

The Arlington Connection

President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin pay respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier May 29 at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Airbnb, book rentals with ease, hear how to set up an account, the booking process and suggestions for guest etiquette, Thursday, June 1, 6 p.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. Presented by Center Director Ashley Gomez. Registration # 914403-04.

Woodcarvers workshop, share carving techniques, some instruction and tools available, Thursday, June 1, 1-4 p.m., Langston-Brown 55+ Center. Drop-in.

Trivia games, Thursday, June 1, 11 a.m., virtual. Registration # 914600-21.

Introduction to beginner line dance class, Friday, June 2, 10:15 a.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Drop-in.

Intergenerational story time, seniors share love of music and reading with children, Friday, June 2, 11:30 a.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Drop-in. To become a reader, call Center Director Lila Paig at 703-228-5722.

Summer piano lounge, live music performed by pianist Charlotte Lindsay, Friday, June 2, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Registration # 914301-05.

Arlington Spellbinders are seniors (55+) who love to tell stories at schools, 55+ Centers, nature centers and other venues. Learn more on Friday, June 2, 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown

55+ Center. Newcomers welcome. Drop-in.

Open art studio for artists who work at their own pace with their own materials, Friday, June 2, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center. Drop-in.

New afternoon social group, weekly meetups at Lubber Run 55+ Center. Knit, crochet, needlepoint followed by a walk around the indoor track, Friday, June 2, 3 p.m. Drop-in.

55+ Travel group to enjoy a wildlife tour and birding adventure at Huntley Meadows Park, Alexandria, Saturday, June 3. Includes 90 minute guided walk with two park naturalists. Bring binoculars, water, lunch and wear comfortable shoes. Cost \$18, Arlington resident; \$21, non-resident. Registration # 902306-01.

Social art swap, bring a piece of artwork or create one onsite to swap, Sunday, June 4, 1:30 p.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center. Some art supplies provided. Registration # 914300-08.

Memoir writing class begins Monday, June 5, 10:15 a.m., Langston-Brown 55+ Center. Taught by writer Mims Placke. Registration # 914400-29.

Stories from a Canadian train tour shared by 55+ volunteer John Carten, Monday, June 5, 1 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Registration # 914400-11.

Reading Buddies, seniors pair up with Lubber Run Creative Preschoolers to read stories, Monday, June 5, 10 a.m. Preschool teachers provide books. Registration # 914301-08.

Folk music sing-along, songs by Joan Baez, Bob Dylan and Joni Mitchell plus others, Monday, June 5, 1:30 p.m., Langston-Brown 55+ Center. Drop-in.

55+ Ice Skating for seniors at MedStar Capitals Iceplex, Ballston Quarter Mall, level eight, Monday, June 5, 8:50 a.m. - 10 a.m. Skate rental, \$1, parking, \$1. Register at www.medstarcapitaliceplex.com.

Jeopardy, play America's favorite quiz game. Monday, June 5, 2 p.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Registration # 914600-23.

Learn how to play Mexican Train Dominoes from a 55+ volunteer, Monday, June 5, 10 a.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Registration # 914600-27.

It Takes a Village, learn about Arlington Neighborhood Village that helps adults stay in their homes, Tuesday, June 6, 11:30 a.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. Meet ANV Executive Director Wendy Zenker via Zoom at the Center, registration # 914400-03 or virtual, registration # 914400-04.

"Queer We Are" podcast with host Brad Shreve, Tuesday, June 6, 5 p.m., virtual. Discussion about Shreve's life, why he started a podcast and how to overcome challenges and find inspiration. Registration # 914400-25.

Drag Queen Bingo, hosted by a drag queen, celebrate individuality and promote acceptance, Tuesday, June 6, 6 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center, in partnership with the non-profit Equality NoVA organization. Registration # 914600-08.

Cutting the cord to bills for cable, phone and internet, Tuesday, June 6, 1:30 p.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center. Join center director Shetima Abdulmalik for an overview on how to use today's technology to reduce costs. Q&A to follow. Registration # 914403-05.

Introduction to ukulele, no experience required, Tuesday, June 6, 4 p.m., Walter Reed 55+

Center. Taught by Sandy O'Shea. Limited ukuleles available. Registration # 914304-01. Intermediate class follows at 4:30 p.m., registration #914304-07.

