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# CHAIR'S MESSAGE

## Summer with the Chamber

Greetings Chamber Members,

We are officially entering summer and the Chamber is already heating up with more exciting, informative programs and events- and our advocacy work is simply on fire! I encourage everyone to take that much-needed break and enjoy your family and vacations and know that while we are taking some time off, your Chamber family is continuing to work diligently to make the business-friendly climate in Arlington even better all summer long. So please join us when you can! Here are a couple of the events coming up:

- On August 22nd, we host the 8th Annual Northern Virginia Regional Elected Leaders Summit in partnership with our fellow regional chambers. This is a don't-miss event where you will hear from elected leaders about the economic climate in the region, initiatives fostering economic growth, and thoughts on how each jurisdiction can work together to improve our regional economy.
- On September 12th, our Young Professionals Series continues with a focus on Professional Development. This series is cultivating the next generation of business leaders by bringing them together to learn more about Arlington and engage with the larger business community. If you are, or you are mentoring a younger professional person, this is a great series to attend!
- And don't forget our standard playlist with regular favorites such as Breakfast Connection with the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce on August 10th and our Business After Business, Small Business Roundtables, and Women in Business Networking events throughout the summer.

On the advocacy front, we have been tracking and engaging with many issues, but here are some highlights from three important letters the Chamber signed:

- The Chamber authored a letter strongly supporting the **Virginia Railway Express'** (VRE) application to the Commuter Choice grant program for its Crystal City Station project. This project will help construct a two-track station, increasing the capacity of the existing VRE system and pave the way for future Amtrak service. There is currently more than \$4 billion of investment planned for transportation improvements within National Landing, and VRE has already secured most of the \$68.9 million cost for this station project. Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) approved the grant funding on June 1, paving the way for the completion of these projects.
- The Chamber expressed support in a letter for Arlington County's continued work on the Commercial Market Resiliency Initiative. We supported adopting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to allow for indoor recreation, ghost kitchens, by-right food delivery services and large-scale catering establishments. These amendments will not only open Arlington business districts to new and emerging business sectors, but also specifically allow Arlington restaurants to use their own food delivery or catering services in house, saving the business from the hassle of using and paying for third-party services. These amendments passed the County Board unanimously at their June 10 meeting.
- The Chamber helped create a coalition of other chambers and business organizations and helped draft and circulate a coalition letter in response to the Virginia Supreme Court decision ruled in *Berry vs. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors*. The court ruled that Fairfax County's zoning ordinance was void, as was any action that Fairfax County took at virtual public hearings that was beyond the "essential business of government," claiming that it was not adhering to the Open Meetings laws that existed in the Commonwealth before July 2021. This ruling complicates any legislative actions that took place at local virtual public hearings before July 2021, including zoning, permitting or the approval of development projects. The coalition letter, sent to Governor Youngkin, urges him and the General Assembly to act in order to contain the consequences of this ruling. Recently Fairfax County re-adopted its Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the court ruling, but the statewide confusion remains. The Chamber is still working on a potential state-level resolution to this issue.

Our Chamber will continue actively monitoring and advocating for you on these and more issues that affect your business. I wish all of you a fantastic and fun summer and hope to see you at a Chamber event soon!



Tina Leone

Tina Leone  
Ballston BID

# PRESIDENT & CEO'S MESSAGE

## Networking: Finding Your Fit

As the Chamber's centennial approaches, we're doing a great deal of reflecting back while looking forward. While the mechanics of how we do things varies dramatically from what we see in the weathered copies of Arlingtonians from decades ago, the core mission and purpose of the Chamber stands the test of time.

While our advocacy efforts, community engagement work, and professional development opportunities bring tremendous value, networking continues to be the top reported reason that people join the Arlington Chamber. As the only all-county business-focused organization, nowhere else can you find the combination of businesses that compose our membership.

It feels as though we are solidly in the "new normal." And as many of you have seen with your own businesses, things are different from the pre-pandemic world. As a result, our networking opportunities have evolved too. We've done some shifting in event times and cadence to respond to member preferences and new patterns of life.

As you read this issue, I encourage you to look at the events calendar and event previews and think about how they may align with your goals. The reason that the Chamber has such a robust events calendar is that we serve a wide audience and work hard to ensure that there is programming with relevant connections for everyone in our membership.

