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The Citizen



Fall 1999

Election Day 1999

Tuesday, Nov. 2, is Election Day. Arlington voters will select their members of the General Assembly, their constitutional officers, two members of the County Board, and one member of the School Board. Voters must go to their own polling places. If you are unsure whether or not you are registered or where to vote, telephone the Office of Voter Registration at 228-3456. All polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Candidates for office are listed here in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. Please note that in Virginia party affiliation is not indicated on the ballot.

On The Ballot November 2

Virginia Senate, 30th District

Patricia S. "Patsy" Ticer (D) *
C. W. "Levi" Levy (I)

Virginia Senate, 31st District

Mary Margaret Whipple (D) *
Scott C. Tate (R)

Virginia Senate, 32nd District

Janet D. Howell (D) *
Whitney Adams (R)

House of Delegates, 47th District

James F. Almand (D) *
Robert A. Metry, Jr. (R)

House of Delegates, 48th District

Robert H. Brink (D) *
S. John Massoud (R)

House of Delegates, 49th District

L. Karen Darner (D) *

Clerk of Circuit Court

David A. Bell (D) *

Commonwealth's Attorney

Richard E. Trodden (D)

Sheriff

Thomas N. Faust (D) *

Commissioner of the Revenue

Geraldine M. "Gerri" Whiting (D) *

Treasurer

Francis X. O'Leary (D) *

County Board (two seats)

Paul F. Ferguson (D) *
Charles P. Monroe (D)
Frances M. Finta (R)
Michael D. Lane (R) *

School Board

Sharon E. Davis (I)
David M. "Dave" Foster (I)

*Indicates an incumbent,
(D) = Democrat, (R) = Republican,
(I) = Independent (no party affiliation).

Absentee Voting

If you will be out of town or are unable to stand in line at your polling place because of a physical disability, you may wish to vote by absentee ballot by mail or in person. However, if you registered by mail, you must vote in person and show identification unless you are a full-time student

or are unable to vote in person because of a physical disability or illness.

In Person: At the Office of Voter Registration, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 30 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 30 is the last day to vote absentee in-person.

By Mail: Telephone 228-3456 for an absentee ballot application or download the form from the Office of Voter Registration's web site, www.co.arlington.va.us/voters/absentee.htm. Applications may be mailed or faxed into the office. All absentee ballot applications must be received by Thursday, Oct. 28 and all ballots must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Emergency absentee ballots are available in special circumstances for citizens who are hospitalized or otherwise incapacitated no earlier than Oct. 28, and for those who are notified by their business after noon on the Sat., Oct. 30, that they will be out of town on election day. For more information about emergency or other absentee balloting, call 228-3456.

Work at the Polls on Election Day

Openings are still available for Election Officials for the Nov. 2 election, working from 5 a.m. until the results are counted. The pay is \$85 for the day. Telephone the Electoral Board office at 228-3456 or check the election office web page at <http://www.co.arlington.va.us/voters/workpoll.htm> to sign up. All election officials must attend a mandatory two-hour training session; additional training is available.

You are eligible to be an election officer if you:

- Are registered to vote in Arlington
- Do not hold elected office or are not the employee or deputy of an elected official

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Your County Board

Paul Ferguson, *Chairman*
Barbara A. Favola, *Vice Chairman*

Members:

Jay Fisette
Michael Lane
Christopher E. Zimmerman

County Board Office

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2100 Clarendon Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201
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228-4611 (TTY only)
228-7430 (fax)

E-mail: countyboard@co.arlington.va.us

Please be sure to include your postal address in your e-mail requests.

The Office will respond via e-mail when possible but will use postal mail to deliver attachments, for example, that may not be available electronically.

Coming County Board Meeting Dates

Oct. 16, Nov. 3, Dec. 11

Agendas for each County Board meeting are posted on the County's website the Monday prior to each meeting, at www.co.arlington.va.us/cbo/agenda.htm. Agendas also are published that day in The Arlington Journal and are available outside the County Board Room.

Citizens are invited to attend County Board meetings, which begin at 8:30 a.m. in Suite 307, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., with public comment. Public hearing items (agenda items) begin at 9 a.m.

All Board meetings are cablecast live on Channel 31. Repeats are aired at 10 a.m. on the following Tuesdays. Videotapes are available for viewing in the Virginia Room of Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., telephone 228-5966, and in the Government Reference Library, Suite 406, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., telephone 228-3352.

(Note: The Government Reference Library is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; telephone the Virginia Room at 228-5966 for information on its hours of operation.)

Brief summaries of actions taken by the County Board at its regular and recessed meetings and at work sessions are posted on the County's website approximately one week following a meeting. See www.co.arlington.va.us/cbo/highlights.htm



Arlington's 1999 County Board welcomes Mike Lane as its newest member. Mike Lane (left) was sworn in on April 14, 1999, following a special election to fill the seat left vacant by the departure of Al Eisenberg. Other Board members from left to right include Vice Chairman Barbara Favola, Chairman Paul Ferguson, Jay Fisette and Chris Zimmerman.

Arlington's Water to Improve in 2000

Beginning November 2000, Arlington's water supplier will modify its water treatment process to meet new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines for the nation's drinking water. During the month of October 1999, the Washington Aqueduct Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be providing its wholesale water consumers—of which Arlington County is one—with information to be used for formal notification to commercial and medical organizations who may need to make adjustments to prepare for the change.

The change is being made to comply with EPA's mandate that water suppliers reduce the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for trihalomethanes (THMs) from 0.1 milligram per liter to 0.08 milligrams per liter of water. The Washington Aqueduct is addressing the directive by converting its disinfection process from the use of free chlorine to chloramines. The process is not new to the water treatment industry. The Fairfax County Water Authority currently uses chloramines, as well as other cities around the country.

Typically, water purification involves three stages. The first is a sedimentation process where large particles coagulate and settle out. Next, a filtration process removes remaining particulate matter. The third process, disinfection, kills bacteria and other microscopic organisms in the water making it safe to drink.

