The Community Outreach division of the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) holds a number of community events each year including Coffee with a Cop.
I lived in a very crowded shelter in Oklahoma for a while. I don’t remember a lot about it. But I remember being very afraid. I saw what happened when there were too many animals and not enough space and each day I was worried that it would be my last.

The day the Lost Dog and Cat Foundation rescued me from that shelter, was a great day. And it just got better and better. After just a few days in the LDCRF kennel, my foster mom came and got me.

Yep, I’ve gone from the plains of Oklahoma to the cobbled stones of big city DC. Who woulda thought? I’ve been working on some stuff with my foster mom. My fetch skills are improving. I’m pretty good at chasing the ball. I’m still working on bringing it back though. I have no idea why my foster mom thinks that’s so important. But she does, so I’m trying.

We take lots of walks, which I love. But to be honest, I’m not a fan of all those whippersnappers speeding by me on the sidewalk on their scooters. I mean seriously, folks, stay in your own lane.

I’ve been waiting for my forever home for about a year and while I’m trying to be patient, it’s getting really hard. People often stop us on the street to admire my big hazel/brown eyes and shiny black coat. I try not to get a big head about that. I’ve been called a sweetheart and I’m a staff favorite, so I know people see my inside is beautiful too. I’m easygoing, napping lots when I’m not enjoying the company of my foster mom. I truly love humans and am very gentle and loving with them.

Doesn’t it seem like someone should have wanted me before now?

I’m worried maybe no one wants me because I’m a little leaky. No, I don’t mean that I cry all the time, I’m a happy gal. But after I go outside to pee, I can be a little drippy for an hour or so. It’s so embarrassing.

My foster mom is really nice about it. She has gotten me some fashionable diapers, which I totally rock by the way. I wear them, as needed, when I come in from my walks. I like them because I look awesome and I feel better knowing I’m not going to drip on my bed. But it still sucks.

I overheard the vet talking to my foster mom, he thinks it might happen because I was forced to have puppies when I was too little. That makes me sad, since that would mean it was totally avoidable. It especially hurts if this small problem is what is keeping me from finding my forever home. My heart breaks a little more each day that I wait.

I wake up every day hoping that someone or a whole family will pick me. If they have a fenced-in yard, that would be awesome. Older kids would be nice and a cat is fine too.

I don’t want to sound picky, but while I really like to play with other dogs when I’m not on a leash, I think I’d prefer a home with no other dogs.

While I hope you read this and start to fall in love with me, if I’m not a good fit for you, please share my story and help me find my perfect, permanent loving home. You can learn more about me on the Lost Dog and Cat Foundation website or reach out directly to my foster mom: samantha.brown0524@gmail.com.

ArPets is a weekly feature for highlighting the well-loved pets of Arlington as well as animals who are available for adoption. If you or your dog, cat, iguana, bunny, rat or any other pet, has an interesting pet story to tell, email me at joan@joanbradyphotography.com.

Joan is an award-winning Connection Newspapers columnist and local photographer specializing in pets, children and families and contemporary business portraits.
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**Be Prepared—Election Day is Almost Here**

*By Shirley Ruhe*  
*Arlington Connection*

I t is easy to vote but voters must pay attention to the de-tails surrounding each meth-od. There are a number of op-tions available to securely vote in the upcoming Presidential election in Arlington.

* Vote in-person either the day of the Election at your regular polling site or in-person before the election at one of five sites located around Arlington (listed below.)

* Vote by absentee ballot through the mail or by depositing the ball-ot in a supervised drop box. Two drop boxes are currently available at 2100 Clarendon 3rd floor and 2100 Clarendon. They are only available during voting hours; not 24 hours a day. On Oct. 17 when the additional early voting satel-lite sites are open, drop boxes will be available at these sites as well during voting hours.

When you receive your absentee ballot, you will receive two enve-lopes and must use both of them whether you are mailing the ballot or using a drop box. In both cases insert the envelope containing the ballot into the yellow striped Mail Ballot Return Envelope.

Any voter can vote absentee for any reason replacing the former requirement that a voter had to cite a specific reason from an ap-proved list.

