AGENDA

ALEXANDRIA QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

9:00 A.M.

COUNCIL WORKROOM

1. Introductory Remarks – Mayor Allison Silberberg

2. Crime Issues and Trends, Terrorism Response, Drug and Nuisance Enforcement – Police Chief Earl Cook

3. Update on First Street/North Columbus Street/Andrew Adkins/Inner City Issues, Parker Gray Roundtable Meetings, and Lenox Place - Rose Boyd, ARHA, Deputy Police Chief Shahram Fard, and ARHA Executive Director Roy Priest

4. Update on the City's Coordinated Effort to Address Gang Issues in Alexandria – Captain Gregg Ladislaw and Court Services Unit Joe Regotti

5. Report from the Sheriff – Sheriff Dana Lawhorne

6. Report on Nuisance and Property Maintenance Issues and Trends in Target Areas – Philip Pugh, Property Maintenance Division Chief, Department of Code Administration

7. Alexandria Reentry Council Update – Chief Probation Officer Lisa Stapleton

8. Report from the Commonwealth's Attorney – Bryan Porter, Commonwealth's Attorney

9. ***Call.Click.Connect.*** Report - Status for T&ES Requests – Jeffrey DuVal, Deputy Director/Operations, Department of Transportation & Environmental Services

10. Update from the Department of Community and Human Services – Kate Garvey, Director

11. Update from Alexandria City Public Schools – Tammy L. Ignacio, Chief of Staff for ACPS

12. Update from Alexandria Health Department – Dr. Stephen Haering

13. Other

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2016. The Alexandria Quality of Life Committee meets every two months in the workroom, except during the summer.

Quality of Life Motor Stats

First Quarter of 2016 (January – March 14th)

- 763 Speeding Citations
- 1555 Other Citations
    - 2318 Total Traffic Citations
- 49 Parking

The top five complaints since Jan.1, 2016 would be:

- Seminary Road
- W & E Taylor Run
- Gibbon St. corridor (No R. turn at S. Columbus & S. Alfred Sts)
- Park Fairfax
- HOV (evening south bound on Henry St.)

Notes:

- OFC Semidey on R/D
- OFC Fowler on Workman's Comp for two weeks in January
- Several snow days
- Academy EVOC Breakout (Motors has 3 of 4 APD EVOC instructors), four additional sessions coming up (each is 7 work days)
- OFC Minnix to TTU for two weeks to assist with Range Instructors
- SGT Seckler and OFC Rumph covering several days at Range

City of Alexandria
Gang Prevention and Intervention

March 18, 2016

Overview: Gang Prevention and Intervention has operated on local and regional task forces since 2006 and follows a best-practice Comprehensive Gang Model from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The core strategies prescribed by this model to combat gangs are enhanced law enforcement, community involvement/mobilization, social outreach/prevention, opportunities provisions and organizational change/policies. An overarching theme of this model is targeting the most vulnerable neighborhoods and individuals most at risk of gang involvement.

Current Subcommittee Updates:

Incident Review Subcommittee: This is a closed door meeting that meets quarterly. It is chaired by Task Force member, Mr. Steve Jansen, who is chief operating officer and vice president for the Association for Prosecuting Attorneys. This subcommittee is modeled after the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission and is applied to review any gang motivated incident that has occurred in the community or within the schools. Incidents are analyzed to ascertain lessons for law enforcement, prosecution, intervention and prevention.

Job Readiness and Opportunities Provisions Subcommittee: A Partnership with ACPS, SAPCA, ACAP, local non profits and Workforce Development Center to explore avenues for implementation of "21 Workforce Readiness Skills", which is already being taught by ACPS. Specific targeting has taken place of 18-28 year old residents of Andrew Adkins. A Community Job Fair was held February 25, 2016 through efforts of RPCA, Alexandria Police, Willie Bailey and Bill Cleveland. Further preparation and follow up with these continues. Another potential job fair is in the works for Summer 2016.

