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97th Annual Arlington Business Gala

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chamber calendar

Please check arlingtonchamber.org/events for format and meeting locations.

JANUARY

- 3 Monday** **New Year's Day Observed**
Office Closed
- 4 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 5 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 6 Thursday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 10 Monday** **Ambassador Committee**
4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 11 Tuesday** **Membership Development Committee**
2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 12 Wednesday** **Executive Committee**
8:00-9:30 a.m.
- 13 Thursday** **Breakfast Connection**
7:30-9:00 a.m.
- 18 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 19 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 20 Thursday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 21 Friday** **Board Orientation for New Directors**
10:30-11:30 a.m.
- 25 Tuesday** **Membership Engagement Committee**
4:15-4:45 p.m.
- 26 Wednesday** **Small Business Roundtable: Income Tax Basics for Sole Proprietors**
11:45-1:00 p.m.
- 27 Thursday** **Business After Business**
5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 19 Wednesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 20 Thursday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 21 Friday** **Board of Directors Meeting**
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 25 Tuesday** **Membership Engagement Committee**
4:15-4:45 p.m.
- 26 Wednesday** **Small Business Roundtable: Income Tax Basics for Sole Proprietors**
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- 27 Thursday** **Business After Business**
5:00-7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 2 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 3 Thursday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 4 Friday** **Women in Business Summit**
9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 7 Monday** **Ambassador Committee**
4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 8 Tuesday** **Membership Development Committee**
2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 9 Wednesday** **Executive Committee**
8:00-9:30 a.m.
- 10 Thursday** **Breakfast Connection**
7:30-9:00 a.m.
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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Get Involved in Your Chamber

I could not be more honored and excited to serve as Chair of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 2022. I look forward to supporting Kate Bates, our Chamber President and CEO, and her talented staff, and leading the Chamber Board of Directors in our efforts to support the Arlington business community.



Beth Borowski

If you've been involved with the Arlington Chamber you know how relevant the Chamber is to the business community. During the past two years the Chamber has continued to prove its value and has not skipped a beat throughout the pandemic, providing services and adding new benefits to impacted businesses. If you haven't been involved with the Chamber and are not aware of the many benefits, I encourage you to get involved and see for yourself. As with anything, the more you put into it, the more you'll get out of it.

So, how do you get involved? The Chamber offers a wide range of opportunities to foster networking and business development, from large signature events such as the Arlington Business Gala, to smaller, more frequent events such as our Breakfast Connections and Business After Business (BAB). These networking events, as well as many others throughout the year, offer excellent opportunities to meet and network with fellow members of the Arlington business community.

You may also choose to get involved by joining a committee. Committees are a great way to broaden your network while learning about issues that impact your business and our community. Try participating on a committee that aligns with your goals and interests; new members are always welcome. Most committees meet once a month, and participation is free for all employees of member organizations. Check out the Chamber's website for a complete list.

Community engagement programs are another way to get involved. For example, coming up in April is the Arlington Chamber Volunteer Day. This annual event pairs members of the business community with rewarding half-day service projects throughout Arlington County.

There are many reasons to take a more active role in the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. I've just mentioned a few. I encourage you to visit the Chamber website at www.arlingtonchamber.org to see for yourself how you might take advantage of all the Chamber has to offer and get involved!

Beth Borowski
CNA

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BREAKFAST CONNECTION

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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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Chamber's Policy Positions Outline Advocacy Efforts for 2022

The Arlington Chamber has released our policy position recommendations for 2022, both for the Virginia General Assembly's 2022 session, and on local issues within the purview of Arlington County's government

The Chamber's top priorities include building and maintaining strong partnerships between government and the business community, with a disposition toward leading with "yes," continuing to prioritize economic development for businesses of all sizes, and removing barriers for members of the community who are underrepresented in business creation. The Chamber will continue expanding efforts to increase safe housing opportunities for Virginians, advocating for building a robust infrastructure, supporting our workforce through education and training opportunities, and maintaining the longstanding policy framework which has made Virginia the best state in the nation in which to do business.

The Chamber Board of Directors adopted the public policy positions at the conclusion of a drafting process led by the Chamber's membership. The Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee wrote the initial public policy position drafts. The Chamber's Executive Committee reviewed the drafts and then sent them to the full Board of Directors for adoption. To view the policy positions, please visit www.arlingtonchamber.org/public-policy-positions.

Arlington County Board Denies Grants for Hotel Industry

The Arlington County Board declined to provide a grant for hotels when it allocated most of Arlington County's funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Chamber, along with our member hotels, had been advocating since last spring for Arlington County to provide a grant, similar to grants in neighboring jurisdictions. Arlington has lost about half of its hospitality workforce during the pandemic. Arlington hotels have identified employee pay and benefits as their top spending priority, and Chamber members testified to the County Board about the impact that a hospitality grant would have on their workforce.

