

# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

2017-2018

Christopher and Colin Campbell concentrate on scooping up lightning-fast tadpoles in a vernal pond on a 98-degree summer day at Potomac Overlook Regional Park. Park Naturalist Emily Rarity is teaching a class on exploring vernal ponds. Potomac Overlook is 68 acres in the middle of Arlington located at 2845 N. Marcey Road. The park offers year-round activities, two miles of hiking trails with access to the Potomac River, an interactive Energeriuim Center, an organic urban garden, summer camps and special programs for tots and older children as well as monthly summer concerts.

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## What's Ahead

### Two County Board members outline upcoming political issues for Arlington.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

**T**hings are changing in Arlington. Demand is growing on the schools and Metro in excess of funding levels. Populations continue to rise throughout the county. Two County Board members, a Democrat and an Independent, outlined what they see as the top political issues for the Arlington County.

Libby Garvey was elected to the County Board in 2012 after 15 years on the School Board. She was chair of the board in 2016.

Some of the upcoming issues from her perspective include:

- ❖ **Pace of Development:** The pace of development and its effect on traffic, parks and green space, tree canopy, etc.

- ❖ **Schools:** The need for more school facilities for the burgeoning school population — where to locate them, how to pay for them, their effect on traffic, green space etc.

- ❖ **Confederate Icons:** The naming issues that have become clear after the terrible events in Charlottesville. Does the county keep or change the names of roads named after Confederate leaders (especially Lee Highway and Jefferson Davis Highway), or of Washington-Lee High School, and how to handle other monuments in the county? If names are changed, what would they be changed to?

County Board member John Vihstadt, an Independent, was elected to the County Board in 2014. Before that, Vihstadt had served on Arlington's Planning Commission, Housing Commission, and Advisory Commission on Aging. Vihstadt says the county struggles with finite resources and a limited availability of land, all of which factor into the challenges the county will face over the next few years.

Some of the upcoming issues from his perspective include:

- ❖ **Schools:** Meeting schools' capacity challenges and the educational needs of children. Need to bring schools construction costs under control while still providing more seats for more students. Need greater future collaboration with School Board counterparts towards these key goals.

- ❖ **Transit:** Shoring up the troubled Metro system through a combination of administrative, managerial, enhanced oversight and employee productivity reforms, along with a new, permanent, dedicated funding stream provided by all participating jurisdictions. Metro is Arlington's circulatory system, and its economy and environment depends on safe, reliable and sustainable public transit.

- ❖ **Managing Growth:** Shaping and managing growth in an era of rising population and increased demand for both programmed and non-programmed green space, parks and fields. It is time to act on a key recommendation of the 2015 Community Facilities Study: require a cost-benefit analysis for every new site plan project, whether commercial or residential. The county should also launch a conversation about how to enhance and diversify its community benefits process to better provide for the schools, community centers, and other public facilities.



Taking in the view at Gravelly Point Park.

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## Gravelly Point Perspective

BY LOGAN BOTTS  
THE CONNECTION

**L**ocated just along the George Washington Memorial Highway, lies a local gem. Gravelly Point is a destination for cyclists, picnickers, sightseers and boaters. Adjacent to Reagan National's north runway, Gravelly Point is a great place to watch airplanes and enjoy a day in the sun.

Gravelly Point was the location of the Abingdon estate, which was at one point the residence of John Parke Custis and his daughter Nelly, the stepson and granddaughter of George Washington. The home itself was destroyed by fire in the 1930s, though the stabilized remains have been preserved and commemorated. Today's visitors can enjoy the same views and landscapes that made the land along the Potomac River such coveted real estate for members of the Washington family.

The Gray family from Waldorf, Md. brought their grandson to Gravelly Point because he loves to see the airplanes and Gravelly Point's location at the end of the runway is the perfect place to watch them go by. A mother daughter duo from Maryland was in the shade watching planes fly by overhead. The two recommend Gravelly Point to other families looking to have a great time in the outdoors.

If planning to visit Gravelly Point be sure to pack sunscreen and bug spray, chairs and/or a picnic blanket, Frisbee, kite, bike, ball, and snacks and food.

Gravelly Point is a public park within the National Park Service. It offers free parking, trail access and is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.



A kite flyer at Gravelly Point.

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# Whatever Your Taste, You Can Find it in Arlington

**Ethnic choices around every corner.**



BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

**Y**ou can find everything from the Salvadoran grocery store carry-out with outside tables at La Union Grocery to the sophisticated Balkan Cuisine with a modern twist at Ambar. Arlington neighborhoods offer authentic cuisines often prepared by natives from the countries. This is a small selection of the many choices available.



**Elba Pozo grills chicken for the New Zealand sandwich with apricots, brie, and mango chutney. Cassatt's features a different New Zealand specialty every night Monday-Thursday. Tonight it is New England Leg of Lamb roasted with thyme and mint jelly. Every Saturday night you can find live jazz, blues or bebop from 7-9 p.m. Local art is displayed on the walls.**

**Queen Amannisa at 320 23rd Street S in Crystal City was the first Uyghur restaurant to open in the metropolitan area. It specializes in several different versions of Lagman, with chopped, braised or minced lamb or chicken and combinations of peppers and other vegetables. Lagman is served with fresh hand-pulled noodles. The skill of the chef is measured in the length of the noodle that is created as the base of the dish. Owner Yimamu Maimaiti says Uyghur food represents a crossroads of Central Asia.**



**Step up and grab a number while you decide whether to order The Capri, The Genoa, The Roma, or a meatball Italian sub on a soft or hard roll. Manager Kim Gotcher says the customer favorite is The Milano which she has layered here with two hams, provolone and salami. Add lettuce, onion, tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, oregano and oil if you choose. The Italian Store is located at 3123 Lee Hwy. In addition to hand-made subs, it offers a large selection of dry and frozen pastas and sauces as well as homemade cannolis and sweet sausages made with the Tremonte family recipe.**



**Alice Maggio whips up a Flat White at Cassatt's Cafe and Gallery, a New Zealand restaurant located at 4536 Lee Hwy. She says there is a science to making the foam on top of this espresso drink and "it took one girl who worked here two years before she finally got how to make the laurel leaf that we design in the foam."**



**A customer at Delhi Club helps himself to chicken tandoori at the Indian buffet available every day from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Delhi Club is located just across from the metro on the corner of Clarendon and Highland Streets.**



