

CRYSTAL CITY INSIDER

The monthly newsletter of the Crystal City Civic Association



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

August 2020

We're doing a lot better in Arlington on COVID-19 with our positive rate going down. Keep up the good work. If you missed our virtual three civic association meeting July 30, you can see the presentations soon on our website. See below..

- Carol Fuller, CCCA President

LIFE IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

Update as of July 28

On July 28 Governor Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam announced new restrictions on restaurants and gatherings in the Hampton Roads area because of a rise in coronavirus cases. Virginia otherwise remains in Phase 3 of the state's pandemic response plan. Those looser restrictions mandate masks in public spaces and allow sit-down dining in restaurants — as long as patrons are at least six feet apart — while permitting gatherings of up to 250 people.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION ISSUES

Moving Livability 22202 Forward

What a great meeting July 30! Thank you to the many of you who attended our virtual presentations of the work done since January. We got a lot of positive feedback from you, County commissioners and staff, and others. Community awareness and support are essential to this work if we are to succeed. The County, the BID, and JBG Smith are paying a lot of attention to the unified Livability22202 efforts.

Here's what's going to happen next:

- Presentations will be posted soon on the [Livability22202.org](https://livability22202.org) and crystalcitycivic.org websites.

- The summary report from the February Open Space workshop should be out next week. The Housing workshop summary report is going through a series of reviews and approvals and will probably not be out before late August or early September.
- You have 3 weeks to ask questions and provide feedback at <https://livability22202.org/livability-22202-feedback-form/> on the recommendations and proposals put forward in the presentations and the summary report.
- **We need more volunteers to join our ongoing working groups:** Housing, Open Space, Future of the Underground, and Route 1:East/West Access. Plus, several folks noted the need for a working group on schools and we would love for folks to step forward to create this group. There will eventually be other groups, including perhaps an arts and cultural group (including the library and a potential Black Box theater). Email your interest to info@livability22202.org.

CCCA Meeting August 6

In addition, we are scheduling a virtual CCCA meeting **August 6 from 7-9 pm** to:

1. Answer questions and receive feedback
2. Provide information on what's happening in development in our area right now (especially 101 S. 12th Street and the [2000/2001 S. Bell Street](#) and [223 23rd Street/2300 Crystal Drive](#) projects.

[Here's the link to join us.](#)



Livability 22202 Underground challenge

The Challenge officially ended July 31, and there were a lot of great submissions. The contest videos will be rolled out in August and there will be a Zoom meeting in September for the judges to announce the winners. In the meantime, see the recent article on the Underground and the Challenge [here](#).

Route 1 Meeting

Per the presentation July 30, the working group is scheduling a virtual meeting **August 26** to share information on what is known so far about the VDOT study funded by the state to examine options for improving the road in our area. There are important issues here that will affect all of us. Stay tuned for the invitation to the meeting.

CRYSTAL CITY (AND NEARBY)

SPRC Process for 101 S. 12th Street

The County has now hosted two community engagement sessions for the Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) on JBG Smith's proposed site plan for a building at 101 S 12th Street. The first was July 1-10 [and the second is ongoing July 27-August 2](#). You can comment in a feedback form on the project page. There were 82 pages of comments and staff responses to the first session which you can now download from the project page.

SPRC Process for the Crystal Plaza Block

The County has begun its public review of JBG Smith's next two site plan applications. Since these are both located within the same block in Crystal City, the review will consider both applications as part of a broader discussion of this large block plan with the LRPC. This will begin with an online feedback form and subsequently have a virtual LRPC meeting in early Fall. Once that takes place, each site plan will proceed on its own (independent) SPRC review process. Given this is more complex than the 101 12th Street example, all of the content has been posted early so that folks have additional time to review. Follow the links to each project page which share a similar online feedback form that will initially just focus on the block plan analysis.

[2000/2001 S. Bell Street](#)

[223 23rd Street/2300 Crystal Drive](#)

What's going on in Roaches Run?

Have you walked down the Esplanade I Long Bridge Park lately and wondered what all those pickets are in the water on the east side of Roaches Run? According to the National Park Service, which owns that property, they are trying to restore north-country cattails which are not invasive in our part of the country.

