

CRYSTAL CITY INSIDER

The monthly newsletter of the Crystal City Civic Association



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

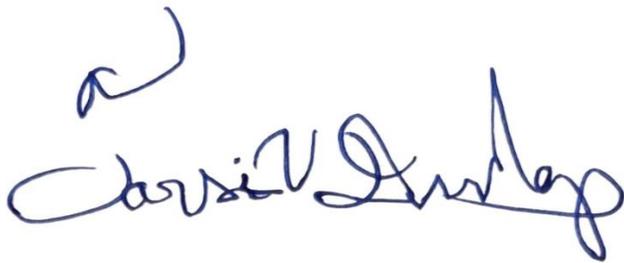
Happy holidays!

My name is Tarsi Dunlop, and I'm the newly elected president of the CCCA. I would like to start by extending my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for Eric Cassel's steady committed leadership these past four years. It's been a steep learning curve but a rewarding one – and I'm grateful he's not going (too) far.

I'd like to remind everyone that it's annual membership renewal time. For \$10 a year, you get access to our newsletter, the opportunity to vote on issues and officers, and the satisfaction of supporting a group of (all volunteer) community leaders hard at work to represent your concerns and interests with our elected leaders and county staff.

This month's newsletter contains a summary of last month's annual meeting and updates on the 1800 and 1901 Adaptive Reuse projects, CC2DCA, and the second Metro entrance (including spring closures). Our upcoming meeting dates are Jan. 21, March 18, and May 20, so mark your calendars!

Have a safe and restful holiday season.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tarsi Dunlop". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

– Tarsi Dunlop, CCCA President

Renew your CCCA Membership for 2026

CCCA dues of \$10 are on an annual basis, Jan. 1-Dec. 31. You can renew your membership online via [PayPal](#) or by check to our Treasurer (see last page of the newsletter). The deadline for renewals to continue receiving newsletters and emails is Feb. 28, 2026. Although our sister civic associations in 22202 charge \$20 or more for annual dues, we have not increased ours since the CCCA was established in 2014.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND LIVABILITY 22202 ISSUES

CCCA elects officers for next two years

The following new CCCA officers were elected at the Nov. 19 annual meeting:

President	Tarsi Dunlop
Vice President	Steve Miller
Treasurer	Marj Leaming
Meeting Secretary	Sheryl Eaton
Membership Liaison	Mary Ellen Hable

The new officers will serve until the annual meeting in 2027. Since there were no nominations for communications director, the Executive Committee can appoint a volunteer to serve until next year's annual meeting. If you are interested in serving in this role, [contact the Executive Committee](#).

Annual meeting approves bylaw amendments

The CCCA Bylaws were amended by vote of the membership at the Nov. 19 annual meeting as follows (amendments in red):

4.8. Duties of the Communications Director

The Communications Director shall be responsible for maintaining the Association's website and email lists, producing a periodic newsletter for distribution to Association members, transmitting notices of meetings, communicating with external entities as necessary, and performing any additional duties specified elsewhere in this Constitution and Bylaws. All communications representing Association positions shall be subject to the direction and approval of the Executive Committee. **A non voting ex officio Member at Large may be appointed by the Executive Committee as Editor, in place of the Communications Director.**

3.5 Quorum, Voting, and Participation in General Meetings

Fifteen members eligible to vote, or 20% of the members eligible to vote, whichever is smaller, shall constitute a quorum. Only voting members who are physically present at the meeting **or online in a hybrid meeting** may vote or be counted towards a quorum.

All votes shall be decided by a simple majority.

4.10. Election of Officers

At the Annual General Meeting, the Election Committee shall report to the membership on all nominations received, and the reasons why any nominations were withdrawn or not accepted. No nominations may be submitted from the floor. The election of any officer position for which there is only one nominee may be by show of hands, either in person **or by vote online at a hybrid meeting**.

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INFORMATION AND EVENTS: ARLINGTON AND STATE

County takes next step toward reforming governance structure

A divided County Board agreed to move this month on creating a panel charged with considering governance reforms. Ideas include expanding the five-member board; a part-district, party at-large membership; having the public elect the chair; and permanently switching to ranked-choice voting. Pushing for changes are board members Julius “JD” Spain Sr. and Matt de Ferranti. Calling for caution are Maureen Coffee and Susan Cunningham. In the middle is the chair, Takis Karantonis, who told [ARLnow](#) he was “very close” to supporting moving forward while “very far” from backing any particular reform.

