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What is the Crystal City Civic Association?

The Crystal City Civic Association was established on January 28, 2014, with the purpose of advancing the common interests of the residents of the Crystal City neighborhood in Arlington County, Virginia. Arlington County's long-term plans for Crystal City entail decades of major change, in accordance with the Crystal City Sector Plan approved in 2010. Those plans call for density to increase by 60% and the number of residents to double by 2050. Such plans will require very thoughtful implementation with input from everyone; many projects are already underway. You can visit the Crystal City/Pentagon City webpage for Arlington County to get an overview of what is being planned: <http://sites.arlingtonva.us/ccpc/revitalization-2/>.

As we grow, the CCCA will increasingly serve as a voice of Crystal City residents. In future newsletters, we will continue to inform our membership of key issues and development projects that will impact all of us. [Commentary in *italics* reflects our CCCA involvement and experience.](#)

If you are not yet a member of the CCCA, we encourage you to join and become an active participant in crafting the future of our neighborhood. We need lots of help on our committees: Development Issues/Land Use; Transit/Transportation; Open Space; Environmental Issues; and other areas.

COME JOIN US. CRYSTAL CITY NEEDS YOU.

KEY ISSUES

CCCA Town Hall and Annual Meeting

Do you care what's going to happen to your neighborhood? Come to our Town Hall meeting with Jay Fiset, Arlington County Board Chair, at 7 pm on October 20, immediately prior to the CCCA Annual Meeting. Following his presentation, CCCA voting members (i.e., those who have paid annual dues) will have an opportunity to ask questions and share concerns focused specifically on Crystal City. Time permitting, other Crystal City residents may be allowed to ask questions during an Open Forum. Press is invited, but otherwise participation is limited to Crystal City residents.

The CCCA Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the Town Hall Meeting at 8 pm, including election of officers. Details on the officer positions and the process for submitting candidacies have been sent from the Election Committee by email to voting members. All members whose dues have been paid are eligible to be candidates and to vote in the election. Nominations will close on October 1. More details are on the website: www.crystalcitycivic.org.

Both meetings will take place at Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell Street, on **Monday, October 20, from 7-9 pm**. If you are not yet a member of the CCCA, we encourage you to join at this time, enjoy the benefits of the CCCA, and become an active participant in crafting the future of our neighborhood.

CCCA Civic Action Workshops

To prepare for the October Town Hall and Meeting, the CCCA held two community workshops on several key issues, in the Crystal City Community Room. The first was held on Tuesday, July 29, on Transit/Transportation and Open Space and included a lively discussion of the issues. The second was held on **September 17 from 7-9** on Development Issues/Land Use and Environmental Issues. In each session, the CCCA leaders provided brief explanations and background information, but the main purpose was to give attending members the opportunity to raise/discuss issues and ask questions. In meetings with Arlington County officials and with developers, CCCA officers want to be sure we are accurately representing the views of Crystal City residents. We are looking for co-chairs for some of these committees, as well as committee members, as we go forward. Please talk to one of the CCCA officers to express your interest.

Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway Construction Update

Transitway construction activities scheduled for the first two weeks of October are described below. The County believes this work should have temporary and minimal impact on pedestrian and vehicle traffic. For questions or comments regarding construction of Arlington's Transitway, the County says to call (703) 638-0165.

Weekend work: Crews will be working September 27, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on all Saturdays going forward, until further notice. This work will adhere to the requirements of Arlington's Noise Ordinance.

Ongoing work:

- Grading on South Glebe Road
- Storm drain connection work on South Glebe Road, Jefferson Davis Highway and Crystal Drive
- Relocation of electric line between 33rd Street and South Glebe Road
- Work on columns for Station C on South Glebe Road
Excavation and backfill station footers for Station B (Crystal Drive & 33rd Street)

Upcoming work:

- Station C-Begin electrical wiring for the station; paint columns; install station's roof drain pipe and Transitway's underdrain.
- Station B - Relocate fire hydrant.
- Set up Maintenance of Traffic at the intersection of Crystal Drive and South Potomac Avenue - This will include pedestrian detour signage at the intersection and traffic control devices. Potomac Avenue will be reduced to one lane in the westbound side (at the intersection of Crystal Drive) to accommodate construction in the area.