But during the disinfection process at the treatment plants and while the water

is in the distribution system waiting to be used, chlorine can combine with natural organic matter in the water to form a family of chemical compounds known as Disinfection By-Products (DBPs), which include THMs. While the treatment process currently produces water that is lower in DPBs and THMs than is allowed, new regulations will lower the allowable limit even further.

Chloramines are formed when ammonia is added to water that contains free chlorine. The effect of this process is to quench the chlorine reaction with the organic matter thereby stopping the formation of DPBs while at the same time providing an adequate disinfection residual throughout the distribution system keeping the water safe to drink.

As an additional benefit, there will be less of a chlorine taste and odor to the water. Chloramines will likewise not impact on laundry, and no special precautions need to be taken. Tropical fish enthusiasts, however, should take additional precautions. They are urged to make sure that the commercial tablets or drops they are using to remove chlorine from tap water prior to adding it to aquariums are effective against chloramines.

Commercial and medical facilities that require a greater purity of the water supply, such as kidney dialysis facilities, will also need to ensure that their current systems that remove chlorine can also extract the chloramines.

Did You Know?

Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes are due Tuesday, Oct. 5. Your new "blue" decal must be displayed on your windshield by Mon. Nov. 15. Police will begin ticketing motorists displaying invalid decals on their cars on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

You can pay your taxes on-line. The Treasurer's Office has begun accepting payments for taxes and parking tickets via the Internet. Visit the Treasurer's Office website at www.co.arlington.va.us/treas. Click on the "What's New?" button and look for the payment on-line option. You can pay using your Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express credit card. The service provider will impose a fee.

Due to the cessation in production of the current parkulator, the Treasurer's Office will deplete its inventory sometime in November. Parkulator users can continue to use their current unit until all recharges have been exhausted. There is a bright side, however. The Treasurer's Office has been negotiating with the manufacturer of a superior in-car-parking device, called **e.park**. Unfortunately, the new units will not be available to the public until February 2000. Current parkulator users will be informed of the

new **e.park** by mail. Please look for our ads in local newspapers after the new year.

The Arlington Employment Center operates the Home-Works program, which matches home health aides, companions, homemakers, home repair and maintenance workers and other home service providers with Arlington County residents who wish to employ them. Home-Works' comprehensive referral program has been serving the community since 1956. Its goals are to help home service workers obtain employment and help residents of all ages needing home care assistance maintain a high quality of life in their homes and surroundings.

While the program is not free, it helps residents needing assistance avoid unnecessary hospital and nursing home expenses and provides family members respite care arrangements.

Arlington residents who have either sold their vehicles or moved out of Arlington since Jan. 1, 1999, may call the Commissioner of the Revenue's 24-hour telephone number, 228-4585, to make account changes electronically or use our e-mail address at revenue@co.arlington.va.us. To make changes electronically, you must have the account number and Virginia title number for each affected

vehicle ready and follow the detailed recorded instructions. For additional information, please visit the Commissioner's website at www.co.arlington.va.us/cor.

County residents can report vehicles seen normally parked in Arlington County but not displaying valid County decals to the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue's 24-hour hotline, (703) 228-3030. To report such a vehicle, include its license number and state and the location where it normally is parked or garaged. Calls may be made anonymously. The hotline is part of the effort to assess and collect possible taxes.

Former members of the County's Commission on the Status of Women who are not receiving mail from the commission and others who would like to be added to the commission's mailing list are asked to send a current mailing address to: The Commission on the Status of Women, 1015 N. Quincy St, Arlington, VA. 22207. Addresses may also be sent via e-mail to afurma@co.arlington.va.us. The mailing list is used for the commission's annual Person of Vision award nominations, its annual Women's History Month dinner, and other programs supported by the commission.

Fall Environmental Activities

County residents interested in protecting Arlington's environment are invited to participate in a special fall environmental event set for Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the I-66 Parking Deck at North 15th and North Quincy Streets. The Arlington County Department of Environmental Services and the Arlington County Fire Department have joined together to present a number of environmental, safety and educational activities rain or shine. Here is a brief overview of the day's proceedings:

Fall Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up

Get rid of your unwanted paint products, flammable solvents, automotive fluids, garden chemicals, household cleaners, and many other flammable, poisonous or

corrosive household products. We provide environmentally safe disposal for your hazardous waste materials. This service is open to Arlington residents only. Commercial or business wastes will not be accepted. For further information, telephone the County's Household Hazardous Waste Program at 228-6832.

Home Safety Inspection

See on-site County Fire Department staff to register for your home safety inspection, and receive a free smoke detector from Operation Fire Safe. For information on services provided by the Arlington Fire Department, telephone 228-4644.

Building for Humanity Day

Donate your unwanted but usable residential building supplies. Acceptable materials

include brick, cinderblock, vinyl siding, carpet, countertops, doors, drywall, lights, flooring, hardware, insulation, kitchen cabinets, plumbing fixtures, lumber, shingles, tools, and wallpaper. The collection is cosponsored by The Loading Dock, a non-profit organization that collects usable surplus residential building materials for distribution for housing improvements for low-income individuals and non-profit groups. For more information, telephone the Solid Waste Division at 228-6570.

Buy a Compost Bin or Eagle Cart

Compost bins created from Eagle Carts will be available on-site for \$10 each. For information on composting and recycling services, call the Arlington Recycling Program at 228-6570.

Arlington Voters Must Show ID at the Polls

During this election, Arlington voters will participate in a special pilot program requiring all voters to present identification when they come to vote. Not only will this help preserve the integrity of the election process, it also will help get you through the line faster, since election officers will be able to find your name more quickly. Acceptable forms of identification are:

- A Virginia voter identification card
- A Social Security card
- A Virginia driver's license or Department of Motor Vehicle identification card.
- A valid United States passport.
- Any preprinted identification card

issued by a federal, state, or local government agency with name and photo, name and signature, or name and address, including military identification cards.