While everyone is welcome at everything, events like our Breakfast Connection tend to attract small businesses, business-to-business, and people in business development roles. They are also a gem for our nonprofit members looking to promote volunteer opportunities, events, and their missions. On the other hand, larger policy-focused events like our Northern Virginia Elected Leaders Summit tend to attract larger businesses and attract people that don't often attend the monthly events.

I'd also like to remind you that membership covers everyone who works for your business or organization, and I encourage you to add as many people as are interested to our distribution lists and to share opportunities with colleagues who could be a good fit for them.

One example of that is our Young Professionals Series which we launched this year. At our first two events on community engagement and advocacy, we enjoyed meeting emerging leaders from our member businesses, and look forward to continued engagement from these individuals as they get plugged into other Chamber events and committees. This series continues with events focused on professional development and networking later this year.

If you're not sure where to plug in, I encourage you to reach out to our wonderful membership team at [engagement@arlingtonchamber.org](mailto:engagement@arlingtonchamber.org), and someone can work individually with you on identifying events where your ideal customer, client, vendor, or partner is likely to be in attendance. We want the events to be a valuable use of your time and can help you identify those that will be the best fit. Our monthly Chamber 101 is a great opportunity for this as well, and is open to not just new members, but everyone.

I hope to see you at a Chamber event soon!



Kate Bates

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# chamber calendar

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## JULY

- 4 Tuesday**      **Independence Day**  
Chamber Office Closed
- 5 Wednesday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**Ambassador Committee**  
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 6 Thursday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 11 Tuesday**      **Membership Development Committee**  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 12 Wednesday**      **Executive Committee**  
8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
**Women in Business Networking**  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Thursday**      **Hotel General Managers Committee**  
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
**Chamber 101**  
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
- 18 Tuesday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Wednesday**      **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
**LeadShare Networking Group**  
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 20 Thursday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 25 Tuesday**      **Membership Engagement Committee**  
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 26 Wednesday**      **Community Action Committee**  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
**Small Business Roundtable**  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 27 Thursday**      **Business After Business**  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## AUGUST

- 1 Tuesday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 2 Wednesday**      **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
**LeadShare Networking Group**  
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 3 Thursday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**Chamber 101**  
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
- 7 Monday**      **Ambassador Committee**  
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 8 Tuesday**      **Membership Development Committee**  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 9 Wednesday**      **Executive Committee**  
8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
- 10 Thursday**      **Breakfast Connection**  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- 15 Tuesday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 16 Wednesday**      **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
**LeadShare Networking Group**  
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 17 Thursday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 22 Tuesday**      **Northern Virginia Regional Elected Leaders Summit**  
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
**Membership Engagement Committee**  
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 30 Wednesday**      **Community Action Committee**  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
**Small Business Roundtable**  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 31 Thursday**      **Business After Business**  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Visit the Chamber calendar to stay updated on the latest events. Register online at [www.arlingtonchamber.org](http://www.arlingtonchamber.org) or call (703) 525-2400.

## SEPTEMBER

- **4 Monday**      **Labor Day**  
 Chamber Office Closed
- **5 Tuesday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- **6 Wednesday**      **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**  
 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
  
**LeadShare Networking Group**  
 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
  
**Women in Business Networking**  
 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- **7 Thursday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
  
**Chamber 101**  
 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
- **12 Tuesday**      **Young Professionals Series: Professional Development Focus**  
 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
  
**Membership Development Committee**  
 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **13 Wednesday**      **Executive Committee**  
 8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
- **19 Tuesday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- **20 Wednesday**      **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**  
 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
  
**LeadShare Networking Group**  
 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **21 Thursday**      **LeadShare Networking Group**  
 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **22 Friday**      **Board of Directors Meeting**  
 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- **26 Tuesday**      **Education and Workforce Development Committee**  
 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
  
**Membership Engagement Committee**  
 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **27 Wednesday**      **Community Action Committee**  
 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
  
**Small Business Roundtable**  
 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **28 Thursday**      **Business After Business**  
 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Host a Chamber Event!

We are looking for hosts for our Business After Business events, Women in Business Networking events, and other programs. Hosts receive great marketing, both in advance and by showcasing their venue.

For more information on becoming a host, contact [events@arlingtonchamber.org](mailto:events@arlingtonchamber.org).



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#### SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

This monthly event offers an educational opportunity to smaller businesses, and members have the opportunity to present on a topic relevant to the business community.

