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Civic Association Issues

Next CCCA Meeting: September 26

This will be a fun meeting! Noted Arlington historian Kathryn Holt Springston will give a slideshow presentation on the history of the Crystal City area: **"Crystal City -- An Imposing Scene -- from swamps, forts and brickyards to skyscrapers."** The Imposing Scene is from an 1861 New York Herald article re the troops marching across the bridge. Did you know:

- Jackson City (CC predecessor) was a "den of iniquity"
- Two race tracks operated here
- Luna Park operated as an amusement park (with escaped elephants) on the site of the sewage treatment plant.

Come join us and bring photos and your own history stories to share.

Venue: Crystal Park Condominium community room, 1805 Crystal Drive, 7-9 pm.

As always, we'll have time from 8-9 to respond to community questions and concerns and provide updates on key issues. **Please send in your questions or concerns in advance so we can be sure to respond:**

board@crystalcitycivic.org.

Uber/Lyft Parking Lot on S. Eads Street

The three civic associations of 22202—CCCA, Aurora Highlands, and Arlington Ridge—have been engaged with County Transportation on the traffic problems caused by the new Uber/Lyft parking lot for the airport between route 1 and S. Eads Street. Although there is no objection to the parking lot itself, the single entry/exit on S. Eads Street is causing considerable traffic problems and dangerous driving conditions. Plus, drivers in a hurry are utting through the CVS and McDonalds parking lots to get to the airport ramp on route 1.

Since May, we have been asking the County to find a solution to the traffic congestion and specifically to find a way to reopen the entry/exit on route 1 and close off S. Eads Street. On August 29 we were told that County staff had met with representatives of MWAA and VDOT to discuss the impact of the staging area on local traffic conditions. Arlington shared data counts with MWAA to emphasize the impact of the lot operation on local street traffic. Arlington committed to continue preliminary design

work to open the staging area's closed entrance on Route 1 and allow traffic movements onto Route 1. MWAA agreed to share their lot ingress and egress data which could help speed up the design schedule. Since Route 1 is a state road, VDOT will need to approve any access to Route 1 and changes in traffic signalization.

The County estimates the design work and construction to provide ingress and egress from the staging area onto Route 1 may take up to 14 months to complete and cost upwards of \$250,000, which is not currently included in the County's budget. While undertaking this engineering work, the County says it is also exploring interim measures and/or options for phased implementation, which will also require coordination with and actions taken by both VDOT and MWAA.

These are positive steps and we will continue to follow up with the County.

Crystal City Development and Planning Issues

Voting Precinct 006 Finds a Home!

For those voters in the north part of Crystal City, it's been a frustrating experience to locate our voting precinct in the last few years.

Following renovation of our long-time venue in Waterpark Towers (1505 Crystal Drive) and a temporary move to Crystal Place (1801 Crystal Drive), Management decided not to accommodate our precinct any more.

So we spent a year in the Crystal City Underground Gallery where we were welcomed but which caused great confusion with Precinct 50 in Crystal Plaza for voters in the southern part of Crystal City.

Now, thanks to an agreement between the County and JBG-Smith, voters got a notification in August that our new (and hopefully permanent) precinct location is 251 18h Street. This is the red-colored Wells Fargo building which you can access from the plaza, two doors facing the Metro, and from an elevator in the Underground across from the restrooms near Rite Aid.



With Amazon Looming, Developers Increasingly Link Crystal City to Potomac Yard

Though they may not share the same zip code, Arlington's Crystal City and Alexandria's Potomac Yard are bound together in the pursuit for Amazon's second headquarters — and, win or lose on HQ2, the area's business community is looking to strengthen those ties in the future. Four Mile Run may separate the two neighborhoods, but real estate giant JBG Smith controls vast swaths of property in both neighborhoods, helping the company pitch Amazon on the area's potential. With Potomac Yard becoming a development hub for the city, and Crystal City's commercial office space emptying out a bit, the combination could be enticing enough to win out over the region's other offerings.

Undeniably, Jeff Bezos' big decision looms over any discussion of the area's future. But, as Landrum points out, the same factors that made Crystal City and Potomac Yard attractive to Amazon will surely be enticing to other big companies. [Read more here.](#)

So What Happened to Crystal Square?

