

# Skyline House Newsletter

## SKYLINE HOUSE NEWS

### Our New Staff Accountant is Here



We would like to introduce you to our new Staff Accountant, **Tim Oliva**. With his many years of accounting experience, we are excited to have him join our team!

Please note that the accounting office has been relocated to the Management Office (next to our East Resident Service Coordinator, Belinda). This will make it easier for our residents to handle all of their association business in one location. The slot for safely dropping off payments will remain at the old accounting office for the time being.

Please stop by to welcome Tim to Skyline House!

### Cultural Awareness Event

**Indian Street Food Cooking and Culture** hosted by Aakriti Raswani on **Saturday, August 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** in the **West Party Room**. The class will not only include food tasting, but participants will be taught how to make some Indian street food. Tasty and fun! Watch for a sign-up at the Front Desk.

### Neuropathy Seminar

What is it and what can you do about it? **Thursday, Sept 4th at 7 p.m.** in the **West Party Room**. The seminar will be presented by staff from Full Motion Integrated Medicine.

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**Courtney Pinnock**

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**East Building Resident Coordinator**

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## GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

BY TYCIA HAIGHT, GENERAL MANAGER

### **Garage repairs**

The slab-on-grade void on level D of the garage was addressed as planned and topped off with the installation of new concrete. Additionally, all four levels of the garage were treated according to where the concrete was most needed in spot areas.

A second concrete pour will be scheduled for a later date to cover the remaining areas. As before, a two-way traffic sign will be placed by the garage entrance, and a reminder will be sent to residents to be extra cautious as they enter and exit the garage as workers will also be going back and forth to bring the concrete to the work site.

As far as the potential cost overrun for the void on D level, the engineers are projecting an approximately \$92,000 overage **IF** they find similar conditions in the rest of the phases. Looking only at Phase One, the original estimate for the slab on grade for this phase has been exceeded by approximately three times the original amount. The engineers have advised that all other work items are under estimated quantities, which will balance the contract amount based on current conditions.

### **Pool Deck Temporary Closure**

The East Sundeck and pool area will be closed due to the garage façade repairs. Fencing is installed, and the area is closed off for safety reasons. The West sundeck and pool area will remain open.

### **Tree Cutting**

Also, related to the garage project, branches were cut off some trees that were too close to the building façade and in the way of work required for the garage project. There are a few dead trees that will be removed on the West side facing SGM when time allows us to relocate some residents that are currently parked in Guest parking.

### **Enumerate Engage**

Enumerate, our accounting software, implemented an updated access portal during the first part of July. Enumerate Engage is their website and mobile app where owners can review their account and make payments. Payments made through Enumerate Engage are not subject to an additional fee!

Enumerate Engage does NOT replace BuildingLink, which is our main communication platform for community announcements, work orders, and other Association-related communications. It is strictly for access to your condo fee account information and payment options.



### Elevator Repairs Update

The West freight was placed back in service on July 16 and went out again on July 18. The East Passenger Elevator 3 remains out of service. Based on the timeline provided earlier by the vendor, the parts for both elevators should arrive sometime in August. Once repairs are completed, we then have to wait for a reinspection by Fairfax County. Updates will be provided when we have new information.



### In Unit Maintenance Charge review

We plan to have our update at the September meeting.



### Update on Staff Accountant replacement

Tim Oliva has been hired and started on Tuesday, July 22nd. His office is in the Management Office.



### Note regarding June Financial Statements

Due to the resignation of the previous Staff Accountant, Andrea Galler. James Allen of James Allen Accounting Services has been assisting us. However, due to the timing of the transition, the June financial statements were prepared as best as possible but may require some adjustments in August.



### Budget Season

2026 Budget meetings are scheduled for August 13th and 14th at 6 p.m. in the West Meeting Room. As a reminder, the first meeting will be the reserve budget, followed by the operation budget the following day. Management, Finance, Physical Plant & Operations, and Board members will be in attendance.

Residents are welcome to attend to listen and learn; however, comments or discussion during these meetings are not allowed.

There is no regular Board meeting scheduled for August due to the Budget meetings. The **next Board meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 7 p.m.** in the **West Meeting Room** or via Zoom link.

