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Mount Vernon Community School Principal Peter Balas emerges from the dunk tank.

## Challenge Accepted

Students at Mount Vernon Community School reaped the initial benefit of reading this summer on Thursday morning, Aug. 23. The new principal, Peter Balas, made a challenge to his pupils: Students who turned in reading logs in the beginning of August — Mount Vernon is on a year-long school schedule — were entitled to throw a ball at the dunk tank. On the seat of the tank was Balas. More than 300 reading logs were returned. And yes, he got soaked.

Students at the Mount Vernon Community School watch from the fenced-in playground as their principal, Peter Balas, hits the water again in the aftermath of the reading challenge.

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# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

## There's No Place Like Home

**A look at what makes Alexandria unique.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
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**A**s the hometown of George Washington and Civil War General Robert E. Lee, the city of Alexandria attracts visitors from near and far to enjoy America's historic main streets. From being named a top Christmas and arts destination to making Money Magazine's list of the Top 25 "Best places for the rich and single" in America, there is no shortage of accolades for our community.

But beneath the obvious attractions that draw visitors from around the world are the Doggy Happy Hours, the Hard Times horse or a cheesesteak at Al's in Del Ray that give the city a character all its own.

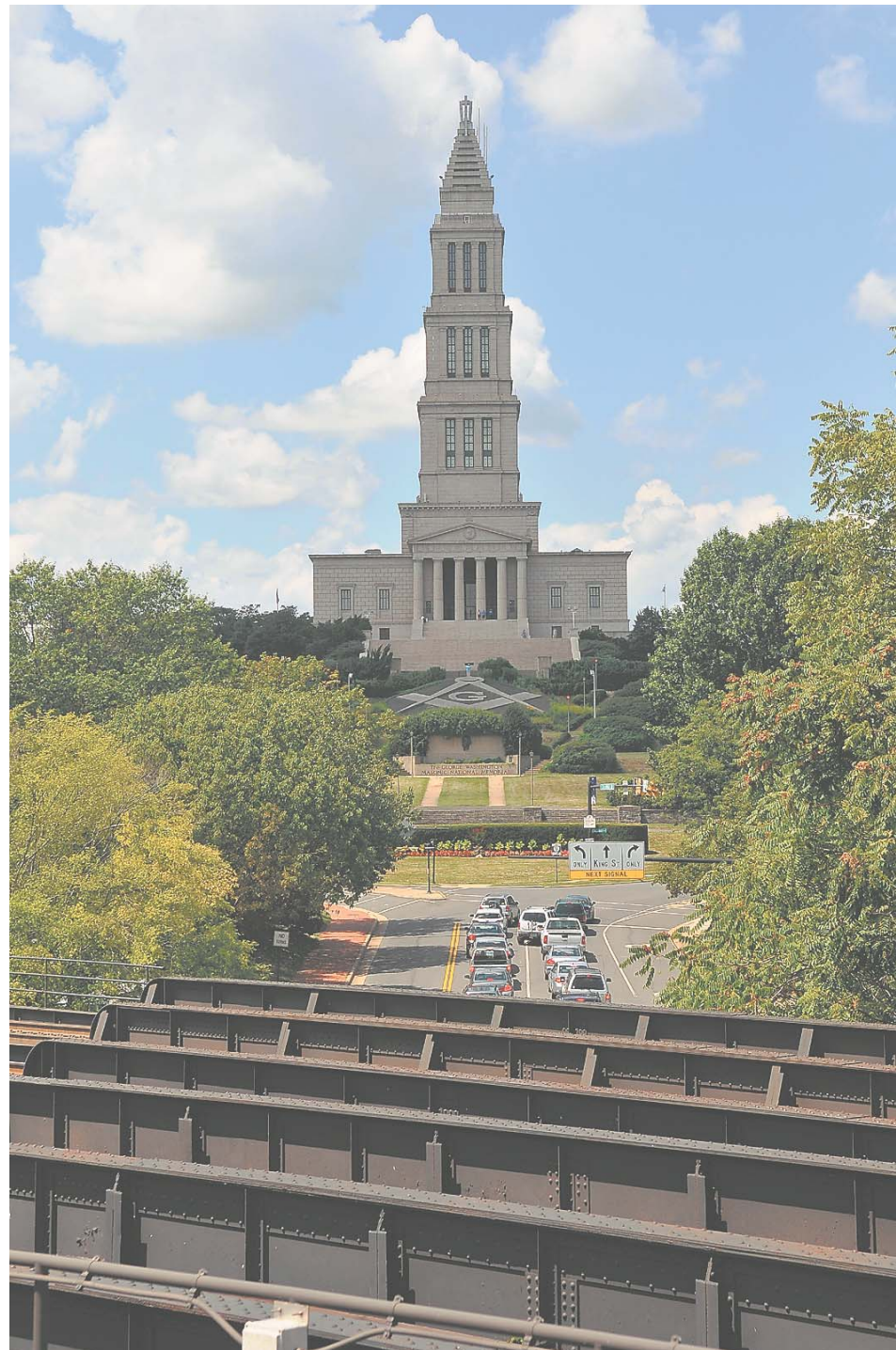


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**Shuman's famous Jelly Cakes are still available by special order for pick up at The Winery or Alexandria Cupcake.**

"Living in Alexandria is like living in 'The Truman Show,'" said Old Town resident Christine Sennott in a reference to the popular Jim Carrey film. "It's almost too perfect."

Sennott, a Realtor with Century 21 New Millennium, relocated to Alexandria two years ago.