55+ Travel group to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Wednesday, June 7, matinee performance and lunch at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts, Fredericksburg. Cost \$87, Arlington resident; \$100, non-resident. Registration # 902306-02.

Smart grocery shopping, learn ways to manage grocery budget and economical food substitutions, Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center. Presented by Virginia Cooperative Extension. Registration #914501-01.

Antique writing instruments and accessories, Wednesday, June 7, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Feel free to share stories and bring your own pens. Registration # 914400-34.

Information that should be in a Will, presented by Elder Law Attorney Ed Zetlin, Wednesday, June 7, 11 a.m., virtual. Registration # 914404-01.

Opera appreciation group to hear musical selections from "Fidelio" by Ludwig van Beethoven, Wednesday, June 7, 1:30 p.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. Professional commentary by George Cecchetti. Registration # 914300-01.

Bilingual Bingo, English and Spanish, Thursday, June 8, 3:30 p.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. Registration # 914600-09.

Beginner quilting, create raised images from coils of 1/8 inch wide paper strips to decorate notecards, Thursday, June 8, 1:30 p.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. Taught by Joni Leonardo. Cost \$18. Registration # 914310-01.

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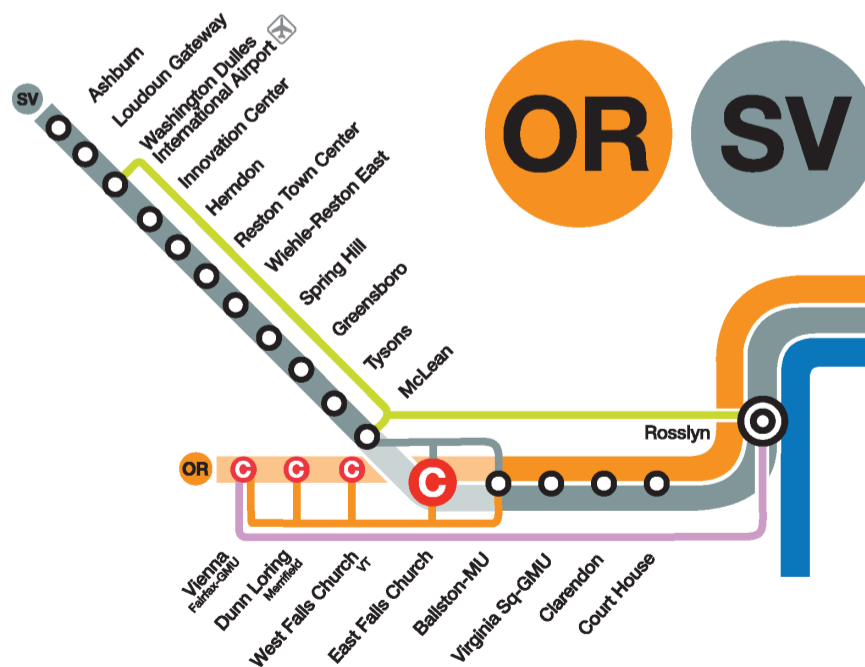
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Jake's Ice Cream Provides Jobs for Adults with Disabilities

Robin Rinearson receives Eleanor Sue Finkelstein Inclusion and Disabilities Award.

BY EDEN BROWN
ARLINGTON CONNECTION

The Pozez Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia awarded Dr. Robin Rinearson the Eleanor Sue Finkelstein Inclusion and Disabilities Award for Service to the Disability Community' last Wednesday evening. Rinearson, owner of Jake's Ice Cream parlor and (soon to be) Jake's Popcorn, was recognized for her efforts to create innovative and integrated job opportunities for adults with disabilities in the community. Rinearson collaborates with the Arlington Career Center to enable students to use the skills they are learning.

The Eleanor Sue Finkelstein Award is given to someone who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the special needs community of Northern Virginia through service, leadership and program development. Recipients of this award are advocates, innovators, leaders and educators who create new ways of engaging individuals with special needs in the community. Since 2007, the Pozez JCC has been a leader in outreach efforts to the special needs community thanks to the inspiration of Eleanor Sue Finkelstein, a co-founder of the JCC, who died in 2010.

