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ARLANDRIA ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

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In 2003, the City adopted a *Long-Term Vision and Action Plan for the Arlandria Neighborhood (Action Plan)*. This newsletter provides a summary of recent implementation activities and project highlights.

Four Mile Run Restoration

A ground breaking ceremony for the Arlington portion of the Four Mile Run Restoration project was held on Wednesday, October 5th at Four Mile Run. Work will soon begin to naturalize the Arlington stream banks, remove invasive plants, replant with native plants, rebuild the trail, and create new wetlands along the stream.



Judy Noritake, along with County staff and members of the community. Noah Simon, assistant to Congressman Don Byer, attended as well.

The event was attended by Delegate Mark Levine from the Virginia House of Delegates, County Board Chair Jay Fissette, and Four Mile Run Joint Task Force Chairs Liz Birnbaum and

More information on Arlington's portion of the project can be found by visiting projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/four-mile-run-stream-restoration.

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Hume Springs Thursday Night Tutoring Program Award

The Hume Springs Citizens Association's *Thursday Night Tutoring Program* was awarded first place for 'Project of the Year' at the Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference in September. [The Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference Annual Neighborhood Awards Program](#) recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding neighborhood organizations and civic individuals from across the Commonwealth who work to enhance the quality of life in their communities.

After realizing there was a need in their neighborhood, Hume Springs community members came together to form an afterschool tutoring program for children in the neighborhood. Some of the kids' parents had challenges with working late and juggling multiple jobs, or language barriers that created challenges to helping their children with homework.

The neighbors of Hume Springs decided to organize and host *Thursday Night Tutoring* for children of all ages in the community. The group has grown to 15 children and 7 tutors who meet weekly in a host tutor's home. The evenings begin with the group sharing a healthy meal and conversation and follows with an hour of individualized or small group tutoring to assist kids with their homework.

The children have goals for the program and keep track of their progress on big charts while working toward incentives. This year, one of the incentives was an end-of-school year field trip to a lake for overnight camping — all of which was provided by committed neighbors investing their time, skills and resources.

The camaraderie for this program has brought people in the community closer together by raising the awareness of the issues that the youth face and creating an environment of understanding across

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Transportation Improvements

Bicycle Parking Corral

On Monday, October 24, the Traffic and Parking Board approved an application to install a bicycle parking corral at 3801 Mt. Vernon Avenue (in front of Tenants and Workers United). The installation requires the removal of one parking space at that location, which will allow for the placement of a four-rack bicycle parking corral with capacity for eight bicycles. Installation is anticipated for the end of this year.



Example in Del Ray

Bicycle parking corrals are a low cost way to provide up to 10 bicycle parking spaces in the same area that can park one vehicle. Businesses can attract new customers while promoting environmentally friendly transportation.

Questions? Visit alexandriava.gov/92753 or contact [Ray Hayhurst](mailto:Ray.Hayhurst@alexandriava.gov), Complete Streets Coordinator.

Four Mile Run Pump Station Educational Fence

AlexRenew plans to begin construction this fall on its educational fence that will surround the Four Mile Run Pump Station. The fence plans include interactive elements that inform community members about the importance of water stewardship and what AlexRenew does to ensure the health of the community and water environment. The concrete pads and fencing are expected to be completed by December, and the educational elements will be installed by March.

For more information, please contact Jae Watkins, jae.watkins@alexrenew.com, Community Outreach and Education Manager at AlexRenew Enterprises.

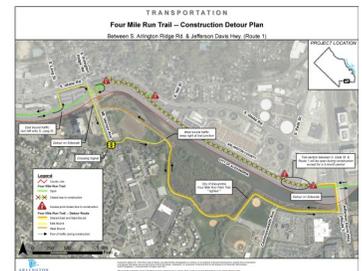
Crosswalks, Bus Stops and Trails

Transportation and Environmental Services is planning to install a *Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon* this fall at the crosswalk located on Mount Vernon Avenue at Reed. The community has voiced concern that the crosswalk is unsafe as drivers fail to yield or stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. The beacon will be similar to the one on Mount Vernon Avenue at Kennedy, which is push button activated by the pedestrian.



Other work planned for this location includes a northbound bus stop 'bulb' to make the stop ADA-compliant and provide a larger waiting area at that location. The intersection 'bulb' will also shorten the crossing distance on Mt. Vernon Avenue for pedestrians as well as slow turning vehicles. This work is currently in design and construction is anticipated to begin late 2017. More information can be found by visiting alexandriava.gov/93440.

