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# Civic Association Issues

## For Quicker Updates on Issues and Events

Like our Facebook page for notifications and check out the website.

**Membership Dues:** Dues are for a calendar year, January 1 to December 31. Pay by January 1, 2018, to stay on the mailing list. New membership dues paid now or at the November meeting will cover all of 2018. Send a check for \$10 to the CCCA Treasurer at 1200 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

## CCCA Annual General Meeting and Elections

Our Annual General Meeting with elections will be held **November 14** from 7-9 pm, at 1805 Crystal Park.

As described below, we will have **brief elections for new CCCA officers** at the beginning of the meeting. Officers will take over at the end of the meeting.

Elections will be followed by a **very interesting presentation by JBG-Smith**, the major developer in Crystal City which took over from Vornado. We heard from them in April when they offered an initial indication



of their thinking regarding development projects and other plans for our community. JBG-Smith has now submitted

site plans for the Crystal Square block bounded by 15th Street South, Crystal Drive, 18th Street South and Jefferson Davis Highway. They have now agreed to come brief us on their plans for the buildings along Crystal Drive between 15th and 18th and the plans for the area alongside 18th St. between Crystal Drive and Clark/Bell. These will include an Alamo Draft House movie theater, a plaza, and maybe a specialty grocery. You will definitely want to hear about all this!

## Upcoming CCCA Elections

Three positions for CCCA officers are open for election at the CCCA Annual General Meeting on **November 14**:

President, Membership Liaison and Secretary. Our candidates are as follows:

**President: Carol Fuller.** Statement: "I am a founding member of the CCCA and was elected Secretary in 2014 and then Communications Director position in 2015, updating the website and writing the monthly Newsletter. As such, I have learned the ropes and look forward to continuing the good work of the CCCA."

**Meeting Secretary: Claudia Yaris.** Statement: "For the past two years I have served as CCCA Meeting Secretary and understand how important the contributions are from the community and CCCA members. Accordingly, I am offering to assist and support the CCCA as Meeting Secretary as possible. Based on my experience and background, I submit I will perform this responsibility to the best of ability."

**Membership Liaison: No candidates.** We would welcome participation in this capacity, especially from the apartment rental community, in order to increase representation from that sector of Crystal City. A candidate could be appointed temporarily on a trial basis by the Executive Committee to provide outreach to our community and recruit new members. If you are interested, please email [board@crystalcitycivic.org](mailto:board@crystalcitycivic.org).

## October 5 General Meeting: "Fighting the Good Fight: Trains and Planes in Crystal City"

We had two items on the agenda for the October 5 CCCA General Meeting:

- 1. Airport Access Feasibility Study:** The Business Improvement District (BID) funded a feasibility study for a possible pedestrian/biking bridge to the airport and made a brief PowerPoint presentation, followed by a Q&A. See the proposed access route [here](#).
- 2. Location of Proposed VRE Train Station:** After fighting all year to convince the County and VRE to adopt option 3 for the proposed new VRE station in Crystal City, we lost our sustained civic action. On September 19 the County Board voted to 1) "Accept Option #2 as VRE's preferred station location;" 2) Request VRE to "Engage with the Arlington County Board and residents of Crystal City at the concept design and before site investigation, to review all elements of the concept design scope including noise; and further request that the VRE present the finalized concept design to the Arlington County Board and residents for final comment and opinion before finally selecting that design for construction;" and 3) Direct "the County Manager to initiate a process to engage CSX on mitigating noise from the operation of their rail lines in Crystal City, Arlington."

County Board Member John Vihstadt attended our meeting. He acknowledged that he had favored option 2, based on the staff report, before visiting the sites, but realized afterwards that there is really little difference for VRE between options 2 and 3, but a big difference for the community. That is why he made a motion to adopt option 3, but was outvoted by his colleagues. After an extensive Q&A session, he committed to sending a message the following day to his colleagues and the County Manager to ask what the next steps will be on engagement.

