



# Dispatches from the Front

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## Note Pad

### *Four Mile Run Softball Field Lighting Project*

The replacement lighting project at Four Mile Run Softball Field will be completed in February. The new lights include shields to direct light onto the field and minimize spill onto adjacent areas. The lights will improve night-time play for field users.

### *Ben Brenman ADA*

Recent modifications at Ben Brenman Park will improve accessibility in the park. Five new level concrete pads were placed adjacent to existing benches by the loop path along the storm water pond. A new ADA picnic table was installed, complete with concrete pad and accessible path connection. Finally, a new accessible parking space was added near the baseball diamond.

### *Mason Avenue Park*

An irrigation system was installed in December at Mason Avenue Park. The system is remotely controlled via the Department's satellite control system, and is programmed in conjunction with the City's weather station to optimize the use of water resources.

## Request for Public Comment on Four Mile Run Park

Park Planning staff is currently seeking public comments from the community and the Arlandria Action Plan Advisory Group in response to the current concept plan for the expansion of Four Mile Run Park. The site includes the four parcels (4109-4125 Mount Vernon Avenue) acquired by the City as open space. Park planning began in the fall of 2010 and staff hopes to bring the plan to the Park and Recreation Commission for review and approval in February or March of 2011. In conjunction with improvements to the site, the old Duron Paint building will undergo rehabilitation to create a community building with an expected opening in the spring/summer of 2011. Please send comments to Laura Durham at [laura.durham@alexandriava.gov](mailto:laura.durham@alexandriava.gov)



Four Mile Run Park Expansion  
Concept Plan

## Simpson Stadium Dog Park

In 2008, Potomac Yard Development adjusted the southeast fence line of the Simpson Dog Park in order to keep the dog park open during adjacent construction activities including work on the new Route 1 bridge, Monroe Avenue alignment, and replacement rectangular fields. Recent construction milestones have permitted the fence to be relocated and return the park to its original size. Park users will notice new fence activities adjacent to the park. To facilitate the changes, the dog park will be closed February 3rd and 4th to remove the existing interim fence and perform dog park maintenance on the area to be included within the new fence.

## George Washington Middle School Field Improvement Project

The rectangular field at George Washington Middle School was in need of a turf renovation to repair the heavily used middle portion of the field. After the fall football program ended, the field was closed for renovation in early December. The field was plowed and tilled to relieve compaction, and then graded to provide adequate surface drainage. The field was sodded with Bermuda grass to match the existing turf. A turf blanket was installed to protect the field from damaging wind and freezing temperatures.