"When I first stumbled into Old Town I was mesmerized by its charm," Sennott said. "The brick sidewalks, the unassuming buildings that all had a story to tell, the picture perfect parks that were lapped by the river. This town is the perfect community providing incredible cuisine and enter-



**George Washington Masonic Memorial**

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET



**Alexandria Town Crier Ben Fiorre-Walker leads the annual George Washington Birthday parade up S. Fairfax Street.**

tainment in a peaceful waterfront setting."

Wander along King Street and you're likely to run into Tom Hulfish, a lifelong resident whose ancestors first came to Alexandria in the late 1700s.

"I think one of the most interesting things about Alexandria is that it's the home of the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier," Hulfish said. "That is the first tomb dedicated to an unknown soldier anywhere in the nation."

One of the city's most obvious landmarks is also considered by many to be one of its best kept secrets.

"The George Washington Masonic Memorial is the best kept secret in town," said longtime resident and Meals on Wheels

volunteer Buzzie Harris. "Everybody sees it but no one ever goes to the top. That's something everyone should do. The view into Washington is spectacular."

It doesn't take long for even a newcomer to realize that Alexandria is a city that loves its festivals and parades, starting with the largest George Washington birthday celebration in the country followed closely by the nation's first St. Patrick's Day Parade on the first Saturday in March.

While the city is officially known as a top Christmas destination, thanks to the residents of South Lee Street in Old Town, it is fast surpassing Georgetown as the place to be on Halloween with decorations that would do the Rocky Horror Picture show set designers proud.



**Old Town residents Skipp Calvert and Nathaniel Chapman prepare to go trick or treating down S. Lee Street on Halloween night.**



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET  
**Todd Healy calendars and specialty items celebrate historic Old Town. 320 King St. 703-548-5266.**

Thanksgiving brings the Del Ray Turkey Trot, followed closely by the Scottish Walk Weekend and the Holiday Boat Parade of Lights on the Potomac River.

For more than a century, another Alexandria holiday tradition was serving the famous Shuman's Bakery Jelly Cakes at family gatherings. Although Shuman's closed its doors in 2004, a little-known secret is that the legendary Jelly Cakes are still available.

The cakes are available at [www.shumansbakery.com](http://www.shumansbakery.com) and can be delivered or picked up locally at The Winery on South Washington Street or Alexandria Cupcake on King Street.

When it comes to entertainment, tourists head for the Kennedy Center while locals head to the Birchmere, a concert by the Al



**Books by local authors Ted Pulliam and Michael Lee Pope give an insider's look at the history of Alexandria.**

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# How To Register, Vote and Vote Early

Election Day is Nov. 6, but you can vote as early as Sept. 21.

BY MARY KIMM  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**hy does it matter? How important is it for Virginia voters to turn out on or before Nov. 6? As a critical “battleground” state, Virginia will be key in determining who will be the next President of the United States. Who will represent Virginia in the U.S. Senate is also too close to call. Since polling shows that there are very few undecided voters in the Commonwealth, every eligible voter will want to be sure to cast a ballot.

This area has very high rates of voter registration. Consider that Fairfax County, with a population of just more than 1.1 million people, has 711,817 registered voters. And 24 percent of Fairfax County’s population is under 18, so not eligible to vote.

Arlington has a population of about 216,000 and 157,236 registered voters. Sixteen percent are under 18.

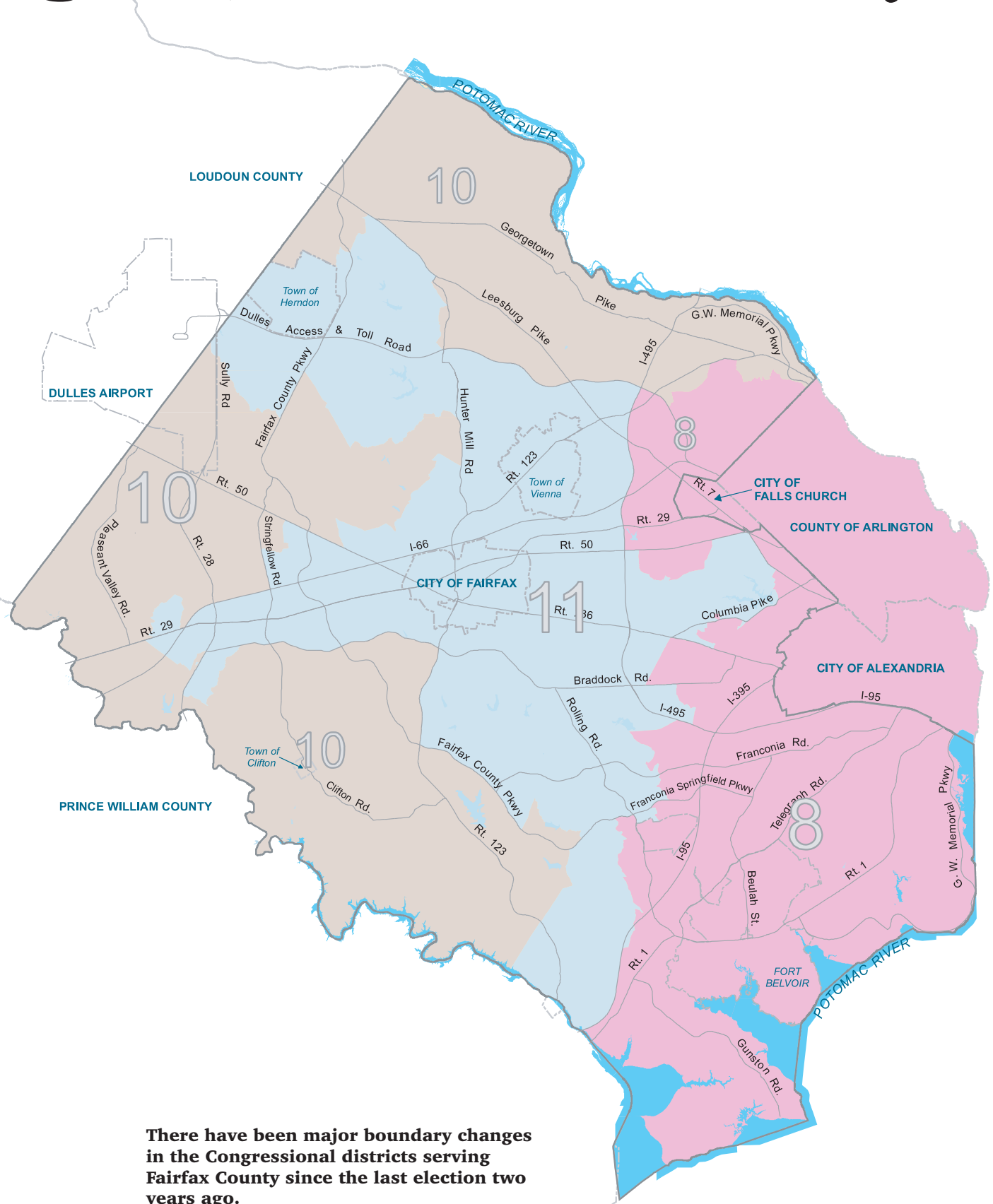
The City of Alexandria has a population of about 144,000 with 101,887 registered voters; 17 percent are under 18.