Notice for Transit Riders

To allow for Transitway and station construction, existing bus stops and shelters are being temporarily relocated:

South Glebe Road between Potomac Avenue and Jefferson Davis Highway: Northbound stop #6001233 relocated to the northeast corner of Glebe Road and Jefferson Davis Highway. A temporary stop for southbound buses (toward Braddock Road) has been established on southbound Potomac Avenue, about 150 feet north of Glebe Road. See the passenger notice (PDF) for an illustration.

Crystal Drive at 33rd Street: Northbound stop #6001230 closed for duration of Transitway construction.

<http://sites.arlingtonva.us/ccpc/construction-underway/>

Streetcar Lunch and Learn

More than 110 people logged in to participate in a September 18 live webinar with Arlington County Board Chair Jay Fissette and Transportation Director Dennis Leach. They shared a presentation and then took questions from participants. If you missed it, you can listen and watch the slide presentations and chat questions on Youtube: <http://youtu.be/gVZ1u-ZmPHc><http://youtu.be/gVZ1u-ZmPHc>

You can also sign up to receive streetcar updates by email: <http://sites.arlingtonva.us/streetcar/>

Streetcar Tour

The County is offering a free tour to travel via bus to see transportation sites around the County, including the streetcar route along the Route 1 and Columbia Pike corridors. Transportation Director Dennis Leach will present an overview of the County's latest transportation projects and planned investments for the future. The first tour is full, but a second one will be held October 15 from 8-10 a.m. Space is limited. Register online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/arlington-transportation-projects-overview-tour-oct-1st-or-15th-registration-13127150661>

Arlington County LED Streetlight Program

Are you curious about those new street lights on Crystal Drive? At 8 pm on October 2, Arlington County will hold a demonstration for Crystal City residents of its new LED Streetlight program, rolled out in 2010. It will take place at the 6th Street Garden Plaza (corner of 6th Street South and Long Bridge Park facing the new Boeing building). Using LED technology, the County has seen a several hundred thousand dollar reduction in energy use. Arlington County eventually hopes the program will save the county over 1 million dollars per year. The lights tend to shine a pure white light that is closer to natural sunlight. These lights are also dimmable allowing the County to dim each light individually as the activity levels decrease on streets. A 2013 demonstration showed how lighting could be managed to shield lighting from residential side of the street to be less intrusive, as well as other "dimming down" of illumination.

Transportation staff will do a live demonstration of LED streetlights in preparation for work that will be taking place in Crystal City in the coming months. Staff will share information about the LED lights' capabilities, how they compare with the previous High Pressure Sodium lights, and discuss other elements such as the shields or "eyebrows" that are placed on the house side of the LED

fixtures. No RSVP is required. For more information, contact Laiza N. Otero at (703) 228-3115 or lotero@arlingtonva.us

See the following web sites for more information on the program; <http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases/federal-stimulus-funds-create-191833>
<http://arlingtonva.tv/led-streetlight-program/>

Environmental and Traffic Issues

One of the more useful and "user friendly" departments of Arlington County is the Department of Environmental Services (DES) which maintains an active and informative Facebook page that provides even better information than its website. They provide up to date traffic alerts on road construction. DES can answer your questions about trash and recycling, snow removal, utilities, commuter services, water and sewer system maintenance, green buildings and sustainability, traffic and streetlights, street maintenance, transportation planning projects, parking permits, traffic and development permits, and more. Click the "Get It Done Online" tab for quick links to report problems or request services online. A new interactive map will allow you to see the progress of the leaf vacuum truck by neighborhood when it starts to collect leaves. You can test your stormwater IQ as well.