### **NextDoor: Community Communications**

At our June 20 CCCA meeting, the Commander of the second police district and our district Fire Chief Captain strongly recommended that civic associations use Next Door, a private social networking service for neighborhoods. They use it regularly to inform residents of emergencies and major events. Nextdoor allows users to connect with people who live in their own and nearby neighborhoods. We have started posting information on our meetings on NextDoor and recommend it to our members. There are currently 298 neighbors using this in Crystal city and 2,488 neighbors in Aurora Highlands, Arlington Ridge and Crystal City. Check it out at <https://nextdoor.com>.

# Crystal City Development and Planning Issues

## **VRE Operations Board Approves Option 2**



The VRE Operations Board held a meeting October 20 in Woodbridge and unanimously approved Option 2 as the preferred site on which to proceed with more detailed design and evaluation including preliminary engineering and environmental investigations for the Crystal City Station Improvements. You can read [here](#) the report to the Board and the resolution which was approved

unchanged. The report did not mention the strong recommendation of residents for Option 3, but acknowledged that County Board's interest in receiving continuing updates and opportunities to comment as the design and analysis progresses.

VRE staff will now proceed with more detailed design and evaluation of that location including preliminary engineering and environmental investigations. That effort will include negotiating preliminary agreements with private property owners, where appropriate, for access across their property to Crystal Drive.

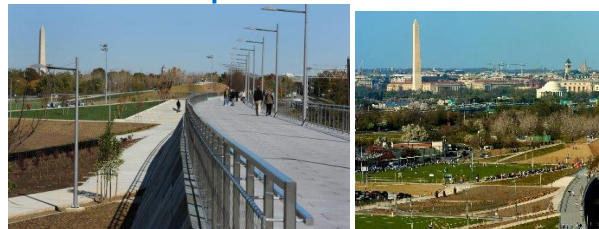
## **Airport Access Feasibility Study**



The Crystal City Business Improvement District (BID) funded a feasibility study for a new pedestrian/bike access from Crystal City to the airport and held two meetings

September 5 for an initial public presentation and made a presentation at the **October 5** CCCA General Meeting. [See the proposed access route here.](#) The BID is hosting additional public meetings at 2011 Crystal Drive, 11th Floor, Wednesday, **November 15th** ~ 1:00pm to 2:30pm & 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The presentation will be an overview of the kind of options which still remain worthwhile to include as "possible options" when the consultants finalize their report in December. They will not be asking for input or preferences from the public.

## **Four Potential Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center Concepts**



Four design and construction teams presented their design concepts for the Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center and park expansion. View the **four design concept videos** below:

[Christman/HOK](#)

[Coakley Williams/Page](#)

[Forrester/EYP](#)

[HESS/VMDO](#)

The Selection Advisory Committee (SAC), comprised of six staff and a community representative from the Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee, will recommend the contract award based on written proposals, oral interviews, review of concepts, public feedback and



negotiations. It is anticipated that the County Manager will then make a recommendation to the County Board at their **November 18** meeting for approval to award a \$54,700,000 contract based on a concept from one of the four designs. Construction could start as early as July 2018, with the new facility open in 2021.

### Long Bridge Park and I-395 Intersection

See the final design for the intersection [here](#).



### Site Plan Review of Crystal Square Retail

On October 26, from 7-9 pm, the County's Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) reviewed the JBG-Smith site plan for the Crystal Square block bounded by 15th Street South, Crystal Drive, 18th Street South and Jefferson Davis Highway. Public observers are welcome on the 11th floor of 2011 Crystal Drive. The proposed new theater and retail spaces will front on Crystal Drive and 18th Street South. The proposed plaza will be along the north side of 18th Street South between Crystal Drive and South Clark / South Bell Streets.

JBG-Smith decided to separate the plan for the movie theater and retail/grocery space from the plans for the office to residential conversion of 1750 Crystal Drive, the new retail building, and 18th/Crystal Drive and the plaza along 18<sup>th</sup>. The second SPRC meeting on the grocery/theater will take place on November 20 (at Courthouse), i.e. AFTER the JBG appearance at our CCCA meeting November 14, but they will be glad to discuss it. You can view [JBG-Smith's proposed site plan here](#).

