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Civic Association Issues

CCCA Annual Meeting and Elections: November 29

Have you wondered about the buzz of Crystal City "taking off"? Come hear **Tracy Gabriel**, Executive Director of the Crystal City Business Improvement Development (BID), show us what the new strategic plan for the Future Cities Project Area (Crystal City/Pentagon City/Potomac Yard) will be.

We will also hold **elections** for CCCA officers, as described below.

Same time (7-9 pm) and same location (1805 Crystal Park Condominium community room).

CCCA Elections

Nominations -- including self-nominations -- are now open for the following four CCCA officer positions! All members whose dues are paid are eligible to be candidates and to vote in the election at the CCCA Annual General Meeting on the evening of November 29, 2018. Terms for each position are two years.

— **Vice President for Policy and Planning:** Lead officer representing and coordinating CCCA activity dealing with Arlington County and other outside entities on planning, development, and policies

— **Treasurer:** Lead Custodian of financial assets and records

— **Communications Director:** Lead officer on the communications program, which includes maintenance of the association's website, producing a periodic newsletter, and other interface on behalf of the CCCA

— **Membership Liaison:** Lead officer in recruiting new members and facilitating the CCCA activities of current members, ensuring they receive needed information and support

To nominate yourself, or someone else, for one of these offices, please submit general contact information for the nominee (name, address, phone number, email address, and a brief written statement supporting the candidacy) to the Election Committee, specifying which office the nomination is for. In addition, if you are nominating someone else, please provide your contact information. (election@crystalcitycivic.org)

All nominations must be received by November 14, when nominations will be closed.

More detail on the officer positions and operations of the CCCA is available from the Election Committee, whose members would be glad to provide additional information and answers to any questions of interested civic association members. (election@crystalcitycivic.org)

In addition, the CCCA's Bylaws containing descriptions of the open positions are posted on the Association's website. (www.crystalcitycivic.org)

This is an opportunity for Crystal City residents to advance the interests of the Crystal City community.

Crystal City Development and Planning Issues

Elections Location for Crystal City Precinct 006

Attention all voters in the northern part of Crystal City. Our moveable polling site has hopefully settled in its



permanent location: 251 S. 18th Street. Note that this is the Wells Fargo red building on the corner of 18th and Clark/Bell Streets, right across from the bus stations and the Metro. The polling site is located in the ground floor lobby

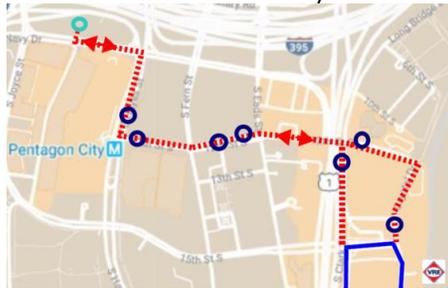
Conference Room directly across from the entrance to the Wells Fargo Bank. **(Do not go to the Gallery Underground where you voted in the last two elections.)**

There are 4 ways to enter the lobby of the building: 2 doors facing the Metro/bus stations; 1 door facing the Plaza on 18th Street; elevators from the Underground in the hallway facing Rite Aid. Free parking will be available and clearly marked on the loop off 18th Street and next to the Plaza. Note that the entrance to the parking loop is just to the left of the entrance to the garage. The exit from the parking loop faces the Plaza. Parking in the garage is not free.

Open house for Transitway Extension to Pentagon City

Arlington County Transportation is holding an open house **Nov. 8 6:30-8:00 pm in the** Crystal City Community Room, Crystal City Shops, 2100 Crystal

Drive, to learn about the project to extend the Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway to Pentagon City. This extension will run from Crystal Drive and Clark Street



along 12th Street South to South Hayes Street and Army Navy Drive. It will add 0.75 miles of bus-only lanes to the Transitway corridor, along

with 7 new stations serving high-quality, high-capacity, frequent bus service. Staff are currently working to prepare the project's traffic and operations analysis and complete design for the project's first segment by summer 2019. Stop by anytime between 6:30 and 8 pm to discuss the project with County staff and have your questions answered. [Visit the project page](#)

Aquatic Center Construction Is Underway

Major work is in progress now on constructing the Aquatics Center at Long Bridge Park. Trees cleared and lots of equipment working.



