



Lyon Park Citizen

March 2021

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February Meeting

March 10, 2020

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President's Message

Last month, I praised Lyon Park residents for recognizing the importance of wearing masks and maintaining proper social distance in order to curb the spread of COVID-19, but that is not all our community can do. Getting vaccinated is also crucial, and a number of our neighbors who recognize this have been organizing to ensure that as many people as possible receive the vaccine.

Natalie Roy and Julia Young are leading the Lyon Park Citizen Association's efforts to team up with our counterparts in Ashton Heights and Buckingham to form a Vaccine Information Committee. The main goal is to disseminate information about the critical role the vaccine plays in the battle against COVID-19 and provide the most up-to-date information about distribution to residents of our three neighborhoods. The committee is also developing a network of volunteers to assist people who need help registering online to be vaccinated and/or getting to their appointment. If you are interested in joining the committee or being part of the volunteer network, contact them. (Natalieuroy@gmail.com or juliagyoung@gmail.com)

Getting people to vaccination sites is just part of the challenge, which is why Susan Robinson has been encouraging people to join the state's Medical Reserve Corps. You don't have to be a medical professional to help out. Corps members are called on to perform numerous tasks that require no medical experience, such as asking people screening questions and taking their temperature when they enter the vaccination site. You can learn more at <https://vvhs.vamrc.org/>.

While on the topic of the pandemic, I wanted to note that our cherished Community Park is under stress from increased use. If you see someone thoughtlessly leaving behind trash or damaging trees and equipment, please speak up. We don't want this jewel to lose its sparkle.

I look forward to seeing you at the next LPCA meeting on Wednesday, March 10. Until then, stay healthy, stay strong.

Peter Zirnite, LPCA President



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Northern mockingbird



Eastern towhee

Bird Watching: There's an App for That!

Heidi Ananthakrishnan

At the start of the pandemic, I decided to get to know Lyon Park better by identifying its birds. Inspired by a news article that citizen science bird counting efforts were being used for conservation purposes, I wanted to give it a try. Since my first attempt, when cackling American robins--whose calls I could not identify at the time--seemed to mock me from the trees, I have learned to identify 52 birds by sight or sound, all in our neighborhood.

Once familiarized with each species, their behavior became fascinating. Have you noticed how cheeky blue jays dive bomb hawks or how crows chase foxes? I even followed the love life of a boldly colored black, orange, and white Eastern towhee as he sang at top volume in the same spot for weeks. Finally, a muted brown female arrived, and I felt such joy months later seeing the new "father" out helping his young forage at Rockwell Field.

The birds' behavior became rewardingly predictable: American goldfinches love purple coneflower seeds and gray catbirds flock to trees with fruit. Mourning doves prefer power lines and brown-headed cowbirds peck the ground in open grassy areas--likely a holdover of their habits of following buffalo on the plains before the fragmentation of forests drew the birds further east. While Northern mockingbirds often enthusiastically sing at close range atop gravestones at Columbia Gardens Cemetery, other birds, such as blackpoll warblers, rarely leave the highest treetops. A pair of binoculars is a must-have.

Three free apps have been indispensable: eBird, Merlin, and SongSleuth. The eBird app makes it easy by tracking your location and time spent birding so you can submit each session without worrying about logistics. The Merlin app is fun. You can download a "pack" of likely birds for Arlington and it automatically updates by season. Also, if you input the colors, size, and behavior of an unknown bird you saw, it suggests possible species. SongSleuth offers the same service by analyzing a recording you take from your phone of bird song or calls.

I never anticipated how rich an experience birding would be. Now, even while biking or driving, I automatically identify bird calls as I pass by, giving me a nuanced picture of the animal landscape around me. Spring is coming and it's the best time to get to know all the "locals" and migrating species passing through on their way to breed up north. I encourage you to give it a try and discover the hidden avian world right in our backyards.



Blue jay

Why We Should Care More about Trees

Elaine Simmons

The teardown and renovation boom in Arlington has resulted in the loss of many towering shade trees, such as oaks and tulip poplars. This is unfortunate, because it is tree canopy that makes a neighborhood beautiful and pleasing.