*Submitted by Tycia Haight, General Manager*

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

BY RICHARD PORTER, BOARD PRESIDENT



Summer is in full swing, and I hope you are enjoying yours, including the use of our pool. To keep the pool an amenity we can all enjoy, it is important to follow our pool rules about safety and

cleanliness. When that does not happen, management will have to restrict access to offending parties.

The garage project is moving along. (See the General Manager's Report for updates.)

The Finance Committee, Physical Plant and Operations Committee, and the Directors of the Board meet in August to finalize the budget for 2026. As a reminder, the foresight committee report recommended increases of not less than 7% p/year, and since then the increase has been higher than that each year because maintaining our property is the best way to ensure our property values and our way of life here. It also tends to reduce the chance that special assessments will be necessary.

A number of issues have been raised about interactions with office staff. If you have such concerns, bring them in the first instance to the General Manager, Tycia Haight, or the Deputy General Manager, Courtney Pinnock. If that does not resolve the issue, then contact me. Improving the quality of customer service is a SHUOA goal.

Although it is SOP to inform owners, it bears repeating: If you use credit extended through our Association for purchases such as a new HVAC, the credit company will charge you 3.5% of the amount charged. Information is power, people. So be powerful, be informed!

It also bears repeating that SHUOA has traffic and parking signs for the road leading to the front of the building. They are designed to keep the fire lane open and facilitate the movement of traffic. All too often the lane is clogged by vehicles stopped or parked right in front of our signs that say NO STANDING OR PARKING. Ignoring the signs, no matter how convenient for any one person, creates a safety hazard and an inconvenience for everyone else. Be polite, safe, and FOLLOW THE RULES.

I also want to point out that SHUOA is saving money by using AI in preparing board minutes. One of the consequences is that ***we can make minutes available to you in a wide range of foreign languages***. Please advise the staff in the office if you would like a copy in a language other than English; please be advised that the options are determined by the range of AI services.

SHUOA takes a meetings break in August, except for budget planning. We will be back in full swing come September. (Dates are posted at the end of committee reports in this newsletter and on the BuildingLink calendar.)

Warm regards,

**RH Porter**

*Board President, SHUOA*



## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

BY JoHannah Eklund, COMMITTEE CHAIR



The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met in person and via Zoom for the sixth meeting of 2025 on Monday, July 21, 2025.

### Financial figures for the month of June 2025 are:

Total Income	\$	512,000.00
Total Expense	\$	482,573.00
Reserves Contributions*	\$	177,712.00
Federal & State Income Tax	\$	4,750.00
Net Income	\$	29,430.00

Please note: The budgeted amount for Net Income was \$24,933 year-to-date; our actual unaudited Net Income year-to-date is \$76,615. Total Income was \$2,347 less than budgeted with accounts such as Late Fees/NSF Funds, Satellite Radio Antenna, and In-unit Maintenance producing less income, while all other accounts showed positive income for the month. Expense categories for utilities were \$24,663 less than budgeted, and almost all other categories were also under budget for the month.

The FMC membership approved the FMC June 2025 minutes. Ms. Haight delivered the Management Report.

### 2026 Budgeting Process to Date –

Resident requests for suggestions to be included in the 2026 budget process were closed on July 15. All suggestions will be introduced and discussed during the Budget 2026 process in August.

The 2026 Budget Planning Team met twice prior to the regular July FMC meeting and are scheduled to meet again before the August meetings to develop preliminary budgets.

As a team, the members study all the issues of which the community has made the members aware. Immediately, the team members ask themselves if the association has enough money to pay for the requests; and are these items that should be funded from reserves. It is the responsibility of the FMC and the BOD to identify financial goals and objectives, create a budgeting schedule, review governing documents, examine previous budgets, review financial statements, investigate legal requirements, and, as needed, conduct a community survey in the process of prioritizing new expenditures.

### Budgeting Basics –

According to *Common Ground*, a magazine designed to address HOA management issues, the budgeting process has three main components: operating costs, a reserve fund/reserve study, and revenue. The operating costs include “line items” or expenses necessary to keep our association functioning and include the following:

- vendor/contractor services;
- professional services and administration;
- insurances needed which include property and liability;
- utilities based on previous years’ average consumption;
- maintenance;
- office expenses;
- collection costs/bad debt;
- miscellaneous expenses, and
- taxes.