Crystal City Parks

The BID has now hosted two of three community engagement sessions to foster community dialogue



and feedback to inform an open space framework for the five new Crystal City parks and open spaces being developed by JBG SMITH. The first was

June 24 and the second July 22. The videos of both can be found on the website. The overview of the project can be found [here](#).

Census Updates

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the start of census taker visits from mid-May to mid-August. Households have until October 31 to respond to the 2020 Census. Census Takers (enumerators) have begun going door-to-door to count residents, beginning in areas with low self-response rates, and proceeding to every Arlington household that has not filled out their Census questionnaire. Don't forget to respond if you haven't yet. [Fill out your census at www.my2020census.gov TODAY!](#)

Look for the Census Bureau's Mobile Questionnaire Assistance (MQA) stations in local parks, outside grocery stores, at farmers markets and in neighborhoods where self-response to the 2020 Census has been low. Official Census Takers at MQA stations are helping people complete the Census in their own time, on their own mobile device or on a Census-provided tablet.

Note: It isn't clear why Crystal City has a low response rate of 60.4% whereas Arlington County as a whole is at 72.2%. One theory is that residents may have received up to three separate letters and

ID numbers for variations of their apartment: e.g., Apt 1001, 1001S, 1001N. This is particularly true of Crystal Park and Crystal Gateway which underwent address changes in the past. Please be understanding if you are being dunned for a response and have already done so. They will have to resolve these addresses in the future.

NVTA Funds DC2DCA Bridge and VRE Station

On July 9th, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority adopted the FY 2020-2025 Six Year Program, the Authority's fifth funding program and the most competitive to date. "\$1.44 billion in multimodal transportation funding was requested by 13 Northern Virginia localities and agencies – including Arlington County – with \$539 million in Authority regional revenues available."

The "CC2DCA" pedestrian bridge from Crystal City to Reagan National Airport, which is envisioned as providing a "High Line"-like experience as it spans the GW Parkway and makes walking to the airport more feasible for those in the National Landing area. The project is set to receive \$18 million from NVTA, of the total estimated project cost of \$36.2 million.

The long-planned VRE Crystal City Station Improvements project, which would building a new, upgraded Virginia Railway Express station in Crystal City, the last VRE stop before D.C. The project is set to receive \$15.8 million of its estimated total \$49.9 million cost. [Read more here.](#)

Update on VRE Station

Two representatives of the CCCA and Crystal Park condominium are participating in the Technical



Advisory Committee which VRE convenes periodically to brief on design progress. Key issues from the July 17 meeting were:

- Project is expected to be fully funded after NVTA's July meeting (done)
- Aerial/ground survey completed by DRPT in June.

- Team has developed base plan with concept plan overlay.
- Team has developed draft Risk Register.
- Currently advancing draft Preliminary Engineering plans and a revised cost estimate.
- Team will be initiating Geotech field work this month.
- PE phase has been extended through end of October.
- Safety & Security assessment is being added to consultant team contract

County Board approves interim agreement for new Crystal City Metro Station east entrance

In July the County Board approved an interim agreement with a JBG Smith subsidiary, CESC Square, LLC, to perform preliminary engineering on a new east entrance for the Crystal City Metrorail



Station. The developer submitted an unsolicited proposal, under the Virginia Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act, to design and construct the station's east entrance as part of their redevelopment at the northwest corner of the 18th Street South and Crystal Drive intersection, the proposed location for the new station entrance.

The County will pay CESC Square \$3.73 million, including a contingency, to bring engineering for the project to 30 percent completion, which is expected by May 2021. At that point, the County will decide whether to proceed with the developer to final design and construction of the project.

The new station entrance on Crystal Drive will create a direct ADA-accessible route for the many users who reach the station from the east. It will

also provide better connections to high-capacity transit options east of the station and increase capacity at this heavily used station. [Visit the project page](#)

New second elevator for Pentagon City Metro Station moving toward construction next year

The County Board recently approved a construction management contract for the Pentagon City Metrorail Station Second Elevator project. The new elevator will be located on the west side of South Hayes Street. The County expects to solicit bids early next year to build the project.