Debbie Kessler, chair of the Pozez JCC award committee, presented the award. "Robin is changing the lives of people with disabilities," Kessler said. "She has single-handedly created employment opportunities for adults in Northern Virginia through workforce development. She now has a staff of 30 of which 24 are differently-abled.

"Through her outreach efforts, media appearances and testimony to government panels in Richmond, Robin has consistently provided her expertise and experience to business and congressional leaders to encourage more employers to hire adults with disabilities. Through her vision, her determination and her relentless energy, Robin is creating a new model for differently-abled adults to be engaged in meaningful work in the community."

Rinearson, acknowledging the award, said, "This award is not about me and what I am doing. This award is about my whole community: all of the young people who work with me and their determination. Our motto at the shop is that you're not just buying ice cream, you're employing a wonderful group of differently-abled people. There isn't



At the podium with Robin Rinearson (right) is Debbie Kessler, Chair of the Eleanor Sue Finkelstein Award Committee, Pozez JCC, who presented the award.



Employees, parents of employees and supporters of Jake's with Robin Rinearson and Debbie Kessler at the award ceremony. Back row from left, Merle Toobin, Michael Toobin, Marian Hartle, Lucia Claster, Anna Tiernan, Debbie Kessler, Robin Rinearson, John Pape, Kay Tiernan, Tom Tiernan. In front, Adam Toobin.

anything that these young people can't do — or can't learn to do. I can't be more proud of all of them. I am looking forward to opening my second shop, Jake's Gourmet Popcorn, in Seven Corners and employing more people with different abilities. I've already hired my

first ten people for the new shop."

Rinearson founded Jake's Ice Cream in 2021 after she had seen first-hand how difficult it was for young adults like her nephew, Jake, who has cerebral palsy, and her former patients, to get meaningful jobs after they

Jake's Ice Cream

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Jake's Ice Cream offers artisanal small batch ice cream made on the premises. We have house-made waffle cones, sundaes, shakes, floats and many other confections. Many of our staff are adults with special needs and we rejoice in their pride in our community. <https://www.sweetjakesicecream.com/> 571-378-1855

left school. Robin will be opening a second business this summer called Jake's Gourmet Popcorn to provide even more job opportunities to adults in the community who have differing abilities. This new business will feature artisanal, small batch gourmet popcorn made by hand on-site daily in distinctive flavors. Once open and operating, Rinearson envisions gourmet popcorn products being available for purchase at the shop, for catering at off-site events and eventually through mail-order for shipping to other areas.

Visitors to Jake's remark how good the ice cream is, but more importantly, how warm the atmosphere is, aided in part by the cheery greeting of Adam Toobin, the greeter, who works hard to make guests feel welcome, and by the happy faces of young men and women who feel lucky to have a place to use their skills, be paid, and enjoy the social inclusivity that work brings.

PHOTOS BY KAY TIERNAN

When You Need a Beekeeper, STAT

It was a query on social media, “Found this swarm today in Bluemont Park near the 4th & Manchester Street parking lot, just off the Four Mile Run bike path,” someone posted to Arlington Regional Master Naturalists facebook page. “Very ... impressive. What are they? Should they stay or should they go now?”

“Look like honey bees,” came one answer. “Would be a boon for a beekeeper. Some know how to safely secure them. I’m no expert, but as non-native bees, I think they’re safer in a well-managed environment.”

Another reply agreed: “A beekeeper can retrieve them.”

Indeed, a beekeeper did retrieve them, and without sting or struggle.

“This was one of the most docile swarms I have ever collected,” posted the beekeeper who lured, or maybe poured, the swarm of bees into their new home. “It will be interesting to see how these do over time in the apiary.”

According to a post on the Northern Virginia Master Naturalists website, in Arlington County, anyone can keep as many beehives as they want. In Fairfax County, homeowners are limited to four hives. Beekeeping is not regulated in the City of Alexandria. All beekeepers are encouraged to register their hives with the state of Virginia.

If you discover a swarm of honeybees, a beekeeper will come to rehome the bees. Don’t spray



A swarm of honeybees without a home.

them. Fill out this swarm alert form. <https://www.novabees.org/Sys/PublicProfile/SendEmail/36694510> or email nvba@novabees.org

Or post a photo to a nature-oriented Facebook page.

