

# OVER THE FENCE

*News for Neighbors from the Arlington Heights Civic Association*



*Spring 2013*

## **EASY RIDERS: BIKESHARE COMES TO ARLINGTON HEIGHTS!**

Bikers, rejoice! Arlington Heights is getting its first Bikeshare stations. The county has plans to install not one but two docking stations in the neighborhood this spring and summer – plus another right next door.

If you can't wait that long, the county last month installed two new bike stations across Columbia Pike at the Walter Reed Community Center (2909 16th Street) and down the Pike, at S. Courthouse Rd. The new installations are part of the county's plans to add 30 new stations to the Columbia Pike and Shirlington neighborhoods in 2013.

Capital Bikeshare is a joint program of Arlington, the District Department of Transportation and the City of Alexandria, launched in 2010. To rent a bike, you need to buy a membership (anywhere from 24 hours to a year) and pay a usage fee (the first 30 minutes of every trip are free). For more information about rates, visit [www.capitalbikeshare.com/pricing](http://www.capitalbikeshare.com/pricing)

**Take it on the road.** You've got your shiny red Bikeshare wheels, now what? The county's working on that, too, with work starting this spring on two  
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## **REMEMBERING JAMES**

RIP: We are saddened to share the news that James Wood, husband of long time AHCA newsletter volunteer Adrienne Wood, passed away on Saturday, March 9.

James spent most of his childhood in Burke, Virginia, and went on to attend Virginia Tech. Two years after graduation he and Adrienne married and for the last 15 years they have made Arlington their home.

James was a devoted family man and a loving father to his two young sons Alex and Adam. His family was the great pride and joy of his life. James coached soccer for both of his sons for many seasons, and made it look effortless. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to family, friends, and neighbors alike.

James was an avid photographer, accomplished guitar player, lover of music, and able to fix most anything. He also had an interest in residential design/remodeling, computers, and cooking. James will be remembered fondly for his witty, dry sense of humor which he used to entertain family, friends, and himself!

Seventeen months ago, James was diagnosed with brain cancer. That diagnosis was followed by a cran-

iotomy, chemotherapy and radiation treatment, spinal meningitis, and a hemorrhagic stroke, which required a second craniotomy. He never got a break – yet when asked how he was doing his answer each and every time was "fine". He never complained – even when facing the terrible things that confronted him.

James was indeed a hero and he will be missed terribly, remembered fondly and never forgotten by the many people whose lives he touched.

In support of James' family or to help fund research to find a cure for brain cancer, donations may be made to The Wood Family Trust c/o Perkins + Will, 1250 24th St., NW, Ste. 800, Washington, DC 20037 or The National Brain Tumor Society, [www.braintumor.org](http://www.braintumor.org).

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CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING**

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## ***Bikeshare, from page 1***

“Bike Boulevards” parallel to Columbia Pike on low-volume, low-speed (25 MPH) streets.

The county will start with street markings and signs on the 9th Street S. and 12th Street S. side of the bike boulevards. Placement of signs and street markings is expected to be completed by this summer.

Staff is beginning to design curbs, medians, ADA compliant ramps and sidewalk re-alignments as survey work is completed. After this design phase, the project team will meet with residents to discuss these new features and concerns regarding proposed left-turn restrictions at S. Glebe Road and 9th Street South, and S. Walter Reed Drive and 9th Street South.

**See page 3 for a map and locations of the Bike-Share stations.**

## **CICLISTAS ENTUSIASTAS. ALEGRÉMONOS!**

Nuestro barrio Arlington Heights recibirá sus dos primeras estaciones de renta de bicicletas. El Condado de Arlington instalará una estación en primavera y la otra en verano. Además planean otra estación cerca de Arlington Heights. Si usted no puede esperar tanto tiempo, el condado ya instaló dos estaciones nuevas al otro lado de la Columbia Pike en el Centro Comunitario Walter Reed 2909 calle 16 Sur y también al bajar por la Columbia Pike en la esquina de Courthouse Road Sur. Las nuevas instalaciones son parte del plan del condado de aumentar 30 estaciones más en los barrios de Columbia Pike y Shirlington en el año 2013.

