

CRYSTAL CITY INSIDER

The monthly newsletter of the Crystal City Civic Association



September 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

So much for returning to normal. With Delta looming over us, we're going to continue meeting on Zoom for the indefinite future, even with the forthcoming booster shots.. Please help inform our decisions on future CCCA meetings by responding to the survey below. We continue to have great topics. If you have ideas for meeting topics, please send them to president@crystalcitycivic.org.

We are also looking for volunteers to take over officer positions in the CCCA in November. With 7 years of experience, we are an active and respected voice for Crystal City residents. Help us continue to support the needs and concerns of our community.

- Carol Fuller, CCCA President

CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND LIVABILITY 22202 ISSUES

How to Attend CCCA Meetings in the Future

As COVID ramped up in March 2020, we shifted all of our CCCA meetings to Zoom. One advantage to Zoom has been that we have been able to reach a lot more of our members, as well as others in the community. For the first time, we were able to stream our meetings to our Facebook page and to record the entire meeting. One of the disadvantages has been that some members either don't have access to the internet or do not want to use Zoom. If and when the Delta COVID variant eases and we can start having in person meetings, do we want to do so? Or should we consider a hybrid option, allowing in person attendance while at the same time live streaming? We're exploring two options, including the community room at the Aquatic Center in Long Bridge Park.

To get a better sense of what our membership wants, we have a simple survey asking you for your preference in attending future meetings: in person only, Zoom only, hybrid option to choose how to attend for each meeting. We greatly value your input and it will take you one minute or less to answer.

[Click here to respond](#). Please respond to this survey by **September 10**. The results will inform our Annual Meeting November 17.

September CCCA General Meeting

We've had some changes. Since Yom Kippur falls on the third Wednesday (September 15), we've moved our meeting to the fourth Wednesday (September 22). Our agenda has changed too:

1. Presentation by JBG on minor changes to the Water Park due to repositioning of trees
2. Presentation by Dweck on its new development strategy and outreach to the community on its 6 buildings in Crystal City– Andy Van Horn, new Senior VP for Development

3. Presentation by Virginia Tech on its plans and operations for the Innovation Campus at Potomac Yard

We've moved Amazon's presentation on its operations in 22202 and its plans for PenPlace to our Annual Meeting November 17, when we will also have officer elections.

[Register for the September 22 meeting here.](#)

November CCCA Elections

Our ByLaws call for elections at our Annual General Meeting in November, whereas vacancies during the year are appointed by the Executive Committee. So it's time to start thinking whether you would be willing to serve a two-year term as one of our officers. Our ByLaws only permit officer to serve two back-to-back terms in the same office, so your President is ending her second term. So far, we know we will have elections for President, Vice President, and Meeting Secretary and possibly Treasurer. We have lots of wonderful folks who help out on the Executive Committee, but we need officially elected volunteers to make decisions and run the CCCA. Nominations will open in mid-October, so there's plenty of time to think about this. Consider stepping forward.

VDOT Route 1 Multimodal Feasibility Study Update

The final public meeting for the [VDOT Route 1 study](#) was held on June 16, and comments on the latest proposal were due on July 12. You can read the National Landing BID letter [here](#) and the Livability 22202 response [here](#). [The Livability 22202 Route 1 Working Group](#) section includes all of the letters, presentations, and outreach activities to date, in reverse chronological order. Note that the Working Group also sent letters to the County Board and local Virginia officials. We are now awaiting the final report from VDOT, due early this fall. Meanwhile, the Working Group walked the Route 1 site with Board Member Karantonis on July 2nd, participated in a virtual conference call with Senator Ebbin on August 16, and in a call with VDOT and Representative Lopez on August 27.

Phase I: draft by end of August (160 pp); 30 day comment period; final report mid-October

Phase II: additional studies to start in October/November (unclear how long, but perhaps same amount of time as Phase I) to include things like: ped/bike passageway at 18th; TDM studies; transit operations (move bus stops); engineering speed study; potential interim improvements at 23rdSt; and refine option 3 for traffic options.

We continue to believe that a more holistic study looking at the Route 1 corridor down to the County line with Alexandria should have been done, but VDOT says that they have no funding for that. So Livability22202's highest priorities remain safety for pedestrians and bikers and avoiding traffic diversion onto our neighborhood streets. We submitted a rough sketch to VDOT on a potential ped/bike passageway that could be built on the south side of 18th Street under Route 1 from Eads to Crystal Drive, with a connection to the Metro entrance and a bike storage area.

