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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 Projects; Transit/Transportation; Open Space; Environmental Issues; and other areas.

**COME JOIN US. CRYSTAL CITY NEEDS YOU.**

# KEY ISSUES

## CCCA Annual Meeting and Town Hall

The CCCA Annual Meeting will be held **October 20**, including election of officers, in Synetic Theatre from 7-9 pm. Details on the officer positions and the process for submitting candidacies is being sent by email to members. Arlington County Board Chair Jay Fisetta has agreed to speak to CCCA members at a Town Hall immediately prior to the meeting. This will be an opportunity for Crystal City residents to ask questions and share concerns. *[Please note that the venue for these meetings has been moved from our Community Room in the Underground to Synetic Theatre to accommodate a larger number of attendees.]*

## CCCA Civic Action Workshops

To prepare for the October Town Hall and Meeting, the CCCA decided to organize 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. A second will be held on **September 17 from 7-9** on Development Issues/Land Use and Environmental Issues. In each session, the CCCA leaders provide brief explanations and background information, but the main purpose is 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. Summaries of the first workshop were emailed to members. The results of these workshops will help guide preparations for the Town Hall meeting October 20. *[Directions: The Community Room is located in the Crystal City Underground near the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street entrance on the corridor between Nahid's Nails and Crystal Boutique. Turn left into the Studios Underground on the corridor and the Community Meeting Room is the first door on your left.]*

## Crystal City Streetcar

The County's new streetcar banner—"Streetcar Takes You There"—is a map of the streetcar route, from Skyline in Fairfax to Arlington's Potomac Yard, showing how it will connect neighborhoods, job centers and shopping/entertainment destinations. The banner from the Fair is now hanging in the Courthouse Plaza lobby (2100 Clarendon Blvd.). A digital version is available online in an 11"x17" format:

<http://sites.arlingtonva.us/streetcar/library/>

*The reference to a public meeting about environmental impact findings, which was listed for August, has been*

*removed from the <http://www.crystalcitystreetcar.com/> site (though the remainder of the information previously on this site is there). Environmental impacts studies are required for Federal funding and the county's decision to move ahead without Federal funding probably accounts for the removal of any mention of a public meeting on the subject.*

## Streetcar Lunch and Learn

The County has organized a free online meeting September 18 from 12-1 pm to help people to learn more about the planned streetcar line. There will be explanations why Arlington is making this investment for the next generation; how it will connect neighborhoods, job centers, and entertainment destinations; how streetcar moves more people; and details about the construction funding plan. Arlington County Board Chairman Jay Fisetta will share information and take questions.

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/801147/7be7802a8b/473327625/b8d8deb6d3/>

## Opposing Views on the Streetcar

*There are always two sides to every story. For the viewpoint of those who oppose the streetcar, see:*

<http://www.sensibletransit.org/>

## Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway

The Transitway project team held a meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 13 to share information about construction occurring in the coming months in the area between South Glebe Road and 26th Street South. The meeting presentation is available at:

<http://sites.arlingtonva.us/ccpc/transit-improvements/crystal-city-potomac-yard-transitway/>

The website provides information on current and 2015 operations of this premium bus service. As attendees learned at the first general meeting of the CCCA, plans are to extend the route now in service to the Pentagon City metro stop (see "Future Plans" on the following website: [www.metrowayva.com](http://www.metrowayva.com)).

## Southern end of Crystal Drive to be avoided during Transitway construction

*Many Crystal City residents traveling from Alexandria or Potomac Yard find it convenient to leave Rte. 1 and enter Crystal City by veering off onto Crystal Drive where it starts at the southern end. However, when Transitway construction starts this fall, the portion of Crystal Drive from 33rd St. up towards 23rd St. could become a real "bottleneck." Only one northbound traffic lane will be available at best, and construction activities will make for a slow going. For instance, buses will need to stop in the traffic lane at their bus stops. So while the street will*

never be completely closed, Arlington County is urging travelers going to places in Crystal City north of 23rd St. to plan on avoiding this stretch, instead staying on Rte. 1 until 23rd St. or other intersections further north. This situation will probably last for about six months.