**Two-year-old Mason Tiwari practices his chopstick skills at Peter Chang on Harrison Street. Peter Chang features an extensive menu including the chef's Szechuan specialties such as soup steam pork buns, dry fried eggplant, cilantro lime fish, crisp pork belly and customer favorites such as scallion bubble pancake, cilantro flounder fish rolls and New Zealand lamb chops with cumin.**



**Noon customers crowd around the small meat case at La Union Grocery at 4308 Lee Hwy. as Walter Bamaca fills up a white styrofoam container with pupusas and corn relish, tamales or quesadillas. Picnic tables outside the grocery are available. La Union also has a full restaurant at 5517 Wilson Blvd.**

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**Chef Julio Deleon stirs a large pot of chickpeas that will be used to make hummus at the Lebanese Taverna Market at 4400 Old Dominion Drive. Lebanese Taverna Market is a family-run business with another Arlington-based restaurant in Westover on Washington Blvd. as well as a number of other restaurants and cafes in the metropolitan area.**



**Ambar, a new Balkan restaurant at 2901 Wilson Blvd., primarily features small plates such as suvi svinjski vrat (smoked pork neck), urnebes (aged cow cheese), jagnje a paateta (lamb paté). In addition, they offer an unlimited tasting menu for \$35 where the dishes just keep coming. The restaurant was opened by Ivan Iricanin and the space designed by his wife, Nya Gill, to recreate a sophisticated European experience.**



**The pizza case is full as Clare McInerney dishes up a large slice of mushroom with other hot pizza alternatives available from the back kitchen. A new and larger The Italian Store is also located at 5837 Washington Blvd.**

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# Step Back into History

## Join Arlington Historical Society.

BY MARK BENBOW  
ARLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**D**o you like history? Do you like local history? The Arlington Historical Society (AHS) was founded in 1956 to preserve and promote the history of Arlington County. Since 1963 the AHS has operated the Arlington Historical Museum in the Hume School at 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road. The Hume School is itself a historic building. Built in 1891, it operated as a school until 1958. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

So, what would you see if you came to the AHS museum? Running through Nov. 11, 2018 we feature an exhibit on the First World War. We also have an exhibit on the Union forts that filled the county during the Civil War. There is even have a cannon ball a local resident found while planting a bush in her yard.

Local businesses are also represented in the collection. If you came over the Key Bridge into Rosslyn in the 1940s and 1950s you'd find a number of pawnshops. The museum has the trefoil pawn sign (three large gold balls) that hung over the National Pawn

Shop for decades. If you wanted to get something to drink after visiting the pawn shop you might want to have a Cherry Smash, made for years in the old Arlington Brewery by John Fowler.

One of Mr. Fowler's grandsons gave the AHS some rare Cherry Smash items and his generous gift sparked one of our most colorful and popular displays. We also have relics from businesses that existed in Rosslyn in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, including gold mining.

There are also displays on local African-American History, the Little Tea House, the Pentagon on 9/11, and more. Please come visit and check us online at our website [www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/](http://www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/) or on Facebook.

Of course this area was inhabited before the Europeans arrived. Numerous Native American villages sat along the Potomac and their inhabitants left behind their own artifacts. The museum displays some of the items found by archeologists in the county, including a stone ax head found on a local golf course.

Speaking of archeologists, did you know the AHS sponsored an archology dig at its second property, the Ball-Sellers House? Built in the 1740s by John Ball and his family (he had a wife and five daughters) it's the oldest surviving building in the county. It's open from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday afternoons from April into September.

Check the AHS website for more information: [www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/](http://www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/)



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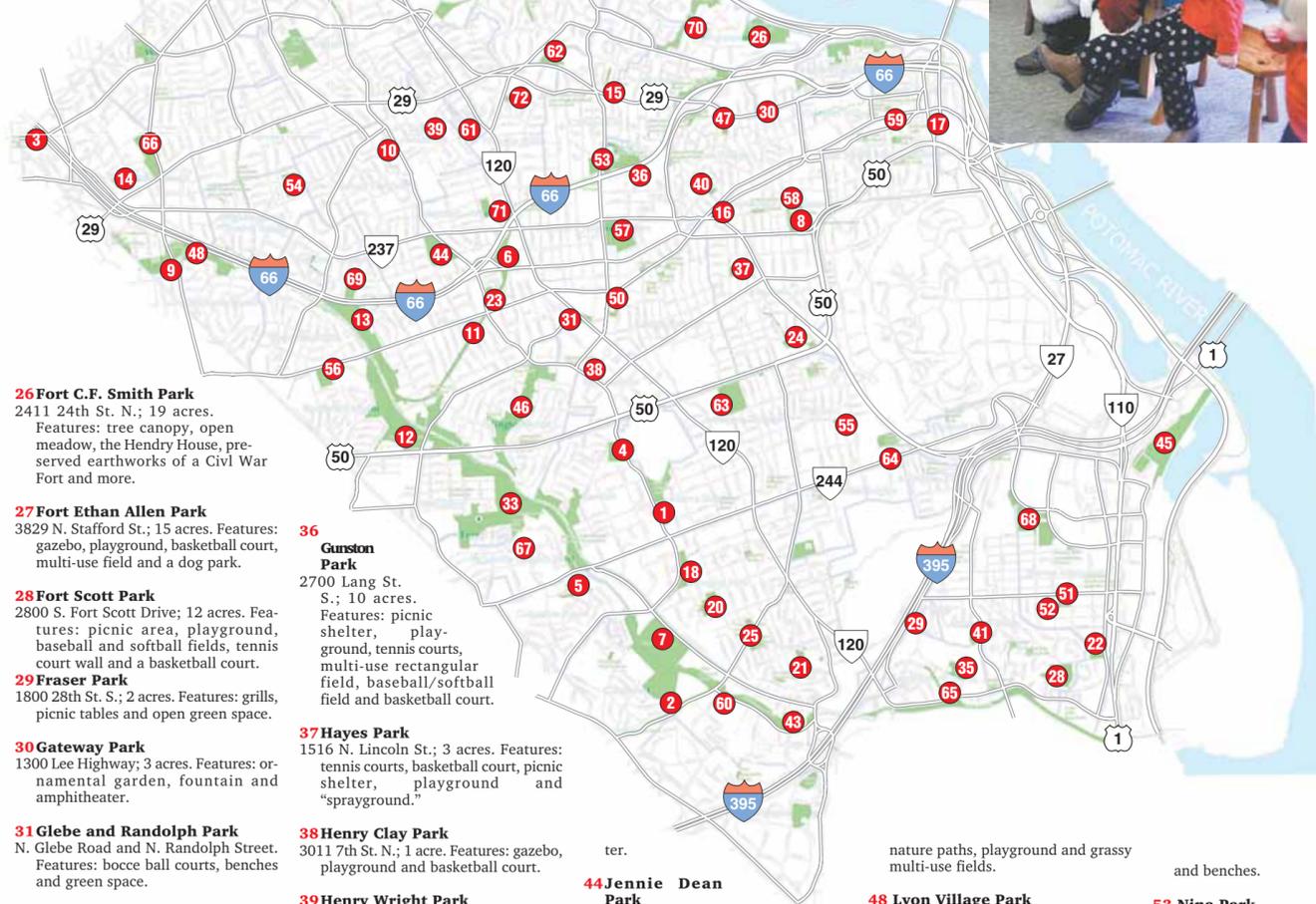
A SAMPLING OF ARLINGTON PARKS