**REGISTER, CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** In order to vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2012. You can check your registration status online by going to [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov). There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to the elections office address, listed above.

**Voter ID:** New laws also affect what identification voters must bring with them to the polling place. Acceptable forms of identification include: Virginia voter identification card; valid Virginia driver’s license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter.

Voters arriving to the polls without ID will be required to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality’s electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

All Virginia active registered voters will be mailed a new Virginia voter identification card prior to the November 2012 General Election. Call 804-864-8901 or toll free 800-552-9745, TTY toll free: 800-260-3466. According to the State Board of Elections at presstime, some of the voter identification requirements listed are pending



**There have been major boundary changes in the Congressional districts serving Fairfax County since the last election two years ago.**

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preclearance from the Department of Justice.

**VOTING EARLY, ABSENTEE**

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations between Sept. 21 and Nov. 2.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most

broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: “Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.).”

See [http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee\\_voting/index.html](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee_voting/index.html) for a complete

list of acceptable reasons to vote absentee, links to download a request for an absentee ballot and other instructions.

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote “absentee in person.”

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County:

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# Who's in Charge: At Home with City Council



### MAYOR BILL EUILLE

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A native of Alexandria, Euille is a 1968 graduate of T.C. Williams High School. He was first elected to the City Council in 1994, elected mayor in 2003. He was re-elected without opposition in 2006 and again without opposition in 2009. He is currently running for reelection in November 2012. His home precinct is George Washington Middle School.

Euille received a bachelor's of science in accounting and business administration from Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn., in 1972. From 1974 to 1984, he was an appointed member of the Alexandria School Board. In 1987, he founded William D. Euille and Associates, a construction services firm that serves the federal government. He also owns an interest in two Alexandria restaurants: Mango Mike's and the Majestic Grill.

Euille serves on the board of directors for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the Alexandria Pension Study Committee and the Local Emergency Planning Commission. He is chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and president of the Virginia Transit Authority. He is also chairman of the Alexandria Youth Policy Commission and serves on the Governor's Council on Virginia's Future.



### PAUL SMEDBERG

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A native of Rocky Hill, Conn., Smedberg has lived in Alexandria since 1988. He was first elected to the City Council in 2003 and has been reelected twice. His home precinct is Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy.

Smedberg received a bachelor of science in economics and bachelor of arts in history from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., and he is a fellow of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. From 1997 to 1999, he was chairman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. He is currently director of government affairs for Affymax, a pharmaceutical company based in Palo Alto, Calif.

Smedberg serves on the city manager's Quality of Life Committee, the Woodrow Wilson Neighborhood Task Force, the Waterfront Committee and the Inova Alexandria Hospital Task Force. He also is a member of the Marketing Coordinating Council, the Economic Sustainability Implementation Monitoring Committee and is the council representative to the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association board of directors.



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A native of Elk Point, S.D., Donley moved to Alexandria in 1962 and graduated from Bishop Ireton High School in 1974. He was first elected to the City Council in 1988 and was mayor from 1996 to 2003. After spending time as the chairman of the Democratic Party of Virginia and the athletic director for Alexandria City Public Schools, Donley returned to the City Council in 2009 although he is not running for reelection this year. His home precinct is Polk Elementary School.

Donley received a bachelor's degree in political science Marquette University in Wisconsin, later returning to Alexandria and becoming active in the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association and the Community Services Board. He is currently a senior vice president for community banking at Virginia Commerce Bank.

Donley serves on the boards of the Alexandria United Way, First Night Alexandria, Carpenters Shelter and the Business Finance Group. He has also served on regional and state boards including the Virginia Municipal League's board of directors and its legislative committee, the Washington Area Housing Partnership and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.



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A native of Memphis, Tenn., Hughes has lived in Alexandria since 2007. She was elected to the City Council in 2009 as an independent although she later became a Republican, and her home precinct is Tucker Elementary School.

Hughes received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Texas Southern University before receiving a juris doctorate from the University of Miami at Coral Gables.

Before her election to the City Council, Hughes served as a member of the Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board and the Alexandria Early Childhood Commission. She remains a member of the Junior League, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Northern Virginia Urban League. She also serves on the board of directors for the Alexandria Dunbar Boys and Girls Club and on the board of trustees of the Historic Alexandria Friendship Firehouse.