Other Resources

<https://www.novabees.org/>
<https://fairfaxbees.org>
 Virginia State Beekeepers Association
 speakers every month on zoom
<https://www.virginiabeekeepers.org/>



To make room for more bees, a swarm of as many as half the bees in an established hive might set off in search of a new home.



The bees are in search of a new home, and are easily lured, or possibly poured, into a new hive by an experienced beekeeper.



The transfer to their new hive is almost complete.

New Library App Offers More

Arlington County residents and Library patrons can now download an updated Arlington Public Library app from the Apple Appstore and Google Play Store.

The app, available for iOS and Android devices, provides streamlined access to library collections, introduces new account features, keeps track of multiple card holders, and delivers timely information about library programs, services, and location updates.

“Our top priority is to provide the community with as many options as possible to access Library collections and services,” says Library Director Diane Kresh.

The library app has been downloaded more than 60,000 times and its in-house development has reduced vendor-related costs.



laborated since 2017 to deliver a free and custom-tailored technology solution for Arlington residents and library patrons.

The Library app furthers the County’s goal of reducing barriers for residents through its digital equity efforts. Learn more about Arlington’s digital equity initiative, which strives to provide all residents with affordable, reliable access to high-speed broadband internet.

David Herlihy, Digital Innovation and Cloud Division Director for Arlington County said: “Our technology team is excited to deliver this important application for both Library staff and the community that they serve. This new offering highlights our commitment to provide innovative digital solutions that focus on the end users needs first and foremost, making it easier and more enjoyable to access government services.”

For a full list of app features and to download the app, visit Arlington Public Library’s website, <https://library.arlingtonva.us/app/>

Volunteers of the Year, Feeding Hungry People

Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) annually recognizes the volunteers who have contributed significantly to AFAC’s mission and work, volunteers and community partners who have gone above and beyond. This includes a volunteer who has topped lifetime 2,080 hours.

Community Partners of the Year: Alex Pomper (Give a Kid a Book) and Edu-Futuro

2080 Volunteer: Ken Edwards. This award recognizes those who have volunteered in their lifetime 2,080 hours as it represents the value a person who works 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year

Individual of the Year: Donna Budway

Group of the Year: Distribution Team at The Carlin

Teen volunteers of the Year: Frances and Harriet Shapiro

Volunteers contribute 40,000 hours a year to AFAC. A recognition event will take place in June.

Volunteers and donations are needed. <https://afac.org/>

New Library app features include:

- ❖ Multiple curated reading lists
- ❖ Customizable user profiles
- ❖ User lists
- ❖ Book ratings and personalized recommendations
- ❖ Sharing options
- ❖ Stay updated with notifications

Improved Library app features include:

- ❖ Streamlined account overview
 - ❖ Better catalog search options with an expanded list of filters
 - ❖ Ability to place volume holds
 - ❖ More filtering options for events by location
 - ❖ Improved user interface design and experience
- The Arlington County Departments of Technology Services (DTS) and Arlington Public Library have col-

PathForward’s Tasting For a Cause Fundraiser

PathForward at Pirouette Café and Wine Shop for its Tasting for a Cause Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, June 10 11am to 4pm

Venue: Outdoor Patio Pirouette Wine Café

Location: 4000 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington

Tickets: Tickets \$20 and avail-

able at Pirouette day of event Wines: 12 tastings of vintners select regional wines including Premier Cru

Food: Specialty paired snacks offered at each of the 4 wine tasting tables

A portion of the Tasting for a Cause ticket sales and wine shop purchases will benefit PathForward.

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ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY/JUNE 2

Summer Pruning. 10 - 11:30 a.m. Online. Summer provides a second and sometimes much needed time to prune a variety of spring flowering trees and shrubs and to help perennial flowering plants look their best. Summer pruning helps you to improve the overall structure and size of your woody plants or boost fruit and flower production in fruit trees and shrubs. Extension Master Gardener Maraea Harris will walk you through the how, when, and why to do summer pruning on hedges, multi-stem shrubs, small trees, and perennial ornamentals. With these best practices, your pruning will result in healthier and fuller growth, better flowers and fruit, and more attractive landscaping. Free. RSVP at <http://mgnv.org/rsvp-for-public-education-classes/> to receive a link to participate.

