

Del Ray Citizens Association
Membership Meeting
Jan 14, 2026
Virtual via Zoom

DRCA Board Introduction and Welcome by President Tim Laderach

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Crime/Traffic report from Chief Dennis Andreas

Acting Assistant Chief Andreas: dennis.andreas@alexandriava.gov 703.746.6872
[Alexandria Police Department](http://AlexandriaPoliceDepartment.com)

- Citywide Part 1 crimes down 31%; Del Ray down 14%
- In last 30 days, 14 total cases, all of them shoplifting from Walgreens on Mt. Vernon Ave.
- 2 stolen autos
- 3 larceny from vehicle in E Raymond / Randolph area around New Years
- 1 robbery from person on DeWitt involving a private investigator
- Shooting case on Swann/Calvert is under investigation, involved persons known to each other
- Traffic: 13 total accidents, 3 on MV Ave, 2 of them were in parking lots. Last one was at Hume and MV.
- Call 703-746-4444 for Police non-emergency to report suspicious activity such as person casing for cars to break in

Sheriff's office report from Under Sheriff Dan Gordon

Contact Sheriff Casey: sean.casey@alexandriava.gov
[Alexandria Sheriff's Office](http://AlexandriaSheriffsOffice.com)

- Recruitment efforts have led to office down to 6 vacancies and continuing to recruit
- Operation Elf served 41 families
- Sheriff's Community Academy will be in March

7:20pm: Jennifer Hamilton, MVCS Principal

- Reference MVCS Slides (link)
- 875 students in 2025-2026; MVCS is the only dual language school in ACPS, and does a 70/30 model. Teaching staff represents over 12 spanish speaking countries
- 40% of students are English language learners, 40% receive free and reduced lunch and 11% are students with disabilities
- Increase in need at MVCS: Food insecurity, evictions, meeting household needs, access to healthcare, immigration challenges and family separation, academic and social-emotional supports
- Working hard to address challenges
 - La Tiendita - little store
 - Grocery store gift cards,
 - Blessings in a backpack - weekend food

- Tutoring and enrichment
- MVCS PTA health and wellness community fund
- Partnership with prevention of blindness society to provide 65 students with 2 pairs of glasses
- Partnership with Casa Chirilagua
- Opportunities to Donate
 - Money or items to La Tiendita - HBAs, Toothpaste
- Contact info for MVCS - Jennifer Hamilton jennifer.hamilton@acps.k12.va.gov

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program , Debbie Evans

- City has a Domestic Violence program that has provided support since 1975
- Offers 24/7 support through hotline: 703-746-4911
- Police must call DVP for support when responding to an incident
- Sexual Assault center provides direct support in incidents
- LGBTQIA pride event will be in June
- DV program responded to 2378 calls, provided shelter to 101 people
- SA center answered 1280 calls, supported 291 individuals through advocacy
- Volunteer opportunities available at alexandriava.gov

Eco City Alexandria, Samantha Heitsch

- EcoCity goal is to reduce Alexandria's Greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030
- Many options to improve energy efficiency in house; almost house of Alexandria's GHG emissions come from residential housing
- Apply for Eco-City homes at AlexandriaVa.gov/EcoCityHomes
- Electrification Coaches at Charles Houston Rec 1/31 10am-Noon

Parks

- City purchased the trees for Commonwealth Ave and will be planting them shortly
- DRCA sent a check to the city to support the watering program
- Parks Committee received the award for \$6300 for parks cleanup contributions

Land Use Committee

- Still seeking new members; no major updates

Traffic Calming

- Braddock Road project is delayed due to employee turnover at Alexandria T&ES; anticipating project will come to Traffic and Parking board in Feb. Plan to have a traffic calming meeting in early Feb.

Events

- Chili Cook Off 5-8PM at Commonwealth Academy on 2/28/2026