- Any preprinted identification card issued by an employer with name and photo, name and signature, or name and address.
- A valid preprinted student identification card with name and photo, name and signature, or name and address from any Virginia high school or college.

You still be able to vote if you forget your identification. You just need to sign a statement confirming your identity.

Be A Part of the 3rd Annual Neighborhood Day

Arlington will celebrate its third annual Neighborhood Day Saturday, Oct. 23, providing County residents an opportunity to come to together for a day of activities designed to foster community pride, unity and involvement.

Events hosted by civic associations, service organizations and schools will be held throughout the day in parks, schools, community centers, shopping malls, and other places where large groups of people can gather. Ballston Common Mall is sponsoring the Community Hero Awards, honoring Arlington residents who have made exceptional contributions to the community, and the Army's Fort Myer is planning a special event for its neighbors, including a parachute jump demonstration by the 82nd Airborne Division's All American Freefall Team from Fort Bragg, N.C.

The highlight of the day promises to be the second annual Neighborhood Day Parade, starting at 2 p.m., that will feature the Old Guard's Fife and Drum Corps from Fort Myer, the Shriners and marching bands from the County's high and middle schools.

Building on last year's success, the parade route has been extended and will travel through the heart of Clarendon down Wilson Boulevard from the Clarendon Metro Station to North Wayne Street in the Courthouse area. The parade will end with several of the bands participating in a combined performance.

For information on participating in Neighborhood Day or entering a float in the parade, telephone 228-3952 (228-4611).

1999 Secret Santa Program Begins Nov. 1

All area residents and businesses, community groups and service organizations are invited to join Arlington's 1999 Secret Santa program and "adopt" a family for the winter holiday season. The program begins Monday, Nov. 1 and continues through Dec. 16.

More than 400 families are assisted each year. All are identified by workers with the Arlington Community Outreach Program and public health nurses and

social workers with the Department of Human Services.

Sponsors are needed to provide holiday meals for families and gifts for family members. Or, instead of assisting a particular family, sponsors may donate food baskets, gift certificates for food and clothing, or items such as hats, scarves and mittens.

Gift deliveries are scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 15, through Saturday,

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- Enjoy meeting people and serving the public
- Are detail-oriented, able to take direction well, and are not easily distracted.

Your duties would be:

- Setting up the voting machines and signs
- Processing voters
- Instructing voters on the use of voting machines
- Tallying results, securing machines, and closing the polling place.

Election Results

Election results will be available on the County's website at www.co.arlington.va.us/voters.htm and on Arlington County's Channel 31.

Polling Place Changes

Ashton Heights Precinct voters will vote at Faith Lutheran Church, 3313 N. Jackson St., for the Nov. 2, 1999, election, as well as the Feb. 29, 2000, Presidential Primary, and, if called, the June 2000 Primary while Clarendon United Methodist Church, the previous polling place, undergoes renovations. Voters should park in the back lot on Jackson Street. Also, East Falls Church Precinct voters will vote in the auditorium lobby of O'Connell High School for the Nov. 2, 1999, election. Tuckahoe School is undergoing renovations.



Dec. 18, and can be made at drop-off sites throughout the County or directly to the families.

To find out how to become a donor, telephone the Secret Santa Hotline at 228-6412 beginning Nov. 1. The hotline is a taped message, but a volunteer will return your call. Donors will be matched with families on Dec. 10, the last day to become a sponsor. Donations, however, will be accepted through Dec. 18.

Events Just Around The Corner

Please note that event schedules are subject to change. It is recommended that you telephone the listed number for schedule updates and confirmations. Telephone numbers are in the 703 area code unless noted otherwise. TTY-users may call 228-4611. Most events are free except when a fee is noted.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

'Itty Bitty' Insects. Grades 3-5. Come take a walk through the woods to look for the small but interesting insects of fall. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, 4-5 p.m. Reservations: 228-3403.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Mental Illness Awareness Week Community Education Event. The Arlington Community Services Board will host an educational event on mental awareness beginning with an informational hour, followed by guest speaker Anthony Lehman, M.D. Tables with mental health information will be displayed. #1 Courthouse Plaza, County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd, 7-9 p.m.

Hunters of the Night. Grades 3 and up. Come discover the owls that live in Arlington and what they eat. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, 2:30-3:30 p.m. \$1. Reservations: 228-3403.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Trilobites Fossil Field Trip. Adults and children age 12 and older are invited to join us on a journey back in time when our land was an ocean and Trilobites were everywhere. Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Reservations: 228-6535.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Birding Trip to Westmoreland County, Va. for Adults. We will search for migrating waterfowl along the Potomac River. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Reservations: 228-3403.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

Notebook of Trigorin: A free adaptation of Chekhov's *The Sea Gull*, by Tennessee Williams. Keegan Theatre. Mt. Olivet Church, 1500 N. Glebe Road, 8 p.m. \$17 - \$22. 757-1180. Through Nov. 14.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Pirates of Penzance: Gilbert and Sullivan's musical tale of love, duty, honor and fun. Dominion Stage. Theatre One at Gunston, 2700 S. Lang St., 8 p.m. \$10, \$12. 683-0502. Through Oct. 30.

Animal Tracks and Traces. Students in Grades K-2 will learn how to be nature detectives as we search for the clues that animals leave behind. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, 4-5 p.m. Reservations: 228-3403.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Investing in Bonds: The Basics. Part of the Arlington Extension Office investment seminar series. Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., 7-9 p.m. Pre-registration required, 228-6402.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Friday Morning Music Club (on Thursdays): Free lunchtime chamber concerts at the Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive. Noon, 228-7710.

Cyrano de Bergerac. This is a heroic comedy about love, friendship and panache—an immortal success in which classicism meets romanticism, beauty encounters ugliness, and sorrow fuses with laughter. Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent St., 8 p.m. \$25, \$22, \$19. 243-6366. Through December 18.