Phase I of Uber Lyft Lot Started

On October 12 the County activated a temporary traffic



signal at the corner of Route 1 and 27th Street South, in response to community requests to the County to mitigate the serious traffic

problems. MWAA coordinated with the County to open the lot's Route 1 gate at the same time. These changes allow traffic from MWAA's TNC lot to exit to Route 1. This concludes installation of phase 1 of the interim solution.

The County is monitoring this location through traffic cameras installed on site, and will fine-tune the signal timing based on actual operations. The County continues to encourage MWAA to seek additional strategies dealing with the displacement of its TNC lot due to the construction on its campus. At the same time, County staff is working on congestion mitigation measures to counter, to the maximum extent possible, the significant increase in traffic volume.

This is the first phase to mitigate the traffic problems on S. Eads Street caused by installation of this lot in the spring. Phase II for a more permanent solution is a long way off, but this is a good start. Thank you, Arlington County Traffic Division. [Here's the project website.](#)

County Board Approves Crystal Square Site Plans Phase I and II

On Saturday, October 20th the County Board approved both Crystal Square Site Plan amendments requested by JBG-Smith.

Phase One includes a specialty grocery store and an Alamo Drafthouse cinema along with some additional retail, as well as street improvements and landscaping. Phase Two was controversial for some members as, in addition to the renovation for the office building at 1750/1770 Crystal Drive, it proposed introducing a two-story retail/office structure at 18th and Crystal Drive in the existing open space.

At the public hearing, CCCA Vice President Judy Freshman and former President Christer Ahl opposed the introduction of an unplanned building in the open space and argued that a comprehensive park planning process should be conducted before any change to the Sector Plan is approved. However, the Board voted unanimously to allow JBG-Smith to proceed.

Phase One is expected to begin soon and the office building renovation in Phase Two is ongoing. Presently, it appears that there are no funds for park design and construction or for the new Metro entrance at 18th and Crystal Drive, although the corner building may proceed to Site Plan review at any time. [Read more here.](#)

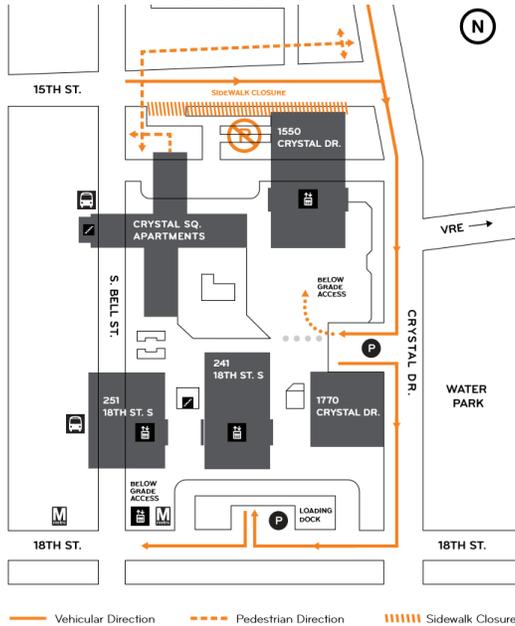
Construction On Crystal Square and Garage closures

On October 22nd, JBG-Smith started a construction project bringing 130,000 sf of new retail, including a movie theater and a grocery store, to Crystal City.

Here's what to expect in the next few months:

- The parking garage entrance on 15th Street South closed permanently on October 22nd. Office and retail tenants and visitors can use the entrances on Crystal Drive and 18th Street.