**Important dates:**
- **Sept. 18,** Early voting begins at the Arlington Courthouse Plaza.
- **Sept. 18,** Absentee ballots previ-ously applied for began appearing in Arlington voter’s mailboxes. You can apply for an absentee ballot at elections.virginia.gov. When you receive your ballot, mark it carefully with a blue or black pen, place in envelope B provided, com-plete information on the envelope and sign. Place that envelope in Mail Ballot Return Envelope with the yellow stripe and return. You may mail through USPS or a com-mercial delivery service or drop in a supervised drop box location.
- **Oct. 13,** Last day to register to vote. If you are unsure if you are registered to vote you can check at the one-stop shopping site for Virginia voter information at elec-tions.virginia.gov. If you are voting for the first time, you must submit a copy of a valid ID with your ball-ot or your initial application.
- **Oct. 17** Early in person early voting begins at four additional satellite sites including Aurora Hills Com-munity Center, Langston-Brown Community Center, Madison Com-munity Center and Walter Reed Community Center.
- **Oct. 23** Last date for requesting absentee ballots, but don’t wait un-til then.

**Nov. 3** Election Day. Polling places open from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Each of Arlington’s 54 pre-cincts has a polling place.

On the ballot: President, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Represen-tatives (8th District), one County Board seat and two School Board seats. There are also two Constitu-tional amendments and four bond issues on the ballot.

Absentee ballots must be post-marked by Election Day. Be sure to mail at least 10 days before Elec-tion Day to account for potential postal backlog caused by heavy mail. The ballot will be counted if it arrives by noon on the Friday af-ter Election Day. Be safe and drop it in a secured box.

For questions: vote.arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-3456.

**About the Connection in 2020**

T his year, 2020 in the time of the pan-demic, has been brutal for so many. More than 21,000 residents of Fairfax County have tested positive for COVID-19, and more than 600 people here have died.

Life is vastly different than it was pre-pan-demic. Most students have not been face-to-face with their teachers or classmates since March. Lucky families are merely juggling telecommuting and meetings via Zoom.

Less fortunate parents have jobs that cannot be accomplished remotely, and they must find a way to have their children cared for at home while they go to work, risking infection. Even less fortunate people have lost their jobs.

Families of all stripes are facing food in-security and demand at food pantries has skyrocketed.

Thousands of families could be facing eviction.

Small businesses and their employees hope that Congress will deliver more help. The Paycheck Protection Program was de-signed at the beginning of the crisis to pay employees for two months. Employees face unemployment; businesses face closure and/or bankruptcy. Customers are unlikely to return to retail businesses, restaurants and other public places in sufficient num-bers for revenues to rebound until after the pandemic is under control.

Local newspapers, including the Connec-tion newspapers, are facing an existen-tial threat from the combination of nationwide downturn in newspaper advertising that has been worsening over several years, com-pounded by the economic crisis of corona-virus.

In the midst of this, we at the Connection hear the call to continue to serve our com-munities. We still seek to fulfill our mission by continuing to publish, even with reduced resources. It’s still our mission to provide resources. It’s still our mission to tell the stories of those who are helping, of those who are hungry; of those who have gotten sick with the virus; of those who are caring for the sick; and those who are performing es-sential jobs, from grocery clerk to fire-fighter to nurses and doctors. It’s still our mission to tell the stories of those working for social and racial justice, and battling income inequality in the time of COVID.

Perhaps most of all, it is still our mis-sion to deliver the local news you need, to help make sense of what is happen-ing in your community, to advocate for community good, to provide space for dialogue on local concerns, and to record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people’s lives. It is still our mission to cover the normal news of the local communities.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accom-plished some feat like running a marathon, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, wed-dings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

Tell us: how are you surviving in the pan-demic?

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome.

For many months, there were no calendar listings in our papers. Everything was can-celled. Now there is a return of some out-door events, and many virtual events. If you are planning an event, we appreciate getting a publication notification at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

Your community Connection newspaper is published by the independent, locally owned Local Media Connection, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington in Northern Virginia and Potomac, Md. Our flagship paper, the Alexandria Gazette Pack-et, is one of the oldest continuously publish-ing papers in the country, beginning publica-tion in 1794.

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It’s a Dog’s Life (And a Good One) in Arlington

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Does Fluffy like grass? Does Charlie like playing with toys and chasing a dusty ball across the lawn? Does Bailey like relaxing under a bench in the shade close to the large bowl of water? Does Sam like running down the trail and leaving you in the dust behind?