State urged to adopt protections against rent gouging

The County Board wants the state Legislature to permit localities to enact “anti-rent-gouging protections.” Chair Takis Karantonis stressed that anti-gouging is not the same as rent-control. “They are two very different toolboxes and there are many variations inside each one,” Karantonis said, according to [ARLnow](#). While declining 0.7 percent over the past year, Arlington rents are still in the top 5 among the 100 largest urban areas, according to [Apartment List](#). Median rates as of October were \$2,424 for one-bedroom units and \$2,930 for two bedrooms.

The average rent in Arlington has increased by more than 25 percent since 2020.

Historical society collecting oral histories of the Underground



What was it like during the heyday of the Underground? The [Arlington Historical Society](#) has launched an initiative to collect oral histories on that [subterranean Crystal City landmark](#) along with other narratives of the county’s past. “Ideally, I would love to see a permanent exhibit somewhere in Crystal City telling the story of this truly unique part of Arlington history,” project co-chair Sean Denniston told [ARLnow](#). “Oral history is different than an interview, as you’re not just learning about an event but the narrator’s role in the event, his or her personal history, and capturing the moment in time.” Denniston and fellow chair Marty Suydam just completed a five-week training course on oral history

through the Office of History Alexandria. They plan to share their new skills with Arlington volunteers.

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Their effort builds on 60 years of oral histories collected by the Arlington Library's [Charlie Clark Center for Local History](#).

Meanwhile, the historical society continues to collect stories toward its goal of 250 of them in honor of the nation's 250th anniversary. The society can offer suggestions of areas worth pursuing or writers can propose their own. The suggested length is 300 to 500 words; submission deadline is March 2026. For details, visit [here](#).

Aurora Hills branch library begins planning its centennial

Aurora Hills branch library is making plans for its May 30 Centennial Celebration. Among ideas being considered:

- **Community Stories:** Residents would be asked to recall stories of visiting the old library.
- **Historical Displays:** Exhibits that highlight the library's history and impact over the years.
- **Entertainment:** Music, performances, or other engaging activities would be greatly appreciated.
- **Local Business Outreach:** Help from businesses for donations or sponsorships.

For the latest information on the celebration and other events at Aurora Hills, visit [here](#). For archival material on the Aurora Hills branch, visit [here](#).

Police to restrict traffic for holiday events

The Lodge at National Landing holiday fair at Metropolitan Park:

- From Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 7 at 5 a.m.: S. Elm Street from 13th Street S to 14th Street S
- Dec. 6, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. : South Fair Street from 13th Street S to 14th Street S

2025 Jingle Bell 5K:

- Dec. 6, 6-11 a.m.: northbound lanes of S. Joyce Street, between 15th Street S. and Army Navy Drive
- Dec. 6, 7:30-11 a.m. : Army Navy Drive, between S. Joyce St. and 25th Street S.; and southbound lanes of S. Joyce St., between 15th Street S. and Army Navy Drive

Race attendees and spectators are encouraged to use the Metro (the Pentagon City station, on the Blue and Yellow Lines, is located near the racecourse) or other forms of multimodal transportation, as street parking around the event will be limited. Paid parking is available at the Fashion Centre at the Pentagon City garage.

DEVELOPMENT

1800 South Bell

Delivered in 1968; 100% vacant



1901 South Bell

Delivered in 1969; 100% vacant Dec. 2026



Will these old office buildings soon be new residences?

The county could decide this month whether to approve plans to convert a pair of 1968-1969 vintage office buildings in the heart of Crystal City into apartments: 129 units at 1800 South Bell Street and 186 units at 1901 South Bell. The units would be predominantly two and three bedrooms; rents would all be at market level but somewhat lower than for apartments in the developer's newly constructed buildings. The average square footage would be 1,100 square feet, with larger units up to 1,700 square feet.

The façade of the buildings would be spruced up and the interiors essentially demolished. Outdoor amenities would be added and the streetscape upgraded. Space would be reserved for retail on the first floor. Both buildings would be accessible from the Underground. The renovation project would take less than a year and a half.

The project is being fast-tracked under the county's new [adaptive reuse policy](#). It goes before the Planning Commission Dec. 4 and the County Board Dec. 13. Details [here](#).

JBG Smith has already received county permission to convert office buildings at 2100 and 2200 Crystal Drive, the former into a hotel and the latter into an apartment building. Work is expected to be completed by the latter half of 2027.

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With metro area office vacancies at 25 percent and construction costs up 40 percent since 2020, JBG Smith has put on hold major new construction in Crystal City while focusing instead on repurposing and refurbishing existing buildings. Residential rental occupancy is hovering around the 90 percent level in the buildings the developer owns and operates, according to Carly Snyder, a JBG Smith analyst who addressed last month's CCCA annual meeting.