<http://environment.arlingtonva.us/2014/09/test-stormwater-iq/>

Their environmental services pages provide information on green programs, including energy and water conservation, such as this update for apartment and condo dwellers:

"If you live in a multifamily building in Arlington, you're not alone. Nearly 70 percent of Arlington residents live in multifamily housing units, including about 40 percent in large multifamily properties. There are over 60,000 multifamily units in the County, and this number is expected to reach nearly 70,000 by 2012, over 80,000 by 2020, and nearly 95,000 by 2050 – an increase of nearly 60 percent in 40 years.

As a resident in an apartment or condo unit, sometimes you might feel like there's not a lot you can do to impact how your building performs. In fact, there are many actions you can take within your own unit as well as when you're using common areas that will help you reduce costs, save emissions, and generally improve the health and comfort of your home. Not to mention the potential collective power a tenant green committee can wield in convincing a property manager of more efficient building upgrades.

We have a program available for apartment and condo residents called the Arlington Green Games. Assess your

current energy and environmental saving efforts, get tips on how to improve, and be entered for a chance to win a raffle prize.”

Kudos DES! Check out their Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonDES?fref=photo>

Parks and Recreation Department

Similarly, Arlington County's Parks & Natural Resources Division maintains a website with lots of information on parks, events, and activities. Since many of them are announced after this Newsletter goes to print at the beginning of the month, you might want to check their website for interesting things to do. Some September events included: a Native Plant sale; Latinoamerican festival. FitArlington Cooking Demo.

<http://parks.arlingtonva.us/>

Annual PARK(ing) Day

PARK(ing) Day is an annual worldwide event where artists, designers & citizens transform metered parking spots into temporary public parks. Arlington County celebrated it September 19 in two locations. At the Courthouse Plaza from 9-2, there were games, yoga in the park at lunch, and a guitarist strumming in the afternoon. The Rosslyn BID and Artisphere celebrated from 10-4 by transforming a parking spot at Wilson Blvd. and N. Lynn St. into a fun temporary public space. There was a collection for computers, laptops and tablets for donation to local charities, in partnership with TMI Initiative. Items were collected in a larger-than-life shopping cart, created by artist J.P. Flick, on display for the duration of the event.

Updated Stormwater and Water Distribution Master Plans Adopted

The Arlington County Board adopted the updated Stormwater and Water Distribution Master Plans at its meeting on September 20. The two plans will guide planning for stormwater management and water distribution in the County over several decades.

The updated Stormwater Master Plan combines and updates the storm infrastructure information from earlier plans with the environmental and water quality information from the Watershed Management Plan (2001), to create a comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan. The Master Plan will help the County work toward pollution reduction requirements under the County's stormwater permit and the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) — and support the County's environmental protection goals for its local streams. The County's updated Stormwater Master Plan

reflects a new era of stormwater management driven by the Chesapeake Bay cleanup mandate issued by EPA in 2010. The Master Plan will help the County work toward pollution reduction requirements under the County's stormwater permit and the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) — and support the County's environmental protection goals for its local streams.

As of 2014, the first water mains built by the County are 87 years old. The Water Distribution Master Plan addresses the challenges of an aging infrastructure by setting forth a recommended level of investment and policy guidance to maintain and improve the overall condition of our water system.

Projects in this plan are incorporated into the County's Proposed FY 2015 – FY 2024 Water and Sewer Infrastructure Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This funding is allocated for constructing new and rehabilitating old water mains, valves, pump stations, water storage facilities and technology enhancements.

Other items identified in the plan support the water system's asset management program. They include operations and maintenance programs for water meters, valves, hydrants, system flushing, backflow prevention and water quality.

