

Del Ray Citizens Association Membership Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026

Virtual via Zoom

DRCA Board Introduction and Welcome by President Tim Laderach

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Crime/Traffic report from Chief Dennis Andreas

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Crime

- Crime down citywide, but have had some increased burglaries which were a series of burglaries at a storage facility, where the suspect is arrested.
- Down 38% from last year in Del Ray
- 5 offenses in Del Ray, 2 shoplifting from Walgreens on MV
- Break in
- Burglary from an unlocked garage on Nelson Ave - reminder to continue to lock garages, sheds, storage lockers
- Assault during booking at jail, person was arrested from Hospital at Oakville, but the incident was not in Del Ray

Traffic

- 11 traffic incidents;
- 3 accidents on MV Corridor, but one had exchange of information
- 1 crash at the parking lot behind the shops
- 2 Pedestrians struck - 1 at MV and E Luray; 9:20 am
- 1 at Braddock and MV - Driver was cited for failure to pay attention. Driver was cited, injuries were significant but not life threatening.
- Question asked about enforcement for bikes stopping at lights

Sheriff's office report from Sheriff Casey

Contact Sheriff Casey: sean.casey@alexandriava.gov
[Alexandria Sheriff's Office](#)

- Program with jail inmates to do vocational training, including traffic flagger and hair braiding
- Georgetown university students come to the jail to help with tutoring and writing
- Two judges spoke to inmates about Virginia history

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- Drug take back day is 4/25; can drop off at Neighborhood Pharmacy

7:16pm: Alex Carroll, Alexandria T&ES, Vision Zero in ALX

- Complete Streets Program Manager, and manages Vision Zero for Alexandria
- City's goal is to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries in Alexandria
- Slide showed fatal and severe crashes in Alexandria, which are declining from 2017
- In 2023, recorded zero traffic fatalities
- Showed a map of traffic fatalities and injuries in Alexandria 2017-2025
- Uses a safe system approach to Vision zero; overlaps with safe routes to school and complete streets
- Work on projects including, speed management, LPIs and NTORs, Crosswalks, Intersection redesigns and corridor redesigns
- Slide on recent work across the city and before and afters
- Improvements on Sanger and bike lanes on Mill Rd by Telegraph
- Challenges - funding, staffing, community priorities, and equity
- Provided updates on neighborhood projects
 - MV/Glebe intersection "peanut roundabout" is in the design phase
 - Crossing improvements near MVCS in design, and GW Middle School
 - Braddock Road corridor is going to a public hearing 5/15
 - Applied for a grant for safety improvements on MVA, if received will result in work happening later in the summer
 - Vision Zero action plan update is upcoming, received a federal grant to support the effort
- Q - is illumination a part of VZ calculations? It is less of a factor here because Dominion is involved and can take a long time. Did a pedestrian lighting study two years ago to prioritize.
- Q - Safe Routes to School, is T&ES involved in hiring crossing guards? They are APD employees
- Q - What should we be looking for to support SRTS? Report anything that feels unsafe to 311; done an effort to audit all public schools in Alexandria
- Q - Appreciate safety presentation, will it be shared? Asked about other safety incidents, how are those tracked? Accidents are tracked in a gradient between property damage, to injury, to fatal. When designing improvements, pull all incident reports. Also have neighborhood transportation improvements program; petition based program for neighborhood streets
 - Can also report through 311 or Nova Families for Safe Streets "near miss"
- Q - will the roundabout at Mount Vernon and Glebe be like the one in Warwick Village? No, it will be a hard scape design
- Q - Pedestrian phase at Uhler and MV? There is internal disagreement about how to deal with Uhler and MV; signal team was working on it but need to check

7:54p.m. Alexandria Bike Bus

- Bike bus is a school bus on bikes; rides on a predetermined route and stopping to pick up riders along the way
- Naomi Brooks has a bike bus every friday
- Bike buses are supported by many academic studies
- Biggest risk / fear is safety concerns - safety in numbers and visibility of a large group

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- What to do if you see a bike bus? Smile, slow down, wait for the bus to pass, take a detour
- Offer a free bike bus training for parents (link)
- Having Sam Balto speak in a couple of weeks

New Business / Committees / Updates

Land Use

- Q - 404A Alexandria Ave - Sending same letter as last time
- Last Night, P+Z passed code update on indoor music

Gardenfest

- Noon-4pm at Colasanto field on April 26
- Vendors, tree seedlings,
- Food and beverage available onsite
- Trees are thriving on Mt Jefferson Trail

First Thursday

- Transitioning from DRBA to DRCA
- Committee meeting on Sunday

House and Garden Tour is on May 9

Any baby donations to Gayle's House - 110 E Del Ray Ave