SATURDAY/JUNE 3

36th Annual Argentine Festival. 3:30-10:30 p.m. At Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Tickets are \$25 Advance; \$35 at door. The 36th Annual Argentine Festival includes a day-long celebration of Argentine culture, Latin American exhibitors, featuring celebrated musicians from the U.S. and abroad. The 2023 Argentina Festival is an opportunity for the public to experience the traditional Argentine culture. By highlighting Tango and other well-known rhythms such as Milonga, and presenting artisans and vendors of food and crafts, the festival seeks to broaden public understanding and enjoyment of Argentinean culture. Vendors in Exhibitor Fest will offer jewelry, soccer shirts, and plastic arts – perfect gifts at the beginning of the summer. Visit www.Argentinefestival.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 3

Comedy Karaoke Trivia Funtime Show. 7:30 p.m. At Highline RxR, 2010 Crystal Drive, Arlington. Bring a team or fly solo and win prizes by dropping knowledge in a trivia competition, then duking it out in a karaoke battle. Hosted by Christian Hunt, this amazing experience features comedy from the D.C. area's finest comics. The headliner for June's show is the hilarious Danny Rouhier from 106.7

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SATURDAY/JUNE 3

Arlington Civitans Open Air Flea Market. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. At 4001 15th Street North, Arlington. The Civitan Open Air Flea Market, one of Northern Virginia's largest and oldest public flea markets, is located in the I-66 garage in North Arlington adjacent to Washington-Lee high school and the Arlington Planetarium at 15th and North Quincy Streets, in Arlington. Here you'll find over 150 vendors selling a variety of goods ranging from books, clothes, furniture, garden tools, household goods, jewelry, shoes, toys, records, and so much more. One man's junk is another man's treasure so you are guaranteed to find something to tickle your fancy and save you money at the same time.

JUNE 3-4

Armed Forces Cycling Classic. Time: Saturday, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m., Sunday, 7:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Armed Forces Cycling Classic (AFCC), presented by The Boeing Company, celebrates its 25th Edition as the DMV region's most prestigious cycling event when it returns to Arlington the weekend of June 3rd and 4th 2023, with happenings kicking off in Crystal City / National Landing on Saturday, and concluding in Clarendon on Sunday. The cycling packed weekend kicks off during World Bicycling Day (June 3), which celebrates the joy of cycling. The weekend's action begins early on Saturday, June 3 in Crystal City / National Landing with the Armed Forces Cycling Classic's Challenge Ride. The ride is a closed course open to cycling enthusiasts of all abilities, from casual amateurs to serious competitors as well as Corporate Challenge teams and participants from each branch of the Armed Forces. Saturday will continue with the Women's Pro/AM race, as they begin their hunt for the weekend overall Omnium Prize (most consistent finisher over the two days), the Kids Race (9 and under), and concludes with Day 1 of the Men's Pro/Am. The 25th annual Clarendon Cup will take place on Sunday June 4th, and feature the 2nd day of Women's and Men's Pro/AM races, where the talented winners will be

declared on the iconic 1km course around the Clarendon Metro. Visit the website: www.cyclingclassic.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 4

Green Community Celebration and Tour. 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. The 20th annual Green Community Tour (formerly the Green Home and Garden Tour) will showcase green homes, green renovations, and watershed-friendly gardens in Arlington. Features include energy efficient technologies, solar energy, water-saving technologies, rain gardens, native plants, wildlife habitat and more. The simultaneous Green Community Celebration at Shirlington Library Plaza will feature electric vehicle, exhibits and family-friendly fun! The celebration and tour are sponsored by Arlington County's Office of Sustainability and Environmental Management, EcoAction Arlington, Virginia Cooperative Extension and Arlington Public Library. Free. For more information and to sign up for tour see: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Sustainability-and-Environment/Events/Green-Community-Tour-Homes-Gardens-More>

TUESDAYS, J

JUNE 6, 13, 20, AND 27
Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens. Tuesdays @ 10 – Hey June Bug! 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens, 420 E. Monroe Ave., Alexandria. Do you know this month insects, birds, wildlife, and native plants are celebrated all over the world? Extension Master Gardeners at Simpson Gardens will be available every Tuesday from 10 to 11:00 am to answer gardening questions about pollinators and more. Learn about butterfly soaks and visit the beautiful Pollinator Garden to watch pollinators in action! Free.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 7

Fresh Produce for the Table. 7 p.m. Meets at Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington. Part of Garden Talks 2023. Learn delicious, healthy ways to prepare fresh, seasonal produce for the table.