<http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases/arlington-county-board-adopts-updated-stormwater-water-distribution-master-plans>

<http://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/environment/stormwater-master-plan/>

Secretary of Interior Helps Clean Roaches Run

On the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance, organized by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), tens of thousands of Americans volunteered to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Volunteers joined their neighbors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to build affordable housing for veterans and military families, educate citizens on disaster preparedness, organize food drives, and more. Service events and ceremonies took place across the country to pay tribute to and honor the victims and heroes of the events on September 11, 2001. In Crystal City, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell joined the Student Conservation Association at Roaches Run Waterfowl Sanctuary on the George Washington Memorial Parkway for a project including shoreline cleanup, invasive plant removal, and native wetland species planting along the shoreline.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service and champions community solutions through its AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, Social Innovation Fund, and Volunteer Generation Fund programs, and leads the President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/>

Crystal City Street Improvement Projects

In accordance with the Crystal City Sector Plan 2010-2050, many street improvement and reconstruction projects are in varying stages of development, including:

- Army-Navy Drive
- Crystal Drive
- South Clark Street/South Bell Street: 12th Street South to 20th Street South
- S. Eads Street
- 12th Street Extension: South Fern Street to South Eads Street
- 15th, 18th, and 23rd Streets realignment

You can check County planning and stages of development on the website:

<http://sites.arlingtonva.us/ccpc/street-improvements/>

Long Bridge Study Gets Tiger Grant

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) announced September 17 that it was awarded \$2.8 million in TIGER FY 2014 discretionary grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to perform an environmental analysis to complete a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study for the long term replacement of the Long Bridge over the Potomac River. The Long Bridge, which is owned by CSX and used by CSX, VRE, and Amtrak, is a two-track railroad bridge between the District and Virginia. The study will help move forward the project to improve the bridge structure which dates back to 1942, including parts constructed as early as 1904. TIGER funds will augment DDOT, VDRPT and VRE funding to strengthen the public planning process and ensure good planning.

<http://ddot.dc.gov/release/ddot-receives-tiger-grant-funding-long-bridge-environmental-analysis>

S. Eads Street Conversion to Complete Street

Arlington County began implementing a pilot project to convert South Eads Street into a Complete Street in September. This project is located between 15th and 23rd Streets South and will utilize the existing curb-to-curb space and accommodate all modes of travel. The existing four-lane roadway will be converted into three lanes: two through lanes and a center two-way left turn

lane, with a new protected bike facility. Pedestrian crossings will be upgraded and parking lanes will be reconfigured.

Once these changes are in place, Transportation Division staff will monitor roadway operations using travel times and vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian counts. The design of the pilot project is flexible and may change as operations are monitored. The outcome of these measures will influence the ultimate cross-section of the street and may lead to additional improvements as areas of opportunity are identified.

The data collected and the performance of the pilot project, along with the responses gathered from the South Eads Street visioning survey from this spring, will inform the design of the permanent South Eads Street Complete Street Project. We also welcome your feedback on the pilot project once it's implemented. Please send comments to EadsPilot@arlingtonva.us <https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonDES/photos/a.266663166709697.61996.244965318879482/775958149113527/?type=1&theater>

Crystal City McDonald's ground lease sells for \$7.3 million

According to a September 16 article in the Washington Business Journal, a D.C.-based private investment group has paid \$7.35 million, or about 244 Big Mac extra value meals per square foot, for a Crystal City McDonald's ground lease as the demand for smaller retail-leased real estate continues to pick up in the D.C. region and beyond. It's in the densely developed Crystal City, it sits on Jefferson Davis Highway with high visibility from about 60,000 passing vehicles a day, and it's also close to Reagan National Airport, all strong selling points. Despite the high price, the investment group is not planning a redevelopment of the property but instead bought the site purely as an investment deal. By the numbers, McDonald's is locked into a lease that extends to December 2026, with renewal options.

http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/breaking_ground/2014/09/thats-a-lot-of-big-macs-crystal-city-mcdonalds.html?ana=e_du_pap&s=article_du&ed=2014-09-16&u=qW+D9q+lQoqOrKABwZpE9P7NoYn&t=1410908043

Arlington Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE)