The reserve fund is a budgetary component that is designed to grow over time to pay for big-ticket items such as: total garage repair, total external infrastructure repair, swimming pool repair, riser repair (which includes both electrical and plumbing), elevator replacement, common areas inside and outside, etc.



The BOD should conduct a reserve study every five years to project what amount of money must be in the reserve fund. SHUOA is due to conduct a new reserve study. It is also the responsibility of the FMC and BOD to pay close attention to how the revenue collected in the reserve funds is invested to create the best possible income from these reserve funds while at the same time making certain the monies are immediately available if the need arises. Reserve funds are not to be invested in high-risk financial instruments.

Once the operating expenses are accounted for and reserve fund needs are determined, the revenue needed to pay for these becomes clear and the BOD works to determine what the owner's assessments will be.

### ***SHUOA Financial Monitoring –***

Board members have a fiduciary responsibility to monitor the association's financials. All members of FMC and the Board of Directors receive full disclosure of the monthly and year-to-date financials prior to their respective meetings. The members of the FMC and Karen Johnson, BOD treasurer, ask probing questions at these monthly FMC meetings and our Staff Accountant and/or General Manager answers their questions. The BOD secretary also attends all the meetings. The FMC also meets its fiduciary responsibility by checking every monthly invoice against every check written during the month. This fiduciary observation is conducted at the middle and end of the month.

In the course of the year, unexpected operating expenses that exceed the amount budgeted such as: snow removal, increased insurance premiums, unexpected maintenance costs, or increased utility costs occasionally occur and the board has a few options to fund these unexpected expenditures: 1) utilize accumulated excess operating funds (which is the best possible scenario); 2) delay repairs, if possible; 3) increase assessments; 4) pass a special assessment; or 5) obtain financing (which increases the association's overall costs because of the interest expense and loan fees). The SHUOA community is very fortunate to have a management staff that manages these unexpected expenses carefully, and generally the Board can utilize accumulated excess operating funds to pay for unexpected expenditures.

The next FMC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the West Meeting Room and will be a hybrid meeting with a Zoom link.

## **Join the Skyline House Community Relations Committee!**

📍 Skyline House is forming a new **\*\*Community Relations Committee\*\***, and we want YOU to be a part of it! This is your chance to help shape the future of our neighborhood and strengthen ties across the Skyline City community.

### **☀️ Purpose of the Committee**

To assist the Board of Directors in evaluating interest and forming a **\*\*Community Relations Committee\*\***, we are reaching out to gauge your participation. This committee will focus on community development and collaboration across all buildings in Skyline City.

### **🎯 Our Goals**

Here's what we aim to achieve through this united community effort:

- 🗣️ Stronger advocacy on local issues such as traffic and urban development.
- 🎉 Enhanced community life through shared events, programs, and celebrations.
- 🔧 Shared solutions to common neighborhood challenges.
- 🏡 A true sense of connected community and pride across all Skyline buildings.

### **👤 Who We're Looking For**

We're seeking **\*\*enthusiastic Skyline House owners\*\*** who are:

- 🤝 Community-minded
- 💡 Visionary and proactive
- 🌱 Collaborative team players

Your involvement will be **\*\*crucial\*\*** in building a more unified and thriving Skyline City.

Ready to help shape the future of Skyline City?

📍 Express your interest by contacting the Board or stopping by the management office.

Let's work together to build a stronger, more vibrant community! 💬 🌍

## FURNISHINGS & DESIGNS COMMITTEE

BY Maria Elena Schnacknies

The FDC meeting took place on July 14th with eleven owners attending.

Adriana Torres Sejas brought a large screen and presented her research on suitable wallcoverings and murals for high-traffic lobbies, including a guide to durable, stylish, and practical options for commercial spaces. The guide addressed the following topics:

- Criteria for selecting lobby wallcoverings
- Recommended types of wallcoverings for high-traffic areas
- Performance benefits
- Overview of trusted brands (e.g., Koroseal, MDC Interior Solutions, Maharam, Wolf-Gordon, Len-Tex, and Carnegie Fabrics)
- A comprehensive comparison of all the abovementioned brands.
- Summary of mural wallcoverings, digitally printed murals, and common applications
- Price range overview for different products, such as stock digital murals, custom digital murals, PVC-Free/Specialty wallcoverings, and installation costs
- Sample budget: For a 10'x20' area, materials cost between \$2,000 - \$5,000, and installation ranges from \$2,600 - \$7,000
- And finally, cost-saving strategies.