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can't-miss  
**EVENTS**

Members can be involved in shaping policy positions through the Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee, which typically meets twice a month.

To be added to the committee distribution list, email [chamber@arlingtonchamber.org](mailto:chamber@arlingtonchamber.org).

## Governor Signs Workforce Development Bill Championed by Chamber

On May 31, Governor Glenn Youngkin held a ceremonial bill signing for the legislation creating a consolidated Department of Workforce Development in the Commonwealth. This legislation was the topic advocacy priority for the Chamber this past General Assembly Session. We advocated for this legislation to Arlington members of the General Assembly and others on the relevant committees, and it passed both Chambers with bipartisan majorities. Chamber President & CEO Kate Bates, Past Chair Scott McGeary, and Member of the Board of Directors Joe Oyler attended the Governor's bill signing in Chesterfield.



*Governor Glenn Youngkin signing the workforce development consolidation bills.*

## Chamber Advocacy on Berry v. Fairfax County Board

The Chamber has been advocating for a resolution to the potential fallout from the Virginia Supreme Court ruling in Berry vs. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, which declared that Fairfax County's zoning ordinance was void due to its adoption occurring at an online public hearing. The Court specifically ruled that any action that Fairfax County took at virtual public hearings that was beyond the essential business of government was not adhering to the Open Meetings laws that existed in the Commonwealth before July 2021.

Chamber members raised concerns that any legislative actions that took place at municipal and county virtual public hearings before July 2021 concerning zoning, permitting or the approval of development projects now could face legal uncertainty. The Chamber drafted a coalition letter including other Chambers and business organizations to Governor Youngkin asking for legal language, in the budget amendments or through separate legislation, that either overturns the Court decision or contains the effects of the ruling to the specific ordinance to Fairfax County. Recently Fairfax's Board of Supervisors re-adopted their Zoning Ordinance to comply with the ruling, but the statewide uncertainty remains. The Chamber is still working with others on the prospect for a state-level resolution to this issue, and engaging in meetings with legislators.



*Arlington Chamber President & CEO Kate Bates and Chesterfield Chamber President & CEO Danielle Fitz-Hugh attending the workforce development consolidation ceremonial bill signing.*

## Grant Approval for Redevelopment of Crystal City Station

On June 1, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) approved the **Virginia Railway Express'** (VRE) application to the Commuter Choice grant program for its Crystal City Station project. The Crystal City station project would provide for a new two-track platform, benefiting both VRE commuters and allowing for future Amtrak service at Crystal City. The Arlington Chamber of Commerce strongly supported the application and wrote a letter of support to NVTC. VRE has already secured most of the \$68.9 million cost for the station project, and the Chamber was one of multiple organizations who urged the NVTC to provide grant money for the remainder of the cost.

If you have any policy questions or an issue where the Chamber may be able to provide advocacy support, please contact our Government Affairs Manager, John Musso, at (703) 525-2400 ext .203 or [advocacy@arlingtonchamber.org](mailto:advocacy@arlingtonchamber.org).

## Chamber Requesting Revisions to Clarendon Live Entertainment Group

In April, the Arlington Chamber requested that the County remove Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI) accreditation as a mandatory requirement for the restaurants within the Clarendon Live Entertainment Group (CLEG). Until last year, ARI accreditation was an optional program open to all restaurants, and several Chamber members who had joined the program have expressed positive results. The Chamber has been concerned with the program being a mandate and asked that the County restore its previous status as an optional initiative. This was informed by input from a member restaurant. The Chamber has been working extensively with the relevant County departments to create a solution that benefits both the member restaurant as well as the County's goals for this program.

## Sunrise North Glebe Road Development

On May 13, the Arlington County Board approved the Special General Land Use Plan (GLUP) Study document for the Sunrise Senior Living project on North Glebe Road and advertised hearings on the proposed development. The Arlington Chamber has been a champion of this ongoing project for **Sunrise Senior Living**, a Chamber member. The project will provide a much-needed increase of 35 additional units in a conveniently accessible location in North Arlington. Northern Virginia currently faces a shortage of senior housing units, and this project would help address this issue. The Chamber submitted letters of support and gave testimony, urging the Planning Commission and the County Board to move this project forward.