The Cradle Will Rock. A play originally directed by Orson Welles for the Mercury Theatre, and soon to be a major motion picture. American Century Theatre, Theatre Two at Gunston, 2700 S. Lang St., 8 p.m. \$20, \$15 553-8782. Through November 20.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Boys & Ghouls: A hilarious Halloween mystery by David Rogers, in which a bicycling adventure in Europe turns into *Little Women* meet *The Munsters*. The Children's Theatre, Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, 3p.m. \$6, \$8. 548-1154. Through Oct. 31.

Creature Feature Campfire. Families are invited to celebrate Halloween early for a real treat. Meet some creatures up close and personal, hear stories, and have lots more fun. No trick to it. Costumes optional. Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, 7-8:15 p.m. \$1. Reservations: 228-6535.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

2nd Annual Neighborhood Day Parade. Come join the fun starting at 2 p.m. at the Clarendon Metro station and continuing up Wilson Boulevard to Courthouse Plaza. Featuring marching bands, the Shriners and Fort Myer Fife and Drum Corps.

ETHOS Percussion Group: Bing! Bang! Boom! Introduce the children in your life to the sounds of percussion instruments. Presented in collaboration with the Washington Performing Arts Society. National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, 2 p.m. \$12. 202-833-9800.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Birding Trip to Point Lookout State Park, Md. Adults. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$15. Reservations: 228-3403.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Fall Hike Along the Palisades. For students in grades 3 and up accompanied by an adult. Come join a naturalist for a walk along the Palisade cliffs overlooking the Potomac River. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. 2:30-4 p.m. Reservations: 228-3403.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Pioneer Day. Everyone is invited to join us around the Walker Log House for a celebration of our pioneer heritage. Step back into history, and try your hand at some old time crafts. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, noon-4 p.m. \$3. 228-3403.

Fall Environmental Day. Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up, Home Safety Inspection Registration, Building for Humanity Day and purchase of compost bins and Eagle Carts. I-66 Parking Deck, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 228-6570.



The 2nd Annual Neighborhood Day parade will feature more than five marching bands.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

American Indian Masks. Grades 3-5. Native American tribes used a variety of masks. Set your imagination free and construct your own masks to take home. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, 2:30-3:45 p.m. \$2. Reservations: 228-3403.

Investing in Mutual Funds. Part of the Arlington Extension Office investment seminar series. Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., 7-9 p.m. Pre-registration required, 228-6402.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Lee Arts Center Annual Show and Sale. Buy your holiday gifts from a selection of one-of-a-kind crafts from some of the area's best potters, printmakers, jewelers and tilemakers who work at the Lee Arts Center Studios. Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, 4 p.m. 228-5256. Through Nov. 6.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Show Boat Sentimental Journey: The 75-voice women's barbershop Potomac Harmony Chorus takes us on a trip downriver to Dixieland with a program of lively and sentimental tunes. Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 Old Glebe Road, 2 p.m. 305-2086.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Arlington Symphony Concert: Bishop O'Connell High School, 6600 Little Falls Road. 3 p.m. \$28, \$24, \$20. 528-1817

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Photo 99: An annual juried exhibition of the work of regional amateur and professional photographers. Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, 6 p.m. 228-7710. Through Dec. 18.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

American Indians of the Potomac. Grades 2-5. Come discover the fascinating culture of American Indians through artifacts, discussion, a movie and hands-on activities. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Reservations: 228-3403.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Hibernation. Grades 1-3. Learn how some animals survive the winter cold, and take a hike to look for winter burrows of hibernating animals. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, 4-5 p.m. Reservations: 228-3403.

Chilly Nights Campfire. Families. Join us for the last campfire of the year. Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, 7-8:15 p.m. \$1. Reservations: 228-6535.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Candle Dipping at the Log House. Families are invited to spend a fall afternoon touring the Walker Log House and making candles the old-fashioned way. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$1 fee per candle. Reservations: 228-3403.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Retirement Planning: Tax Advantaged Options. Part of the Arlington Extension Office investment seminar series. Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., 7-9 p.m. Pre-registration required, 228-6402.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Y2K Public Hearing hosted by the Arlington Y2K Citizens Commission. Technical experts from Virginia Power, Washington Gas, Bell Atlantic, Arlington Hospital, Metro, Giant Foods, CVS and the FDIC have been invited. Representatives from the Arlington Fire and Police Departments, the Department of Human Services, Department of Public Works and the Arlington County Schools will join them. Residents will have an opportunity to have their Y2K questions answered by the technical experts. 228-3969.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Philip Lopate Reads Creative Non-Fiction. Co-sponsored by the Writers Center at the Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, 8 p.m. 228-7710.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Birding Trip for Adults to Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. We will search for migrating waterfowl. Dress for the weather. This trip will cover variable terrain. Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Leave at 7:30 a.m.; return at 5 p.m. \$15. Reservations: 228-3403.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Center Dance Company Holiday Show. Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, 7:30 p.m. 522-2414. Through Dec. 5.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

The Twelve Months, by Samuel Marshak. A holiday party for the entire family. This classic Slavic fairy tale is a popular favorite for the holiday season. Classika Theatre, 4041 S. 28th St., 7:30 p.m. \$10, \$12. 824-6200. Through Jan. 9.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Center Dance Company Holiday Concert featuring their holiday favorites. Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. 522-2414. Through Dec. 5.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Now This! Kids: The area's only totally improvised children's theatre. The cast invites suggestions from the audience and turns them into instant songs, fairy tales and comic sketches. Theatre Two at Gunston, 2700 S. Lang St., 2 p.m. \$8. 228-6960.

Arlington Symphony Orchestra. Bishop O'Connell High School, 6600 Little Falls Road. 3 p.m. \$28, \$24, \$20. 528-1817

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Nutcracker: Arlington Dance Theatre's annual presentation of the classic tale. Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, 7:30 p.m. \$12.50, \$10. 524-4750. Through Dec. 1.