In the meantime, Arlington County announced that Transitway construction activities scheduled, at least for the first two weeks of September, are expected to have temporary and minimal impact on pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

- Grading and stormdrain connection work on South Glebe Road and foundation construction for the Station C platform.
- Relocation of electric line between 33rd and 29th Streets - This will require deactivating the street lighting in this area for 7-10 days, starting Sept. 2.
- Stormdrain installations between 29th and 27th Streets (adjacent to Residence Inn/Renaissance Hotel).
- Traffic control devices (barrels & signs) have been installed along Route 1 and Crystal Drive, near South Glebe Road and 33rd Street. The barrels and signs are installed at the road edge until start of work in that area, which will require closure of the curb lane.

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

### Changes in the Crystal City Underground

*The closing of two stores in the Underground in August is disconcerting. The Dress Barn on the northern end between 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets has closed and consolidated its holdings at the store at Potomac Yard. Too bad for metro users who like to stop and shop on the way home. On the southern end near 21<sup>st</sup> Street, the Slice n Dice restaurant closed with no warning and no explanation. Vornado has opened a lounge area with comfortable chairs, tables, and a TV screen with live feed in part of the area previously occupied by the Hamburger Hamlet.*

*Could be hard economic times for many of the small mom and pop stores in the Underground.*

### Arlington County LED Streetlight Program

Arlington County says that the results of the LED Streetlight program, which it rolled out in 2010, have been outstanding, with a nearly 75 percent reduction in energy use for the lights already replaced, saving approximately \$300,000. Eventually the program will save the county over 1 million dollars per year. The new, state-of-the-art LED lights provide a safe environment for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists alike during evening, nighttime and early morning hours. And, because they don't contain mercury, lead, or harmful UV light found in the older bulbs, they're good for the environment and safe for you. These lights are coming to Crystal City soon. Watch for notice of an informational meeting.

<http://arlingtonva.tv/led-streetlight-program/>

### Impact of Silver Line on Blue Line

*The opening of the Silver Line and the reduction in frequency of Blue Line trains to 12 minutes has clearly impacted Crystal City commuters. The suspension of all Blue Line trains August 15 due to track failure led to a dangerous and chaotic situation of overcrowding at L'Enfant Plaza where commuters had to transfer from the Yellow Line to travel west to their intended destinations. The CCCA is encouraging Blue Line users in Crystal City to take their concerns and suggestions directly to Metro. We will also attempt to address this issue in our emerging Committee on transit and transportation, and we stand ready to help you channel your concerns. You should also be aware that Arlington County Board Vice Chair Mary Hynes is also a Metro Board member. She should be made aware of your thoughts. There is also a website created by WMATA transit riders to raise awareness about the problems that Metro is creating on the blue line, and to advocate that Metro consider alternatives to their planned service cuts.*

<http://bluelinedc.org/>

*The following article comes from the bluelinedc website.*

### Meeting with WMATA Rider Advisory Council

*"On August 7, a group of riders attended WMATA's Rider Advisory Council (RAC) meeting to share their experiences regarding the poor level of service provided to the Blue Line. The meetings started off with a public comment period, where riders described the recent issues with the Blue Line including the overcrowding, the long waits, the rush-hour fares for non rush-hour service, and the general neglect that WMATA has shown towards the line. We brought pictures and data, a printout of the names of the over 500 people who signed*

the petition, as well as a basic fact sheet outlining the key aspects of the problems.

### Key Outcomes of the meeting

(1) The Riders Advisory Council unanimously passed a resolution asking Metro to collect and provide data on ridership and crowding statistics for the Blue, Orange, and Silver line over the first month of Silver Line operations. This will allow them to have additional data to discuss at their meeting next month. We plan to attend that meeting to ensure that the issue of Blue Line overcrowding and poor service remains on the agenda.