JBG-Smith has asked for repeated delays for County Board approval of Phase I and II for the Crystal Square development, including the proposed grocery store, movie theater, and 18th Street park.

We suspect this has much to do with Amazon HQ2 planning. But modified plans are now on the docket for the Site Plan Review Committee September 17, with approval by the County Board to be requested at their October meeting.

The key concern for Crystal City residents is the proposal to take a large chunk of the proposed 18th Street park to build a two-story building over the future second Metro

entrance. This building was never envisioned in the 2010 Crystal City Sector Plan and will definitely cut into green space. The 18th Street park was supposed to compensate for the loss of the small park next to Crystal Square Apartments that will disappear for construction of an Alamo Drafthouse. Stay tuned.

Future Cities Project

The Crystal City Business Improvement District (BID) is embarking on a multi-dimensional strategic planning process called the Future Cities Project. This effort will

focus on Crystal City, Pentagon City, and Potomac Yard – Arlington. These three areas represent, individually and collectively, major economic centers of Arlington



County, the Greater Washington region, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Help

us envision the transformation of Crystal City, Pentagon City & Potomac Yard! Visit futurecitiesproject.org to answer questions and provide feedback on a variety of topics, like how we can make the area more family friendly. [Learn More.](#)

Update on VRE Station

VRE will be presenting an informal update to the **September 5** Transportation Commission and the **September 25** County Board meeting. The materials that will be presented will be the same as the June 6 public meeting plus summary of comments received and our responses/next steps. June 6 to share the concept design for the project. The meeting materials are posted on [VRE's project page.](#)

Crystal City Leads D.C. Region in Winning Business Relocations

Crystal City has convinced more businesses to move to the area from elsewhere in the D.C. region than any other neighborhood since 2014, according to [new research](#). New data compiled by the commercial real estate consulting firm Jones Lang LaSalle shows that Crystal City has convinced a total of 32 office tenants to move to the area over the last four years, including 20 previously based in D.C. and the remaining 12 from other parts of Northern Virginia. Three buildings earned the bulk of those new tenants — 1400 Crystal Drive, the Presidential Tower at 2511 Jefferson Davis Highway, and 251 18th Street S. The analyst attributed Crystal City's relatively low rent prices to helping lure businesses out of D.C., predicting that it will "continue the trend of cost-conscious tenants exploring this market." [Read more here.](#)

Crystal City Draws Associations, Non-profits

Since 2014, associations and non-profits have been moving from their strongholds in the District and elsewhere in Northern Virginia, according to a new research note by JLL — and the recipient of most of this activity is Crystal City. The rent discount for Class A space in Crystal City vs. Class B space in Washington, DC will continue the trend of cost-conscious tenants exploring this market, according to JLL. [Read more here.](#)



New Pentagon Fashion Center Stores

Lifestyle brand **Roots Canada** opened up shop in a 3,200 square foot space within the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City Aug. 10. [ArlNow.com](#).

Tutti Spa & Nails will open up shop in the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City Sept. 4, according to the mall's website. The company's services include manicures, pedicures, facials and a variety of spa packages.

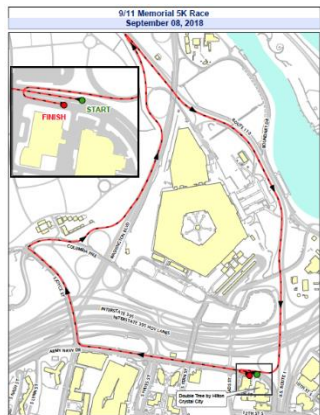
Other new additions to the shopping center include **Comfort One Shoes**, which recently opened a 1,200 square foot location on the mall's second floor, according to a press release from the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City. [ArlNow.com](#)

New Pentagon Row Restaurant

Gorilla Taco is officially open in Pentagon Row. The pop-up taco restaurant will be open Wednesdays through Sundays until December. The restaurant is located at 1201 S. Joyce Street alongside its sister restaurant, Basic Burger, which moved to Pentagon Row from Courthouse in June. [Read more here](#).

17th Annual Arlington Police, Fire & Sheriff Memorial 9/11 5K

The Arlington County Police Department will close several streets around the Pentagon and in Crystal City on Saturday, **September 8th** for the 17th annual Arlington Police, Fire & Sheriff Memorial 9/11 5K race. Listed below are the streets that will be affected.