After discussing Adriana's outstanding presentation, participants evaluated the possibility of organizing a competition for young artists to create a mural in lieu of traditional wallcoverings. It was agreed that potential venues for reaching interested artists—such as college fine arts departments and arts organizations in Northern Virginia—would be identified by attendees. The winner would receive compensation for both the design and execution of the mural and would also retain the paint upon project completion.

The FDC will continue its efforts to enhance the galleries. A proposal requesting \$20,000 has been submitted to the FMC. Once funding is approved for 2026, the FDC will determine the budget available to proceed with improvements to the galleries' walls.

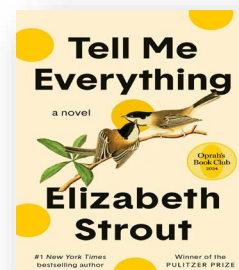
The next FDC meeting will be held on **September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.** in the **West Party Room.**

## Calling All Readers! Enjoy Summer Reading with the SHUOA Book Club

by Joan Treistman

Even if you don't get a chance to read or finish the book, you are welcome to come join our discussion.

**Wednesday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the West Party Room**



**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK •** From Pulitzer Prize-winning author Elizabeth Strout comes a "stunner" (*People*) of a novel about new friendships, old loves, and the very human desire to leave a mark on the world.

**Next month: "Great Big Beautiful Life" by Emily Henry, Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the West Party Room**

Also, the **SHUOA Library** with items for children and adults is in the **East Building Penthouse**. It is open from **6-7 p.m. on Mondays**, except holidays, and from **1-5 p.m. on Saturdays**.

## TREASURER'S COMMENTARY

BY KAREN JOHNSON, TREASURER



I participated in the FMC meeting on July 21, 2025. As of this date, we have data for the month of June as well as data for the year to end June.

For the year to date, total income was just about on budget at \$3m. In-unit maintenance income was below budget, but that shortfall was offset by other components, including interest income which was above budget.

In June, income was somewhat below budget. Total expenses year to date just about equaled total income and were slightly below budget.

Spending elements that were below budget included payroll, payroll taxes and benefits, administration, utilities, maintenance, and supplies.

Contracts were somewhat above budget, particularly for security. Income taxes paid were also above budget. Reserve contributions were on budget. Net income for the year to date is positive, significantly so as the budget was expecting a deficit.

The balance sheet shows total assets at the end of June at \$2.4m. Total liabilities were \$600k. Reserves were about \$1m. Members' equity was \$685k. Total equity was \$1.8m, with \$1m in reserves

Karen H. Johnson, Treasurer






## CHIEF ENGINEER'S ADVICE

BY GREG GRIMM, CHIEF ENGINEER


### How to Reset Your Air Conditioning


*If your air conditioning fails to operate, it may need to be reset.*

#### Basic Reset Steps for All Heat Pumps

1.  Turn off the **circuit breaker** (located in the kitchen).
2.  Wait **one minute**.
3.  Turn the **circuit breaker back on**.
4.  Ensure your **thermostat is set to "Cool."**
5.  Listen for the **heat pump and blower** to restart.

#### After Power Outages


 It may take up to **15 minutes** for the unit to restart due to electronic components in the thermostat and HVAC system.

 **Check Your Filter:** A **dirty filter** may cause the unit to shut off. ✓ Verify that your air filter is clean.

 New filters are available at the **Front Desk**.





#### If the Problem Persists

If these steps don't fix the issue:

 **Submit a maintenance request**, and one of our techs will be scheduled to assist.

#### Greg's Tip: Costco for Appliance Deals

While we don't usually promote brands, **Costco** offers excellent benefits:

-  **Double warranty** on appliances
-  **Free delivery, installation, and haul away**
-  **Executive Members** receive yearly rebates
-  Extra cash back with **Costco Citi credit card**



## PHYSICAL PLANTS & OPERATIONS (PPOC)

BY BRYANT STUKES, COMMITTEE CHAIR

The PPOC met on July 10, 2025, at 7 p.m.

