

CRYSTAL CITY INSIDER

The monthly newsletter of the Crystal City Civic Association



February 2022

President's Corner

A big thank you to everyone who made January's Meeting a success! We had a presentation by VDOT on the proposed changes to Route 1. Then a discussion panel with Carol Fuller, Pam Van Hine, and Arthur Fox, led by Brian Harner. Lastly, we had a presentation by the County Mental Health Director- Carol Layer on their resources. All the presentations are on the website.

As we look forward, please don't forget to pay your dues for 2020! The dues are due—now!

Our next meeting will be in March and we are open to suggestions for topics!



Bird Picture of the Month:

- *Eric Cassel, CCCA President*

CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND LIVABILITY 22202 ISSUES

CCCA Meeting: January 19, 7-9 pm

Our focus was on the VDOT study for Route 1, with an update by VDOT on Phase 2 and a panel of Livability22202 representatives from the working group on Route 1. See article below. This was followed by a presentation by Carol Layer, the Director of the DHS Behavioral Healthcare Division on County Mental Health Services. See the CCCA website for the slide presentations.

REMINDER: Annual Dues Payment Now Overdue

NOTE: If you have not paid your 2022 annual dues, this is the last Newsletter you will receive by email. Annual dues are paid for the calendar year, so payment of \$10 will be due **no later than February 28** for members to remain on the mailing list as voting members to receive the monthly Newsletter and Updates. Renew [online by PayPal](#) or send a check to our new Treasurer Steve

Miller, 1300 Crystal Drive #408S, Arlington VA 22202. A confirmation notice will be sent before Feb 28 to all who have paid 2022 dues.

Seeking a New Newsletter Editor

Your CCCA Newsletter Editor is retiring. Time for new blood, ideas, and innovative format. If you're interested in writing the monthly Newsletter, let us know at board@crystalcitycivic.org. Glad to provide training and all the necessary contacts.

CRYSTAL CITY (AND NEARBY)

Development/Construction Timelines

The following timelines are very tentative but will give residents an idea of what to expect and when from a variety of projects. We go over these timelines at our CCCA meetings as well. The County has changed its [website](#). Go here to see the [MyArlington](#) map of projects. You can also check the [National Landing BID Development Map](#).

Upcoming Meetings and Deadlines:

- February 1, 7-8:30 pm: [Vision Zero Multimodal Safety ToolBox](#) public engagement on Arlington's first draft of our [Multimodal Engineering Safety Toolbox](#); [feedback](#) open to Feb 14.
- Pentagon City PDSP (Sector Plan): [Planning Commission February 2](#); Housing Commission February 3; County Board February 12
- February 8, 7 pm: Updated - [Transitway Extension to Pentagon City Phase 2a/2b](#), Join in for a virtual community meeting to get updates on the design for the next two segments of the Transitway Extension. These two phases of the project will cover the design of the Transitway along 12th Street S. from Long Bridge Drive to S. Hayes Street.
- February 10, 7-9 pm: SPRC #4 [PenPlace](#)
- February 12, County Board public hearing on PC PDSP (Sector Plan)

New Information:

- [Water Park redesign](#): **staging started in January with construction to follow**; completion winter/spring 2023
- [2000/2001 S Bell](#): **construction began in January**
- [Dining in the Park \(2121 Crystal Drive\)](#): New tenant "Surreal" announced; **construction planned for February/March**
- [Metro Entrance Plaza Upgrade by BID](#) started in November; completion possibly in **March**
- [18th Street Complete Street Project](#), **construction to start January 31**

No Change In Information:

- [223 23rd Street/2250 Crystal Drive site plan](#); southern end of Block M; internal demolition of building and relocation of Underground exit to Crystal Drive done; possible SPRC in first quarter 2022; February demolition of some structures
- [Americana Hotel](#): preliminary plans filed; formal 4.1 site plan by the end of 1Q 2022 for a residential building to replace the hotel; request for construction parking for MetPark approved December by County Board

