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Adult Education Classes

Arlington's Adult Education Program is offering many of its most popular classes during July and August. Register now for summer sessions in digital photography, cooking, writing and many more. Go to www.apsva.us/adulted or call 703-228-7200 or for details and to sign up.

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Arlington County Fair: Aug. 19 to 23

Five reasons to join us at the Fair

Food and more food: The classic fair fare of hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, fresh lemonade and much more.

Fun and free activities galore: Check out the new teen gaming area, interactive aquarium area, indoor community entertainment, outdoor movie nights on Friday and Saturday, Police K-9 demonstrations and much more.

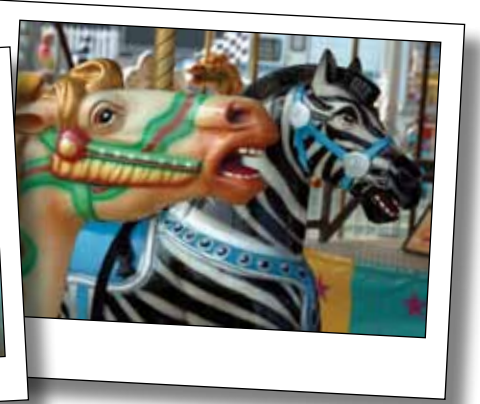
Thrills and giggles: Pony rides and, of course, a midway with carnival rides for every age.

Vendors and exhibits: Enjoy some shade inside! Check out the arts & crafts, jewelry, competitive exhibits, community and commercial exhibitors.

Kids' court: Featuring tons of free activities for the little ones, including interactive games, *Dragon Scales* and

Faerie Tales, the Enchanted Wagon, and face painting.

This year's special guest will be actress and lifestyle television hostess Ambre Lake, known for her work in films such as "Sweet Home Alabama" and her appearance on VH1 "Rock of Love." ■



Operating Hours*

	INDOOR HOURS	OUTDOOR HOURS
Wed., Aug. 19	(not open)	5 p.m.-10 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 20	7 p.m.-10 p.m.	5 p.m.-10 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 21	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 22	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 23	11 a.m.-5 p.m.	11 a.m.-10 p.m.

* Hours subject to change

Location

Thomas Jefferson Community Center
3501 S. 2nd St. (near Rte. 50 and Glebe Rd.)

Parking and Transportation

Parking and air-conditioned/ADA accessible shuttles are available to the public and will run continuously each day during the fair's operating hours. Parking is complimentary. Shuttle services (\$1 each way) will be charged and collected on arrival and exit from the fair site at the Thomas Jefferson Center. Children 12 and under and seniors ride free. Shuttles run about every 30 minutes; passenger waiting times will vary. The Fair also provides reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities. Check fair website for information (www.arlingtoncountyfair.org) or call 703-228-1853.

Community Volunteer Leaders

Each year Arlington County celebrates and recognizes the energy, commitment and dedication of County government volunteers. Volunteers serve in almost all County departments, with the largest numbers serving with Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources, Human Services and Libraries. Overall approximately 4,000 volunteers serve the County government each year.

On April 26, in commemoration of National Volunteer Week, Arlington hosted this year's Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. More than 300 people came to honor and recognize the contributions of County government volunteers. Here are some of this year's winners:



Helen Staren is a volunteer teaching assistant with the Arlington Education and Employment Program (REEP) and aids the ongoing work of the Community Outreach Program with the Department of Human Services. Staren's dedication, flexibility, easy-going supportive manner and innovative practices put students at ease quickly and allow them to learn.

Photos by Lloyd Wolf



The Gulf Branch Youth Volunteers (left to right) **Scott Risney, Brent Risney and Eric Witiw** provide invaluable assistance to programming at the Gulf Branch Nature Center. The Youth Volunteers' commitment to wildlife, educational programming, and overall friendly presence help ensure a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable experience for budding Arlington naturalists.



The Child Safety Seat Program volunteers (left to right) **Matt Carter, Kim Malinowski, Alan Kleinfeld, Heather Hurlock, Sheldon Johnson and Judith Sands** are Auxiliary Police Officers who help the Police Department by hosting a program to provide free child safety seat checks to residents of Arlington County. Not pictured: Eric Bonetti, Mike Colman, Tim Cross and James Murphy.



Ken Milow volunteers with the Office of Senior Adult Programs. Milow provides steady, capable, intelligent leadership and advocacy for quality programming for seniors in Arlington County, developing a legacy of sound organizational structures, openness to new talent, and enthusiastic energy for the future.

See *VOLUNTEERS*, pg. 8



Need help with cooling expenses? The summer cooling program is accepting applications through **August 15, 2009**. For more information, please call **703-228-1488**.

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Upcoming County Board Meetings

Saturday, July 11 – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 14 – Recessed Meeting
No meetings scheduled in August.

View the full schedule online at
www.arlingtonva.us/cbo/meetings.