Family Reunification Subcommittee: Collaboration with numerous City agencies and local non-profits, educational entities (George Mason University), and faith based community. Analysis of information from Incident Review Subcommittee applied to Comprehensive Gang Model suggests targeting of recently arrived Central American teenagers is an urgent necessity. A two part training for Best Practice Court was created and delivered this quarter on Unaccompanied Minors and Avenues of Immigration to Alexandria. Newcomer acculturation groups and workshops are being created for families and youth. The difficult topic of Central American Children reuniting with parents is being addressed and supports and interventions are being created.

Community Outreach and Education Subcommittee: Targets children, parents, professionals and community members in the City, regionally and internationally. On March 11 an overview of the Alexandria Gang Task Force was presented to 50 Special Forces police officers from El Salvador at the FBI Training Academy. Ongoing parent groups are offered and presentation topics include Gang Awareness/Prevention, Sex Trafficking Awareness/Prevention, Bullying Awareness/Prevention, Internet Safety and Parenting with Love and Limits. Through partnerships with local non-profits, ACPS and others in the City we have presented these important topics of over 1500 individuals this year.

Other Initiatives:

-Workforce Enhancement/Tie Drive: Court Services Unit, Worforce Development Center and Department of Juvenile Justice are piloting a workforce enhancement initiative geared toward re-entry but also inclusive of any court-involved young person. We are starting this project with an orientation and training on Wednesday, March 23 for 10 young people. Please take a flyer to support our "Tie Drive" for our CSU Clothing Closet.

-**IPE Program** (Intervention Prevention and Education Program)- Continues to provide 1:1 and support to families for children referred for gang prevention and intervention services. So far this FY we have served over 60 Alexandria youth (10-21) and currently have a wait list.

-**Alexandria Mentoring Partnership**- AMP continues to operate and currently includes 13 of Alexandria's mentoring programs. March 24, is a male mentor focus group. First week of May there will be a Mentor Appreciation boat ride, with more details to follow.

-**Girls Probation Groups**- A collaboration with Sexual Assault Center. Workshops are offered to females receiving probation supervision services and focus on areas of self-esteem, positive coping skills and healthy relationships.

-**Mayors Campaign to End Bullying** – Ongoing collaboration by several City agencies, being lead by Mike Mackey.

*Alexandria has been chose by the regional Gang Prevention and Intervention Coordinators as the ideal site for a 10 year Gang Task Force Anniversary Soccer Tournament. We hope to host this tournament in the field at Four Mile Park. We will be enlisting support from other City agencies, our non-profits and the business community.

Alexandria Gang Task Force – five vacancies: one member from and representing Alexandria City Middle Schools, due to a resignation; one member from and representing the youth of the City of Alexandria, due to an expired term; one City Manager or his designee representative, due to a resignation; one member from a community organization with specific outreach to the Latino community, due to an expired term; and one vacancy for a member from and representing the faith based community, due to an administrative action. The Task Force meets quarterly during the weekday evening. Approximately two hours per meeting are required of Task Force members

City of Alexandria, Virginia
Sheriff's Office

MEMORANDAM

DATE: MARCH 15, 2016

TO: DANA LAWHORNE, SHERIFF, CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

FROM: CANDRA L. CALLICOTT, CAPTAIN, FACILITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: QUALITY OF LIFE STATISTICS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2016

During the months of January and February the Inmate Work Detail Program performed community service projects. The crews also provided assistance to other city agencies and responded to specific requests. Those projects are included in this report as well. Normally, there are two work detail crews with up to four or five participants per crew. That number can fluctuate throughout the months due to limited qualified participants. During this reporting period, there was an average of 6 inmates participating on the program. Due to the low temperatures and inclement weather the majority of the hours worked this month consisted of work around the Public Safety Center.

LITTER PATROL:

- Public Safety Center: 21 bags of leaves.
- Public Safety Center: 5 bags.

Other completed Special Projects and Request:

- Collected equipment and cones from the Public Safety Center grounds used during the snow storm.
- Relocated First Night Supplies from the Durant Center to the storage area on Dove Street.
- Removed Christmas Garland from the Gadsby light poles on King Street.
- Shoveled the walkways and entrances of the Public Safety Center during and after the snow storm on January 21.
- Distributed and collected 81 barricades for the GW parade.
- Cleaned area 1 at the Public Safety Center for future build out work.
- Assisted General Services with the removal of all debris, furniture and items to be discarded from 801 Payne Street.