There are other crucial—and surprising—benefits of trees:

- Trees improve kids' test scores. A 2014 study found that students exposed to greenery performed better in English and math.
- As the "lungs" of the earth, trees purify the air, absorbing over 17 million tons of air pollutants in the US annually, which means less chance for your child to get asthma.
- Trees reduce water pollution and flooding. One hundred mature trees can intercept about 100,000 gallons of rainfall per year, reducing the force of storms and runoff into sewers, streams, and rivers. This means fewer pollutants—like the chemicals we put on our lawns—getting into the sources of our drinking water.
- Trees save you money on energy, reducing home cooling costs by as much as 50%. Deciduous trees shield houses from heat in summer and allow the sun's rays to penetrate in the winter. Coniferous trees reduce wind when placed on the north and northwest sides of a home, thus lowering winter heating costs.
- Trees lower air temperatures and humidity. Shade and evaporation of water from trees has a cooling effect to counter urban "heat islands" from buildings and asphalt. Trees in parking lots have been shown to reduce asphalt temperatures by 36 degrees and car interiors by up to 47 degrees. Trees also shield your children from damaging ultra-violet rays.
- Trees reduce noise pollution, a major source of mental stress.
- Trees provide habitat. A mature White Oak can support 80 birds and mammals and up to 534 Lepidoptera (e.g., butterflies) species.

To learn more, see websites such as the World Wildlife Foundation, Spaceship Earth, Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership, and Arlington Tree Action Group (ATAG).

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Letter to the Editor: Rowe's Article on Beavers Educates and Inspires

I was so happy to see Ian Rowe's article on beavers in the February Lyon Park Citizen! About 32 years ago, I was shopping for a gift for a friend's son's first birthday when I stumbled upon an adorable GUND stuffed beaver. My friend's child loved that beaver so much, that over the next ten or so years, there was a veritable beaver explosion, with members of his extended family showering beavers and beaver-related items on him at every occasion. At last count, he owned about 100 stuffed beavers, beaver collectibles, a beaver lamp, and many books. Today he is 33 and has passed along some of his original beavers to his own young son.

While vacationing in the Adirondacks in the early 1990s, I came across a wonderful book, *Beaversprite, My Years Building an Animal Sanctuary*, by Dorothy Richards and Hope Sawyer Buyukmihci. The book starts with, "I'm writing this with a sixty-pound beaver on my lap." Richards goes on to tell how in the 1930s, due to the fur trade, New York State had no beavers left. Since she and her husband lived on land that was ideal for beavers, they agreed to let the State Department of Environmental Protection relocate a pair of beavers from Pennsylvania to their property. She named them Samson and Delilah, and that was the start of her lifelong fascination with these hard-working creatures. Richards spent hours every day sitting on the bank of the pond. Eventually the beavers came to trust her and began eating apples from her hand. She even built an addition onto her home so the beavers could swim up and climb into her home through a hatch. Over the next 50 years, Richards dedicated herself to studying beavers, expanding her wildlife sanctuary, educating the public about conservation, and welcoming more than 100,000 visitors to her home. Her nonprofit sanctuary survives today as Beavers: Wetlands & Wildlife (<https://www.beaversww.org>)



Picture of Peter feeding beavers at Unexpected Wildlife Refuge

Dorothy's colleague and co-author, Hope Sawyer Buyukmihci, went on to found Beaver Defenders and the Unexpected Wildlife Refuge (unexpectedwildliferefuge.org) in New Jersey, another nonprofit refuge that survives on donations. The highlight of our visits was always feeding the beavers. Here is a picture of my young friend feeding the beavers and another of him showing Buyukmihci a few prized beavers from his collection.

Beaversprite, My Years Building an Animal Sanctuary is my favorite gift for youngsters. It not only teaches about the value of beavers, but also wildlife conservation and how to co-exist with the animals who share our environment. I guarantee this book will permanently change how the reader views beavers and contribute to a respect for all wildlife. It can be purchased on Beavers Wetlands and Wildlife website for \$14.95.