Comparta una bicicleta a través de Capital Bikeshare. Capital Bikeshare es un programa de de Arlington, Washington DC y la Ciudad de Alexandria iniciado en el 2010. Para alquilar una bicicleta, usted necesita comprar una membresía (ya sea de 24 horas ó hasta de un año) y pagar la cuota. (Los primeros 30 minutos de cada viaje son gratis). Para mayor información acerca de tipos de tasas, visite la página [www.capitalbikeshare.com/pricing](http://www.capitalbikeshare.com/pricing).

**Rodando por el camino.** Ya usted con su bicicleta rojo brillante de Bikeshare, que más? El condado de Arlington está trabajando en eso también. Empezando esta primavera el condado estará creando dos “Bule-

vares para bicicletas” paralelos a lo largo de Columbia Pike en calles de poco tránsito con velocidades de 25 Millas Por Hora (MPH).

Durante el invierno la temperatura no es favorable para marcar las calles, pues el pavimento tiene que estar a 50 grados Fahrenheit y 40 grados durante la noche, de manera que el trabajo apenas empieza ahora. El condado empezará a marcar las calles y rótulos de las calles 9 y 12 Sur a los lados de los bulevares para bicicletas. Esperamos que los rótulos y las marcas de las calles estarán terminadas éste próximo verano.

El personal de Arlington County esta diseñando cunetas, divisiones de calles, rampas y realineamiento de aceras de acuerdo a la ley de Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Después que terminen la fase de diseño, el equipo de trabajo se reunirá con los residentes de nuestro barrio Arlington Hights. La reunión será para discutir los nuevos aspectos y preocupaciones que tengan en relación a la propuesta restricción de “doblar a la izquierda” en South Glebe Road y la Calle 9 Sur y Walter Reed Drive y la Calle 9 Sur.

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS BIKESHARE

*\* Bikeshare stations shown on map*

*Location:* 2nd Street & Old Glebe Rd. (T.J.)

*Target date:* Late spring *Docks:* 15 *Cost:* \$44,000

*Lugar:* 2da (segunda) calle y esquina de Old Glebe Road, cerca de Thomas Jefferson *Fecha fijada:* Al final de la primavera *Espacios:* 15 bicicletas *Costo:* \$ 44.000

*Location:* 9th St. S. & S. Walter Reed Dr.

(Columbia Pike Library/Career Center)

*Target date:* Summer *Docks:* 11 *Cost:* \$36,000

*Lugar:* Calle 9 Sur y Calle Walter Reed Drive Sur (Esquina de la Biblioteca de Columbia Pike y del Career Center) *Fecha fijada:* Verano *Espacios:* 11 bicicletas *Costo:* \$36.000

*Location:* Columbia Pike & S. Walter Reed Dr.

*Target date:* Mid-spring *Docks:* 12 *Cost:* \$37,000

*Lugar:* Columbia Pike y Walter Reed Drive Sur

*Fecha fijada:* A mediados de primavera

*Espacios:* 12 bicicletas *Costo:* \$37.000

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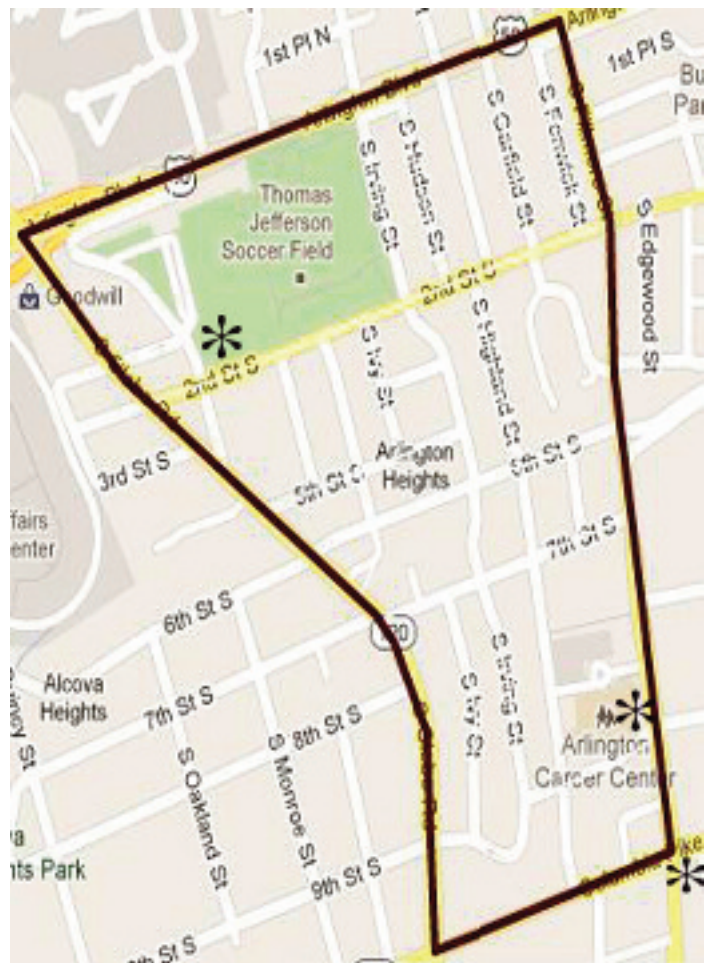
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## TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT APPROVED FOR S. HUDSON