- Crystal Square Central District Construction/Opening: Grocery still not announced but construction underway and scheduled to open by first quarter 2022; Alamo Draft House has started its build out and may open spring 2022
- MetPark Amazon HQ2 and Park: Construction October 2021 to mid-2023 (see article below)
- 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 February 2022
- Second Crystal City Metro Entrance, 30% design anticipated November/December 2021
- South Eads Street Complete Street – 12th St. S. to Army Navy Drive, 90% design, Final Engineering & Design – Winter 2021
- South Eads Street Complete Street – 12th Street S to 15th Street S: Final concept design – Spring-Summer 2022
- Transitway Extension to 12th Street and 12th Street Complete Project: construction Spring 2022 for 12 months (simultaneous with Transitway Extension Segment 1); Construction on the first segment is expected to start in the winter of 2022 with completion in late 2023.
- 15th Street/Clark Bell Realignment, 90% design
- 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
- 101 S 12th Street: approved by County Board December in 2020; no construction until tenant signed; Gateway Park design when construction finished in 2-3 years
- New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive: Project approved by CB June 2021; Design Process Begins 4th Quarter 2021; Construction Begins 1st Quarter 2023 and ends 1st Quarter 2024

Route 1

The focus of the CCCA January 19 meeting was on Route 1. [The CCCA slide show is here.](#)

We invited VDOT to provide an update on the study of Route 1 and their recommendation for Option 3 to bring it completely down to grade--an option that Livability22202 and the CCCA believe is inadequate and incomplete. Timewise, we are in Phase 2 (December 2021 to December 2022). VDOT is supposed to conduct a number of studies related to their ongoing study of Route 1. Many of these studies were urged by the Livability22202 Route 1 working group and others. Topics include: Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures to reduce traffic 20-30% from the 2019 baseline; a feasibility and analysis design (for a potential passage under or over 18th Street; improvements to the 23rd Street interchange; bus station relocation); and additional transportation data collection on traffic passing through Route 1 to compare to the 2019 traffic baseline. A Public Information Meeting is planned for late March or early April. A draft report is anticipated by December 2022 and a final report by February 2023. [See the VDOT presentation here.](#)

We also had a talk on how to cope with the COVID pandemic by Carol Layer, Director of Behavioral Healthcare Division, Arlington County. [See her presentation here](#) with the contact information for County services. The recording of the full meeting can be seen at [Google Drive](#).

Pentagon City PDSP Study

The planning study will update long-term goals for Pentagon City, establish parameters for future growth, and identify criteria to help review future redevelopment applications. [Draft 3](#) was published

November 24. The accompanying staff report that has gone out to the Planning Commission can also be found [here](#). [Pentagon City Planning Study: Documents - Projects & Planning \(arlingtonva.us\)](#). The plan was presented at County commission and board meetings in December and public meetings will be held soon. Final comments were due December 31. The 4th draft version of the Pentagon City Sector Plan is anticipated to be released in the second half of January and will accompany the staff report for the February public hearings. Comments by the CCCA, AHCA, and ARCA can be found on the [CCCA website](#). Next month, on Tuesday, Feb. 12, the Arlington County Board is poised to consider adopting the PDSP that lays out a vision for the next 30-plus years of growth in the Pentagon City neighborhood. The plan calls for a significant amount of redevelopment and infill development, mostly residential, more green spaces and new “biophilic” walking and biking paths. On the project page, you can see: [a comprehensive summary](#) of all responses and changes made to the Sector Plan which has been posted to our study website; a copy of the [draft staff report for February](#); and the [new \(4th\) version of the Sector Plan](#).

Neighbors ask county to reconsider dense residential development planned for Pentagon City

A group of neighbors is calling on the county to take a moderate approach to residential redevelopment in the shadow of Amazon’s HQ2. The Pentagon City Planning Study draft was created because Amazon’s arrival exhausted nearly all the development envisioned in the 45-year-old plan currently guiding the neighborhood’s growth. One significant source of near-term infill development would be at RiverHouse apartment complex on S. Joyce Street. Its owner, once Vornado and now JBG Smith, has long eyed redeveloping its surface parking lots and open spaces. The document recommends no more than 150 units per acre on the 36-acre site, which currently has a ratio of 49 units per acre. That’s excessive for a complex with 1,670 units already, according to members of “RiverHouse Neighbors for Sensible Density.” The group and an associated movement, “Dense That Makes Sense,” are made of nearby residents who say a lack of community engagement has allowed the draft to move forward that recommends adding too many units to RiverHouse, among other concerns. More than 1,000 people have signed a petition opposing plans for the RiverHouse site — aerial renderings of which include 18 new buildings — and the decrease in tree canopy and increase in air and noise pollution they say will follow. [Read more here](#).