(2) While Assistant General Manager of WMATA Lynn Bowersox did not express optimism about a Blue Line solution, she agreed to set up a meeting with us, Metro's rider operations, and Metro's planning division to discuss why WMATA made the choices that they did, and to discuss alternate solutions that may better meet the needs of Blue Line riders. Once that meeting occurs, we will update supporters on the outcome in a blog post

While we were encouraged by the progress made at the meeting, it is important to continue to write to metro, sign the petition, and let others know to speak up to Metro. This will ensure that the issue remains on the mind of both the RAC and Metro."

### Public Hearing on Stormwater Master Plan

Arlington County's Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Sept. 8, followed by the County Board meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20, to consider an update to the Stormwater Master Plan. Both meetings will take place in the County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Third floor, Arlington VA. The Arlington County Board has set a public hearing in September on the updated Stormwater Master Plan, which will guide the County's stormwater management program over the next twenty years. The updated plan combines and updates the storm infrastructure information from earlier Stormwater Master Plans with the environmental and water quality information from the Watershed Management Plan (2001), to create a comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan. 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.

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

### Street Repairs on S. Clark Street

Cassidy Turley advised that it will be repairing the sidewalk in two locations in front of the Polk Building at 2521 South Clark Street. These repairs are required to maintain the structural integrity of the building and walkway. The construction is planned to begin on or about September 6, 2014, pending permitting, and will continue until September 20, 2014. The duration of 2 weeks could shift slightly if the permit is delayed.

### New Protected Bike Lanes

Arlington County has installed new protected bike lanes on S. Hayes Street between 15th Street and S. Fern Street, the first of their kind in the County, to help create a safer connection to the green bike lanes from Pentagon City to Crystal City. Bike lanes are now between parking spots and the curb, giving cyclists a buffer, in the form of parked cars, from vehicular traffic on the four-lane road. Here's an illustration for drivers about where to park and not to park near protected bike lanes.

<https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonDES/photos/a.266663166709697.61996.244965318879482/775958149113527/?type=1&theater>

More protected bike lanes will be installed in the near future on Army Navy Drive between S. Joyce and 12th Streets and S. Clark Street between 12th and 15th Streets and a community outreach process is ongoing for S. Eads Street.

### Back to School, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaigns

With the start of the new Arlington Public School year, the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) is actively participating in several safety campaigns to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety. Police officers will also be in and around the schools conducting extra patrols and high visibility traffic enforcement to raise safety awareness for the beginning of the new school year.

ACPD, in partnership with Bike Arlington and with support from Trademark Sign Company (Boise, ID), is raising awareness about pedestrian and bicycle safety through new, supplemental police cruiser decals. Bike Arlington developed the PAL (Predictable, Alert, Lawful) campaign and logo for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists as a reminder of how easily and safely everyone can share the streets with others. Trademark Sign Company designed a decal to promote bicycle safety in partnership with the Boise Police Department. They agreed to share the graphic with the Arlington County Police Department in order to further promote bicycle safety. These decals have been added to several police cruisers. The decal coincides with the new Virginia law

which was enacted on July 1, 2014 stating that motorists "shall pass at a reasonable speed at least three feet to the left of the overtaken bicycle."

When school starts on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, motorists are reminded that, with small children walking and bicycling to and from the schools, it is their responsibility to be aware of their surroundings at all times. Obey speed limits, which may change during school zone times, and do not pass a stopped school bus which is loading or unloading passengers.

The Arlington Public Schools and Arlington County Police Department have created a short public service announcement for the start of the new school year.

"Let's be safe out there."

