE: JBS) stock is up 13 percent in the last 30 days, enjoying a boost from speculation that the real estate investment trust is a leading contender to land Amazon's HQ2. [Read more here.](#)

D.C.-area officials in talks about ways to jointly court Amazon's HQ2

Officials in D.C., Maryland and Virginia have initiated a series of talks about ways to collectively position Greater Washington to win Amazon.com Inc.'s second headquarters despite having separate bids for the major economic development prospect. [Read more here.](#)

Here is one unlikely beneficiary if Amazon HQ2 were to land in Crystal City

One of the country's Ivy League institutions stands to benefit in a big way if Amazon.com (NASDAQ: AMZN) picks Crystal City for its highly touted and much-anticipated second headquarters. Yale University happens to own about 4.36 percent of all the common shares of Chevy Chase-based developer JBG Smith Properties (NYSE: JBGS), or about 5.1 million shares, according to recent Securities and Exchange Commission filings. And while the company currently trades at about \$34 per share, it could see a big boost if Amazon picks Crystal City, where JBG Smith controls virtually the entire office market. [Read more here.](#)

New Stores Coming to Pentagon Row

Smallcakes, a cupcake and ice cream chain, is set to open in a vacant storefront adjacent to the former Ristorante Murali. Also coming to the shopping center is Aabee Restaurant, a "Persian and Mediterranean fusion" restaurant formerly located in Fairfax. Permanent signs are up for Aabee, which is opening in the former NKD Pizza storefront across the parking lot from Harris Teeter. [Read more here.](#) A restaurant called "Gorilla Taco" also appears to be coming. The new Mexican restaurant has applied for a Virginia ABC permit to serve wine and beer at 1201 S. Joyce Street. [Read more here.](#)

Crystal City's Cafe Italia Closes

Cafe Italia has been evicted from its Crystal City location, according to notices affixed to the restaurant's front door and signed by an Arlington County deputy sheriff. The restaurant, which was located at 519 23rd Street S., opened in 1976. Word is that Freddy's Bar is expanding and will take over ownership of a new Italian restaurant with the same chef as Café Italia. [Read more here.](#)

Arlington County Issues

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.](#)

Arlington County Board Adopts FY 2019 Budget

The Arlington County Board today adopted a \$1.276 billion balanced General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 that includes no increase in the real estate tax rate. The Board largely accepted the \$8.4 million in spending reductions, \$6.6 million in fee and tax increases and \$5.5 million in funding realignments recommended by the County Manager in his [proposed budget](#). The 3.9 percent increase in residential property assessments in 2018 means that although the real estate tax rate will not rise, the average homeowner will see an increase in taxes and fees from \$8,446 to 8,742, a \$296 or 3.5 percent increase. [Read the details here.](#)

Major Milestone: A New Six-Step Public Engagement Guide

The County's new "Six-Step Public Engagement Guide for Capital Projects" aims to strengthen engagement and communication processes across County government – for hundreds of capital projects both large and small. Recognizing there's no one-size-fits-all approach, the guide aligns the level of public engagement needed based on the characteristics, benefits and potential impacts of each project. The six-step process highlights how engagements should be planned, implemented and assessed.

Over the last year, the County Manager's office worked with both internal and external stakeholders to develop the guide. And in the last month, hundreds of staff across the County have been trained on the new guide. Starting April 2, the guide will be applied to new capital projects just coming online. The County also will incorporate engagement levels into the next Capital Improvement Plan.

View a [one-page snapshot of the guide](#) or check out the [full guide](#). You can also stay connected other important engagement opportunities by checking out the Engage Arlington webpage. [Read more here.](#)

Streetlight Field Demonstrations

Wednesday, May 2 and Saturday, May 12- Join County staff on a [bus tour](#) or [walking tour](#) to learn about Arlington County's streetlight technology and different products under consideration as part of the Streetlight Management Plan. Can't attend a tour – Share your input [online!](#) RSVPs required. [More details.](#)

Help Keep Arlington Social Security Office Open

Arlington's only Social Security field office is scheduled to close in June. If it closes, Arlingtonians will have to go to Edsall Road at the south end of Alexandria for in-person services. That office already serves all of Alexandria and much of Fairfax and does not have the capacity to take on our needs. This harms the most vulnerable in our community who have the least access to transportation and internet services, and may have the most complicated cases that need human interaction. Please consider making a quick call or two in support of this office.