### In The Works: Top 3 Developments Coming To Crystal City/Pentagon City

[BisNow's October 30 article](#) provides a good overview of the 3 upcoming development projects in our area: 1) JBG-Smith's plans for the **Crystal Square block** (as discussed above); 2) Lowe Enterprises plans for a 334K SF, 302-unit residential building to 2351 Jefferson Davis Highway, which will sit atop two floors of existing retail currently occupied by California Tortilla, Buffalo Wild Wings and Mezeh Mediterranean Grill, all of which are expected to remain; and 3) the Long Bridge Park Aquatic Center which is in the procurement process.

### Planned HOT lanes on I-395 will have Impact on local traffic

*Editorial: In our October Newsletter, we reported about the VDOT plans to introduce an 'express lanes extension' on I-395 in the form of High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes which will start and end at the interchange at Eads Street and Army-Navy Drive. The laudable objective is to achieve an increased through-put in terms of the number of passengers, without increasing the number of vehicles. The beneficiaries will be primarily those who commute from further out in Virginia to jobs in D.C. or at the Pentagon. The other side of the coin is that a substantial impact is likely to be felt at the Eads/Army-Navy*



*interchange and in a much larger surrounding area in Pentagon City and Crystal City.*

*VDOT has undertaken an Environmental Impact Analysis and the comment period ended on December 16, 2016. Therefore, Arlington County felt obliged to offer a formal comment, and the County Board approved such a text in its meeting on December 13, 2016. It should be emphasized that the County feels compelled to offer general support for the project and that, in any event, the County is not in a position to exert a very strong influence, let alone to prevent the project.*

*However, the most obviously affected communities in Crystal City, Aurora Highlands and Arlington Ridge clearly have reason to expect the County to look after our interests in terms of traffic impact, noise, and other environmental aspects. So the Presidents of our three Civic Associations joined forces at the December 13, 2016, meeting, in order to express concerns and to demand mitigating measures.*

*Regrettably, we had detected a tendency for the County to 'soft-pedal' their concerns vis-à-vis VDOT or even to appear to 'sweep issues under the rug'. For instance, in the Staff Report to the County just a few days prior to the meeting, serious concerns had been expressed on a number of issues: disagreements about methodology, substantially incomplete data, a failure to factor in anticipated future build-out in Crystal City and Pentagon City, and a totally inadequate allocation of resources for local mitigation efforts. But a revised text of the Resolution that the Board intended to pass, substantially downplayed all these serious issues or left them for future consideration. Clearly it is not credible that all these issues*

*suddenly had been resolved or that reassurances had been provided. So there are reasons to wonder why the County nevertheless was prepared to play along.*

*In particular, the entire issue of mitigation of future traffic problems and environmental concerns was left up in the air with nothing more than a 'toothless' attempt at reassuring our community. The three CA Presidents offered harsh criticism and expressed a firm expectation that much stronger County action must be forthcoming as this project moves forward. However, it is also very important for individual residents of our area to stay informed and to come forward with their concerns to the County, either individually or through their respective Civic Associations.*

### **Arlington-based data unification company closes \$6M round**

Stardog Union, a data unification company based in Crystal City, has closed a \$6 million Series A round led by local venture capital firm Grotech Ventures. Vienna-based Grotech was joined on the round by existing investors Core Capital and Boulder Ventures. Stardog had previously raised \$2.3 million from the two firms in a seed round announced in July 2016. Arlington County agreed in June to award Stardog \$35,000 as part of a Gazelle Grant program aimed at attracting tech firms to the county. The company left the District for a new office at 1400 Crystal Drive several months prior to earning the grant award, which was contingent on Stardog creating dozens of full-time jobs at its Crystal City location. [Read more here.](#)