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Sign up for Billpayer Notification

Eliminate avoidable penalties

Tired of paying penalties for overdue Arlington County bills? Sign up for the County's **Billpayer Notification Service**. This free service notifies you by email whenever you owe the County money. Choose which bills you want to be notified of (parking tickets, taxes, utilities and more), and how often you'd like to receive reminders.

It's easy! Just go to www.arlingtonva.us/treas, click "Register for Online Bill Notification" and follow the simple steps to set up an account.

Also pay your bill by credit card, with an e-check or even register for the **Automatic Payment Service**. Your bills will automatically be paid through your checking or savings account.

Penalties for overdue bills are required by state law and can be substantial; the average late payment penalty on real estate taxes is **\$260**. Eliminate these stressful budget-busters and sign up today for Billpayer Notification.

Repair, Renovate or Buy Your First Home

Programs available to residents with limited incomes

HOUSEHOLD SIZE

MAXIMUM INCOME

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$57,550	\$65,800	\$74,000	\$82,200	\$88,750	\$95,300	\$101,850	\$108,500

Do you have leaking pipes or an old, inefficient heating/air conditioning system? Do you have a physical limitation that requires a modification to your home? Are you thinking of buying your first home? Check out these Arlington programs for low- or moderate-income families, administered by AHC Inc., a nonprofit developer of affordable housing.



Home Improvements

Since 1975, more than 1,200 low- and moderate-income homeowners have benefited from the Home Improvement Program. AHC offers low-interest loans and grants to qualified homeowners. AHC also provides construction management services for each project, from start to finish.

Typical improvements include kitchen and bathroom renovations, roof

and window replacements, plumbing and electrical upgrades, and new additions. Loan terms vary depending on individual circumstances; loans have fixed interest rates between 0-6 percent for terms up to 30 years.

Accessibility Grants and Emergency Repairs

The "barrier-free" grant program can provide financial assistance to improve

accessibility for physically challenged homeowners or renters. This program allows low- and moderate-income clients with special needs to continue living safely and independently in their own homes. AHC installs handrails, stair lifts, wheelchair ramps and other improvements. Grants are available for up to \$3,000.

Home Purchase Assistance

Beginning July 1, the Moderate Income Purchase Assistance Program (MIPAP) will offer first-time homebuyers loans up to 25 percent of the home's sale price or \$90,000, whichever is lower, for down payment and closing costs.

With MIPAP, homebuyers must purchase a home in Arlington and cannot have owned a home for the previous three years. Homebuyers must also contribute at least \$2,000 toward the home purchase and be approved on the County's Affordable Housing Notification list.

To qualify for these programs, Arlington residents must earn 80 percent or less of the area median income. Consult the chart above to see if you meet the income requirements.

To learn more about Arlington County's homeownership programs, call AHC Inc. at 703-486-0626, ext. 124, or visit AHC's website at www.ahcinc.org. ■

Family Self-Sufficiency Program Leads to Economic Independence

Escrow accounts help participants save



For almost 30 years, Dorothy "Pam" Pulliam, a child-care provider, has watched pre-schoolers she cares for "graduate" to kindergarten. This year, Pulliam celebrated a graduation of her own – from Arlington County's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program, a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program that frees people from welfare and leads to economic independence. All Arlington County current Section 8 Housing Program participants may apply.

The program uses case management and escrow accounts to help families move up and out of subsidized housing.

FSS coordinators provide case management and help connect

participants to needed services. As participants' earnings rise, so do their rent payments. The increases are deposited into interest-bearing escrow accounts. Upon "graduation," participants receive these funds. Many use them to buy homes.

"This money really adds up," Pulliam said. "I will use the money from the escrow account as a relocation fund and down payment on a house in North Carolina. Without this program, I would not have been able to save the money."

"Ms. Pulliam is hard-working, warm and determined," says Lynell Brady of Arlington's Section 8 Housing Program. "She set a five-year goal in 2003 – to receive her Child Development Associate credential and improve her employment in the child care field. She completed her goals in 2008. We are very proud of Ms. Pulliam's accomplishments."

Anyone who is accepted to the program must set a five-year goal. In the past five years, 13 people have graduated from the Self-Sufficiency Program in Arlington. ■

County Manager Recommends Cultural Center

Arlington County Manager Ron Carlee recommended to the County Board on July 13 that the County transform the former Newseum into a vibrant cultural center in the heart of Rosslyn. The center will showcase Arlington's



diverse arts and cultural offerings. The Center will "serve as a draw to Rosslyn, enliven the street life and complement the next generation of Rosslyn redevelopment," and draw an estimated 250,000 people annually, Carlee said. He proposed that the Board reallocate \$5.6 million in County funds to create the Cultural Center in a 50,000-square foot space that has mostly stood empty since the Newseum vacated it in 2002.