The Chair informed the committee that the 2026 Reserve and Operating Budget is being reviewed. As a whole, we will only look to do projects that are deemed necessary for maintaining the integrity of the SHUOA campus.

### Information/Discussion:

The committee reviewed the following:

- Work Orders for June
- 2025 Garage Project
- o See Management Report
  - West Freight Elevator & East Passenger Elevator #3
- o See Management Report
  - Property Vandalism
- o We continue to see trash and litter on the premises; residents are again urged to remember that littering is not acceptable. If you see someone littering on the property/common areas, please ask them to pick up their trash.

### Action Items:

PPOC Approved Items:


- The committee reviewed and made edits to the Food Delivery Survey, which will be distributed to the community via Building Link in August. We will review the results at our September PPOC Meeting.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, September 11th** due to the August committee break.

## Where Else Can I Find the Newsletter?

Looking to stay connected and informed? 

There are **two easy ways** to access the SHUOA newsletter and important updates:

 **Visit Us Online,** Head over to [www.shuoa.org](http://www.shuoa.org) to download the **current newsletter PDF** anytime, from anywhere.

**or Use the BuildingLink app** to access the latest issue.



## WE NEED SHUOA Community Service

We have two “high need” volunteer opportunities:

- *A professional engineer (P.E.)* currently or formerly licensed, experience with concrete is a plus. Contact Charlie, SHUOA Construction Committee, 571-276-6080
- *A web master,* additional experience with social media on behalf of an organization is a plus. Contact Maria Elena, [mariaelena.shuoa@gmail.com](mailto:mariaelena.shuoa@gmail.com)



## AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2  <b>SHUOA Shred Event</b> 10 AM- Noon
3	4  6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open	5  Bridge 3 PM- 5 PM  National Night Out 5 PM- 8 PM  	6	7	8	9  1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
10	11 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open  <b>Activities Committee WPR</b> 7:00 PM	12	13 <b>Reserves Budget Meeting 2026</b>  6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	14 <b>Operating Budget Meeting 2026</b>  6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	15	16 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open  <b>Cultural Awareness Event</b> 11 AM
17	18 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open	19  Bridge 3 PM- 5 PM	20  <b>Book Club Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	21	22	23  1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
24	25 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open	26	27	28	29	30  1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS &amp; COMMITTEES 2025-26

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Bridge Club					
Garden Club	Neil Sklar, Lead		<a href="mailto:neilsklar167@gmail.com">neilsklar167@gmail.com</a>		



## Summer Save the Dates!

**Mark your calendars and join us for an exciting lineup of events this summer at Skyline House!**

*(Note: West Meeting Room, West Party Room located on the Penthouse (P) Level)*



**Wednesday, August 13 – Reserves Budget Meeting**  
*6–8 p.m., West Meeting Room*



**Thursday, August 14 – Operating Budget Meeting**  
*6–8 p.m., West Meeting Room*



**Saturday, August 16 – Cultural Awareness Event – Indian Street Food, 11am – 1pm, West Party Room**



**Wednesday, August 20 – Book Club**  
*7–8:30 p.m., West Party Room*

**Monday, September 1 – Labor Day – SHUOA Office Closed**



**Thursday, September 4 – Seminar on Neuropathy**  
*7 p.m., West Party Room*

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



**Let's make this summer unforgettable! ☀️**

## SKYLINE HOUSE POOL NEWS!

### **Extended 2025 Pool Season!**

Great news! 🎉 The Board of Directors has extended the pool season by one week!

New closing date: Sunday, September 7th, 2025

### **Pool Hours**


Day	Hours
Monday–Friday	11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, Holidays	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sept. 2–7 (Extended Week)	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### **Guest Passes**

Each unit may purchase up to 4 additional passes

- Weekdays: \$2 per pass
- Weekends & Holidays: \$5 per pass


### **Area Closure Notice**

 East Sundeck & Pool Area Closed

Due to ongoing garage façade repairs, the East sundeck and pool area will remain closed until further notice for your safety.