—Cindy Stroup



Dorothy Richards with beavers outside



Peter, Hope and the beaver clan inside the refuge cabin where Hope lived.

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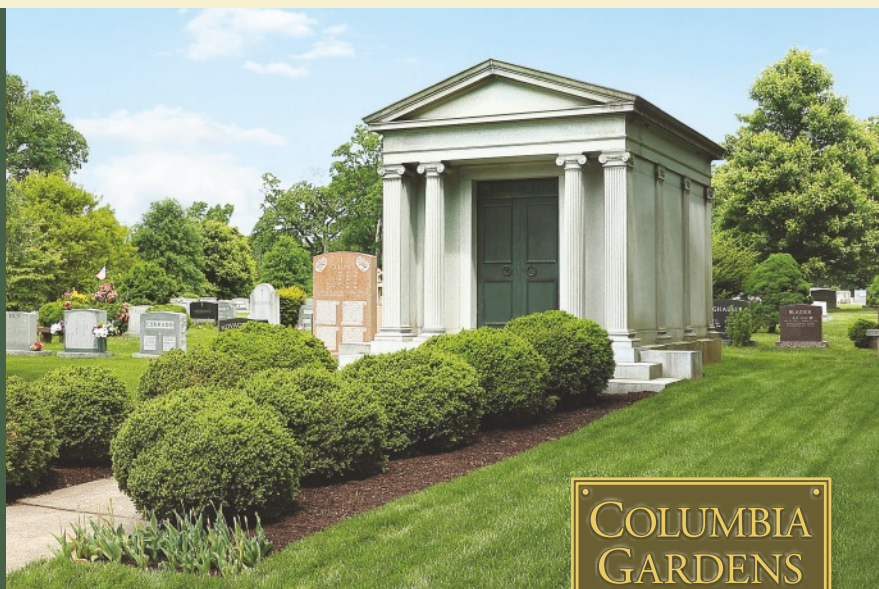
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Learning about Our Past and More Fun Planned for Zitkala-Sa Park

Progress on Educational Experiences for the Park

Lyon Park volunteers have just begun to work out plans for new educational experiences in the Zitkala-Sa Park. Along with requests for the name change, the community felt strongly that the park should have areas with educational and interactive panels that would inform and engage visitors.

Topics currently being discussed for the three stations are:

- Zitkala-Sa and her contributions to American History
- The site's history, including the original elementary school for Lyon Park, the Henry Clay School, and the Henry Clay Park
- A third discussing what being a good neighbor means, and how the community can benefit from each individual's contributions.

These are all at very preliminary stages, and will need the "it takes a village" approach to complete them. At each station, we hope to have one sign that is mostly informative and a second area that would be more geared towards young people, meaning it would be fun and interactive. This could include scavenger hunts to gather information from other areas of the park, and puzzles and games.

Many thanks to the incredible contributions from Toby McIntosh, Julia Young, and Kathleen McSweeney. We look forward to working more closely with Ann Felker and others as well. Soon we will ask the community for oral history stories and alumni memories about Henry Clay School. We also welcome any other ideas you might have to make the new park not only a safe and fun area for the community to gather, but also a place of compelling experiences and thoughtful activities.

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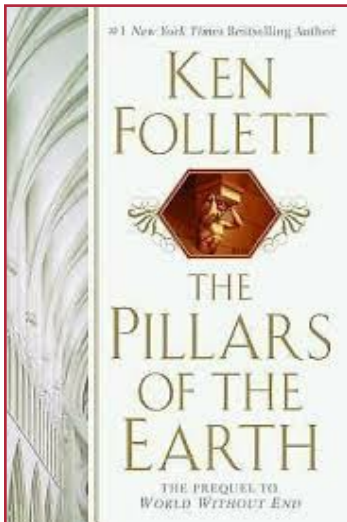


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The Pillars of the Earth

Margaret Dean



The irrepressible Mr. Follett is capable of launching a 1000-page historical novel without breaking into a sweat. Admittedly Follett first told this tale in 1989 when he was younger but now he has written an equally long back story to explain the founding of the settlement called Kingsbridge. His weaving the threads of good and evil in the 12th century demonstrates an amazingly realistic portrayal of the control the church had on society at all levels, serf to King. Also clear is that each social layer was beholden to the layers above them. If that meant that common people died of starvation in times of drought or of a series of poor harvests, that was God's will.

