

Next General Membership Meeting

Tuckahoe Elementary School
Cafeteria

Tuesday, May 6, 7:30 PM

Save the date and bring a friend!

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ARLINGTON-EAST FALLS CHURCH
CIVIC ASSOCIATION



SPRING 2014

The Next (Silver Line) Train Will Arrive in . . .

Many of us are trying to imagine what kind of impact Metro's new Silver Line will have for our community. The project has experienced many delays and false starts since its scheduled opening for early 2014. Surprisingly, however, there has been little public discussion about what we can anticipate in terms of new parking demand, car and pedestrian traffic patterns, station access, station platform improvements, and altered commuter bus routes.

The East Falls Church station will be the transfer point for those wishing to switch between the Orange and Silver lines. Commuter traffic running through that station each day will increase significantly. As a result, demand for housing anywhere near the station is expected to rise and increased density seems a given.

Our next civic association general membership meeting is Tuesday May 6, 2014 at 7:30 pm. Guest Speaker Lynn Rivers, the Arlington Coordinator and Liaison with WMATA will be on hand to discuss how the new rail service might affect our neighborhood and answer some of the questions you might have. Come out to hear what folks have to say.

Washington Blvd. Safety Concerns

Pedestrian safety on Washington Blvd. along the I-66 corridor is our number one capital project priority. This is where pedestrian traffic increases to reach the East Falls Church Metro and auto traffic speeds up. Impatient drivers jockey for position while increasing their speed to reach the onramp,

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This dangerous situation will only get much worse because a second onramp lane is being added to speed the flow of traffic from Washington Blvd. onto Route 66. This work is presently being done without any improvements to address pedestrian safety issues.

This does not have to be because the EFC Plan includes several improvements to pedestrian safety. We have reached out to the County to get moving on these because VDOT is not waiting; construction is happening now.

If you want Washington Blvd. to be safe, as promised in our East Falls Church Area Plan, join us at the County Board meeting this Saturday morning, April 12, 2014.

Another way to help is to email the County Board and County Manager. Tell them you want their continued support and funds for critically needed improvements to Washington Blvd. as promised in the 2011 Board approved East Falls Church Area Plan. Email: bdonnellan@arlingtonva.us, ifisette@arlingtonva.us, mhynes@arlingtonva.us, lgarvey@arlingtonva.us, wtejada@arlingtonva.us.

Be a Part of the Arlington-East Falls Church Civic Association!

Your membership to the Arlington-East Falls Church Civic Association is very best way to stay abreast of neighborhood developments. It's also a wonderful way to ensure that your thoughts are included in a wide range of County actions and investments that affect our community. Obviously, good communication is a two-way street. Membership will help you get and share timely information on County actions. But it's also a very effective way to get our ideas and opinions back to County.

Did you know that the Arlington-East Falls Church Civic Association has been growing? In fact, we have an opportunity to be one of the larger civic associations in terms of memberships. That's important, because the more members we have and the more active we are, the more serious we will be taken. From the perspective of County staff, our community has long been a sleepy corner of Arlington, more or less content with the way things are. However, sitting on the sidelines is increasingly risky considering the change underway — the Silver Line, I-66 modifications, and development around Lee Highway and Washington Blvd. are just a few examples.

And the more ideas and civil engagement we have, the better the outcomes we'll achieve. Essentially, we all value the same things for our homes and neighborhood, but we must find common ground on how to achieve this, especially in the face of ever increasing density

to our community. Neighbors will often disagree, but what matters most is civil participation. Your individual voice and vision count but, remember, no one can read your mind.

Help us spread the word. Bring a friend with you to the next general membership meeting, Tuesday May 6, 2014, 7:30 p.m. at Tuckahoe Elementary School.

Books on Tap - A Casual Book Club With A New Theme Each Month

For an enjoyable and memorable night out, consider dropping by to experience a recently formed casual book club. It meets "around the campfire" in the beer garden at *Westover Market*. Books on Tap is co-sponsored by the Westover Market Beer Garden and Arlington Public Library's *Lit Up* program, which brings literary-themed events out of the library and into your social life.

Instead of discussing a particular book, the topics focus on themes. At each meeting, the group selects the theme for next month's meeting. So drop by one of the Books on Tap get togethers. They meet at the Westover Market Beer Garden, **the first Monday of each month**, at 7:30 p.m. Join them this Monday, April 7, 2014 to discuss "Books You've Read for their Covers."



Need more information? Send an email to rlwin@arlingtonva.us.

Spotlight on Local Businesses



The Westover Farmers Market

The Westover Farmers Market is fast becoming a popular and trendy place to be on Sunday mornings. Market hours are Sunday mornings, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., now through April. Summer hours begin this May, from 8 a.m. to Noon. Vendors set up tents in front of the Westover Library at the corner of Washington Blvd. and N. McKinley Rd. in Arlington.

You can shop from over 15 local fruit and vegetable producers, bakers, meat producers, flower sellers, and specialty and ethnic food. This Sunday morning social event is growing so fast, in time the market is expected to expand onto the adjacent school and library grounds.

One of the most important things to know about the Westover Farmers Market is that everyone who sells at the market grows, raises, bakes, cooks, or prepares everything themselves. And it's all done within 125 miles of Arlington County. That means when you shop at this market, you are not only getting the freshest, highest-quality food, you are also meeting the people who grow it and minimizing the amount of fuel that is burned to bring it to you.

So come "see and be seen" at the Westover Farmers Market! <http://westoverfarmersmarket.org/>

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Have you heard the buzz around our community about the opening of a new eatery getting rave reviews for its food and service? *Yayla Bistro* features Mediterranean, Greek, and Turkish cuisine, and is located at 2201 N. Westmoreland Street, right next to *La Cote D'Or Cafe*.

Please email any comments, questions or submissions for future newsletters to
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Special Election is this Tuesday April 8, 2014
Support the candidate of your choice for Arlington County Board