The project will add a second elevator at the Pentagon City Metro Station, which provides access to a broad array of retail, government and commercial office buildings and is a transfer point for regional and local transit buses and private bus services. The second elevator will eliminate the need to cross six lanes of traffic, two parking lanes, and a bike lane to reach the existing elevator on the east side of Hayes Street. It will improve ADA accessibility and accessibility for passengers with strollers or luggage. [Visit the project page](#)

Arlington Starts Planning Effort to Guide the Future of Pentagon City

Arlington County is launching a new planning study to determine how best to shape the new density coming to Pentagon City. As nearby Crystal City and Potomac Yard undergo new development spurred by Amazon's second headquarters, the new study is intended to shape development around Pentagon City, where the permanent HQ2 campus will be located. The 12-month planning process is broken into four phases, which will examine the existing conditions and look at varying scenarios for how to shape density could shape the area, "including urban design and streetscape elements, building heights, transportation infrastructure, and public realm recommendations."

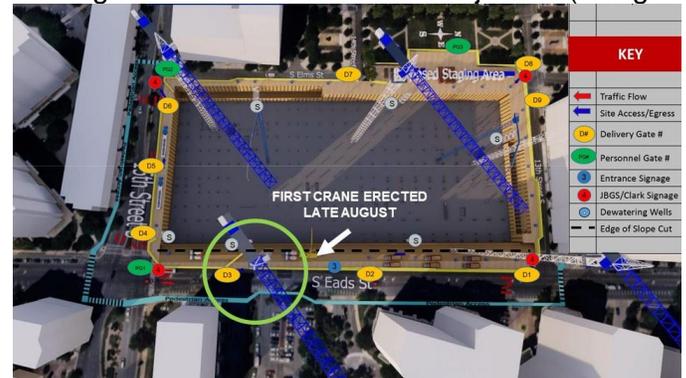
A couple of major redevelopment proposals, including some 1,000 new housing units on the RiverHouse property and a new mixed-use development at the current TSA headquarters, are effectively on hold pending the outcome of the study. The second phase of Amazon's permanent HQ2 project — currently an vacant plot of land after

a series of abandoned development proposals — is within the study boundaries. A major redevelopment of the Pentagon Centre shopping center — where Costco is located — is also planned but remains years away and outside the scope of the study.

The eventual goal, according to the study preview, will be the establishment of new urban design guidelines, implementation strategies, and guiding documents for Pentagon City. [Read more here.](#)

MetPark Construction Update from Clark Construction

In preparation for concrete operations this fall, we will begin erecting tower cranes in late-August, starting at the southeast side of the jobsite (along



S. Eads Street, near 15th Street). There will be a total of five tower cranes on-site, erected over an 8-10 week period. The site utilization plan below diagrams where the first tower crane will be positioned. We will send a more detailed communication outlining the tower crane erection process and concrete operations in early August.

Trailer set-up and work in the construction staging area continues at the northwest end of the project site along S. Elm Street. Crews anticipate completing work in this area by the end of July. As a reminder, this small portion of the central park will support essential construction uses, including trailers for foremen, field supervision, safety personnel, and our on-site medic, as well as a small staging area to help us more effectively mitigate queuing, parking, and other neighborhood traffic impacts. This staging area, along with the balance of the existing park, will be restored and revitalized before the project is complete as part of Amazon's commitment to improving this valued community asset.

Crews also have begun mobilization efforts at the PenPlace site. There will be ongoing deliveries via S. Fern Street to support batch plant setup and the completion of a curtain wall façade mock-up.

Plan for Complete Street Changes Includes Lane Removals in Dominion Hills, Potomac Yard

The final plans are in for a trio of road projects in Arlington, and two out of three involve the removal of travel lanes. The projects — in Rosslyn, Dominion Hills and Crystal City/Potomac Yard — are all part of the county's 2020 road repaving schedule. Each has been singled out for changes to the lane striping via the county's Resurfacing Projects for Complete Streets program, which aims to make streets safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians via inexpensive means during the regular repaving cycle.

The second project will reconfigure Potomac Avenue in the Potomac Yard area of Crystal City, from Crystal Drive to the county line. The project calls for upgraded bike lanes, an interim on-street pedestrian zone along a construction site, new turn lanes, and 34 new parking spaces. One of two travel lanes in each direction will be removed.