SPRC #3 for PenPlace (Amazon HQ2)

The Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) met January 24th for its second meeting on Amazon’s proposed development on PenPlace. The applicant first presented changes to the plan based on discussions at the first meeting, including additional renderings from all four sides of the development, more plantings in the central open space and additional trees, as well as modifications to garage entrances and signalization. All changes were well received.

The agenda first addressed [sustainability](#). The applicant proposes LEED platinum for all structures which exceeds the County’s current standards. They reviewed proposals for solar roofs, bird safety glass, EV charging stations in the garage, storm water management, and high performance facades. There was universal support for these proposals.

Next, the applicant reviewed its [transportation](#) plans, including adjacent County street projects, signal and bike improvements, PUDOs (pick up and drop off) issues and modifications to garage entrances. While many of the proposals were generally acceptable, attention focused primarily on existing 12th Street, which will not have protected bike lanes. Overall, the citizen input reflected concern for having many potentially conflicting uses on an existing street – something akin to Crystal Drive in our

neighborhood. It was unclear whether or how the applicant and staff may modify their positions to address these concerns.

Finally, there was a brief discussion on construction and phasing. The site will be excavated and the buildings will be built in order – #1, then #2, then #3; the Helix with the central open space will be completed last. Plans are to begin in 2022, with completion now expected in 2026. (MetPark should be completed in early 2023, so there may be a brief overlap in neighborhood disruption from the two projects.)

Project materials and reports are available on the [project website](#) and a recording of the SPRC meeting will be posted as well. Building materials may be viewed in the lobby of 1770 Crystal Drive during business hours M-F.

The next/final SPRC meeting on the PenPlace project is [February 10th](#) which will focus on community benefits including the Arlington Community High School to be located in Building #3.

Construction Started on 20th Street

Construction has started on a pair of multifamily towers in a corner of Crystal City experiencing a bevy of development. The two towers by developer JBG Smith, located at the intersection of Richmond Highway and 20th Street S., will add 775 apartment units and nearly 27,000 square feet of retail, and will be separated by a new S. Clark-Bell Street. Demolition of the office building that the towers will replace began last spring, after the project was approved by the County Board in May 2021. JBG Smith expects the project will be completed in 2025. In addition to the new S. Clark-Bell Street, the project will add a tree-lined pedestrian passageway along the East tower and an enclosed, climate-controlled underground connection from 12th Street S. to 23rd Street S.

The underground connection responds to concerns from neighbors who wanted assurances that JBG Smith would protect a network of tunnels known as the “Underground” when building residential parking. The project also includes funding for parks and open space for a new library at 1901 S. Bell Street — made possible through another under-construction project from JBG Smith at 1900 Crystal Drive. [Read more here.](#)

Water Park Update

Construction has begun with completion planned for winter/spring 2023. JBG has established a new email address for questions/concerns: <mailto:waterpark@jbgsmith.com>. These emails will go directly to the development team.

CC2DCA Project

Feedback on the latest version of the project study was due January 9. [Details on the project page.](#)

18th St S Complete Streets Work Begins January 31

Starting on Monday, January 31, Arlington County contractors will begin demolition work on the 18th St S median between South Fern Street and South Eads Street. The work will take place Monday through Friday, 7 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., and last through February 23. During work hours vehicle traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction, but will be fully available after work hours. Pedestrian access will be maintained, and street parking on 18th Street South will remain available, though limited. This is the first part of the 18th Street South Complete Streets project to continue the existing

South Hayes Street protected bike lane further east, helping to improve the bicycle network connection between the core of Pentagon City and Crystal City.

S Eads Complete Street project 12th to 15th Street

A community meeting was held January 13 to share the 30% design with the public. The timeline projects summer 2023 60% and final design; construction 2024 with 2025 target completion. See more on [the project page](#). Online engagement was open until January 30 for feedback.

MetPark Park Installation



Clark Construction has completed major excavation at the park! In all we removed 10,500 cubic yards of soil during this phase. That's equivalent to nearly 18,900 tons or about 5,040 hippos! In the coming weeks, crews will focus on bringing the park back to grade, installing drainage and irrigation, and performing mechanical and electrical work for lights and fixtures. This phase is all about preparing for the next major milestone - landscaping. We are on track to begin the Spring planting season in March.