CRYSTAL CITY (AND NEARBY)

Development/Construction Timelines (TBD)

The following timelines are very tentative but will give residents an idea of what to expect and when from a variety of projects. We will go over these timelines at our CCCA meetings as well. Site Plan Review Committees (SPRCs) for PenPlace and the Long Range Planning Commission (LRPC)

meeting for 23rd Street will probably not happen until October. **Reminder that you can check the status and location of projects throughout Arlington County on the interactive map My Arlington: [My Arlington \(arlingtonva.us\)](http://MyArlington.arlingtonva.us)**

Upcoming Meetings and Deadlines:

- September 1, 7-8:30 pm, [Transitway Public Meeting](#) on 12th Street Extension (see below)
- September 6, deadline for survey on moving Arlington County Fair (see below)
- September 8 joint meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and Pedestrian Advisory Committee ([PAC](#))
- September 13, 7-9 pm, SPRC on Garrison Residence proposal
- September 24, VIP ribbon cutting Long Bridge Park Aquatics Center
- September 25; Long Bridge Park Aquatics Center Open House
- Late September, Final LRPC meeting on Crystal City Building Heights
- TBD, JBG community meeting on the Future of the Underground

New Issues:

- [18th Street Complete Street Project](#), construction to start in September
- [Metro Entrance Plaza Upgrade by BID and Mural](#) construction likely in October
- [CC2DCA](#): NEPA process to determine need and purpose began, with comment deadline August 15; draft environmental impact statement by 2023, setting it up for a final approval from the Federal Highway Administration in 2024; next meeting in October
- [2000/2001 S Bell](#): demolition will continue till mid-November; construction expected to begin by end of the year; JBG is planning a presentation to Crystal Plaza residents in September.
- [223 23rd Street/2250 Crystal Drive site plan](#); southern end of Block M; revised site plan submitted in July; both JBG and Dweck will participate in the first LRPC probably in October and SPRC in first quarter 2022; once approved, first construction will be to narrow 23rd Street for the County.
- [241-251 18th Street renovation of plazas on both sides of 241](#); construction of green areas on 18th Street as well as the plazas is expected through the end of the year.
- [Pentagon City PDSP Study](#), first draft is out based on August 23 feedback; attend PAC/BAC meeting September 8 for an update (see below)
- [Crystal Square Central District Construction/Opening](#): *Tacombi Taqueria* will open in September; *Solidcore* opened August 7. *Grocery* still not announced but construction underway and may open by late 2021 or early 2022; *Alamo Draft House* has announced an opening in Spring 2022
- [Long Bridge Aquatic Center](#): soft opening August 23; VIP ribbon cutting September 24; Open House September 25
- [Transitway Extension to 12th Street and 12th Street Complete Project](#): public engagement meeting September 1; Construction on combined projects expected December 2021 for 12 months
- [Water Park redesign](#): minor site plan amendment needed in October for repositioning of some trees; construction may start afterwards with target completion winter/spring 2023
- [Americana Hotel](#): JBG expects to submit a site plan by the end of the year for a residential building to replace the hotel

No Change In Information:

- [PenPlace Amazon HQ2](#): LRPC #4 met July 13; SPRC process to start in fall
- [15th Street/Clark Bell Realignment](#), 90% design, comment period closed July 9

- 1900 Crystal Drive construction: 3 years construction to 2024; started mid-April; Center Park and library tied to construction
- VRE Design for New Station: final design 2021-2022; award and construction 2022-2024
- Boundary Channel (VDOT): award contract summer 2021; construction 2022; target construction completion fall 2023
- MetPark Amazon HQ2 and Park: Target construction completion mid-2023
- 101 S 12th Street: approved by County Board December; no construction in 2021 until tenant signed; Gateway Park design when construction finished in 2-3 years
- 2121 Crystal Drive (Dining in the Park) site plan amendment (approved at December County Board); no construction earlier than end 2021 with 2023 opening if a restaurant tenant lease is signed in 2021
- New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive: Design approved by CB June 2021; Construction Begins 3rd Quarter 2022 and ends 3rd Quarter 2023

Long Bridge Park Aquatic Center Opens Finally!