- All currently open retail shops will remain open.
- The south side of the sidewalk on 15th Street will be closed. Pedestrians will need to cross to the north side of 15th to access Crystal Drive or Bell Street destinations.
- The central vehicular entrance for the Crystal Square Apartments on 15th will be closed and drivers will need to use the South Bell Street entrance.



Additionally, property managers and engineers will be on the ground with "How Can I Help?" buttons, to help answer questions or direct traffic. Construction is scheduled to finish in two years – late 2020.

Crystal Drive speed limit changing from 30 mph to 25 mph

On Oct. 23, the County Board approved decreasing the speed limit on Crystal Drive by five miles per hour, from 30 mph to 25 mph. The new speed limit is expected to be implemented by the end of November. The change is based on a traffic engineering investigation the County conducted for Crystal Drive from 12th Street South to Route 1. The investigation analyzed speed statistics, collision history, pedestrian activity and roadway characteristics. Based on these factors, the investigation supported a reduced speed limit for this street. [For more information, view the Board Report](#)

Clark Street demolition update

Crews continue removing and hauling away soil that supported the elevated Clark Street. Currently, the contractor has hauled approximately 6,400 cubic yards of soil material off-site, out of approximately 22,000 cubic yards to be removed for the whole project. This operation is using approximately 15 trucks per day. The last week of October the contractor plans to crush and

haul away the concrete walls and abutment from the since-removed 15th Street South bridge and from the wingwalls along the 15th Street off-ramp. Crews also continue excavation and concrete placement for the traffic signal foundations at the intersection of Route 1 and 20th Street South, and installation of street light foundations along the median and northbound right shoulder of Route 1 between 15th and 20th Streets South.

The next detours for this project will occur during removal of the Clark Street bridge over 18th Street South. This work has not yet been scheduled, but there will be a two-week advance notice before the detour starts. [Visit the project page](#)

Crystal Drive Two-Way Conversion Final Phase

In September, the County Board approved the construction contract for the Crystal Drive two-way conversion's final phase, which will convert Crystal Drive between 26th and 27th Streets South to two-way operation. Construction is expected to begin in late 2018 and last approximately nine months. The project is designed to improve traffic circulation patterns in Crystal City. In addition to the two-way conversion, improvements will include a loading area near the Hyatt Regency hotel, a new right-turn pocket for northbound Crystal Drive onto 26th Street, a bike lane on southbound Crystal Drive and sharrows on northbound Crystal Drive. There will be one vehicle traffic lane in each direction on this section of Crystal Drive. 27th Street South will also be converted to two-way traffic from Crystal Drive to Route 1.

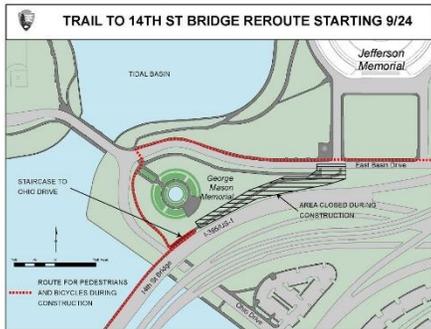
This project is the third and final phase of converting Crystal Drive from one-way to two-way travel, as planned in the 2010 Crystal City Sector Plan. Upon completion, Crystal Drive will be a two-way street from South Potomac Avenue/27th Street South up through 12th Street South. [See the project website.](#)

Improvements Coming to 14th Street Bridge Bike Connector Path

Beginning Monday, September 24, the National Park Service will start work to improve the bicycle and pedestrian trail that connects the north terminus of the 14th Street Bridge with East Basin Drive near the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. The project will widen and improve the trail surface, correct a dangerous slope along the path and improve the crosswalks and crosswalk markings across East Basin Drive. At the same time, a two-way cycle track will be installed in one lane of East Basin Drive where it passes the Jefferson

Memorial, providing a dedicated and protected route for cyclists.

Starting on September 24 and lasting the duration of the anticipated 10-week project, the trail will be



closed to all pedestrian and bicycle access. A marked detour utilizing stairs and a runnel (ramp adjacent to the stairs) will guide trail users around the closed area via

Ohio Drive, past the George Mason Memorial, and along East Basin Drive.