Search for waterfowl at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge.

Your Guide to Preparing for Y2K

What is Y2K?

Y2K stands for the year 2000. Because of technical problems, the year 2000 may cause some computers to fail or produce incorrect information. Much has been made about this since so many aspects of modern life are computerized: traffic signals, telephones, banks, electricity generation and distribution, and grocery store check-out lines.

The reality, however, is that computer failures occur every day. They range from a credit card authorization rejection to a malfunctioning of a satellite that provides pager services to errors in medical bills.

This issue of the Citizen provides an overview of steps the County has taken to eliminate or mitigate possible interruptions to services that might occur with the millennium conversion, as well as information to help you prepare for the changeover.

What the County has done for Y2K

Arlington County Government has been closely monitoring the Y2K situation and has put extensive resources into two approaches: 1. Ensuring that the County's computer systems do not fail because of the Y2K date change and, if they do, having back-up plans to continue County governmental operations; and 2. Preparing for the possibility of other Y2K failures in the same manner as we would prepare for any other emergency, especially a winter weather emergency.

County Computers. Arlington County Government operates hundreds of computers of various types and dozens of software systems. Additionally, the County has an extensive array of equipment that uses micro-chips to perform many functions. Each of these items has been checked for Y2K readiness. All equipment and automated systems that are critical to essential community services have been certified for readiness or have been or are being replaced. As an extra precaution, contingency plans have been developed for all systems critical for essential services—remembering that a computer or piece of equipment can fail any time for a number of reasons.

County Emergency Preparedness.

Arlington County has used the Y2K issue to enhance its existing emergency disaster plan. The focus has been the same as for a winter weather emergency that could cut off power and telephones due to ice and snow. County emergency teams have detailed contingency plans for emergencies lasting up to two weeks. These plans were extensively tested in a regional exercise in September.

How You Can Prepare for Y2K

In making personal preparations for Y2K, Arlington residents are encouraged to take the same two approaches that the County government is taking:

- Assess any technology that you have in your house that may be susceptible to Y2K failures. Also consider how technology interruptions could affect people



with whom you do business. Remember such failures can happen at any time.

- Prepare personally for a winter weather emergency—this year and every year.

Your Y2K Personal Technology Plan

Here are some steps you are encouraged to consider for Y2K and throughout the year. We are all very dependent on technology, which can and does fail routinely.

Home appliances and embedded chips.

Consumer and home-office products contain micro-chips that may have a problem if they are programmed to use a day/month/year calendar function. Among other products that use microchips are some small and large appliances, heating and cooling equipment, home-entertainment products, photographic equipment, wristwatches, calculators, pocket electronic organizers, thermostats, and security systems.

Anything that you consider critical to your lifestyle should be checked out. Check with each product's manufactur-

er's web site to check on the Y2K readiness of a piece of hardware (free Internet access is available at all Arlington public libraries). You also can write or call the manufacturer. But plan for what you will do if a piece of your personal equipment fails due to Y2K or any other reason.

Personal financial records. It is always wise to keep current, accurate and documented financial records. These records can be used to verify any questions about financial transactions, including bank accounts and bill payments.

Home computers. Many Arlingtonians have home businesses or simply work a lot at home. Check with the manufacturer of your hardware and software to determine Y2K compliance. Also assess how date sensitive your work is. Regardless, make regular back-up copies of your work on diskette or tape. Keep paper copies of your most critical work (such as a client database or personal financial records).

Your Personal Winter Emergency Plan

Natural emergencies can occur at any time. Fortunately, we have seen very few such emergencies in Arlington, which can lull us into being unprepared. However, the weather-related power outages in January 1999 are proof that we can experience severe weather. Maintaining supplies in one's home and having a personal emergency plan is always important, especially as we approach winter in Washington.

This is a very short description of the supplies that should be considered when you are making your preparations.

Essentially, prepare the way you would for a camping trip.

- Water**—plan on one gallon per person per day. Purchased bottled water is best. Keep at least a one-week supply on hand.
- Food**—Keep a supply of ready-to-eat meats, fruits, and vegetables, canned juices and milk, cereals, crackers, and high energy food such as peanut butter, granola bars, and trail mix. A three- to 14-day supply is recommended.
- Emergency/Specialty items**—prescription medicines, eyeglasses, baby needs (formula, bottles, diapers,

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etc.), denture needs, oxygen or other items that are especially important to your health, safety, and comfort. To the extent possible, keep a two-week supply on hand at all times.

- First-aid kit**—along with assorted bandages, include aspirin (or your preferred substitute), anti-diarrhea medication, and other over-the-counter medications you may need. Keep a two-week supply on hand at all times.
- Tools and supplies**—flashlights, a portable radio, batteries of assorted sizes, paper plates/cups/utensils, plastic trash bags, matches, paper and pencil/pen, needles and thread, fire extinguisher, non-electric can opener, etc.
- Miscellaneous**—family documents, games, books, quiet toys for children.
- Pets**—extra food, carrier (in case you need to move them), vaccination record, muzzle/leash, toys, litter, and bedding.
- Cash**—keep only enough on-hand to cover essential purchases for a reasonable period of time.

Check on Your Neighbors

During winter weather emergencies and similar natural or man-made disasters, it is critical that communities come together to help each other. The most important way that this occurs is by neighbors helping neighbors.

Get to know the people in your neighborhood, especially those who are elderly, have disabilities, illnesses, or who live alone. Help them with their Y2K preparations. Check on them anytime there is a loss of power or weather emergency.

If you think someone is in crisis, call 911. If you think someone is unable to care for himself or herself, contact the Department of Human Services at 228-5230.