Civil war raged across the region as Queen Maud and King Stephen went at each other to control Britain. The 19-year clash drew off excess men in the cities, but also deprived farmers of needed field hands. Follett also reminds the reader of the daily vicissitudes in the 1100s: whether sleeping rough or on the floor, or not knowing how to read or calculate, or how infrequently people bathed (twice a year for men; once a month for women) or changed their underwear, or because they had no privacy, they had sex with others nearby.

With a little geometry and a few basic principles, the reader can visualize the slow creep upward as the cathedral rose higher and higher. Similarly the impact of stained glass windows with the light shining through stunned people of the time with their illuminated depictions of Biblical events. With this novel a radical departure for the bestselling thriller writer, the historical epic stunned readers and critics with its scope and humanity.

The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett. Penguin Books. NY,NY. 1989. ISBN 978-0-451-16689-0. 983pp., \$10.00 used.

NCAC Updates

Thora Colot

The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) meets the second Thursday of every month – this usually ends up being the Thursday after LPCA's Wednesday monthly meeting! NCAC invites representatives from every Arlington neighborhood to join these meetings to insure representation from all areas. In addition to working with communities for improvement plans, the NCAC has engaging and interesting monthly presentations from various organizations, citizens, and departments of the County government. A good example of a presentation to the NCAC was the request from the Parks and Recreation Department for NCAC's support for the name change to Zitkala-Sa Park. In addition to asking this group's approval for a variety of projects, NCAC members also receive informative overviews on progress, processes, or changes in Arlington County.

Amazon Updates from the Planning Division

Last month's February 11th meeting included a presentation from Matt Mattauszek, a Development Master Planner in the Planning Division in the Department of Community Planning Housing and Development. Matt discussed all things Amazon and other planning efforts related to the Crystal City Area. Our meeting happened immediately after the double-helix shaped designed building was featured in the news. Amazon's design for its new headquarters in Crystal City was explained, and we got to see a few more of the images and plans for that site. (For the full presentation visit:

https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2021/02/NCAC_Feb_2021_Amazon_2202_Update.pdf).

Deer in Arlington?

Second on our agenda was a presentation on the white-tailed deer population in Northern Virginia from Bill Browning – one



of the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists. The deer population has grown significantly in Northern Virginia over the years, creating problems for many citizens for various reasons. His presentation was extremely informative about what they eat and how they damage the undergrowth of our wooded areas. The deer also wander into our yards and streets. He reviewed options other areas in Virginia have implemented and was calling for people interested in this issue to contact him. (See an article on this topic in the December issue of The Lyon Park Citizen, page 13, here: <https://lyonparkcitizens.files.wordpress.com/2020/11/lpca-december-2020-web-version.pdf>)

The NCAC publishes presentations and meeting minutes on their website. (Visit <https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation-advisory-committee/> and look under Documents.) Very often presenters are also willing to come to individual citizen association meetings to talk to neighborhoods. If you are interested in getting more involved in these issues for Lyon Park, please contact the NCAC speakers individually or your LPCA officers (listed on page 2).



Hey, KIDS! Let's Make Dinner for the Family!!!

These tacos are super tasty and easy to make! They'll be gone from your table in a flash. This recipe serves four, but if you want leftovers, doubling it would be key.