Potential Long Bridge Bike/Pedestrian Bridge

A part of the draft EIS for the Long Bridge Project has been released that shows the location and position of a potential Bike/Pedestrian bridge connecting to Long Bridge Park. A few conclusions:

- 1) They are moving forward with a separate Bike/Ped bridge.
- 2) It does connect to Long Bridge Par.
- 3) NPS and the Railroad support a separate bridge, which makes it easier to get approval.
- 4) The timing of building the railway bridge is not known, but clearly many years away.

Survey on Long Bridge Park Facilities Center Usage

Arlington has begun work to build the Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center. We now get to develop the programs and fees for the facility. Let us know what you would like to see! For a quick recap, the new center will feature a 50-meter pool, 1-, 3-, and 5-meter diving, and a leisure pool that will have fun elements such as a lazy river, splash pad for tots, basketball, volleyball, lap lanes and a water slide. There will also be the largest County fitness center, community rooms, and we'll be expanding the park and esplanade. Learn more here. A citizen-led working group is currently coming up with fee recommendations for the County Board to review in Spring, 2019. They welcome your feedback. [Please take a minute to share your thoughts to](#) help us plan the center's programs and amenities. **Feedback closes Nov. 19.**

Bikes, pinwheels and pavement: Crystal City emerges as JBG Smith's test lab

Read the interesting article in the [Washington Business Journal](#) about JBG-Smith's innovative work in Crystal City. "That is how JBG Smith rolls in Crystal City these days. It made its big splash with Phase Zero, with those colorful building wraps and other public space improvements, and it's following up with things like the impromptu bicycle art and experimental surface-cooling paint. And Coulter told me the developer is still brainstorming others. It's also retained the services of CoUrbanize, whose technology platform allows developers to gather feedback from community members via text, social media and comments posted in online forums to see how well these types of projects are faring."

New Public Art on the Way for Crystal City, Fresh Off Arrival of Colorful Bikes and Flowers

A bevy of new public art looks to be on the way for Crystal City, just a few weeks after the neighborhood's largest property owner commissioned a series of art projects around the area. The Crystal City Business Improvement District has put out a call to local artists looking to bring some temporary public art to the neighborhood, as part of an effort to "activate vacant and open spaces" and "enliven and connect the public realm." The BID is offering up to hand out up to \$50,000 for each project, and is inviting professional public artists, "art consultant organizations and curators" to apply. [See more here.](#)

Strategic Plan Update

Visit www.futurecitiesproject.org for the latest update on our Strategic Plan and to download the plan framework.

NoVa Officials Remain Willing to Send County Cash for New Crystal City, Ballston Metro Entrances

A major funder of transportation projects across Northern Virginia isn't giving up on Arlington's long-stymied efforts to build second entrances for the Crystal City and Ballston Metro stations, though any substantial progress remains elusive. For years, the county has planned on paying for the new entrances by pairing its own money with some funding from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), a group that doles out sales tax revenues to transportation projects around the region.

The NVTA took a major funding hit when the landmark deal struck by state lawmakers to provide dedicated funding for Metro diverted tens of millions away from the group each year, a move condemned by Democrats

but insisted upon by Republicans as a way to fund Metro without raising taxes. That's prevented the NVTa from funding all the projects it might like, including the second entrances. Even still, Monica Backmon, NVTa's executive director, says that the county remains well positioned to earn the cash it needs to complete the projects from her organization — though, perhaps, not as quickly as its leaders might like.