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A native of Omaha, Pepper has lived in Alexandria since 1968. First elected to the City Council in 1985, Pepper has been reelected eight times and is the longest-serving member of the council. Her home precinct is St. Martin de Porres Senior Center.

Pepper received a bachelor's degree from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. From 1979 to 1984, she was the administrative aide for Mayor Charles Beatley.

Pepper serves on the boards of the YMCA, the T.C. Williams PTSA, the Alexandria Arts Forum, Bienvenidos, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She is a former vice president of the local NAACP and former board member of the city's Community Services Board. Other affiliations include the Urban League, the League of Women Voters, and the Sierra Club.



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A native of Seattle, Krupicka has lived in Alexandria since 1993. He was first elected to the City Council in 2003 and has been reelected twice. In 2009, Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine appointed Krupicka to the Virginia State Board of Election. His home precinct is George Washington Middle School.

Krupicka received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Virginia. He has been the president of the Del Ray Citizens Association and a vice chairman of the Alexandria Community Services Board. Krupicka is a former AOL executive, and he is currently a communications and organizational strategist.

Krupicka is co-chair of Eco-City Alexandria, serves on the Alexandria Youth Policy Commission and is a council liaison to the Alexandria Transportation Commission and the Alexandria Community Emergency Response Team. He also serves on Alexandria's Campaign to Prevent Adolescent Pregnancy, the Alexandria Gang Task Force, the Community Policy Management Team, the Council of Governments Green Building Task Force and the City Council - Alexandria School Board Coordinating Committee.



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A native of Alexandria, Fannon graduated from West Potomac High School in 1987. He was elected to the City Council in 2009, and his home precinct is the Durant Center.

Fannon received a bachelor's degree in corporate communications from Elon College in North Carolina, later returning to Alexandria and becoming a mortgage banker with SunTrust. Since 2004, he has managed the branch at the corner of Duke and Henry streets.

Fannon is a member of the Alexandria Rotary Club and the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. He was the finance chairman for the 250th Anniversary Commission of Alexandria, a board member of the Alexandria Aces collegiate summer baseball league team and is a past president of the Alexandria Sportsman's Club.



# Hidden History of St. Asaph Racetrack

Del Ray was once home to an infamous gambling operation created by a double-dealing senator.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**Y**ou'd never know it today, but Del Ray was once the capital of gambling in Northern Virginia. The old St. Asaph racetrack is long gone, replaced by the quaint suburban-style cottages. But the story of how the track came to be and what happened to it are a fascinating and little-known window into the city's history.

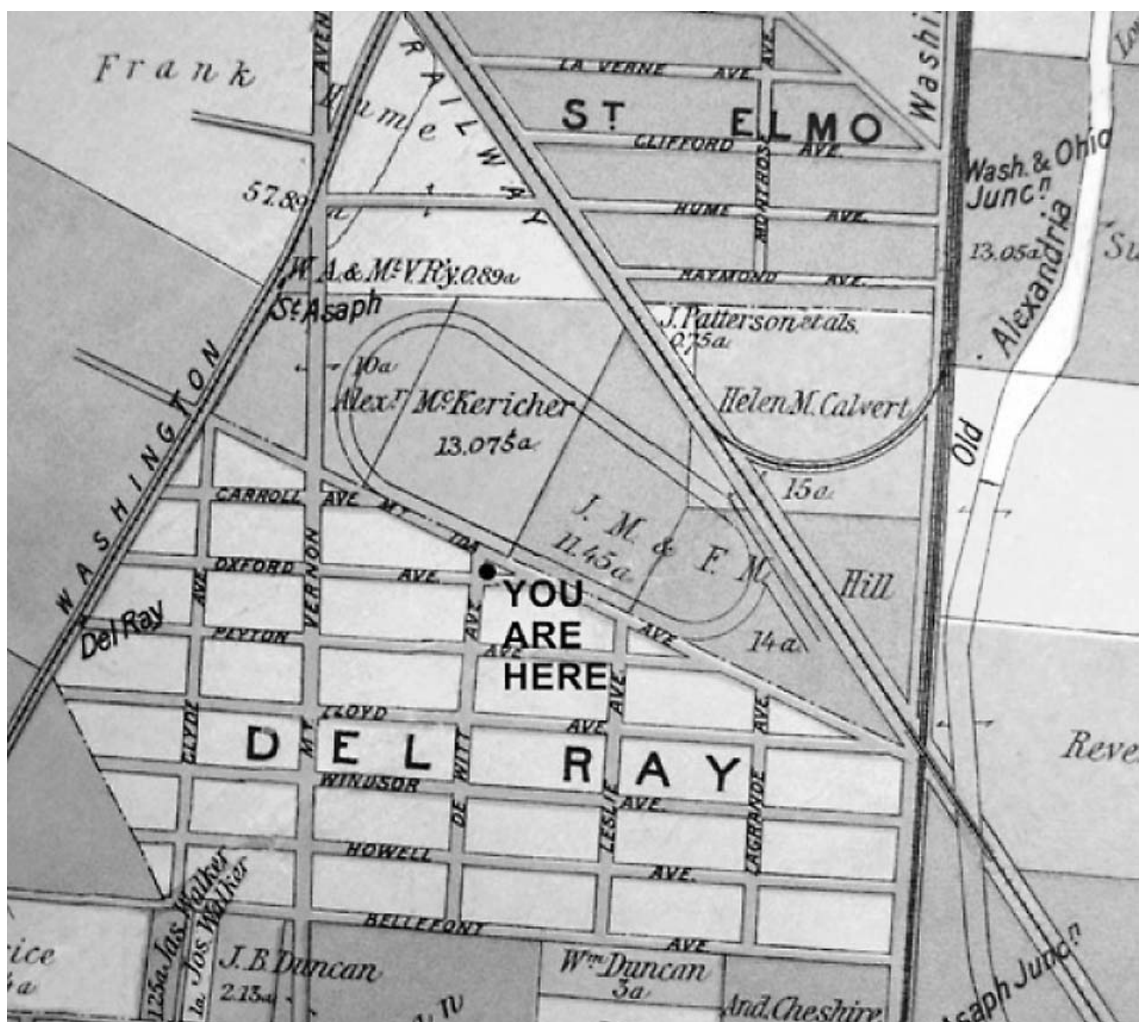
The story begins in Richmond in 1896. There we find state Sen. George Mushback (D-14), a former Alexandria City Councilman who went on to represent the city in the House of Delegates before moving on to the state Senate. In a chilly Senate chamber that January, Mushback introduced a bill that would have drastic consequences in Alexandria and beyond. The effort was aimed at reducing the scourge of gambling, a vice that had gripped the commonwealth after several high-profile acts of violence. Legislators such as Del. Addison Maupin were pushing for the General Assembly to close a loophole to the existing anti-gambling legislation that allowed so-called "agricultural soci-