The Board will hold a public hearing on the proposal on July 11, 2009. For details on the Center visit www.arlingtonva.us, search "cultural center." ■

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Safety First

Fight the Bite!

What's your best defense when it comes to mosquitoes?

- **Use an effective repellent**, such as DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Follow label directions.
- Fix holes and tears in **door and window screens**.
- Dawn and dusk are times to **avoid being outside**. This is when mosquitoes are most active.
- **Wear long sleeves and pants** when outdoors.
- **Drain sources of standing water** to prevent mosquitoes from breeding:
 - Turn over or remove containers where rainwater collects – old

- tires, potted plant trays, boats, buckets and toys
- Clean birdbaths and wading pools once a week
- Clean gutters and downspout screens regularly
- Eliminate standing water on tarps and flat roofs
- Make sure garbage can lids are securely on their cans

The chances you will become severely ill from any one mosquito bite are small. Very few mosquitoes are infected with West Nile Virus, even in areas where the virus is reported.

The Public Health Division works with the Virginia Department of Health

to evaluate the risk of disease transmission. If the risk of disease transmission is considered high, Arlington can contract for mosquito control firms to apply insecticide quickly in affected areas as needed.

Learn more:
Arlington Public Health
Division: www.arlingtonva.us, search "mosquito."
www.mosquito.org

Center for Disease Control (CDC):
www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile

US Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov

Police Safety Tips

As the weather changes, so should your safety habits

As the sun sets later and schools close, people are spending more time outside – and foot traffic increases. These factors can contribute to increased criminal activity. Our top safety tips:

- In your neighborhood, **keep your eyes and ears open**. You can be a valuable witness, and just by having your "eyes on the street" you can also help deter crimes.
- Avoid walking or running alone. On bike trails and other secluded areas, **always be cautious** and

aware of your surroundings.

- Walkers and runners: **avoid using headphones** that prevent you from hearing someone approach.
- Report anyone you observe **acting suspiciously**; for example, loitering in wooded areas.

Never hesitate to contact Arlington Police:

- **Emergencies: 911**
- Non emergencies: 703-558-2222

Walk Safely and Carry a Big Bottle of Sunscreen



Summer is the perfect time to get around Arlington on foot. Whether you venture out along verdant trails or city sidewalks, remember the following rules of the walk:

- Before crossing, look **left, right; and then left again**.
- **Cross at marked crosswalks** and intersections.
- **Use pedestrian traffic signals** where available.
- Know the pedestrian traffic signals and begin crossing the street only on the "walk" signal.
- **Watch out for vehicles** making turns, especially right turns at a red light.
- **Stay visible** in the early morning, after dark and in bad weather.
- **Be aware of bicycle** as well as vehicular traffic.

Check out www.WALKArlington.com for walking events, Walkabout routes and more tips to make the most of these fleeting summer months.

Enjoy Our Streams Safely



As the weather warms up and you and your family get ready to head out to your local park for some summer fun, please keep in mind these **Stream Safety Tips**.

- **Never drink stream water**. Keep stream water out of your eyes, ears, mouth or any open sores.
- **Wash your hands after coming into contact with stream water**, especially before eating.
- Fishing and wading are OK, but **do not swim or bathe in streams**. Do not eat uncooked fish caught in local streams.
- **Stay out of streams and stream crossings during storm events**.

Water levels and stream flows can rise quickly during a rain event.

- **Use caution when wading** to avoid falling on slippery rocks, and wear shoes to protect your feet from broken glass and other sharp objects.
- **Children too young to understand these precautions** should not be allowed to play in streams.
- **Report stream pollution to 703-558-2222**. Avoid any contact with stream water that is discolored or has an unusual odor.

Did you know that storm drains in Arlington County flow directly to local streams? As the water flows toward the stream, it picks up and transports pollution and litter from the street to our local streams. Learn more about what you can do to prevent water pollution at www.arlingtonva.us/des

NEWSBRIEFS

Adult Day Health Care Program Settles into New Home

The Madison Adult Day Health Care Center at Walter Reed Community Center features a custom-built space for the program's services: health care monitoring, nursing care, personal care, therapeutic recreation, special therapies, meals and support for family and caregivers. The program is currently accepting new participants – call to arrange a tour to see the facility and learn more. The Madison Adult Day Health Care Program at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street South, 703-228-5340.

Mulch & Metal Fees Increase

Effective July 1, fees for mulch delivery will increase to \$40 for 2.5 cubic yards and \$50 for 5 cubic yards. Only deliveries scheduled after July 1 will be charged the new rate. Free mulch (while supplies last) is available for pick up at the Solid Waste Bureau – (4300 29th St., S.) and 4712 26th St., N. Fees for curbside collection of metal items and appliances also increased to \$22 for the first item and \$10 for each additional item. This fee applies to items such as appliances, microwaves, motorized lawn mowers, air conditioners, gas grills and other heavy metal items. Call 703-228-6570.

