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NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS  
FROM THE  
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS CIVIC  
ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2018

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PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR THE AHCA  
QUARTERLY  
MEETING

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AT 7 P.M.

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## ARLINGTON COUNTY FAIR RETURNS: AUGUST 15-19

The annual Arlington County Fair will be taking place August 15-19 at Thomas Jefferson Park. On the fair's opening night, Arlington Heights residents are invited to attend Neighborhood Night, which will feature family-friendly games. Activities will take place after the ribbon cutting ceremony at 5 p.m. Meet by the racing piglets.

Please note that fair personnel will be going door-to-door this Friday, August 10, to hand out parking passes. Please be sure to follow the instructions on the reverse side of the passes for displaying the passes.

Also note that the TJ gym will be closed from Friday, August 10 at 6 p.m. until Tuesday, September 4. Note the following changes to nearby centers:

- From August 13-31, Barcroft Community and Fitness Center will open at 6 a.m. Monday-Friday.
- From August 11-September 4, Walter Reed's outdoor pickleball program pilot hours will be extended. The basketball court will be open for play every day of the week 7 a.m.-noon and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 5 p.m.-sunset.

## AGENDA FOR UPCOMING AHCA MEETING

The next AHCA meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 14, from 7-9 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Elementary School Library. Items for discussion will include regular business items and:

- Career Center update
- Discussion of possible updates to AHCA website/ mailing list/ newsletter
- Presentation by Arlington County's Department of Environmental Services (DES) on Columbia Pike Bike Boulevards projects

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## WELCOME, NEW OFFICERS!

### AHCA FIRST VICE PRESIDENT (ACTING) NICK CARRASCO

I'm Nick Carrasco, currently acting first vice president. My family moved to Highland Street in summer of 2015. Before that we lived in Alexandria and Crystal City. My wife and I were every excited to move back to Arlington.

We have two kids. Our seven-year-old daughter will be starting second grade in the fall at Patrick Henry, and our three-year-old son is looking forward to going to Fleet.

We enjoy sharing tape art with the neighborhood on our garage door. You can see the art on instagram, @art\_on\_doors, and please feel free to share any suggestions for the next design!

### AHCA TREASURER (ACTING) MATTHEW AMBROSE

I'm Matthew Ambrose, and I'm currently the acting treasurer. My wife, Jillian, and I moved to Jackson Street in Arlington Heights from Columbia Pike in July 2017, and we've grown to love the neighborhood even more since then.

My wife and I have a three-year-old daughter, Vivian, and as of July 6, we welcomed our second daughter, Margaret, into the world!



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## FLEET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL QUARTERLY COMMUNITY MEETINGS

You are invited to attend community meetings for updates on Fleet School construction. The meetings will be attended by APS staff and construction personnel and are designed to discuss schedules, issues, and any concerns about the construction process. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School library on the following dates:

- August 15, 2018
- November 14, 2018
- February 13, 2019
- May 15, 2019
- August 14, 2019

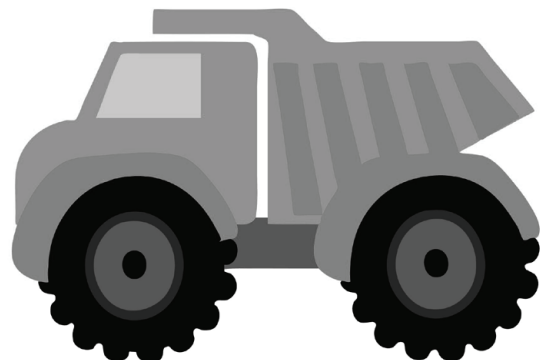


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# CAREER CENTER UPDATE

BY KRISTI RUPERT SAWERT, AHCA PRESIDENT

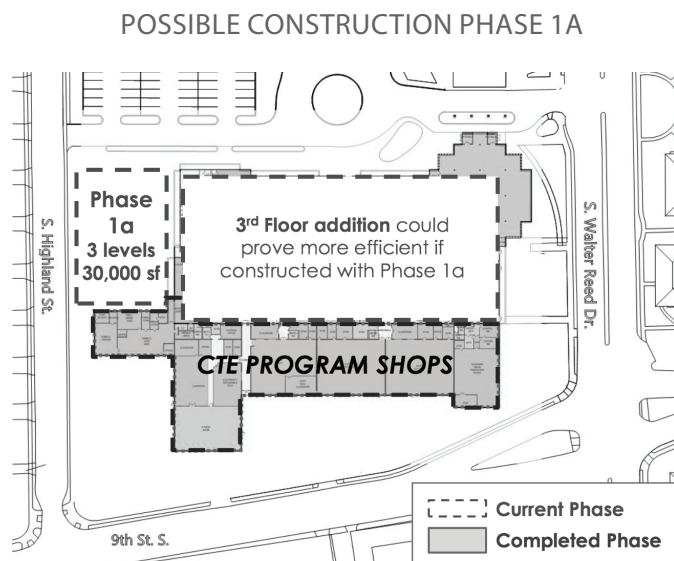
The Arlington Public Schools (APS) School Board passed its 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on June 21, 2018. The CIP earmarks \$185 million for adding 800 new high-school seats at the Career Center campus. With the addition of the 800 seats, the Career Center site will host approximately 2,120 high school students plus 500 elementary school students on the 12-acre site.