### **New Food Stand in the Water Park**

*Have you wondered what happened to the food kiosk in the Water Park and what the construction is all about? Well, it's being turned into a new outdoor dining hub dubbed The Stand. The smorgasbord of offerings caters to a variety of tastes: There's coffee (La Columbe), sweets (Cookie Dough & Co.; B Doughnut), and savory eats (Capital Chicken & Waffle), among others. Those drinks and eats are on the lineup for its first week of service, slated to kick off **Wednesday, November 1**. The Stand, from the folks at Common Ground, will sit at 1601 Crystal Drive (right outside the Metro at Crystal City Water Park). [Read more here.](#)*

### **The Amazon Effect: Where could HQ2 go in the D.C. region?**

Lots of DC area sites are in the running for the Amazon HQ2 on the East Coast, including Arlington, but the County is not revealing any details for competitive reasons. October 19 was the deadline to respond to the Seattle-based firm's request for proposals for HQ2, as

the massive company has dubbed the search. Virginia's economic development arm disclosed that day that it submitted a trio of pitches for the prospect, which could grow to up to 8 million square feet and 50,000 jobs over time — including one centered on Northern Virginia. Each of the three are comprised of multiple sites. The other two sites are in Greater Richmond and the Hampton Roads area, and Moret said the partnership also supported individual proposals from a few localities. Fairfax and Loudoun counties were expected to submit a bid for the state-owned Center for Innovative Technology campus that is partially within both of their boundaries. [Read more here.](#)

### **Pentagon City Mall to Add Food Delivery Service**

Anyone in the Arlington area will soon be able to have food delivered from the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City's six restaurants and food court. The mall (1101 S. Hayes Street) will launch Fashion Centre Delivered on Monday, October 16, in partnership with delivery provider Zifty. Food will be delivered directly from the mall's eateries, including the likes of Sugar Factory, Matchbox American Kitchen + Spirit and more. [Read more here.](#)

### **Basic Burger to Expand into Pentagon Row**

A burger restaurant and bar is set to open a second location in Pentagon Row in the coming months. Basic Burger hopes to open in the plaza at Pentagon Row (1101 S. Joyce Street) by the end of this year, next door to the Starbucks and facing the central square. Its first location opened in Courthouse last year. [Read more here.](#)

### **The Connection Library**

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

### **November Events**

#### **COME WRITE IN: NANOWRIMO AT YOUR LIBRARY**

Working on your 50,000 words and need a place to write without distraction? Bring your pencil, computer or notebook, and we'll provide the WiFi, coffee and snacks. Writers of all ages are welcome. Saturday **Nov. 4**, 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

**MAKE IT TUESDAYS** Upcycle old materials and objects into fun functional crafts! For ages 18 and up. RSVP for event reminder. **Tuesdays**, 4:30 p.m.

**STRATEGY GAMING** Build your empire! No experience required. Ages 18+ Wednesday, **Nov. 15**, 6:00 p.m.

**KNIT ONE, READ ONE** Beginning knitters welcome! **Fridays**, 10:00 a.m.

TECH TUTORING (by appointment) **Wednesdays**, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **en Español Wednesdays**, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

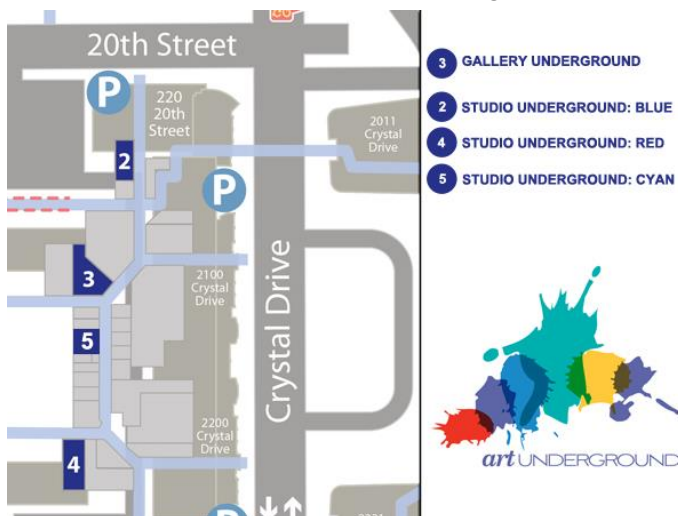
FICTION WRITERS GROUP Fun and informal weekly support group for fiction writers. **Wednesdays**, 6:00 p.m.

