

CRYSTAL CITY INSIDER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our May 21st CCCA meeting is going to feature trains! Both VRE and Virginia Passenger Rail will have representatives there to give updates on their construction projects, which include the new Potomac bridge, the installation of four-tracks, and the construction of a new Crystal City station.

JBG Smith will present its proposal to transform two office buildings on Crystal Drive into a hotel and residential units. The conversion is the first such project in the county under new regulations aimed at promoting the repurposing of office buildings.

The meeting takes place at the normal location: 251 S 18th St. Here is the Zoom link:

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Lastly, please note we are not happy with the amount of night-time road work being done by the county. We are drafting a complaint.

- Eric Cassel, CCCA President

CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND LIVABILITY 22202 ISSUES

Noisy at night: Should the county get feedback on roadwork?

Arlington County does not allow companies to work at night, unless the project is a county road. Unfortunately, the county has approved night work not only for Army Navy Drive, but also for 12th Street. We do not have any process to review these permits before they are approved. As a result, the civic association is working on a memo to the county complaining about these projects.

The county has closed 12th Street, yet it is still planning over a month's work at night. The idea of paving Army Navy at night at least has some plausible support, but we can see zero necessity for night work on a closed street.

For more details on 12th Street, see: [Transitway Extension to Pentagon City – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government](#).

For more details about Army/Navy see: [Army Navy Drive Complete Street – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government](#).

INFORMATION AND EVENTS – ARLINGTON

County snapshot highlights how our area is different

AREA	Population	Households	Units	At-Place jobs
R-B Corridor	64,500	36,800	39,060	87,400
Richmond Highway Corridor	28,200	17,600	18,760	53,200
Columbia Pike Corridor	38,900	18,100	19,130	8,000
Langston Boulevard Corridor	22,900	9,800	10,260	5,300
Arlington County	243,760	120,050	126,540	221,200

2024 estimates for Arlington Planning Corridors.

What are the demographics of the different areas of Arlington County?

Our area is significantly different from the rest of Arlington County, according to the latest snapshot of population, housing, and jobs.

It is more densely populated, has a larger portion of renters, and far more one-person households.

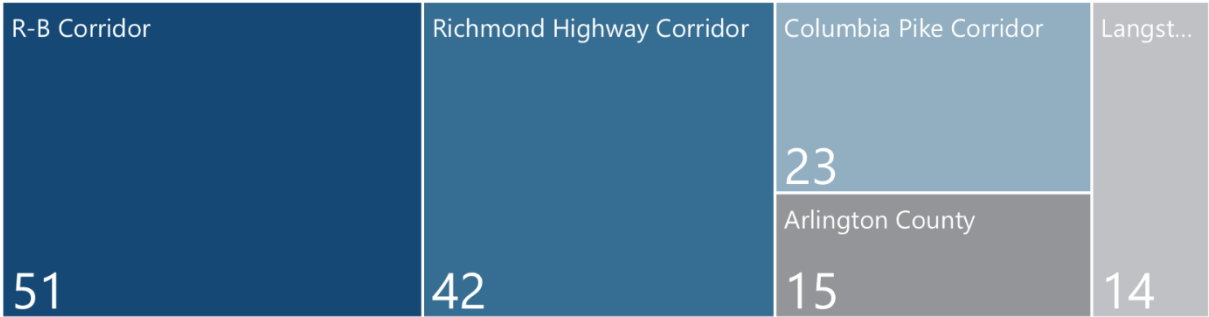
Arlington’s annual statistical [Profile](#) identifies four principal transportation corridors: Richmond Highway (ours), Rosslyn-Ballston, Columbia Pike, and Langston Boulevard. The profile is produced by the county’s Department of Community Planning, Housing, and Development.

The county has another database that allows you to drill down by [civic association](#). See page 7 of the newsletter for Crystal City charts.

Below are highlights from the corridor report:

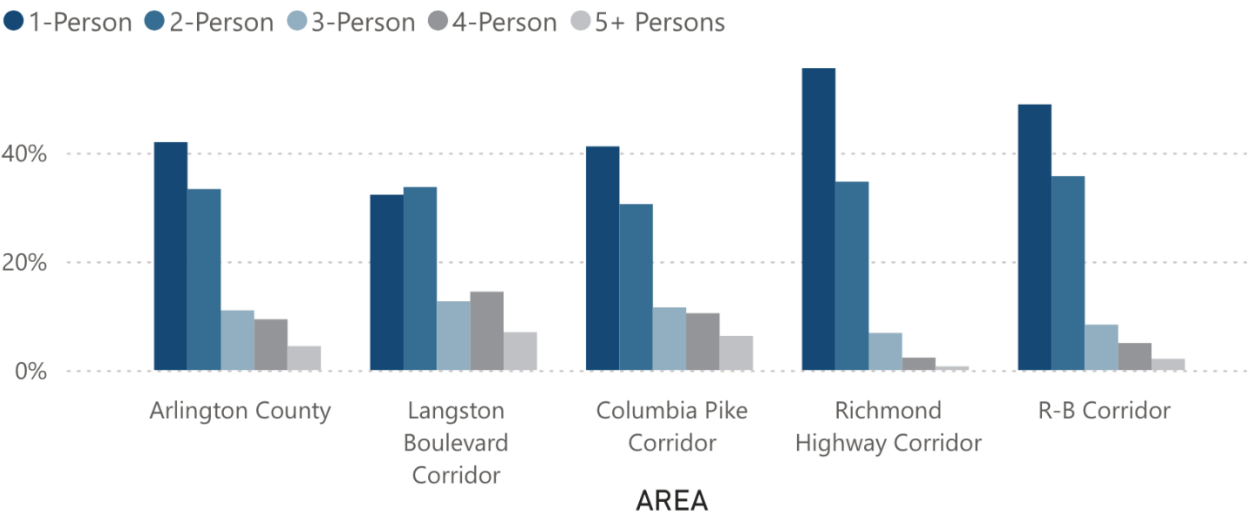


Population Density (Persons per Acre)