Arlington has eight sanctioned off-leash dog parks scattered across the county with different facilities to meet the needs of the panoply of personalities possessed by our favorite companions.

Your retriever can quickly become a tan blur as he races the quarter mile trail along the stream at Shirlington Dog Park. The park is located along South Four Mile Run Drive right beside the stream, an attractive nuisance since dog owners are warned about the contamination caused by chemicals that can sicken your favorite companion. If your miniature schnauzer is a little less outgoing, he can stop in the small dog park nearby and cavort with others his own size. Frequent patrons warn it can get crowded, and large unsupervised dogs can get unruly.

2710 S. Oakdale Street

If Coco enjoys art, the Ethan Allen dog park offers a romp beside hand painted murals that run the length of the park. There is plenty of room to run while your humans chat on shaded benches located on a platform spotted with fresh bowls of water. This is part of the 15-acre park that includes the Ethan Allen historic site on the National Register of Historic Places.

3829 N Stafford Street

The Utah Dog Park gives your pup an opportunity to share the communal dog toys while listening to the crack of the bat at Little League games during the spring and summer. It is part of the 4-acre Utah Park with a pavilion and picnic tables for humans. 3191 South Utah Street.

Get off work late but Zeus still needs to let off some steam? Tower Dog Park is lighted and open until 10 p.m. It offers a challenge with the wooden obstacle course and plenty of room to exercise but if you are there in the daytime, there is also plenty of shade. This dog park is part of a larger entity with tennis and basketball courts, a picnic pavilion and a sand volleyball court.

801 S. Scott Street.

Rosie may have to sniff out Glencarlyn Dog Park which is a secluded dog park in the woods accessible by a bridge and difficult to find the first time or even the second. It has plenty of trees, rocks and squirrels but not many other dogs, which can be a plus, or minus depending on your dog’s personality. This is the only dog park without fences and dogs are allowed to roam without a leash. 301 S. Harrison Street.

Benjamin Banneker Dog Park is currently closed for renovation. When complete it is expected to include synthetic grass, an ADA-accessible entrance and a concrete splash pad for dogs as well as a separate small dog park. It is part of 11-acre Banneker Park. 1680 N. Sycamore Street.

James Hunter Park is a neighborhood park in the Clarendon area offering a crushed granite surface for chasing balls and romping with dogs.

You can read any of this week’s 15 papers digital editions here: www.ConnectionNewspapers.com/PDFs
Arlington’s five 55+ centers are closed, however, virtual programs and outdoor programs are available free of charge this month and are open to all residents 55 years of age and older. Residents must pre-register to receive a link to the virtual programs and the outdoor programs. Register at registration.arlingtonva.us or by calling 703-228-4747, option 3. https://parks.arlingtonva.us/programs/flourishing-55+

55+ Centers
- ARLINGTON MILL 55+ CENTER, 909 S. Dinwiddie St. (off Columbia Pike), 703-228-7369. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. e-mail: nenflynd@arlingtonva.us
- AURORA HILLS 55+ CENTER, 735 S. 18th St. (near Pentagon City), 703-228-5722. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. e-mail: lpaig@arlingtonva.us
- LANGSTON-BROWN 55+ CENTER, 2121 N. Culpeper St. (off Lee Hwy.), 703-228-6300. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. e-mail: epoole@arlingtonva.us
- LEE 55+ CENTER, 5722 Lee Hwy. (at N. Lexington St.), 703-228-0555. Open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. e-mail: sbudoff@arlingtonva.us
- WALTER REED 55+ CENTER, 2909 S. 16th St. (between Col. Pike & S. Glebe, off S. Walter Reed Dr.), 703-228-0955. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. e-mail: sreid@arlingtonva.us
- LUBBER RUN 55+ CENTER (not open yet)

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The Clarendon Metro stop is located in the middle of a vibrant neighborhood of shops, restaurants and a farmer’s market.

Arlingtonians bustle through the 8 blocks crowded with several bands, street vendors and children’s activities at Clarendon Days in September in this diverse street festival.

Welcome to Arlington as you travel over Chain Bridge spanning the Potomac River from D.C. It carries 22,000 cars each day and serves as a major traffic artery between the two locations.