STOP IN FOR STORIES Fun and interactive storytime. Ages 0 - 5 years **\*\*Storytime will not take place Thursday, November 23rd. Thursdays**, 10:30 a.m.

## Arlington County Issues

### Newest New Polling Station for Precinct 006

Those of us in the north end of Crystal City may be starting to think of our elections polling station as a moveable feast. After years of voting at WaterPark Towers at 1501-1505 Crystal Drive, we were moved for the last year to Crystal Place at 1801 Crystal Drive. When the management for both buildings decided not to host the polling station any more, the County scrambled to find another site. Unfortunately, none of the suitable condo or apartment buildings wanted the hassle either. So, our newest polling station is the Gallery Underground (Studio Red) at 2100 Crystal Drive. Look for Room 25A in Section B on the Underground map.



Some of you may have attended painting classes there or the VRE station public meetings last June. When you enter from *We the Pizza* and pass the *Library* on your right, turn left and it's the first glass-windowed area on the right, next to *Au Bon Pain*. The County sent out new voting cards late last week.

### VOTE! Nov. 7



On the ballot will be the candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, House of Delegates districts 45 & 49, Arlington County Board and School Board. **Vote absentee until Nov. 4.**

### Why Does Virginia Hold Elections In Off-Off Years?

Virginia is one of only five states in the U.S. to hold its statewide elections in years that do not coincide with a presidential or congressional mid-term election, and one of only two — New Jersey being the other — to elect a new governor this year.

But why? Is Virginia purposely trying to cut against the grain, to be a contrarian commonwealth? Or did legislators pick the off-off-year election schedule — so named because no federal candidates are on the ballot — because it's objectively better than aligning with presidential or congressional contests? [Read the answer here.](#)

### Open Door Meeting With County Board Members

Come chat with a County Board member about any topic — no appointment needed! **Open Door Mondays** are held every Monday — at locations around the County — except County holidays and during August and December. [View the entire 2017 Open Door Monday schedule](#)

### Budget Roundtables

We're looking for feedback earlier this year than ever before as we plan for the Fiscal Year 2019 budget. Join your neighbors for community roundtable discussions about budget priorities and challenges. Your suggestions and comments will help the Manager shape his FY19 budget proposal, which will go to the Board in February 2018. Through November 22, residents also can join an interactive online conversation about the FY 2019 budget. [See the full schedule of roundtables and learn how to RSVP on the Budget & Finance site.](#)

### County Could Face \$10-13 Million Funding Gap in Next Year's Budget

During the Oct. 24 County Board Meeting, County Manager Mark Schwartz presented his Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget projections, which show moderate ongoing revenue growth of 2.9 percent in FY 2019 and a growth of 4.0 percent in expenditures. Such a scenario would result in a funding gap ranging from \$10-13 million. The County is forecasting modest growth in single family and multi-family assessments. The gap is for the County government alone and does not include any projection



for Arlington Public Schools (APS) revenues and expenditures. The current projected funding gap assumes the current real estate tax rate of \$1.006 per \$100 of assessed value (including the sanitary district tax), the lowest tax rate in northern Virginia. The forecast is a largely continuing operations and services budget, with the exception of expansions in transit service as laid out in the Board-adopted Transit Development Plan.