 The West sundeck and pool area remain open.

### **Food & Drink Policy**

 Eating and drinking are allowed only in the picnic area located on the Mezzanine level.

### **Safety Rules for Minors**

- Children under age 12 must be accompanied by:
  - A chaperone 18+, or
  - A 15+ chaperone with strong swimming skills.
- Ratio: 1 chaperone per 3 children (minimum).
- Children 3+ years may be directed to the wading pool if deemed unsafe for the main pool.
- Children 2 years or younger:
  - Not permitted in the main pool
  - May use the wading pool with:
    - Proper non-permeable swim diapers (e.g., Splashers)
    - Qualified chaperone supervision

 Cloth or disposable diapers (even under clothing) are strictly prohibited in both pools.





# WELCOME TO SKYLINE HOUSE!

## July 9th New & New-ish Owner Chat Recap

On July 9th, longtime resident **Maria Elena Schacknies**—one of the original owners from **April 1980**—hosted our second **Welcome Chat** for new and newer owners. The session brought together a vibrant group: **9 newcomers** and **2 seasoned "OGs"** who shared stories, laughter, and a sense of connection.

## A Community of Stories

Every attendee shared their journey to Skyline House, revealing a beautiful tapestry of experiences from across the **U.S. and around the world**. Despite diverse backgrounds, several common themes emerged:

- A **welcoming and inclusive atmosphere**
- **Diverse perspectives** that enrich daily life
- A blend of **urban convenience** and **residential comfort**
- Proximity to **DC and Northern Virginia** for work and play
- Easy **single-floor living**
- Space that accommodates **long-term comfort**
- A desire to live **closer to adult children or aging parents**

## Self-Governance & Community Involvement

Maria Elena highlighted the **Skyline House Unit Owners Association (SHUOA)** self-governance model and encouraged residents to **get involved** through committees and volunteering opportunities. It's a powerful way to shape the future of our community and form meaningful connections.

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## Neighborhood Then & Now

The discussion explored the **history and transformation** of nearby buildings on **S. George Mason Drive**—originally designed for government offices and a planned METRO stop that never came to fruition. Now, many of those buildings:

- Have been **converted into apartment residences**
  - Are in early stages of redevelopment
  - Reflect the **changing needs** of the community over time
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## Getting Involved

Participants were also shown the location of the **West Meeting Room** (a.k.a. the **Card Room**) to make future in-person meetings easy to find.

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## Renters, You're Next!

We're planning a **Welcome Chat just for renters** later this fall—stay tuned!

**ALL SHUOA RESIDENTS!** Watch for the **Food Delivery Survey** via email notifications or posted signs. The survey will be available through BuildingLink. We want to hear from you!

## Out & About in Our Neighborhood! by Elizabeth Hubert

August is a great time to enjoy the bounty of fresh, local produce and warm summer evenings. Below is info about a local fair with daytime and evening hours and two nearby farmers' markets that will be open well into the autumn.



**AUGUST 13-17, 2025**

**THOMAS JEFFERSON COMMUNITY CENTER**, 3501 2nd St. South

<https://arlingtoncountyfair.us/>

Fair admission is FREE; rides require tickets, which can be purchased online or on-site. For information on hours, entertainment, and other fair info, go to the website, Facebook, or Instagram. On-site parking is ADA only. There is a **free ART shuttle bus** from the [Ballston Mall Parking Garage](#), 627 N Glebe Rd.



**Annandale** on **Thursdays** from **8 a.m. to Noon** through October 30th at the **Mason District Park**, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

Follow us on Instagram [@fairfaxfarmmarkets](#) or website:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandale>



**Fairlington** on **Sundays** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** (rain or shine) through November 23rd at the **Fairlington Community Center**, 3308 S. Stafford Street, Arlington.

Follow us on Instagram [@fairlingtonmarket](#) or website: <https://field2table.org/markets/fairlington-farmers-market/>

This space features local events in the Bailey's Crossroads/Seven Corners/Mason District area, and occasionally further afield. If you have an item to submit for consideration, please email: [shuoa-news@googlegroups.com](mailto:shuoa-news@googlegroups.com).