Hit the brakes: The county approved a traffic-calming project for South Hudson Street between Arlington Boulevard and 2nd Street South during its Feb. 23 meeting. The plan includes:

- ↑ Narrowing the intersection of South Hudson Street with 2nd Street South to reduce the speed of vehicles making the turn and shortening the pedestrian crossing distance;

- ↑ Adding parking edge lines on both sides of South Hudson Street from 2nd Street to Arlington Boulevard;

- ↑ Installing radar display units to alert drivers to their speed and the posted speed limit; and

- ↑ Narrowing the Arlington Boulevard entrance to South Hudson Street and connecting to a previously approved Arlington Boulevard frontage project funded by the Neighborhood Conservation Program.

The estimated cost is \$120,000. The project was approved by 16 out of 26 households in the area.

## COLUMBIA PIKE UPDATE

Construction continues for the Utility Undergrounding and Street Improvement project, located between S. Wakefield Street and S. Four Mile Run Drive. County staff is working with contractors to restore the westbound roadway paving conditions. They will perform temporary patching of the roadway until it is ready for an asphalt overlay.

The realignment of South Four Mile Run Minor is underway. When complete, it will allow the County's contractor to consolidate wiring into centralized underground paths. Dominion Virginia Power, Verizon, and Comcast representatives will begin pulling lines and making the necessary connections to allow for the removal of the existing utility poles along this segment of the Pike.

The street improvement phase of this project, which includes installation of storm drains, wider sidewalks, street trees, and street lights, will run concurrently with the wiring connections. Construction for the street improvements will require lane closures with at least one westbound and one eastbound lane open at all times. Crews may perform some of this work during evening hours to minimize the impact to

businesses and motorists. Businesses located along Columbia Pike remain open during construction. Completion of this project is scheduled for fall 2013.

Construction of 290 LED energy-efficient street-light units along the Pike is now complete. Crews programmed the lights along Columbia Pike between S. Scott Street and S. Glebe Road and replaced all faulty LED inserts, radio units, and circuit breakers.

## REPAVING TO BEGIN

Road work: Four or five blocks within Arlington Heights are coming up for Slurry Seal or paving, with VDOT planning to repave all of Glebe within the neighborhood. In addition, VDOT is expected to repave Old Glebe Road South around May-June.

Timeline for any of the County paving/sealing looks more like summer than spring, but will be highly dependent on contractor availability and progress in other areas of Arlington for the county's contractors and other areas of Northern Virginia for VDOT's contractor.

For more information, visit the county's Slurry Seal Information & Map at: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/StreetSlurry.aspx>

and the Paving Information & Map at: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/StreetPaving.aspx>

## NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION UPDATE

The County Board approved funding in March for the streetlights project on 9th Street South, South Highland Street, and South Irving Street. The project will install Carlyle style LED lights. The county planning staff estimate that construction will commence in March 2014, and it typically takes six months to complete construction.

We are currently considering ideas for another Neighborhood Conservation (NC) project. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Jim Presswood, AHCA's NC representative, at [jimahca@gmail.com](mailto:jimahca@gmail.com) no later than May 5th. Projects that can qualify for NC funding include new playgrounds, improvements to green space and parks, streetlights, and sidewalks/gutters.

## Neighbor spotlight

# DON ZIENTARA—ARLINGTON HEIGHTS' MUSIC MAN

BY JULIAN PECQUET

If you haven't met Don Zientara and his wife Juanita, gardener extraordinaire, make sure to grab the March/April issue of Arlington Magazine to read all about one of our neighborhood's most talented artists.