It's a beautiful facility which held a soft opening August 23. The VIP ribbon cutting will be September 24, and an Open House September 25. Check out the website to get information on memberships or casual use: <http://visitlongbridge.us/> This is the general contact site: [Contact – Parks & Recreation \(arlingtonva.us\)](#). Folks can sign up for update emails here [Long Bridge Park Planning & Development \(arlingtonva.us\)](#). This is the news release: [Long Bridge Aquatics and Fitness Center Opens August 23 – Newsroom \(arlingtonva.us\)](#). The center is open Mon – Fri 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sat – Sun 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. But some of the amenities inside have different hours. Beginning Mon., Aug 30, the Leisure Pool will be open Mon-Fri from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Sat-Sun from 1-4:30 p.m. We will provide an update again after Labor Day with new hours. The 50M Pool hours will remain Mon – Fri 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Sat – Sun 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. but will be closed on Tues., Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

18th Street South project construction:

In June, the County Board approved the award of a contract to Ardent Company, LLC for construction of the 18th Street South Complete Street Project. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September. This project will rebuild 18th Street South between Fern and Eads Streets in order to continue the existing South Hayes Street protected bike lane further east. The intersection of 18th Street South and South Fern Street will be rebuilt to remove the slip lane and reduce crossing distances. In addition, the project will reduce the amount of impervious surfaces, add stormwater retention, replace a water main and upgrade the streetscape. [Watch our video](#) to learn more about the project and what to expect during construction. [Visit the project page.](#)

Transitway Update and Public Meeting

At the [July 20 Board meeting](#), five activists in our area, including the CCCA president, expressed their concerns about the proposed placement of a new transitway station close to the corner of 12th & Long Bridge Drive. The posted plans before the Board meeting seemed to indicate that the new bus shelter would conflict with pedestrians and cyclists, as the bus shelter on Crystal Drive by 18th already does. Community engagement prior to the Board meeting was also very limited. At the Board meeting, the Board approved Item 51, the deed of easement for the transitway station, but

recommended that a public meeting be held prior to the September Board meeting to discuss concerns further. [Project](#) staff are holding a [public meeting on Wednesday, September 1](#), at 7PM to discuss plans for the transitway and its stations along 12th Street. Please plan to attend. Construction on combined projects expected December 2021 for 12 months.

Water Park has another Minor Site Plan Amendment – Come to September 22 CCCA to learn more!

When JBGS staff went to finalize their landscaping plan for the Water Park, they realized that some of the existing trees that they had hoped to save could not be saved: two towards the front of the park, and two at the back. Trees will be replaced by equivalent trees elsewhere in the park, and JBGS is consulting with Natasha Atkins on best choices and management.

Upcoming construction for new elevator at Pentagon City Metro station

A County contractor is preparing to start work on a project to add a new elevator for the Pentagon City Metro station, with work anticipated to begin in September. Currently, passengers needing to use a street elevator to access the station must enter or exit on the east side of South Hayes Street. Construction of a second elevator on the west side of Hayes Street will improve access for patrons making transit connections and for retail customers and tourists. The construction area will be on the southwest corner of the South Hayes Street and 12th Street South intersection, next to the west-side escalator entrance to the Metro station. For more information, [Visit the project page](#).

Also, this month, Metro began a major capital project replacing the two entrance escalators at the Pentagon City Metro Station on the east side of South Hayes Street. The Metro entrance on the east side of South Hayes Street is closed. Customers can access the station using the entrance on the west side of Hayes Street or the elevator on the east side of Hayes Street.

CC2DCA Begins NEPA Process

What features and connections YOU would like to see for a new "car-free" Crystal City to Reagan National Airport (CC2DCA) connection. How would you like to walk to the airport from Crystal City, ride a bike or micromobile, what type of transit would you take? What connections would you want as part of the project (i.e. Mt Vernon Trail, DCA Metro, VRE/Amtrak, other?) The initial NEPA process has no boundaries or preconceived "right" way of designing this. The NEPA process started with virtual public meeting on July 15; watch the [recording](#) to learn more and see the [County project webpage](#). The NEPA process always includes public engagement; watch for the next public engagement this fall or winter. The National Landing BID has some excellent background documents/information that you may find useful. Check out this page: <https://nationallanding.org/get-around/cc2dca> Just remember that with the NEPA process, we're starting from scratch and considering all alternatives!