The Arlington park system includes 148 parks with 99 percent of its residents living within a 10-minute walk from a park. Park facilities include 4 spray grounds, which normally open on Memorial Day weekend and close Labor Day weekend but were closed this year to coronavirus restrictions.

Bike to Work Day is held in the spring with local bike stores hosting bikers who pick up granola bars, water and T-shirts and enjoy a bit of entertainment on their way to work or school.

Every year Santa is busy all around Arlington from his arrival on a fire truck at Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Station on Lee Highway to offering his lap and his ear at the annual Green Valley Community Christmas party at Drew Community Center.

The Arlington Central Library has a “hold pickup” initiative that allows a library patron to order books in advance and pick them up in the auditorium. All other services and branches are currently closed due to the coronavirus restrictions.

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Arlington Food Assistance Center is a non-profit organization serving an average of 2,283 needy families each week with supplemental groceries. The Stamp Out Hunger initiative is one of the many fundraising efforts supported by the community.

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Culpepper Garden is the largest low-income retirement property in the area and offers high quality, affordable senior living with both independent living and assisted living apartments.

The Columbia Pike Fall Fest features activities for all ages inspiring dancing in the aisles to musical artists to engaging with local artists, and sampling foods from around the world.

Arlington Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of trips, classes and activities for seniors over 55 in the county including cooking demos, language classes, dancing lessons, Tai Chi, basketball, and a senior gym. This talent contest was held at Lee Senior Center.

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You Can Be Part Of the ‘Arlington Way’

Opportunities to get involved in Arlington are diverse and fun.

By Eden Brown
The Connection

There are more than a hundred ways to get involved in Arlington. To name just a few:

❖ The Outdoor Lab: The Phoebe Hall Knippling Outdoor Lab is a 225-acre facility that provides science and outdoor education to the students of Arlington County Public Schools. In this natural classroom, urban youth — often for the first time — can run in a meadow, climb a mountain, hike beside a stream, or fish in a pond. The non-profit Arlington Outdoor Education Association owns the land and buildings and partners with Arlington Public Schools who provide the teachers, buses and science programming at the Outdoor Lab. Volunteers and donations are welcome: see: https://outdoorlab.org

❖ Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia: Offered by Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE), Arlington County Office, in partnership with the City of Alexandria, the VCE Master Gardener program trains participants in best management practices of gardening and landscaping techniques that preserve and sustain the environment. https://mgnv.org

❖ Tree Stewards of Arlington/Alexandria: Volunteers who take the lead to enhance a sustainable urban forest through volunteer activities and public education programs. Volunteer activities include planting, pruning, mulching and watering of street, park and school trees; staffing informational booths at farmers’ markets and local festivals; leading neighborhood Tree Walks and speaking at community gatherings; advocating for trees wherever and whenever needed. For more: https://treestewards.org/about/

❖ Audubon Society of Northern Virginia: ASNV’s mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth’s biological diversity. They offer bird walks, bird counts, classes, and other “outside” activities perfect for a pandemic era. See: https://www.audubonva.org

❖ Arlington Foster Parents: Arlington Foster Care/Adoption Program’s mission is to provide temporary living arrangements, care and parenting for children who can no longer live in their homes because of abuse, neglect or other severe family problems. http://www.arlingtonva.us/fostercare

❖ Challenging Racism: This local group was founded to promote “a just and anti-racist society that celebrates personal stories and bears witness to our shared humanity.” Through volunteers, their mission is to empower and inspire people to disrupt racism one compassionate conversation at a time. https://www.challengingracism.org

❖ Restorative Justice: Restorative practices help build community and create effective responses to conflict and harm. The Restorative Arlington initiative is bringing people together to plan how we will adopt restorative practices in Arlington’s legal system, schools and community settings. https://www.facebook.com/pg/restorarlington/

❖ NAACP, Arlington Branch: The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race. The Arlington branch is active in the local community. See: http://www.arlingtonnaaacc.com/home.html

❖ EcoAction Arlington is a group that protects and improves water, air, and open spaces in the Arlington community and nearby areas by promoting stewardship of our natural resources and connecting all citizens to practical solutions that achieve a sustainable lifestyle.