The Crystal City Sector Plan had called for 1901 South Bell to be razed and replaced with a county park. Repurposing the building would put that possibility off at least two decades. "We're not saying we're precluding this from happening," Snyder said, but noted that in today's economic environment the choice is between leaving the building vacant or repurposing it. Even if the developer demolished the structure, she expressed doubts that the county would have the money any time soon to create a park.

The CCCA has been pushing for a library branch at 1800 South Bell. Carol Fuller, a past president of the association, said, "1800 is our last gasp hope for a library in Crystal City." She and the outgoing president, Eric Cassel, said they have had encouraging talks with county officials but have received no commitments. Cassel pointed out that the small Courthouse branch library has proven rewarding to not just its patrons but surrounding retail and restaurants. The county has \$6 million set aside for the fixed costs of a Crystal City branch, but the issue is whether its already tight budget can absorb the operating costs. "We're not against the library," Snyder said. "It's up to the county whether they can fund it."

Also on the cultural front, the CCCA has been talking with area arts groups about putting a theater in the Underground space below 1800 South Bell that was once home of the Synetic Theatre. JBG Smith has said it is open to the idea.



Aerial view shows office buildings to be converted (upper left): 1901 and 1800 South Bell St. Just below are JBG Smith's new apartment buildings, Reva and The Grace.



Artist rendering for the full buildout of the RiverHouse neighborhood. The initial phase of the project includes the townhomes at the far left; and a pair of seven-story multi-family buildings, at left and in middle. Existing buildings are in red.

Initial phase of RiverHouse expansion faces key county votes

Plans for an extensive expansion of Pentagon City's RiverHouse development go before the Planning Commission this week. JBG Smith is seeking approval for nearly 750 units spread among three complexes on the 36-acre parcel off of Army Navy Drive. Three existing apartment buildings with a total of nearly 1,700 units would remain. Ultimately, JBG Smith aims for existing and new infill development totaling up to 4,466 residential dwelling units and nearly 20,000 square feet of non-residential floor space.

The phase before the planners this week and then the County Board Dec. 13 calls for two seven-story multifamily buildings, one with 102 units and the other with 509. The larger building would contain space for a Virginia Health Care clinic. Also planned are 132 four-story townhouse and stacked properties.

JBG Smith is seeking zoning changes for added density, parking, loading space, and signage. Planning Commission hearings can be viewed on [YouTube](#). For more information, visit [here](#).

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A wealth of whimsy in Pentagon City

[Pop Mart](#), which offers whimsical toy characters created by leading artists and designers, has opened a shop between the LEGO Store and Elite Jewelers at the Fashion Centre in Pentagon City. It is part of an international chain of stores that features surprise pop-up plush figures encased in blind boxes. Shoppers of all ages can indulge themselves with pendants, figurines, and assorted accessories.

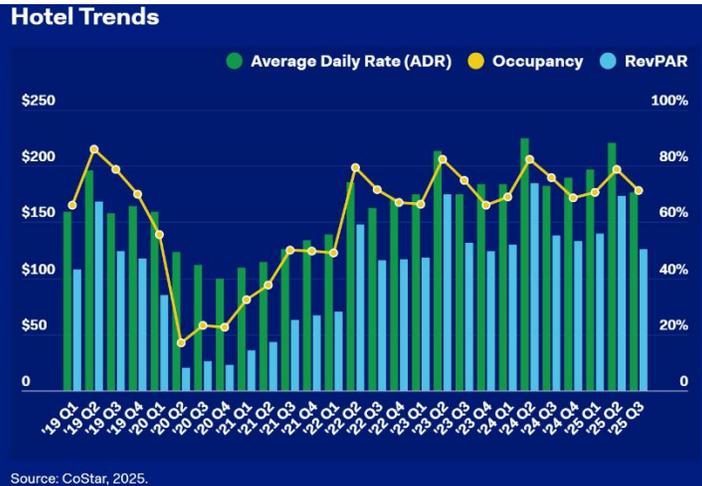
Want the latest numbers on National Landing? Visit the BID's Data Dashboard



Hotel Highlights

2025 Renovation and Rebranding: The AC Hotel Arlington National Landing - North America's largest AC Hotel (Featured Above)

Proposed: Office-to-hotel conversion at 2100 Crystal Drive



National Landing hosts 5,500 hotel rooms, making it the largest hospitality hub in the region outside of downtown DC. The latest addition was the boutique hotel, AC Hotel Arlington. Room rates average \$90 below those downtown.

The chart at left comes from the [Data Dashboard](#) on the National Landing Building BID website.

The dashboard offers a wealth of demographic and economic statistics for the area.