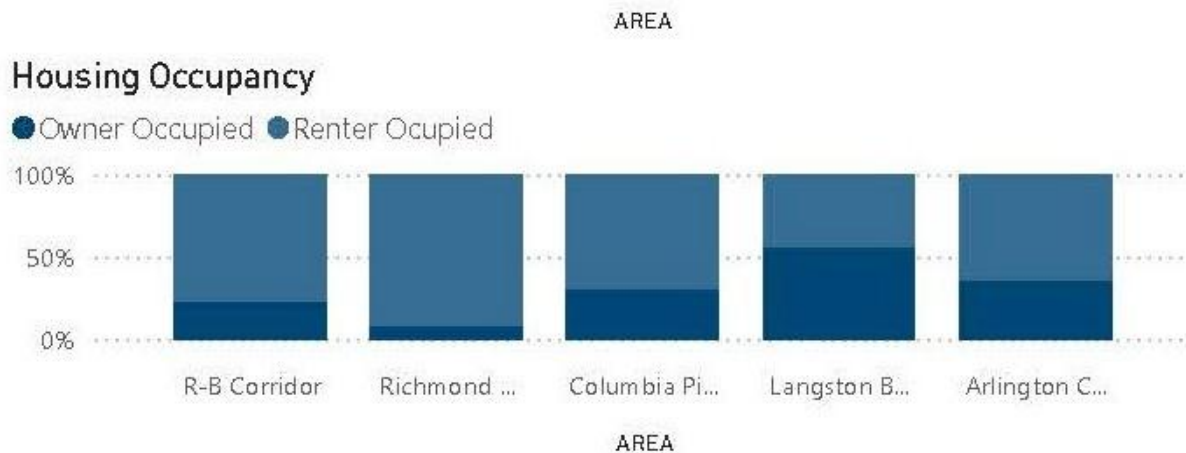


Dominated by large multi-family units, our corridor is much denser than most of Arlington County. That makes parks crucial for both recreation and green space. High-density also makes our area ideal for mass transit.

Persons Per Household



We have the highest percentage of single-person households: 55.5 percent (52 percent in Crystal City itself). Schools are less important, but other services – dining and entertainment – are more important.

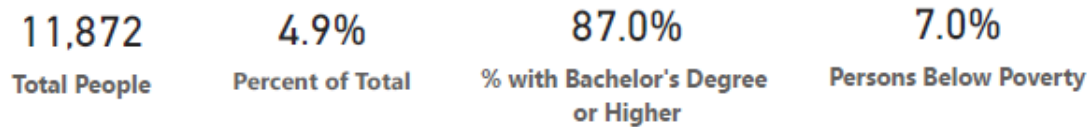


At 92 percent, renter-occupied housing is the highest in our area. This is especially hard on participation rates in civic affairs, long-term relationships with county staff, and general knowledge of “how to get the county do to X.” While many renters stay in the area a long time, we do have more turnover of people than in single-family areas.

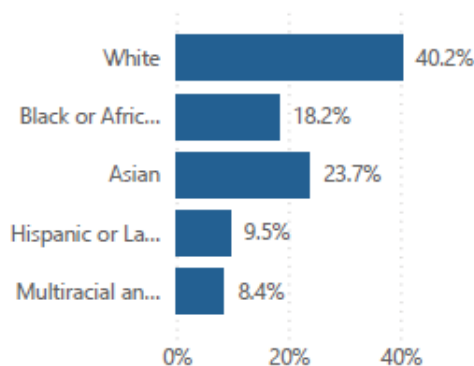
Drilling down: latest statistics on Crystal City

Below are county estimates of Crystal City demographics, based on American Community Survey compiled by the US Census. You can find similar information on other Arlington neighborhoods and the county as a whole [here](#).