The second entrance in Crystal City seems particularly likely to earn a bit more cash from the NVTa in the near term, Backmon said. Her group could only hand out about \$5 million for the effort in its most recent round of awarding funding for projects, which she expects will fund about "half of the design costs" for the effort. [Read details here.](#)

LCOR Buys Pentagon City Site For \$100M Multifamily Project

The Pennsylvania-based developer bought the property next door to its new Altaire building from Verizon and plans to build a \$100M project with 280 multifamily units, LCOR announced Thursday. The developer said it plans to break ground in early 2020. The 39,700 SF site it acquired at 400 11th St. South in Arlington sits one block from the Whole Foods-anchored The Bartlett apartment building and is a few blocks from the Pentagon City Metro station about a half-mile from the Crystal City stop. [Read more here.](#)

Amazon HQ2 Watch: Northern Virginia Checks the Most Boxes

The growing consensus is that the place that checks the most boxes is Northern Virginia. In online betting forums, it has the best odds of landing the project. Analysts at Citi recently said most investors they spoke with also expected HQ2 to end up in the Washington area, noting that Northern Virginia is home to Amazon's cloud computing division's "largest and fastest-growing office outside of Seattle." Many have gone a step further, suggesting that Crystal City, an older office area being revitalized just across the Potomac River from Washington, offers the best site. Its upsides: good transit, diverse residents, a friendly business climate and a single developer with a big chunk of land. Amazon says it will announce its decision by the end of the year. Other areas that are regularly named as strong contenders include Chicago, Atlanta and Austin, Tex. Washington and the Maryland suburbs are also finalists. [Read more here.](#)

The cost to park Potomac Yard Metro station contractors? More than \$1M per year

If you're wondering how the construction of a single infill Metrorail station can cost \$320 million, check out Potomac Yard, where just parking the contractors will cost more than \$1 million a year. According to a WMATA staff report, the overall station construction site is constricted and cannot accommodate contractor employee parking. Rather than have workers park on neighborhood streets — a big concern for local homeowners — Metro identified the Pulte parcel "as the most practical and cost effective resolution." The Metro station is expected to open by March 2022. [See Washington Business Journal's article.](#)

New Restaurants

A new restaurant offering Indian and Nepalese cuisine is on the way for the Pentagon Row shopping center. **Namaste Everest** plans to open its doors in spring 2019, according to a release from Pentagon Row owner Federal Realty Investment Trust. Chef Nabin Paudel, a Nepal native, operates another restaurant under the name "Namaste" in Alexandria. The new eatery will be his first expansion into Arlington. Other recent additions to Pentagon Row include a **pop-up taco bar** and a new location for local chain **Basic Burger**. [Read more here.](#)

Crystal City is getting a bowling alley

Bowlero, a combination bowling alley and restaurant, is coming to The Buchanan building in Crystal City. The 44,000-square-foot venue aims to open in fall 2019 at 320 S. 23rd St., according to a person with knowledge of the deal. Bowlero, which is an offshoot of the Bowlmor AMF chain, will take space previously occupied by GDIT on the building's ground floor. It will also take space that was until recently home to Uyghur Chinese restaurant Queen Amannisa, which has closed. Bowlero Crystal City will have 32 lanes, including the group's blacklight bowling lanes, an arcade and a full bar and restaurant. The menu features pub food including wings, tacos, burgers and hot dogs as well as pizza. [Read more here.](#)

Pentagon City Ice Rink Opening for the Season

The rink, at 1101 S. Joyce Street, opened for the season on Thursday, Oct. 25. It will remain open until March 24. Renovated in 2013, the outdoor skating rink is billed as the largest in Northern Virginia, at 6,840 square feet. It hosts thousands of skaters each year during the cold weather months, even when it's not particularly cold. The rink is open seven days a week, including on holidays. Hours and pricing are posted on the rink's website. [Read more here.](#)

Arlington County Issues

Election Alert!

The **November 6** midterm election is fast approaching.