## Permanent Outdoor Dining Progress

Since 2020, the Chamber has been the leading champion for Arlington County to make the COVID-era Temporary Outdoor Seating Areas (TOSAs) permanent. Feedback from members and from the general public have been strongly in favor of keeping the TOSAs and making them permanent additions to the Arlington streetscape. The County's "Future of Outdoor Dining" Study, or FOOD Study, was tasked with creating regulations to codify these spaces. The County Board voted to advertise public hearings for permanent rules, to be considered on July 15. The Chamber commends this step forward and continues to work with County Staff to encourage policies to ensure as smooth a transition and process for restaurants as possible.



Government Affairs Manager John Musso giving testimony to the Arlington County Board on June 13 supporting the advertisement of a hearing on permanent outdoor dining rules.



NEW TONIGHT  
**KATE BATES**  
ARLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber President & CEO Kate Bates speaks with DC News Now about the Arlington County proposed outdoor dining zoning changes.



NEW TONIGHT  
**KEEPING OUTDOOR DINING**  
ARLINGTON CONSIDERING PLAN TO MAKE IT PERMANENT

ROCKLANDS Barbeque and Grilling Company Shift Manager Jose Machado speaks with DC News Now about the importance of outdoor dining.

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## Business Community Gives Back at Arlington Chamber's Volunteer Day

In April, more than 200 volunteers from local businesses and organizations came together for the **24th Annual Arlington Chamber Volunteer Day**, sponsored by **Amazon**. Produced each year by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce's Community Action Committee, this day of service provides an opportunity for nonprofits to develop relationships with Arlington businesses, and for businesses to give back to the community.

Projects ranged from cleaning and organizing sites to trash collection, painting classrooms to making food baskets, and much more. After the morning projects were completed, the Volunteer Day Celebration and Lunch was held for all participants at **Arlington Community Federal Credit Union**. Jennifer Davies of **Animal Welfare League of Arlington** and the new Chamber Community Action Committee Chair said, "Today is such a wonderful reflection and affirmation of the connections and generosity between the nonprofit and business community. Whether you work, live, or do business in Arlington, there are many ways to give back and today demonstrated this." She also thanked the participating nonprofits and their staff members.

Throughout the day, volunteers completed various projects for 15 local nonprofits. Thanks to everyone who supported this important day!



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## County Board Candidate Forum

In June, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce hosted the County Board Candidate Forum at **George Mason University's** Mason Square - Van Metre Hall.

All seven candidates running for the Arlington County Board participated, and answered questions on topics of importance to the business community including office vacancy, housing affordability, and small business support. This business-themed candidate forum was moderated by Nick Minock of WJLA-Channel 7 News.

For the first time, the event was covered by network television with livestreaming on **WJLA.com** that evening, and an evening broadcast on WJLA Channel 8 the day after.

Participating candidates included **Audrey Clement (I), Maureen Coffey (D), Susan Cunningham (D), Jonathan Dromgoole (D), Natalie Roy (D), Julius "J.D." Spain Sr. (D), and Tony Weaver (D).**



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## Arlington Businesses Honored at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Best Business Awards

In May, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce celebrated the 37th Annual Arlington Best Business Awards at **Army Navy Country Club**, sponsored by **Arlington Community Federal Credit Union**. The Best Business Awards are presented to area businesses that consistently deliver exceptional quality of service to their customers, are industry leaders or offer a unique approach to delivery of goods or services, achieve significant growth or stability over the lifetime of their business, display an interest and concern for the success of the Arlington community, and demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion.

### The 2023 Best Business Award Winners are:

- **Home Energy Medics** - Sustainable Business of the Year
- **National Capital Treatment & Recovery** - Nonprofit Business of the Year
- **Mercedes-Benz of Arlington** - Retail Small Business of the Year
- **Arlington/DC Behavior Therapy Institute** - Service Small Business of the Year
- **Mastercard** - Large Business of the Year

This prestigious awards dinner recognized businesses in the Arlington community that go above and beyond to serve clients and make Arlington a great place to work and live.

“We’ve been doing business in Arlington for 86 years, and we’re very proud of our history,” said Mark Zetlin, of Mercedes-Benz of Arlington. “We always aim to take the best care of our customers, and we are proud to be valued by this diverse community.”