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE FEATURING POTOMAC OVERLOOK REGIONAL PARK  
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- 1 Alcova Heights Park**  
901 S. George Mason Drive; 13 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, public restrooms, playground, baseball field, basketball court, volleyball court and grill.
- 2 Allie S. Freed Park**  
2465 Culpeper St.; 5 acres. Features: running trail, bridge, stream, open space.
- 3 Andrew Ellicott Park at the West Cornerstone**  
2824 N. Arizona St.; 0.25 acres. Features: the boundary markers of the original District of Columbia, picnic tables and benches.
- 4 Arlington Hall West Park**  
290 S. Taylor St.; 7 acres. Features: playground, multi-use rectangular field, picnic area and grill.
- 5 Bailey's Branch Park**  
990 S. Columbus St.; 2 acres. Features: playground, benches and open green space.
- 6 Ballston Pond Park**  
4747 N. Fairfax Drive; 4 acres. Features: a great spot to observe wildlife.
- 7 Barcroft Park**  
4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive; 65 acres. Features: lighted handball, basketball

- and tennis courts, lighted baseball and softball fields, batting cages, volleyball courts, a drop-in rectangular field, horseshoe pit, fishing at the stream, scenic running/walking/biking trail, sheltered picnic areas, charcoal grills and playgrounds.
- 8 Barton Park**  
2401 10th St. N.; 3 acres. Features: healing garden, labyrinth and seating.
- 9 Benjamin Banneker Park**  
6620 N. 18th St.; 11 acres. Features: trail access, picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground, multi-use field and dog park.
- 10 Big Walnut Park**  
1915 N. Harrison St.; 2 acres. Features: open space, playground and picnic area.
- 11 Bluemont Junction Park**  
744 N. Emerson St.; 15 acres. Features: paved walking trail, Bermuda grass rectangular field and the retired Bluemont Junction Caboose.
- 12 Bluemont Park**  
601 N. Manchester St.; 70 acres. Features: biking/running/hiking trails, basketball, tennis and volleyball courts, baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse and football fields, a playground, picnic areas and nature

- areas with streams for fishing.
- 13 Bon Air Park**  
850 N. Lexington St.; 24 acres. Features: memorial rose garden, azalea and ornamental tree gardens, playgrounds, volleyball and basketball courts, picnic areas and charcoal grills.
- 14 Charles A. Stewart Park**  
2400 N. Underwood St.; 4 acres. Features: woods, fields, gazebo, playground and basketball half court.
- 15 Cherrydale Park**  
2176 N. Pollard St.; 0.8 acres. Features: open green space, benches, playground and path.
- 16 Clarendon Central Park**  
3140 Wilson Blvd.; 1 acre. Features: War memorial dedicated to Arlington citizens, hosts seasonal farmers market and occasional concerts.
- 17 Dark Star Park**  
1655 Fort Myer Drive; 0.4 acres. Features: sculptures by artist Nancy Holt and a fountain.
- 18 Doctor's Run Park**  
1301 S. George Mason Drive; 6 acres. Features: picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground, volleyball court and path.



**Santa's granddaughter, Lily, 6, stops into visit Santa last December at Potomac Overlook Regional Park on his trip to Arlington from the North Pole on Sunday Dec. 11. Lily gives Santa a big hug as she tells him that she wants Pokemon cards and a Barbie.**



**Purple, orange, lime green and one special golden egg are hidden in three separate sections of Potomac Overlook Regional Park in April for varying age groups from 2-11 years old.**

**This is the first time at Potomac Overlook for Jerry Hsieh and Li Shin Chen who watch a nearly 2.5 meter non-poisonous Bullsake slither up to the glass and around his cage in the Energerium.**



## Potomac Overlook: A Park for All Seasons

**Frightened by the loud noises of children, the Red-shouldered hawk flies to the corner of its cage in the Birds of Prey House at Potomac Overlook Regional Park. "Look, he's blinking his eyes," Adam Berhane, 3, tells his sister Hannah, 5. Currently the park is sponsoring a raptor T-shirt campaign. All funds raised from selling raptor T-shirts will be used to purchase food for the four permanently injured raptors kept on site.**



- 19 Donaldson Run Park**  
4020 30th St. N.; 8 acres. Features: forested area, trail and stream.
- 20 Douglas Park**  
1718 S. Quincy St.; 5 acres. Features: playground, nature trails, stream, picnic shelter, volleyball court and stone fireplace.
- 21 Drew Park**  
3500 23rd S. Features: basketball court, baseball field, playground and "sprayground."
- 22 Eads Park**  
2730 S. Eads St.; 4 acres. Features: gazebo, charcoal grills, playground and multi-use field.
- 23 Fields Park**  
825 N. George Mason Drive; 4 acres. Features: multi-use field with bleachers, path and ornamental garden.
- 24 Fillmore Park**  
33 N. Fillmore St.; 1 acre. Features: playground, picnic area and baseball and softball fields.
- 25 Fort Barnard Park**  
2101 S. Pollard St.; 5 acres. Features: dog exercise area, playground, diamond field with backstop and bleachers, basketball court and a path.