Police: Pedestrian on King Street Killed by Drunk Driver

The Arlington County Police Department arrested a driver in a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred on the evening of May 22, 2023. A 38-year-old man, of Columbia, Md. has been charged with DUI/Involuntary Manslaughter. He is being held without bond in the Arlington County Detention Facility.

At approximately 10:04 p.m., police were dispatched to the 4800 block of King Street for the report of a crash with injuries involving a pedestrian. The pedestrian was transported to an area hospital and pronounced deceased. She has been identified as Susan Hamlin, 71, of Aptos, Calif.

The preliminary investigation indicates the driver of the striking vehicle was traveling eastbound on King Street when he struck the pedestrian as she was crossing the roadway. As a result of the on-scene investigation, the driver was taken into custody on suspicion of driving impaired.

This remains an active investigation and anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective L. Bello at lbello@arlingtonva.us or 703-228-4166. Information may also be reported anonymously through the Arlington County Crime Solvers hotline at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477).

Alerts for Armed Forces Cycling Classic June 3-4

Arlington County Police Department will conduct planned road closures to accommodate the 2023 Armed Forces Cycling Classic bicycle races, which will take place during the weekend of Saturday, June 3 – Sunday, June 4, 2023. <https://www.cyclingclassic.org/>

2023 Challenge Ride and Crystal Cup

The 2023 Armed Forces Cycling Classic: Challenge Ride and Crystal Cup bicycle races will take place on Saturday, June 3, 2023. The following roadways will be closed in order to accommodate the event:

- From approximately 4 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- ❖ 12th Street S., from S. Elm Street to Crystal Drive
 - ❖ Crystal Drive, from 12th Street S. to 15th Street S
 - ❖ Westbound 15th Street S., from Crystal Drive to S. Fern Street
 - ❖ S. Eads Street, from 15th Street S. to Army Navy Drive.

- From approximately 4 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**
- ❖ Richmond Highway, from 20th Street S. to I-395
 - ❖ Route 110, from Richmond Highway to Wilson Boulevard/I-66.

Additionally, there will be points within the area of road closures for residents and guests of the affected residential buildings and hotels to cross.

- ❖ Army Navy Drive at 12th Street S. – access for 1201 S. Eads Street parking garage (The Point)
- ❖ Long Bridge Drive at 12th Street S. – access for 1200-1400 blocks of S. Clark Street (Crowne Plaza Hotel)
- ❖ 15th Street S. at S. Eads Street – access for 1425 S. Eads Street (Paramount Apartments)
- ❖ 14th Street S. at S. Eads Street – access for 1434 S. Eads Street (Embassy Suites Hotel)
- ❖ 13th Street S. at S. Eads Street – access for 1201, 1205, 1211 and 1221 S. Eads Street (The Point, Cortland Pentagon City and Bella Vista Condominium)

2023 Clarendon Cup Cycling Classic

The 2023 Clarendon Cup Cycling Classic bicycle race will take place on Sunday, June 4, 2023. The following roadways will be closed in order to accommodate the event:

- From approximately 3 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- ❖ Wilson Boulevard, from N. Highland Street to Washington Boulevard

- From approximately 5:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- ❖ Wilson Boulevard, from N. Edgewood Street to N. Highland Street
 - ❖ Wilson Boulevard, from 10th Street N. to Washington Boulevard
 - ❖ N. Fillmore Street, from Clarendon Boulevard to Wilson Boulevard – there will be no access to Clarendon Boulevard from N. Fillmore Street
 - ❖ Clarendon Boulevard, from Washington Boulevard to N. Edgewood Street
 - ❖ Washington Boulevard, from Kirkwood Road to N. Garfield Street
 - ❖ Washington Boulevard, from N. Garfield Street to 10th Street N. – westbound only
 - ❖ N. Highland Street, from Washington Boulevard to 13th Street N. – access to the public parking garage in the 1300 block of N. Highland Street will be available.
 - ❖ N. Garfield Street, from Clarendon Boulevard to Wilson Boulevard

Use Metro; What To Expect

The public should expect to see an increased police presence in the area, and motorists are urged to follow law enforcement direction, be mindful of closures, and remain alert for increased pedestrian traffic. Other roads not mentioned may be closed at law enforcement discretion and in the interest of public safety.

