

NORTHERN VIRGINIA AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLIANCE

ADVOCACY ACTION ALERT

Alexandria Housing Activities for July 2020

In partnership with ACT for Alexandria, community-based organizations and houses of worship, the City has done an admirable job of responding to the needs of vulnerable residents and small businesses in this time of COVID. While the focus has been on providing [food](#) and [rental](#) assistance and sharing [information about COVID-19](#) and testing facilities, city staff continue to work on housing matters. On **July 7 at 5:30 PM**, City Council will hear a [presentation](#) on the Long Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Plan from the Dept of Planning & Zoning. Visit the link for the [online Public Meeting](#). This presentation offers a good summary of multiple ongoing housing initiatives, showing which ones have priority status and what has been delayed due to COVID.

Mark Your Calendars! On **Thursday, September 17 at 5 PM**, NVAHA will host our **2020 Regional Housing Leaders' Awards Ceremony and 15th Anniversary Celebration**, honoring leaders who have made significant contributions to advancing housing affordability in Northern Virginia. This online event will also celebrate 15 years of NVAHA, working at the intersection of housing education, policy and advocacy for more just communities. Plan to be on hand as we toast **Helen McIlvaine**, the city's Office of Housing Director, as one of our 2020 Regional Housing Leaders. Be watching this space for more event information in the coming weeks.

Take care, everyone. Please continue to follow the CDC guidelines even as VA has begun Phase 3 of easing restrictions.