HOURS AND SAVINGS

During January and February the number of hours completed by the Inmate Work Detail (excluding Recreation) totaled 509. The total funds saved in City wages for this time period was $13,946.60. based on the hourly rate of $27.40.

The number of hours complete by the Inmate Work Detail for Recreation was 16 hours, representing a savings of $438.40

Section	January/February 2016
GANG INTELLIGENCE	
Screenings of Jail Intakes	708
Gang Members Identified	25
Affiliation of Gang Members Identified currently housed in the ADC. (51) Total	Bloods-13 / MS13-24 / Honduran Cartel-1 / 18th Street-2 / 5% Nation-1 / 900 Block Mob-3 / 41 Zone-1 / Vice Lords-1 / Latin Kings-2 / Beltran Leyva Cartel-1 / Black Guerilla Family-1 / Uptown Soldiers-1
WARRANTS	
Warrants Served	84
Arrests	63
LEGAL PROCESS SERVICE	
Civil Papers Served	2,980
PROTECTIVE ORDERS	
Protective Orders Served	171
AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION	395
Local & State Prisoners	260
Federal Prisoners	135
MODIFIED WORK RELEASE	
Community Service Hours in the City	368
Cost Savings to the City	2087
Year to Date Service Hours	496
Year to Date Cost Savings	-4022

Quality of Life Meeting

Department of Code Administration
Maintenance Code Division
March 18, 2016

Focus Areas Inspection Activity
January 8, 2016 - March 8, 2016

Hume Springs

Reporting Period	2016	2015	Change
Violations Cited	**7**	**11**	**-5**
Inoperable Vehicles	0	0	0
Trash	77	38	+39
Grass	0	0	0
Unfit Housing	2	2	0
Rodents	2	0	+2
Hoarding	3	0	+3
Property Maintenance	11	42	-32
Stop Work Orders	0	0	0

Arlandria

Reporting Period	2016	2015	Change
Violations Cited	**2**	**4**	**-2**
Inoperable Vehicles	0	2	-2
Trash	4	5	-1
Grass	0	0	0
Unfit Housing	0	2	-2
Rodents	3	1	+2
Hoarding	3	0	+3
Property Maintenance	13	10	+3
Stop Work Orders	0	0	0

Lynhaven

Reporting Period	2016	2015	Change
Violations Cited	**11**	**4**	**+7**
Inoperable Vehicles	0	7	+7
Trash	9	9	0
Grass	0	0	0
Unfit Housing	3	0	+3
Rodents	3	2	+1
Hoarding	0	0	0
Property Maintenance	14	15	-1
Stop Work Orders	0	0	0

Quality of Life Meeting

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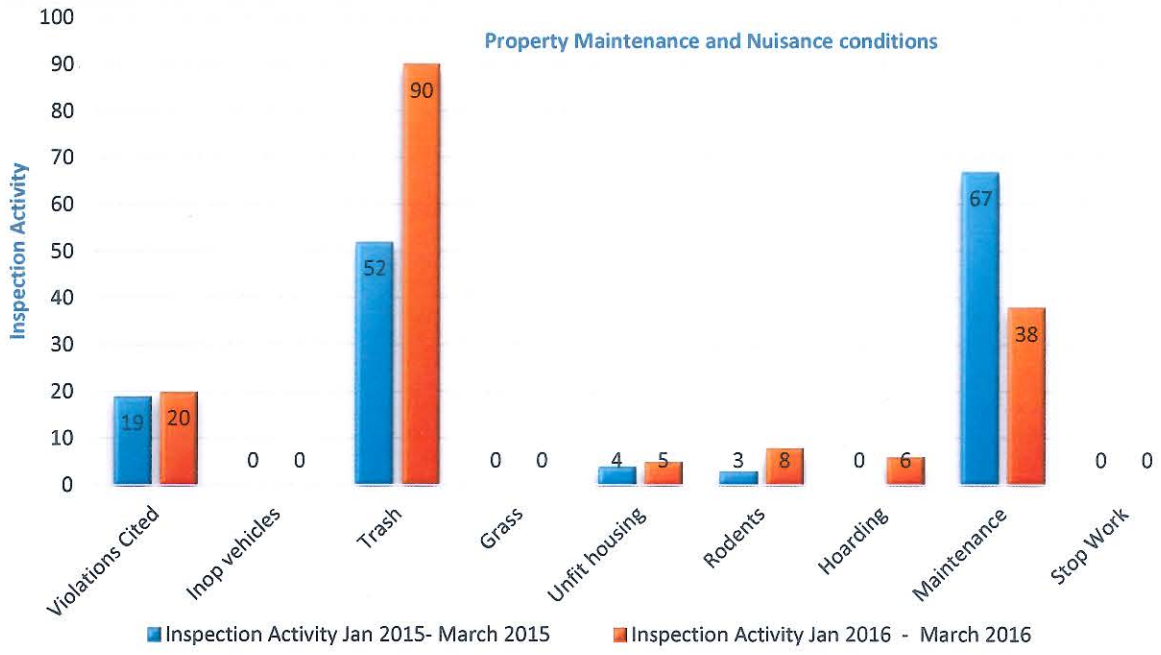