5,510
Existing Rooms

860
Pipeline Rooms

Q3 2025 Average Daily Rates (ADR)

- ✓ **\$176.18**
ADR
- ▼ **-19.4%**
Quarter-to-Quarter
- ▼ **-3.2%**
Year-over-Year

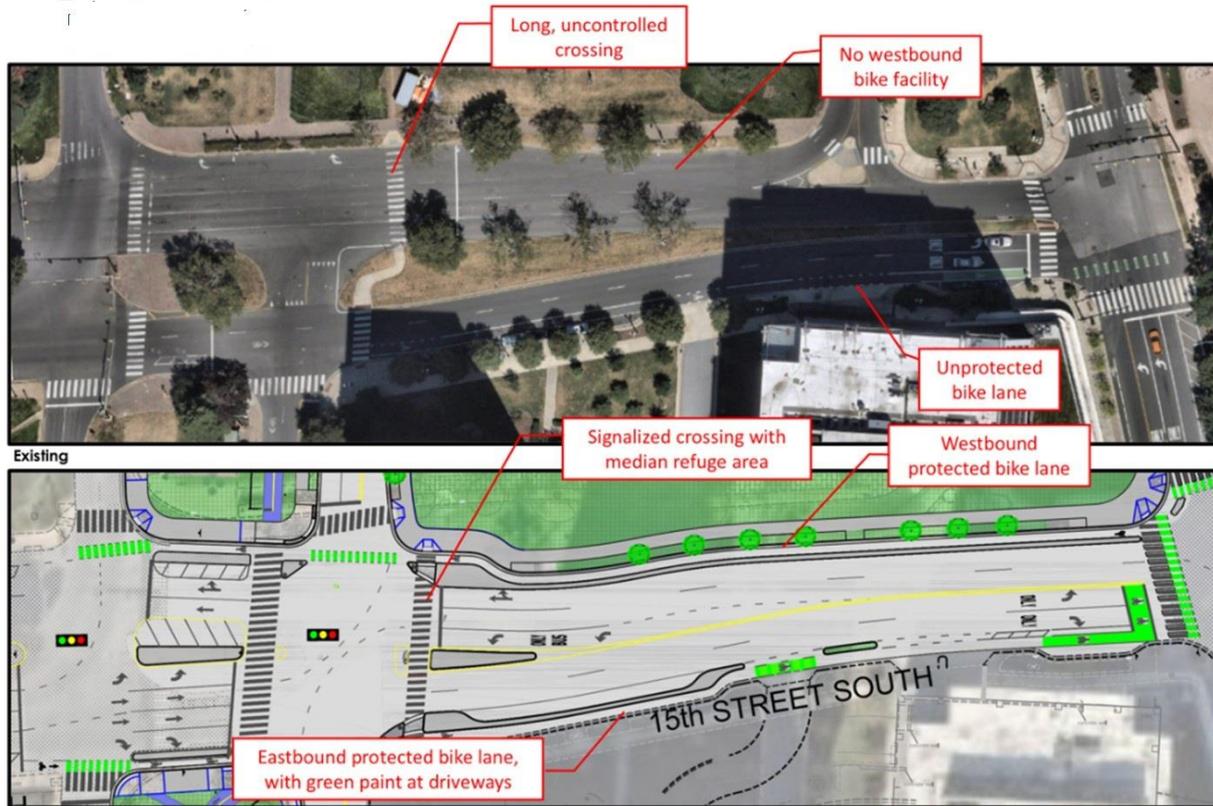
Q3 2025 Occupancy

- ✓ **71.4%**
Occupancy
- ▼ **-9.6%**
Quarter-to-Quarter
- ▼ **-6.1%**
Year-over-Year

Q3 2025 Revenue per Room (RevPAR)

- ✓ **\$126.09**
RevPAR
- ▼ **-26.9%**
Quarter-to-Quarter
- ▼ **-8.5%**
Year-over-Year

TRANSPORTATION



15th Street South: before and after. Removing the median strip makes room for a park.

County aims to finish 15th Street overhaul by next fall

Keep your fingers crossed: By next Halloween, the county hopes to have completed the realignment of 15th Street South and revamping of Clark and Bell streets. The project will shift 15th Street to the south, creating space for a new park; provide a direct connection between Clark and Bell; and add protected bike lanes to 15th Street and Clark-Bell streets. The cost of the project is \$16.2 million and currently on budget, according to Nick DiTaranto, project manager.

“Pre-phase” work is wrapping up: a right-of-way for South Clark to extend directly to 15th Street, where drivers can cross directly onto South Bell; and construction of handicapped accessible ramps and safety improvements for cyclists and pedestrians at the intersection of 15th Street and Crystal Drive.