Ingredients: 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 4 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup orange juice
 1 tablespoon worcestershire sauce
 2 (8 ounce) boneless, skinless, chicken breasts,
 cut in half lengthwise
 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
 8 (6 inch) flour or corn tortillas

1. In a 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat for 1 minute (oil should be hot but not smoking). Use a wooden spoon to stir in garlic, chili powder, and salt and cook for 30 seconds. Stir in orange juice and Worcestershire sauce.
2. Use tongs to carefully place chicken in skillet. Bring mixture to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer for 4 minutes.
3. Use oven mitts to remove the lid. Use clean tongs to flip chicken pieces over. Cover and simmer until the chicken registers 165 degrees on an instant-read thermometer, 4 to 6 minutes. Use clean tongs to transfer chicken to a large plate.
4. Cook liquid left in skillet until thickened, 3 to 5 minutes. Turn off heat and slide skillet to cool burner.
5. Use 2 forks to shred chicken into bite-size pieces. Return shredded chicken to skillet and stir to coat with sauce.
6. Heat chicken over medium heat until warmed through, 1 to 2 minutes. Turn off heat and stir in cilantro. Cover to keep warm.
7. Stack tortillas on a microwave-safe plate and cover with a damp dish towel. Heat in the microwave until warm, about 1 minute. Serve chicken in warmed tortillas with your favorite toppings.

This recipe is from America's Test Kitchen Kids

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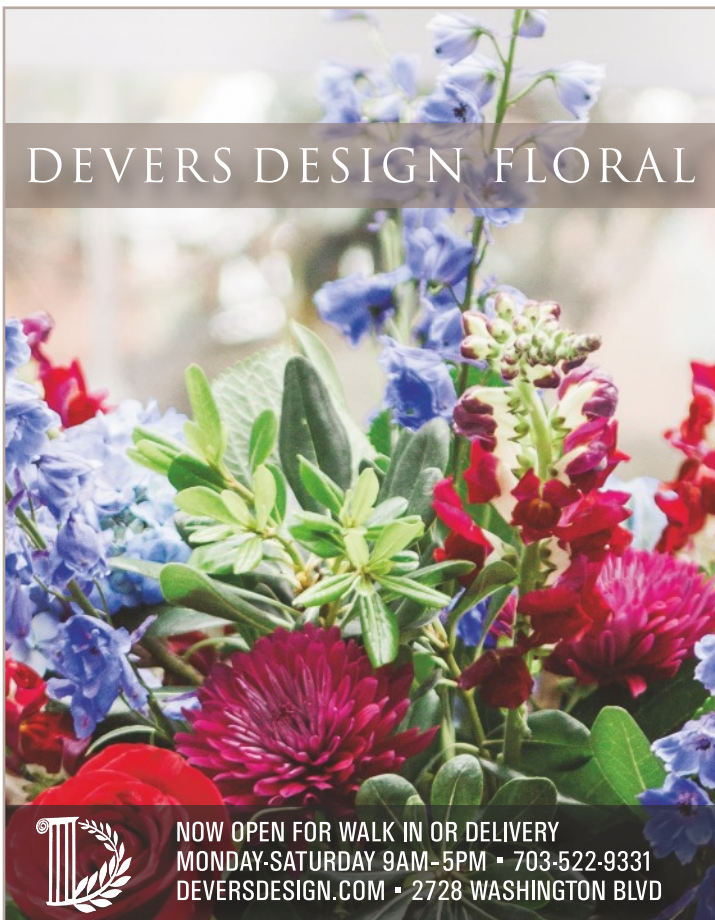
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Crafting Away the Miles

Olivia Pollack and Jeannette Wick

Recently, our family connected in an online meeting to do a surprise craft. We are located 2,600 miles apart, but we found a way to do a great craft together. First, the event organizer assembled care packages and mailed them. They contained a package for each person: an empty can painted with glossy paint in the recipients' favorite color, a small jar of Mod Podge (available at the dollar store for \$1), a foam brush, and a package of shapes or stickers.



We all met online and opened our packages. The goal was to create a pencil can! Most of us had never used Mod Podge before, so we had to review the process of applying a thin film to the can, then smoothing the shape or sticker on, then painting more Mod Podge over the surface. Mod Podge looks white when you paint with it, but it dries clear. It's thick and sticky, and the smaller kids definitely needed help from adults. All of us got sticky, but the Mod Podge washes away with water if you don't let it dry. Once it dries, it is waterproof.