Focus Areas Summary

Trending: Bulk trash and mattresses dumped in the alleys of Hume Springs. No stop work orders issued, increased permitted work, small home improvement projects.

Bulk waste Dumping Locations

Hume Springs Mark Drive alley- T&ES Solid Waste are assisting with removal.

Edison street alley- shopping carts in alleys. Working with businesses and T&ES for resolution

Arlandria Chirilagua Housing - Now have regular bulk pickup removal.

Potomac West Apartments – on site staff servicing trash areas daily.

- April is Litter Enforcement Month.The team is working with the Alice Ferguson Foundation, monitoring the community for dumping, graffiti, hoarding, inoperable vehicles.
- Arlandria business corridor surveys in preparation for Arlandria compliance walk.
- Landover path and El Paisa grocery is monitored 3x per week.

Gregg Fields
Director

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March 18, 2016

Dear Valued Partner,

Each year, the International Code Council (ICC) sponsors National Building Safety Month in May. To celebrate, the City of Alexandria Department of Code Administration will host a kick-off event on Friday, May 6 at Market Square in front of Alexandria City Hall (301 King St.), from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Building Safety Month is an annual public awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. Corporations, government agencies, professional associations, nonprofits and more come together to support Building Safety Month because they understand the need for safe structures where we live, work and play. The event focuses on the promoting building safety as well as the business and organization involved in building safety across the City. Therefore, we want to invite your Department to participate this year by setting up a display station or booth during the event.

Planned events include a free cookout, vendor booths, and a training session. Last year, more than a dozen business owners and 200 residents participated in the event. This is an opportunity to share your Department's services with the residents of Alexandria!

If you would like to set up a booth or display at the event please contact Phil Pugh at Philip.Pugh@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.4229 by March 25th. All vendors or organization are asked to bring their own tables, canopies and displays. If you need power please let us know no later than April 15.

We hope you will consider supporting this event, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Gregg Fields
Director
Alexandria Department of Code Administration

OAR Offender Aid and Restoration

Intensive Reentry Program

Target Program Participants:

- Risk level for recidivism is medium to high according to a validated risk assessment tool
- Work Ready Potential
- Home plan is for City of Alexandria

Full Program Length: 12 months pre to post release

Pre Release

The program is not mandatory for any of the participants. Clients choose to participate.

Client will participate in a comprehensive intake assessment (to include a validated risk assessment) and then will participate in developing a case plan that targets their highest criminogenic risk factors.

The most intensive therapeutic and work readiness interventions will be provided during this phase.

OAR Staff meet with clients weekly for 2-3 hours.

OAR Staff begin Family Reunification services.

OAR staff does comprehensive transition/discharge planning with client.

Release Date

The first few weeks of release are the most vulnerable.

Staff welcome the client home and spend 2-3 hours with the client daily in first few weeks. Staff focus intensive individualized attention on the client making sure all of their initial needs are met, continue the client's sessions as well as social/fun events with the client.