- 26 Fort C.F. Smith Park**  
2411 24th St. N.; 19 acres. Features: tree canopy, open meadow, the Hendry House, preserved earthworks of a Civil War Fort and more.
- 27 Fort Ethan Allen Park**  
3829 N. Stafford St.; 15 acres. Features: gazebo, playground, basketball court, multi-use field and a dog park.
- 28 Fort Scott Park**  
2800 S. Fort Scott Drive; 12 acres. Features: picnic area, playground, baseball and softball fields, tennis court wall and a basketball court.
- 29 Fraser Park**  
1800 28th St. S.; 2 acres. Features: grills, picnic tables and open green space.
- 30 Gateway Park**  
1300 Lee Highway; 3 acres. Features: ornamental garden, fountain and amphitheater.
- 31 Glebe and Randolph Park**  
N. Glebe Road and N. Randolph Street. Features: bocce ball courts, benches and green space.
- 32 Glebe Road Park**  
4211 N. Old Glebe Road; 4 acres. Features: playground, tennis courts, basketball court, nature trails, drinking fountains and picnic tables.
- 33 Glencarlynn Park**  
301 S. Harrison St.; 95.5 acres. Features: picnic shelters, fishing, nature trails, playground, amphitheater and dog park.
- 34 Greenbrier Park**  
2700 N. Greenbrier St.; 18 acres. Features: basketball and tennis courts, diamond fields, multi-use synthetic turf field and a track with high jump and shot put discus area.
- 35 Gulf Branch Nature Center and Park**  
3608 Military Road. Features: exhibits, classroom, discovery room, pollinator garden, restored log cabin and observation bee hive.

- 36 Gunston Park**  
2700 Lang St. S.; 10 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playground, multi-use rectangular field, baseball/softball field and basketball court.
- 37 Hayes Park**  
1516 N. Lincoln St.; 3 acres. Features: tennis courts, basketball court, picnic shelter, playground and "sprayground."
- 38 Henry Clay Park**  
3011 7th St. N.; 1 acre. Features: gazebo, playground and basketball court.
- 39 Henry Wright Park**  
4350 4th St. N.; 0.7 acres. Features: gazebo, playground and picnic tables.
- 40 High View Park**  
1945 N. Dinwiddie St.; 3 acres. Features: picnic area, charcoal grills, playground, baseball/softball field, lighted basketball courts and an amphitheater.
- 41 James Hunter Park**  
1299 N. Herndon St. Features: plaza terrace, open lawn, gardens, water feature and community canine area.
- 42 James W. Haley Park**  
2400 S. Meade St.; 5 acres. Features: charcoal grills, gazebo and nature trail.
- 43 Jamestown Park**  
3618 N. Dickerson St.; 6 acres. Features: diamond field, rectangular grass field, tennis courts and a basketball court. Great for sledding in the winter.

- 44 Jennie Dean Park**  
3630 27th St. S.; 22 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playground, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, basketball court and open field.
- 45 Lacey Woods Park**  
1200 N. George Mason Drive; 14 acres. Features: picnic shelter, lighted basketball court, charcoal grills, playground, multi-use field, nature trails, ornamental garden, wooded areas, open green space and a fire ring.
- 46 Long Bridge Park**  
475 Long Bridge Drive. Features: three rectangular synthetic turf fields, walkways, art features and picnic areas.
- 47 Lubber Run Park**  
200 N. Columbus St. Features: basketball and volleyball courts, picnic shelter, charcoal grills, gazebo, amphitheater,

- ter.
- nature paths, playground and grassy multi-use fields.
- 48 Lyon Village Park**  
1800 N. Highland St.; 2 acres. Features: picnic area, tennis courts, basketball court and "sprayground."
- 49 Madison Manor Park**  
6225 12th Road N. Features: restrooms, drinking fountain, picnic shelter and tables, charcoal grills, stream, playground, baseball/softball field, tennis courts and a lighted basketball court.
- 50 Marcey Road Park**  
2722 N. Marcey Road; 3 acres. Features: tennis and basketball courts and access to Potomac Overlook Regional Park.
- 51 Mosaic Park**  
544 N. Pollard St. Features: playground, small climbing wall and bocce ball courts.
- 52 Nelly Custis Park**  
701 24th St. S.; 0.8 acres. Features: playground, landscaped open green space

- and benches.
- 53 Nina Park**  
800 S. 24th St. Features: sand pit, picnic area and wave wall.
- 54 Oakgrove Park**  
1606 N. Quincy St. Features: picnic tables, gazebo, playground, rectangular fields and paved walking trail.
- 55 Parkhurst Park**  
5820 20th Road N. Features: play area for toddlers, sand area, playground and gazebo.
- 56 Penrose Park**  
2200 6th St. S.; 2 acres. Features: picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground and basketball court.
- 57 Powhatan Springs Park**  
6020 Wilson Blvd. Features: skatepark, drinking fountains, concessions, stream, rectangular grass field, ornamental rain garden and fountain.
- 58 Quincy Park**  
1021 N. Quincy St.; 4 acres. Features:

- tennis, basketball and volleyball courts; baseball and softball fields; picnic area and playground.
- 59 Rocky Run Park**  
1109 N. Barton St.; 2 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playgrounds and a lighted oval field.
- 60 Rosslyn Highlands Park**  
1529 Wilson Blvd.; 2 acres. Features: basketball court and playground.
- 61 Shirlington Park**  
2601 S. Arlington Mill Drive; 29 acres. Features: drinking fountain, stream, walking path, benches and dog park.
- 62 Slater Park**  
1837 N. Culpeper St.; 3 acres. Features: playground, picnic tables, charcoal grills and a path.
- 63 Stratford Park**  
4321 Old Dominion Drive; 5 acres. Features: baseball/softball field, picnic tables, lighted tennis courts, rectangular multi-use field and a lighted basketball court.
- 64 Thomas Jefferson Park**  
3501 S. 2nd St. Features: lighted basketball and tennis courts, diamond field, lighted multi-use rectangular field and fitness trail.
- 65 Towers Park**  
801 S. Scott St.; 4 acres. Features: playground, lighted tennis and basketball courts, sand volleyball court, community garden, lighted dog park, picnic tables, charcoal grills and gazebo.
- 66 Troy Park**  
2629 S. Troy St.; 2 acres. Features: pic-