The Four Mile Run Trail in Arlington, between Mount Vernon Avenue and Route 1, will be closed for one year beginning this fall as Arlington begins work to restore the lower section of Four Mile Run stream. Trail users will need to take the marked detour in Four Mile Run Park in Alexandria. For more information and other *Trail News*, visit alexandriava.gov/92893.



Community Engagement & Involvement

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cultures. They have also gained the valuable skills of time management; being prepared with homework; and setting and achieving goals.

For more information about the award nomination for the *Thursday Night Tutoring* program, visit alexandriava.gov/Arlandria or contact Rich Hart at richardwhart19@gmail.com.



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Quality of Life Walk

In July, community members joined City staff for the *Arlandria Quality of Life Walk*. This annual event is designed for staff and residents to survey the area and determine any needed improvements to the streetscape, signage, open spaces, and matters related to public health, safety and welfare.

Some issues identified during the walk that have been addressed include sidewalk repairs along West Glebe Road (which will coincide with the street repaving scheduled for spring), sidewalk and brick pavers caving near a manhole cover on Mt. Vernon Avenue, increased litter pick up and following up with business and property owners where vegetation is overgrown.

Due to new changes to the City's sign ordinance, Zoning staff is in the process of reaching out to business owners to alert them of the new requirements. Enforcement will follow on an as-needed basis once outreach has concluded.



Four Mile Run Park Conservatory Foundation

The Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation is a non-profit volunteer organization formed in 2016 following years of community efforts to foster the preservation, beautification, improvement, maintenance, and enjoyment of Four Mile Run Park. Its mission includes maintaining the trail system and natural lands around lower Four Mile Run and fostering respect and stewardship for this unique urban ecosystem and its natural, historic, and recreational resources.



As part of its *Four Mile Run Conservation Series*, the Foundation has an event planned for **November 17 at Jack Taylor Toyota, 3750 Jefferson Davis Highway**, which will focus on identifying and documenting wildlife in Four Mile Run Park. Two previous events were held earlier this fall that focused on invasive plant removal and reuse and a tree planting that also documented the history of trees along the watershed.

The Foundation was formed using funds raised by the Four Mile Run Farmers and Artisans Market, and has received support from the Transurban/I-395 Express Lanes project, as well as from Dominion Power (*Act for Alexandria Green Challenge*) to install water bottle filler stations in parks to reduce water bottle litter. This "*Kick the Habit*" project also was accepted for matching funds by the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission for the new Community Grant program. An additional \$3,000 is still needed to complete this pilot project.

For more information about the Foundation or upcoming events, visit fourmilerun.org.

MOM's Organic Market

MOM's Organic Market located at 3831 Mt. Vernon Avenue has begun renovations to expand its Arlandria location by 40%, providing additional space for more products. As part of the improvements, MOM's will be opening *Naked Lunch*, an all organic, vegetarian eatery. Completion is anticipated for spring 2017.

For more information, email customerservice@momsorganicmarket.com.



Development Project Updates

Potomac Yard Metrorail Station

Earlier this month, the new Potomac Yard Metrorail Station received environmental approval from the federal government with the issuance of Records of Decision by the Federal Transit Administration and the National Park Service. The finalization of both Records of Decision marks a major milestone in the project and the last step in the review process under the National Environmental Policy Act. The Metrorail station now moves into the design and construction phase.



The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will issue a Request for Proposals to procure a general contractor. It is anticipated that the contract should be awarded in the summer of 2017, and construction is projected to commence in late 2017 or early 2018.

Potomac Yard represents one of the most significant redevelopment opportunities for Alexandria. The new Metrorail station, to be built on Metrorail's Yellow and Blue Lines between the existing Braddock Road and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport stations, will provide an extensive range of benefits for the city and surrounding community. The Potomac Yard station, which will be funded by grants and Potomac Yard-generated revenue, will provide walkable access to regional transportation systems for neighborhoods in the northeast portion of the city, is expected to generate billions of dollars in new private sector investment, support 26,000 new jobs and 13,000 new residents, and remove thousands of private vehicles from the congested Route 1 corridor.

For more information on the Potomac Yard Metrorail planning process, including links to the Records of Decision visit alexandriava.gov/PotomacYard. The National Park Service's Record of Decision can also be found at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/PotomacYardMetroStation_ROD.

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