

January 8, 2025 Del Ray Citizens Association Meeting

Police Update Captain Dennis Andreas

- Crime for 2024 up 8% citywide but down in Del Ray
- 3 cases of traffic incidents on Mt. Vernon in Dec, 2 with citation
- Chief McGuire will be doing a community conversation at Charles Houston next week from 6-7pm
- Question asked about Sheriff/Police scams – call Sheriff or Police Non Emergency if you get a call; the police department will never call for money to remove an arrest
- Question asked about a Indecent Exposure incident; not connected to past/other incidents

Sheriff Sean Casey

- Thank you for donating to Operation Elf; gave gifts to children of 165 incarcerated individuals, donated remainder to Friends of Guest House
- Sheriff Community Academy starting in March (link)
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/academies/sheriffs-community-academy>

Special Guest Chief Tarrick McGuire

- Had lived in Alexandria before when he was on a policing fellowship in Washington
- Currently in his 100 day plan to meet the community; policing is not about arresting, it is about building relationships. Will share a report with the community.
- Belief is that policing is geographically based; different communities want to be policed differently
- Asking 4 questions in the town hall
- -what does the department do great?
- -what can apd improve upon?
- -what do we need to stop doing?
- -how can I be of service?
- Does not believe that public safety is all on the police department; the first police were watchmen
- Had 200 watch groups in Arlington, TX – wants to see Alexandria #1 on National Night Out

Special Guest Cathy Puskar – JBG Smith Development in Potomac Yard

- [Powerpoint Link](#)
- This development proposal is for area South of the Target
- Need updates to the Small Area Plan, Coordinated Development District and a Development Special Use Permit
- Timeline slide – this will come to a vote in Fall 2025
- Shared slides of development over time – Small Area Plan is 20-25 years of development
- 775k Sq Ft of Office is permitted for this block, was an attempt to get a major GSA tenant
- Other parts were permitted for retail, hotel, etc.
- Office space is planned but the demand is not there
- Proposal for Landbay G is 116 townhouses, 336k Sq Ft – proposal is for 16 and 20 ft wide townhouses
- Landbay H proposal is 550 rental units – pedestrian connection maintained through
- Landbay G – G – currently 170 key hotel permitted; trying to get a 100 unit affordable housing developer
- Current entitlement is for 1.279k SF; proposal is 1.148k SF

Spitfire Club

- Works with 104 kids across Alexandria; started in Del Ray as a girls empowerment organization. She or staff member goes to read with a group of girls for 90 minutes throughout the year. Meant to stay with them for the whole year.
- Organization has a couple of needs:
- 3 mentors needed at John Adams ES
- Spitfire will be doubling its mentor base next year
- Follow them on Instagram or Facebook @SpitfiresRead

DRBA

- Heart of Del Ray nominations coming soon
- Next DRBA events coming in April
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