County Board members offered several reasons for not offering a local grant, including believing that Virginia's support for Arlington Convention and Visitor Services (ACVS) would be sufficient, to preferring help for workers through training and job seeking support after they lost jobs. The Chamber will work with ACVS to promote the best outcomes for Arlington's hotels from its marketing, and will continue to encourage Arlington County to support hotels and hotel workers directly through the continuing travel slowdown.

Virginia General Assembly to Convene 2022 Session

The Virginia General Assembly convenes on January 12 for its annual session. This year sees changes both in the Governor's Mansion, as Glenn Youngkin begins his term, and in the House of Delegates, with Republicans taking a 52-48 seat majority. The Virginia Senate was not up for election, and Democrats retain their 21-19 seat majority in that body. This session is also the resumption of full, in-person meetings, after the House met virtually and both chambers held virtual committee hearings in 2021. It is expected that some aspects of virtual public engagement will be retained.

This year's session is a longer, 60-day session, the highlight of which will be the adoption of the Commonwealth's budget for July 2022-June 2024. Part of that action will include allocating approximately \$1 billion in American Rescue Plan Act funding that the General Assembly reserved during their special session in August 2021. The Chamber will engage with legislation to advance our General Assembly Policy Positions to support Arlington and Virginia's business community.

2022 Policy Positions

ARLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Arlington Chamber Celebrates 2021 Accomplishments at 97th Annual Meeting

The 97th Annual Meeting embodied the resilient and dedicated spirit of the Chamber and our members whose service and support made 2021 a huge success for our organization and the Arlington business community. More than 250 business leaders were in attendance for this special event at the **Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel**.

Kate Bates, Chamber President & CEO, began the meeting by highlighting some of the Chamber's top achievements from the past year, including our robust business advocacy efforts, strong membership retention, and successful execution of numerous new programs. Incoming 2022 Chair Beth Borowski of **CNA** then spoke about continuing the Chamber's growth and successes in the new year, and also introduced the 2022 Board of Directors. Beth also announced that Tina Leone of the **Ballston BID** will serve as the 2023 Chair of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Gregory Washington, President of **George Mason University**, delivered a powerful keynote speech, which demonstrated how a focus on inclusion can set our community up for success. The university is a leader in the region with its high acceptance rate and consistently strong graduation rate across students of all racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds.

Congratulations to the event's award recipients. **VIDA Fitness** received the Chair's Award for their outstanding contributions to the Chamber and the business community. For her phenomenal volunteer assistance, Flavia Sampaio of the **Residence Inn by Marriott - Rosslyn** received the President's Award. Last, but certainly not least, the Committee of the Year Award was given to our Gala Committee. This award was bestowed upon them for their amazing work preparing for the 97th Annual Arlington Business Gala.



Dr. Washington delivers his keynote speech about his success with inclusive initiatives at George Mason University.



Chair's Award winner **VIDA Fitness** with 2021 Chair Todd Ihrig and Kate Bates.

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97th Annual Arlington Business Gala

POST-EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The 97th Annual Arlington Business Gala marked the triumphant return to in-person galas. We enjoyed seeing everyone dressed up and enjoying Arlington's Best Night Out again. The event was held on Saturday, November 13 at **The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City** and included a silent auction, The Very Best Raffle, live auction, and an exciting game of Heads or Tails. Guests enjoyed a decadent three-course meal during the program. Thank you to our 2021 Board of Directors Chair Todd Ihrig, **Avantax Investment Services**, for hosting this spectacular event.



2021 Chair Todd Ihrig

Arlington's Best Night Out was truly magical, filled with exciting anticipation and climactic victories. Congratulations to Kevin Broadhurst of **Comcast Cable Communications** on winning The Very Best Raffle, he claimed a tropical vacation to the luxurious St. James Morgan Bay in St. Lucia. We also want to congratulate our Heads or Tails game winner and silent and live auction winners.

The night may be over, but the fun isn't done. Check out photos from the Gala in our Facebook album at www.facebook.com/ArlingtonChamberVA and search #ARLBusinessGala on social media to see some of the night's highlights. Registration is open for our 98th Annual Arlington Business Gala, visit www.arlingtonchamber.org/events for more information and to register.



Scott and Joan Ritter take a picture of Jules and Rosalie Tamo during the dinner.



Nick Billy bids on one of the live auction items.



Karen Bate and Christine Dolan greet each other during the silent auction.