- nic tables, horseshoe pit, stream, playground and basketball courts.
- 67 Tuckahoe Park**  
2400 N. Sycamore St.; 12 acres. Features: playground, baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis courts, rectangular grass field, nature trails, ornamental garden, amphitheater and picnic tables.
- 68 Tyrol Hill Park**  
5101 7th Road S.; 2 acres. Features: playground, picnic shelter and tables, charcoal grills, basketball and volleyball court, open drop-in field and nature trails.
- 69 Utah Park**  
3191 S. Utah St.; 4 acres. Features: baseball/softball field, volleyball court, dog park with water hook-up and picnic tables.
- 70 Virginia Highlands Park**  
1600 S. Hayes St.; 18 acres. Features: lighted baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis and basketball courts, volleyball court, "sprayground," rectangular drop-in fields and petanque courts.
- 71 Westover Park**  
1001 N. Kennebec St.; 4 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, playground, baseball/softball fields, lighted basketball courts, volleyball courts, rectangular grass field, path and ornamental garden.
- 72 Windy Run Park**  
2420 N. Kenmore St.; 14 acres. Features: stream, nature paths and wooded areas.
- 73 Woodlawn Park**  
1325N. Buchanan St.; 1 acre. Features: stream, playground, half basketball court, open green space and picnic tables.
- 74 Woodstock Park**  
2049 N. Woodstock St.; 1 acre. Features: water fountains, picnic tables, gazebo, playground and basketball court.
- 75 Zachary Taylor Park**  
2900 Military Road; 44 acres. Features: nature trails, stream and baseball/softball fields.

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Officers Tania Velez (left), Charlie Neal (middle), and Barry Foust (right) show off motorcycle skills at the 2016 Block Party.



The Park Police helicopter was one of the most popular attractions at the 2016 Block Party.

## August 2017

### FRIDAY/AUG. 25

**Mary Poppins.** 6-11 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Part of the Rosslyn Cinema + Pub in the Park movie series, featuring a movie and food from one of the food trucks on site. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/go/gateway-park](http://www.rosslynva.org/go/gateway-park).

### SATURDAY/AUG. 26

**Arlington Police Block Party.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. The event includes various family friendly activities such as the ACPD Kids Zone, K9 Demonstrations, food and beverages. Visit [www.facebook.com/ArlingtonCountyPolice/](http://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonCountyPolice/).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 27

**Self Defense Series.** 3-5 p.m. at at Pentagon MMA, 1041 South Edgewood St. Learn self-defense techniques and strategies taken from martial arts, such as Muay Thai, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Jeet Kune Do, and Filipino Martial Art. Register for all four sessions, or for individual sessions. Visit [www.pentagonmma.com](http://www.pentagonmma.com).

**Speed The Magician.** 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, 200 N. Columbus St. A "High Energy Magician and Illusionist" known for his hyperactive, fast-paced, performance style. Call 703-228-4712.

**Bat Fest.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Leslie Sturges, director of the Save Lucy Campaign established to protect and conserve bats in this region. Ages 4 and up. Call 703-228-3403 or visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/events/bat-fest-arlington/](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/events/bat-fest-arlington/).

### MONDAY/AUG. 28

**Artists Benefit.** 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. at Signature Theatre, Shirlington Village, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. "Summer Hummer," a fundraiser for "Taking Care of Our Own," a program of theatre Washington that provides emergency assistance to Washington-area theatre professionals. Call 571-527-1833 or email [gardinerj@sigtheatre.org](mailto:gardinerj@sigtheatre.org).

### TUESDAY/AUG. 29

**Fall Vegetable Gardening.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Learn inexpensive techniques to extend the harvest and even enjoy some of the crops in the dead of winter. Visit [mgnv.org](http://mgnv.org) or call 703-228-6414.

**Free Singing Lessons.** 7-8:15 p.m. at Gunston Middle School, Room 145, 2700 S. Lang St. Lessons provided by "The Arlingtones," a Close Harmony Chorus teach a barbershop quartet style. Every Tuesday evening through Oct. 17. Email Tom TomBariTones734@cox.net, or [mmates37@aol.com](mailto:mmates37@aol.com), or call 239-940-5876.

### THURSDAY/AUG. 31

**Conversation with a Cop.** 6-7 p.m. at Don Tito, 3165 Wilson Blvd. An opportunity for those who frequent the Clarendon area to get to know the officers regularly assigned to the weekend Clarendon area. Visit [police.arlingtonva.us/](http://police.arlingtonva.us/).

## September 2017

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 3

**Blessing of the Backpacks.** 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2609 N. Glebe Road. Students can bring in their empty backpack to the 10 a.m. service. Email [office@stmarysarlington.org](mailto:office@stmarysarlington.org).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 9

**2017 Rosslyn Jazz Fest.** 1-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. A variety of jazz bands, presented by the Rosslyn Business Improvement District (BID) and Arlington Arts. Free. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/jazzfest](http://www.rosslynva.org/jazzfest).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 16

**BBQ, Boots and Bingo.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Columbus Club of Arlington, 5115 Little Falls Road. Food, entertainment, games, moon bounces, a fire truck, face painting and bingo. Call 703-558-0035.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 18

**Poetry Mixer.** 7-8 p.m. at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Informal group of local poetry writers write and read original poetry, and

exchange constructive criticism. Meets every third Monday except holidays. Call 703-228-6545.

## October 2017

### MONDAY/OCT. 2

**ARTrageous Silent Auction.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Annual Arlington Artists Alliance silent art auction. Visit [www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org/](http://www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org/).

### TUESDAY/OCT. 10

**Meet the Author.** 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., #101. NPR books commentator Nancy Pearl will discuss her debut novel "George & Lizze." Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com/](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com/).

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 14-16

**US FreedomWalk Festival.** 3-6 p.m. on Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive. The FreedomWalk Festival is a three-day long social walking challenge meant to bring together people of different backgrounds. Different trails are offered each day at a variety of distances from 3-27 miles starting at the Holiday Inn. Costs vary. Visit [www.usfreedomwalk.org](http://www.usfreedomwalk.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 15

**Fall Heritage Festival.** 1-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Step back into history and try your hand at some old-time games and crafts, make a corn husk doll, try on a coon-skin cap, or work the cider press. Write with a quill pen or churn butter and enjoy old-time music. Tickets are \$5. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us](http://parks.arlingtonva.us).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 22

**VolunteerFest.** A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php).

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 23-25

**Marine Corps Marathon Weekend.** Events like the Health & Fitness

Expo, First Timers Pep Rally, Runners bRUNch, and more, lead up to the main event – The 40th Annual Marine Corps Marathon – on Sunday at 7:55 a.m. and the MCM Finish Festival. Visit [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 23

**Pumpkin Carving Party.** 1-3 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Tickets are \$10. Visit [www.novaparks.com](http://www.novaparks.com).

### WEDNESDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 25-30

**Washington West Film Festival.** Screening events in Reston, Arlington and other local areas. Schedule to be released Sept. 25 and tickets will go on sale to the public on Sept. 28. Visit [wwfilmfest.com/](http://wwfilmfest.com/).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 29

**Dia de Muertos / Day of the Dead.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center at Glencarlyn Park, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Make Calaveras, the decorative sugar skull masks, enjoy holiday snacks, and see some night animals up close. Then, go on a night hike through the candlelit forest. Tickets are \$5. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us](http://parks.arlingtonva.us).

**Annual Halloween Party.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Snacks, games, arts and crafts, storytelling, guided hikes through the woods, and the Haunted Nature Center makes up the yearly party. Cost is \$15 per participant for the party, \$20 per participant includes the Haunted Nature Center experience. Children 3 and under are free. Visit [www.novaparks.com](http://www.novaparks.com).

## November 2016

### NOV. 4-DEC. 18

**Exhibit: "Dia de los Muertos."** Gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Artists living in the Mid-Atlantic states submit work that responds to the concepts, themes, and imagery of this beloved holiday. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org).

### FRIDAY/NOV. 11

**Arlington National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony.**

Arlington National Cemetery. Thousands of visitors gather to honor fallen and living veterans. Visit [www.arlingtoncemetery.mil](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 12

**Toast to Hope.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at UUCA Gallery, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Toast to Hope is SCAN's signature fall giving event and offers wine and beer tastings, food samplings, plus a Silent/Live Auction. Tickets prices yet to be announced. Visit [www.scanva.org](http://www.scanva.org).

## December 2016

### SATURDAY/DEC. 3

**Jingle Bell Run/Walk.** Registration begins at 6:45 a.m., events begin at 8 a.m. race starts at 8:50 a.m. at Pentagon Row, 1101 S. Joyce St. This run/walk features a "Jingle in Your Jammies" and a "Children's Fun Run" as well as races for adults. Registration is \$15-40. Visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).

### SATURDAY/DEC. 10

**Great Chocolate Race.** 7:30 a.m. at N. Kent Street and Wilson Boulevard. Take a 5-mile trip around the capital, Arlington National Cemetery, and other monuments. Registration is \$5. Visit [www.crucibleracing.com/chocolatearlington](http://www.crucibleracing.com/chocolatearlington).

## March 2018

### SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH

**Clarendon Mardi Gras Parade.** Annual parade to celebrate Fat Tuesday. Visit [www.clarendon.com/mardi-gras](http://www.clarendon.com/mardi-gras).

## April 2018

### APRIL-JUNE

**Relay for Life.** Raise funds for cancer research by attending all-night-long events sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) for specific details.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 22-23

**Arlington Festival of the Arts.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 3003 Washington Blvd. Artists from all over the country will showcase paintings, jewelry,

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## Senior Olympics

Karen Alderman performs a front dive as one of the five required dives of her choice at the 2016 Senior Olympics on the one-meter springboard at Yorktown Aquatic Center.

pottery, glass, and more. Free. Visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com).

prices vary. Visit [www.ballstonbid.com](http://www.ballstonbid.com).

### APRIL 23-30

**Historic Garden Week.** This eight-day statewide event provides visitors with a unique opportunity to see elaborate gardens with more than 2,000 flower arrangements created by the Garden Club of Virginia Members. Visit [www.va.gardenweek.org](http://www.va.gardenweek.org).

### LATE APRIL

**Annual Move Me Festival.** Each year, local dance company Bowen McCauley Dance hosts a family-friendly celebration of arts and culture featuring live performances and interactive demonstrations. Activities in arts and crafts, theatre games, singing, storytelling, world dance, yoga, Pilates, and more are perfect for the whole family. Free. Visit [www.bmdc.org](http://www.bmdc.org).

## May 2018

### SATURDAY/MAY 21

**Taste of Arlington.** 12-6 p.m. at Downtown Ballston. This annual event turns the Ballston area into a street festival featuring Arlington's restaurants and live music. Ticket



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Arlingtonians fill the streets for the Arlington County Fair Parade in 2016.

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## Demographics by Zip Code

From U.S. Census data  
**Zip code:** 22201  
**Population:** 34,427  
**Race:** White-27,095 (78.7%), Black/African American-1,448 (4.2%), American Indian and Alaska Native-89 (0.3%), Asian-3,574 (10.4%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,654 (10.6%)  
**Total housing units:** 19,597  
**Owner-occupied housing units:** 6,407 (32.7%)  
**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 2,213 (13.1%)  
**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 1,324 (7.8%)  
**Median household income:** 117,332  
**Mean family income:** 206,905  
**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 22.6%

**Zip code:** 22202  
**Population:** 22,543  
**Race:** White-16,872 (74.8%), Black/African American-1,777 (7.9%), American Indian and Alaska Native-83 (0.4%), Asian-2,698 (12%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,823 (8.1%)  
**Total housing units:** 14,505  
**Owner-occupied housing units:** 3,005 (22.9%)  
**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 1,137 (8.7%)  
**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 1,774 (13.5%)  
**Median household income:** 109,006  
**Mean family income:** 170,684  
**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 24.4%

**Zip code:** 22203  
**Population:** 21,850  
**Race:** White-15,552 (71.2%), Black/African American-1,321 (6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-256 (1.2%), Asian-2,247 (10.3%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,839 (17.6%)  
**Total housing units:** 11,272  
**Owner-occupied housing units:** 3,859 (34.3%)

**Zip code:** 22205  
**Population:** 18,875  
**Race:** White-15,416 (81.7%), Black/African American-484 (2.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-2 (0.0%), Asian-1,452 (7.7%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,684 (8.9%)  
**Total housing units:** 6,922  
**Owner-occupied housing units:** 5,074 (73.3%)  
**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 2,554 (36.9%)  
**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 1,239 (17.9%)  
**Median household income:** 149,703  
**Mean family income:** 196,055  
**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 19.1%

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 1,554 (13.8%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 1,937 (17.2%)

**Median household income:** 100,874

**Mean family income:** 166,006

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 26.8%

**Zip code:** 22204

**Population:** 47,233

**Race:** White-24,650 (52.2%), Black/African American-7,920 (16.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-322 (0.7%), Asian-5,407 (11.4%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-14,433 (30.6%)  
**Total housing units:** 21,637  
**Owner-occupied housing units:** 8,205 (41.5%)  
**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 5,272 (26.7%)  
**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 2,794 (14.1%)  
**Median household income:** 75,135  
**Mean family income:** 99,944  
**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 49.4%

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## June 2018

### MONDAYS, JUNE-AUGUST

**Crystal Screen.** 1851 S. Bell St. Each year a different theme is chosen for this outdoor film festival beginning at sunset each Monday. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org).