A painter by training – he has an arts degree from Syracuse and studied print-making in West Virginia – Don started dabbling in electronics when he was 10 years old. Drafted to depict medal winners during the Vietnam War, he later joined the National Gallery of Art and was eventually able to meld those two passions when he took over the gallery's recording studio.

Don liked to record his friends' music on the side. He got his big break when the Slickee Boys, a DC punk-psychedelic-garage rock band asked him to record a gig at American University and followed up with sessions at Don's home on Ivy Street, where he and Juanita have lived since 1976. Their manager Skip Groff, owner of Rockville Pike's Yesterday and Today Records, was impressed and by the late 1970s almost all of the area's best punk bands – the Teen Idles, Bad Brains, Minor Threat – had become Arlington Heights regulars.

“Luckily, we had fairly tolerant neighbors,” Don says. “You'd have five or six people coming in with leather jackets and chains and everything. It was very, very weird.”

Ivy Street's low-hung basement ceilings and crowded furnace rooms quickly proved unworkable



*Don Zientara in his Four Mile Run studio*

once Don went into full-time business as a sound engineer. In 1989, he moved Inner Ear Studios to its current location on Four Mile Run, a small brick warehouse nestled between auto shops.

Don wasn't initially a punk fan. But he quickly perceived the energy under the noise, “which has helped me out immensely, because I've dealt with all the other performers – whether they're blue-grass, or a theater group, or a woman saying something for a book on tape – looking for the best performance, knowing that that's what matters.”

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## MAKE SOME MUSIC

Always wanted to record an album? Here's your chance! Don has helped Arlington Cultural Affairs set up a small audio recording studio (control room and live music room) at the corner of S. Oakland St. & Four Mile Run. The studio offers about 16 microphones (AKG, Shure, MXL, CAD), mic stands, and a full headphone support system. The interface used is a Presonus StudioLive mixing board, firewire con-

nected to an iMac. Software is primarily ProTools and Digital Performer.

The space can hold about five musicians – four with a drum kit. You'll have to bring your own instruments, as the studio only offers an electric keyboard with a good piano sound (and a few orchestral sounds). Recording is available until 10:30 p.m. The space just opened, and although it's fully functional, long-term goals have yet to be established. Call Toni at (703) 228-1838 for details and rates.

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## *Zientara, from page 5*

“Yes, you want the fidelity there, and you want it to be clean and hiss-free, no hum and all kinds of other things – but the performance really sort of trumps everything else. That's what punk music had. And that's what basically my philosophy in recording music is.”

For all the state-of-the-art equipment and years of experience he puts at the artists' disposal, Don says that's not enough: “they've got to do their job on the other side of the glass.” To help them get there, he's turned his studio into as relaxing a place as he can make it, decorated from floor to ceiling with the more than 1,000 albums he's recorded along with his artwork, games, toys, giant stuffed animals and just an incredible array of knick-knacks.

“I think when you're comfortable, you can just do things better.”

That reputation for bringing out the best performance has attracted some of the country's top studio execs and artists as far away as Europe and Japan to have Don record everything from pop music to theater and choral music.

If you know of an Arlington Heights neighbor we should profile, please contact me at [jpecquet@yahoo.com](mailto:jpecquet@yahoo.com).

## MEET THE COMMISSIONERS

The county board launched a series of roving Neighborhood Town Halls this year. They are held from 6:46 p.m. to 9 p.m., and are open to all county residents.

Here's the spring schedule:

Wednesday, May 22  
Neighborhood Town Hall  
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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS!

## SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ

You're invited to the **Arlington Heights Annual-Neighborhood Day Picnic and BBQ** which will be held on Saturday, May 18 from noon until 2 p.m. on the field/playground area adjacent to Patrick Henry Elementary School. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors – not to mention an afternoon of food and fun!

We will have the grill going with burgers and dogs (including a vegetarian option) and we only ask that you please bring a side dish or dessert to share with others, along with a picnic blanket. We will have a free moon bounce and face painting for the kids and more! We hope you will join us!

If it looks like rain, the BBQ will be rescheduled for Sunday, May 19 – same time, same place.

## 18 DE MAYO – PARRILLADA ANUAL

Usted está invitado a la Parrillada annual

Fecha: Sábado 18 de Mayo

Hora: 12:00 PM a las 2:00 de la tarde.