Join us for the
98th Annual
Arlington Business Gala

Saturday, April 23
The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City

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Columbia Pike Partnership
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County Board Member Takis Karantonis
County Manager Mark Schwartz
Crystal City Marriott at Ronald Reagan Airport

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Delegate Patrick Hope
Delegate Rip Sullivan
District Taco
Dupont Circle Solutions
Earl's Sandwiches
Elements Massage
Elite Island Resorts
Encore Learning
Fitness Together Alexandria
Good Company Donuts
Guernsey
Hair by Rachel Marie
Hana by Industrious at National Landing
Homewood Suites by Hilton Arlington
Rosslyn Key Bridge
HUNGRY
Hyatt Place Arlington Courthouse Plaza
Inna Sew Versatile
Julia Fitzpatrick
Kate Bates
Kona Ice of Fairfax
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Looks & Links
Lost Dog Café
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Marymount University
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Monumental Sports and Entertainment
Museum of the Shenandoah Valley
National Landing BID
NextUp Solutions
Nielsen Auto Group
Northern Virginia Apartment Association
Nothing Bundt Cakes at Arlington/Seven Corners
Nova Optique & Eyecare
Office Evolution
Outdoor Lifestyles Landscape Design
Pentagon MMA
Planet Fitness
Potomac River Running Company
Praline Bakery and Bistro
Pretty Glam
Privé Roses
Punch Bowl Social
RadiantYou
ROCKLANDS Barbeque and Grilling Company
Recover Program Solutions of Virginia (RPSV)
Seasons 52
Senator Adam Ebbin
Senator Barbara Favola
Senator Janet Howell
Sheriff Elizabeth "Beth" Arthur [solidcore]

Sonesta Select Arlington Rosslyn Hotel
Sonic Car Wash
SPENGA Ballston
Synetic Theater
Taylors of Falls Church in In Honor of CSM Clarence B. and Theresia Taylor
The Conditioning Room
The Kensington
The Kreeger Museum
The Lotus & The Light Metaphysical Center
The National Capital Bank of Washington
The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City
The ROX, Rapid Overland Express
The Tower Club
Training Ground Arlington
Tranquility by Design
Two the Moon
Union Kitchen
Untold Research
Venture X Arlington-Courthouse Metro
Veritas Academy
Vino Virginia
Washington Nationals
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Washington Golf & Country Club

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Crystal Gateway Marriott
Northern Virginia Community College
The IDI Group Companies

25 Years
Destination Sales & Marketing Group

15 Years
Clarendon Home Services
Focus Data Solutions
Northern Virginia Association of Realtors

10 Years
Ballston BID
Leadership Center for Excellence

5 Years
American Pest
Atlantic Union Bank
Cindy Martin Yeatts - Neighborhood Real Estate
The National Capital Bank of Washington
University of Phoenix



INDEPENDENCE CENTER OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

ECNV's New Partnership Advances Disability Justice

The **EN**Dependence Center of Northern Virginia (**ECNV**) has announced a new partnership with the Ford Foundation. **ECNV** was one of the first recipients of the foundation's new Disability Rights Program, which focuses on disability justice as part of their on-going diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. The key focus of this initiative is to both expand and energize the field of disability coalitions, "building the next generation of disability advocates," said Rebecca Cokely, Program Officer at the Ford Foundation. Thanks in part to this partnership, **ECNV** will help build the next generation of intersectional disability leaders to advance rights, access, and opportunities for people with disabilities.

ARLNOW.COM

ARLnow.com Bids Farewell to Opinion Columns

ARLnow.com's opinion columns started regularly posting in early 2013. The original column eventually expanded into eight different columns. The organization said it must "adapt as the media landscape and reader expectations evolve." They cited a shift in reader perceptions, reactions, and an overall need to evolve.

ARLnow.com said this decision came in light of other recent events in the industry. The publication said goodbye to *Making Room*, *Community Matters*, *Modern Mobility*, *Ed Talk*, *Progressive Voice*, *Right Note*, *Peter's Take*, and *What's Next* this past December.

ARLnow.com thanked its columnists for their knowledge and interest in "making Arlington a better place."

ARLINGTON COUNTY FAIR

Arlington County Fair to Stay at Community Center Location



Photo courtesy of the **ARLnow.com**

The Arlington County Board has decided that the **Arlington County Fair** will not have a change of scenery this fall. The **Arlington County Fair** has resided at its current location at the Thomas Jefferson (TJ) Community Center for 45 years. Many Arlingtonians came forward to protest that the fair

was perfectly placed where it is now, and that it was the ideal place for it. The Department of Parks and Recreation stated the proposed sites for the fair would not accommodate all of the fair's needs, citing the fair would not be able to have the number and variety of rides many Arlingtonians have come to love. The County Board originally cited their plans to move the fair were due to concerns of field damage from the fair.