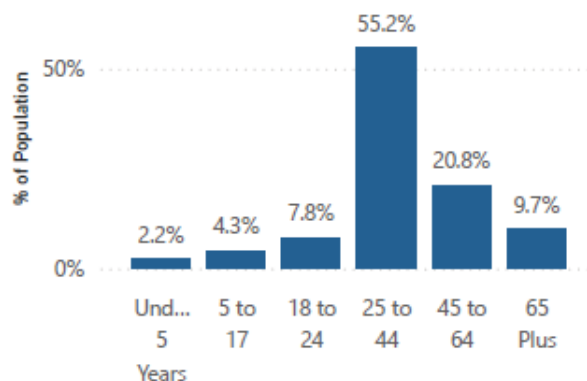
Population



Race and Ethnicity



Age

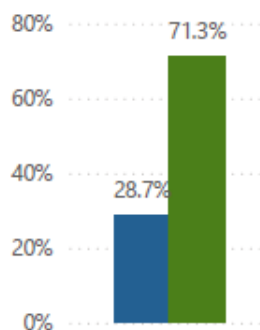


Households



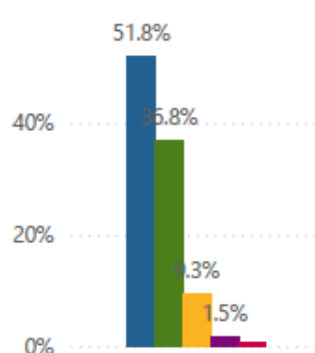
Household Type

● Family ● Non Family

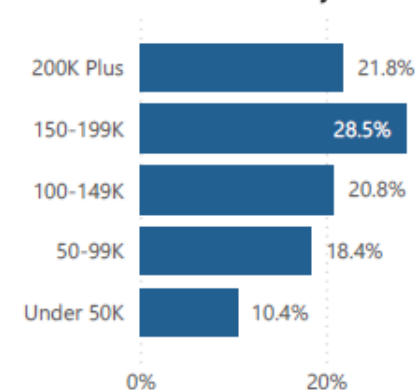


Persons Per Household

● 1 ● 2 ● 3 ● 4 ● 5 Plus



Percent of Households by Income



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Housing

7,493

5.9%

Total Units

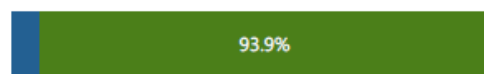
Percent of Total

Housing Unit Type

Type	Units	% of Units
Single Family	0	0.0%
Single Family	0	0.0%
Apartment	6,872	91.7%
Condo	621	8.3%
Total	7,493	100.0%

Housing Unit Occupancy

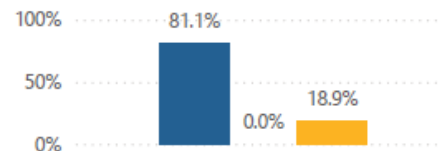
● Owner Occupied ● Renter Occupied



Housing Costs as Percent of Income

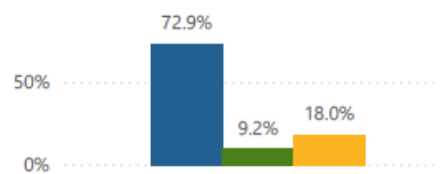
Owner Occupied Units

● Less than 30% ● 30-34% ● 35% Plus



Renter Occupied Units

● Less than 30% ● 30-34% ● 35% Plus



Employment

9,268

5.9%

Civilian Labor Force

Percent of Total

85.6%

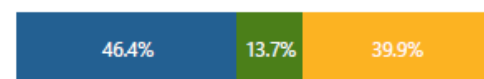
Labor Force
Participation Rate

56.4%

Unemploye...
Rate

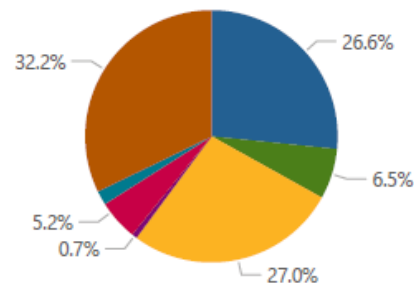
Place of Work

In Arlington ● In VA (Not Arlingt... ● Outside of V



Means of Transportation to Work

● Drove Alone ● Carpool ● Public Transit ● Bike ● W



In other news ...

Paving work to close lanes in Crystal Drive area

Contractor crews will mill and pave the travel lanes and street parking areas at Crystal Drive between 18th Street South and 26th Street South, and at South Clark Street between 2101 Richmond Highway and 23rd Street South starting Wednesday, May 7, through Friday, May 9, with a possible extension to Monday, May 12. Work hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting.

There will be staggered closures for the north and southbound lanes on Crystal Drive and South Clark Street while milling and paving is in progress. Temporary “No Parking” signs will be placed at locations with street parking at least 48 hours prior to the start of the work.

In addition, a full crosswalk closure at Crystal Drive and 23rd Street South will allow crews to replace the brick crosswalks with asphalt. There will also be partial crosswalk closures at Crystal Drive and 20th Street South (use 18th Street South as an alternate crossing) and at South Clark Street and 23rd Street South during paving work hours.

Call 703-228-5000 with any questions about this paving work.

McClure named 2025 rising star by Emily’s List

[Emily’s List](#) has named Del. Adele McClure as the winner of its 12th annual Gabrielle Giffords Rising Star Award. McClure, a Democrat who represents Crystal City in the Virginia General Assembly, follows such previous winners as Stacey Abrams, former Georgia House Minority Leader, and US Rep. Ayanna



Pressley (D-Mass.).

“State Del. Adele McClure is a trailblazer, a fearless advocate, and a champion for working families who knows how to win tough fights. Whether it’s leading the fight against Trump’s travel ban, working to protect reproductive rights, or defending workers’ rights, she has dedicated her career to expanding opportunity and protecting her community,” Jessica Mackler, Emily’s List president, said in a [statement](#). Emily’s List bills itself as the nation’s largest resource for women in politics.

A first-generation college graduate and the daughter of an early childhood educator and a Filipino immigrant, McClure is running unopposed in next month’s primary for her second term as delegate.

Meals tax increased, property tax rate unchanged

The real estate tax rate will stay the same, but the meals tax will increase from 4 percent to 5 percent under the budget for fiscal year 2026 adopted by the Arlington County Board last month. The \$1.69 billion budget is 2.3 percent higher than the previous year's. "This budget protects core government functions while it prioritizes stable and reliable social safety net services and programs during these uncertain economic times," chair Takis Karantonis said. The budget does not include a branch of the library in Crystal City but offers a one-time \$100,000 allocation to the library's digital collections.

Big hike in ambulance fees set for July

The county is raising the cost of ambulance trips by up to 50 percent in July.

The fee will be \$1,000 for basic life support and \$1,500 for advanced life support, plus \$18 per mile.



