

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 8, 2004

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

**ISSUE:** City Council Schedule.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) schedule a bus tour of the proposed open space sites identified in the Open Space Committee's Report to Council (to be provided in May) for Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the tour leaving from Lee Center; and
- (2) receive the updated Council calendar which includes the following additions:

**Tuesday, May 11**

7 p.m. Lee Center Exhibit Hall	Session One of Community Forum on Council's Draft Strategic Plan
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**Wednesday, May 12**

4 p.m. Council Workroom	Work Session on Draft Strategic Plan
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5:30 p.m. Council Workroom	Work Session with the Open Space Committee
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7:30 p.m. Council Chamber	First Legislative Meeting (changed from May 11)
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**Thursday, May 20**

7 p.m. Lee Center Exhibit Hall	Session Two of Community Forum on Council's Draft Strategic Plan
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**Saturday, May 22**

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Work Session on Strategic Plan
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**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Euille and Councilman Krupicka have suggested that Council and the members of the Open Space Committee, the Environmental Policy Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission, civic association leaders and other interested citizens (as space allows) participate in a bus tour of proposed open space sites Attachment 1). The tour would include key points of interest related to the Open Space Plan and the sites identified in the report that the Open Space Committee is preparing for presentation at Council's May 12 open space work session. That report will be provided to Council and the other participants before the tour.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities staff will make the arrangements for the tour, which is expected to take no longer than two hours.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: March 31 Memorandum from Mayor Euille and Councilman Krupicka

Attachment 2: Council Calendar

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 31, 2004

TO: HONORABLE VICE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
PHILLIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER

CC: CIVIC ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY COMMISSION  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

FROM: MAYOR  EUILLE AND COUNCILMEMBER  ROB KRUPICKA

SUBJECT: OPEN SPACE TOUR OF ALEXANDRIA

One year has passed since the Open Space Plan was adopted into the City's Master Plan and Council allocated one cent of our real estate assessment to a dedicated fund to implement that plan. In that time there have been big steps forward on many of the open space items laid out in the Plan.

The provision of open space is a citywide issue and impacts every corner of our City. There are numerous opportunities to acquire open space throughout the City; more opportunities than City resources alone can acquire. We recognize that the preservation of open space may not always occur through outright purchase. There are numerous mechanisms, such as conservation easements, rights of first refusal and creative land-use planning that can be utilized to maximize the City's open space resources.

There were 15 goals identified by the Open Space Plan, ranging from protecting and enriching existing parks to linking and expanding pedestrian, bicycle and trail system to protecting privately owned open space. As Council evaluates how best to accomplish these 15 goals, it is important to thoroughly consider all of our open space needs in a citywide context.

Given the upcoming City Council work session with the Open Space Steering Committee on Wednesday, May 12, and subsequent visioning meetings and public hearings on the Council's vision for the City, this is a perfect time to take a good look at some current opportunities to preserve and enhance our precious open space.

To this end, we are asking staff to work with the Open Space Steering Committee to coordinate a morning bus trip tour with the Open Space Steering Committee, the Planning, Environmental Policy and Parks and Recreation commissions, civic association leaders and other interested residents as space allows. We suggest the date of Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and request that we receive the Open Space report prior to this tour. The tour will cover many sites identified by the Open Space Committee and other key points of interest related to our Open Space Plan. This tour will provide us all the opportunity to take an up-close look at the broad range of opportunities throughout our City. It will also enable our community to come together as a team to address the challenge of preserving, protecting and enhancing open space in our community in a fair and equitable way.

# City Council Schedule - APRIL 2004 as of 4-8-04

Attachment 2

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 9:30 A.M. 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Homeownership Fair, T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street
4	5 Passover begins at sunset	6 Passover	7	8	9 Good Friday	10
11 Easter	12 4:30 P.M. Budget Public Hearing, Council Chambers	13 5:30 P.M. Work session with the Public Health Advisory Commission, Work Room 6:30 P.M. Flora Krause Casey Public Health Awards reception, Vola Lawson Lobby 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chambers	14	15	16	17 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chambers
18	19 5:30 P.M. Annual Employee Service Awards program, Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street	20 7:00 P.M. Work session with Planning Commission on Second Presbyterian (location TBD)	21 7:00 P.M. Joint Work Session with School Board on the ACPS CIP and FY 2005 Operating Budget, George Washington Middle School Media Center	22 8:00 A.M. Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, Vola Lawson Lobby	23 8:00 A.M. Breakfast meeting with representatives of INOVA Alexandria Hospital, INOVA Alexandria Hospital Board Room NOON Days of Remembrance, Market Square	24 8:00 A.M. Christmas in April 9:00 A.M. Earth Day Celebration, Four Mile Run Park
25	26 7:00 P.M. Budget Work Session on BFAAC report, Preliminary Add/Delete List, Council Work Room	27 5:30 P.M. Work session to discuss the Youth Policy Commission's strategic plan, Council Work Room 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chambers	28	29	30	

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# City Council Schedule - MAY 2004 as of 4-8-04

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 6:30 P.M. Budget Work Session on finalization of Add/Delete List, Council Work Room 7:30 P.M. Budget and Tax Rate Adoption, Council Chambers	4	5	6	7 6:45 A.M. Bike to Work Day, Market Square	8
9	10	11 7:00 P.M. Session 1 - Community Forum on Council's Strategic Plan, Lee Center Exhibit Hall	12 4:00 P.M. Follow-up work session on Council's Strategic Plan Council Work Room 5:30 P.M. Work Session with Open Space Steering Committee, Council Work Room 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chambers	13	14	15 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chambers
16	17 6:00 P.M. National Youth Services Day reception, Vola Lawson Lobby	18	19 4:00 P.M. "Aging is a Family Affair" event, Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street	20 7:00 P.M. Session 2 - Community Forum on Council's Strategic Plan, Lee Center Exhibit Hall	21	22 8:30 A.M. Work session on Council's Strategic Plan (location TBD)
23	24	25 7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chambers	26	27	28	29
30	31 HOLIDAY Memorial Day (observed)					

# City Council Schedule - JUNE 2004 as of 4-8-04

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chambers	10	11	12 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chambers
13	14	15	16	17	18 22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival, Oronoco Bay Park	19 22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival, Oronoco Bay Park
20 22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival, Oronoco Bay Park	21	22 6:00 P.M. Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities Annual Award Reception, Vola Lawson Lobby  7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chambers	23	24 4:00 P.M. City Employee Picnic, Fort Ward Park	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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