Federal Incentives on Energy Efficiency

Federal tax credits are available whether you're making improvements to your home or commercial building, or buying a new home or car. Items that qualify:

- Windows and doors, insulation, roofs, heating and cooling equipment, water heaters (non-solar), appliances and biomass stoves in existing homes.
- Geothermal heat pumps, solar panels, solar water heaters, small wind energy systems, and fuel cells for existing homes and new construction.
- Hybrid vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

Federal tax credits are available for home builders and commercial building owners. Visit www.arlingtonva.us/aire.

Dominion Power Update

Dominion Virginia Power continues to make progress on an underground construction project to improve electric facilities serving Arlington. Crews have energized the rebuilt substation at 10th Street and Wilson Boulevard and are installing more than two miles of cable to interconnect the Rosslyn substation. Construction and restoration activities will continue along Lee Highway and Fort Myer to complete the project in 2009. For weekly construction updates, visit www.dom.com, search "Arlington."

Events Around Arlington

NOTE: For County Board, commission and other business meetings, go to www.arlingtonva.us and click "Calendar" at the top.

JULY

13 Naadam Mongolian Festival: An event with an 800 year history, making it one of the longest running cultural celebrations on earth. Mongolians gather each summer to celebrate their cultural traditions, music, dance and sport, with wrestling, acrobatics, throat singing and more. Presented by the Washington DC Area Mongolian Community Association: Noon-6:30 p.m. Free. Barcroft Park. 240-535-8294

16 Hamlet by William Shakespeare: Firebelly Productions sees Hamlet through new eyes, director Michael Ryan Fernandez takes the play down to its core: a bloodthirsty ghost story about revenge and madness. Friday night talk backs on July 17 and 31. Theatre on the Run. www.firebellyproductions.net
Through August 9

26 Festival Peruano: Enjoy more than twenty dances from folkloric dance groups, or purchase traditional Peruvian dishes and handiwork. Presented by the Civic and Cultural Peruvian Association. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Shirley Park/Gunston Sports Field. 2700 S. Lang Street. 703-916-9552



30 Seascape by Edward Albee: The play answers the intriguing question – if an older couple on a beach holiday encountered a younger couple of sea monsters what would they talk about? One of Albee's most acclaimed and entertaining works. American Century Theater. Theatre Two at Gunston. 703-998-4555. www.americancentury.org
Through Aug. 22

AUGUST

1 Dark Star Park Day: Celebrate the 25th anniversary of public art in Arlington. Join Dark Star Park fans at the 9:32 a.m. kickoff ceremony where public art interacts with the sun. Other events include guided historic and public art tours of Rosslyn, a talk by Dark Star Park creator artist Nancy Holt, family entertainment, a planetarium experience, NASA sponsored family movies and an art show by Arlington Public School students. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 1655 N. Ft. Myer Drive and surrounding venues. Presented by the Rosslyn Business Improvement District. 703-2-ROSSLYN. www.rosslynva.org



9 Ecuadorian Festival presented by Confraternidad Cultural Ecuatoriana: Celebrate Ecuador's national day with traditional music and dance, food and crafts. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Barcroft Park.



Bolivian Independence Day Celebration presented by Comite Pro-Bolivia: Many of the area's Bolivian dance groups will perform traditional lively Bolivian dances in their colorful costumes. Thomas Jefferson Theatre. 703-862-0873



11 Dirty Blonde: A Play with Music by Claudia Shear: A funny, bawdy New York hit starring Tony Award nominee Emily Skinner in the two roles she was born to play – cinematic legend Mae West and West's most fixated fan, Jo. Signature Theatre. 703-820-9771. www.signature-theatre.org
Through October 4

20 33rd Annual Arlington County Fair: Midway rides and games, pony rides, petting zoo, rock climbing, live indoor and outdoor entertainment, exhibits, foods, family and children's activities. Free. Thomas Jefferson Community Center. 703-920-4556. www.arlingtoncountyfair.org
Through August 23



The Crane's View

Clarendon Center
3000 Wilson Blvd. and 3030 Clarendon Blvd.



What is that big project going up in the heart of Clarendon?

The newest mixed-use development in the heart of Clarendon is Clarendon Center, encompassing nearly two city blocks. Located directly across from the Clarendon Metro station, the project includes a 12-story residential apartment building, a 9-story office building and a 6-story office building.

All buildings will include retail on the ground floor and will be LEED certified by the U.S. Green Building Council. B.F. Saul is the developer and leasing is being conducted by Cassidy & Pinkard. The project is expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2010. For more information about the project, visit www.clarendoncenterva.com.

Long known to many as one of Arlington's most exciting urban villages, Clarendon recently garnered national attention with the American Planning Association's Great Places in America award. The APA named Wilson and Clarendon Boulevards between the Court House and Clarendon Metro stations among the "Great Streets in America" for 2008.