LCOR Construction on 12th and Eads Streets

LCOR plans to start the site work construction of a 20 story tower next to the Altaire on 12th and Eads Streets in September. It will have 306 residential units, 12 affordable units, and 11,000 sq ft of retail on the 12th Street side. Construction is expected for 28 months with the exterior being finished in 18 months. In response to our warnings about the impact of pile driving at the Amazon HQ2 site, they say they've reduced the time for pile driving to 3 weeks.

Long-Awaited Bowlero Rolls Into Crystal City

After years of planning and some delays, Bowlero (320 23rd Street S.) in Crystal City is ready to rock and bowl. The combination bowling alley and restaurant has hit a few snags, not the least of which was the most recent global pandemic, and staff said that's also impacted the business's opening. [Read more here.](#)

Potomac Yard Metro plaza design panned by Alexandria residents, city staff

The design of the green space that will surround and run through Virginia Tech's \$1 billion campus and the rest of the office, retail and residential development planned for Alexandria's northernmost section of Potomac Yard is taking shape, and some community members and city planners are not impressed. While the designs of most of the street and park elements released at the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee meeting Thursday were met with approval, some in attendance didn't much care for what designers had in mind for the Metro plaza that will welcome commuters near the future north entrance of the under construction Potomac Yard station. [Read more here.](#)

Virginia Tech Wants Potomac Yard Metro Station to Include 'VT' Initials

Virginia Tech's Innovation Campus could bring a wealth of economic sustainability to Alexandria, and now the school has requested that the future Potomac Yard Metro station include "VT" in its name. If approved, the name of the station would be "Potomac Yard-VT." Virginia Tech plans to open its doors at Potomac Yard in 2024, and construction is slated to begin this fall. When all is said and done more than 3,000 students will attend classes at the campus in 2028. [Read more here.](#)

Arlington Ridge Road and Lang Street safety improvements starting later this year



Slip lane at South Arlington Ridge Road and South Lang Street

On July 18, the County Board approved a contract with M&F Concrete Inc. to construct improvements

at the intersection of South Arlington Ridge Road and South Lang Street. Work is anticipated to begin in late summer/fall 2020. The improvements will provide a safer pedestrian crossing to Gunston School by closing the southbound Lang Street slip lane, in order to eliminate conflicts between pedestrians and drivers. The slip lane will be replaced with landscaped green space. The project also will create ADA-compliant bus stops at the intersection and build wider sidewalks for safer bus access and to shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians. [Visit the project page](#)

Interview with Freddie Lutz

Diane Kresh, Director of Libraries, just started a series of "Live from Diane's Living Room" on Facebook. Her first interview was with our own Freddie Lutz, who owns Federico Ristorante Italiano and Freddie's Beach Bar on 23rd Street. [See it here.](#)

Synetic Serves: Virtual Party in the Park

The Synetic Serves: AFAC Party in the Park is now a virtual event! Don't worry, you'll still get to experience the amazing performances from The Lion's Den, Covenant Babatunde, Maria Simpkins, Scott Brown, and Vato Tsikurishvili plus special guest appearances from AFAC & Synetic staff. Tune in to [Synetic's Facebook page](#) at 2 pm on Saturday, **August 1st** for a one-of-a-kind live-stream event celebrating AFAC, Synetic, and our amazing Arlington Community. We may not be together, but that doesn't mean we can't party! (And raise money for an important cause!) See you on the stream!

ARLINGTON COUNTY ISSUES

Arlington Adopts \$277.5 Million One-Year Capital Improvement Plan

The Arlington County Board today voted unanimously to adopt a scaled-down \$277.5 million one-year Capital Improvement Plan that focuses on continuing or completing projects already underway and beginning a 10-year program to improve the County's stormwater infrastructure and flood resiliency. The largest new investment in the plan is \$14.6 million to launch what is expected to be a

10-year, \$189 million investment in the County's stormwater management infrastructure to better handle the impact of intensifying climate change and continued population growth.

In a related action, the Board unanimously approved bond referenda totaling \$144.454 million to be put before the voters on the November ballot for projects adopted by the County and Schools in their Capital Improvement Plan. The referenda include:

\$29.94 million for Metro and Transportation
 \$3.630 million for Local Parks and Recreation
 \$7.485 million for Community Infrastructure
 \$52.650 for Arlington Public Schools
 \$50.840 for Stormwater

Airplane Noise Virtual Community Conversation & Aircraft Noise Mitigation Study Kickoff Meeting

Members of the Arlington County (VA) and Montgomery County (MD) and adjacent communities impacted by aircraft noise from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA) invite you to join us for an Airplane Noise Virtual Community Conversation and Aircraft Noise Mitigation Study Kickoff Meeting Monday, August 17, 2020, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Via [Facebook Live](#).