SSA Commissioner 410-965-3120
Rep. Don Beyer 703-658-5403
Sen. Tim Kaine 703-361-3198
Sen. Mark Warner 703-442-0670

Arlington Ranked Best Place for Successful Women in the U.S.

The most successful women in the U.S. live in Arlington, according to a new study by the website SmartAsset. Arlington, Virginia takes the top spot. This city has the highest paid women in the study, according to Census Bureau data. The median full-time working woman in Arlington earns over \$80,200 per year. In total nearly 57% of women here earn at least \$75,000 per year. And Arlington women do more than earn large paychecks.

[Read more here.](#)

Water Pollution Control Plant Master Plan

The Arlington County Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) treats incoming wastewater flows for residents, businesses, and government agencies in the Arlington County sewer service area to protect public health and the environment. The residuals produced as a byproduct of the treatment process are currently stabilized using lime to produce Class B biosolids that are beneficially used through application on agricultural land. The previous Master Plan project (MP01) focused on implementing state-of-the-art technology for the liquid

treatment processes. This Solids Master Plan focuses on planning for the future of solids processing at the facility. The purpose of the Solids Master Plan is to provide a roadmap for Arlington County with long- terms goals and strategies to achieve those goals identified. The plan recognizes the potential for a regional solids management solution that might include partnership with other utilities. Potential partners including DC Water, Fairfax County, and others were contacted for interest; however, at the time of this report, no regional opportunity has emerged. The recommendations in this Solids Master Plan allow the County to proceed with the planning and implementation of a solids management strategy while continuing to explore potential regional opportunities that may arise. [Read more on the Project website.](#)

Capital Bikeshare Coming to Gravelly Point, Theodore Roosevelt Island

The Arlington County Board approved an agreement April 24 with the National Park Service to allow Capital Bikeshare stations to be located on park service land. The Memorandum of Understanding will allow the County to install bikeshare stations at Gravelly Point and in the parking lot of Theodore Roosevelt Island, part of a planned and funded expansion of Capital Bikeshare's network along the Mt. Vernon Trail. The paved trail stretches 18 miles between Rosslyn and George Washington's home at Mount Vernon.

The County now has just one Capital Bikeshare station on National Park Service land, near the Iwo Jima Memorial in Rosslyn, just north of Arlington National Cemetery. The agreement is part of a new permitting process for placing Capital Bikeshare stations on National Park Service land. [Read more here.](#)

School Board Considering New policy on Name Changes

According to a group of alumni from the Washington-Lee High School, there is a current Arlington County School Board initiative to rename not only Washington-Lee High School, but fully one-half or more of the schools in the county. The group is expressing concern that the part of this process that will determine its outcome -- the promulgation of new school naming criteria -- will apply to existing schools as well as new schools. This process will be over by the first few weeks in May.

The group is urging all Arlington residents to consider the facts and attend the next APS meeting May 3 at 6:30pm at the School Board's new location, The Syphax Center off Washington Blvd: 2110 Washington Blvd .

The particular concern they are raising is that the naming criteria guidelines will be proposed to the school board by a staff committee and then approved by the school board in early May without input from the wider Arlington community. Please visit the APS website for the rest of the meeting schedule.

Arlington Human Rights Commission Launches New LGBTQ Resources Page

As part of its work to ensure equality for all who live, work, play and learn in Arlington, the County, in partnership with the Human Rights Commission's Equality Task Force, has launched a webpage with local, state, and national resources for the LGBTQ community. The new webpage compiles LGBTQ resources on a variety of topics, including homelessness and housing, domestic violence and sexual assault, and health. There are also topics specifically for teens and youth—such as scholarship opportunities and school clubs—as well as ones targeted at seniors and older adults, such as SAGE. [Read more here.](#)

Four Mile Run Valley Policy Framework Hearings set for May

The Arlington County Board has set public hearings in May and consider adoption of the draft Four Mile Run Valley Policy Framework. The framework highlights the overall vision and conceptual plans for the area, and identifies the policy-related actions needed to realize the vision. [Read more here.](#)

Other Issues

Public Forum on Regional Transportation

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board will be hosting a public forum at the Arlington County Central Library Auditorium to discuss seven regional transportation initiatives with residents to obtain feedback that can be included in our long-range transportation plan, Visualize 2045. Meeting details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Location: Arlington County Central Library Auditorium
1015 North Quincy Street

Meetings are collaborative and family friendly - refreshments and activities for children will be provided. You may visit: visualize2045.org for more information about the initiatives and additional public forums in the

region, or email: azenner@mwkog.org if you have any questions.