Current rates are \$750 and \$1,000, depending on the level of service, plus \$15 per mile, according to a report in [ARLnow](#). The fees, which are expected to remain in place for three to five years, are intended to recover costs, not make money, according to Fire Chief David Povlitz. The county did not start charging for ambulance transport until 1999. Since then, there have been five increases.

The county is reimbursed a set fee by Medicare, Medicaid, and Tri-care, and cannot charge the user for any excess cost. However, people covered by private insurance are billed for any excess. People without insurance pay full freight but can apply for hardship waivers.

Resources offered to aid the surge in job seekers

The [Arlington Employment Center](#) reports a 45 percent year-over-year increase in clients seeking services as of February. In a story surveying the jobs picture in the wake of mass federal layoffs, [ARLnow](#) reports that business owners say they have been deluged with job inquiries. The Alexandria/Arlington Regional Workforce Council has a [webpage](#) devoted to resources for federal workers and is offering one-on-one counseling support. The Arlington Public Library, which hosted a [packed town hall](#) for federal employees and contractors, is offering a variety of services and events. They include [drop-in resume and search help](#) on April 9. Visit the library's [events listing](#) for more information.

League holding voter registration events

In advance of next month's Virginia primary, the League of Women Voters will be holding two voter registration events in Crystal City: May 10, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Water Park, 1601 Crystal Drive; May 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., alongside Good Company Donuts on Eads and 14th Street. If you are new to Virginia, you can register to vote in the upcoming primary. If you are already registered in Virginia but have moved since you last voted, the league can help you update your address. Stop by to register, check your current registration status, or ask general questions about voting dates and locations. Note to new Virginia voters: Even if you do not have a VA license, you can get registration help.

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Deadline nears for police-sponsored summer camps

The Arlington County Police Department is accepting applications through the end of day May 4 for summer camps: Teen Police Academy, Forensic Science Experience, and Safety Patrol Camp. For details, visit [here](#).

Attention poets: Arlington has a job for you

Here is one listing you rarely find in the Help Wanted section:

Poet Laureate, sought by Arlington County to serve 2025-2027 term. Must be 18 years of age or older, must reside in Arlington during the time of application and for the duration of the appointment, and must demonstrate a track record of experience publishing and/or presenting original poetry within poetry journals, magazines, websites, and/or programs.

Duties include writing at least two original poems per year to be presented at a county public celebration, ranging from MLK Day to the Columbia Blues Fest; and serve as a juror for the annual [Moving Words Poetry Competition](#). Pay: \$1,500 a year, with \$500 annual budget.

The Poet Laureate program is managed by the [Division of Cultural Affairs](#). Applications are due by 5 p.m. on June 2, with the term beginning July 1. The current laureate is Courtney LeBlanc. Visit [here](#) for more information about the program. Apply [here](#) for the post.



County points to resources for gaining citizenship, reviews policy on ICE

The County Board last month expressed support for immigrants seeking US citizenship, pointing to how Arlington can help them out. The county awarded [\\$400,000 in grants](#) to immigrant-related services in March. “A lot of our residents, especially those with green cards, will have to prepare [for future actions by the Trump administration], and we really encourage them to do that,” chair Takis Karantonis said. The Arlington Community Outreach Program offers [free citizenship classes](#) and in some cases can provide financial support to cover federal [costs of \\$725](#) for naturalization services.

Meanwhile, the County Board is reviewing police department policy on when to contact ICE. Already this year police have contacted ICE 17, compared with 18 times all of last year, according to a report in [ARLnow](#). Arlington County’s “[trust policy](#),” which was tightened last fall, allows police to reach out to ICE only in cases involving identified gang members and certain serious crimes.

Arlington 2050: What would you like to see?

How would you like to see Arlington evolve in the coming decades? The county is seeking residents' comments as it updates [Arlington 2050: Guiding Our Path Project](#). The wide-ranging plan includes affordable housing, public art, land use, transportation, and conservation measures. Comment [here](#) by June 1.

Conference, pamphlet address housing issues

Fair housing: Coming on the heels of April's Fair Housing Month, the [4th Annual Arlington Fair Housing Conference](#) will be held May 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd. The event will include talks about local fair housing policy and enforcement. It is sponsored by the NAACP Arlington Branch, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) of Virginia, and the Equal Rights Center. [Advanced registration](#) is required for lunch.

Affordable housing: The county has compiled a packet on affordable housing, tenant rights, and addressing homelessness. Download it [here](#).



DEVELOPMENT

Amazon forecast: not a prime time to expand



On hold: rendering of Amazon helix tower.

Don't expect to see that futuristic helix Amazon tower rise any time soon at that giant vacant lot bounded by Army Navy Drive and 12th Street S and South Eads and South Fern street.

Amazon is expected to ask the Arlington County Board next month to extend the construction permits to break ground on the next phase of its HQ2 campus, PenPlace. The company's request further throws into question the company's grand plans for the Crystal City area. Initially, Amazon had hoped to add 25,000 jobs to the region by 2038.

Through a public records request, [The Washington Post](#) learned that the company's most recent application to Virginia for taxpayer subsidies indicated that its confidence in meeting its job target had dropped to "moderate"; every previous annual submission had signaled a "high" level of confidence.

"Our second headquarters has always been and continues to be a long term investment, and we are proud of the progress we have made," Holly Sullivan, an Amazon vice president, wrote in the application

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requesting more than \$6.4 million in incentives from Virginia. “While we experienced incremental job growth in 2024, we exceeded hiring goals in previous years.”

