

New ART Route Hits the Road This Spring!

There is much to look forward to this spring. In addition to warm breezes, sweet fragrances of colorful flowers, and fresh, bright green leaves on the trees, spring is bringing us a new ART route!



Arlington County has expanded its ART buses to directly connect the urban village Shirlington with the urban villages of Clarendon and Court House.

In the coming months, residents, employees and visitors of Shirlington will have a direct transit connection to the urban villages of Clarendon and Court House. The new route, ART 77, will operate weekdays every 30 minutes from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. via Walter Reed Drive. Shirlington residents will be able to enjoy activities at the Walter Reed Community Center, the

Arlington Draft House, Market Common at Clarendon, Clarendon restaurants, and Strayer University at Court House. Residents and employees of the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor will have an easy connection to the Signature Theater, the Classika & Synetic Theater, AMC/Lowes Shirlington 7 Movie Theaters, and many restaurants and shops. This route also will connect county facilities at the Trade Center in Shirlington, including the Parks + Recreation building, with the Dept. of Human Services offices in Clarendon and county offices at Court House. ART 77 is expected to begin in June.

Bike to Work Day

Join thousands of area commuters in celebrating bicycling as a clean, fun, and healthy way to get to work. Registration for Bike to Work Day is now open at WABA.org. This year's ride is on Friday, May 15, and you have two great pit stops to choose from in Rosslyn and Crystal City. It's free to register, and you'll want to do it quickly to reserve your free T-shirt. (And really, who doesn't love a free T-shirt?)

Bicycle commuter caravans begin in the suburbs and make their

way through Arlington to the central pit stop at Freedom Plaza in Washington, D.C. Pit stops will have breakfast snacks, coffee, music, and fun! A record turnout is expected, so bring your neighbors and coworkers. There will be raffles and giveaways, plus prizes for the offices with the most employee participation.

If this will be your first time biking to work, get ready by checking out BikeArlington.com/comres.cfm. Also, you may want to take



a FREE three-hour Confident City Cycling class offered by Arlington and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association. More information on these classes can be found at WABA.org/events/btwd/index.php.

If you would like more information on how to prepare for this event, contact Melissa Esposito with BikeArlington at 703-228-0638 or mesposito@arlingtonva.us.