On Saturday, October 11, from 8:30 to 3:00 pm, residents will have a chance to safely dispose of household hazardous materials and purchase compost bins at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Residents may bring items such as paint,

solvents, garden chemicals and items containing mercury. You can also recycle electronics, bikes, small metal items, shoes, eyeglasses, and durable medical equipment. E-CARE is open to Arlington residents and County employees only so bring an ID. Commercial or business waste is not accepted. For more information about E-CARE, including details about acceptable items, visit the E-CARE webpage or call 703-228-6832:

<http://recycling.arlingtonva.us/household-hazmat/e-care/>

New Arlington County Task Force on Volunteers

Arlington County Manager Barbara Donnellan is seeking applicants for a new advisory task force to look into whether Arlington's volunteer office is the right business model to meet community needs. Applications will be accepted through Oct. 8, 2014. Department of Human Services Director Susanne Eisner will co-chair the task force, together with one of the appointees. Donnellan intends to name an advisory task force that includes a range of community stakeholders:

- Representatives of non-profit organizations that use volunteers
- Persons who volunteer, including teens
- Persons representing immigrant communities
- Representatives of the business community

Click here to apply:

<http://commissions.arlingtonva.us/volunteer-arlington-advisory-task-force/volunteer-arlington-advisory-group-application-form/>

Vornado Remaking of Crystal City

A September 19 *Washington Post* article highlights the efforts of Vornado President Mitchell Schear to redefine Crystal City. Since the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), Arlington County and Vornado have been aiming at attracting the tech crowd and younger residents to Crystal City and Vornado's new apartment buildings in the area to fill available office, including Tech Shop, the newly approved WeWork residential building, the Crystal Tech Fund, and now the new bar Highline to open later this year at 2100 Crystal Drive. "There is a lot at stake for Vornado in turning around Crystal City's image. Vornado has almost 16 million square feet of office space in the Washington area, the lion's share in Crystal City, and only 80 percent of it is occupied, according to a recent public filing."

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/digger/wp/2014/09/19/whats-keeping-crystal-city-from-becoming-a-tech-hub-how-about-a-bar/>

Other News:

New Voter ID Required for November 2014 Elections

DON'T FORGET! Virginia's new law requiring photo IDs to vote in elections took effect July 1. However, there could be considerable confusion for the November election over the new law and the Washington Post estimated some 200,000 voters may be turned away. The current Virginia Voter Information Card will no longer be valid. Valid IDs include:

- A Virginia driver's license or DMV ID card, or
- Any government-issued ID (U.S., Virginia, or Virginia local government) with a photograph, or
- U.S. Passport, Naturalization Certificate, or military ID, or
- An employer ID with a photograph, or
- A student ID card with a photograph from any Virginia college or university, or
- An Arlington Senior ID with a photograph issued by the Sheriff's Office

If you don't have any of the above IDs, you can get a free Voter Photo ID at the Election Office.

The next General Election date is Tuesday, November 4, 2014. On the ballot in 2014 will be the offices of: U.S. Senate; U.S. House of Representatives for the 8th District; One County Board member; and one School Board member. There will also be one proposed Constitutional amendment and four County bond referendum questions, as well as Special Elections to fill unexpired terms for Treasurer and School Board.

<http://vote.arlingtonva.us/>

New Video-Monitoring on School Buses

On September 23, the Arlington County Board approved an ordinance amendment to allow Arlington Public Schools (APS) to install and operate video-monitoring systems on their school buses, to record violations of motorists passing stopped school buses. The Board set Feb. 1, 2015 as the effective date of the ordinance amendment, contingent on development of a policy governing the storage, access and sharing of the videotape.

Bikers Need to Respect Laws Too

The CCCA has been asked to remind bikers in Crystal City to obey the traffic laws and stay in the bike lanes. There have been complaints of bikers not stopping at red lights or stop signs and also riding on the sidewalk, forcing pedestrians off onto the bike lanes—the complete opposite

of the intended use of bike lanes. As Crystal City becomes more bike friendly, bikers need to remember to be friendly towards pedestrians and cars, while obeying the law.

Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee

The Bicycle Advisory Committee, with roots in the community, helps focus continuing attention and resources on the role of bicycles and bicycling for transportation, health, and the enjoyment of parks and other public facilities in Arlington County, a national leader in urban planning and livable community design. The BAC advises the County Manager on issues that affect cycling in Arlington County, including, but not limited to: safety, education, community involvement, awareness and promotion, and the development, operation and maintenance of on- and off-street bicycle transportation and recreation facilities. The BAC is comprised of a minimum of 15 members formally appointed by the County Manager. Each member serves renewable two-year terms. The Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) holds regular meetings open to the public on the first Monday of the month. The meetings are held at Court House Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. in the lobby meeting rooms (A,B,C, or D), beginning at 7:00 PM. For more information: <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/biking-in-arlington/get-involved/arlington-bicycle-advisory-committee/>

Bicycle & Pedestrian Documentation Project

Arlington County is establishing a system of permanent automatic counters that monitor bicycle and pedestrian numbers 24 hours a day at selected locations. In addition, volunteers have helped conduct bicycle and pedestrian counts on a seasonal basis for the last several years, to build a data baseline. These volunteer counts will continue, annually in September, as part of a national project to document walking and cycling transportation. Collecting better data on usage and demand is essential to building long-term support for walking and cycling, and improving conditions for those who choose to walk and ride bikes. Count locations include shared use paths, urban sidewalks and intersections, and on-road bike lanes. Volunteers track not only the number of people traveling at a given location, but also observe direction of travel, helmet use, and other information. Arlington County staff provide training and materials. Many of the locations are easily accessible by Metro. If you have question or are interested in helping with this effort please email Arlington County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner, David Patton, at: bikepedcounts@arlingtonva.us. More information about the project can be found at the

National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project page: <http://bikepeddocumentation.org/>

Register your bike to prevent theft

Fall is when a lot of bike theft takes place in the County, as thieves are preparing for the Christmas season, just as families are. Why not register your bike with the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD)? The ACPD says that bike thefts from residential areas are up in Arlington County because residents leave their garage doors open with their bikes inside, but that overall, bike thefts were down significantly in the first half of 2014. Secure your bikes with a sturdy U-lock and store them in protected places. It's easy to register online. In approximately one week, you will receive a decal for your bicycle. Register at: <http://police.arlingtonva.us/bicycle-registration-form/>

Arlington County Supports Washington Region's Bid for 2024 Olympics

Arlington County strongly supports the Washington, D.C. region's bid to host the 2024 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, Arlington County Board Chair Jay Fiset said September 4. Arlington looks forward to holding discussions with Washington 2024 on the possibility of Long Bridge Park being included in the organization's plan for the Olympics, Fiset said.

"Back in June, when we suspended construction plans for Phase 2 of Long Bridge Park, which will include the Aquatics, Health and Fitness Facility, we noted that we expected the park to be part of the plan for bringing the Olympics to the Washington Region," Fiset said. "That is still our hope. We believe that Long Bridge could be a great venue for Olympic swimming events."

<http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases/arlington-county-supports-washington-regions-bid-for-2024-olympics>

Arlington Is a Great Place to Live

Arlington has been named to the top 10 of the Top 100 Best Places to Live from *Livability.com*. More than 2000 cities were evaluated for the study, which analyzed communities on data points ranging from economics and housing to education and health care. Arlington took the #3 spot in the nation and was ranked higher than any other jurisdiction in the DC Metro region.

<http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases/arlington-named-one-of-nations-best-places-to-live>

Millennials Migrating to Arlington County

Last month's Newsletter included an Arlington Economic Development article on who the young professionals are in Arlington County and why they live here. Now, RealtyTrac, a real estate data and information website, analyzed Census population data between 2007 and 2013 in more than 1,800 counties nationwide to discover which markets are seeing the biggest shifts in both baby boomer and millennial populations. The analysis further focused in on the top 10 counties for increases and decreases in both millennials and baby boomers. According to RealtyTrac, Arlington's millennial population has increased 82 percent from 2007-2013, the highest rate in the country over that time span. Alexandria ranks second in the list in millennial growth rate, at 81 percent, ahead of New Orleans and San Francisco.