What's on the Ballot: One US Senator (3 candidates), 1 Member US House of Representatives (2 candidates), 1 County Board member (2 candidates), 1 School Board member (2 candidates), 2 Virginia constitutional amendments, and **4 County bond referendums!** Find links to information on these candidates,



bond referendums, and proposed constitutional amendments [through this link.](#)

Years of Memorial Bridge lane closures

The six-lane bridge will be narrowed down to three lanes by 4 a.m. October 15 as crews get to work on the meat of



a \$227 million renovation project for the 86-year-old span across the Potomac River. Prep work has been underway for several months

with a staging area set up adjacent to the George Washington Memorial Parkway and Mount Vernon Trail near the bridge. The new traffic pattern will include one inbound, one outbound and one reversible lane. The reversible lane will run eastbound in the mornings until noon, and then change to westbound toward Virginia from noon to 4 a.m. There will be two inbound lanes on weekends and federal holidays. One sidewalk side will be closed as well. [Read more here.](#)

Weigh in on the proposed County Budget

This year, Arlington County revenues are forecast to grow by a modest 1.5 percent, while expenditures are anticipated to grow 3.1 percent. This will contribute to an estimated budget gap of \$20 million-35 million, not including projections for Arlington Public Schools. Community members are invited to share insights and suggestions as the County Manager develops his FY 2020 budget proposal, which will be presented to the County Board in February 2019. [Provide feedback on the survey monkey here.](#) For additional information about the County's budget visit: budget.arlingtonva.us.

Public Spaces Master Plan Update - Final Draft

After more than three years of partnership with the PSMP Update Advisory Committee, numerous public engagement activities and more than 1,000 recorded community comments, Arlington County brings forward this final draft of the updated Public Spaces Master Plan (a process otherwise known as a Plan for Our Places and Spaces–POPS).

[Click here](#) to view the final draft of Arlington's Public Spaces Master Plan in its entirety. (Download PDF version) and weigh in with your feedback. [Share your thought on the project website.](#) Feedback closes Dec.1. CC residents are encouraged to weigh in with ideas about Plan aspects which have particular relevance for Crystal City. There are also 2 upcoming meetings where the Plan will be discussed and you can provide feedback:

Nov 2: POPS Open Door Event, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Nov 15: POPS Open Door Event, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

What can you do if an e-scooter is left inappropriately?

Arlington has developed a 9-month demonstration project to provide structure to the operation and use of Shared Mobility Devices (SMDs) within the County and to evaluate their impacts. SMDs are considered to be pedal bikes, electric-assist bikes (e-bikes), and electric-assist scooters (e-scooters) that do not require a station, as is required by the County's station-based Capital Bikeshare service. [See Frequently Asked Questions here on the project website.](#) During this demonstration project, the County invites the community to provide feedback on these new mobility options, including ideas and opinions on the direction the County should take with future regulations, by emailing mobility@arlingtonva.us.

County Services and Quality of Life Rate Among Best in Nation

According to Arlington's recent Community Satisfaction Survey, 88 percent of residents surveyed are satisfied with the overall quality of County services, 38 percentage points above the national average. The survey assessed resident satisfaction with a wide range of County services and included many of the same questions that were part of the County's past surveys, going back to 2004. Arlington also rated significantly above the national average for overall quality of life — 86 percent compared with 75 percent. [Read more here.](#)

Police to Participate in Fall Street Smart Campaign

As part of the Arlington County Police Department's overall traffic safety program, the Special Operations Section is again participating in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Fall Street Smart campaign. This region-wide public safety campaign, which runs from November 5 – December 2, 2018, aims to educate drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and scooter operators about existing traffic laws and how to safely share our roadways. The ultimate goal is to reduce the number of traffic related crashes and injuries on our roadways by identifying and changing unsafe behavior patterns among travelers.

Arlington County has developed a 9-month demonstration project, managed by Arlington Department of Environmental Services, to provide structure to the operation and use of Shared Mobility Devices (SMDs). SMDs are considered to be pedal bikes, electric-assist bikes (e-bikes), and electric-assist scooters (e-scooters). As part of the Street Smart campaign, officers will conduct high-visibility traffic enforcement at the following locations:

November 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Columbia Pike at S. Oakland Street

November 27th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Lee Highway at N. Powhatan Street

Before Kindergarten: Educational and Care Options in Arlington

The DHS Child Care Services Team along with the Department of Parks and Recreation, Head Start, and Arlington Public Schools will host this session on preschool and infant/toddler care options.