Get Caught Reading

The library serves up a cool slice of summer



With schoolwork done and the summer and air conditioners switching to high gear, there's no better time for Arlington young people to "Get Caught Reading" – whether it's at the beach, ballpark, backyard or bathtub. The annual reading program produced by Arlington Public Library's Youth Services crew draws thousands of participants each year, with those who read a minimum number of titles for their next grade level receiving a suitably cool prize. Filling that book list is such a (summer) breeze, even audio books count. And middle and high school students get to play critic by rating what they've read.

Although a good book is entertainment in itself, "Get Caught Reading" also means a slew of live performances in libraries and community centers around the County. Over the next few weeks, Arlington audiences will explore Australian music

with "Didgeridoo Down Under"; tackle mind-boggling, logic-challenging "Brain Benders" with Maryland Science Center staff; marvel at Bob Brown and his Second-Hand Stars (puppets made from recycled materials); and thrill to magician Michael Chamberlin's show "Seeing is Believing." There is also a special July workshop at Central Library for making ice cream and another for making puppets like the Second-Hand Stars.

For information and a schedule of "Get Caught Reading" happenings, visit an Arlington library or the Library website at www.arlingtonva.us/library. Free tickets are required for all events (except those at the Lee Center and library outreach centers) and are distributed the day before each program. Some locations have limited seating, so plan ahead.

Registration for "Get Caught Reading" participants runs through August 1 online and at library locations and completed book lists can be turned in July 6 through Sept. 12. "Get Caught Reading" is made possible by the generous support of Friends of the Arlington Public Library.

"Get Caught Reading" this summer with Arlington Public Library. It's a vacation with your imagination. ■

JUST SO YOU KNOW

- As part of the County's ongoing emergency preparedness program, we will be conducting a **damage assessment drill** later this month. Flyers may be posted in your neighborhood as a part of the drill, please do not remove them. For more information call **703-228-7935**.

Recent County Accomplishments

With a focus on transportation, the environment and capital investments, Arlington County's Department of Environmental Services strives to make Arlington a great place to live. Staff provides core services

and maintenance operations to repair and replace water and sewer lines, upgrade roads, curbs, gutters and sidewalks, and much more. Check out some of the projects they have recently completed:



A Safer, Easier Crossing at Carlin Springs

At the intersection of Carlin Springs Road at Harrison Street, a new pedestrian-activated crossing warning system helps residents navigate the busy road. Signs, pavement markings, and flashing yellow beacons instruct cars to yield to pedestrians within the crosswalk.

New Road and Sidewalks: 21st Road North

As part of construction of the new Fire Station No. 3, Arlington relocated and upgraded 21st Rd. North. Crews enhanced the area with new curb, gutters and sidewalks on the road from Lee Highway to N. Stafford Street.



New Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) Facility

The facility located at the Water Pollution Control Plant, makes it easier, faster, and safer to drop off unwanted materials. The facility is located at the Water Pollution Control Plant. Residents can get there through the entrance at 530 South 31st St.

All Plastics Are Not Created Equal

Arlington's curbside recycling program has recently expanded the list of items that can now be recycled. However certain items cannot be recycled:

- Styrofoam is 95 percent air and is nearly impossible to recycle.
- Clamshell containers are not recyclable because they contain several types of plastics.
- Disposable plastic cups and food trays.

Remember: even if a container has a recycling symbol, it does not automatically mean that item is recyclable.

For a complete list of accepted recyclable materials visit www.arlingtonva.us search, "recycled."



Facilities for a Bicycle-Friendly Community

Arlington's first covered bike parking shelter was recently installed at the Shirlington Transit Station. The shelter design can accommodate 28 parked bicycles and is being considered as a prototype for covered bicycle parking at other locations around the County.



COMING SOON

Safety & Drainage Improvements on Old Dominion Dr.

The County is working to improve pedestrian safety and upgrade the storm water sewer system to address drainage issues in the area. The plan includes continuous wider sidewalks, new curb and gutter, bicycle lanes (Phase 1 only) and new crosswalks at key crossings. Phase I (between 22nd St. North to 26th St. North) began in May.

Progress on the Pike: Streetscape Improvements & Undergrounding

Streetscape improvements are underway on Columbia Pike between S. Garfield Street to S. Oakland Street and will include new sidewalks, trees, and lighting. Crews are also upgrading a water main between Glebe Road and South Oakland Street.

Providing Greater Access – 11th Street South

A new section of 11th St. South between Walter Reed Dr. and S. Garfield Street is under construction. Traffic signals will also be installed at the new intersection of 11th St. South and Walter Reed Dr.

14th Street Bridge Construction Getting You Down?

Time to explore transit options

DDOT's two-year rehabilitation of the 14th Street Bridge is under way, and there has never been a better time to think about alternative options to getting around the region. If you want to avoid the congestion expected to accompany narrower lanes, no shoulders and changing traffic patterns during the rush hour commutes, try the following commuting options:

Carpool or vanpool. Carpools will not be inconvenienced, as there will be no construction on the HOV bridge.