[Pentagon City PDSP Planning Study Update](#)

Public comments on [the draft Pentagon City Plan and Transportation Analysis](#) were due on August 23rd, though comments and questions are welcome any time during the project process. The staff and consulting team will process comments and prepare a new draft that will be discussed with various groups before going to the County Board for approval. **The September 8** joint meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) will be one of the

public engagements. All are welcome to attend this virtual meeting. Check the [PAC page](#) for login instructions and posted meeting agenda.

Watch for Upcoming SPRCs for PenPlace and for the resubmitted JBGS plans for Block M in Crystal City

The final LRPC meeting for PenPlace, part of the new Amazon HQ2, was held on July 13. The application presentation from this meeting is [here](#). PenPlace will next go through the SPRC process; date for the first SPRC meeting will be sometime this fall, with the exact date TBD. Also starting this fall will be a new LRPC process for Block M and SPRC for the revised and soon to be resubmitted JBGS plans for Crystal Plaza 5 (223 23rd St South and the NW corner of Crystal Drive and 23rd). The original site plan called for one building to be residential and one to be office. The new site plan will call for both buildings to be residential, with retail on the ground floors.

Crystal City Building Heights Study – Watch for more meetings!

The Crystal City Building Heights Study (CCBHS) last met on July 28; the staff presentation and meeting recording are available through [this LRPC page](#). The process is ongoing; stay tuned for a final LRPC, perhaps the last week of September.

Move the Fair to Long Bridge Park? Not unless they answer a lot of questions

The Arlington County Fair Board, an independent non-profit which manages the fair, has informed the county that it would like to move the fair to Long Bridge Park. The County has issued a survey asking whether folks prefer to keep the Fair at Thomas Jefferson Community Center and Park where it's been for 45 years or move it to Long Bridge Park. We have protested that without background information, folks don't know why there should be a change and whether it should change. Think about this before you answer the survey. Here are the questions we have asked. We don't think a decision should be made until some questions are answered:

- Where would the Fair be set up at LBP? In the parking lot? On the grass?
- Would the Fair rides and booths destroy the brand new and beautiful landscaping?
- Would both parking lots be shut down? If so, where would the shuttle buses run from?
- How would traffic and parking be managed in the neighborhood?
- Would the inside exhibits be set up inside the Aquatic Center?
- Would the Aquatic Center be closed during the Fair?

Please submit your comments on the [feedback form](#) by the end of Labor Day weekend (September 6).

On another note, the Arlington County Fair is looking for Board Members and Committee Members. To find out more please email Barbi Broadus at board@arlingtoncountyfair.us.

Schools Update

Our Livability22202 working group on Schools is now co-chaired by Kateri Garcia, president of the Arlington Ridge Civic Association, and Sheryl Eaton, Board member for the CCCA. They and the group are actively lobbying the County and APS to start planning for a new school in 22202. In the meantime, supporting your local elementary school is easy with Amazon Smile. Make a one-time selection of Oakridge Elementary as your charity. Shop at smile.amazon.com. AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the school.

NL BID Mural Selection

The BID has started a second round of fresh, new concept development for the mural to be installed on the wall at the exit from the Metro station. Because of County rules, the mural cannot include any words, including “Crystal City” so the designs must be beautiful, iconic, and instagrammable. Second round concepts are due from the finalists September 3, an award expected September 13, and work to begin in September. Since the anticipated Metro Entrance Plaza improvement construction project funded on the BID is now expected to break ground in early October.

Pentagon 9/11 Memorial Visitor Center Eyes 2025 Opening

The long-planned 9/11 Pentagon Memorial Visitor Education Center is aiming for a September 2025 opening. A video announcement with updated designs, plans, and visuals for the education center that will be located along the soon-to-be-realigned Columbia Pike will be unveiled in the coming weeks and prior to the 20th anniversary of 9/11. The website and provided renderings currently shows a sleek, modern design with exhibits, “interactive biographies” of those who died at the Pentagon on 9/11, a rooftop terrace, ample parking, and a family gallery. The project has contracted museum design firm PRD to plan and design the education center. PRD recently helped to design D.C.’s Museum of the Bible. Construction on the anticipated companion to the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial is expected to start within two years.