eties" from running games of chance.

Like many legislators before and after, Mushback seized on the opportunity.

Unbeknownst to his colleagues in Richmond, the senator from Alexandria was also the president of the Alexandria Driving Club — a racetrack operation that would later be known as the Gentleman's Driving Park at the St. Asaph Junction and ultimately the St. Asaph Racetrack. Mushback was one of the original investors in the operation, which included a host of names that remain familiar today: William Daingerfield, George Uhler, Park Agnew, John Marriott Hill, who managed the city's opera house and printing establishment, managed the betting.

Working together with Maupin, who was trying to close loopholes, Mushback crafted a bill that created a new loophole — one that would benefit himself by allowing gambling at driving clubs. When the smoke cleared from that session, Mushback had his legislation and the St. Asaph Racetrack had a competitive advantage over other operations that had now been rendered illegal. Mushback was able to accomplish this while retaining



Virginia title map from 1900, showing the location of the St. Asaph Racetrack

a sterling reputation.

"As a lawyer, he was eminently successful," gushed the Richmond Times obituary five years later.

**THE RACETRACK** invented a number of slippery bookkeeping practices to skirt the law. Because Virginia law covered "money forwarded to race courses," the operation forwarded all claims to the West Virginia Athletic Association. And printed on the back of every ticket was a vigorous statement denying that the operating is in any sense a pool-betting operation. The Alexandria Gazette carried advertisements for the track, which boasted "Racing Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Until Further Notice — Objectionable Characters Will Be Positively Excluded."

But the track was, indeed, full of objectionable characters. The Gazette carried a number of items about shameful activities at the track, including forcing some of the horses to wear lead shoes to slow them down and skew the races. That attracted the ire of Joseph Suplee, who had moved to Del Ray the previous year. Suplee helped circulate a petition against the racetrack during the next legislative session in Richmond. Ministers and businessmen headed

mass meetings calling attention to the scourge of racing, gambling and their associated violence. Suplee told the Gazette he was "defying anyone to prove the race track had brought any dollars into the community ... it kept away good, law-abiding citizens."

But change would not come from Richmond. Instead, it would come from the Alexandria County Courthouse.

In 1903, a lawyer from South Carolina named Crandal Mackey announced his campaign for commonwealth's attorney in an effort to unseat incumbent Richard Johnson. Mackey based his campaign on ending the scourge of gambling in Northern Virginia — not just at St. Asaph Racetrack but also in Rosslyn and Jackson City. If elected, Mackey promised, he would close every gambling resort in Alexandria.

"Mackey says Alexandria County has been the dumping grounds of all the riffraff and gamblers in Washington," the Washington Times reported. "He proposes to make the place habitable so that the land can be sold and a higher standard of morals fixed."

Johnson, on the other hand, was supported by the gamblers. And money was flying in both directions during the campaign. The

Washington Times reported that barrels of money were opened and their contents were "scattered in fabulous quantities." In November, the vote was close. Johnson won the Arlington District and the Jefferson District by narrow margins. But Mackey had a strong showing in the Washington District, which was enough to put him over the edge — just barely.

Mackey won the election of 1903 with a two-vote margin of victory.

Johnson hired a team of legal aces to help him contest the victory, including Francis Smith (Mushback's longtime law partner), Edmund Burke (grandson of Robert E. Lee) and a young man named C.C. Carlin who would later go on to represent Alexandria in Congress. The legal team ended up dropping the fight against the election, although they would later reunite.

**IN MAY 1904**, Mackey staged a dramatic raid on the racetrack. Armed with sledgehammers and crowbars, the posse smashed the gambling equipment and threw the slot machines into the river. But the poolroom was back in business before long. So Mackey set out to gain an indictment, re-

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This cartoon appeared on the front page of the Washington Times on Jan. 13, 1905.

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# Who's in Charge: School Board

The Alexandria City Public Schools educates more than 12,000 students in 19 schools with an operating budget of (FY 2012) \$219,706,856 and a capital improvement budget of (FY 2009-14) \$65,320,205.

### District A

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A native of Burbank, Calif., Gorsuch has lived in Alexandria since 1986. She was first elected in 2006, and was reelected in 2009. Her home precinct is Cora Kelly Elementary School.



Gorsuch received a bachelor's degree in economics from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., and has managed large corporate restaurants with more than 150 employees and \$5 million in sales. She is a certified personal chef and business manager for a performing arts non-profit organization. She has served in numerous PTA leadership positions, including president and treasurer at Mount Vernon Community School as well as Alexandria PTA Council president.