Everyone showed their work as we worked, and at the end we put them aside to dry and the kids had a dance party. The adults seemed tired and hungry and went off to make dinner or do other things.

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Hard-to-Recycle Items

Anonymous

Recently, I received a prestigious award. While the recognition of hard work made me happy, the idea of another plaque or trophy did not. After careers in several fields, the accumulation of eco-unfriendly trophies and plaques has become nothing more than a disposal problem in waiting for my family when I depart this earth. It reminded me of an article published in this newsletter many moons ago. Through the ages, we accumulate much “stuff” that creates enduring trash.

Childhood Crayons

Crayon manufacturers make more than 12 million crayons in the U.S. every day, and 150 millions crayon (or 75,000 pounds) of petroleum-based wax crayons will land in landfills annually if we don't recycle. Petroleum products take years to biodegrade, so reuse and recycling is critical.

Crazy Crayons (<https://crazycrayons.com/recycle-program/>) accepts donations and creates new crayons. You can purchase their crayons, which come in some fun shapes, and they also sell firestarters for fire pits, campfires, and wood stoves. Crayola's ColorCycle program (<https://www.greenmatters.com/family/2018/12/24/jWtPIGo/crayola-colorcycle-recycling-program>) is available for schools to recycle plastic markers. Several other programs are available that recycle crayons, so do some research if these programs don't appeal.

Teen Trophies, Adult Awards

Most of us have an accumulation of trophies and awards. At some point, it became fashionable to give everyone on sports teams trophies. Workplaces and professional organizations also present trophies and plaques for exceptional performance, length of service, and retirement. It's amazing how many of those retirement mementos remain in the box, by the way.

If your trophy is in good condition, the organization that bestowed the award may be able to reuse it. Older trophies might have historical value for the organization. A number of businesses will take old awards and refurbish them. They disassemble awards for parts, use the parts to rebuild awards, and sell or donate them to non-profit organizations. They generally will not take glass or acrylic awards. Note that they www.lyonpark.org • March 2021

Crayons, trophies and plaques, batteries, and cell phones are recyclable!

also will not take fake or veneer wood plaques; any trophy that is discolored, moldy, or water damaged; frames, pictures, keepsakes, or lapel pins; or broken trophy parts. Search the Internet and you'll find several places that provide this service. If you can't find a place that will reuse your trophies, do your best to recycle the different materials.

The best approach is to discourage organizations from awarding trophies and plaques. I asked the awarding organization if they would forego the plaque and donate the amount they would spend on the award to a charity. They did. I matched it in gratitude. They have also decided to ask future recipients if they would prefer enduring recognition or a donation.

Baffling Batteries, Canceled Cell Phones

Batteries and cell phones are some of the most confusing products to recycle. Environmental, Health and Safety Online has a national program called Call2Recycle. It collects and recycles rechargeable batteries, single use batteries and cell phones. Visit ehso.com to find a location in Arlington or Washington DC that accepts the specific items you wish to recycle. They have collection boxes at The Home Depot and many independent businesses in the area.

No Real Estate Tax Increase, Changes to Residential Parking

On February 20, 2021, the Arlington County Board unanimously decided that residents will see no increase in the Calendar Year 2021 base real estate property tax rate. They made this decision based on the ongoing pandemic and its implications for residents.

The Board also overhauled the County's Residential Permit Parking Program (RPP). County representatives conducted a three-year review that provided information needed to make this decision. County Board Chair Matt de Ferranti indicated that the changes will help County staff manage parking in residential areas more efficiently and equitably. When the County created the program, occupants of townhomes, condominiums, and small apartment buildings in residential zones could participate. At some point, the County excluded these residents. The changes allow them to participate again, making more households eligible to petition for RPP.