The client will participate in a reentry transition planning meeting with their family/support network including Reentry staff, the client's mentor, the client's probation officer, clergy, friends, etc. This will ensure that all stakeholders in the client's reentry are on the same page. These meetings follow a script that has been proven to increase family/support network engagement in the client's reentry plan.

Post Release

Employment and Case Management staff and a team will work intensively with the client.

The OAR Staff will continue to work with the client and family on family reunification issues.

The client will receive an unlimited bus pass for the entirety of their post release phase as well as other individualized financial assistance.

The OAR staff continue to engage the client in pro-social/fun activities

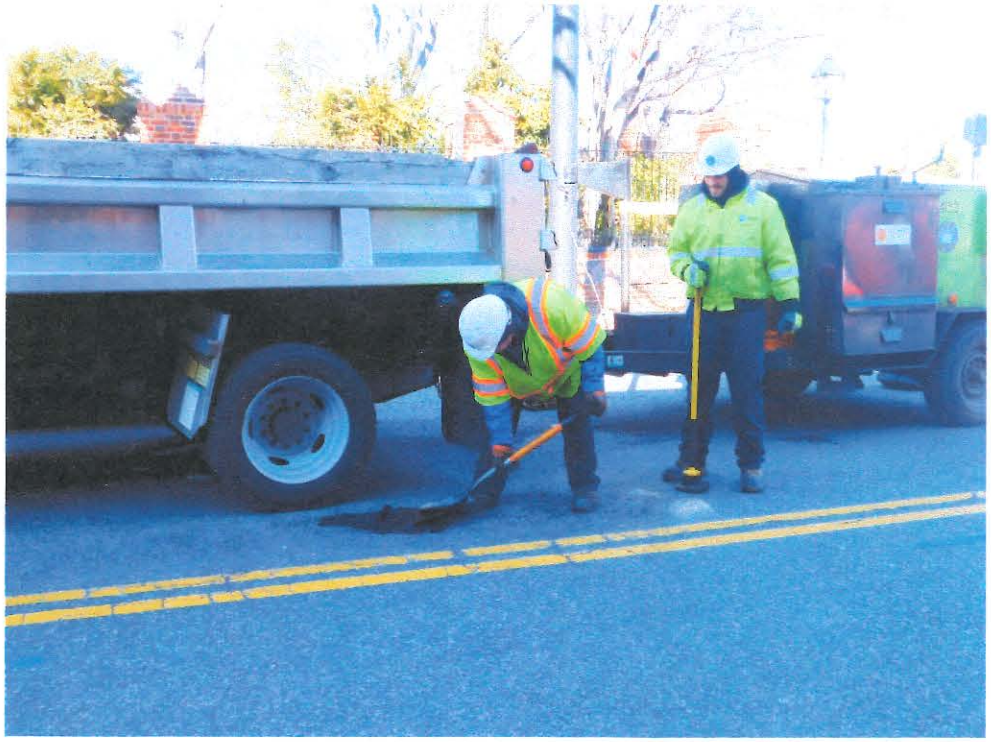
Aftercare sessions will be provided upon client's completion of program