From 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Army Navy Drive closed between S. 12th to S. Eads St.

From 5:45 p.m. until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Westbound Army Navy Drive closed from S. Eads St. to S. Joyce St.

- All streets crossing Army Navy Dr. (including access to I-395 S/B) will be closed for approximately 20 minutes
- S. Joyce Street closed from Army Navy to Columbia Pike
- Columbia Pike closed from Pentagon South Parking to S. Joyce St.
- I-395 Northbound HOV exit to S. Eads St. will be closed.
- From 5:45 p.m. until approximately 8:00 p.m.

- Westbound Washington Blvd closed from Memorial Bridge to I-395
- Southbound Rt. 110 closed from Rosslyn to S. 15th Street.
- Marshall Dr. closed at Rt. 110
- S. Eads St closed from Army Navy Drive to S. 11th St.

For additional event information, please visit the [Arlington Police, Fire & Sheriff Memorial 9/11 5K website](#).

Arlington County Issues

Election Alert! Absentee In-Person Voting Begins September 21

The November 6, 2018, midterm election is fast approaching, but in Arlington County, eligible voters can line up to vote absentee in-person at the County Courthouse beginning **September 21**. On the ballot will be candidates for the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives (8th District), County Board, and School Board, as well as special elections for two proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia and four proposed County bond questions. No, Virginia does not have blanket early voting, but it does allow early absentee voting in-person for eligible residents up to 45 days before the election.

The Arlington County Courthouse, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. (Courthouse Metro) is the only Arlington County location offering absentee in-person voting for the 2018 General Election, beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, **Sept. 21**. The office will be open weekdays 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. through Nov. 2, and until 7 p.m. Oct. 30 to Nov. 1. In addition, the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the last three Saturdays before Election Day (Oct. 20 and 27, and Nov. 3.) [Click or copy and paste this link](#) for the full schedule and eligibility requirements for early in-person absentee voting or to request a mail-in absentee ballot:

(And if you need to register to vote, or to change your voting address, you must do so by Oct. 15. [You can apply online](#).)

Aircraft Noise Update

Since 2015, communities have been complaining about increased aircraft noise for planes landing and departing National Airport. A Noise Working Group has been working on the issues with MWA and the FAA, with two representatives from Arlington. Now, Arlington

County and Montgomery County have joined forces to fund a consultant to review the situation, determine statistics, and propose solutions. A solicitation is in process with the hope of signing a contract by February 2019. Visit the County's [Aircraft Noise page](#).

Arlington Fire Chief Steps Down, As Search for Replacement Continues

Chief James Bonzano's last day on the job was this past Friday (Aug. 24). The county's been searching for a new chief since early May, when Bonzano decided to bring his 34-year career to a close. He served as county fire chief for about three years in all. Assistant Chief Joseph Reshetar will step in as acting chief while the county's search continues. Reshetar has served in that same role before, back in 2015 when then-Fire Chief James Schwartz was appointed deputy county manager. [Read more here.](#)

Arlington County Has First Reported Case of West Nile Virus in a Human for 2018

The Arlington County Public Health Division has received its first reported case of West Nile Virus in an Arlington resident for 2018. This case serves as a reminder that West Nile Virus is present in our community and the region. "West Nile Virus is spread by the bite of an infected



mosquito," said Dr. Reuben Varghese, Health Director and Division Chief for the Arlington County Public Health Division. "With the virus detected in mosquitoes in the region and with the recent rains contributing to more mosquito breeding, it is important for area residents to actively prevent mosquito breeding and biting or 'Fight the Bite.'" [Read more here.](#)

The best way to "fight the bite" is using the 3-Ds:

- Drain or dump standing water. The most common mosquito breeding grounds on your property are water in flower pots, gutters, pet bowls, inflatable pools and birdbaths. If you cannot get rid of the standing water, put larvicide (such as Mosquito Dunks) in the water to kill developing mosquitoes. Be sure to read the instructions on the label.
- Dress in long sleeves and pants. This will help protect your skin from mosquito bites. And don't forget to wear socks!
- Defend yourself. Choose a mosquito repellent that has been registered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Registered products have been reviewed, approved and pose minimal risk for human safety

when used according to label directions. Four repellent that are approved and recommended are: DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) Picaridin (KBR 3023) Oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-methane 3, 8-diol, or PMD) IR3535.