Personal Safety Considerations

- Smoke Detectors.** Have a working smoke detector with fresh batteries on each floor of your home and at least one carbon monoxide detector near your bedrooms. If you have questions or need assistance contact the Arlington Fire Department at 228-4644. Also, have a personal escape plan to leave your home safely in the event of a fire.
- Electrical power loss.** Use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns; avoid using candles and oil/kerosene lamps since they can be a fire hazard (especially in homes with children or pets.) Turn off all major appliances to avoid damage when power is restored.
- Keeping warm.** Select a room that receives sunlight, preferably away from external doors, to live in. If you have a fireplace or wood stove, use the room in which it is located. Wear multiple layers of clothes, including sweaters and coats, to hold in body heat.
- Gas.** If natural gas supplies are interrupted, the pilot lights in your appliances will go out. (To avoid any build up of gas when the supply is restored, be sure to find the shut-off valve for the house and turn off the household supply.) Finding the shut-off valve in advance, in a well-lit room, while calm will be much easier than searching for it in the dark during an emergency.

- Pets.** Be careful in dealing with animals. They may sense your distress without understanding the cause and act unpredictably. Have extra food, toys, litter, and bedding on hand.

Phone numbers for additional information

Fire and Police Emergency only: 911 (DO NOT call this number at midnight to see if it is working! Use 911 only for an emergency.)

Arlington County Non-Emergency: (703) 558-2222, TTY (703) 228-4610

Virginia Power: (888) 667-3000

Washington Gas: (703) 750-1400, TTY (703) 750-7975

Arlington County Water, Sewer, and Streets: (703) 228-6485

Arlington County Traffic Signals: (703) 228-3575

Virginia State Police: (703) 323-4500

Bell Atlantic: (703) 954-6611

WMATA (METRO): (202) 637-7000, TTY (202) 638-3780

Y2K Websites

Arlington County Government Y2K:
www.co.arlington.va.us/y2k

Commonwealth of Virginia Y2K site:
www.cdc.state.va.us

President's Council on Y2K:
www.y2k.gov

American Red Cross:
www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/Y2K.html

Virginia Power:
www.vapower.com/news/y2k/index.html

Washington Gas:
www.washgas.com

Y2K Commission to Host Y2K Public Forum Nov. 18

Arlington's Citizen Y2K Commission will host a public forum on Y2K issues at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, in the County Board Room, Room 307, #1 Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard. The forum will be broadcast live on cable Channel 31, Arlington's public service channel.

The commission has invited outside technical experts from Virginia Power, Washington Gas, Bell Atlantic Telephone, Arlington Hospital, Metro, Giant Foods, CVS and the Federal Deposit Insurance

Corp. They will be joined by county representatives from the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Works and the Arlington County Schools.

Each technical expert will have an opportunity to make a five-minute presentation. Residents attending the seminar can submit questions in writing during the presentations. Those watching the session on Channel 31 can submit questions by fax (228-3295), telephone (228-3969) or

by e-mail (emedran@co.arlington.va.us) during the session, and the Commission members will present them to the panelists. Citizens can also submit questions using the same means prior to the session at the regular Y2K information line (228-3000). Similar questions will be consolidated, but every effort will be made to ensure everyone's questions are answered during the session.

For additional information, telephone 228-3969.

Arlington to Benefit from Proposed Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan

Arlington County could be the beneficiary of a host of transit, bicycle/pedestrian and highway improvements as part of the proposed Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan, should residents give the Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC) a green light for its recommendations to improve northern Virginia's transportation system.

Most of the projects proposed for Arlington involve transit, including funding for refurbishment of the current Metro system. The plan calls for building additional Metro access points at Ballston, Virginia Square, Courthouse and Rosslyn; and making other improvements to the Clarendon, Pentagon City and Crystal City Metro stations; and expanding parking at the East Falls Church Metro Station. It also calls for constructing new light rail lines in Arlington along Columbia Pike from Bailey's Crossroads to the Pentagon and along the

Route 1 corridor from Alexandria through Potomac Yards to the Pentagon. Although not in Arlington proper, another proposed light rail line in the Route 7 corridor from Bailey's Crossroads to Tyson's Corner also would benefit Arlington indirectly. A complete list of the transit projects can be found at <http://www.nova2020.org/imprvmnts/2020transit.htm>.

There also are 11 proposed bicycle and pedestrian projects for Arlington. Of note, the plan includes constructing bicyclist and pedestrian connections to Arlington from the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, making improvements to the Custis Trail crossing North Lynn Street and Fort Myer Drive and building a bike-way linking Columbia Pike and southern Arlington to the Mt. Vernon trail via the Pentagon. A complete list of the Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan bicycle and pedestrian projects can be found at <http://www.nova2020.org/imprvmnts/Bike&Ped.htm>.

The plan also features 49 projects in Arlington involving road improvements, reconstruction and new construction as well as a countywide traffic signal system

upgrade. Eight of these projects would apply to Arlington Boulevard, four to Columbia Pike, four to Glebe Road, three to Lee Highway, three to Washington Boulevard, three to Wilson Boulevard, two to Interstate 395 and one to Interstate 66. The rest of the projects involve feeder streets in Arlington. A complete list of the Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan highway projects can be found at <http://www.nova2020.org/imprvmnts/ARLint2020.htm>.

The TCC used projections that predict the region will be creating over 403,000 new jobs by 2020 and experiencing an increase in population of over 562,000 new residents. The TCC focused on 18 major employment areas in its

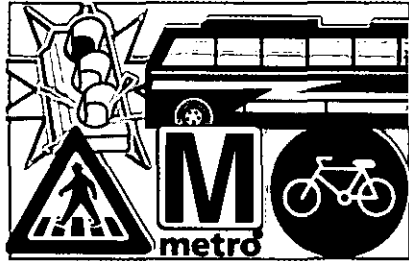
study including three in Arlington: Rosslyn, Crystal City/Pentagon and Ballston.

The TCC is an advisory group of 27 elected officials representing 13 Northern Virginia jurisdictions

as well as 10 Virginia General Assembly members. The 13 localities are: Alexandria, Arlington County, Dumfries, Fairfax County, City of Fairfax, Falls Church, Herndon, Leesburg, Loudoun County, Manassas, Manassas Park, Prince William County and Vienna.