Race attendees and spectators are encouraged to use Metro or other forms of multimodal transportation to reduce vehicle congestion in the area. The Crystal City Metro station (Blue and Yellow lines) is located near the Challenge Ride/Crystal Cup racecourse at the corner of 18th Street and Clark Street and will be accessible on Saturday, June 3. The Clarendon Metro Station (Orange and Silver lines) is located within the Clarendon Cup racecourse at the corner of Wilson Boulevard and N. Highland Street. Vehicular traffic (to include buses) will not be able to access the Clarendon Metro Station after 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 4.

In addition, area street parking will be restricted. Motorists should be on the lookout for temporary “No Parking” signs and illegally parked vehicles may be ticketed or towed. If your vehicle is towed from a public street, please call the Emergency Communications Center at 703-558-2222.

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Current events discussion in Spanish, Thursday, June 8, 11:30 a.m., virtual. Led by Lubber Run Center Director Ashley Gomez. Must have intermediate knowledge of Spanish. Registration # 914402-09.

Ways to decrease electric bills in the summer, Thursday, June 8, 11:30 a.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Presented by Virginia Cooper-

ative Extension. Registration # 914401-02.

Update on the war in Ukraine from John O’Keefe, former ambassador to Kyrgyzstan and retired senior foreign service officer, Thursday, June 8, 1:30 p.m., virtual. Registration # 914400-09.

Movie matinee, “Harriet” (2019) (PG-13), Friday, June 9, 12:30 p.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Registration # 914804-01.

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The pandemic has been a bear, financially and otherwise. Revenue plummeted at the beginning in 2020. Some beloved advertisers have stayed the course supporting us throughout, and many more have done what they can. In the fall of 2021 we saw the return of some advertising for events and Grand Openings, but now ominous clouds the horizon in so many ways. Revenue still remains short of expenses despite our greatly curtailed costs.

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In-Laws or In Trouble



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm quite aware, as a longtime married man, that when one refers to in-laws, he or she is referring to the parents of their spouse. However, what does one refer to the parents of your nephew's wife? They're his in-laws, not mine, right? Regardless of what we call them, they're flying in from Kansas next week to sight-see in the nation's capital and we've been asked by our nephew to offer a helping hand. Though they're not staying at our house, they are nonetheless local and our guests, sort of, so we will be, as my friend Sean says: "pulling duty." Since Dina and I are both retired, as Curly of The Three Stooges said: "It shouldn't be a total loss."

Exactly how much time we'll be spending together is unknown. And neither are we aware of their expectations/interests/commitments, et cetera. What is known is that we are picking them up at Reagan National Airport Saturday night and driving them to their hotel in Old Town. (When they texted us about how they far/how to get to their hotel, we offered to pick them up. No problem.) After we confirmed that we'd be happy to pick them up and take them to their hotel, I was going to joke in our text back to them that we're less expensive than Uber. I decided to ask my wife, Dina if texting this text attempt at disarming humor was OKAY? She said, "Absolutely not! Sometimes humor doesn't come across in a text." And since I value our marriage, I omitted my joke.

Now we've only met these quasi-in-laws once, at our nephew's wedding to their daughter some 10 years ago or so and have never communicated/exchanged any information about the other (no phone numbers, no emails, no landline; nothing. We couldn't get a hold of them if our lives depended on it). And though the reception was outside at their home - in a comfortable and welcoming environment, I can't say Dina or I spent much one-on-one time with either of them. Nor would we have remembered their first names, or last name even for that matter until our nephew reminded us - in advance. Furthermore, we're not sure if we'll even recognize them at the airport, nor they us. So far, through multiple texts back and forth with one another, they've expressed their appreciation and good fortune - referring to us as "guardian angels" concerning our willingness to pick them up at the airport and "tour-guide" them around Washington, D.C. We're definitely off to a good start, I would say. Still, I'm going to keep my powder dry until I see the whites of their eyes - and to quote my late father: "the cut of their jib."