Among other things, the changes

- Reduce the number of annual permits available to households with any driveway, garage, carport, or parking lot from four to two. Households that lack parking still will be able to obtain four annual permits
- Offer a choice of a FlexPass (a dashboard placard that can be used by residents or their visitors), or the first vehicle-specific permit. All households will still be able to obtain up to five short-term visitor passbooks that provide up to 300 days of parking each year
- Raise the minimum on-street parking occupancy threshold from 75% to 85%
- Increase the percentage of residents on a block who must support a petition for RPP restrictions from the current 60% to 80%
- Grandfather existing restriction locations and hours into the revised program
- Provide more options for service providers
- Charge \$40 for the first vehicle-specific permit or Flex-Pass, and \$55, \$65, and \$150 for the second, third, and fourth vehicle-specific permits

The last RPP fee change was in 2005. Until now, permit and pass fees have covered roughly 60% of the County's costs with general taxes covering the balance. Only 10% of County households are located in RPP zones.

The RPP program changes will go into effect during the annual renewal period that begins in April 2021. Current permits and passes expire July 1, 2021.



Please do not put **PLASTIC BAGS** your blue recycle bin.

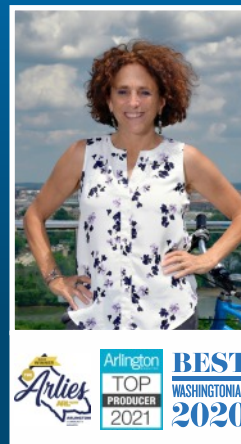
County recycling facilities throw anything that is in plastic bags into the trash. If plastic bags get through, they jam the sorting machines.

Return clean plastic bags to retailers that collect them for proper, bag-specific recycling.

If you use plastic bags to carry recyclables to the recycling cart, empty them into the recycling cart and then toss the bag into the regular trash.

Roughly 18% to 20% of materials sent to recycling facilities aren't recyclable! We must do better!!!

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Community Engagement Opportunities, Arlington Public Schools

APS schools are reopening for hybrid/in-person learning beginning March 2 for PreK-2nd grade and for all grades by the week of March 16. APS continues working closely with the Arlington County Public Health Division to monitor coronavirus (COVID-19) developments and following the CDC's guidance to protect our school community.

Tuesday, March 9 5 to 9 PM	School Board Budget Work Session # 2. Watch School Board Work Sessions live online or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41
Thursday, March 11 7 PM	School Board Meeting: Action on Naming New Elementary School at Key Site. Information on English Learner Program (First limited in-person School Board meeting) Watch School Board Work Sessions live online or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41
Tuesday, March 16 6 to 8 PM	School Board Budget Work Session # 3. Watch School Board Work Sessions live online or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41
Tuesday, March 23 6 to 8 PM	School Board Budget Work Session # 4. Watch School Board Work Sessions live online or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41
Tuesday, March 23 8 PM	Public Hearing on the Superintendent's Proposed Budget Watch School Board Work Sessions live online or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41
Thursday, March 25 7 PM	School Board Meeting: Information on PreK-Adult Instructional Program Pathways (IPP). Information on Naming New Elementary School at Reed Site Watch School Board Work Sessions live online or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41
Tuesday, April 6 6 to 8 PM	School Board Budget Work Session # 5. Watch School Board Work Sessions live online or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41
Thursday, April 8 7 PM	School Board Meeting: Action on School Board's Proposed FY 2022 Budget Watch School Board Work Sessions live online or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41

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** Watch Work Sessions live online at <https://www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/school-board-work-sessions-meetings/>.
Work sessions are opened to the public but no public comments are accepted.
Visit www.apsva.us/Engage to stay up-to-date on engagement opportunities.

Free flu shots. Call Arlington Public Health at 703-228-1200 for an appointment.

No-cost COVID-19 testing. Sites do not require insurance, ID or a doctor's referral. Free, walk-in clinic M-F 12-5 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center (909 S. Dinwiddie St.) Aurora Hills Community Center and Tucker Field at Barcroft Park sites offer electronic results within 72 hours.