The TCC was tasked by the 1999 Virginia General Assembly to identify "the most immediate, highest priority, unfunded projects in the Northern Virginia 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. It also was asked to estimate costs and time to complete each project, and recommend funding mechanisms for "timely construction of those projects," and submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor by the 2000 Session of the General Assembly.

Arlington residents wanting to comment on the plan may complete the survey at right and mail it to the Arlington Department of Public Works, Suite 717, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington VA 22207. The department will process, tabulate and forward the results to the Virginia Department of Transportation.



Your Opinion Please!

1. On a scale of 10 to 1, with 10 being most important and 1 being least important, how strong an emphasis should be placed on improving these transportation elements in the 2020 plan?

- Bicycle/Pedestrian trails and sidewalks
- Bus service (e.g.: Metrobus, Fairfax Connector, CUE, DASH, OmniLink, OmniRide, Loudoun Commuter Bus, ART)
- Commuter rail (Virginia Railway Express)
- Freeways/Highways (e.g.: I-66, I-95, I-395, I-495, Dulles Toll Road/Greenway)
- High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes
- Local streets
- Major roadways (e.g.: US Routes 1, 15, 29, 50 and VA Routes 7, 28, 123, Prince William Parkway, Fairfax County Parkway)
- Metrorail/Light rail
- Potomac River bridges
- Telecommuting initiatives
- Traveler information systems (Commuter data)

2. What funding actions would you support if the funds were dedicated to implementing the Northern Virginia 2020 plan? Check one or more.

- Bonds
- Fuels taxes
- Income taxes
- Sales taxes
- Tolls
- Status quo (no change)
- Other: _____

3. Do you think that any major transportation improvements are missing from the year 2020 plan? Yes No

4. Do you think that any transportation improvements currently in the plan should not be in the plan? Yes No

If yes, what are they? _____

Required to Process Survey

Home Zip Code: _____
 Work Zip Code: _____
 (if applicable)

Comments: _____

Return to: Arlington Department of Public Works, Suite 717, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington VA 22201

Libby Garvey Elected School Board Chair

Libby Garvey was elected to chair the Arlington School Board for the 1999-2000 school year by her fellow School Board members during the Board's annual organizational meeting held this past summer. Her term as chair begins immediately and expires on June 30, 2000. She fills the slot held for the past year by Darlene M. Mickey, who remains a member of the School Board until the end of the year.

Ms. Garvey, who has been a member of the School Board since 1997, served as vice chair from July 1999 until her election as chair. Frank K. Wilson was elected to serve as vice chair alongside Ms. Garvey and has been a member of the School Board since 1984. Mr. Wilson served as chair of the School Board during the 1987-88 and 1992-93 school years.

One of the challenges posed by Arlington's diversity "is the need to hear, respect and respond to many different viewpoints," Ms. Garvey said, pointing to the school system's new Strategic Plan, which includes community engagement as one of its goals. "We need the strong

support of our community to successfully meet the challenges of the next century. This is why community engagement is important to me.

"I would like to focus on community engagement through the lens of community forums that address issues in our Strategic Plan," Ms. Garvey stated. The forums she envisions would be a collaborative effort designed to "lead to new ways of thinking about the kind of support our community provides us and the education we provide our children."

She pointed to student achievement and closing the achievement gap between white and minority students as being an example of a topic that the community could come together to address.

Ms. Garvey is an independent consultant and facilitator for career and Myers-Briggs counseling workshops. She has worked as a legislative aide on Capitol Hill and served in the Peace Corps in Africa.

A resident of Arlington since 1977, Ms. Garvey has a dedicated history of

working in support of Arlington's schools. She served as the vice president of the County Council of PTAs and as vice chair of the Advisory Council on Instruction and has been involved in the PTAs of Abingdon Elementary, Drew Model School and the H-B Woodlawn Program. She has served as the president of the Abingdon Elementary PTA and as secretary of the H-B Woodlawn Program Parent Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wilson, an Arlington resident since 1961, is a retired computer systems analyst with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. He has served as PTA president on boards at each school level and was a member of the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee. He is a member of the VSBA Board of Directors and Executive Committee and has chaired the Virginia School Boards Association Federal Relations Committee. He also is a member of the National School Board Policy and Resolution Committee.

The Arlington School Board

Libby Garvey, *Chair*

Frank K. Wilson, *Vice Chair*

Members:

Mary H. Hynes

Darlene M. Mickey

Frank K. Wilson

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Coming School Board Meetings

Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Dec. 16

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the School Board meeting room located on the first floor of the Arlington Education Center.



Elaine S. Furlow



Libby Garvey



Mary H. Hynes



Darlene M. Mickey



Frank K. Wilson

Annual College Fair Set for Oct. 14

High school students and their families can learn about the college application process and visit with representatives from any of 100 colleges and universities who will participate in Arlington's annual College Fair starting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14, at Ballston Common Mall.

College representatives will be on hand to answer questions about their schools on a range of subjects, including financial aid, the application process, campus life and other college-related topics.

Kindergarten Information Nights Set

Kindergarten Information Nights are scheduled for 7 p.m., Feb. 15 (in English) and Feb. 16 (in Spanish) at Patrick Henry Elementary School, 702 S. Highland St. for families of youngsters who will be entering kindergarten in September 2000. Parents will learn about registering their children for kindergarten in Arlington Public Schools as well as the Extended Day Program, application deadlines, alternative programs and other special services. Parents will receive an overview of the kindergarten experience—what to expect the first day of school, how to communicate with teachers and how to prepare a child for kindergarten.