Project details can be found [here](#). Subject to unexpected obstacles, roadwork is expected to unfold as follows:

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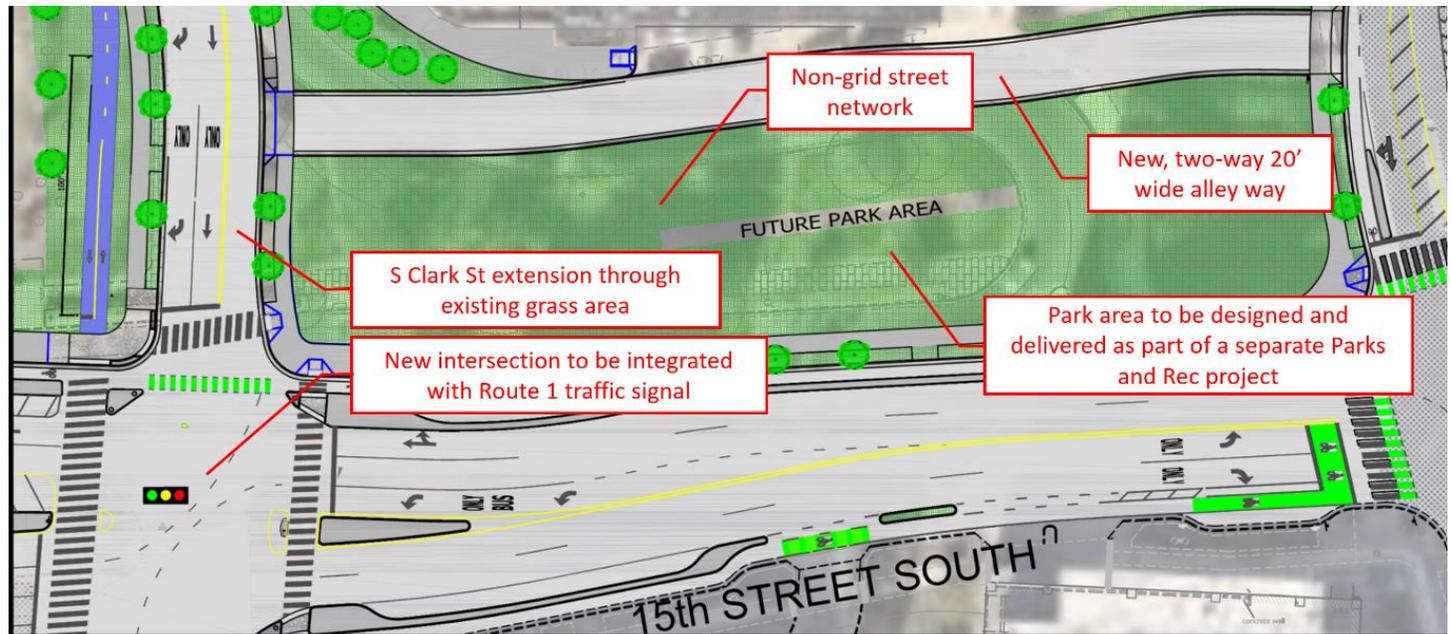
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Phase 1 (December through March). Construction of a protected two-way bike bath on the west side of South Clark between 15th and 12th streets. The street will be closed to southbound traffic, which will be detoured down 12th Street and around Crystal Drive. At completion, Clark will connect directly to Bell.



A bikeway will be constructed on the west side of Clark Street.

Phase 1A (eight weeks starting in March): Eastbound 15th Street will be restricted to one lane from the Route 1 offramp to Crystal Drive. Work includes demolishing the existing median and reconstructing the eastbound lanes.