### SUNDAY/JUNE 25

**Pops for Pets.** 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheatre, 200 N. Columbus St. The Arlington Philharmonic will collaborate with the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) to present the fourth annual Pops for Pets, an informal outdoor benefit concert. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org](http://www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org).

## August 2018

### WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 15-19

**Arlington County Fair.** Times vary at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Summer family event complete with carnival rides, musical entertainment, food and more. Admission is free. Visit [www.arlingtoncountyfair.us](http://www.arlingtoncountyfair.us).



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# How To Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail.

### On the Ballot in Arlington

Nov. 7 General and Special Elections - on the ballot are:

#### Governor

Ralph S. Northam (D)  
Edward W. "Ed" Gillespie (R)  
Clifford D. Hyra (L)

#### Lieutenant Governor

Justin E. Fairfax (D)  
Jill H. Vogel (R)

#### Attorney General

Mark R. Herring (D)\*  
John D. Adams (R)

#### House of Delegates, 45th District

Mark H. Levine (D)\*

#### House of Delegates, 47th District

Patrick A. Hope (D)\*

#### House of Delegates, 48th District

R. C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr. (D)\*

#### House of Delegates, 49th District

Alfonso H. Lopez (D)\*  
Adam Roosevelt (R)

#### County Board

Erik Gutshall (D)  
Audrey R. Clement (I)  
Charles A. McCullough II (I)

#### School Board

M. D. "Mike" Webb (I)  
Monique C. O'Grady (I)  
Alison Priscilla Dough (I)

*Note on School Board candidates: Virginia law requires all candidates for School Board to qualify for the ballot as independent candidates, although they may be supported or endorsed by a political party.*

### Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has voter identification requirements, plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Election Day.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo

Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

#### Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up. You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provi-

### 2017 Elections

All polls are open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Where Do I Vote?:  
[vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation)

Photo Voter ID Requirements:  
[vote.arlingtonva.us/elections/id-requirements/](http://vote.arlingtonva.us/elections/id-requirements/)

See [vote.arlingtonva.us/](http://vote.arlingtonva.us/)

#### Contact Information

Arlington Voter Registration and Elections  
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 320  
Arlington, VA 22201  
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays  
Phone: 703-228-3456  
TTY: 703-228-4611  
FAX (main): 703-228-3659  
Fax (absentee applications): 703-228-3705

sional ballot cannot be counted.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to suffice the identification requirement.

## Law Enforcement

### The difference between Arlington's Police Department and Sheriff's Office.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

Some counties have Sheriff's Offices. Some cities have Police Departments. Arlington has both, and for newcomers to Arlington, the differences between the two can be confusing. While both have the ability to enforce laws, and Sheriff's Deputies can act as secondary law enforcement, the two branches of Arlington's law enforcement have distinct roles.

The Arlington Police Department carries out the criminal processes of Arlington's law enforcement. Arlington Police run patrols, investigates crimes, and make arrests. Once the accused is taken to the jail, then it becomes a job for the Sheriff's Office.

According to Major Bruce Black from the Arlington Sheriff's Office, the role of Arlington's Sheriff's Office is to oversee the jail and courthouse and to enforce

civil processes, like serving eviction notices or protective orders.

In recent years, Black says the mission of the Sheriff's Office has undergone some changes.

Black said there's a common misconception that after someone is convicted, they are locked up and the key gets thrown away. Black calls this the "Mayberry Syndrome." But he says those days are over, and studies into high recidivism rates have forced Sheriff's Offices to recognize their responsibility to enact programs to help reform inmates. In Arlington, Black says this has manifested into programs like a kitchen school where inmates can finish their sentence with a certificate that will allow them to work in restaurants.

Another difference between the two organizations is that the Chief of Police is appointed by the County Board while the Sheriff is an elected, constitutional office.

### Demographics by Zip Code

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**Zip code:** 22206  
**Population:** 19,051  
**Race:** White-13,346 (70.1%), Black/African American-2,459 (12.9%), American Indian and Alaska Native-61 (0.3%), Asian-1,294 (6.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-2,700  
**Total housing units:** 11,166  
**Owner-occupied housing units:** 4,586 (45.8%)  
**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 1,730 (17.3%)  
**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 927 (9.2%)  
**Median household income:** 95,023  
**Mean family income:** 125,954  
**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 22.9%

**Zip code:** 22207  
**Population:** 33,553  
**Race:** White-27,831 (82.9%), Black/African American-1,029 (3.1%), American Indian and Alaska Native-230 (0.7%), Asian-1,877 (5.6%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,125 (9.3%)  
**Total housing units:** 11,997  
**Owner-occupied housing units:** 9,160 (76.4%)  
**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 4,047 (35.8%)  
**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 2,637 (23.1%)  
**Median household income:** 167,594  
**Mean family income:** 255,264  
**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 15.3%

Source: American Community Survey 2014

**Zip code:** 22209  
**Population:** 11,551  
**Race:** White-8,247 (71.4%), Black/African American-646 (5.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-17 (0.1%), Asian-2,183 (18.9%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,393 (12.1%)  
**Total housing units:** 8,075  
**Owner-occupied housing units:** 1,981 (24.5%)  
**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 495 (7.7%)  
**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 586 (9.1%)  
**Median household income:** 94,742  
**Mean family income:** 150,798  
**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 33.6%

**Zip code:** 22213  
**Population:** 3,470  
**Race:** White-2,915 (84%), Black/African American-19 (0.5%), Asian-359 (10.3%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-146 (4.2%)  
**Total housing units:** 1,376  
**Owner-occupied housing units:** 1,022 (74.3%)  
**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 444 (32.3%)  
**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 207 (15.1%)  
**Median household income:** 151,477  
**Mean family income:** 217,299  
**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 23%

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## What's in a Name? School Board considers renaming Arlington schools.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

No policy has officially been established yet, no final decisions have been made, but the writing is on the wall for Washington-Lee High School. One week ago, a series of violent clashes in Charlottesville over a statue of Robert E. Lee ended with an alleged white supremacist driving his car into a protest and killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer. Across the south, localities have been reexamining the role of the confederacy in local icons and names. At a School Board meeting on Aug. 17, School Board chair Barbara Kanninen announced that the board will be developing a naming guidelines system to reevaluate the names of all current and future schools. While Washington-Lee High School was not named specifically, it was clear speakers on both sides of the issue where the policy was targeted.