Fiscal year 2017 ended with a surplus above the amount carried over for reserves and other restricted funding. In total, the General Fund balance was down \$4.8 million from the prior year to \$186.4 million. Of this total, 94% or \$175.3 million is required for reserves, restricted funding, allocations already approved by Board action, or for continuing projects that straddle fiscal years. The balance of \$11.1 million is recommended to a few areas described in more detail below. [Read more here.](#)

### Arlington Treasurer Launches Annual Decal Design Competition

The Office of the Arlington County Treasurer invites high school students who reside or attend school in Arlington to participate in the 14th Annual Decal Design Competition. Students are asked to submit a design that represents the vibrant community that is Arlington for a chance to have their work appear on the 2018-19 vehicle decal. Students may consider the 100th anniversary of America's and Arlington's participation in World War I as inspiration for their design. The top four finalists, selected by a citizens panel, will appear in the Sun Gazette newspaper on Dec. 7. All submissions must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17. Information and the online submission form can be found on the Treasurer's Office's website. Beginning Dec. 7, residents will be able to vote for their favorite design. Last year, over 3,200 votes were cast.

### November Hearings Set on Proposed Accessory Dwelling Regulation Changes

The Arlington County Board in November will consider proposed changes to its accessory dwelling regulations that are meant to increase opportunities for residents to add accessory dwellings, while maintaining the character of residential neighborhoods. Since the County's first regulations of accessory dwelling units took effect on January 1, 2009, only 20 such units have been approved. The units are defined as second dwellings with a kitchen, bathroom and separate entrance on a single-family lot. They must be attached to single-family detached houses (such as basements, on the second floor, or in an addition).

The Board voted unanimously to set a public hearing before the **Planning Commission November 6** and before the **Board at its November 18 meeting** on the proposed changes to the accessory dwelling regulations. To [read the staff report](#), visit the County website. Scroll down to Item No. 44 on the agenda for the Oct. 21, 2017 Regular County Board Meeting. [Read more here.](#)

[Read a detailed Washington Post October 30 article here.](#)

### Feedback Wanted: Relocation Guidelines

The County is looking for feedback on [Arlington's Relocation Guidelines](#), which define standards for assisting tenants facing displacement from residential rental properties undergoing demolition, rehabilitation or conversion. Share your feedback on the [proposed changes](#) to the Relocation Guidelines by Oct. 30 with this survey, or by sending your recommendations to [housingdivision@arlingtonva.us](mailto:housingdivision@arlingtonva.us). You can also plan to attend the [Tenant-Landlord Commission](#) on Nov. 8.

### Public Hearing on Parking Policy New Residential Projects

The County Board set a public hearing for its **November 18 meeting** on a proposed off-street parking policy for multi-family residential projects approved by special exception in the Rosslyn-Ballston and Jefferson Davis Metro Corridors. If approved, the policy would guide County review of the amount of parking that a builder proposes for these projects.

Over the next decade, the County projects that about 9,100 apartment and condo units will be added to the Metro corridor's existing stock of 56,700 units. Parking is an element of Arlington's multimodal transportation system and an important aspect of new development in Arlington. The amount of parking included in new construction projects is governed by the Zoning Ordinance's "by-right" requirements as well as the Board's discretion when approving projects through the site plan process. [Read more here.](#)

If the Board adopts the policy at its November 18 Meeting, the policy will guide County review of the amount of parking that a builder proposes for these projects. The recommended policy would allow developers more flexibility to build fewer parking spaces if they assess that resident demand can be met with fewer parking spots, and especially if the building includes amenities like ample bike parking and carsharing, which are likely to attract car-free households. Visit the [project webpage](#) to learn more.

[Read ArlNow.com's "take" here.](#)

New residential buildings near Metro stations in Arlington County could have car parking spaces substituted for spots for bike and car-sharing. The new policy would allow developers to provide fewer car parking spaces for certain new apartment and condo buildings built in the Rosslyn-Ballston and Crystal City-Pentagon City Metro corridors.