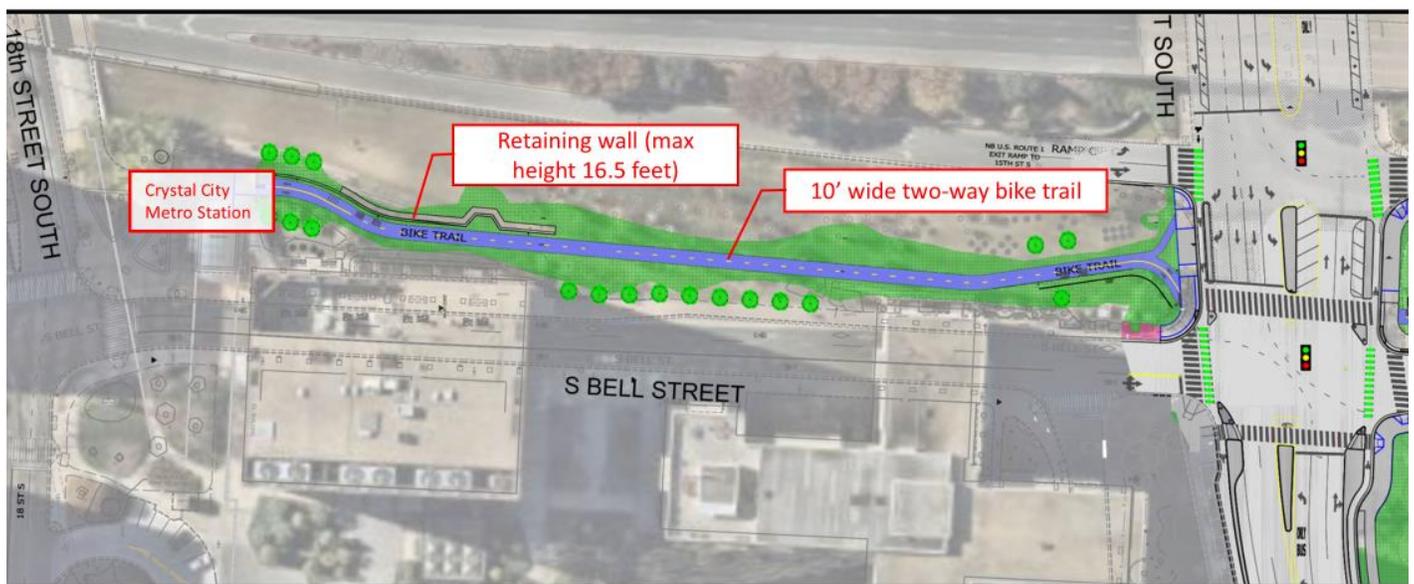


Rendering details revamped street. Note direct Clark-Bell crossing and new park space. To the north, the park will be bounded by 14th Street, a hotel service road.

Phase 2 (two months, from mid-April to June): Westbound traffic on 15th Street South will be restricted to one lane to make way for construction of a protected bike lane, sidewalk improvements, and grading on the north side of 15th.

Phase 3 (two months, from June to August): Sidewalk and road improvements on east side of Clark Street. The street will be closed to northbound traffic. Access will remain for driveways except for temporary closures to pour and cure concrete at the entrances.

Phase 3A (August-September): Construction of 14th Street between Crystal Drive and Clark Street along the south side of the Crowne Plaza.



A bike trail will be built to the west of Bell Street.

Phase 4 (September-October): Construction of a two-way bike trail just west of Bell Street between 15th Street and the Metro station. Since the trail will be off street, little traffic disruption is expected. To keep the bike trail at grade, it will be cut through a hill as it approaches the Metro station. A retaining wall – 16-feet at its highest – will be constructed.

Final Phase (October): Final paving and street marking.

Sign up [here](#) for updates on this and other county roadwork projects.

Keep eye out for traffic delays around Crystal House construction

Expect traffic delays 7 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 12-13 as a tower crane will be operating on the south bound lane of South Eads Street adjacent to the Crystal House 3 project site. While no full street closures are anticipated, intermittent traffic control measures will be taken. Visit [here](#) for details.



Take a virtual tour of the new rail bridge to Washington

If you can't wait until 2030 for the real thing, you can take a virtual aerial tour [here](#) of the new two-track rail bridge that will run parallel to the existing Long Bridge across the Potomac. With the bridge, both freight and passenger trains will have dedicated two-tracks service between northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. The project also includes expanding four-track service south to Alexandria. If you walk along the Long Bridge Esplanade, you may see rail cars loaded with new track. Alongside the new rail bridge, a pedestrian/bicycle bridge will be constructed over the Potomac, putting D.C. within reach of those on foot or two wheels. For details and updates about the rail project, visit [here](#).

Commission recommends increase in taxi fares

Taxi fares will go up significantly if the County Board approves a Transportation Commission recommendation. The board on Dec. 13 will hear a proposal to raise the initial charge from \$3.50 to \$4.50 and increase distance-based charges from 40 cents per one-sixth mile to 52 cents per one-fifth mile. Costs assessed for waiting would also increase. The cost of a five-mile trip would increase nearly 13 percent to \$17.50. County staffers justified the increase as compensating for rising costs of maintenance and insurance. The last fare hike was in 2023.

Commuter rail seeks 5 percent fare hike in proposed budget

Virginia Railway Express is accepting public comment through Dec. 17 on its proposed FY 2027 budget, which includes a 5 percent fare increase. It also would continue such popular programs as Kids Ride Free and Amtrak Step-Up, which allows certain VRE passholders to pay a small fee to ride on Amtrak. The VRE Operations Board will vote on the budget Dec. 19. For more about the budget, see a [short virtual presentation on VRE's YouTube channel](#) or visit VRE's [website](#). Send comments to publiccomment@vre.org; call in at 540-524-2662; or mail to: VRE FY 2027 Budget Public Comment, 1500 King St., Suite 202, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Crystal City Metro Station East Entrance