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A native Muskogee, Okla., Carter has lived in Alexandria since 1999, although attended high school here from 1980 to 1984. She was first elected in 2009, and her home precinct is George Washington Middle School.



Carter received a bachelor's degree in American Literature from George Washington University and a master's degree in journalism and public policy from American University. She became involved with the school system as member of the education committee of the Del Ray Civic Association, parent at Mount Vernon Community School and was a founder of the annual State of the Schools forum. She is currently senior director of Communications and marketing at the Corcoran Gallery of Art and Corcoran College of Art and Design. Morris has two daughters who attend George Washington Middle School.

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A native of Kingston, Pa., Morris grew up in Binghamton, N.Y., and has lived in Alexandria since 2001. She was first elected to the School Board in 2009, and her home precinct is the Durant Center.



Morris received a bachelor's degree in linguistics from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in Irish mythology from University College Dublin. She first became involved with the school system as a member of the Jefferson-Houston Elementary School parent-teacher association. She has been involved in education policy for almost 20 years, working with the National School Boards Association, the Consortium for School Networking, Edvantia and Texas Instruments.

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A native of Kankakee, Ill., Folkerts grew up in Morton, Ill., and has lived in Alexandria since 1999. She was first elected in 2006, and was reelected in 2009. Her home precinct is Temple Beth El Synagogue.



Folkerts received bachelor's degree in journalism from Eastern Illinois University. After an 18-year career in journalism, public relations and association management, she became a stay-at-home parent. She is a former president of the parent-teacher association at MacArthur Elementary School and an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She was a Girl Scout leader for seven years, and she is currently a member of Twig, the junior auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital. She has two children enrolled in Alexandria City Public Schools.

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A native of Lynn, Mass., Peabody has lived in Alexandria since 1972. He was first elected in 2006, and was reelected in 2009. His home precinct is Chinguapin Park Recreation Center.



Peabody has a bachelor's degree in political science and a juris doctorate from Cornell Law School. He is a former career attorney for the United States Department of Justice, and is presently associate counsel at the BlueCross BlueShield Association. In Alexandria, he is a former member of the School Board's Budget Advisory Committee and he serves on the board of Alexandria Senior Citizens and the Alexandria Bar Association. He is a member of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Lawyers Committee, T.C. Williams Crew Boosters and the Titan Expo Committee.

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A native of Versailles, Ky., Williams has lived in Alexandria since 1992. He was first elected in an August 2008 special election after the resignation of former School Board Chairwoman Claire Eberwein, and was reelected in 2009. His home precinct is George Mason Elementary School.



Williams received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of the South and a juris doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law. Williams joined the IBM Corporation 15 years ago and served as IBM's national-security counsel for eight years. He is currently part of IBM's Governmental Programs group, where he is responsible for IBM's global intellectual property policy.

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A native of Brookfield, Mass., she has lived in Alexandria since 1985. She was first elected in 2006, and was reelected in 2009. Her home precinct is John Adams Elementary School.



She graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School and attended Worcester State College. A longtime employee of the United States Postal Service, Campbell is currently a sales associate. She is a former member of the School Board's Budget Advisory Committee, the board of the Virginia state Parent-Teacher Association and the first assistant director to the Fairfax District PTA.

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A native of Chicago's South Side, Wilson has lived in Alexandria since 1983. He was first elected in 2003, and has been reelected twice. His home precinct is South Port Apartments.



Wilson has a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and a master of business administration from Webster University. A former Air Force lieutenant colonel, Wilson served on the board of directors of the Cameron Station Credit Union for 10 years. He is a former board member of the Northern Virginia Hotline and a former adjunct professor at Park University in Missouri. First elected to the School Board in 2003, he is the longest serving board member and co-chairman of the Washington Area Boards of Education.

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Maness has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Virginia State College and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from University of Northern Colorado. She began her career in education as a teacher in Chicago, moving to Alexandria in the late 1960s to accept a position teaching third grade at Charles Houston Elementary School. In 1987, she became an administrative intern at Cora Kelly Elementary School and Ramsay Elementary School. From 1989 to 1996, she was principal of Lyles-Crouch Elementary School. From 1996 to 2001, she was principal at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School. Then moved to the central administrative building on Beauregard Street to work with the division's retirement incentive program.

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The Alexandria Gazette Packet is our flagship paper, one of the oldest continuously publishing papers in the country, beginning publication in 1784.

This spring, our papers won some very special awards, including the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service, and the Fairfax County Media Partnership Award, along with dozens of others.

We're proud of our commitment to community service, and delighted when it results in awards. We have staff and contributors here at the Connection with remarkable talent and experience, far greater than one might expect. While the last few years have brought many challenges to the newspaper business everywhere, affecting us as well, we continue to publish 15 distinct papers every week that serve their communities in distinct ways.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Doesn't West End Matter?

To the Editor:

Four West End civic associations extended an invitation to Andrew MacDonald and Bill Euille to debate this fall to allow citizens to make an informed decision. As this debate is expected to focus on West End issues, the three dates

available were based on Hammond School availability. Many people worked hard to arrange for these dates and the candidates were given the option to pick one of these dates. Mr. MacDonald graciously accepted the invitation on any of the dates. Mayor Euille and his campaign provided no response until asked to confirm receiving the invitation, and when they finally did respond

stated that he was busy during any time slot the debate would be held.

The Mayor's campaign then asked for a few minutes at the end of the already scheduled candidates' forum to deliver a stump speech on behalf the Democratic candidates who debated that evening, or perhaps to engage in a 5-minute "debate." These answers and attitudes behind them are disturbing. Mayor Euille has continually campaigned and stressed the "One Alexandria" theme, One Alexandria apparently ends at Quaker Lane. From the absentee leadership on the BRAC issues to the tone deafness over the Beauregard Corridor, city hall has continued to ignore real concerns of citizens in this part of the city. Platitudes about how many meetings have been held no longer suffice.