They work to promote the 4R philosophy (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot) in Arlington schools and businesses. See: https://www.ecoactionarlington.org

❖ Arlington Public Schools: Arlington’s school system has a strong reputation, but to maintain that, it must have a strong PTA and community involvement. Try joining the local PTA or Advisory Councils on Instruction, which are your chance to influence the school board on matters such as language, technology, and arts instruction. For more information, see: https://wwwapsva.us/school-board-advisory-councils-and-committees/

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Arlington Restaurants—Around Town

Best Buns
Call ahead for curbside delivery of your sticky bun, cheddar scone or Westphalian breakfast sandwich or walk inside, one customer at a time, to order lunch or cupcakes and then wait outside for your order. 4010 Campbell Avenue, Village at Shirlington

Whatever your taste you are sure to find it in Arlington. The dining options may have changed due to COVID restrictions so be sure to check before you set out. A sample of the many food choices is included below.

All of these restaurants are open for delivery.

Café Sazon
Offers pupusas, chicken empanadas as well as a selection of pastries including pineapple and strawberries turnovers. Pick a patio table, eat inside or take home carry out. 4704 Columbia Pike

Liberty Tavern
Open for indoor dining at 60 percent capacity as well as outdoor sidewalk tables which are popular for an afternoon glass of wine. Ready for the afternoon crowd to order The Dude pizza, homemade pecorino gnocchi or the daily special such as prime rib on Sunday. 3195 Wilson Blvd.

Chill Zone Café
Open for take out and curbside pickup of the popular beef, chicken or pork Banh Mi sandwiches, Viet tacos, Pho and a variety of ice and hot Viet drinks including bubble tea. The owner, Daniel Bui, reads a take out order. 2442 N. Harrison Street.

Sloppy Jo Mama’s BBQ
Open for curbside pickup of BBQ sandwiches, ribs and sides as well as Thursday night rotating specials such as crabs, chicken parmesan and cowboy rib eye steak dinner. Josue Madrigales serves a new breakfast special—brisket on a homemade biscuit with egg and cheese. 5731 Lee Highway.

Metro 29 Diner
Open for 60 percent indoor dining at a popular spot for families with well known large platters including their brunch items like the fried chicken and waffles, the homemade challah French toast and a variety of lunch entrees like the hot turkey platter and chicken souvlaki. David Griffin featured on Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives. 4711 Lee Highway

Italian Store
Open for inside pick up of pre-made Italian subs, pizza and shopping for Italian groceries. Curbside pickup for preordered sandwiches and pizza as well as family dinner special such as lasagna for four. Jack Burris has just made a Milano, the most popular sub, while Ellisa Koller is dishing out the best selling plain cheese pizza. A few outdoor tables. Two locations: Westover and Lyons Village.

Nam Viet Restaurant
Open with a few indoor tables and for pick up of the popular grilled pork with vermicelli, spring rolls or orange beef. While it used to have a lively lunch crowd, Richard Nguyen, manager, says it now the office buildings close by are vacant, and business is 30 percent of what it used to be. 1127 N. Hudson.

Cowboy Cafe
Open for Tuesday half-price burgers, chili, wings and your favorite lunch sandwich at this local watering hole. Limited inside dining, curbside delivery or pick up. A mural is in progress on the wall next door as they create a new patio space in the parking lot with outdoor tables complete with a big screen TV. 4792 Lee Highway

La Union Grocery
Open for Latin American groceries with an in-house butcher as well as a deli counter with Salvadoran platters made on the spot including their pork and cheese pupusa with slaw, the beef empanada and the grand finale of creamy dulce leche. 4308 Lee Highway

Sushi Zen
Opens for dinner with curbside or take out at 4:30 p.m. for tempura assortment, cherry blossom roll, blue fire or alligator roll. 2457 N. Harrison Street.