Cycling Advocates Fear Impacts of Planned Arlington National Cemetery Expansion

Bicycling advocates are blasting newly revealed plans to simultaneously expand Arlington National Cemetery and



realign Columbia Pike, arguing that the proposed changes could make cycling along the roadway more dangerous.

The advocacy group "Sustainable Mobility for Arlington County" claims the cemetery's current expansion plans, designed to someday add 70 acres to the burial ground, "will squander a major opportunity to improve the bike connection between Columbia Pike and Pentagon City and arguably make cycling less pleasant and less safe."

[Read more here.](#)

Tackling Arlington's Child Care Challenges

Learn about the Child Care Initiative and preview changes that may be proposed to the Zoning Ordinance and Arlington's local child care codes intended to increase the availability, accessibility, affordability, and quality of child care in Arlington. We would like to receive community input on the following topics:

- Increasing the maximum number of children from nine to 12 in family day care homes and eliminating or adjusting the use permit requirement
- Land use standards for family day care homes
- Parking requirements for center-based and family-based child care programs
- Group size requirements for center-based child care programs
- Teacher-child ratio requirements for center-based and family-based child care programs
- Teacher qualifications for center-based child care programs

Monday, **September 17**, 2018 from 7 - 9:30 p.m.
Stambaugh Human Services Center, Lower Level Conference Center, 2100 Washington Boulevard.
Doors open at 6:30! Program starts at 7. Come early to review materials. Child care available! Must RSVP to cci@arlingtonva.us by Sept. 13 for this free service for

kids 3 and older! If you have questions, please contact us at cci@arlingtonva.us. More information on the [Arlington County website](#):

Arlington House Closed For Restoration

Currently, you can't visit Arlington's namesake attraction (statutorily called Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial, and long known to those with a southern bent as the Lee Mansion). Tours are paused because the National Park Service in June began renovating the site of the beige-columned historic home overlooking the river and Arlington National Cemetery. That's a (temporary) loss. Arlington House is the most visited historic house museum in the park system (650,000 folks annually). Three months in, the redo is still on schedule for reopening in fall 2019. [Read more here.](#)

Arlington Ranked Among Country's Most Sustainably Powered Places

Arlington ranks as one of the most sustainably powered localities in the country, according to a new study, thanks to its large share of energy-efficient buildings and bevy of electric vehicle options. Commercial Cafe, a blog tracking commercial real estate trends, ranked Arlington 15th in the country in a new study of America's greenest cities. The group awarded localities points based on how much they rely on sustainable forms of energy, like wind, solar and hydropower, and docked points for how much carbon dioxide they generate, or how much they rely on traditional energy sources like coal and natural gas.

[Read more here.](#)

New Study Names Arlington Schools Tops in the State

Arlington has the top public school system in the state and ranks within the top 100 in the entire country, according to a new study. The education research firm Niche awarded Arlington Public Schools an "A+" in its new ranking of school systems released today (Thursday), and named the county the 86th best public school system in the country. Niche ranks schools based not only data like test scores, but also takes parent, teacher and student reviews into consideration in calculating its grades. The firm gave APS "A+" marks in all of its categories but one, from "academics" to "health and safety." The lone category where Arlington merely received an "A" was "diversity." [Read more here.](#)

Disaster Relief Trials in Arlington

On **September 29**, join your friends and neighbors at Arlington's first Disaster Relief Trial where Arlington's Office of Emergency Management will simulate a disaster and you can be part of the response. The Disaster Relief Trials simulates an emergency which

blocks the roads, and forces participants to use their bicycles to transport emergency supplies, critical messages, and (simulated) medicine throughout the county while traversing obstacles, such as downed trees or other barriers, rough terrain, and water crossings. Note there is a fee for participation. [See the website here.](#)

Take the Plastic Free Challenge

The impact of plastic pollutions on our planet is growing exponentially with 18 billion pounds of plastic ending up in the ocean each year. To address this problem, EcoAction Arlington and its regional partners have launched a Plastic Free Challenge. While eliminating single-use plastics from our daily lives can seem like an overwhelming task, even a few simple changes, like taking reusable bags to the store, turning down straws, and avoiding single use water bottles can make a big difference. The Plastic Free Challenge, which runs through late October, will offer encouragement and useful tips for practical alternatives to commonly used plastic items. Weekly challenges and prize drawings will help connect participants and make it fun to participate.