Airport Construction: Stormwater Drain Work on Terminal B/C Commercial Vehicle Roadway

Beginning Monday, April 23, 2018, the north end of the Terminal B/C Arrivals (lower-level) roadway used by taxis and app-based ride services will close for construction

No Passenger Pick-Ups

Outside Doors 10, 11, 12

Use Curb Outside Doors 4-9



related to

Project Journey. Passengers boarding taxis and app-based ride services will need to use the marked areas outside Doors 4 through 9 on the Arrivals level. Minor impacts are expected as vehicles are detoured around the work zone.

Beyer Seeks To Appease Aircraft Noise Concerns With Amendments

Congressman Don Beyer (D-Va.) has added several amendments to the FAA Reauthorization Act (H.R. 4) intended to reduce aircraft noise in the region. One of the amendments would provide for soundproofing “residential buildings located on residential properties that are subject to increased perceived noise levels as a result of the NextGen initiative of the Federal Aviation Administration.”

One of the amendments would charge the administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration with developing “a noise inquiry website... to receive, track, and analyze complaints on an ongoing basis from individuals in the National Capital Region.” A separate amendment proposes a monthly helicopter noise abatement working group, led by the FAA and with Department of Defense officials in attendance, to “collect, correlate, and identify trends” relating to regional helicopter noise.

Another amendment seeks to “review and revise helicopter flight paths, including those used by the Department of Defense and all military helicopters, identifying and issuing new official paths for the areas in which helicopters may be able to fly at higher altitudes.”

[Read more here.](#)

Region’s congressional delegation to rest of Congress: Leave National Airport alone

It’s FAA reauthorization season again. Officially, this is about passing legislation to keep the Federal Aviation Administration operating, but seasoned veterans know it’s also an opportunity for members to push their “special” aviation-related priorities. So, with assistance from West Virginia Sens. Shelley Moore Capito (R) and Joe Manchin III (D), members of the Washington region’s delegation are attempting to quash even the smallest suggestion that any changes be made to the rules that govern air traffic at National. Their missive, sent this week, is straightforward. [Read more here.](#)

How To Check If Your Facebook Data Was Used By Cambridge Analytica

Facebook users have begun to see whether they’re among the 87 million people whose information may have been compromised for use by a political research firm. For some, the news is good: “It doesn’t appear your Facebook information was shared with Cambridge Analytica.” The notifications are appearing on Facebook’s page about users’ exposed data. The company had also said it would put the information at the top of users’ news feed. [Read more from NPR here.](#)

Fridays at the Fountain

The Fountain at 1601 Crystal Drive

Fridays, May - October, 5-9PM

Open for business immediately after work at 5pm, patrons can ease into the weekend with a delicious beverage and live music in the beautiful setting of the Crystal City Water Park. The event is 100 percent free to attend and there will be food and drink available for purchase at The Stand! So come, grab a drink and a bite to eat and relax with your friends, colleagues and neighbors and enjoy some great live music from a different hand picked group every week.

Half Off Mug Club for Fridays at the Fountain – Crystal City’s Pop-Up Beer & Wine Garden

Attendees will have the option of joining the Fridays at the Fountain “Mug Club” featuring a 16-ounce, branded beer stein, while supplies last. Mugs cost \$20 and come with the first drink ticket (a \$5 value). Mug Club members will get discounts on draft beers for the entire Fridays at the Fountain event series (May-October).

Buy your mug today for 1/2 price and enjoy 16oz pours for the price of a 12oz beer all summer long!

VeloFix Mobile Bike Repairs

1900 Crystal Drive

Thursdays through October, 8AM - 3PM

Get those nagging bicycle repairs taken care of while you work with Mobile Bicycle Services by Velofix. Simply drop off your bike on Thursday morning and have it tuned up by professionally-certified bicycle mechanics and ready to ride before heading home.