The CIP also includes funds for a field and underground parking, to be built by 2023. The 800 seats are to be added by 2025, along with a performing arts facility. Other instructional facilities found at APS's comprehensive high schools—such as a pool, track, auxiliary gym, practice fields, diamond fields—were not funded in this CIP. At the School Board meeting, the board members would not commit on the instructional focus of the 800 high-school seats (i.e., comprehensive or choice).

The Career Center Working Group (CCWG) will wrap up this August. The CCWG will provide a report to the School Board and the County Board that defines how APS can open the 800 additional seats and offers opinions on the feasibility of building a fourth comprehensive high school at the Career Center site through a phased development plan.

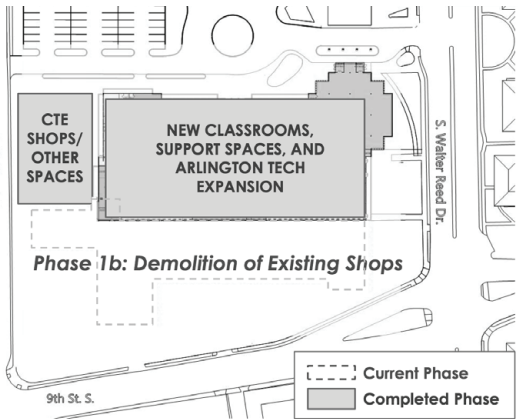
The following phasing plan has been presented to the CCWG and represents a likely but **unofficial** construction plan. Phasing will begin with the addition of a third floor to the Career Center building, together with the construction of a new 3-level building on the west side of the current Career Center building on South Highland St. This construction phase will take approximately 12 to 18 months.

To follow the CCWG online, go to <https://www.apsva.us/career-center/ccwg-follow-journey/>.



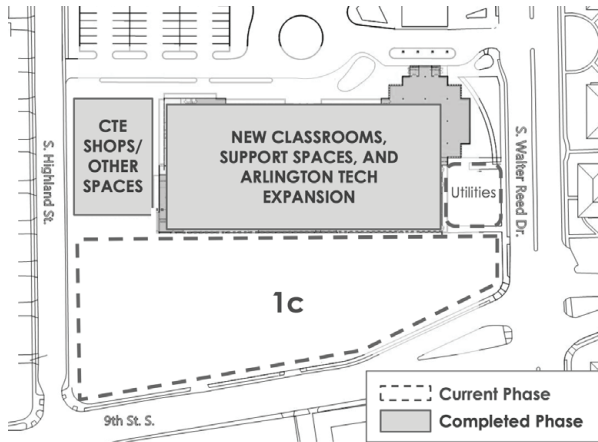


POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION PHASE 1B



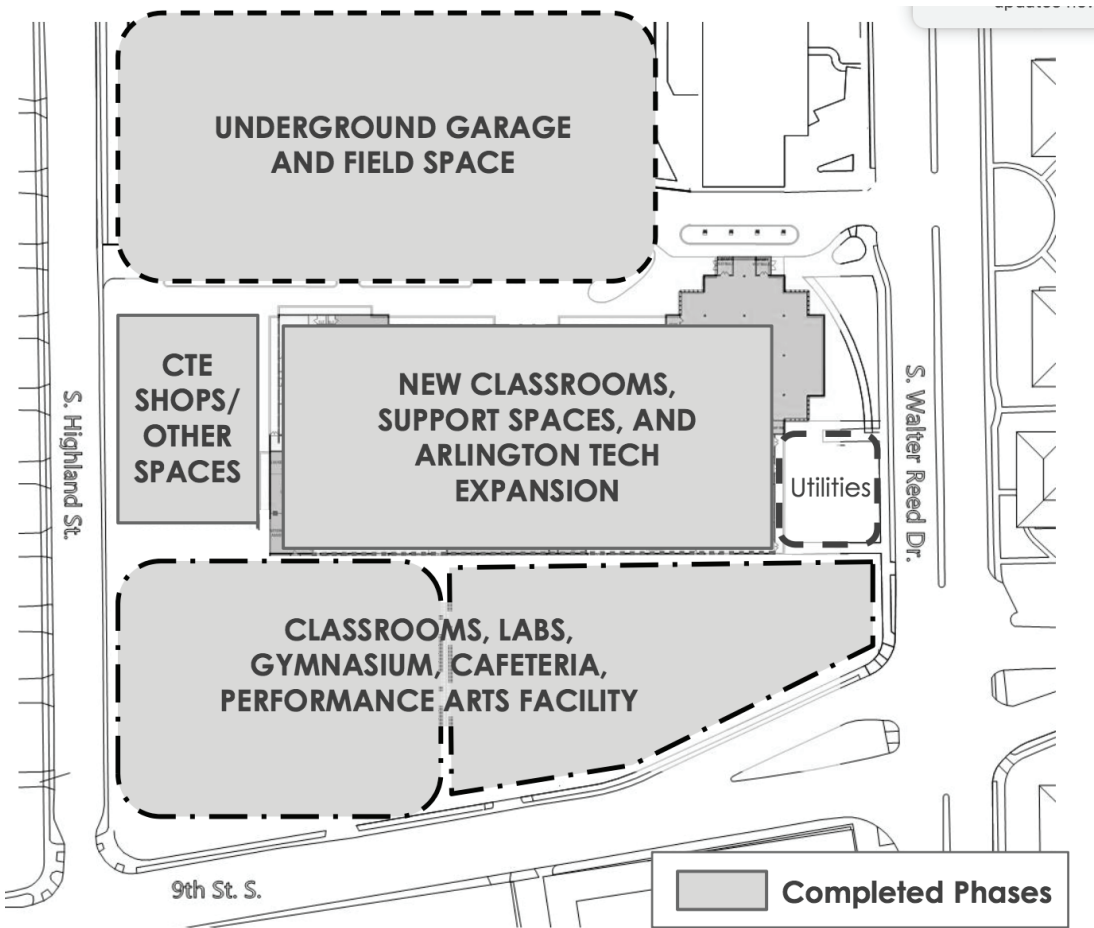
*The Career and Technical Education (CTE) program shops will then be relocated to the new building and the existing shops taken down. This construction phase will take approximately two to three months.*

POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION PHASE 1C



*Finally, a new building will be constructed along South 9th Street and Walter Reed to house the 800 new high school seats.*

CAREER CENTER CAMPUS WITH ALL CONSTRUCTION PHASES COMPLETED



# MASTER GARDENERS: WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR YOU

BY REBECCA MASHAW

Master Gardeners are trained volunteer educators who work within their local communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management education and training.

So what's the point? Master Gardeners are here to help you. And Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV), the Arlington-Alexandria group, does a LOT in that regard.

Our trainees receive about 70 hours of hands-on and classroom education from Cooperative Extension agents and specialists, university faculty, green industry professionals, and Arlington and Alexandria park and recreation administrators.

Newly graduated Master Gardener Interns then complete the remainder of their 120 hours of training working on class projects, demonstration gardens, Horticulture Help Desk, plant clinics, and community special events. After completing these additional training/service hours, Interns become Certified Master Gardeners.

From that point, Master Gardeners have to maintain their certification through continuing education (8 hours per year) and by volunteering for 20 hours at minimum.

We often teach or assist the local Extension Agent with classes on a wide range of topics. Just this month (August), we're offering a class on common pests and diseases of trees; plant diseases and pests in the vegetable garden; and fall and winter vegetable gardening.

We also staff plant clinics at the main Arlington, Old Town Alexandria, and Del Ray Farmers Markets—all on Saturdays—as well as at the main Arlington Library on Wednesday evenings. You can bring us pictures or samples of plants and pests to identify, help you find solutions to gardening problems, and guide you in choosing the best plants for your home landscape.

Our farmers market and library clinics are generally open spring through fall, but all year round you can consult with Master Gardeners at the Horticulture Help Desk at the Extension Office in the Fairlington Community Center, by email at [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com), or by calling 703-228-6414. There's a wealth of information available to help find answers to your questions—and if our experienced Extension Agent and Master Gardeners don't know the answer, they know how to find it!

MGNV also maintains several demonstration gardens in Arlington and Alexandria to let you see real-world examples of the types of plants that grow well in our horticultural zone. Bon-Air Park in Arlington features both a sunny and a shady garden of ornamental

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plants; the Glencarlyn Library in Arlington hosts a delightful garden featuring herbs, perennials, and even tropical plants; the Potomac Overlook Organic Vegetable Garden showcases not only well grown vegetables but also different ways to compost garden and kitchen waste; and the Simpson Park Gardens in Alexandria include waterwise plants, plants that attract butterflies, and alpine plants in a rock garden. If you visit the gardens you may well encounter the Master Gardeners who maintain them; don't hesitate to ask questions!

In a garden, at a clinic or in a class, Master Gardeners are ready and willing to help however we can. That's what we are here for. It's what we train for. And the more we help to answer your questions, the more we learn ourselves. Everybody wins!




## ARLINGTON SOLAR + ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING CO-OP

Solar panels are popping up on more and more homes here in Arlington Heights and throughout Arlington. For a limited time, you can purchase a solar system or an electric vehicle charger for your home at a discount through the Arlington Solar + EV Charging Co-op.

Going solar costs less than half of what it did just five years ago and you can claim the 30% federal tax credit in addition to the co-op discount. Over 100 Arlington homeowners have purchased panels through co-ops like these! Visit the website (<https://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/virginia/>) to learn more or sign up.

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## THANK YOU!

We thank all the AHCA members who have added additional contributions to their membership payments. Those additional contributions have not gone unnoticed, and collectively make a difference.

We would also like to thank the many local businesses who help make this newsletter and our social events possible every year.

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REPTILES ALIVE | SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 | 11:00 A.M.

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