### **Arlington Central Library Set for Renovations**

The Arlington County Board approved a \$1.7 million contract on October 21 to begin upgrading the County's much-loved and much-used Central Library this fall. Within the existing space, new meeting rooms, an updated "tech-central" area and a multi-purpose maker lab, a community-based space where people can share knowledge and tools to create together, are planned. Public computer stations will be redesigned, and reading and study areas will welcome patrons with streamlined furniture. Media shelving and reference stations will be modernized. Electrical systems will be upgraded, and ADA improvements will be made. The library, which opened in 1961 and was renovated in 1992, will remain open for its normal business hours (Sunday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) during the work, which will take place one floor at a time. [Read more here.](#)

### **Plug into the first Energy Lending Library in the country!**

The collection includes thermal imaging cameras, energy meters and books that will help residents identify areas of energy waste in their homes and provide real solutions. The Energy Lending Library was created by the Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy (AIRE) in partnership with Arlington Public Library. The efficiency tools are available to anyone with an Arlington Public Library card and can be checked out like any book or movie.

### **Arlington Launches New Tourism Website**

The Arlington Convention and Visitors Service (ACVS) launched its new [StayArlington website](#) this week. The next-generation site is the foundation of Arlington's digital marketing efforts to millions of leisure travelers, meeting professionals and travel trade worldwide. The new website has the latest features, including responsive design (which automatically adjusts the browsing experience to any web-enabled device); an enhanced regional events calendar integrating community events from Virginia.org and EventBrite; persistent mapping tied to local business listings; intuitive social media integration; HTML5 full-screen video and more. [Read more here.](#)

### **Virginia Hospital Center expansion**

Virginia Hospital Center is moving forward with its planned expansion after its preliminary plans were given the green light by Arlington County last week. That project will now begin its site plan review and will be discussed at county hearings. Virginia Hospital Center officials have said they hope to finalize a land deal with the county in the early part of next year to make way for the expansion, aiming to complete the entire project in 2020. The expansion is part of a larger plan to relocate the hospital's outpatient services and medical office space from its current patient tower onto a neighboring 5-acre parcel on Edison Street owned by Arlington County. The hospital hopes to acquire that land as part of a \$12.5 million land swap or cash deal with the county.

[Read more here.](#)

### **Arlington, Alexandria to Collaborate on Next Generation 9-1-1**

Arlington County and the City of Alexandria have developed a Memo of Understanding (MOU) for the two jurisdictions to jointly plan, design, procure, install and operate a new, shared Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 call processing system. The Arlington County Board Unanimously approved the MOU at its meeting October 21. The two jurisdictions will continue to operate their own call centers. Sharing the system will increase resiliency for both jurisdictions in the future by ensuring continuity of operations when there are local 9-1-1 outages or overload of the 9-1-1 system due to a major event or incident. Sharing also will reduce costs and increase interoperability for 9-1-1 calls between the jurisdictions. [Read more here.](#)

### **Arlington Named Among Best Southern Destinations for Meetings, Conventions**

Event planners from around the nation have nominated Arlington and the Arlington Convention and Visitors Service for a 2017 Reader's Choice Award from "ConventionSouth" magazine. The publication focuses on options for events in what is considered the South's 16 states. The annual Reader's Choice Award recognizes excellence, creativity and professionalism among destinations, convention and visitors bureaus, hotels and meeting facilities. [Read more here.](#)

### **Enhanced security screening is coming to Dulles, National airports**

Passengers traveling through Dulles International and Reagan National airports will now be asked to put their e-readers, cameras, iPads and other electronic devices in a separate bin as part of the expansion of an initiative designed to tighten screening of carry-on items at airports across the country. [Read more here.](#)



## Seventh Annual Arlington Puzzle Festival

The Arlington Puzzle Festival will be held at the Central Library Auditorium on **November 4** from 9-4:30. A celebration of words, logic, numbers and thinking, it's a place to meet other puzzle fanatics in a friendly, fun and enjoyable atmosphere. Participation is free for current members of the Friends of the Arlington Public Library, with a suggested donation of \$15 for non-members. Puzzle Fest T-shirts will also be available for purchase at the event. All proceeds support Library programs and initiatives, and the development of the Library's collection. [See the details here.](#)

## Other Issues

### Code Girls of Arlington Hall

Join the Arlington Historical Society, on Thursday, **November 9** for a lecture by author Liza Mundy on her book "Code Girls of Arlington Hall: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II." The program will take place at 7:00 PM at Marymount University. More information about the event can be found on the [website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Attendees should enter the Marymount University campus at the library gate on N. 26th Street. Then turn left and park in the garage at the bottom of the incline. Handicapped parking is available at this 26th Street entrance immediately upon entry at the library. For complete directions to the Main Campus of Marymount University (2807 N. Glebe Road) [see here](#).