Food Truck Thursdays

1900 Crystal Drive

Thursdays, May - October, 11AM - 2PM

Get your lunchtime Food Truck fix and expand your culinary horizons! Actual truck schedules are subject to change so be sure to follow your favorites.

Crafts Market

1900 Crystal Drive

Thursdays, May - June, 11AM - 2PM

The eclectic and colorful shopping experience of Eastern Market returns to 1900 Crystal Drive with Crystal City Crafts Market. Featuring a diverse mix of arts, crafts, handmade jewelry, accessories, bath and beauty products and other local, handcrafted products as well as live-music and select food products, provides a new lunchtime attraction for area workers, hotel guests, and residents.

Small Space Gardening on Balconies

Tuesday, May 1, 7-8:30 p.m., Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Use your prettiest containers on a balcony to grow flowers, foliage, herbs, and edibles. Learn what plants grow best on balconies and get tips for maintaining them in our tough climate. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions? Telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com

First Friday in the Art Underground

The Shops at 2100 Crystal Drive

Friday, May 4, 5-8pm Head to the Art Underground for a FREE opening reception for the Gallery Underground's May "Hot/Cool," a national juried exhibition. The terms "hot" and "cool" can describe color, temperature, popular culture, or appearance. Red is hot, blue is cool, pop trends and jazz can be hot or cool. Artists working in all media show works interpreting these qualities--see what they've come up with, then catch a late discounted ArtJamz session at 8:30pm.

A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time: Julia Wilbur's Struggle for Purpose

With local author Paula Whitacre

Thursday, May 10, 7:00 pm

Reinsch Library Auditorium, Marymount University
In the fall of 1862 Julia Wilbur left her family's farm near Rochester, New York, and boarded a train to

Washington. She headed toward the chaos of the Civil War and spent most of the next several years in Alexandria devising ways to aid the many recently freed and escaped slaves and hospitalized Union soldiers. Local author, Paula Whitacre has shaped Wilbur's diaries and other primary sources into a historical narrative sending us back in time 150 years to understand a woman who was driven to improve the lives of others. (This event follows a brief annual AHS meeting during which AHS members will elect officers and directors of the Society for the coming year. The members meeting is at 7:00. The public program is slated to start at about 7:15.) For more information, please visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org

Neighborhood Day

On Saturday, **May 12**, neighborhoods across Arlington will organize events ranging from picnics to sporting events. A beloved Arlington tradition, Neighborhood Day brings communities together to enjoy the great outdoors (or indoors) and strengthens ties between neighbors. Crystal Park Condominium is organizing a yard sale in Crystal City on that day.

Bike to Work Week Pit Stop

The Fountain at 1601 Crystal Drive
May 14 - 18, 7-9AM

Make biking to work the norm by challenging yourself to ride every day during Crystal City's Annual Bike to Work Week (BTWW). Scheduled to coincide with National Bike to Work Day, BTWW welcomes riders every weekday morning for a week with coffee, bagels, snacks, and a chance to connect with the growing regional bicycle community. Riders to check in at the pit stop all week will be eligible to win an exclusive Crystal City cycling jersey.

Your Only Chance to Bike DC Car-Free

[DC Bike Ride](#) is the region's only car-free, closed-road, recreational bike ride. Register now before the price increases on May 1. Save even more when you use the promo code ARLBIKE18 for \$10 off standard registration. Kids ages 3 to 7 are always free and youth ages 8 to 17 are always half-price. Join us on **Saturday, May 19** for a fun, recreational, family-friendly bicycle adventure. DC Bike Ride celebrates bicycling as a form of healthy living, fitness, transportation and fun. Your registration includes access to the closed-road DC Bike Ride course that starts in West Potomac Park — this is the only time Washington, DC closes roads for bicycles!

Mosquitoes and Ticks: Identification and Control

Thursday, May 31, 3–4:30 p.m., Cherrydale Library, 2190 North Military Rd.. In this fascinating presentation, you will learn the science of how best to control mosquitoes and ticks, keeping them away from you and your family. This includes learning how to identify the mosquitoes and ticks that are common in our area, as well as learning about their life cycle, how they reproduce, and where they go in the winter. We will focus on implementing sustainable options for you and your yard. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions? Telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

The Connection Library

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

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