Candidates for office should respond directly to the voters with the questions they have. The West End deserves better — a real debate of the mayoral candidates. A couple of campaign appearances by the Mayor — under the protec-

tion of the Alexandria Democratic Committee — is not enough. While the West End is half of the land area and the city's population, City Hall views it as a lawless outpost only fit to be paved over when the city needs cash from developers or to do something deeply unpopular. The painting of Alexandria that the Mayor sits under in the Council Chambers that excludes the West End is more than historic artwork; it apparently represents an attitude that those in the West End do not exist. Services requested by residents — like circulator buses to the Van Dorn Metro Station and parks — are unfunded while plans to cut down acres of trees and triple the population have priority.

We expect our mayor to represent all citizens and no matter how much we disagree, at least show up and debate the issues. The invitation remains open.

**Joseph Gerard**  
**Frank Putzu**



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### Snapshot

The "baptized" sign is at Downtown Baptist Church, 212 S. Washington St.

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# LETTERS

## Elect the Person, Not the Party

To the Editor:

After plowing through David Speck's nearly full-page defense of Alexandria politics status quo, I put down the Gazette Packet, closed my eyes and dared to dream of the day when citizens can elect a person because they share our goals and have the talent to achieve them; not because they cloak themselves in the robes of a political party.

If this were the case, Republicans would never need to decry the dominance of the Democratic Party in Alexandria. And David Speck, who switched to the Democratic Party rather than fight as a Republican, would never need to lambaste his former political party for being unable to get him elected.

Think about it: By demanding in Alexandria local elections that candidates' political party affiliations must be kept discreet as a sneeze in church and as confidential as medical records, we garden variety citizens would be able to elect individuals because they possess a laudable record of community activism, proven ability to heal divisiveness, dogged capacity to get things done, genuine respect for our history and astute fiscal management, among other qualities.

We would not be electing them because they have a political party imprimatur, or have sworn fealty to it, or are otherwise

beholden to it. Instead, they would gain elected office because they swayed us by their ambitions for our city and by their abilities to realize them.

Change the status quo: Elect the person; not the party.

**Jim Roberts**  
Alexandria

## Get Beyond Debating Debates

To the Editor:

Mayor Euille is ready and willing to debate his opponent one-on-one. During this busy 2012 election season, Alexandrians have been bombarded by political ads and activities, and Mayor Euille has been more than accommodating to Mr. Macdonald's interest in debating him. Macdonald seems more focused on politicizing the debate issue rather than focusing on issues that Alexandrians care about.

The Mayor believes that the debate should be done in conjunction with the other City Council debates. He still has to run the city; Andrew Macdonald does not. The community deserves to hear from as many candidates as possible and coupling a Mayoral debate with a Council debate is the most efficient use of candidates' and the public's time.

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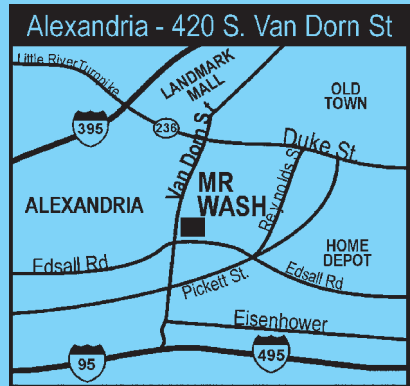
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## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

# Residents Value Waterfront

### Things to do, places to go.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON  
GAZETTE PACKET

Sitting on the western bank of the Potomac River, the city of Alexandria boasts of a variety of restaurants, retail establishments and historic sights.

"Alexandria is really close to everything with the Metro running through it," said resident Jamine Sharpe. "There is always something quaint to do."

Sharpe, who has lived in Alexandria for one year and four months, said she relocated to Northern Virginia from just outside Seattle. She works as a shift supervisor at the St. Asaph Street Starbucks in Old Town, the historic downtown of Alexandria.

"The best part of working in Old Town is the people," she said. "We have regulars who are fun, friendly and upbeat."

Since Alexandria sits on the water, its residents can enjoy cruises and water taxis going to Georgetown, the National Harbor in Annapolis and Mount Vernon.

According to resident Garrett Hullfish, who works as a crew member for the Potomac Riverboat Company, Old Town's

waterfront is just a 45-minute boat ride from Georgetown. He added that it is 25 minutes to the National Harbor and 40 minutes to Mount Vernon.

Alex Skubel, a lifelong Alexandria resident who also works on the Potomac River Company's boats, said he will never tire of the cruises to and from Old Town.

"I'll never get tired of the sunset on the water," he said, adding that the Potomac River Company provides boat rides for 10 months out of the year.

Hullfish said he had lived in Alexandria for 20 years and that he enjoys the historic sites.

"I love the fact that it maintains its historical character," he said. "It has a feel that you cannot get in other places."

Currently living in Old Town, Hullfish said he also enjoys dining downtown.

"On King Street, [which is situated through the heart of Old Town,] you can't spit and not hit a restaurant," he said.

There are plenty of places to see and activities to pursue both in and out of historic downtown.

Skubel said he recommends that newcomers visit the Masonic Temple, located on Callahan Drive just beyond the limits of Old Town.

"Newcomers should go to the top of the Masonic Temple because you can see D.C.

and all of Alexandria," Skubel said.

Hullfish said people new to Alexandria should visit Cameron Street, which was the main street in Old Town before Route 7 connected to King Street.

"Take a walk on Cameron Street, where you can see City Hall and the Carlyle House, [which was built in 1753 by a British colonist]" Hullfish said.