I imagine we'll get through the week relatively unscathed. As multi-decade "DVM-ers," having the opportunity to revisit the spectacular sites and Memorials in Washington, DC is worth any awkwardness that may ensue.

Certainly, we won't be discussing politics (they're from a red state in the Midwest) or religion/abortion (since they're regular church goers), so I won't be taking the name of the Lord in vain. And there won't be any swearing - on our part. We will try to seek some common ground and navigate the terrain - literally and figuratively, as carefully and respectfully as possible. Come to think of it, they may even be younger than we are, but we don't know that either (add it to the list of things what we don't know).

All we have in common is the simple fact that our nephew married their daughter. Beyond that we're clueless. On balance I would say however, that Dina and I are sort of looking forward to the week. We'll have to play the arrangements and mutual commitments by ear, so to speak, knowing as little as we do about them. And even though I'm a good listener and not a know-it-all control freak, the challenge will be integrating their expectations about Washington DC/the visit with our reality/availability and personalities. I have no doubt we'll get through the presumptive ordeal as we've experienced family members. Nevertheless, I must admit to being a bit anxious concerning our total lack of knowledge about who they are - really, and especially about the lack of any details about their reasons for coming to Washington, DC. And our exact role in any of it. Though we know visiting Washington, DC has world-wide appeal and is one of the great tourist destinations, we can't help but be curious about why now, why them? Their daughter, along with my nephew and their children visited us for July 4th holiday in 2022, perhaps that gave us a solid recommendation. If so, additional pressure may be on. Wish us well. We may need it.

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MEMORIAL DAY



PHOTO COURTESY WHITE HOUSE

President Joe Biden places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier May 29 at Arlington National Cemetery.



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President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin pay respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier May 29 at Arlington National Cemetery.

‘Their Sacrifice Was Not In Vain’

Biden pays tribute to the fallen.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

President Joe Biden paid tribute to the nation’s fallen heroes as part of the Memorial Day ceremonies May 29 at Arlington National Cemetery.

“Today, we recommit to the future that generations of servicemembers died for,” posted Biden on social media. “It’s on all of us to ensure their sacrifice was not in vain.”

As part of the ceremony, Biden placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He was accompanied by Vice Present Kamala Harris and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin.

“Every year as a nation, we undertake this right of remembrance, for we must never forget the price that was paid to protect our democracy. We must never forget the lives these flags, flowers and marble markers represent,” said Biden. “A mother, a father, son or daughter, sister, spouse, a friend, an American – every year we remember, every year it never gets easier.”

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley joined Austin and Biden in delivering remarks honoring those who have died in service to the nation. More than 3,000 people were in attendance at the ceremony, including First Lady Jill Biden and Harris’ husband Doug Emhoff.

Biden used the occasion to note the anniversary of the death of his son Beau Biden.

“Tomorrow marks eight years since we lost our son Beau,” he said. “Our loss is not the same – he didn’t perish in the battlefield, it was cancer that stole him ... after being deployed as a major in the United States Army National Guard in Iraq. As it is for so



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Visitors place flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as part of Flowers of Remembrance Day May 28 at Arlington National Cemetery.



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Flowers and an American flag sit at the headstone of Gen. Colin Powell May 29 at Arlington National Cemetery.



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The Hon. Donald Remy, a former Army officer and 9th U.S. Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, speaks at the American Legion Post 24 as part of the May 29 Memorial Day ceremony.

“It’s on all of us to ensure their sacrifice was not in vain.”

— President Joe Biden, Memorial Day 2023

many of you, the pain of his loss is with us every day, but particularly sharp on Memorial Day.”

Following the ceremony, Biden noted the occasion on social media, saying, “This Memorial Day, we once again gathered at the sacred Arlington National Cemetery to honor our fallen heroes. We stood amid the rows and rows of marble stones and bore witness to the brave women and men who served and sacrificed for our freedom and for our future.”



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Medal of Honor recipient Col. Paris Davis (ret.), right, is honored by American Legion Post 24 Commander Mike Mixon following May 29 Memorial Day ceremonies across the region.