Saturday, **November 3** from 9 - 11 a.m.

Department of Human Services
2100 Washington Blvd.

[Map and Directions](#)

Arlington Could Soon Stop Recycling Glass Due to Rising Costs

Arlington officials are increasingly finding that recycling some items has become a bit of a pain in the glass. The county is encouraging residents to recycle metal, plastics, paper and cardboard like always, but people could soon be discouraged from adding glass to the mix. According to a newsletter put out by the Department of Environmental Services, glass comprises 22.4 percent of recycled goods in Arlington but is the only material that comes in at a negative value for Arlington on the recycled material market. Aluminum cans are valued at \$1,520 per ton while glass's recycle value is negative \$12.50. The high cost comes from the lack of nearby facilities able to process glass and the high cost of

separating it from other recycled materials. In meetings with the County Board, County Manager Mark Schwartz said most of the collected glass is already incinerated or sent to a landfill despite being marked for recycling. In the meantime, Arlingtonians are encouraged to seek aluminum containers for beverages first, plastic bottles second and to avoid glass if possible. [Read more here.](#)

Where to place the Arlington County car Decal? And the end of an era.

This year's decal must go on the lower left side of the windshield, just to the right of the inspection sticker.



Directions for Applying your Decal

1. Slowly lift the edge of the decal to remove it.
2. From inside of the vehicle, apply the decal to the right of the State Inspection Sticker.

Starting next year, Arlington drivers won't need to display a car decal on their vehicles for the first time in decades. The County Board voted unanimously September 25 to end the requirement that owners of vehicles parked in Arlington use a sticker to prove they've paid personal property taxes. The "motor vehicle license fee" associated with the decal, which helps the county pull in about \$5 million each year, will remain under the Board's plan. But starting July 1, 2019, the county will now rely entirely on license plate readers to track whether drivers are up to date on their taxes.

New Fire Chief to Join Arlington County

After an extensive search process, County Manager Mark



Schwartz has appointed David Povlitz as Arlington County Fire Chief, effective November 5, 2018. Chief Povlitz has more than 24 years of experience in fire, rescue and emergency medical services. During a 22-year career with Anne Arundel County Fire Department in Maryland, Chief Povlitz

advanced through the ranks, starting as a firefighter/emergency medical technician, and retiring as a division chief. He then moved to Alexandria Fire Department where he currently serves as an assistant chief, focusing on administration and process management. [Read more here.](#)

New Research Reveals Opportunity Gap Between North and South Arlington Neighborhoods

Striking new research reveals that where children are born in Arlington can have a decades-long ripple effect on their futures, with kids in the county's more ethnically diverse neighborhoods growing up to make less money and end up in jail at higher rates than their counterparts. The analysis, compiled by the Census bureau and a team of academic researchers, shows that children born to a family in a wealthy, predominantly white North Arlington neighborhood earn tens of thousands of dollars more, on average, than kids from a more diverse, lower income South Arlington neighborhood. Incarceration rates generally follow the opposite pattern. [Read more here.](#)

E-CARE

November 17, 8:30 -1 Pm. The biannual Arlington Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE) allows Arlington residents to safely dispose of household hazardous materials and electronics, plus recycle bikes and small metal items among other things. Talk to neighbors and combine loads, saving extra trips to the collection site. New location: 1425 N. Quincy St., formerly known as the Buck Property, directly across the street from Washington-Lee High School and the David M. Brown Planetarium.

Arlington's own [Bikes for the World](#) collects repairable bicycles in the United States, and donates them to charities around the globe for productive use by those in need of affordable transport for access to work, school, and health care. A \$10/bike donation is suggested to defray a share of shipping and handling. Bikes for the World is a 501 (c) (3) charity and provides a receipt good for tax purposes for all material and cash donations. BfW also accepts bike parts & accessories and operating portable sewing machines. 130,000 bicycles delivered to date.