[For more information and to sign up visit:](#)

Movie: The Clean Bin Project

Wednesday, September 26, Doors 6:30 p.m. Film 7:30 p.m. Arlington Cinema and Draffhouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. EcoAction Arlington is hosting a screening of the film, "The Clean Bin Project" about a competition to live zero waste for one year. This film will be followed by an in-depth discussion of waste issues with Erik Grabowsky of the Arlington County Solid Waste Bureau. Tickets: \$10 / \$5 for students. All students under 21 years of age must be accompanied by a parent. [To purchase tickets visit here.](#)

Arlington Arts Fall Classes

Fall is just around the corner and we are looking forward to welcoming new and returning students to AAC for our exciting lineup of classes starting October 16! Check out a select list of available classes below and [visit our website for the FULL SCHEDULE.](#)

Great Programs for 55+

Registration for 55+ courses starts **September 5** at 10 am. [The bimonthly 55+ Guide](#) has something for everyone...fitness, wellness, tech tips, pickleball, memoir writing and DC road trips! Visit one of our senior centers for a paper copy or get a 55+ Pass to receive one at your doorstep – and take advantage of member benefits!

September Is National Senior Center Month

Senior Center programs (in addition to regularly scheduled activities):

Travel: (prices range from \$5.) Bronx Zoo, Brooklyn, NY; Dover Downs, DE; Washington Nationals vs Chicago Cubs, D.C.; Maryland Seafood Festival, Annapolis; Museum of the Bible, D.C.; Grounds for Sculpture, Township, NJ; National Aquarium, Baltimore, Strassburg Railroad, Ronks, PA; St. Michael's Cruise, MD; Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival, WV; Ford's Theatre, D.C. and more. Call for dates and costs, Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748.

Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St., 703-228-5722—Community radio info; intergenerational story time; Medicare updates; book club; inside an American embassy; job search in the digital age; Arlington's sister cities; comedy club, Fast Forwards walking, fitness classes, arts & crafts., line dancing, yarn crafters.

Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St., 703-228-7369---ART bus info; cornhole games; intro to genealogy; health care cost concerns for retirees; balance and coordination; Harmony Heritage Singers; art swap; ballroom dance, fitness classes, pickleball, open art studio, photography, line dancing, walking club, Arabic for beginners, Spanish instruction, Latin dance.

PLUS : Ice skating, golf club, biking, 55+ Foodies, and events/courses at other senior centers. [Join our OSAP 55+ community](#) to access these activities for \$20 annual registration fee which also includes the "55+ Guide," a 36 page, bi-monthly magazine. Visit or call a Center for more details.

Other Issues

Memorial Bridge will close for one weekend in September

Arlington Memorial Bridge will be shuttered to all traffic starting the evening of **Sept. 14 through the morning of Sept. 17**. The closure of a major route into downtown



D.C. means drivers, pedestrians and cyclists who use the bridge will need to find another way to cross the Potomac River. Officials are also asking boaters to

approach the bridge with caution during that closure and avoid the area near its center span. The bridge is scheduled to close at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, and is

expected to reopen Monday, Sept. 17, at 5 a.m. [Read more here.](#)

Overnight Eastbound I-66 Closures

Starting Sunday (Aug. 26), I-66 will be hit with overnight lane closures. Over the next two months, lane closures will occur between 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. on the eastbound lanes. The first lane closures will close the outside lane to allow crews to strengthen and repave the shoulder. Once this work is completed, the lanes will shift to allow crews to work on widening the median.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) warned that late-night travellers to expect delays and urged drivers to use caution near road work. The repairs are part of the broader I-66 Eastbound Widening Project expected to add a new lane along four miles of I-66 by fall 2020.

The project comes with several local improvements, including new sound barriers, a new bridge over Lee Highway for the Washington and Old Dominion Trail, and constructing a new direct access ramp from I-66 to the West Falls Church Metro Station. ([ArlNow.com](#))

Will we get another HQ2 short list from Amazon?

