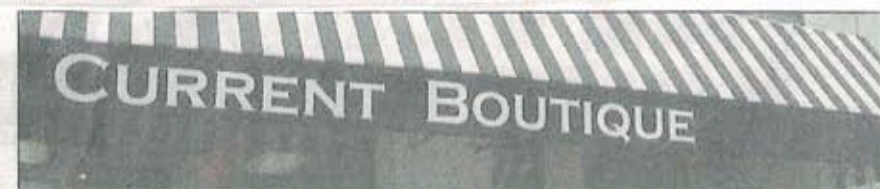


NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS

ARLINGTON: ORANGE LINE CORRIDOR



Commons Ball, Bailey's Pub and Grill is a great place to catch a game. The entire pub is lined with televisions, so many that there are a few free for non-sporting broadcasts!

■ **Mister Days Sports Rock Café** (3100 Wilson Blvd., www.misterdays.com, 703-527-1600). A high energy, raucous environment with more than a hundred televisions – a sound recipe for lively sports viewing.

■ **Rhodeside Grill** (1836 Wilson Blvd., www.rhodesidegrill.homestead.com, 703-243-0145). While the walls may be covered in local artist Thomas Mullaney's art, there's also some televisions to catch sporting events. If you're so inclined you can even rent a room for the

big game. A diverse menu is available.

■ **Summers Restaurant** (1520 N. Courthouse Road, www.summers-restaurant.com, 703-528-8278). Summers has been providing sports coverage to the area since 1984, and not just your usual American sports, but also international soccer and rugby. They've even been so kind as to provide a non-smoking bar for those in Virginia that are big fans of the smoking ban in DC.

SHOPPING

■ **a.k.a. spot** (2509 N. Franklin Road, www.akaspot.com, 703-248-0093). This absolutely is the cutest boutique for dogs. Ever. This pet

boutique/doggie grocery/doggie self-wash has everything that Spot or Fido might need — ranging from a leash or collar to dish and food to pet-related presents. You can shop online at www.akaspot.com, but you absolutely must come into a.k.a. spot to give Fido a bath using their doggie self-wash. You bring the dog, they provide the bath, shampoo, and towels.

■ **Arlington Gift and Garden** (2727 Wilson Blvd., www.arlingtongiftandgarden.com, 703-527-3828). Arlington Gift and Garden is the best place in Arlington to buy a gift for someone who either "has everything." It may have "garden" in its name, but this store certainly is more "gift." From gifts for bachelorettes to birthday presents for someone who likes novelty, they certainly have something for everyone. Granted, most gifts are more appropriate for someone female, but nonetheless, they have cool gifts that will make the recipient smile much more than if you gave them a gift card or CD.

■ **Current Boutique** (2529 Wilson Blvd., www.currentboutique.com, 703-528-3079). This recently opened boutique actually is a

consignment store where customers can both buy and sell the latest fashions. Whether you are looking to get some Paper Moon or Seven Jeans for less than the cost of your first-born child; or you have a Coach purse that you never use but don't want to just give away to Goodwill, Current Boutique is the place for you. All of the prices are affordable, the clothes are modern, in season and good quality, and selling your stuff is easy — it's all computerized, and you make 50 percent of what Current Boutique sells your stuff for. And, the best thing about Current Boutique is that unlike some other consignment stores in Northern Virginia, you won't find anything that looks like your grandma dropped it off.

■ **Shoefly** (2618 Wilson Blvd., 703-243-6490). This local boutique is THE place in Arlington to buy hip, funky shoes. Adorable hip, funky shoes, that is. And accessories to go with the adorable shoes. Any shoe-lover in the DC metropolitan area must check this place out. Words can't do this place justice, but trust me. Their stuff is cute. ☐