Commercial waste not accepted. [View a complete list of accepted items.](#) Rain or shine. [E-CARE Fall 2018 printable brochure](#)

Other Issues

National Project Journey Update

Congestion Expected Along Terminal B/C Ticketing Roadway starting October 25. Segments of the Terminal B/C Ticketing (upper-level) roadway will close

for work related to Project Journey. At least two travel lanes will be maintained at all times. Consider parking in Terminal Garages (FREE for up to 60 minutes) to avoid roadway congestion. Stopping is prohibited within the work zone. [Read more here.](#)

2018 Metrobus Survey

Metro is encouraging customers to participate in the 2018 Bus Passenger Survey, which began October 9. Because Metro's funding from local jurisdiction is based in part on jurisdiction of residence, the survey is used to determine how transit funding is allocated based among the cities and counties that Metro services. The survey also provides data on ridership and travel characteristics to help support Metro's planning efforts and collects general demographic information as required by federal regulations.

Over the next four months, surveys will be distributed and collected aboard buses by trained research contractors throughout the Metrobus service area. Importantly, customers are asked to complete the survey each time they receive one. Customers can remain anonymous if they wish; however, address information (block, street, zip code) is a key component to determine jurisdiction of residence for funding purposes. As an incentive, survey participants will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of twenty \$100 SmarTrip cards. Metro conducts a Bus Passenger Survey once every four years. For more information [see frequently asked questions.](#)

Shop Local: A Walking Tour of Crystal City & Pentagon City

Shopping local has many benefits, including job creation, an opportunity to give back, enjoyment of a local product, and community vibrancy. Come on a walk **November 17 from 2-4 pm** with WalkArlington, the Crystal City Business Improvement District, and Arlington Economic Development to discover the local businesses in Crystal City and Pentagon City. Enjoy the area's walkability, hear stories from local business owners, and get a jump start on shopping local for the holidays.

We will walk approximately two miles with multiple breaks at various shops and restaurants. The walking tour will begin outside the Starbucks in Pentagon Centre and end with a gathering at Freddie's Beach Bar. Registered attendees will receive a snack for the walk from our friends at Kind Bars and snag a few discounts from some of the shops and restaurants. [See more and register here.](#)

Bike Social Scene: Coffee Meetups & Coffeeneuring

Biking's best weather is upon us, so bust out your sweaters and share a warm beverage with your friends at coffee meetups or join the latest coffeeneuring challenge! Coffee meet-ups have been a staple of the local #BikeDC social scene for years. They operate like informal drop-ins. First-time attendees can expect to be greeted warmly and welcomed to the world of early AM conversation and caffeine consumption. While many of the first established coffee clubs meet on Friday mornings, there are now options every weekday with a variety of locations. A full list of coffee clubs can be found on the [BikeArlington website](#).

Read also about the 2018 Coffeeneuring Challenge, pioneered by local rider Mary Gersemalina. The challenge, now in its eighth year, encourages people to ride to seven different places to drink warm beverages over a six to seven week period. This challenge kicked off on October 12 and runs until November 25.

Junior Ranger Walk or Ride

BikeArlington and WalkArlington invite you and your kiddos to come along with us as we learn about the National Park in our backyard-The George Washington Memorial Parkway. There are two great ways to join in on the fun: a walk hosted by WalkArlington and a bike ride hosted by Kidical Mass and BikeArlington. National Parks Service Rangers will join both groups and share family-friendly information and neat activities. At the end of the event, everyone gets sworn in as Junior Rangers! Both the walk and bike ride are geared towards families and kids, so the pace will be casual and slow. Everyone is welcome. [For more details and to Signup](#). When you sign up, please choose whether you will be joining us for the walk or the bike ride. Note: the starting locations are different, but both events will finish at Theodore Roosevelt Island for a joint Junior Ranger ceremony.

The Connection Library

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

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