JBG Smith fund offloads two N. Va. hotels as it readies for more development

A fund managed by JBG Smith Properties is selling off two hotels near Reagan National Airport as the developer readies for still more construction in and around Arlington and Alexandria. JBG Legacy Funds, run by the Bethesda-based developer's third-party management business line, sold three parcels to New York investment firm Blackstone Group (NYSE: BX) for a combined \$171.6 million in transactions that closed July 29, according to Arlington County property records. That deal included the Renaissance Capital View Hotel at 2800 S. Potomac Ave., which traded for \$94.4 million, and the Residence Inn, at 2850 S. Potomac Ave., which sold for another \$74.8 million. Also included in the exchange was a small retail parcel at the southwest corner of the Residence Inn, at 2881 Crystal Dr., for \$2.4 million, according to property records. The two hotels total 625 rooms between them, and both are within walking distance from the airport. The developer is also poised to begin a new phase of construction in the Alexandria portion of Potomac Yard. In April, JBG Smith signed a venture with J.P. Morgan Global Alternatives to take a 50% ownership stake in nearly 1.3 million square feet of commercial development coming to Potomac Yard, next to Virginia Tech's planned \$1 billion graduate campus. There, JBG Smith is slated to have another 285,000 square feet worth of development rights. The company's holdings now total 79% of all future development density across the National Landing area stretching across Pentagon City, Crystal City and Potomac Yard. (Washington Business Journal)

Nice Article on National Landing

[Amazon’s HQ2 neighborhood rebranding: Alpacas, mocktails, flower crowns for dogs - The Washington Post](#)

OakvilleTriangle Mixed-Use Development

StonebridgeCarras and PCCP announced August 25 that a series of transactions has been completed that will allow the development of the Oakville Triangle mixed-use development project in Alexandria, Va., proximate to the Del Ray neighborhood, National Landing, the new Potomac Yard

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Metro Station and the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus. Oakville Triangle is a 1 million-square-foot master-planned development. The initial phase will include:

- Inova Health System's new four-story, 95,000-square-foot HealthPlex
 - 84 townhouses under contract to be developed by Tri-Pointe Homes
 - Potomac Yard Mini U Storage, a 103,000-square-foot self-storage building that will be completely renovated and is now owned and managed by affiliates of Dahn Corporation
 - 571 new multifamily units and 37,000 square feet of retail fronting on Richmond Highway
- Demolition of the existing industrial buildings will commence immediately, and development of the new projects will start this fall with the initial components delivering in the fall of 2023 and final completion in the winter of 2024.

Restaurant and Store News

Solidcore Gym/Physical Fitness Center at 1550 Crystal Drive opened August 7.

Cryotherapy and Wellness Center will open soon in Pentagon City. Texas-based Restore Hyper Wellness offers treatments to help people facing pain, inflammation and chronic dehydration. It will replace the T-Mobile that was at 1101 S. Joyce Street.

Sante, a new pan-Mediterranean restaurant is scheduled to open inside the [Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City](#) early this fall.

ARLINGTON COUNTY ISSUES

Additional Vaccine Dose Available for Certain Immunocompromised Individuals

On Tuesday, August 17, Arlington County Public Health began offering an additional, or third, dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (Moderna and Pfizer) to certain immunocompromised people. This follows FDA's amended Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and the CDC's adoption of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendation.

Federal regulators granted full approval to the Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine August 23 — a milestone that could help increase inoculation rates and spark a wave of vaccine mandates by employers and universities amid a surge of new cases and hospitalizations fueled by the ferocious delta variant.

LAST CALL to Vote on New County Logo

Arlington County needs your help to choose a new community logo! From now until **September 3**, pick your top three choices [online](#).

Arlington Transit Returns to Full Bus Service Starting September 7

Arlington Transit will return to full bus service on Tuesday, September 7. ART 53, 61, 62 and 74 will resume operating after being out of service since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ART 72 route will continue to operate on a modified weekday schedule. Riders are required to wear face masks when riding all ART buses. For up-to-date information about ART service and specific routes, [sign-up](#) to receive ART Alerts via text message or email.