About 8,330 employees were working at HQ2 as of the end of last year, including 534 new positions added last year, according to the article in the *Post* last month. In mid-2023, Amazon opened its two existing buildings, known as Met Park, which can accommodate 14,000 workers. Several floors in one of the two towers will house an Arlington alternative high school in fall 2026 that had originally been slated for the PenPlace complex.

In a letter to shareholders last month, Amazon’s CEO Andy Jassy pointed to companywide efforts to streamline employment. Jassy stressed efforts to boost artificial intelligence while “rooting out bureaucracy” and getting “the most done with the least number of resources.”

Increased AI could slow hiring, noted Mark Muro, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who was quoted by the *Post*. “The tech industry itself is no longer the generator of thousands of local jobs here,” Muro said.

Meanwhile, Amazon must contend with uncertainty over Trump Administration actions, be it contracts for cloud computing or tariffs on internet sales.

TRANSPORTATION

Vision Zero gives itself a report card on traffic safety

How is the County's Vision Zero program making 22202 residents safer?

The program aims to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while encouraging safe and equitable mobility for all. Last month, Vision Zero issued its 2024 progress report.

In the Crystal City area, the intersection of South Hayes and Army-Navy Drive continues to have the most crashes in the county, nearly all between vehicles. Crashes at the intersections at Route 1 and 23rd Street South (No. 8) and 15th Street South and South Eads (No. 31) often put bicyclists and pedestrians at risk as well. See the county's crash hot Spots [map](#) for rankings and data.



Here is how Vision Zero has put its [toolbox](#) to work making the roads safer in our zip code, 22202:

High Injury Network studies Vision Zero staff perform audits to identify safety needs that can be addressed quickly and those that need more time and funding. Both [South Hayes](#) and [South Fern](#) were studied in 2023, and Army-Navy Drive is scheduled for [study](#) in 2025.

Signals and signage Leading Pedestrian Intervals and No Right Turn on Red signs have been added to 12 intersections in National Landing. The leading intervals give pedestrians a few seconds head start crossing an intersection before traffic moves. Pedestrians can see traffic more easily, and drivers can see pedestrians before turning. No Right Turn signs are installed with the leading intervals to ensure that drivers don't turn into crossing pedestrians.

Photo enforcement The PhotoRed system, which records motorists who run stoplights, has been installed at 23rd Street South and Route 1, and PhotoSpeed, which records images of speeding cars, has been installed in school zones (one has been placed by Gunston Middle School, and another is planned for Oakridge Elementary).

Performance Parking Pilot This app helps drivers find available (and cheaper) parking, improving safety by reducing distracted driving.

Separating modes of transit:

- Protected Intersections keep drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians in their own lanes, which significantly reduces conflicts and crashes. Check out the protected intersection at 15th Street South and South Eads.
- **Floating bus islands** provide a safe channel for bicyclists that runs between sidewalk curbs and the bus islands. The islands enable buses to pick up and drop off riders without leaving the dedicated bus lanes. The county is installing several floating bus islands along Army-Navy Drive, South Eads, and 12th Street South.

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- Hardened center lines ensure drivers make left turns without endangering pedestrians, bicyclists, or fellow motorists. The only one currently in 22202 is located on the south side of the intersection of 23rd Street South and South Eads. For more information on this preliminary project, visit [here](#).

As streets and intersections are rebuilt throughout the county, Vision Zero staff work with other transportation staff to improve safety through [quick-build](#) and [capital transportation](#) projects. Recent examples in National Landing are at [South Lynn Street and Arlington Ridge Road](#), [18th Street South between South Fern and South Joyce](#), [South Eads between 12th Street South and 15th Street South](#), [Army Navy Drive Complete Street](#), and [15th Street between Clark-Bell and Crystal Drive](#).

Besides pinpointing crash sites, the [Vision Zero dashboard](#) offers a countywide picture of safety improvement projects and programs. The infrastructure subset has enlargeable maps for each of 15 tools, such as signage, traffic cameras, and timed lights. Click on a specific tool to pull up locator maps and information graphics.

WMATA revamping, renaming bus routes

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will launch a program to consolidate bus stops and rename bus routes on June 29. The program is – optimistically – called Better Bus Network Redesign. Here is what to expect:

- New identifier flags at bus stops to help introduce the new routes. The new routes can be found online at [Better Bus resources](#).
- New names for all Metrobus routes. For details, visit [Virginia list](#).
- The elimination of some bus stops that serve only Metrobus. Visit [Consolidation Summary](#) to see if any of your most used Metrobus-only stops are going away
- Some routes serving new destinations. For example: Metrobus 38B Ballston-Farragut Square will be renamed Metrobus A58 Wilson-Farragut Square, and will serve Farragut Square, Ballston Metro, *and* the Seven Corners Transit Center