KEY UPDATES

- **Outside Station** – Waterproofing and sub-grade concrete work started in June and continues through November. At Grade Structural Steel starting early Winter 2025/26.
- **Inside Station** – Activities ongoing behind platform construction barriers and back-of-house with electrical, mechanical, and comms relocations

Construction Site – November 2025



PROJECT PROGRESS UPDATE

STATION CLOSURES

- Crystal City station will be closed for 10 weekends from February-June 2026.
 - Feb 14-16**
 - Feb 21-22
 - Feb 28-Mar 1
 - Mar 7-8*
 - May 9-10*
 - May 16-17*
 - May 30-31
 - June 6-7
 - June 13-14
 - June 19-21**
- Free shuttle service to bypass station closures at 8-10 min headways
- Metro will execute community engagement plans for customer awareness including in-person outreach, and physical and digital communications

* Weekend closures extend to also include Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport station
 ** Planned long weekend closures (three-day)

Goals & Scope:

Construct a second entrance to the Crystal City Metrorail station to better facilitate multimodal connections

Basis:

Crystal City Sector Plan, Crystal City Station Access and Second Entrance Feasibility Studies

Status:

Final Design Aug 2023 – Jul y2025
 Construction Aug 2024 – Mar 2027

Cost:

\$146.1M
 Local, State, Federal funding
 WMATA maintained

Crystal City Metro Station to be closed 10 weekends in spring

Construction of the Crystal Drive entrance to the Metro is expected to require the station to be closed for as many as 10 weekends between Feb. 14 and June 21 (with a break for the Cherry Blossom festival). A free shuttle will be offered with an estimated 8-10 minute wait time. Overall, the project appears to be on schedule for an opening in May 2027. For more on the project, visit [here](#).

County wants to build your enthusiasm for curbs

The county is seeking [public comment](#) through Dec. 7 for its plan for the future of transportation in Arlington. Among the topics is priorities for curb use. Would you rather:

Have a guaranteed place to park in front of your destination?

Have a safe place to get into or out of a cab or Lyft?

Get your food delivered quickly?

Learn more about how to take part in shaping Arlington’s roads, sidewalks, and transit [here](#).

Crystal City to DCA Multimodal Connection (CC2DCA)

PROJECT PROGRESS UPDATE

KEY UPDATES

- Detailed concept design work ongoing with focus on Civil/Architectural design elements.
- Public update newsletter published in October 2025
 - Public engagement on concept design projected for early 2026.
- Coordination with project stakeholders (MWAA, VRE, CSX, etc.) ongoing with focus on easement/agreement needs, design elements and design coordination.
- 30% Design completion scheduled for Fall 2026



* Rendering of preferred alignment alternative spanning rail corridor. Located near 2011 Crystal Drive

Goals & Scope:

Construct a multimodal connection between Crystal City and DCA

Basis:

Crystal City Sector Plan

Status:

NEPA Phase Completed
Preliminary Engineering ongoing.

Cost:

\$57M +
Local, State, Federal funding
County maintained

The graphic above reflects the latest county update on the pedestrian/bike bridge to the airport.

BID reaffirms support for fully covered, iconic bridge to airport

Tracy Sayegh Gabriel, head of the National Landing Building Improvement District, reiterated the BID’s support of a canopy over the entire Crystal City to DCA pedestrian bridge. Gabriel also emphasized the importance of an eye-catching bridge design, one that would make it an icon for the region. The BID has formed a non-profit foundation that could provide money for bridge enhancements.



The latest county plans call for the bridge to be only about half covered, but they are fluid. The public will have another opportunity to comment early next year. For more on the project, due to open by the end of the decade, visit [here](#).

Design work is also underway for the Crystal City entrance (left) to the bridge, which will be at a relocated VRE station at the 2000 block of Crystal Drive. The VRE and JBG Smith have completed a [memorandum of understanding](#), providing the basis for the entrance to be built over JBGS land.

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PARKS AND RECREATION



County approves pocket park to be called ‘23rd Street Plaza’

As the county prepares to open [Junction Park](#) on the northern end of Eads Street by Army Navy Drive, it has just approved another park for a site a dozen blocks south at 23rd Street. The board last month approved \$500,000 for the 900-square-foot green space and named it “23rd Street Plaza.” The park is near Restaurant row and on the site of a fire station that was demolished in 1952. It will feature plantings surrounded by wooden benches, with overhead lighting and shade trees. Construction starts in spring/summer of next year and should be completed in winter 2027. Details [here](#).

Sign up for winter activities, 55+ guide

Registration begins Dec. 2 for winter activities sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. Click here for [details](#).

Registration has already begun for activities in the Arlington County 55+ Guide. Sign up for art classes, fitness programs, social events, and more taking place December through February. Pre-registration required unless designated drop-in. Click on the registration number of the program of your choice. The online guide is [here](#).