Bike to work. All bike lanes on the bridge will remain open.

Take Metrorail or the bus. Public transportation into and out of DC will not be affected.

Telework. If your employer allows it, working from home just one day a week can make a big difference.

Alternate routes. If you must drive to DC, try the Wilson Bridge, Memorial Bridge, Roosevelt Bridge or Key Bridge to get to your destination.

Visit www.CommuterPage.com and learn more about your options for getting around without a car. For more information about the construction and traffic changes visit DDOT at www.ddot.dc.gov/14thstreetbridge.

ART Expands Service

Two new bus routes serve Shirlington



Two new Arlington Transit-ART routes made their debut in June. Both routes serve Shirlington and expand travel options for those living in, working or visiting the area.

Whether you are trying to stay on Arlington's Car-Free Diet, looking for a greener way to go or just interested in a fast, convenient trip, here's the scoop on the two new routes:

ART 77: launched June 8. The new Shirlington-Lyon Park-Court House route connects Shirlington Station, the Trade Center, the Arlington Career Center, Fort Myer's Hatfield Gate, Clarendon, the Stambaugh Human Services Building, and Arlington County offices near Court House Metro. New low-floor, heavy-duty, compressed

natural gas buses circulate every 30 minutes on weekdays, between 6 a.m. and 7:55 p.m.

ART 87: launched June 29. The Pentagon Metro-Army Navy Drive-Shirlington route replaced the services of the ART 82 and Metrobus 22B routes. This route begins at the Shirlington Station and continues to Four Mile Run Drive, Nauck, Drew Community Center, Avalon Bay, Shirley Park, Pentagon City – Macy's and the Pentagon Metro.

- ART 87 has the same service span that Metrobus 22B offered – **weekdays from 5:50 a.m. to 10:20 p.m. and Saturdays from 6:44 a.m. to 9:24 p.m.** Avalon Bay and Shirley Park riders have a direct route to Shirlington; while Nauck riders gain midday, evening and Saturday service.
- ART 87 stops at **Macy's on Army Navy Drive** as well as the Pentagon.

For maps, schedules and more information please visit www.arlingtontransit.com. ■

Cooperation Is Key Ingredient to APS and Arlington County Success

Cooperation is defined as working with others for mutual benefit; an orderly sharing of space and resources. Arlington Public Schools and Arlington County have had a long and productive relationship built on cooperation for many years.

While local revenues are shared according to the guidelines in the revenue sharing agreement between the two bodies, there are many other ways that Arlington County and APS cooperate and share resources. "Our partnership with Arlington County is one of the greatest relationships we have," said School Board Chair Ed Fendley. "This partnership allows both organizations to share resources and work together to benefit not just students and families but the entire community as well," he added.

Facility Use

With space at a premium in Arlington, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (PRCR) is given priority in using school facilities after APS programs. In the recent APS Community Satisfaction Survey, 47 percent of community members said they used APS facilities for exercise classes, organizational meetings, performing arts events, or adult education classes. Eighty-three percent said they were highly satisfied with the access provided to them.

APS and Arlington County also partner on mixed-use facilities at Drew, Hoffman-Boston (Carver), Langston-Brown, Thomas Jefferson and Gunston.

In addition to the instructional aquatics program for students, Arlington's three pools at Wakefield, Washington-Lee and Yorktown provide instructional and recreational aquatic opportunities to residents by supporting a variety of activities. Arlington County and APS will sign a new Memorandum of Understanding this summer which reiterates access to aquatic facilities by Arlington residents while streamlining the management of the pools by APS. The Arlington School Board has already authorized the signing of the MOU and the Arlington County Board is expected to do the same later in July.



Randolph nurse Linda Spillers attends to a student injury.

Similarly, Gulf Branch, Long Branch and Potomac Overlook Nature Centers offer a full range of educational programs on natural and cultural history topics for Arlington students.

Schools are also used as polling places during elections, and serve as integral components in the County's emergency operations plans.

Health Services

Arlington County's Department of Human Services (DHS) provides health services to APS, including nurses and clinic aides. School health staff provides a full range of public health services for school-aged children and their families. School clinic staff monitors and informs staff, students and families about potential health issues and provides information and guidance to encourage healthy behaviors.

DHS also provides four school-based mental health therapists to assist students and their families, and a DHS pediatrician provides consultation and physical exams for students who are uninsured.

The School Health Bureau is responsible for direct care for students, case management for complex issues, providing preventive information on communicable diseases prevention (such as the most recent H1N1 outbreak), as well as control and disease prevention.

EAP Services

The APS Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides services to both APS and Arlington County employees and their families who may have problems which affect job performance. Counselors work one-on-one with employees referred to EAP.