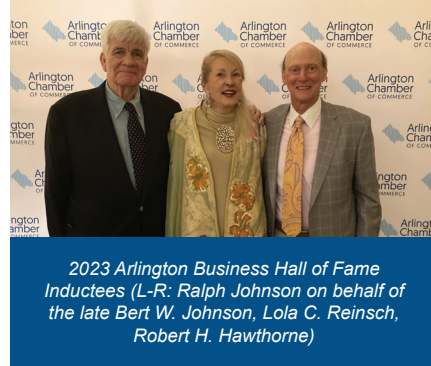
Following the presentation of the awards, the Chamber inducted the late Bert W. Johnson, Lola C. Reinsch, and Robert H. Hawthorne into the Arlington Business Hall of Fame.

The inductees captivated the sold-out crowd as they shared inspiring tales of how their upbringing influenced their careers. From leveraging family connections within the Arlington Chamber to securing their first post-college job to joining a traveling circus on the weekends, the Hall of Fame speeches not only entertained the audience but also showcased the diverse paths that led these individuals to their success.

“One of the biggest things that I’ve really seen the Chamber become is a place where there is a nice balance between small, medium, and large businesses,” said Robert H. Hawthorne. “Keep up the good work!”

The Arlington Business Hall of Fame honors men and women with a connection to Arlington County who have demonstrated a long record of successful management, expertise, and business skills, along with notable achievements and exceptional civic and community involvement.

A list of past Best Business Award winners and previous inductees into the Arlington Business Hall of Fame can be found at [www.arlingtonchamber.org/best-business-awards-past-winners](http://www.arlingtonchamber.org/best-business-awards-past-winners).



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## State of the County & Public Safety Awards

In June, Chamber members celebrated Arlington's achievements, our community's future, and those who make Arlington a great place to live and work at the State of the County & Public Safety Awards, sponsored by **VHC Health**. At this event, attendees learned about the County's economic and developmental status from Arlington County Board Chair, Christian Dorsey.

This event also honored our public safety personnel and first responders from Arlington County's Fire Department, Police Department, Public Safety Communications & Emergency Management, and Office of the Sheriff, who have exemplified extraordinary heroic actions and exceptional performance of their duties. This portion of the program was emceed by ABC7/WJLA's Victoria Sanchez.

### 2023 Honorees

#### Arlington County Department of Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management

- ECC Shift led by Operations Supervisors Catherine Dawkins & Kristine Mangione – Meritorious Service Award
- Public Safety Telecommunicator Dina Alkhawaja – Life-Saving Award

#### Arlington County Police Department

- Lieutenant Michael Laird – Meritorious Service Award
- Corporal Thomas DeNoville and Corporal Ryan Williams – Life-Saving Award
- Sergeant Jeffrey Lubin, Corporal Shawn Playford, Corporal Davey Tucker Jr., Officer Patrick Bane, Officer Connor DiVincenzo, Officer Conor Fitzgerald, and Officer Quinton Johnson – Valor Award

#### Arlington County Office of the Sheriff

- Inmate Service Counselor II Camille Watkin – Meritorious Service Award
- Corporal Ly Phan – Life-Saving Award

#### Arlington County Fire Department

- Firefighter Kevin Travers – Meritorious Service Award

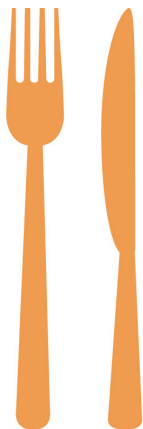


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ARLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Breakfast Connection Combined with the Asian American Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, August 10 | 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Crystal City Sports Pub

We are proud to partner with the Asian American Chamber of Commerce to promote your business before the workday begins. The format of our Breakfast Connections gives attendees a chance to bring their business to the table, literally. This event focuses on roundtable power networking and provides attendees the chance to exchange business cards, develop new prospects and share a 60 second pitch with each table. Double your connections this August at our combined event with the Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Bring plenty of business cards - you'll need them.



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## 8th Annual Northern Virginia Regional Elected Leaders Summit

Tuesday, August 22 | 8:00-10:00 a.m. | Marymount University

The region's business leaders will get the opportunity to hear from our elected officials about the economic climate in the region, initiatives they have completed or are undertaking to foster economic growth, and thoughts on how each jurisdiction can work together to improve our regional economy, at this Northern Virginia Elected Leaders Summit. The Arlington Chamber of Commerce is hosting this summit with premier partner, the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and co-hosts, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Loudoun Chamber of Commerce, Prince William Chamber of Commerce, and Northern Virginia Regional Commission.