Apply to Neighborhood College Starting Aug. 30

Learn how to become a neighborhood advocate and create positive change in your community through Arlington County's free [Neighborhood College program](#). Applications for the fall 2021 session open Monday, Aug. 30. The program is geared toward Arlingtonians who want to become more involved in neighborhood and countywide issues. Participants will learn about many aspects of Arlington County government and practice core communication and influencing skills that are key to civic engagement and leadership. Class sessions will be virtual and held from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, from Oct. 7 through Dec. 9. Classes will feature conversations with County Board members, County staff, and local nonprofit leaders, among others. [Applications are due by Friday, Sept. 17](#). Applicants must be at least 18 years old, live in or own and operate a business in Arlington, and be willing to devote time and energy to improving their communities. For more information about the program, email [Naudy Martinez](#). Space limited to 25 participants.

September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love." As our nation continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no better time to get involved. Follow @ReadyArlington on social media and visit their [Preparedness Month webpage](#) to learn preparedness tips. [Attend in-person, family-friendly events on September 15](#) at Central Library and Columbia Pike Branch Library, where you can play fun preparedness games, check out a fire truck, meet firefighters and 9-1-1 dispatchers, and get free preparedness swag.

OTHER ISSUES

Project Journey Update

The new 14-gate concourse that opened in April is nearing completion of its concessions and other amenities, and passengers are enjoying the bright, comfortable space. Later this year, Project Journey's next phase will be complete when security screening for Gates 10-59 moves to two new checkpoint buildings designed with the future in mind. Three new concessions completed construction in the new concourse - with more on the way. These openings are a welcome addition for American Airlines customers flying from Gates 46-59 and replace the temporary concession spaces which had been open since mid-April. InMotion Entertainment opened on July 16, and a permanent location replaced the temporary wall unit for Capitol File News on July 21. Peet's Coffee opened July 28 as a full-service shop serving coffee, beverages and pastries. In the coming weeks, Mezeh Mediterranean Grill and Wolfgang Puck Bar & Bites will give customers even more dining options. [Sign up](#) to receive Project Journey emails directly to your inbox.

Mount Vernon Trail Widening Project Gets Funding

The good news for users of the Mount Vernon Trail is that a proposed widening project was selected for state funding. The bad news? It will be 2026 before work even starts on the project. [Read more here.](#)

New Metro Fare Gates

Metro announced August 24 the completion and installation of brand new faregates at Potomac Avenue and Federal Center SW, the first two stations in a systemwide faregate replacement project. The new faregates allow for quicker and easier access to the Metrorail system and feature larger displays and enhanced safety features. Work is also underway to replace the faregates at 13 additional stations, with new faregates being phased in as they are completed and ready for service. Eastern Market and Forest Glen are expected to be completed within the next week. That will be followed by the completion of Friendship Heights, **Crystal City**, Capitol South, the north entrance of Union Station, Arlington Cemetery, National Airport, and Addison Road in the coming weeks. New faregates have also been installed during the summer platform improvement project at Greenbelt, College Park, Prince George's Plaza, and West Hyattsville, which reopen September 7.

Metro customers have more reasons to ride with new discounts, more trains & buses starting Sept. 5

Metro is making changes that will make riding easier and more convenient as the region resumes school, leisure activities, and returns to workplaces. Beginning Sunday, Sept. 5, Metro will add more buses and trains, offer lower prices, and extend Metrorail's operating hours on weekends. Among the service improvements, Metro will add more buses on the busiest lines to better serve customers throughout the day, reduce average wait times for buses during the day, restore more service that had been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and provide free bus transfers between rail and discounted passes. On Metrorail, more trains will run during off-peak hours with average wait times ranging between 2-7 minutes any time of day. Trains will also run longer, closing later overnight on weekends, and opening earlier on Sundays. Metro will also offer up to a 50 percent discount on selected unlimited pass products between Sept. 16 and Oct. 15. [See a list of the discounts and service changes](#) that will be effective beginning Sunday, Sept. 5.

Washington Woman Leaders

The Women Leaders Association (www.WomenLeadersAssociation.org) is a fast growing membership organization of over 30,000 women in executive and leadership positions who are committed to the development and advancement of women in the corporate arena. Each of the 70 metro-based chapters and 30 state-based chapters features successful top local women executives who volunteer to share their ideas, strategies, and what worked for them with other rising and aspiring women at our monthly meetings or annual conferences. The Washington chapter is holding its yearly kickoff meeting on September 17 with multiple speakers from 2-4:30 pm (also recorded for watching later). [Sign up here.](#)

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