Lugar: En el campo de pelota y parque al lado de la Escuela Patrick Henry.

Porqué: El evento es una magnífica oportunidad para conocer a sus vecinos y pasar un rato de refrigerio y diversión. Tendremos asadores para hamburguesas, perros calientes ó vegetarianos.

Contribución: Por favor traiga un plato adicional ó un postre para compartir con otras personas y una frazada.

Juegos: Tendremos un “rebote de luna” gratis y pintura de la cara para los niños.

## WALK AND SMELL THE ROSES

The **Arlington Heights Civic Association's annual neighborhood garden tour** is just around the corner. Join us on Saturday, June 6 for a fun and casual walking tour of the neighborhood and some great gardens.

If you're interested in showing your own garden, recommending a neighbor's or just coming along on the tour, contact John or Rebecca Mashaw at 703-892-

3793 or email [johnmashaw@comcast.net](mailto:johnmashaw@comcast.net).

## ROCK ON!

Our very own **Columbia Pike Blues Festival** is right around the corner. Join the neighbors and music aficionados from far and wide for top blues performances, crafts, children's activities and food at S. Walter Reed Drive and Columbia Pike on from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 15. Best of all, it's free!

Here's the line-up:

- ↑ 1 p.m.: Karl Stoll & the Danger Zone
- ↑ 2 p.m.: Moondog Medicine Show
- ↑ 3:30 p.m.: Danny Blew and the Blues Crew
- ↑ 5 p.m.: Chris Polk
- ↑ 6:30 p.m.: Peter Karp and Sue Foley

Check out the bands at: [http://www.columbia-pike.org/?page\\_id=2172](http://www.columbia-pike.org/?page_id=2172)

## CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY AND LONG BRIDGE PARK

Arlington's signature July 4th event is back! On Thursday, July 4, all are welcome to participate in the festivities at Long Bridge Park (475 Long Bridge Drive). The event will begin at 3 p.m. with a food-truck rally, arts-and-crafts market, free fitness activities for all ages, live music – and lots more.

Interested in being an event partner or vendor? Email [lbarragan@arlingtonva.us](mailto:lbarragan@arlingtonva.us) or call 703-228-3329 for details on how to get involved.

## *And don't forget...*

- May 14, 7 – 9 p.m.: Quarterly meeting of AHCA
- Aug. 13, 7 – 9 p.m.: Quarterly meeting of AHCA
- Oct. 26, 3 – 4:30 p.m.: Halloween Parade
- Oct. 27, 3 – 4:30 p.m.: Halloween Parade rain date
- Nov. 12, 7 – 9 p.m.: Quarterly meeting of AHCA
- Dec. 20, 7 p.m.: Holiday caroling

## 2013 AHCA MEMBERSHIP

Individual/Family Memberships are \$20.  
Business Memberships are \$25.

With your membership you help to support the Arlington Heights Civic Association's activities. Members receive voting rights on issues presented to the association. Memberships should be renewed annually.

Please complete this form and send with your check made out to AHCA to:

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Yes, I'd like to make an additional contribution to AHCA. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

New to the neighborhood? The county has launched a free resource for new residents, just for you. The Arlington Welcome Kit includes an online information portal and a printable guide packed with information on how to sign up for county services, set up a new home and settle into the community.

The kit is available for download at [www.arlingtonva.us/portals/topics/page87702.aspx](http://www.arlingtonva.us/portals/topics/page87702.aspx)

## PLEASE JOIN AHCA AND LISTSERV!

Please take this opportunity to renew your AHCA membership. Residential memberships are \$20.00 per household; business memberships are \$25.

The membership year, just like the calendar year, runs from January through December and **all memberships are due to be renewed in January no matter when you paid the previous year.** While the dollar amount is relatively small, your participation is vital to the continuation of our Civic Association.

We also thank all the members that have added additional contributions to their membership payments. Your contributions have not gone unnoticed, and collectively they make a difference.

Be sure to join the AHCA listserv, too! You get up-to-date information such as alerts, neighbor and event information and time-sensitive notifications. List items you want to sell or donate, get recommendations on contractors and vendors, and much more.