### Register your bike to prevent theft

The Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) has been registering bikes for 15 years, at over 1000 annually. After 60 days in county custody, abandoned bikes are donated to Bikes for the World, an Arlington-based charity that gives repaired, used bicycles to needy people as close as Rockville and as far as Namibia and the Philippines. 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. To register them:

<http://police.arlingtonva.us/bicycle-registration-form/>

### Arlington County Fun Ride

The Arlington Fun Ride October 4, starting at 18th Street and Crystal Drive, is a scenic, family-friendly 17 mile ride taking you on the paved multi-use trails that make up the Arlington Loop. There will be multiple pit stops with snacks along the ride and at the start/finish there will be health and fitness information and activities for all ages, including music, games, a kids bike rodeo and a short family ride for parents with small children. The Adult & Youth Ride Starts at 8am and the Kids Ride starts at 10am. Cost is \$10 for individuals, \$25 for families (up to 4 individuals) and includes a technical t-shirt for each individual. Additional shirts are available at \$10 each (supplies are limited). Register at:

<http://www.arlingtonfunride.org/>

### New car2go service in Crystal City

According to the Crystal City Business Improvement District (BID), car2go, a highly successful carsharing service in DC, will cross the river and expand into Crystal City in the coming weeks. The expansion, made possible through a partnership between the BID and Vornado/Charles E. Smith, creates a new "home area"

for the service in the heart of Crystal City, allowing the region's more than 33,000 members to begin and end a reservation in Arlington's largest downtown. The expansion into Crystal City provides the first "home area" outside of DC, allowing members to start and end trips on either side of the Potomac River. Car2go joins Zipcar which already has parking stations in Crystal City. Stay tuned for launch information and a free membership code.

<http://washingtondc.car2go.com/>

### Green Ambassadors

Arlington County Environmental Services announced August 1 the graduation of the first class of Master Composter Ambassadors. These "Green Ambassadors" will teach and inspire others in the community to reduce, reuse, recycle and help change the way we think about waste.

## Other News:

### Candidates' Night at Arlington County Civic Federation

The Arlington County Civic Federation will hold a candidates night at 7:30 pm on September 2, 2014 at the Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center, 1701 N George Mason Drive, Arlington VA 22205. This year Arlington County will have County Board, School Board, Congressional and Senate races, and two special elections for Arlington County Treasurer and the School Board. Although only delegates and alternates may ask questions, the public is invited to see how the candidates respond to often very pointed questions. The confirmed candidates for each race will appear as a group in the following order:

- County Board
- School Board
- Arlington County Treasurer
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives

### Arlington Committee of 100

Founded in 1954, the Arlington Committee of 100 fosters open and vigorous discussion of issues involving all facets of community life in Arlington. The Committee's monthly dinner meetings are open to all and provide a non-partisan setting in which issues of local, regional, and state interest are addressed by experts, with audience participation in lively Q&A sessions. Its goals continue to be to: educate, inform, and to strive to build

bridges between groups within our locality, as well as those regionally and nationally.

<http://www.arlingtoncommitteeof100.org/home/meeting-schedule/>

*Two upcoming dinner meetings should be of interest to Crystal City residents:*

**September 10:** Pub and Bar Crawls: Bar crawls are becoming increasingly popular for many Arlington residents and a good source of revenue for Arlington businesses. However, the good times also come with some challenges, from crowd control and disruptions for nearby residents to safety risks and dangerous incidents. Join us at our September meeting to hear about these issues and how our community can balance the benefits and challenges of bar crawls: Marymount University - 2807 North Glebe Road, Dining Room, Gerald Phelan Hall. Social Hour Meet & Greet 7:00 pm; Dinner 7:25 pm, Program 8:00 pm.