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## Arlington Chamber Young Professionals Series: Professional Development

Tuesday, September 12 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Crystal City Sports Pub

The Chamber is excited to provide the third event in the Arlington Chamber Young Professionals Series with a focus on professional development! This series cultivates the next generation of business leaders by bringing together young professionals to learn more about Arlington and engage with the larger business community. Each event focuses on the Chamber's four pillars: Community Engagement, Advocacy, Networking, and Professional Development.



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To register for any of these events, visit [www.arlingtonchamber.org/events](http://www.arlingtonchamber.org/events) or call (703) 525-2400.

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## MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Chamber Membership

**30 Years**  
Washington Workplace

**25 Years**  
Danaher-Skewes & Associates  
Baird Automotive

**15 Years**  
Crystal City Pentagon Rotary Club

**10 Years**  
Arlington Rotary Club

**5 Years**  
Renz Architecture, PLLC  
Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area  
Bird  
AT&T  
Good Company Doughnuts & Cafe  
Intelligent Office  
Nam Viet Restaurant  
Staples



### Have news to share?

Let us know! Members in the News article submissions must be emailed to the Marketing and Membership Coordinator and received by the first of the month prior to the publication month, in order to be considered for inclusion.

Members should submit a press release or news article, along with photo options, if available. For questions, contact Marketing and Membership Coordinator, Josue Bastidas at [communications@arlingtonchamber.org](mailto:communications@arlingtonchamber.org) or (703) 525-2400.

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-  **1** Follow us on social media  
  @ArlVACHamber  
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- 2** Visit our website:  
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- 3** Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter by visiting our website

# members in the news

VHC HEALTH

## VHC Health Opens Long-Awaited Outpatient Pavilion

In June, **VHC Health** celebrated the grand opening of its new, state-of-the-art Outpatient Pavilion. The brand-new facility will provide patients with direct access to treatment facilities immediately upon arrival to the health system's main campus, and allows for additional inpatient beds for cancer, cardiac and stroke patients in the Hospital's pre-existing facilities. The Outpatient Pavilion houses VHC Health's outpatient surgery, imaging, pharmacy, lab, endoscopy, and physical therapy. The new facility also has 26,000 square feet solely dedicated to all aspects of women's health. Chamber Directors and Staff were present for the grand opening of the Pavilion.



"The Outpatient Pavilion was designed to solve a consistent challenge: a growing need for affordable and accessible healthcare in both an inpatient and outpatient setting," said VHC Health President & CEO Chris Lane. "This expansion project has been long-awaited, and I am proud to see this massive undertaking come to fruition. Now that the Outpatient Pavilion is complete, we look forward to embarking on our next project, the renovation of the main campus hospital to expand much-needed inpatient services."

AMAZON

## Amazon Holds Ribbon Cutting for HQ2

In June, **Amazon** opened Metropolitan Park, the two-office building complex that is the first phase of their second headquarters in Arlington. The ribbon cutting event featured remarks from Governor Glenn Youngkin, County Board Chair Christian Dorsey, and Amazon executives. Chamber Staff were in attendance.



Speakers praised the engagement Amazon conducted with Arlington and the area as it moved into its second headquarters. "Amazon found what it needed here in Arlington. But Arlington was also looking for someone. We looked to Amazon to look to our community and its values and embrace them as their own," Chair Dorsey said.

Metropolitan Park, or Met Park, is more than just the two core buildings, which will hold up to 8,000 employees. The complex also includes a two-acre public park, complete with walking paths, protected bike lanes, a dog park, children's playground, and a community garden. Additionally, fourteen new small businesses, all either local or women-or-minority owned, will occupy more than 50,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floor. There will also be a farmers' market at Met Park every Saturday this summer.

## Marymount University Receives Additional Funding to Continue Fall Prevention Efforts

In June, **Marymount University** and its Center for Optimal Aging were awarded a third round of funding – totaling \$548,298 that will cover a timeframe extended to April 2027 – from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living. Alongside its many community partners, Marymount will continue this important work of helping to reduce the number of falls and fall-related injuries in the region, expanding falls prevention programs to underserved communities and enhancing their capacity for long-term sustainability.

“While falls among older adults are unfortunately common, we know that for the most part, they are predictable and preventable. Falls are not an inevitable part of getting older,” said Dr. Sara Pappa, Assistant Professor of Health and Human Performance at Marymount and the principal investigator and coordinator of the Northern Virginia Falls Prevention Alliance. “By performing specific strength and balance exercises, making their homes safer and getting regular health check-ups, older adults can significantly reduce their risk of falling.”