Melwood

Melwood Industries has proposed to the County a Tier 1 review of a proposal to build on its current vacant lot at 750 S 23rd Street. This would be a state-of-the-art mixed-use building that:

- Provides a home for Melwood programming, particularly workforce development programming;
- Provides affordable housing inclusive of people with disabilities; and
- Creates a communal space for the 22202 neighborhood and people with disabilities

Livability22202 has advocated for more affordable housing and believes this would be a worthwhile study. Tier 1 only would give approval for a more indepth review under Tier 2. The CCCA will invite Melwood to present when/if the study goes to Tier 2. [See the Melwood proposal on the CCCA website.](#)

Gunston Park Playground Renovation

The proposed "Neighborhood Complete Streets" project aims to improve the existing sidewalk, curb ramps and transit stops between S. Meade Street and 26th Street S., near Gunston Middle School and the nearby community center, park and playing field space. [Share](#) what you think about the current playground area and how you use it. [Read more here.](#)

Zom Living closes on property for residential development near Amazon HQ2

Developers have closed on the purchase of a vacant site near Crystal City and Potomac Yard in Arlington, a transaction that paves the way for a new two-building project there. An affiliate of Orlando-based Zom Living acquired two acres at Crystal Drive and 29th Street S. for \$32.1 million on Dec. 15, according to Arlington County property records. The site is bordered by Crystal Drive and

Potomac Avenue, 29th Street and 33rd Street S. It is currently being used as parking and staging for other construction in the neighborhood.

Zom is working with Partners Group of Zug, Switzerland on the development; the two also secured \$150 million in construction financing for the project, a two-tower development called Hazel & Azure at National Landing, the company said in December. The financing allowed them to break ground on the 492-unit residential project located a mile from Amazon's new second headquarters buildings in one directly and the \$1 billion Virginia Tech Innovation Campus in Alexandria in the other.

The two 14-story towers will include 492 units and 6,800 square feet of retail. The residential buildings have one- two- and three-bedroom units, as well as multi-level townhome style units on the ground floors, with units ranging in size from 519 to 1,784 square feet. Among their draws are floor-to-ceiling windows, walk-in closets, stainless steel appliances and smart thermostats, plus balconies or terraces for most units, according to a press release. Zom is developing the property with an eye toward modern work-from-home trends with a tech-equipped lounge and a coworking area for residents, in addition to the more typical amenities: a rooftop pool and outdoor deck, club room and fitness area. BKL Architecture is the development's design firm and Balfour Beatty Construction is general contractor. The project is expected to be complete in late 2024. (Washington Business Journal)

LIVABILITY: SCHOOLS

As many of you in the community may already know, the schools serving our children in 22202 are at capacity. The Livability22202 Civic Association Presidents voiced support to the School Board for the recent limited boundary changes and reinforced the need to plan for new schools in 22202. Thanks to our advocacy with the County, the siting of a new local elementary school has been included in the Pentagon City Plan. But even though there are significant increases in residential development in this plan, Arlington Public Schools (APS) has no proposal to build new schools in 22202 or anywhere in Arlington in the next 10 years. We continue to engage with APS and the County on a clear process to determine when more K-12 seats will be required in order to ensure equity access across the county. We encourage you to learn more and get engaged, and let the APS know your concerns. [Information](#)

LIVABILITY: THEATER

Amazon Supports Embracing Arlington Arts Black Box Initiative. Arlington's arts advocacy organization, Embracing Arlington Arts, has announced that Amazon is underwriting business consultant fees to enable a move forward on drafting a business plan for a flexible and quality performing arts/black box theater. They have hired a consultant who is meeting with Arlington arts organization and with similar venues around the region to gather intelligence and insight on the project. Please help them by filling in the brief survey, linked above, to solicit views from the community. [Fill in the Survey](#)

Redistricting

Following the process provided in § 30-399 of the Code of Virginia, upon the failure of the Virginia Redistricting Commission to submit a redistricting plan by the governing statutory deadlines, the Supreme Court of Virginia assumed responsibility for the establishment of voting districts for the Senate of Virginia, the Virginia House of Delegates, and for Virginia's representatives to the United States House of Representatives. The new redistricting maps were officially approved December 28, 2021. You can read the [full memo here](#). For the VA House of

Delegates, we are in new District 2, along with Rosslyn, Addison Heights, and all of 22202. The [interactive map is here](#). For the VA Senate, we are in District 39, along with all of 22202 and Alexandria City. [The interactive map is here](#). We are in Congressional District 8 from McLean through Annandale to Mason Neck. [The interactive map is here](#).