Chill Zone Cafe
Ready for the afternoon crowd to enjoy a deli counter with Salvadoran platters made on the spot including their pork and cheese pupusa with slaw, the beef empanada and the grand finale of creamy dulce leche. 4308 Lee Highway.
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Get Involved

Sierra Club of Northern Virginia is a grassroots organization that advocates for a Virginia where all people may enjoy our natural treasures, access clean air and water, and thrive in a healthy community. They coordinate action to promote climate solutions and oppose projects and policies that put the interests of corporate polluters above the needs of communities. (They recently played a role in getting the Virginia Clean Economy Act passed.) [https://www.sierraclub.org/virginia](https://www.sierraclub.org/virginia)

Tree Action Group: Arlington Tree Action Group (ATAG) is a network of citizens working to preserve and grow Arlington, Virginia’s urban forest to keep Arlington green and fulfill the Vision stated in the County’s Urban Forest Master Plan (2004) see:[https:// ArlingtonTreeActionGroup.org](https:// ArlingtonTreeActionGroup.org)

Committee of 100: The Arlington Committee of 100 fosters open and vigorous discussion of issues involving all facets of community life in Arlington. The Committee’s monthly forums are open to all and provide a non-partisan setting in which issues of local, regional, and state interest are addressed by experts, with audience participation in lively Q&A sessions.[https://www.arlingtoncommitteeof100.org](https://www.arlingtoncommitteeof100.org)

Arlington Housing Corporation: AHC takes a holistic approach to affordable housing. We create innovative development strategies, manage our properties professionally and provide life-changing programs for residents. see:[https://www.charities.org/charities/arlington-housing-corporation-ahc-inc](https://www.charities.org/charities/arlington-housing-corporation-ahc-inc)

Literacy tutoring: AHC will start its educational programming virtually in the fall. Volunteers will join a virtual video call at a set time each week; email volunteer@ahcinc.org.

Arlington Branch of League of Women Voters: A nonpartisan group of men and women, the League of Women Voters of the United States encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. See: [https://www.lwv.org/local-leagues/lwv-arlington](https://www.lwv.org/local-leagues/lwv-arlington)

Arlington House: The home of Robert E. Lee, the house is a snapshot of history of pre-Civil War life as well as the consequences of the war. It depends on volunteers who work with National Park Service staff. [https://www.nps.gov/arhl/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/arhl/index.htm)

And don’t forget: just a short drive...
MONDAY/OCT. 5
Minnesota’s Chuck Rosenberg, 3-4:30 p.m. Virtual
Join former federal prosecutor and senior FBI official Chuck Rosenberg for a discussion before the election about current events and the role of law, as well as legal and policy issues surrounding the approaching election. Advance registration is not required, and this free event is open to all. You may be prompted to enter your name and email address before being admitted to the webinar. Visit the website: https://encorelearning.net/

TUESDAY/OCT. 6
Due to the coronavirus pandemic, National Night Out, which is held annually on the first Tuesday in August was postponed until October. For the continued health and well-being of our community, the Arlington County Police Department has made the decision to cancel attending in-person NNO events for 2020. The Police Department remains committed to actively engaging with the community and is available to attend virtual neighborhood events from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6. Neighborhoods wishing to have representatives from the Police Department attend their virtual event should email ACPDMedia@arlingtonva.us by Friday, October 2.

THURSDAY/OCT. 8
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From Arlington are some of the wonderful sites that can always use volunteers. There are many benefits to being a friend to these organizations:

- Arlington Arts Center (AAC) is offering fall, 2020 art classes for novice and seasoned artists of all ages, from children to adults. AAC’s classes will be held primarily online this fall, but they will be offering one small and special in-person Drawings Fall sculpture class. registration over the day-to-day construction operations (Arlington, VA): The position will exercise discretion over the day-to-day construction operations, including but not limited to the complaint within 40 days of the date of the service by publication.

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them. -Werner Heisenberg

Submit civic/community announcements at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before the event.

ALL-DAY DINING COMING TO ROSSLYN CITY CENTER
Real estate leader American Real Estate Partners is looking to develop a 29,000-square-foot project that will create a new dining venue in the area.