We could get another short list ahead of Amazon.com Inc. selecting a location for its second headquarters. According to The New York Times, there is "widespread speculation" Amazon (NASDAQ: AMZN) could cut down its 20-city short list for its second headquarters as soon as this month. The company would then ask for "best-and-final offers" from the remaining cities, according to the report. The District, Montgomery County and Northern Virginia were all named to the Seattle-based e-commerce giant's initial short list in January, setting off speculation on the Greater Washington region's chances of landing the prize. Amazon has promised up to 50,000 jobs and a \$5 billion construction investment for the winning city. [Read more here.](#)

A new study suggests Northern Virginia is the region's best bet for HQ2

Northern Virginia is the best bet of the three local jurisdictions on Amazon.com Inc.'s short list for HQ2 to land the prize, according to a new study from CNBC. Northern Virginia took an overall B+ grade, earning kudos for the commonwealth's strong economy and "world-class" workforce. It took a B- grade in the location subcategory for its famously long commutes.

Montgomery County received an overall B- grade, receiving downgrades for its "tough" regulatory climate, "serious infrastructure woes" and its wage costs being among the highest in the country. Maryland's \$8.5 billion

incentive package for Amazon — the largest among those disclosed — might be the locality's saving grace.

The District also received an overall grade of B-, getting high marks for its workforce for being "the most educated in the nation" and for containing a "large concentration of STEM workers." But with the city's wage costs and rents marked as the highest in the country and its infrastructure also earning low marks, the District was handed a D- grade in the location subcategory. Atlanta, Boston, Denver, Miami and Nashville all tied with Northern Virginia with overall B+ grades. Newark, New Jersey, received the lowest overall grade of C+. [Read more here.](#)

The Amazon effect: Business leaders give their take on what HQ2 would mean to Washington

Ever since online retailer Amazon.com Inc. (NASDAQ: AMZN) first announced plans to open a second headquarters in the country, the Washington region's leaders have been picturing the massive campus in their backyards. They've been calculating their odds, making their pitches, laying down groundwork for potential collaboration. Economic development officials from Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Arlington County, Montgomery County and the District have been pushing hard for the campus privileges. They can't help it. Who wouldn't want a \$5 billion, 8 million-square-foot investment from one of the world's biggest companies promising 50,000 new jobs?

Turns out, a good number of people in the business community are just as leery as others are lustful for Amazon's HQ2. The potential traffic congestion, housing price hikes and tightened employment rates has them nervous. So, as the company continues to mull through its 20-city short list — in which D.C., Montgomery County and Northern Virginia are all included — we [Washington Business Journal] thought we'd pose this question to the local business community: If Amazon HQ2 comes here, would it solve our region's problems, or make them worse? [See the slideshow here.](#)

Visualize 2045 Open House

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board will be hosting a series of Open Houses to dive deeper into our long-range transportation plan, Visualize 2045. The Open Houses will give attendees the chance to explore the draft plan and learn about the region, major projects, and analysis.. Details specific to your location **September 17, 2018, 4:00 - 7:00pm** are as follows: Northern Virginia District Office 4975 Alliance Dr. | Fairfax.

Police Participate in 2018 Back-to-School Safety Campaign

As we prepare for another safe and successful school year, the Arlington County Police Department is reminding motorists to slow down, avoid distractions and watch for students walking and biking to school. As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety of all travelers, officers will be conducting high visibility traffic enforcement in and around school zones throughout Arlington County starting on the first day of classes, Tuesday, **September 4, 2018**. [Watch a video here.](#)

Arlington Artists Open Their Workspaces to the Public

On Saturday and Sunday, **September 29 and 30, 11 am - 5 pm**, over fifty Arlington, VA artists open their workspaces to the public for the first annual Arlington Visual Art Studio Tour. This free event allows local artists to feature their work, processes and studio spaces, while showcasing the richness and diversity of visual arts to be found in Arlington County. Visitors will find paintings, ceramics, jewelry, paper art, photography, and more. Arlington has many accomplished artists creating significant bodies of work in their homes, garages or rented studio space. This open studio tour provides a rare opportunity to see and understand the artistic process that often seems quite mysterious.. You'll walk away with new insights and appreciation for Arlington's hidden treasurers visual artists. Information about the tour, including a directory of artists, is available at <http://arlingtonartstudiotour.org>. Maps with individual studio addresses will be available online and at art venues throughout Arlington starting in early September. The online and print directory will indicate if artists are open on Saturday, Sunday, or both.