Note: The new VA House District 2 is composed of about 70% multifamily buildings and is therefore more rational and applicable for Crystal City and Pentagon City. You may remember that we invited Rip Sullivan, our representative in current District 48 to our last CCCA meeting November 17, 2021. His district stretched from McLean to Crystal City and this was the first time most of us had actually heard from him.. With the new districting, he is not eligible to run in District 2. For the elections in 2023, we should be looking for a candidate who understands multifamily housing issues and the concerns of us in zip code 22202.

THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Oakridge to be the Pilot School: ARCA neighbor and member of Arlington's Commission on Aging, Andrea Walker is organizing this pilot project. Defined as a group of students walking to school with one or more adults, it can be as informal as two families taking turns walking with students to school or as structured as an established walking route with stops/meeting points/a timetable and a schedule of trained volunteers. In our case, the adults are Arlington 55+ volunteers and the school is Oakridge, and will serve families that lie within the one mile walk zone. At this point, Crystal City is not included, but could be if volunteers come forward. This unique Arlington County/APS pilot project will kick off in spring 2022, with training, safety resources and family meet-ups prior to the kick-off. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Andrea Walker at <mailto:tasteless@verizon.net>, or Lauren Hassel at lauren.hassel@apsva.us.

How did Cheerios Park get its name?

John Kelly's Answer Man article in the [Washington Post on January 1, 2022](#), dealt with the "mystery" of "Cheerios Park" on 23rd Street in Crystal City. The 0.9-acre park got its name sometime around 1988 because of a sculpture that sat in the park. "No one Answer Man spoke with could recall exactly what this artwork looked like, just that it reminded people of a certain breakfast cereal introduced by General Mills in 1941. " "At some point, the park lost the sculpture, but the name remained. It pops up in various official documents," including the 2010 Crystal City Sector Plan. It's also in the county's response to that paper. While most residents were unaware of the moniker, long-time resident (and former CCCA president) Christer Ahl advised why the sculpture was removed: "The reason was that in the Plan it was decided that the 'park cum generous median strip' should be replaced by a normal 'divider' between east- and west-bound traffic," Christer wrote in an email. "This was welcomed by Crystal City residents, as the site has been pretty useless, and has certainly not functioned as a 'park,' between heavy traffic with noise and fumes, and with the access being a bit hazardous. [Read more here](#).

New owners promise 'coolest homes' by Amazon HQ2

An existing 12-year-old apartment high-rise adjacent to what will be Amazon's massive HQ2 campus, Metropolitan Park, in Arlington County, Virginia, has been acquired by affiliates of UIP Companies and Churchill Living, and the investors plan a multimillion makeover fitting for HQ2's panache. The 19-story building, called The Millennium, at 1330 South Fair Street, was acquired from Clarion Partners for an undisclosed total sum. UIP and Churchill plan to invest \$9 million in The Millennium,

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including renovations of common areas and individual apartments focusing on what they call high-tech and high-end features. It will also convert the street-level lobby and office space to 5,000 square feet of new retail, including an unnamed upscale restaurant with outdoor café facing the park. [Read more here.](#)

Senior living facility in Potomac Yard

Senior living facility The Landing (2620 Main Line Blvd.) in Potomac Yard is scheduled to open sometime within the next month or two, and with it comes a handful of the rare affordable assisted living units. Last week, the city announced that seven affordable one-bedroom assisted living units will be available in The Landing. Staff at The Landing said the project is planned to open sometime in February or March and is currently taking reservations. The Landing will be a mix of independent and assisted living units in the heart of the planned redevelopment of the Potomac Yard neighborhood. The development will include a spa, salon and fitness center. [Read more here.](#)

Crystal City Restaurants

The **Marketplace** in the Crystal City Underground at 1770 Crystal Drive has closed. With development and COVID, things are looking a bit like a “ghost town.” This is a particularly bad time for businesses and restaurants. Let’s hope that things will pick up in the next year.

Korean rice dog eatery [Oh K-Dog and Egg Toast](#) is aiming for a mid-February opening at 509 23rd Street, the space formerly occupied by Taj of India.

Mimi’s Handmade Ice Cream has opened in Pentagon Row (Westport).

Italian market [Napoli Salumeria](#) in Pentagon Row (Westport) appears to be closed.

Nighthawk Pizza, the beer and food hall with a “90s vibe,” is aiming for a late March opening in Pentagon Row (Westport), filling the large former Champps space.

