

5 February 2024

Greetings Neighbors,

**TODAY is the LAST DAY to RSVP for the SRCA Winter Mardi Gras Party!**

As a reminder, today is the last day to RSVP for the **SRCA Winter Mardi Gras party will be held this Friday, February 9 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the home of Sue and Marty Goodhart, 4105 North Garland Street**. We hope you can join us for hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and great company! *This event is for adults only.* You may RSVP via the Evite that was emailed out on January 10, or you may call Jeanne Jacob at 703-461-3622.

**Recent Major Development on Zoning for Housing:**

The Coalition for a Livable Alexandria and several individual plaintiffs have successfully filed a lawsuit to protect civil rights and void the current changes in zoning which eliminate single family housing zones. The zoning changes approved by Alexandria City Council last November 2023 was Phase 1.

For your information, the Draft Expansion of Housing Opportunities in Single Family Zoning Reform Phase 11 (for future study) is as follows:

- \* Analysis of results of November 2023 policy implementation and lessons learned
- \* Outcomes of other jurisdictions' single family zone revised policies
- \* Removing lot minimums
- \* Streamlining the subdivision process and amending criteria
- \* Providing incentives for denser residential development
- \* Reducing number of residential zones and permit all dwelling types city wide
- \* Allowing neighborhood-serving commercial uses in residential zones
- \* Further reductions or eliminating residential parking requirements

The Coalition for a Livable Alexandria (CLA) is asking for much needed support by donations to help wage the battle for the citizens. For further information on CLA, visit: [www.livablealexandria.org](http://www.livablealexandria.org).

**Boards and Commissions:**

Ever feel that City Government doesn't reflect your position? We encourage our SRCA members to apply for and serve on the various city boards and commissions - there are over 70. This is not only an opportunity to be of service to the city, but also a way to make sure our community's concerns are well represented in the earliest stages of policy development. Current openings (there are many) can be found on the city's web site here: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/boards-and-commissions/boards-and-commissions-vacancies>

To receive monthly notifications of board vacancies, sign up for Alexandria eNews: <https://member.everbridge.net/1332612387832027/login>

If you are currently serving on a city board or commission your board would like to hear from you.

### **Key Alexandria City Meetings and Events – February through April 2024:**

For a complete list of Alexandria city government events, go to: <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/>. For City press releases, go to: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/News>. For dockets and materials for upcoming Planning Commission and City Council meetings, go to: <https://alexandria.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

**February 6, 2024: Planning Commission regular monthly meeting** from 7:00 – 11:00 PM at City Hall. City staff has stated that Vision Plan 2049 may be on the docket for this meeting. An update on the **Potomac Yard Economic Development Project** will likely be provided by City staff. Registration Link: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xFMdpOjwSt-7xOt-AbuGVg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xFMdpOjwSt-7xOt-AbuGVg). Zoom Audio Conference: Dial in: 301-715-8592 Webinar ID: 981 8703 5854 Password: 540634. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=51905>.

**February 8, 2024: Weekly virtual listening series on Potomac Yard Economic Development Project** from 7-8 PM covering small business and economic opportunity. For more info, go to: <https://alexandriaecon.org/why-alexandria/featured-projects/monumentalx/> and <https://www.alexandriava.gov/>. Alexandria residents, business owners, and those seeking more information and engagement to [sign up here](#). To submit comments to Monumental Sports & Entertainment, go to: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/81e0e4908af543f9a5354ff2410d4119>.

**February 11, 2024: Pop-up on Potomac Yard Economic Development Project** from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Safeway Grocery Lobby Area at 3526 King Street. For more info, go to: <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=57075>.

**February 13, 2024: City Council first legislative meeting** from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at City Hall. An update on the **Potomac Yard Economic Development Project** will likely be provided by City staff. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=52274>.

**February 20, 2024: Pop-up on Potomac Yard Economic Development Project** from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the William Ramsay Recreation Center at 5650 Sanger Avenue. For more info, go to: <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=57076>.

**February 21, 2024: Transportation Commission monthly meeting** at 7:00 PM. (Note: Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month except August). For more information go to: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/TransportationCommission>.

**February 22, 2024: Advisory Group hybrid meeting for the Implementation of the Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Small Area Plans** from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at the Patrick Henry Recreation Center at 4643 Taney Avenue. At these meetings the public can hear, often for the first time, of new City initiatives and redevelopment projects in the West End of Alexandria. For more info, go to: <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=57152>.

**February 24, 2024: City Council Public Hearing meeting** from 9:30 – 11:30 AM at City Hall, 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=52284>.

**February 26, 2024: Environmental Policy Commission meeting** at 7:30 to 9:30 PM. (EPC meetings are generally on the third Monday of the month except there is no meeting in August.) For more information, go to: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/EPC>.

