

RCA UPDATES

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Help the RCA. A 100% volunteer-run organization, RCA is working to promote the interests and welfare of its members. Everyone who resides and owns in Rosemont is a member; we rely on your support to sustain our operations. [Donate to RCA!](#)

Meeting Report. Thanks to all who attended our October 25 meeting. Highlights:

- Catherine Rice provided an updated on the upcoming rollout of Ting's Internet service in Rosemont. A copy of the presentation is available at <https://RosemontCitizens.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Rosemont-2-October-25-2023-Final.pdf>.
 - By acclamation, the meeting attendees endorsed sending a letter to the City Manager requesting further engagement regarding the plans for the reconstruction of the Commonwealth and King rail bridges. A copy of the letter is available at <https://RosemontCitizens.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/RCA-Infrastructure-Letter-10-26-23.pdf>.
 - The RCA further discussed the City's Zoning for Housing initiative. Although there was no consensus as to the implications of the proposed zoning changes, members are encouraged to review the proposals and provide feedback to the City. Some proposals would apply directly to properties in Rosemont; others would apply to properties elsewhere in the City.
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- The City's overall website for the initiative is <https://www.alexandriava.gov/planning-and-zoning/zoning-for-housinghousing-for-all>. Additionally, a City-provided "snapshot" of the proposals is available at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d8ed3a93b08e4f7797423722a72a467b>.
 - One of the groups generally opposed to the proposals, the Coalition for a Livable Alexandria, has explained its position on its website at <https://livablealexandria.org/>.
 - One of the groups generally supportive of the proposals, YIMBYs of NOVA, has explained its position on its website at <https://www.yimbysofnova.org/events-advocacy/alexandria/improving-zoning-for-housing>.
 - Agenda: Alexandria, which held a forum on the initiative on October 23, has posted a video of the event at <https://youtu.be/KBgqt5FhDro>.
 - A Patch article which provides an overview of the proposals and upcoming meetings (and how to participate): <https://patch.com/virginia/oldtownalexandria/zoning-housing-final-planning-commission-hearing-approaches>.
 - The next zoning-related event with an opportunity for public comment is a Planning Commission meeting on November 1, followed by City Council meetings on November 14 and November 18. See <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/?sc=335> for more information. Contact information for the City Council is available at <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Council>.

Marcus Alert Resources. Supplementing the information provided by Mike Razak at our September meeting about assistance for behavioral health crises – please visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2022-04/FY%2023%20BM%20104%20Attachment%201%20ACORP%20Staffing.pdf> for more information.

Holiday Events: Believe it or not, the holidays are almost here. If you're interested in helping with the annual holiday house decorating contest (identifying and/or judging), please let us know. And don't forget the Turkey Trot through the streets of Rosemont and Del Ray on Thanksgiving morning (<https://www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com/>)

Keeping Informed. We try to provide regular updates on local news, Rosemont history, and general happenings in the neighborhood and Alexandria via our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/RosemontCitizensiation>), Threads (<https://www.threads.net/@rosemontcitizens>), and Twitter/X (<https://twitter.com/RosemontCitizen>). General resources also can be found on our web page (<http://RosemontCitizens.org>). The independent community email list can be accessed at <https://groups.io/g/rosemontva>

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