Transportation and Environmental Services

Operations Update
Quality of Life Committee
March 18, 2016

Pothole Patrol

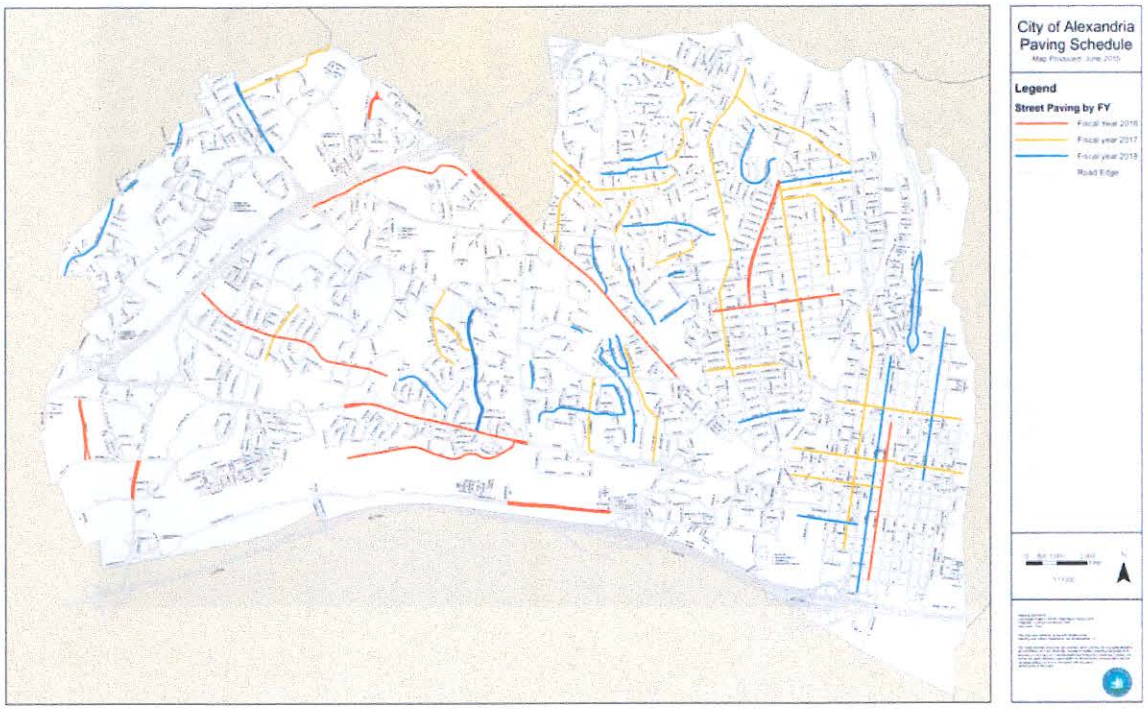
- Citywide, month long, intensive pothole repair campaign
- 7 crews working
- To date we have repaired over 2,000 potholes, Averaging better than a 24 hour response (goal was 72)
- Continues through April 7th



Public Works Services

Spring Paving Program

- 15 streets identified for resurfacing
  - Highlights include:
    - Duke St
    - King St
    - N. Van Dorn
    - Taney Ave
- 20 alleys identified for resurfacing
- RPCA and trail resurfacing at multiple locations



Public Works Services

Spring Cleanup

- 4 Saturdays in April- Residential Pickup
- 2 Key City Gateways
  - King @ FFX line
  - Duke @ FFX line
- 2 Alley Zones
  - Arlandria
  - N. Old Town

Resource Recovery

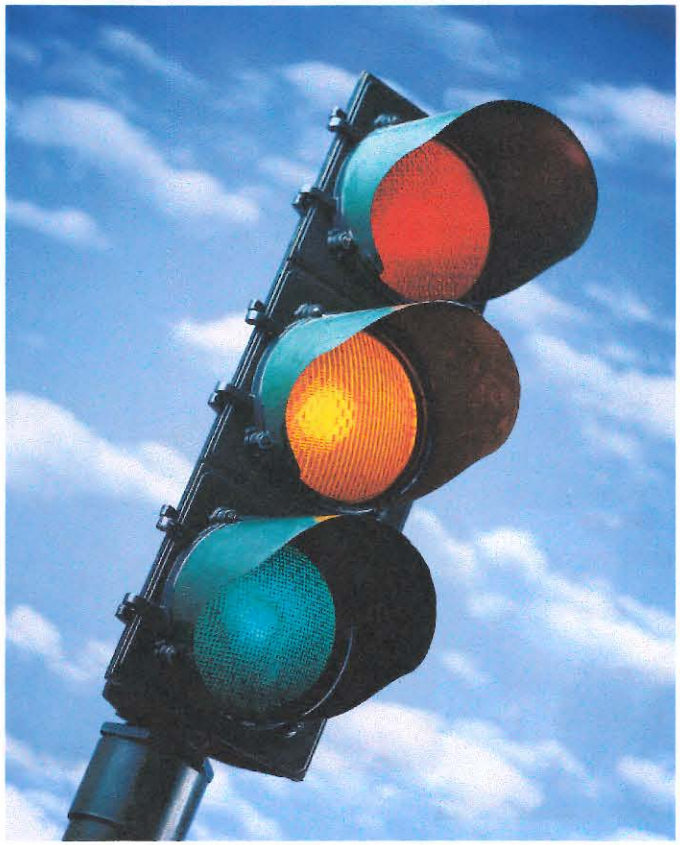
Other Spring Notables

- Launch of seasonal street sweeping
- Enhanced King Street Clean Campaign
  - Night cleaning
- Mulch Delivery
- Curbside Compost Pilot