"All of us are extremely concerned and saddened by the violence that took place last weekend in Charlottesville," said Kanninen. "This has been a tragedy for our community, our state, and our nation."

Kanninen said the time had come to talk about the names of the schools and the messages they conveyed to the students in

attendance.

"No decisions have been made or will be made without extensive community input and discussion," said Kanninen. "This process will take time, but we are getting started."

The feedback on the proposal started five minutes after it was announced with clear sides already established.

The majority of the speakers supported renaming Washington-Lee.

"The time has come to remove the name," said Ryan Sims. "Lee was an avowed white supremacist who took up arms against the United States to preserve the institution of slavery. Veneration of confederate icons throughout the south ensured every citizen understood that racist state and local institutions remained committed to denying the basic rights of African Americans, often violently so. Lee remains a potent symbol of hate."

For Mark Bealer from Indivisible Arlington, the name was antiquated and morally repugnant.

"Whatever we may attribute to Lee the man," said Roy, "Lee the symbol has become associated with that same thing."

ton, the name was antiquated and morally repugnant.

"It is hypocritical and shameful moral equivalence of those who fought for slavery and those who fought for independence," said Bealer.

Nick Roy, the father of three graduates from Arlington Public Schools, compared

Lee and other symbols of the confederacy to the swastika. Roy, whose father is from India, said the symbol is a 5,000-year-old emblem of love and peace, but that as much as he might like it, he can't use it in his home because of its horrible associations in the west.

"But support for renaming the school was not universal. At the time of writing, a petition on getpetition.com to preserve the name Washington-Lee High School is 24

signatures shy of its 1,000 goal.

"Washington-Lee has been part of the lives of Arlington school children since the 1920s and has been one of the top high schools in the country throughout its existence," reads the petition. "To change the name of the school now is not reflective of W-L spirit nor W-L pride. Our pride is in our school. And our school's name was, currently is, and we hope will remain, Washington-Lee."

At the School Board meeting, the discussion was book-ended with those supporting the current name. John Peck, an alumni, said the 92-year-history of the school cannot be separated from the name, pointing especially to a 1966 basketball championship with an integrated team.

Mila Albertson, a graduate of the class of 1966 and president of the alumni association, opposed the renaming.

"The name Washington-Lee is exalted because of its graduates, not the men it's named after," said Albertson. "I'm being polite to those calling for renaming Washington-Lee when I say it is irrational. Do we change the name for Stratford because it was named after Lee's birthplace? Do we ban the Virginia state flag because it reminds us the commonwealth protected slave owners? Do we rename Virginia and all confederate states? Do we rename Richmond because it was the capital of the rebellion? President [Abraham] Lincoln called for reconciliation ... Can we not follow his magnanimous lead?"

**"No decisions have been made or will be made without extensive community input and discussion. This process will take time, but we are getting started."**

— School Board Chair Barbara Kanninen

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## High School Sports

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### Yorktown High School

**Mascot:** Patriots  
**School Colors:** Carolina blue  
**Athletic Director:** N/A  
**Football Coach:** Bruce Hanson  
**Girls' Soccer Coach:** Mariano Alonso  
**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Carlos Aranda  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Devaughn Drayton  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Joe Reed  
**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Crystal Fraser  
**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Greg Beer  
**Baseball Coach:** John Skaggs  
**Softball Coach:** Heather Sutphin  
**Rival Schools:** James Madison High School

**What happened last year:** The Girls' soccer team had a sudden victory, over Madison HS (3-2) in the final district game to win the 6A Liberty Conference title.

### Wakefield High School

**Mascot:** Warriors  
**School Colors:** Green and White  
**Athletic Director:** N/A  
**Football Coach:** Wayne Hogwood  
**Girls' Soccer Coach:** O. Benkahallouk  
**Boys' Soccer Coach:** E. Carrasquillo  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Marcia Richardson  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Tony Bentley  
**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** TBA  
**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Keith Campbell  
**Baseball Coach:** Mike Ruck  
**Softball Coach:** Jonny Kelly

**What happened last year:** Wakefield's football stadium received new lights to allow for Fall and Spring sport teams to have outdoor night games.

### Washington & Lee High School

**Mascot:** Generals  
**School Colors:** White and Navy Blue  
**Athletic Director:** Carol Carraway  
**Football Coach:** Josh Shapiro  
**Girls' Soccer Coach:** Eddy Matos  
**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Jimmy Carrasquillo  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Angie Kelly  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Robert Dobson  
**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Jenni Macintosh  
**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Alex White  
**Baseball Coach:** Doug Grove  
**Softball Coach:** Leigh Winstead  
**Rival Schools:** TC Williams

**What happened last year:** The Boys' Soccer team won the 6A Liberty Conference championship. Benedict Draghi was also named to the Washington Post's 1st team All-Met for Track and Field.

### Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School

**Mascot:** Knights  
**School Colors:** Blue and Silver  
**Athletic Director:** Joe Wootten  
**Football Coach:** Colin Disch  
**Girls' Soccer Coach:** Alberto Staraffce  
**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Chris Jennings  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Aggie McCormick-Dix  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Joe Wootten  
**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Sarah Burrow Bridge  
**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Kevin Giblin  
**Baseball Coach:** Kyle Padgett  
**Softball Coach:** Tommy Orndorff  
**Rival Schools:** Paul VI, Bishop Ireton

**What happened last year:** The Knights won their 21st softball state championship in school history. They finished their season with a 23-5 record and defeated Norfolk Christian School 16-0 on May 20 to secure their 5th straight title.

Head coach Tommy Orndorff coached his 24th straight 20-win season in his 31st year as head coach.

O'Connell's all time softball state tournament record is 67-2.

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