### CHICKEN + WHISKEY

## Chicken + Whiskey Celebrates Grand Opening In Clarendon

In June, **Chicken + Whiskey** held its grand opening celebration of their Clarendon location in Arlington. This is their fourth location, and their first in Arlington. Chamber Directors and staff were present for the celebration, which also included Arlington County Board Chair Matt de Ferranti and **Arlington Economic Development BizLaunch**.



## welcome to our NEW MEMBERS!

### Business and Professional Services

Hedgeman Law Firm  
Tim Little Coaching, LLC  
Urgent Animal Care of Arlington

### Consulting

BCC Consulting  
The Polished Kreative

### Financial Services

Capitol Benefits, LLC  
Christopher D. Allen, Financial Advisor – Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC  
Founders Bank

### Home and Personal Services

Designs MKA LLC Candles  
Ioana Todorova Designs, LLC dba Decorating Den Interiors

### Nonprofit Organizations & Associations

Arlington Chorale  
HOPE Multiplied  
NatureServe

### Real Estate and Construction

District Offices  
Marks-Woods Construction Services, LLC

### Retail and Restaurants

Crystal City Restaurant

### Travel and Tourism

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Send your new member referrals to

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# Strong communities are built on **good health.**



At VHC Health, we're building on that very idea. With our new Outpatient Pavilion, an integrated Women's Health Center, and new primary and specialty care practices, all accessible from the palm of your hand. Becoming the region's preferred community health system brings big changes to VHC Health. But one thing that will never change is the unmatched quality of our care. For good health, for our community. ***For you. For life.***

NEW WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTER OPENING SOON



For you. For life.

[vhchealth.org](http://vhchealth.org)

# Your Chamber in the Community

The success of the Arlington Chamber is tied to its membership base. This is why the Chamber's Directors, staff, and members are dedicated to supporting community events and programs.



Open House and Celebration of the newly renovated Ellen M. Bozman Arlington County Government Center



Technical Workshop on Space Systems Cybersecurity from the White House Office of the National Cyber Director



Northern Virginia Community College and Google's Workforce Development event



Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Grand Opening Ceremony & Ribbon Cutting

## Below is a sampling of events that Chamber staff participated in:

**May 6** - Kate Bates, Mike Rosenow, and Will Mulligan attended the **VIDA Fitness** Grand Opening celebration.

**May 18** – Kate Bates and Mike Rosenow attended **Leadership Center for Excellence's** 2023 Leadership Summit.

**April 10** – Kate Bates presented at the **NRECA** national Board of Directors meeting.

**April 20** – Kate Bates and Mike Rosenow attended the 2023 **Columbia Pike Partnership's** Progress Luncheon.

**May 8** – Chair Tina Leone and Kate Bates participated in the Metro Area Chambers of Commerce Regional Dinner, hosted by the Board of Trade.

**May 18** – Kate Bates and John Musso attended the **Rosslyn BID's** Rosslyn City Social: Celebrating 20 Years!

**May 23** – Mike Rosenow and Will Mulligan attended **Arlington Economic Development's** Brunch and Business: Honoring Asian Entrepreneurship.

**May 23** - Kate Bates, Mike Rosenow, and Will Mulligan attended Business Appreciation Month celebration hosted by **Arlington Economic Development**.

**June 5** – Mike Rosenow and Will Mulligan attended BizBrunch for GovCon industry hosted by **Arlington Economic Development**.

**June 6** – Kate Bates spoke at the Ribbon Cutting for **District Offices**. Mike Rosenow and Will Mulligan also attended.

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The mission of the **Arlington Chamber of Commerce** is to strengthen businesses and the economic environment for those who work, live, and do business in Arlington.

The vision of the **Arlington Chamber of Commerce** is to be the essential partner for business success.

## ***thank you!***

- **Bean, Kinney & Korman P.C., Hilton Garden Inn Reagan National Airport, and Placemakr Marymount Ballston** for hosting Business After Business
- **Arlington Strategy, Body Harmony of Arlington, Chicken + Whiskey, MGI Corporate Gifts, Michael Garcia, Agent – State Farm Insurance, and Monument Home Loans** for donating door prizes at Business After Business