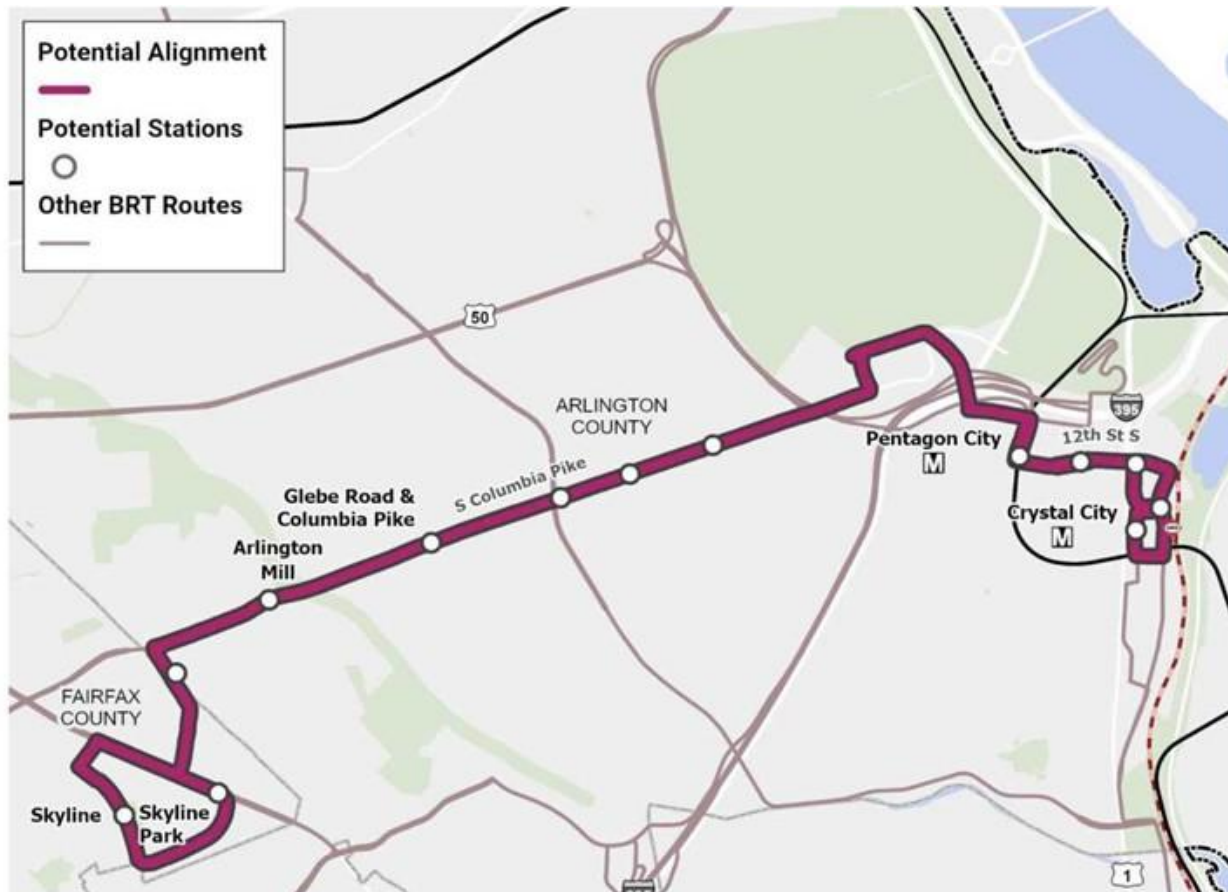
Arlington County partners with WMATA to determine where to add new stops, but WMATA alone makes decisions about Metrobus service to stops and whether to consolidate or discontinue a stop, based on ridership data. For maps and more information, visit WMATA.com/betterbus.

Blueprint unveiled for extensive rapid bus service network

A long-term draft plan for bus rapid traffic includes two routes connecting Columbia Pike to Crystal City and D.C. has been issued by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA). [Bus Rapid Transit Action Plan](#) last month. The proposal envisions a [coordinated network of 28 routes](#) and 282 stations, spread across 700 miles of roads, according to a report by [ARLnow](#). NVTA spokesperson Abigail Hillerich said that plan is intended to provide a regionwide vision for the next two decades.

The NVTA will discuss its long-run plan at a [pop-up event](#) May 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Water Park in Crystal City. Comment online [here](#) through May 18.

Among Northern Virginia's first BRT initiatives is the 4.5-mile route between Pentagon City and the Braddock Road Metro station in Alexandria. That route [is expanding](#) by 1.1 miles this year.



Among possible bus rapid transit lines is one from Skyline Park in Fairfax County along Columbia Pike to Crystal City.

Here is a sneak preview of the new Crystal City Metro entrance

While the east entrance to the Crystal City Metro is not expected to open until to mid-2027, you can take a virtual walkthrough [here](#).

The new pavilion at the corner of 18th Street and Crystal Drive will feature a street-level lobby with fare vending machines, an attendant kiosk, and fare gates. Passengers will access a new mezzanine above



Rendering of east entrance to Metro station at Crystal Drive and 18th Street South.

the train platforms via stairs or elevator. For space reasons, the east entrance could not accommodate escalators to the mezzanine. However, the depth of the station is not as great as it is on the west side.

In the coming weeks, construction work will narrow the platforms closest to the east. Next year, the station may experience brief closures, but no timetable has been determined.

About the time the new entrance opens so will a new park, [Metro Market Square](#), which will extend along 18th Street to the west entrance

on Bell Street. Meanwhile, across Crystal Drive, work should be underway on a new [commuter rail station](#) and the [pedestrian/bike bridge](#) to the airport.

The County Board last month accepted a \$20.7 million grant from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the project, which matches an earlier federal grant of the same amount.

State seeks people to test out new transit app

Virginia officials are seeking people to help test a new app for finding transit options. [GoMyWayVA](#) helps users explore transit, rideshare, biking, walking, and other ways of getting where you want to go as conveniently and cheaply as possible. The app also offers real-time traffic updates and travel times estimates. For a limited time you can pioneer the app, provide feedback, and earn rewards like gift cards to stores and restaurants. To become a “Pioneer,” [learn more here](#). GoMyWayVA is made possible by a partnership among Virginia transportation agencies.