Opera NOVA Annual Brunch September 30, 2018

If you have never been to an Opera NOVA Brunch, this is one you want to attend. Like all brunches it's a good time to meet and greet others of similar interests. Opera NOVA has not stood still and we want to be sure you know about the opera company you are supporting. Plan to come and hear and be impressed by our vocalists. Once again we are hosting this year's brunch at the Washington Golf & Country Club.

Opera NOVA is constantly adapting to the times, to the changing citizen demographics just as we are constantly

adapting our presentation of the annual children's opera. This year we have gotten awards from the Opera Volunteers International-- for our inclusion in our audiences children of imprisoned parents, one for our unique outreach to seniors and David Ryan picked up one as an outstanding national volunteer. We are ready to take your reservation today. Contact Opera NOVA's office at: mcdm1@verizon.net/703-536-7557. We take Visa and Mastercard charges over the phone. Request for sitting with a friend will be accommodated as much as possible.

Are Our Children Safe at School?

The shocking stories come too often on the news: students and teachers facing a shooter in their school. Arlington, to date, has not experienced the worst, but we need to be prepared. As the new school year begins, we will look at how we are keeping our children safe at school. What is the legal environment that regulates what is possible? How are Arlington schools and police preparing and preventing, and how will they respond if the worst occurs? What is it like to be a student today? What are their concerns, and how do students want the community to help keep them safe?

Join the Arlington Committee of 100 for our first program of 2018-19 as we explore how best to keep our students safe, Wednesday, **September 12**, Phelan Hall - Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Road.

Speakers:

Del. Paul Krizek of Alexandria and member of the House Select Committee on School Safety

Zachary Pope, Emergency Manager of Arlington Public Schools (APS)

Capt. Wayne Vincent, Arlington County Police Department

Arlington High School students Karina de Leede and Chloe Fugle

7:00 PM - Meet & Greet

7:30 PM - Dinner served (optional)

8:00 PM - Program Begins

[Click Here to Attend](#)

The program is open to the public - all are welcome. If you would like to purchase dinner, reservations must be made by Sunday September 9, 2018.

Opening Reception for LAND and SEA 2018

Fri, **September 7** @ 5:00 pm | Gallery Underground, Crystal City. Solo Show by Barry Barnett Keith. As a boy the artist studied the paintings of Michelangelo and Leonardo, and was also fascinated by French

Impressionist painters like Monet, the works of John Singer Sargent and James Whistler. He regards the act of painting, drawing and creating art in general as acts of gratitude for the opportunity to live. Along with new works by Gallery members, also featured is member artist Igor Bravemore.

Artist seeks coins...from your homeland!

The Pike, by artist Donald Lipski, is a sculpture planned for the western entrance to Arlington near Columbia Pike and South Jefferson Street. The base of the sculpture will be studded with thousands of coins collected from Arlington residents, to honor the history of the Pike as a toll road while also celebrating the diversity of the community.

You can help this effort by dropping off your coins, during normal business hours, at one of three coin collecting stations through **Sept. 5**:

Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.
Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Dr.
Ellen M. Bozman Government Center lobby, 2100 Clarendon Blvd.

Dulles Plan Pull

The public is invited to cheer on the Arlington Police and Sheriff Team during the Plane Pull at Dulles Airport on Saturday, **September 15**, 2018. Gates open to the airfield at 10:30 a.m. The Plane Pull at Dulles Airport is a fun team competition to see which group can pull an airplane the fastest. The Plane Pull pits teams of 25 people against an 82-ton FedEx Airbus A320 or United Boeing 757 airplane. Participants line up along a huge rope attached to the aircraft. The starter signals the team, then starts the stopwatch. After the team pulls the aircraft 12 feet, the elapsed time is recorded as the team score. Leading up to the event, each team raises funds for Special Olympics Virginia. [See the August 23 practice run by the Arlington Police and Sheriff Team here.](#)

The Connection Library

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

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