Countywide Information Nights Provide Look at Middle and High Schools

Families with students entering middle or high school will want to attend High School Information Night Wednesday, Nov. 3, and Middle School Information Night Monday, Dec. 6, to get an overview of all of Arlington's middle and high schools. Families will hear from the schools' principals and learn about their neighborhood schools, alternative programs, application dates, orientation schedules, transfer procedures, and more. Both events will be held at Washington-

Lee High School, 1300 N. Quincy St. High School Information Night is geared to families who will have children entering ninth grade in September 2000 and Middle School Information Night is focused on families who will have children entering sixth grade at that time.

Families are encouraged to park in the North Stafford Street parking lot or on the free parking deck located at the corner of North Stafford and North 15th Streets.

Washington-Lee Celebrates its 75th Anniversary

Plans are underway to celebrate Washington-Lee High School's 75th Anniversary throughout the 1999-2000 school year. The celebration promises to be filled with excitement surrounding the diamond anniversary featuring a variety of special productions and activities.

Events will include a fall homecoming kick-off, a science fair judged by scientists who are Washington-Lee graduates, and a Washington-Lee memento museum to be featured at the school's annual Winter Bazaar. There also will be a diamond jubilee dance and a Memorial Day Gala weekend highlighting memories and music through the decades performed by alumni band, orchestra and vocal performers. Current Washington-

Lee students are working on the production of a Washington-Lee High History.

Washington-Lee High School is the Alma matter of many celebrities. Graduates such as Academy Award Winners Shirley McLain and Warren Beatty; Golden Globe and Emmy Winner Gena Rowlands, and actresses Nancy Dusault and Sandra Bullock, to name a few, will be featured during a film festival showing some of their famous work.

All anniversary committee planning meetings and events are open to the public, and help is needed in planning these events. Anyone wishing to assist may contact Ann Felker at (703) 527-8053 or visit the website at www.washlee.arlington.k12.va.us for more information.

What's New At www.arlington.k12.va.us

Plenty of new information is now available on the Arlington Public Schools web site. Numerous documents have recently been added, many in Portable Document Format (PDF), which can be viewed or printed. Recent additions include:

- School-by-school Standards of Learning Test Scores—www.arlington.k12.va.us/curr_inst/sol/
- The Annual Academic Achievement Report which is a comprehensive posting of all standardized test scores—www.arlington.k12.va.us/curr_inst/apr.html
- Regular job postings—www.arlington.k12.va.us/departments/personnel/jobs/
- Monthly updates of student enrollment figures and enrollment projections—<http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/demog/>
- Demographic information on students who receive services by the English for Speakers of Other Languages/High Intensity Language Training Office—www.arlington.k12.va.us/curr_inst/esol/
- School Board Agendas and Minutes—www.arlington.k12.va.us/schoolboard/

Arlington Declares Y2K Compliance

During the Sept. 18th County Board meeting, County Manager William T. Donahue reported to the Board that all of the County's mission-critical systems have been tested and certified to be Y2K compliant and ready for the new millennium.

In addition, dependencies on non-County sources of information have been either confirmed or contingency plans have been developed to handle any unlikely failures of those systems. Arlington's participation in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Y2K exercise on Sept. 1 helped to validate many of those contingency plans. It also confirmed the County's readiness to make any adjustments that may be called for.

Arlington defined mission-critical systems as those systems whose failure would impact the entire community, shut down a major or essential public service and have the potential for significant financial loss or liability. The County established four categories of mission-critical systems: public safety, County utilities, County transportation and general government technology.

Public safety systems included emergency communications systems such as the County's Computer-Aided Dispatch system and the radio system used by all County agencies. The dispatch system is made up of nine dispatch stations that handle an average of 1,600 calls a day that result in some 400 dispatches of

emergency personnel and equipment daily. The radio system was upgraded with new computers, and all 1,600 radios were certified by the manufacturer and tested by the County for compliance. In addition, the Emergency Medical Service equipment aboard Fire Department vehicles was replaced with Y2K-certified equipment. In many cases, the County simply sped up the replacement process for older equipment, as it was more practical and efficient, both from a technological as well as an economic standpoint, to replace the system rather than upgrade or repair it.

The County's water distribution system—450 miles of water mains, 35,000 meters, 15,000 valves, 3,300 fire hydrants and five pumping stations—are Y2K compliant, but the Department of Public Works is not taking any chances. Three of the pumping stations have auxiliary generators with 18 hours of fuel co-located. Additional generators also will be available to provide power for emergency pumping on New Year's Eve.

The Water Pollution Control Plant, which processes some 31 million gallons of waste water a day, has also been Y2K certified and will have back-up generators at nine of 13 pumping stations. There are also back-up generators at the plant for the critical influent pumping processes. The plant tested its ability to dispatch these auxiliary generators during the Sept. 1 exercise.

Arlington's traffic signal system was certified Y2K compliant on Aug. 24 by the contractors. All 230 traffic lights will function normally into the new year. Critical intersections have been prioritized for emergency generators, installation of stop signs or closure in the event of an unanticipated loss of power.

Arlington has inspected, tested and certified its hardware, software and embedded chips in all its mission-critical system. Of the 2,050 different types of embedded chips found in 6,800 devices inventoried, only three chips were found to be non-Y2K compliant.

The County's non-mission critical systems are all either Y2K compliant or are expected to be fully Y2K compliant before the end of the year. For those non-mission-critical systems still not Y2K compliant, contingency plans to enable manual manipulation of data are deemed to be currently sufficient to meet the County's needs into the next century.

Finally, all Human Services, the Building Inspections, the General District Court Land Records and Budget Preparation systems are now Y2K compliant. The Treasurer Receipt and Building Inspection Voice systems were certified in late September; the Commissioner of Revenue Tax Assessment systems are expected to be compliant by October; Utility Billing systems by November and the Real Estate Assessment System by December.

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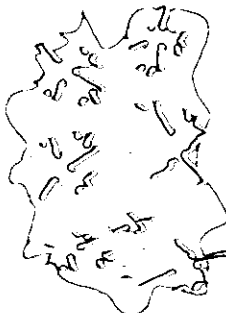
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