ARLINGTON COUNTY ISSUES

Arlington County Board elects Cristol as chair, Dorsey as vice chair

At its organizational meeting January 4, new officers were elected and Board members addressed their priorities for the year. [Read more here.](#)

10 Things to know about your Property Assessments

Learn more about real estate assessments in Arlington and find answers to frequently asked questions at arlingtonva.us/assessments or [watch the video..](#)

Additional COVID-19 Testing Kiosk Opens at Central Library

Arlington County is opening an additional no-cost COVID-19 testing kiosk at Central Library by Quincy Park. The kiosk is in partnership with [Curative](#), which operates [three additional sites](#) in the County. The kiosk is located at 3809 10th Street N. and can be found in the southwest corner of Quincy Park near the tennis courts. Hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily beginning on Monday, January 10, 2022. Parking is available at nearby Central Library and Quincy Park surface lots or at the Central Library parking garage after 10 AM (entrance on N. Quincy Street. Appointments are temporarily required while Curative works through lab backlogs and can be made at curative.com.

Now Accepting Applicants for the Spring Community Police Academy

The Arlington County Police Department is now accepting applications for the 26th Community Police Academy (CPA). The CPA is an educational program designed to create better understanding and communication between police and the community they serve. Participants will gain knowledge and understanding of how police officers are trained, their daily work environment and the wide scope of work they do in service to the Arlington community. The immersive experience includes lectures, panel discussions, question and answer sessions, and hands-on experiences, including a special session at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy. To learn more about the CPA and to submit your application, visit our Newsroom.

Register your Bicycle with ACPD

Registering your bike can help the police identify and recover it in the event it is lost or stolen. Since many bikes look alike, identifying your bike with its serial number is the best way to protect your property. Bike registration with the Arlington County Police Department is quick, easy and free. Complete the online form for any bicycle you have in Arlington County and a bike registration decal will be mailed to you. For information on additional online services offered by ACPD, visit our website.

Arlington Honors Grassroots COVID-19 Heroes

The Arlington County Board honored recipients of the Arlington's COVID-19 Heroes award during its Recessed Board meeting on January 25. The community-nominated awards celebrate Arlington residents, community groups, and businesses making significant impact in the fight against the effects of the pandemic. [Watch COVID-19 Heroes presentation.](#)

Arlington Announces 2021 DESIGNArlington Winners

The Arlington County Board honored 13 projects Tuesday with 2021 DESIGNArlington awards. The biennial program recognizes excellence in architectural and landscape design and public art, showcasing the best of Arlington. [Watch video of 2021 DESIGNArlington.](#)

Arlington County Board Wrap-Up Podcast

The Arlington County Board launched its new Board Wrap-Up podcast. The Board Wrap-Up can now be accessed after the Board's recessed meetings on [Spotify](#) and [Anchor](#).

Arlington's Annual MLK Tribute (Virtual) 2022

See the tribute on [YouTube](#).

OTHER ISSUES

Free at-home COVID-19 rapid tests are available for order!

4 per residence.

HUME SCHOOL MUSEUM BEGINS RENOVATION

The Arlington Historical Society (AHS) is located in the historic Hume School, which was built in 1891 and is the oldest school building in Arlington still standing. AHS has inaugurated a "Bellringer

Campaign” for donations to the renovation of the iconic building, which while structurally sound, requires significant preservation as well as updates to building systems, accessibility improvements and expansion of its exhibition space. The society has engaged a preservation firm to determine what needs to be done to bring the 130 year old building to modern museum standards, with a phased approach: firstly window replacements, and future phases for exterior and interior repairs and accessibility improvements. The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 – 4pm. The current exhibition through January is “Stirring Up Memories: Arlington Cookbooks”. [Information](#)

WHAT WOULD A CLIMATE-SOLVED ARLINGTON LOOK LIKE?

[Information](#)

Sat. Feb. 12, 2:30 – 4:30pm. Lubber Run Center, 200 N. Columbus St.

EcoAction Arlington and Arlington’s Depts of Parks and Environmental Services

The urgency of climate change is real and can be overwhelming and anxiety-inducing. But spending time and energy in imagining a future in which a problem is already solved can encourage taking action in the present. So, inspired by author Bina Venkataraman’s idea of the Optimist’s Telescope, let’s take a look through the telescope 50 years into Arlington’s future and imagine that we see an Arlington that is successfully combating climate change. What does Arlington look like? How can we each contribute to taking steps and decisions now that will help us get there? Join us for this three-part journey to transform Arlington into a world leader in climate action.

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