Arlington County Board Chair Libby Garvey, Arlington County Board Member Matt De Ferranti, and Montgomery County Councilmember Andrew Friedson cordially

Engage with the Aircraft Noise Mitigation Study team consultants and staff, local elected officials working to bring relief to impacted communities, and more. The study team wants to hear from you!

Additional information and materials to follow.

Arlington County Board Plans to Join Legal Actions Against President Trump on 2020 Census

On July 23, the Arlington County Board voted 5-0 to authorize the County Attorney to join the County as a party in legal actions filed against the United States President and others challenging the lawfulness of the President's July 21, 2020 "Memorandum on Excluding Illegal Aliens from the Apportionment Base Following the 2020 Census."

In Section 2 of the Executive Memo, the President specifically calls “to exclude from the apportionment base aliens who are not in a lawful immigration status.” The United States Constitution says the census counts everyone living in the United States — every immigrant, every child, every neighbor, every student, everyone. This action by the President attempts to circumvent a recent decision of the United States Supreme Court and is unconstitutional.

The President is also trying to shorten the Census time frame and end the response collection period before Halloween – even when the U.S. Census Bureau has said it needs through December to ensure a complete and accurate count. In short – the administration is trying to undermine the accuracy and integrity of the 2020 Census and create fear of participation among undocumented immigrants.

Arlington receives approximately \$50 million in funding based on census data to support transportation, housing, emergency services, free and reduced lunch programs, and more. To date, 71 percent of Arlington residents have responded to the 2020 Census, but we are still working to increase this number before enumerators start reaching out to households who haven’t been counted. [Read more here.](#)

Missing Middle Research Bulletins

The third installment of Arlington's five-part series, the Missing Middle Housing Study Research Compendium, was just released. The precursor documents are a collection of Arlington-specific data and existing conditions will serve as a resource for the upcoming Missing Middle Housing Study. The study is anticipated to begin in Fall 2020. [Read all of the Bulletins here.](#)

County Manager Mark Schwartz Appoints Samia Byrd as Chief Race and Equity Officer

As the Chief Race and Equity Officer for Arlington County, Samia Byrd will lead the County’s work to advance racial equity, diversity and inclusion both internal and external to the organization. This includes guiding and facilitating the development and implementation of important policies and practices through an equity lens. Prior to this

appointment, Ms. Byrd has served as Deputy County Manager for the past three years, after spending over a decade as a Principal Planner in the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development. In addition to her time in Arlington County, Ms. Byrd also served as Manager with Quadel Consulting Corporation, the Director of State Fiscal Analysis and Policy for the National Council of Nonprofit Associations. [Read more](#)



[here.](#)

Arlington’s Chief of Police will Retire in September after 30 Years with ACPD

Police Chief Murray “Jay” Farr announced that he would retire on September 4th, after serving in the Arlington County Police Department for 30 years. Chief Farr has provided leadership as Arlington’s Chief of Police since May of 2015. During his time as Chief, he has focused on community engagement, transportation safety, and crime prevention & control. Chief Farr also launched the Arlington Restaurant Initiative, a partnership between the County, businesses and the community to offer a safe destination for nightlife and entertainment. The Arlington County Manager will be launching a national recruitment effort for a new Chief of Police this fall. Initial steps will seek input from the community and there will be no final decision until sometime after the work of the newly formed Police Practice Group (PPG) is completed in December. [Read more here.](#)

Arlington Launches Review of Police Policies and Practices

Following recent events involving policing and racial justice across the United States, the County Board has asked the County Manager to lead a review of police policies and practices. This review will ensure that the Arlington County Police Department is current with policing best practices and continue to build trust between our police and the community. The first step will be an external review and assessment of current policies and practices in six key areas:

- Review of use of Force: De-escalation tactics; lethal and non-lethal force; and, foot and vehicle
- Training and Supervision: Police Academy training; and training for implicit bias and crisis
- Cameras: Both body-worn and vehicle dash cameras; and policies regarding use of this
- Recruitment and Retention: Screening for bias; psychological evaluation; mental health programs; process for officer evaluation; promotion and leadership development programs; and compensation, including pay and
- Internal Affairs: Statistics; structures and procedures; effectiveness through an anonymous climate survey; grievance processes; and use of force
- Data/Statistics: Reviewing data collected for arrests and stops over the past 3 years and ensuring its

This external assessment will begin on July 20, 2020 and be led by two parties with expertise in departmental assessments, police practices, policy review, criminal justice reform and conflict analysis.

[Read more here.](#)

Join Arlington in the ADA 30th Anniversary Pledge

On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law, ensuring the civil rights of people with disabilities. This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. On July 26, 2020, the 30-year anniversary of the signing of the ADA, Arlington County will celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance. Become a part of the celebration and re-commitment to the ADA throughout the year by taking the ADA 30th [Anniversary Pledge.](#) [Read more here.](#)

LHA and Arlington County Board Move Forward with Plan to Rename Lee Highway

With the Arlington County Board's support, the Lee Highway Alliance (LHA) is moving forward to rename Lee Highway. LHA will develop a Working

Group of stakeholders including the LHA Community Advisory Committee, civic associations, property owners, and business owners in the corridor. The Working Group will meet over the summer and into the fall, at which time a shortlist of names will be sent to the County Board. [Read more here.](#)

NOVA Parks gets partial funding for dual-trail proposal in Arlington

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks) didn't get all the funding it was seeking to create a dual-use trail on about two miles of the Washington & Old Dominion Regional Trail in Arlington. But the organization's executive director said it would use the funding it did receive to advance the project.

Arlington Cultural Affairs Receives National Endowment for the Arts Grant

Arlington Cultural Affairs will receive a \$35,000 Art Works award from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), a portion of the more than \$84 million in grants recently approved as part of the NEA's second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2020. Arlington Cultural Affairs will use the grant to support a multi-cultural artist residency project serving the Columbia Hills and Columbia Grove affordable housing communities in the County. With its partner for this project, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH), the County will select an artist through a curated process to develop participatory arts activities for diverse resident populations, including Arabic, Amharic, Spanish, and English speakers. Activities will culminate in the creation of community-generated public art.

[Read more here.](#)

Police Department Publishes 2019 Annual Report

The Arlington County Police Department announces the release of the [2019 Annual Report.](#) The report is a showcase for the initiatives, programs and accomplishments of the Department and its personnel throughout the year, as well as crime and transportation safety data. The report is organized into three sections, which reflect the key initiatives adopted by the Department in 2016—

crime prevention and control, transportation safety and community engagement.

The Annual Report is the official release of crime statistics by the Department for the preceding year. It is reflective of year-end statistics submitted to the state in March, presented based upon the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System format. Investigative updates, as well as the re-classification of cases, can occur throughout the year, making the data dynamic as amendments are made. The most updated data, which may not be consistent with what is included in this report, is available on the Virginia State Police website.

Arlington County Board Considering Banning Firearms From Public Property

The County Board unanimously approved July 22 consideration of a new ordinance that would effectively ban carrying firearms on county-owned property. The move is the first step towards making the ordinance part of county policy, though it will still need to undergo a public hearing and a vote at the Board's next meeting. The move comes after the General Assembly approved legislation allowing localities to adopt certain prohibitions on firearms. The first advertisement for the proposed ordinance was at a County Board meeting Wednesday night, with a full public hearing scheduled for **Sept. 12**.

The legislation is nearly identical to similar legislation passed recently in Alexandria and is shaping up to face similar opposition. County Manager Mark Schwartz vowed to craft the ordinance to be in-line with policies in neighboring jurisdictions. [Read more here.](#)

Arlington's Pre-COVID Homelessness Numbers Were Among Lowest in Years

For the 20th consecutive year, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee has conducted a regional Point-in-Time (PIT) enumeration of the area's residents experiencing homelessness and those who were formerly homeless. This year's enumeration and survey occurred on January 22, 2020. Arlington saw a 7-percent reduction in overall homelessness, down from 215 persons in 2019 to 199 in 2020.