### Boy Scout Food Drive

Saturday, **November 11** is the National Capital Area Boy Scout Food Drive. Many single-family homes in Arlington will receive a bag on Saturday, November 4. If you receive a bag, please consider donating non-perishable food items (canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned tuna, canned tomato products or peanut butter) by 9:00 am on Sat. November 11. Scouts will be in uniform and will not knock on your doors.

All donated food in Arlington will go to the Arlington Food Assistance Center, whose mission is to provide supplemental groceries to all Arlington families in need. AFAC currently serves 2,300 families each week. If you do not receive a bag and still would like to participate, you can leave donations at the following library branches: Aurora Hills, Central, Cherrydale, Glencarlyn, Shirlington, and Westover.

### DMV2GO

1776 Crystal City Campus ~ 2231 Crystal Drive, 10th Floor  
Thursday, **November 2nd** ~ 9:00am to 3:00pm  
New to Crystal City? Have a DMV errand to run? Save time and let the DMV come to you!

### First Fridays in the Art Underground

Art Underground - 2100 Crystal Drive  
Friday, **November 3rd** ~ 5:00pm  
Head to Crystal City on the first Friday of every month for a healthy dose of arts in the Art Underground.

### Sofar Sounds Crystal City

Location TBD  
Tuesday, **November 14th** ~ 7:30pm  
Bringing the magic back to live music. Amazing artists in intimate spaces, performing stripped-back sets to carefully curated audiences in the heart of Crystal City. Use code "CRYSTAL-841EC" for up to two free tickets.

### Bike Light Giveaway

Mt. Vernon Trail @ the Crystal City Connector  
Wednesday, **November 1st** ~ 4:00pm to 6:00pm  
Don't get caught in the dark! Join us along with the National Park Service as we give out free lights, arm/leg bands, and more at the intersection of the Mount Vernon Trail and the Crystal City Connector.

### Arlington Celebrates Local Entrepreneurs, Artists with "Made In Arlington" Pop-Up

Celebrating the creativity of Arlington-based entrepreneurs and artisans, Arlington Economic Development will host a special "Made in Arlington" holiday pop-up shop that will help Arlingtonians find that one-of-a-kind gift during the holiday season, while also supporting local businesses and artists. The hyper-local shopping experience will be open weekdays in November and December at the Plaza Shop at 2100 Courthouse Boulevard in the Arlington County office building. The effort is a partnership with Arlington Public Library.

Participating Arlington artists range from the confectionary and edible gifts from places like Kingsbury Chocolates and Commonwealth Joe to textiles from Mira Jean Designs and Jules Jewels, puzzles from TechShop-based Can You Solve Me and plenty more. In addition to the selection available in-store, individual artisans will be available each Thursday throughout the season to showcase additional goods and answer any questions from consumers.

The Made in Arlington pop-up shop will be open Nov. 1 – Dec. 22, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Special exhibits from Arlington artists also will take place each

Thursday over the midday hours, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Visit the [event page](#) for additional details and artist schedules.

### **Blind Triplets Make History With Eagle Scout Recognitions**

The blind triplets-- Leo, Nick and Steven Cantos—were honored at a ceremony on October 25 which marked how far they have come, having also graduated from Wakefield High School earlier this year. At The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Alexandria, the brothers became the first ever blind triplets to be honored as Eagle Scouts in the history of Boy Scouts of America. Read the [ArlNow.com article of October 26 here.](#)

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