**October 8:** County Board Candidates Debate

### **New Voter ID Required for November 2014 Elections**

Virginia's new law requiring photo IDs to vote in elections took effect July 1, but did not apply to the August 19 Special Election for Arlington County since that election was called on June 30 before the law took effect. However, there could be considerable confusion for the November election over the new law. The current Virginia Voter Information Card will no longer be valid. Valid IDs include: a valid Virginia Driver's License or DMV ID Card; any government-issued ID (US, Virginia, or any Virginia local government) with a photograph; an employer ID with a photograph; or a student ID from any Virginia institution of higher learning. If you don't have any of the above IDs, you can get a free vote 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/>

### **Women's Issues Conference**

Congressman Jim Moran will be hosting his final Women's Issues Conference on Saturday, September 13th at 9:00 AM, at Washington Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. The keynote speaker will be Neera Tanden, President of the Center for American Progress. Named

one of the Most Influential Women in Washington by National Journal, she has served in both the Obama and Clinton administrations. Bagels, coffee, and juice will be served in the morning, followed by a pizza lunch. Register online through his website at [www.moran.house.gov](http://www.moran.house.gov) or email [Krysta.Jones@mail.house.gov](mailto:Krysta.Jones@mail.house.gov).

### **Arlington County Detention Facility Wins Federal Certification**

The U.S. Department of Justice has recognized the Arlington County Detention Facility as the first jail in the National Capital Region to meet national Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards. The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2003 to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse that occurs in confinement settings. The National Prison Rape Elimination Commission finalized national standards for facilities in June 2012. The measures were established two years ago by a federal commission. All confinement sites covered under PREA standards must be audited every 3 years. These facilities include adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, lockups, and community confinement facilities, whether operated by the Department of Justice or a unit of a state, local, corporate or nonprofit authority.

<http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases/arlington-sheriff-wins-federal-certification-for-new-jail-safety-standards>

### **Who are the young professionals in Arlington County?**

Check out Arlington Economic Development's August newsletter for an article on who the young professionals are in Arlington County and why they live here. According to the article, research shows that Arlington has the highest concentration of 25–34 year olds in the region. In fact, a recent Yahoo/Marketwatch study cited Arlington as having one of the fastest growing Millennial populations.

<http://www.arlingtonyoungprofessionals.com/>

### **Article on Rosslyn Rising**

*Arlington Magazine's* latest issue includes an interesting article about changes that have come, and are coming, to Rosslyn, our sister community. Much that is happening in Rosslyn applies to Crystal City as well.

<http://www.arlingtonmagazine.com/September-October-2014/Rossllyn-Rising/>

### **Development Update for Second Quarter 2014**

Arlington Economic Development's Development Update is a summary of commercial, mixed use and residential projects grouped as Under Construction, Projects of Interest (site plan approved but not yet under

construction, site plan projects being reviewed by the County or planned projects being considered but not yet submitted to the County for review) and Recently Completed Projects. The listing is arranged alphabetically by sub-market. View the current Development Update for the Second Quarter of 2014 (posted August 2014):

<http://www.arlingtonvirginiausa.com/?LinkServID=89208060-FD49-D65B-20E98D0CE05CFA05&showMeta=0>

### **New Bar Coming to Crystal City?**

It appears that a new bar and restaurant may be coming to the empty space previously occupied by Bailey's Pub over the McCormick and Schmick Restaurant. A new Facebook page says: "Highline will be an industrial themed, craft beer and signature cocktail bar and restaurant that will serve as Crystal City's social anchor." No word on a potential opening date. *It seems that there are plans for live entertainment and that the new place will have more emphasis on being a "drinking spot" than its predecessor in that location. This may mean that our Civic Association will need to monitor the process and be ready to protect the interests of our residents.*

### **Newly Renovated Crystal City Restaurant**

Try the new lunch menu at the newly renovated Cinnabar Restaurant at Hyatt Regency Crystal City. It's a casual restaurant and a relaxing lounge where you can meet for drinks and conversation. Modern interpretations on Southern Classics feature local and seasonal ingredients.

### **New Pentagon City Restaurant Opens**

On August 18, the seafood restaurant Bonefish Grill opened its first Arlington location August at Pentagon Row (1101 S. Joyce Street), in the space formerly occupied by Desi Innovations.