Resource Recovery

Traffic Signal Improvements

- $500k Homeland Security Grant for signal reliability
- Generator switches being installed on all 255 signal cabinets
- Additional clean generators purchased
- Battery backups being installed at 11 key intersections



Traffic Operations

DCHS Update

Quality of Life Meeting
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New Permanent Supportive Housing Opportunities in Alexandria

In February 2016, Pathway Homes, Inc., (a Northern Virginia non-profit housing and mental health service provider) in collaboration with Alexandria DCHS, was awarded funding from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to provide seven Permanent Supportive Housing beds for Alexandrians with serious mental illness. The project will enable Pathway Homes to work with prospective tenants to determine housing preference and secure stable and affordable (no more than 30% of household income for rent and utilities) leased single units while DCHS will make available to the tenants an array of voluntary services that support recovery and independence.

Pathway Homes' housing assistance will include housing location services; relationship development with private market landlords; financial subsidies; housing placement; and case management to follow and support a housing placement. Pathway Homes will also enter into corporate lease agreements and sublease to tenants in order to minimize barriers to housing access such as tenants' poor credit and criminal background checks. DCHS will offer voluntary treatment, supportive services and case management, based on individual need and preference, to assist tenants in improving their mental and physical health and overall quality of life. Housing will not be time-limited and will not be contingent on service acceptance. Eligible individuals will have a serious mental illness and may also have a co-occurring substance use disorder and priority will be given to individuals who are homeless and being discharged from a state psychiatric hospital.

As part of this recent award, Pathway Homes will also be working jointly with Fairfax-Falls Church CSB and Prince William CSB to provide 18 and 10 Permanent Supportive Housing beds, respectively, in those jurisdictions. Funding for this project is currently allocated for two years but is expected to be ongoing. A specific implementation timeline is being developed; at this time, expectations are that individuals will be placed in housing by mid-summer 2016.

CITAC is Up and Running

The CITAC opened on February 15th. Initial program hours were from 7am-3pm. Those hours were expanded on March 1 and the program is now open 7am-11pm. Progress has been steady and measured, and staff are making good use of the opportunities the program provides. For example, police were able to transfer custody of a seriously mentally ill woman a few days ago to a CIT Security Guard that resulted in a savings of about 10 hours (5 hours x 2 police officers) of patrol officer time. The CIT Security Guard sat with the woman while the temporary detention order was being processed and while DCHS staff located an inpatient bed for her.

City Addiction Treatment Center Wins HIDTA Award

The Alexandria Addiction Treatment Center received a national award from the Office of National Drug Control Policy, a component of the Executive Office of the President, in recognition of their role and success in serving individuals with drug addiction through the Alexandria High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program.

Through a partnership between the DCHS and Alexandria Probation and Parole, the HIDTA program assists clients on probation whose addictions contributed to their criminal behaviors. Through a system of coordinated probation supervision and addiction treatment, clients are able to get into recovery, avoid re-arrest and incarceration, and thereby reduce demand for illicit substances.

Probation officers and Alexandria's HIDTA coordinator work together to identify clients eligible for treatment at the Center, which provides a full continuum for addiction treatment including medically assisted detox, a 30-day residential treatment program, evidence-based therapy and outpatient services.

Medication assisted methods for individuals addicted to heroin is the most effective available treatment, particularly when coupled with evidence based therapy—which is rarely offered by public agencies, according to Washington/Baltimore HIDTA Associate Deputy Director Ruth Phillips, who nominated the program for the award. Nowhere else in the W/B HIDTA region is there a more comprehensive substance abuse treatment center than in Alexandria.