School Safety

The Arlington County Police Department provides school resource officers (SROs) and school crossing guards. SROs work closely with school staff and participate in informal screening of students when public-safety events occur in and around school grounds or bus stops. They also work with school staff on school emergency drills, training and follow-up. In addition, many APS staff members serve on the County's Emergency Planning Team and collaborate to provide countywide support during community emergencies.



W-L assistant principal Tom Schelstrate and officer Steven Taphorn discuss after-school traffic.

Fleet/Risk Management

APS provides funding for Arlington County to provide ongoing maintenance for all APS vehicles, including school buses and fleet vehicles.

Arlington County and APS have combined resources on risk management to better serve both organizations. Combining resources has allowed APS to hire a safety officer to provide routine inspections, such as fire, life-safety and playground inspections.

This collaboration has also allowed both the County and the APS to be better positioned to buy insurance. According to APS risk management officer, APS and Arlington have pooled their property risk to lower by a significant amount the premiums each pay.

Construction of New Joint Use Facilities

In addition to the joint use projects mentioned above, the Reed School/Westover Library project is due to be completed this summer. This latest joint project includes renovating the historic portion of the existing building to accommodate APS programs and a new Westover branch library in an environmentally-sustainable facility.

APS and Arlington County are also cooperating on a capital needs program for Jefferson Middle School and Community Center. The project will improve the existing building. APS is overseeing both projects.

Information Technology

APS and County technology initiatives include joint planning for the upgrade of county telephone and network services. In addition to collaborating on software and hardware solutions, APS and Arlington County

IT staff continues to look for new and innovative ways to use technology to support students, parents and staff.

Communications

APS and Arlington County collaborate bi-monthly to bring up-to-date news and information to residents through the joint production of The Citizen newsletter. Both organizations share proportionately with printing and postage costs.

Shared Interests

APS and Arlington County have created the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families to improve the health, well-being, and safety of children, youth, and families in Arlington. In addition, APS staff serves on a number of Arlington initiatives designed to support students and the community. These include the Project Peace Steering Committee, the APS/DHS Mental Health Committee, and the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness Steering Committee.

These are just a few of the many areas in which Arlington County and APS collaborate and share resources.

"With our shared goals and collaborative working relationship, we're able to achieve cost efficiencies that result in better services at lower costs," said Arlington County Board Chair Barbara Favola. "This is a win-win-win for students, parents, and residents."

New 10-Lane Washington-Lee Pool Opens July 12

The new W-L pool opens on Sunday, July 12 with an open house from noon to 1 p.m. and a free swim session from 1-4 p.m.

The pool facility will feature a 25 meter x 25 yard, 10-lane competition pool, two one-meter springboards, a separate instructional pool, a classroom and a spectator area.

To accommodate W-L patrons, pool hours at Yorktown High School will be extended through July 11.

For more information, including the extended hours, contact the Aquatics Office at 703-228-6264.

EN ESPAÑOL

Repare, renueve o compre su primera vivienda : Líderes voluntarios de la comunidad

Programas para residentes con ingresos limitados

¿Tiene tuberías con goteras o un sistema de aire acondicionado antiguo? ¿Tiene una limitación física que requiere una modificación en su hogar? ¿Está considerando la compra de su primera vivienda? Consulte estos programas de Arlington para familias con ingresos bajos o moderados que administra AHC Inc.

Mejoras de viviendas

AHC ofrece préstamos con bajos intereses y subvenciones a los propietarios de viviendas calificados. AHC también brinda servicios de manejo de obras.

Las mejoras comunes son renovaciones de cocinas y baños, cambio de techos, ventanas y nuevas construcciones. Los términos de los préstamos varían según las circunstancias individuales; y tienen tasas fijas de interés entre 0 y 6 por ciento con plazos de hasta 30 años.

Subvenciones para accesibilidad y reparaciones de emergencia

El programa de subvenciones "sin barreras" brinda ayuda financiera para mejorar la accesibilidad de propietarios o inquilinos con discapacidades físicas. Este programa permite que los clientes con ingresos bajos y moderados con

necesidades especiales sigan viviendo en forma segura e independiente. Hay subvenciones de hasta \$3,000.

Ayuda para la compra de viviendas

A partir del 1 de julio, el Programa de Asistencia para la Compra de Viviendas con Ingresos Moderados (MIPAP por su sigla en inglés) ofrecerá préstamos de hasta el 25% del precio de venta de una vivienda o \$90,000 (el monto que resulte menor) para las personas que estén comprando su primera vivienda para costear el pago inicial y los costos de cierre.

Con MIPAP, los compradores deberán adquirir una vivienda en Arlington y no podrán haber sido dueños de una vivienda durante los últimos tres años. Los compradores deberán aportar como mínimo \$2,000 para la compra de la vivienda y deberán estar aprobados en la lista de Notificación sobre Viviendas Asequibles del Condado.