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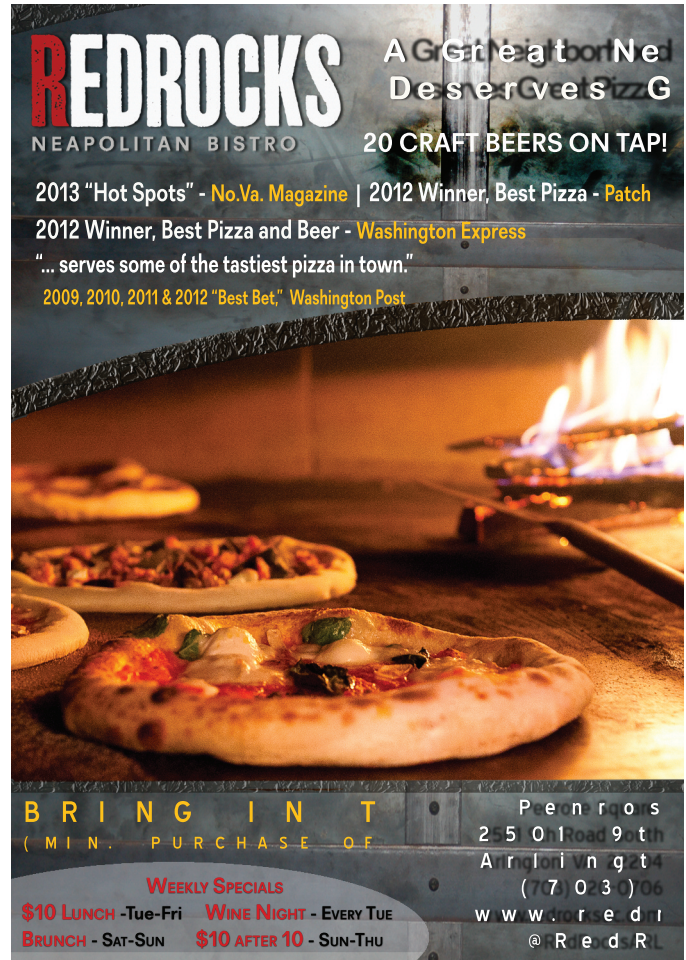
Our very own USS Arlington, commemorating the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon, was successfully commissioned on Saturday, April 6, at Naval Station Norfolk.

The San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock is sea-worthy, but it's not complete – the Navy League is still looking for sponsors for its proposed 9/11 tribute room, which will include an Arlington firefighter's helmet worn on the day of the attack and other such artifacts. The league seeks to raise \$500,000 but was \$138,000 short as of early April, even after getting \$50,000 from Arlington County.

To help, contact Maryellen Baldwin at 757-486-7654 or [navyleague@earthlink.net](mailto:navyleague@earthlink.net).

To view renderings of the proposed tribute room, visit <http://ussarlingtonlpcd24.org/USS%20Arlington-Concepts5-15-12.pdf>

The Navy has also launched the USS New York and the USS Somerset to commemorate the attacks. This is the third Navy ship named after our county.



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News of the million-dollar-plus bus/trolley "Super Stop" at Columbia Pike/Walter Reed Drive has sparked complaints from many in our neighborhood and across the region. Well, Arlington County says it has heard them loud and clear, and has ordered a pause to a program that's expected to eventually include 24 stops along Columbia Pike.

Already, the county has rescinded an invitation to bid on the planned Penrose Square Super Stop pending a reassessment of the program's design and cost. Comments and suggestions should be emailed to [des@arlingtonva.us](mailto:des@arlingtonva.us), with "Super Stop" in the subject line.

## SPRING CLEANING? HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAN HELP

At long last, spring is here. That means it's time to clean out winter's clutter and think about how to make your home shine inside and out.

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Police Non-Emergency	703-558-2222
Water (after hours emergency)	703-228-6555
Trash & Special Pickups	703-228-6555
Animal Control/Animal Welfare League	703-931-9241
Columbia Pike Library	703-228-5710
Patrick Henry Elementary School	703-228-5820
Thomas Jefferson Middle School	703-228-5900
Wakefield High School	703-228-6700
Thomas Jefferson Community Center	703-228-5920
Snow Removal Hotline	703-228-6485
Pothole Hotline	703-228-6570

Dominion Virginia Power Outage Reports	888-667-3000
Washington Gas Emergency Reports	703-750-1000
Comcast Cable	800-934-6489 (800-XFINITY)
Miss Utility (call before digging)	800-552-7001