DOINGS IN CRYSTAL CITY (AND NEARBY)

Music, food, crafts – even a train – as Met Park hits the slopes



Take a selfie with Santa at Met Park.

A ski-inspired festival takes over Metropolitan Park, Dec. 6, 1-7 p.m., featuring events for all ages, human and canine. A holiday train will continuously circulate through the site. The Elm Street Stage will feature live music, while the Central Green Stage hosts mocha latte and dog sweater contests and ski vacation bingo. Local artisans will set up shop offering chocolate, clothing, pottery, candles, and more. Bar Colline and Summit Bar will offer food and beverages. Santa will pose for pictures with the kids. And, as the sun sets, District Karaoke will host a holiday karaoke night. For details, visit [here](#).

Melwood sponsors annual Miracle on 23rd Street holiday fest

The annual Miracle on 23rd Street will be celebrated Dec. 5, 5 to 8 p.m., at Melwood's Arlington campus, 750 23rd St. S. Events include a tree lighting ceremony, photos with Santa, seasonal refreshments, crafts, live music, a video gaming truck, and even a snowball fight. Designed for guests with and without disability, the festival features accessible activities and a sensory-friendly space. Admission is free. Details [here](#).

Sprint or stroll at 5K Jingle Bell Run

Suit up in your holiday gear for the Jingle Bell Run, which kicks off at Westpost, 1101 S. Joyce St., Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. It includes timed and untimed 5K options. Participants can run, walk, or stroll. The charity event benefits the Arthritis Foundation. Details [here](#).

Ice rink celebrates holidays Dec. 5

A holiday festival accompanies ice skating at Westpost in Pentagon City Dec. 5, 5-8 p.m. It will include giveaways, holiday crafts, and specials from local vendors. The rink itself will be open daily through mid-March. Customers can rent skates at 1201 S. Joyce Street for \$6. The price to skate ranges from \$11 to \$13, with children, seniors, and those making online reservation saving the most. Visit [here](#).

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Holiday market offers two nights of festive shopping at Water Park

Water Park, 1601 Crystal Drive, hosts a holiday market Dec. 12-13 from 5 to 9 p.m. It features food, drinks, live music, and gift-shopping from local vendors.

Gifts you won't get anywhere else at Studios at Arlington

One-of-a-kind gifts are featured at the annual Holiday Sale and Open House at the [Studios at Arlington Arts](#), Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The newly built studios at 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive are in the headquarters of the Arlington Cultural Affairs Division, which also is home to the black box Theatre on the Run, dance studios, rehearsal rooms, and a gallery space.

Shop local, earn cash back rewards

National Landing's Open Rewards program provides cash incentives to buy from local businesses. Earn at least 10 percent back. Download the app to start savings. Details [here](#).

For more activities, visit ...

- **[Events at National Landing](#)**
- **[Arlington Parks and Recreation](#)**
- **[Arlington arts events](#)**
- **[Arlington Convention and Visitors Services](#)**

DINING IN CRYSTAL CITY (AND NEARBY)



Artist rendering of Altitude wine bar, which will open at 2011 Crystal Drive.

A pair of destinations for wine, music, and coffee lovers on Crystal Drive

[Episcope Hospitality](#) group – which operates eateries in Water Park and the new [Daydrift Books & Café](#) – plans to open a pair of dining spots as soon as January in a two-level project at 2011 Crystal Drive: [Altitude](#), a wine bar and vinyl listening lounge and [Constellation](#), an all-day café and local goods market.

In keeping with its location adjacent to the planned entrance of the CC2DCA pedestrian bridge to National Airport, Altitude’s bar is designed to resemble the cross-section of an airplane wing. The bar will host weekly wine tastings and spin a curated collection of vinyl records in an audiophile listening room.

Constellation will offer specialty espresso, a variety of whole bean coffees, gourmet salads, wraps, and soups. Other offerings include rigatoni Bolognese, pasta primavera, and pan-seared salmon. Its retail store will be stocked with pantry essentials and snacks.

Panera Bread unveils ‘to-go’ branch in Crystal City

Panera Bread has opened a “to-go” eatery at 2450 Crystal Drive, next to Navy Federal Credit Union. Though scaled-down in size, the branch serves up a varied menu of soups, salads, and sandwiches. Hungry? Click [here](#).

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Indian restaurant opens in Pentagon City

The Indian restaurant [Pink Saffron](#) has opened in the Westpost shopping center, 1201 S. Joyce. It offers more than 20 curries, including meat and vegetarian options; big plates for sharing; and traditional desserts.

ABOUT THE 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.

CRYSTAL CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD

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