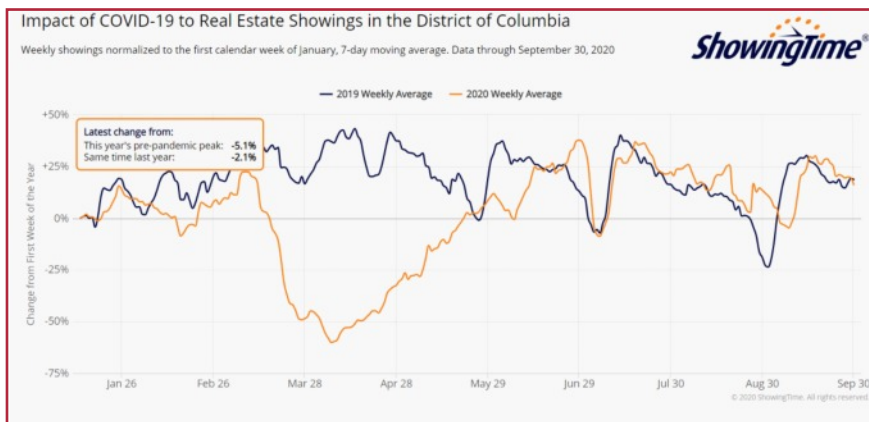
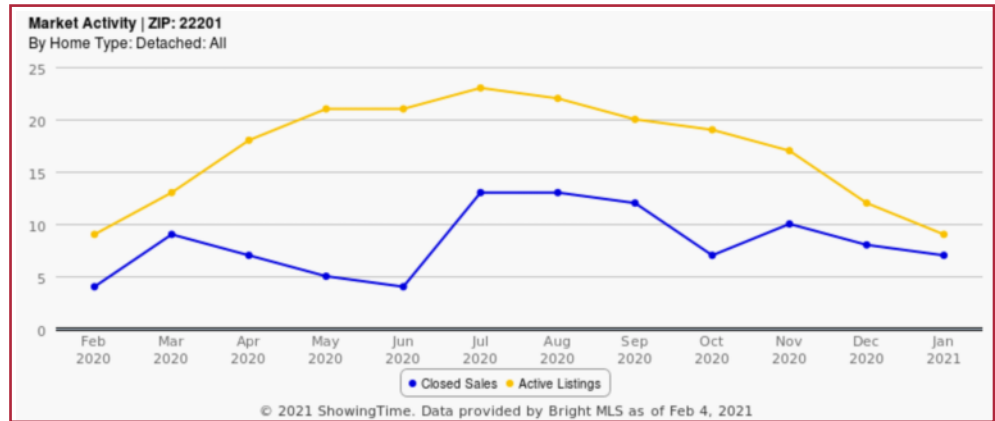
Visit web (<https://health.arlingtonva.us/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/covid-19-testing/>) or call 703-912-7999 for information.

Real Estate Market Update

What will 2021 bring? Trends are pointing to increased activity for buyers and sellers and a roaring return to bidding wars and waived contingencies.

In zip code 22201, the 2020 supply seasonal curve was fairly typical for detached homes, with rising inventory in the April-June timeframe; but it also had more supply than usual into the summer, when it typically drops. Unlike most years, buyers sat on the sidelines for several months as the area struggled with virus uncertainties. As year-over-year statistics are published showing wild increases from prior years, this perspective of a

'depressed' spring in 2020 will be important. By June 2020, buyers were back in force and trends were virtually identical to 2019's numbers across the DC metro area. Demand increased throughout the Summer and then through year end. Showings in January 2021 were up 33% nationwide year-over-year from the pre-pandemic era.



As the vaccine continues to roll out, expect optimism and the desire for change! Continued low interest rates will bolster sales and drive increased activity this year from buyers. But supply will continue to be an issue since the area continues to have strong job growth (fueled in part by HQ2s continued build out), and continued demand for more versatile work-from-home space and outdoor space. New construction could struggle to fill the gap, as global supply chain issues come with delays and increased prices.

Best practices on safely selling have emerged and should continue in 2021: increased use of 3D tours and floorplans, more detailed descriptions, non-overlapping showing appointments, virtual or by-appointment open houses and showings, and of course masks, booties, and sanitizer are now the norm.

**Thinking of selling this year? Need more data to decide what's right for you?
Contact us for a no obligation conversation about your 2021 real estate goals!**



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