### **Races for Charity**

The Arlington Police, Fire and Sheriff Memorial 9/11 5K race will take place on Saturday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to official charities that focus on the healing of military personnel and civilians directly affected by the war on terrorism and the attacks against America on September 11, 2001. The race will start and end at the Double Tree hotel in Crystal City at 300 Army Navy Drive and is limited to the first 4,500 registrants.

<http://www.arlington911race.com/raceinfo.html>

On September 13, the 9/11 Heroes Run will start at 8:30 am on 23rd Street S., between Fern and Eads Streets to raise money for the Travis Manion Foundation, a charity that supports "veterans, their families, and families of fallen service members." The Arlington race is one of 47

nationwide that will be run this year, including events in New York City, Philadelphia and Richmond. Only those who register before Sept. 1 are guaranteed a race shirt and memorabilia.

[http://www.travismanion.org/tmf\\_911run\\_race/arlington-911-heroes-run/](http://www.travismanion.org/tmf_911run_race/arlington-911-heroes-run/)

### **Arlington Spraygrounds Closed Labor Day**

Did you enjoy visiting one of the four spraygrounds this summer, such as the one at Virginia Highlands Park? If not, you'll have to wait now till next summer since they closed on Labor Day. *Maybe there will be one at Long Bridge Park by next summer? We hope so, at least.*

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

### **New BID Website**

The Crystal City Business Improvement District (BID) has unveiled a new website, designed to adapt according to the user's platform of choice, whether desktop, smartphone, or tablet. The new website was designed by Geocentric and runs on their Citylight software. If you are on the go, you can browse the site on the neighborhoods free public wi-fi system, Crystal Wi-Fi. To see the new website changes and to learn more about Crystal City, visit

<http://www.crystalcity.org/item/crystal-city-unveils-new-website-and-video>.

### **Crystal City Happenings**

Register for the Crystal City BID's weekly newsletter of "This Week in Crystal Cit" and check out their Events Calendar for lots of things going on in Crystal City in September: <http://www.crystalcity.org/calendar>. For example, the following items come from the BID website.

#### **Vintage Crystal: Wine in the Water Park**

Every Friday in September 6-10 pm, Vintage Crystal's "Wine in the Water Park" combines sips and sounds to create an ambient outdoor event featuring interesting wine varietals and great music in the neighborhood's signature Crystal City Water Park.

#### **Vintage Crystal: Sip and Salsa**

Sunday September 14th - 2:00pm to 6:00pm - 220 20th Street - Sip and Salsa brings delicious wines from Spain, Portugal, and Argentina together with food tastes from restaurants in Crystal City and the region. Live Latin jazz and salsa dancing and lessons round out the action for an affordable afternoon outdoors. Tickets cost \$25 at the door, and \$20 online, and include all wine and food tastes. \$10 designated driver tickets are available and include all food tastes.

<http://washingtonwineacademy.org/event/vintage-crystal-sip-salsa/>

### ArtJamz

ArtJamz, America's original public art studio and lounge, is headed back to Crystal Cit September 19-21. To make matters even more jamming, the specially-priced \$20 ArtJamz Crystal City sessions include wine, beer, pizza, and a live Dj in addition to all of our regular ArtJamming goodness. There will also be a \$10 all-ages family friendly session as well.

<http://crystalcity.org/do/artjamz11>

### Car-Free Day in Crystal City

Join the Crystal City BID and the rest of the DC Metropolitan Area for part of a worldwide movement to celebrate more sustainable forms of transportation on Car Free Day - Monday September 22. Go Car Free or Car-Lite and make a difference by bicycling, walking, teleworking, carpooling or taking transit. The Crystal City BID will be setup in the Crystal City Water Park giving out coffee and snacks for those going Car Free for the day. Participants can take the pledge even if you're already using these transportation alternatives.

## 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.

There is an expectation that Site Plan Review meetings will be scheduled for both 400 Army-Navy Drive and Plaza 5 (the site at 23<sup>rd</sup> St. and Crystal Dr.) towards the end of September, but exact dates will not be announced for a while yet.



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