[Read more here.](#)

AARP Approves Arlington's Age Friendly Action Plan

With AARP's recent approval of Arlington's Age Friendly Action Plan, Building an Age Friendly Community, the County is now entering a three-year process to achieve the plan's goals and objectives—and enhance the County's standing as a livable community for people all ages. The plan was formally adopted by the County Board at its June 2020 meeting. [Read more here.](#)

Arlington County/City of Falls Church 2021 Juror Qualification Process Begins in August

The Arlington Circuit Court, which includes the City of Falls Church, will soon begin its annual juror qualification process. Juror questionnaires will be mailed in early August to randomly selected residents of Arlington County and Falls Church City. These questionnaires are used to qualify residents for jury duty which begins Jan. 1, 2021, and ends Dec. 31, 2021. [Read more here.](#)

OTHER ISSUES

Message from the Non-Partisan League of Women Voters

November may seem far away, but it's not too early to make sure you are registered to vote. If you are concerned about going to the polls this year, it's easy to vote by mail. You can request your ballot now, and you don't need an excuse. [See the 6 ways to request one here.](#)

Go to <https://bit.ly/VoteArlington> to register, update your registration, or request your ballot or call the registrar at 703 228-3456. The deadline to register is October 13, and the deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 23. Don't wait! You can request your **ballot** NOW – and it will be sent to you closer to the election.

Beyer-Backed Helicopter Noise Amendment at Stake in NDAA Showdown

A local addition to the National Defense Authorization Act — a \$740 billion bill approved

through the House and Senate and headed to the White House — would require the Pentagon to establish a helicopter noise abatement group for the region. Helicopter noise has long been a local complaint in Alexandria, perhaps



second only in overhead noise controversy to sound coming from National Airport. The amendment was sponsored by Rep. Don Beyer (D) would also require the Pentagon to establish a noise inquiry website based on the DCA's complaint website. While the bill has been approved by both chambers, a threatened veto over changing the names of bases named after Confederate leaders could still keep the helicopter noise solution from moving forward. [Read more here.](#)

Fridays at the Fountain - Virtual

With the health and safety of our residents and visitors in mind, Fridays at the Fountain is switching to an all virtual format. Tune in every Friday evening at 7pm, beginning August 7th, for an hour of live music streamed right to your home from our [Facebook](#), Instagram and YouTube pages.

Velofix Mobile Bike Repair Returns

2011 Crystal Drive
Thursdays, July-October, 8am – 3pm
Get those nagging bicycle repairs taken care of before your weekend ride with Mobile Bicycle Services by [Velofix](#). Simply drop off your bike on Thursday morning and have it tuned up by professionally-certified bicycle mechanics and ready to ride. [Read more here.](#)

Sunday Evening Yoga

Crystal Park North, 1501 Crystal Drive
Sundays, 7 P.M.
Join Mind Your Body Oasis for free Sunday evening yoga. Sign up to get an hour-long flow streamed directly to your home from the studio, or register to attend in-person! Space for in-person classes is very limited, but classes will continue to be streamed live for those who prefer to stay home. [Read more here.](#)

Outdoor Pure Barre Intro Classes

The Grounds, 1102 South Eads Street
Mondays & Saturdays in August
The BID has partnered with Pure Barre Pentagon City to offer introductory outdoor classes. If you're new to Pure Barre, or even barre, this is a great place to start! The small group class setting will introduce you to the basic movements of Pure Barre and build confidence as you discover how the technique works and all the benefits it has to offer. [Read more here.](#)

Lunchtime Zumba

Courtyard at 2121 Crystal Drive
Wednesdays, 12:30pm
Lunchtime Zumba is back! Join Sport & Health for FREE Zumba in the courtyard of 2121 Crystal Drive. Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that you're sure to enjoy. [Read More here.](#)

Farmers Market

The Grounds, 1102 South Eads Street
Tuesdays, 3 – 7pm
The popular FRESHFARM Market serves up fresh produce and farm products every Tuesday. Shop from local farmers and producers with seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh-cut flowers, container plants and herbs, farm-raised eggs, all-natural meats, artisan baked goods, specialty foods and much more. The market will need to move in August because of the scheduled LCOR construction, but the new site is as yet unknown. [Read more here.](#)

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