Para calificar para estos programas, los residentes de Arlington deben ganar 80 por ciento o menos de los ingresos promedio del área. Consulte el siguiente cuadro para ver si cumple con los requisitos de ingresos. ■

Integrantes de la Familia

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\$57,550	\$65,800	\$74,000	\$82,200	\$88,750	\$95,300	\$101,850	\$108,500

Ingreso Máximo

Senior Spotlight

FitArlington for Every Age

Arlington supports active living across the lifespan. The County's programs for adults 55+ offer great opportunities:

- "The Mind Game – Exploring the Mental Side of Senior Sports and Fitness": a three-part sports psychology workshop with Dr. Keith Kaufman. July 14, 21 & 28, 7-8:30 p.m., \$20. 703-228-4771.
- Women's Basketball: Open gym for women 50+, 3-on-3 half-court scrimmages. Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. through July and August, free, Langston-Brown. 703-228-4771.
- Arthritis Exercise Class: Gentle, joint-safe movements for a range of fitness levels. Classes are 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Walter Reed (July 14-Aug. 18, \$24/6 classes) and at Langston-Brown (July 20-Sept. 14, \$32/8 classes). 703-228-4745.

- See the eagles by morning light on a Pohick Bay paddle tour excursion with Arlington Senior Travel. Sunday morning, Aug. 16, \$32 for Arlington residents (seniors may bring a younger guest). Bus from Arlington. 703-228-4749.
- Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, Sept. 12-23. Register by Aug. 28 to compete in more than 25 events ranging from sports to line dancing to card and board games. Details and entry forms are available at senior centers, www.novaseniorolympics.com or 703-228-4721.

To enjoy these and other programs in the **Arlington 55+ Guide**, register by calling 703-228-4744 or go to www.arlingtonva.us, keywords "senior registration."

Todos los años, el Condado de Arlington celebra y reconoce la energía, el compromiso y la dedicación de los voluntarios del gobierno del condado. Los voluntarios se desempeñan en casi todos los departamentos del condado, pero la mayor cantidad están en los departamentos de Parques, Recreación y Servicios Culturales, Servicios Humanos y Bibliotecas. En total hay aproximadamente 4,000 voluntarios que trabajan en el gobierno del condado todos los años.



Helen Staren es maestra auxiliar voluntaria en el Programa de Educación y Empleo de Arlington (REEP por su sigla en inglés). Su flexibilidad, el temperamento agradable y solidario y las prácticas innovadoras de la Sra. Staren hacen que los estudiantes se sientan a gusto y ello les permite aprender.

El 26 de abril, en conmemoración de la Semana Nacional de los Voluntarios, Arlington llevó a cabo su Celebración anual de Apreciación de los Voluntarios. Más de 300 personas asistieron al evento para honrar y reconocer los aportes que realizan los voluntarios del gobierno del condado. Estos son algunos de los ganadores de este año (para ver más información, vaya a www.arlingtonva.us, y busque "voluntario"): ■



Los Voluntarios Jóvenes de Gulf Branch (de izquierda a derecha) Scott Risney, Brent Risney, Eric Witiw brindan una ayuda invaluable en la programación en el Centro de Naturaleza Gulf Branch. Su compromiso con la vida silvestre, la programación educativa y su presencia amigable ayudan a garantizar una experiencia segura, inclusiva y agradable para los nacientes naturalistas de Arlington.

MÁS VOLUNTARIOS DESTACADOS

Grupo de Tutores de Harvey Hall los voluntarios (Kari Beard, Linda Billings, Gerda Keiswetter) ayudan en el Programa de Alcance Comunitaria dentro del Departamento de Servicios Humanos.

Nancy Kelleher es voluntaria en el Programa Madison de Atención Médica Diurna para Adultos a través del Departamento de Servicios Humanos.

Jason McCandless es voluntario en la Asociación de Rescate e Incendios del Condado de Arlington donde se desempeña como líder operativo y administrativo.

Cynthia Sweet es voluntaria en Amigos de la Biblioteca en el Departamento de Bibliotecas.

Tom Falvey es voluntario en el Programa de Custodia/Tutela para Adultos a través del Departamento de Servicios Humanos.

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More Outstanding Volunteers

Tom Falvey is a volunteer with the Volunteer Guardianship/Conservatorship Program thru the Department of Human Services.

Harvey Hall Tutoring Group volunteers (Kari Beard, Linda Billings, Gerda Keiswetter) assist the Community Outreach Program within the Department of Human Services.

Nancy Kelleher is a volunteer at the Madison Adult Day Health Care Program thru the Department of Human Services.

Jason McCandless is a volunteer member of the Arlington County Fire & Rescue Association where he serves as both an operational and administrative leader.

Cynthia Sweet is a volunteer with the Friends of the Library and the Department of Libraries. ■

Drew Sprayground



Arlington's third sprayground at Drew Park, had its Grand Opening June 27. A great place to cool off on a hot summer day – 2410 S. Kenmore St.