Have news to share?

Let us know! Members in the News article submissions must be emailed to the Communications Coordinator and received by the first of the month prior to the publication month (i.e., April 1 for consideration in the May/June issue of the *Arlingtonian*), 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 Communications Coordinator, Thomas Fitzpatrick, at communications@arlingtonchamber.org or (703) 525-2400.

Article inclusion is available on a limited basis and is not guaranteed. Articles printed in this newsletter submitted by members represent their ideas and beliefs and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

MULTIPLE MEMBERS

Arlington Branch NAACP Gives Back to Local Nonprofits

The **Arlington Branch NAACP** has generously donated grants to social-safety-net nonprofit organizations in the Arlington area. Both **Bridges to Independence** and **OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church** received grants from the **NAACP** branch. “It’s not about the money; it’s about the symbolism. We stand with you, arm in arm, as partners,” said Arlington **NAACP** President Julius “JD” Spain, Sr. Both Sam Kelly, CEO of **Bridges to Independence**, and Elizabeth Jones Valderrama, Executive Director of **OAR**, echoed J.D.’s statement saying it validates that their missions and efforts are making a positive impact and serve important needs in the Arlington community.



Bridges to Independence and OAR representatives accept grants from JD Spain and the **Arlington NAACP**.
Photo courtesy of the *Sun Gazette*

AMAZON, DOORWAYS FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES

Amazon Invites Virginia Leaders to Tour Met Park



Amazon employees show how Met Park will look when the project is finished.

Amazon’s Metropolitan Park is set to be finished on track thanks to approximately 800 construction workers completing one floor of the facility every 10 days. **Amazon** welcomed Virginia officials and businesses to tour the facility during their Hard Hat Tour event. The event featured VIP guests such as Virginia Governor Ralph Northam and Arlington County Board Chair Matt de Ferranti. During the event, guests, including Chamber President & CEO Kate Bates, were given an inside look at how the facility was progressing and how it will look come project completion. Met Park will eventually feature two solar-powered, 22-story office buildings and more than 50,000 square feet of retail space, a public park, and a large meeting center free for the community to use. At the end of the tour, **Amazon’s** founder

Jeff Bezos’s Day 1 Families Fund announced a \$2.5 million grant to **Doorways for Women and Families**, deepening their investment in the Arlington community.

welcome to our NEW MEMBERS!

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- DCS Business Service Contractors
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- SDM Advisory LLC
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Communications & IT

- 321 Web Marketing
- BINARC, LLC
- Mastercard
- P2P Computer Solutions

Health & Fitness

- Cygma Performance
- FitDistrict, LLC
- Learn Me
- Ortho OIC Orthopaedic Immediate Care
- Stretch Smart Infrared Therapy

Home & Personal Services

- Yes You by Rachel Boehm

Nonprofit Organizations & Associations

- Arlington Neighborhood Village
- CYFA (Center for Youth and Family Advocacy)
- Tigers of the Future
- Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas

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- Caruthers Properties, LLC
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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.



George Mason University's President on the Plaza



Marymount University's Halo Awards with U.S. Chamber's Tim Donahue



Amazon's Hard Hat Tour of their Metropolitan Park site with RAKO Coffee Roasters



Modev's VOICE 21 Summit on trending topics in the tech industry

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

October 15: Kate Bates, Mike Rosenow, and Scott Pedowitz attended **George Mason University's** President on the Plaza at the Arlington Campus, welcoming Dr. Gregory Washington.

October 15: Kate Bates participated in **Amazon's** communications efforts on the importance of including local businesses their in HQ2 retail space.

October 16: Kate Bates attended the **Marymount University** Halo Awards.

October 21: Kate Bates attended the GO Virginia Region 7 Council Meeting.

October 21: Kate Bates attended **George Mason University's** Presidential Investiture.

October 25: Kate Bates was a panelist for the Greater Washington Partnership Capital COVID-19 Snapshot press briefing.

November 9: Kate Bates attended the Virginia Chamber CEO Luncheon & Legislative Update.

November 17: Kate Bates participated in the **Amazon** Hard Hat Tour of construction progress at their HQ2 Metropolitan Park site.

November 18: Kate Bates served as faculty and a speaker for the Leadership Arlington Class of 2022 Economic Development Day.

December 2: Mike Rosenow attended the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting.

December 7: Kate Bates and Cassie Bate Hurley attended **Modev's** VOICE 21 Summit at the **Renaissance Inn Arlington Capital View**.

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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!

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