Free-floating car-share service returns to Arlington

A free-floating car-sharing service has just relaunched in Arlington County after a four-year absence. [Free2Move](#) deploys 50 vehicles across the county. They can be parked within metered spaces and Residential Permit Parking (RPP) zones. Participants can download an app to find the nearest available car, which will be marked with a decal. The cars are available at a fee for short-term rentals. For more information, visit [here](#). Send feedback to carsharing@arlingtonva.us.

Residential parking applications available online

Sign up has begun for [Residential Permit Parking](#) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The program makes it easier for residents to park on streets in their neighborhood. The county encourages online sign up for passes [here](#).

PARKS & RECREATION

Weekend of pro, amateur cycling in DC, Arlington



[The 2025 Amazon Armed Forces Cycling Classic](#) takes place May 31 and June 1, open to spectators and cyclists of all abilities. The event kicks off May 31 with the Challenge Ride, a 13-mile course closed to traffic that starts and finishes at the Capitol. The route swings into Arlington north past the Pentagon and south into National Landing. Open to individuals and corporate challenge teams, it starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 10 a.m. It will be followed by the Capitol Cup Pro/Am Races, which feature various elite men's and women's competitions and a kids race (ages 9 and under).

On June 1, the scene shifts to Arlington for the Clarendon Cup Pro/Am races from 8 a.m to 2:30 pm., featuring various elite adult competitions and a kids race.

For details on times, fees, and prize money, visit [here](#).

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Bike Month features safety checks, lessons, commuter day

May is Bike Month. For a rundown of National Landing events, visit [here](#). Among them are:

Free bike safety check May 2, 10 a.m.-noon. The experts at [Conte Bike Shop](#), 1350 S Eads St., will inspect handlebars, derailleurs, and tires. [Register](#) in advance to secure a slot.

Adults learn to ride May 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at 2221 S Clark St. The Washington Area Bicyclist Association teachers break the skills down step by step. Learn to start and stop, balance, glide, and pedal and steer a bike. For ages 18 and over, the class is for those who have never been on a bike, have not ridden one in years, or previously tried riding but were unsuccessful. A bicycle helmet and bike will be provided; give your height in the registration portal to make sure the right size bike is reserved for you. The Fee is \$10 for Arlington residents; \$85 for nonresidents. Register [here](#). Questions? Email education@waba.org.



Bike to Work Day It's May 15 but register in advance for goodies at a local pit stop, such as Met Park and Water Park, or online [here](#). Even if you work from home, you can participate. On the day of the event, meet fellow cycling enthusiasts and enjoy refreshments and entertainment. For more information, visit local sponsor [BikeArlington](#)

Free water safety event at Long Bridge

The county parks department is sponsoring a free family [water safety event](#) at [Long Bridge Aquatics and Fitness Center](#) on May 24-25. You will receive essential tips for protecting yourself, your loved ones, and your friends in and around the water. Learn more and register [here](#).

Wondering where to walk or cycle? Download a map

The county is offering detailed brochures for pedestrians and walkers: the [BikeArlington](#) Bicycle Comfort Level Map and WalkArlington's [Walkabout Maps](#), which features 22 self-guided walks around the County.

Boat launch slated to open in June at Four Mile Run Park

It's not Arlington, but it is close to us. We pass Four Mile Run Park as we drive down Glebe Road, Arlington Ridge Road, or Mt. Vernon Avenue. A canoe and kayak launch will make Four Mile Run and the Potomac River accessible to paddlers of all abilities. The Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation has been contracted to build it between March and June this year. For details, visit [here](#).

DOINGS IN CRYSTAL CITY (AND NEARBY)

Water Park hosts arts festival, classes

Sip, shop, and paint at the Arts Festival at Water Park, 1601 Crystal Drive, on May 3, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The festival includes food, beverages, live entertainment, games, and an arts and crafts market. Paid ticket holders can attend 45-minute painting classes, which include a drink, at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. For details and reservations, visit [here](#).

Farmers market back Tuesdays and Saturdays



The twice-weekly farmers market is back at Met Park, 1400 South Eads St., through October. Some 50 vendors offer goods including fresh fruits, vegetables, artisanal breads, teas, baked goods, and more. Produced by [Eat Loco](#), the farmers market is held Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Besides stocking up on goodies, visitors can connect with local farmers and artisans, learning the stories behind their creations. Find the updated weekly layout of the Saturday market [here](#) and of the Tuesday market [here](#).

Bands, dancing, food at Arlington Palooza

The fifth annual Arlington Palooza features live music, dancing, and food trucks. Sponsored by Arlington County Parks and Recreation, the street fair is May 17, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Lubber Run Community Center, 300 North Park Drive. Arlington Palooza will be held rain or shine. For details, visit [here](#).

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MoCA on the Move brings art, music to Met Park

[MoCA on the Move](#) hosts free family events Sundays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the central green of Metropolitan Park. Sponsored by the Museum of Contemporary Art Arlington, the spring series features live music, light snacks, and art-making activities. Here is the lineup for the next month:

May 4 [Margaret Jacobson](#)'s 3D flower painting. Music: [Power Child](#)

May 11 Stamped Clay Heart Ornaments for Mom. Plus, flower giveaways. Music: [Rook Richards](#)

May 18 [Danni O'Brien](#) found material cyanotypes. Music: [String Mamas](#)

May 25 Watercolor prints of native plants in Met Park. Music: [Sean Tracy](#)

June 1 Collaborative Pride Parade hearts and sunprints. Music: [Rook Richards](#)

In case of rain, the program will be held indoors, at MoCA Arlington's Innovation Studio + Store, 525 14th S, South Arlington.