PARKING INFORMATION
For directions, call 703-778-9411.
Some Arlington Nonprofits

- Arlington Free Clinic provides free, high-quality health care to low-income, uninsured Arlington County adults through the generosity of doctors and volunteers. www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org
- 2921 11th St. South, Arlington, VA 22204.
- A-SPAN provides services for Arlington's street homeless. Its mission is to secure permanent housing for one of Arlington's vulnerable populations. www.aspan.org
- Arlington Thrive provides one-time, same-day emergency financial assistance to Arlington residents facing a financial crisis, and also has programs to help prevent homelessness. 703-538-0055, www.arlingtonthrive.org
- Bridges to Independence - Bridges to Independence helps individuals and families out of homelessness and into stable, independent futures. They offer a continuum of aid and support for all family members, helping them strain financial stress and move forward into self-sufficiency. www.Bridges2.org
- Animal Welfare League of Arlington - Since 1944 the Animal Welfare League of Arlington has worked to improve the lives of animals. Help them create a world where all companion animals find homes; enjoy their lively social media presence. Rabies & Microchip Clinic, Saturdays, 8:30 am by reservation only. Sign-ups for each date will open a week before the clinic date. Rabies shots are $10, microchips are $5. www.awla.org/event/drive-up-rabies-microchip-chips-3-703-931-9241,
- OAR (Offender Aid and Restoration) of Fleder Aid Restoration (OAR) community based nonprofit working with individuals returning to their community from incarceration and offering alternative sentencing options through community service. 1400 N. Uhle Street, Suite 704. 703-202-2700. www.oaronline.org. Or 703-641-2000.
- Doorways for Women and Families provides services to help women out of domestic violence situations. Phone: 703-909-4100. www.doorways.org, 703-504-9400.
- The Arlington Food Assistance Center provides supplemental food assistance to Arlington County residents, distributes groceries to over 2,250 families every month. More than 35 percent are children. 2708 South Nelson Street, Arlington, VA 22206, www.afac.org/.
- Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, Arlington, 703-521-9890.
- Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) has expanded its Resident Emergency Fund to help more than 4,000 low-income residents to hit the hardest by the economic repercussions of COVID-19.

Donations to this fund go directly to struggling households to help them meet their basic needs like putting food on the table, paying their rent or utility bills, keeping infants and toddlers in diapers, filling prescriptions, and picking up personal hygiene items. https://saph.org/.

- Just Neighbors provides immigration legal services to low-income immigrants in Wash-

ington D.C., Maryland and Virginia, especially those who are self-insurable. 7560 Little River Turnpike, Suite #900, Annandale justneighbors.org
- The Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation helps homeless pets find their way into lov-

ing homes through rescue and adoption. We offer same-day adoptions and two-week trial periods. All pets are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. www.lodrg.org, 703-503-5007, Arlington, VA 22205; To donate: www.lostdogrescue.org/donate-now/ or email giving@lostdogrescue.org 703-295-0006.
- Second Story — Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge, 2100 Galloway Road, Vienna, VA 22180, 703-245-9191, second-story.org
- Second Story (Formerly Alternative House) provides shelter and services for homeless, runaway or abused teenagers, unaccompanied youth, and young mothers and their children.
- Comstock America/Universal Services (CAUSE) ensures that recuperating service providers have opportunities for recreation and social interaction and receive concrete signs of appreciation for all that they do. Mail-

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lington, VA 22203, 703-591-4965, cause-va.org
- Neighborhood Health Clinics www.neigh-

borhoodhealth.org, provides health care and health equity in Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax by providing access to high quality care regardless of ability to pay.
- Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, 703-237-0866, www.lcnv.org, Teaches adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking and understanding English.
- The Community Foundation of Northern Virginia works to respond to critical needs and seed innovation in our region. www.cfnvs.org/for-donors/donate-now
- TAPS, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, 3063 Wilson Blvd., Third Floor, Arlington, VA 22201, Call 24/7 800-959-TAPS (8277) www.taps.org
- The Triad -The Triad Assistance Program for Survivors offers compassion care and resources to all those grieving the loss of a military loved one.
- Make a donation to support surviving military families and loved ones. You can also make a gift in honor or memory of a loved one. www.taps.org/donate
- Friends of Guest House offers the only program for women of its kind in Northern Virginia through public education, policy development, advocacy and innovation. https://www.allianceforhousingsolutions.org
- Catholic Charities of Arlington, 200 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203, 703-841-3895 www.cca.net
- Neighborhood Trails Animal Rescue, PO Box 100968 Arlington, VA 22210 (703) 249-5066 We find homes for dogs and cats rescued from local rural animal shelters and local owners who cannot care for them. www neighbordaildrails.org
- The ClotheLine for Arlington Kids, 2704 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 243-2615 Collects new and clean, gently used clothing from the community and distributes it free of charge to low-income school-aged children in a welcoming space. www.clothelinedc.org/
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