**February 26, 2024: In person and virtual Traffic and Parking Board monthly meeting** at 7:00 – 9:00 PM at City Hall at 301 King Street. (Note: The Board typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, but can be attended via Zoom.) For more info, go to: <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=57111>.

**February 27, 2024: City Council second legislative meeting** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at City Hall, 301 King St. The docket will include the City Manager's FY25 proposed budget presentation. An update on the **Potomac Yard Economic Development Project** will likely be provided by City staff. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=52266> and <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54555>.

**February 28, 2024: FY 2025 capital improvement program budget work session #1** from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at City Hall at 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54556>.

**February 28, 2024: Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations monthly meeting** at 7:00 PM. (Note: Federation meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month, with the exception of July, August and December.) To get a link for the meeting, contact Roy Byrd at [rrbyrd@comcast.net](mailto:rrbyrd@comcast.net).

**February 29, 2024: Virtual public presentation of the FY 2025 proposed budget** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54557>.

**March 2, 2024: Pop-up on Potomac Yard Economic Development Project** from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Global Food at 1476 N Beaugard Street. For more info, go to: <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=57078>.

**March 5, 2024: Planning Commission regular monthly meeting** from 7:00 – 11:00 PM at City Hall. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=51906>.

**March 6, 2024: Tentative FY 2025 Budget work session #2 ACPS** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54559>.

**March 6, 2024: Pop-up on Potomac Yard Economic Development Project** from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station - South Entrance. For more info, go to: <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=57077>.

**March 11, 2024: City Council public hearing on FY 2025 budget** from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at City Hall, Council Chamber at 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54560>.

**March 12, 2024: City Council first legislative meeting** from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at City Hall, Council Chamber at 301 King Street. City Council will meet to set maximum tax rate for FY 2025 budget. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=52275>.

**March 13, 2023: Virtual quarterly West End pre-construction meeting** from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Zoom link to be provided in the future. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54576>.

**March 13, 2024: FY 2025 budget work session #3** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at City Hall, Council Chamber at 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54562>.

**March 16, 2024: City Council public hearing on FY 2025 budget** from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at City Hall, Council Chamber at 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54563> and <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=52285>.

**March 18, 2024: Environmental Policy Commission meeting** at 7:30 to 9:30 PM. (EPC meetings are generally on the third Monday of the month except there is no meeting in August.) For more information, go to: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/EPC>.

**March 20, 2024: FY 2025 budget work session #4** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at City Hall, Council Chamber at 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54564>.

**March 20, 2024: Transportation Commission monthly meeting** at 7:00 PM. (Note: Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month except August). For more information go to: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/TransportationCommission>.

**March 25, 2024:** In person and virtual **Traffic and Parking Board monthly meeting** at 7:00 – 9:00 PM at City Hall at 301 King Street. (Note: The Board typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, but can be attended via Zoom.) For more info, go to: <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=57111>.

**March 27, 2024: Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations monthly meeting** at 7:00 PM. (Note: Federation meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month, with the exception of July, August and December.) To get a link for the meeting, contact Roy Byrd at [rrbyrd@comcast.net](mailto:rrbyrd@comcast.net).

**April 2, 2024: Planning Commission Regular Monthly Meeting** at 7 – 11 PM at City Hall at 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=51907>.

**April 2, 2024: City Council first legislative meeting** from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at City Hall, Council Chamber at 301 King Street. City Council will meet to set maximum tax rate for FY 2025 budget. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=52276>.

**April 3, 2024: FY 2025 Budget Work Session # 5** from 7–9 PM at City Hall at 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54565>.

**April 6, 2024: West End Coalition quarterly virtual meeting** at 10:00 AM. We are awaiting an affirmative response from Stephanie Landrum to provide a presentation on the proposed Entertainment District in Potomac Yard. Meeting link to be provided closer in time to the meeting.

**April 13, 2024: City Council public hearing** from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at City Hall, Council Chamber at 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=52286>.

**April 17, 2024: Transportation Commission monthly meeting** at 7:00 PM. (Note: Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month except August). For more information go to: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/TransportationCommission>.

**April 24, 2024: Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations monthly meeting** at 7:00 PM. (Note: Federation meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month, with the exception of July, August and December.) To get a link for the meeting, contact Roy Byrd at [rrbyrd@comcast.net](mailto:rrbyrd@comcast.net).

**April 24, 2024: City Council Second Legislative Meeting** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at City Hall at 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=52267>.

**April 24, 2024: FY 2025 Budget Work Session # 6 Preliminary Add/Delete** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at City Hall at 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54568>.

**April 29, 2024: FY 2025 Budget Work Session #7: Final Add/Delete** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at City Hall at 301 King Street. For more info, go to: <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=54569>.

**April 29, 2024:** In person and virtual **Traffic and Parking Board monthly meeting** at 7:00 – 9:00 PM at City Hall at 301 King Street. (Note: The Board typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, but can be attended via Zoom.) For more info, go to: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/TrafficParkingBoard>.