Jazz for all tastes at Thursday nights at Met Park

Met Park hosts a free jazz concert series Thursday from May 8 to June 12, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Onsite finders include Good Company and Toby's Ice Cream. Sit on a park bench or bring your own blanket and chair. The Museum of Contemporary Art Arlington offers a free art activity. Here is the jazz lineup:

May 8th: [Akua Allrich & the TRIBE](#) (Afro-Jazz)

May 15th: [Jo-Go Project](#) (Jazz and Go-Go)

May 22nd: [Alison Crockett](#) (Jazz Fusion)

May 29th: [Veronneau](#) (Brazilian Jazz)

June 5th: [Subterraneo](#) (Cuban Son)

June 12th: [Carr Keys](#) (Straight Ahead Soul)

Dress in theme for Water Park concert series

The Friday night [Concert Series at Water Park](#) features food vendors, lawn games, and an array of beverage options. Costume contests will be held each week to see who best reflects the night's themes. Here is what's coming up:

May 2 [Deanna Dove](#) (Theme: Peace and Love)

May 9 Oasis Island Sounds (Theme: Island Vibes)

May 16 [DWQ Jazz Band](#) (Theme: Jazz Night)

May 23 DANDY (Theme: College Night)

May 30 [Supernova](#) (Theme: Rock All Night)

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Tune up your body Wednesdays at Met Park

[Fit @ Met](#) offers a Wednesday morning fitness series for exploring new ways to exercise. The events are 8-9 a.m. and sponsored by [DC Fray](#). New this year: The more classes you attend, the more prizes you can win. Here is this month's schedule

May 7 [Zumba by Onelife Fitness](#)

May 14 [Barre by Pure Barre](#)

May 21 [Slow flow yoga class by Maria Hochnowski Yoga](#)

When 'Little Saigon' reigned in Arlington

Arlington marks the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon with a tour of a Clarendon neighborhood that became a hub of Vietnamese commerce and social life in the late 1970s to the early 1980s. The tour of Little Saigon takes place on May 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn more about the tour and register [here](#).

For more stories on how changing ethnic and racial groups affected Arlington, visit [Racial History Timeline \(1961- 1965\)](#).

Two-day Arlington Pride events at Crystal City Hyatt

The fourth annual Arlington Pride event features a pride pageant, talent show, speed-dating, a drag brunch, entertainment, and much more on May 30 and May 31 at Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Highway. For details and reservations visit [here](#).

For more activities, visit ...

- [Events at National Landing](#)
- [Arlington Parks and Recreation](#)
- [Arlington arts events](#)
- [Arlington Convention and Visitors Services](#)
- [Events for Kids](#) Library activities including Family Game Night, Take & Make Crafts, and Sensory Story Time.

DINING IN CRYSTAL CITY (AND NEARBY)

Gelato, crepes, waffles at new Pentagon City shop

A dessert franchise offering 25 gelato and sorbet flavors has opened at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City. [Amorino Gelato al Naturale](#), 1100 S. Hayes St., also sells customizable waffles and crepes and gelato macarons, milkshakes, and espresso drinks. The shop is located near the food court and escalators on the mall's Metro level.

Guatemalan restaurant offers chicken, empanadas, salads

A Guatemalan franchise has opened at the Fashion Center at Pentagon City. [Pollo Campero](#) offers fried and grilled chicken, sandwiches, empanadas, salads, and bowls. Sides include sweet plantains and yuca fries. The shop is located near [Popeyes](#) and across from the new [Amorino Gelato](#) on the mall's Metro level.

Pair of Crystal City restaurants named finalists for metro awards

Two Crystal City restaurants are finalists in the 43rd annual [RAMMY Awards](#), sponsored by the Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington:

[Beauty Champagne and Sugar Boutique](#) for Wine Program of the Year. The bistro offers a wide-ranging bottle selection as well as baked goods. Founder Zena Polin hosts a monthly Bellezza Wine Club. At \$48 per month, members receive personally selected wines, food pairings, retail discounts, and other perks. Polin also offers a wine concierge service for private events. 576 S. 23rd St.

[Queen Mother's](#) for Hottest Sandwich Spot of the Year. Nominated for the same category twice before, the Water Park eatery is known for its fried chicken and crinkle-cut duck fat fries. Its chef is Rahman "Rock" Harper. 1711 Crystal Drive



Queen Mother's Mambo

Other Arlington restaurants nominated were [Stellina Pizzeria](#) in Shirlington and Rosslyn for Casual Restaurant; [Andy's Pizza](#) in Virginia Square for Fast Casual; and [Astro Beer Hall](#) for Beer Program in Shirlington. Winners will be announced in July.

Cantonese restaurant to fill space left by Bonefish Grill

A Cantonese-influenced restaurant is due to open in early May at Westpost in Pentagon City. [1983 Chinese Cuisine](#), 1101 S. Joyce St., will fill the spot left by Bonefish Grill last year. The restaurant can seat up to 150 people in its main dining room and three private rooms. It will serve lunch and dinner in a casual setting. The name comes from owner Lin "Sam" Shi's birth year. Head Chef CK Wong, who has worked at the Big Wong restaurants, told [ARLnow](#) the restaurant will offer dim sum and specialties reflecting his Cantonese roots.

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ABOUT CCCA

The Crystal City Civic Association (CCCA) was formed on Jan. 28, 2014. We are a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization with the express purpose of advancing the common interests of the residents of the Crystal City neighborhood in Arlington County, Virginia. CCCA gives a voice to our residents. CCCA officers represent community members at County meetings, function as liaisons to state and local lawmakers, coordinate with the Crystal City BID on important issues and projects, and ensure the needs of residents are met.

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