<http://www.realtytrac.com/content/foreclosure-market-report/millennials-moving-to-markets-with-jobs-baby-boomers-downsizing-to-lower-cost-markets-8143>

County Tourism Revenue Increases

Visitors spent more money in Arlington in 2013 than ever before, and more money here than in any other County in the Commonwealth, according to data released by the United States Travel Association (USTA). The \$2.8 billion in travel spending supported more than 24,000 jobs, and provided more than \$94 million in state taxes and \$78 million in local taxes. View the full report on the Virginia tourism industry's economic impact by locality:

<http://www.vatc.org/research/economicimpact/>

For more information on Arlington tourism, visit the StayArlington website: <http://www.stayarlington.com/>

Free Paper Shredding & Inert Material Drop-Off

Time to get rid of all those old files? Arlington County residents may drop off the following for shredding at the Earth Products Center at 4300 29th Street from 8:30-4:30 on October 4. There is a limit of two boxes (no larger than 18 in. x 11 in. x 10 in.), or two paper bags per customer. Acceptable items: paper (including staples, paper clips), checks/checkbooks. Unacceptable items: magazines, catalogs, credit cards, three-ring binders or phone book-sized material.

<http://recycling.arlingtonva.us/events/free-paper-shredding-2014-10-04/>

New School Board Member

The Arlington School Board appointed Nancy Van Doren at a special meeting September 20. Van Doren was sworn in immediately after the Board voted and will fill the vacancy which occurred when former Board member Noah Simon resigned his seat on August 1. Her term will conclude when Simon's seat is filled by special election on Nov. 4, and the newly elected member is sworn in.

<http://www.apsva.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=27090>

Public News Boxes and Safety Concerns

Arlington's Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC), which advises the County Board and the County Manager on implementation of the pedestrian element of the Master Transportation Plan and other pedestrian-related matters, has asked us to inform CCCA members of a concern. As the result of complaints about the proliferation of news boxes around the County and their impact on accessibility and safety of sidewalks, the PAC has drafted a letter to the County Manager to take initiative in establishing new regulations and enforcement standards for placement of news boxes. Although this is generally not a problem in Crystal City, it is for other areas of Arlington County, and you can review the draft letter online and determine if you would like to send a letter of support:

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9rmb2ApORS5SU1MWEsxV3ZKaFk/edit>

Seeking Human Rights Heroes

Do you know an Arlington resident, community group, non-profit organization or business with significant human rights achievements? Now is your chance to shine a light on that special person, organization or business that has made a difference. The Arlington Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for the 16th Annual James B. Hunter Human Rights Award. The award is named for the former County Board Member who during his many years of public service worked tirelessly on behalf of individuals with little access to government. Applications are due by Wednesday, November 12, 2014. Recipients will be honored on Thursday, December 11 at a reception in the County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington VA, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Who is eligible? All Arlington residents, community groups, non-profit organizations and businesses are eligible to be nominated. All entries should reflect human rights achievements on an individual basis, through work with other individuals, or through specific examples, products, or activities. Each example

must have some visible, tangible or measurable impact on the perception of, attitude toward, or respect for and treatment of others.

Visit the Human Rights Commission website for more information on the award criteria and guidelines, and for ways of submitting your nomination form:

<http://commissions.arlingtonva.us/human-rights-commission-hrc/james-b-hunter-award/>. For more information or a hard copy of the nomination form, telephone the Human Rights Commission Office at :(703) 228-3929, or (703) 228-4611 (TTY).

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

CCCA representatives will continue to attend meetings to ensure that the residents of Crystal City have a voice in future development and to report back to the membership. With the exception of the Civic Federation, all of the meetings are open to the general public, and we would welcome attendance by more Crystal City residents.

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