In addition to visiting the landmarks, people can acquaint themselves with Alexandria by participating in organized events and activities.

"The city of Alexandria has a variety of community events and festivals throughout the fall and early winter season," Jack Browand, the Division Chief of the Alexandria Department of Recreation, said.

He added that all events are free and people do not have to be official residents of Alexandria in order to attend.

A calendar of events can be found on the Department of Recreation's website, [www.alexandria.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandria.gov/recreation).

Browand said Alexandria is an exciting place to live. "The variety and diversity of Alexandria makes it a unique place to visit and live in Northern Virginia," he said.

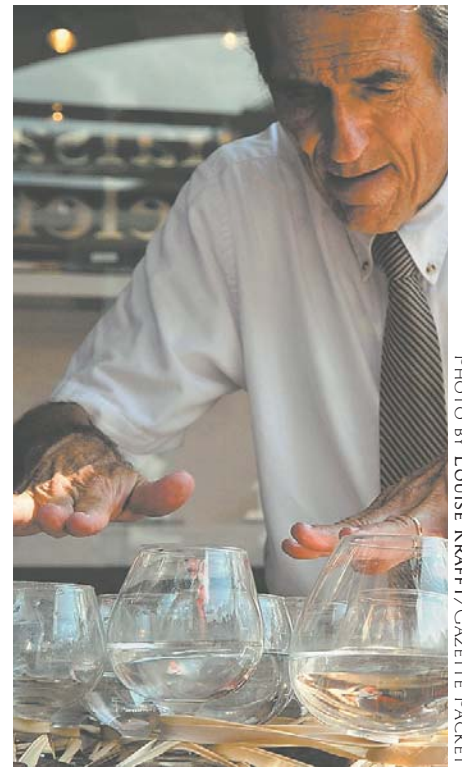


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You cannot help but notice that many Alexandrians would have to be considered very well-off economically. Other citizens are low-income, some because of recent job loss, some as a result of short-term crisis, some who have struggled with on-going poverty. Our well-off residents prove themselves again and again to be extremely kind and generous. There are many worthy and skilled organizations who help and support individuals and families who desperately need it.

I would like to draw your attention to The Fund for Alexandria's Child, and to Alexandria's kids who are in foster care and at risk of abuse and neglect. The Fund was created many years ago by social workers and citizens to help foster children share in the normal activities and events that most of our children take for granted, but for which there is no other source of funding. The need continues to be great.



**The Road plays aboard the Cherry Blossom as part of a fundraiser for The Fund for Alexandria's Child.**

The Advisory Council for The Fund sponsors the annual Fostering the Future Cruise aboard the Cherry Blossom paddleboat on the Potomac to raise money, but also to being together people who are concerned about such special children. Check out the photograph of hot local band The Road (above) playing aboard the Cherry Blossom last year. All money raised goes directly to the kids, because there are no administrative or support costs whatsoever. For more information please see our website [www.alexandriava.gov/thefundforalexchild](http://www.alexandriava.gov/thefundforalexchild) or call 703-746-5663.

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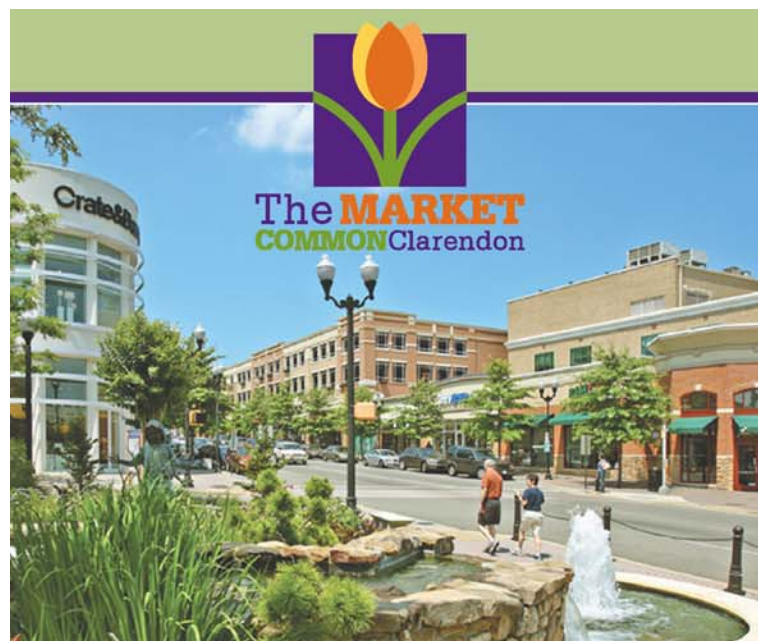
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Saturday, October 27  
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BY DR. MORTON SHERMAN  
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educators, and community leaders. Nationally known, keynote speaker Dr. Pedro Noguera will share best practices on collaborating and serving diverse student populations while substantially closing achievement

The countdown has begun to the start of the first day of school for our students. On Sept. 4, Alexandria City Public Schools will welcome over 13,000 students to our 19 traditional schools and, for the very first time, our T.C. Satellite Campus located at Landmark Mall. This is an exciting time for our city as we have the opportunity to welcome nearly 500 new students to our division, many new parents, new principals, and nearly 200 new teachers to our growing division.

### COMMENTARY

gaps. He has worked with many school systems across the country to identify ways to make schools more equitable and can share his testaments to the importance of family and community engagement in educating all of our young people. This free event will provide families and individuals with the opportunity to get engaged in education. It includes volunteer signup, registration for upcoming parent and community workshops, school supplies, dinner, information on ACPS programs, health screenings, and information from nearly 70 area organizations. I hope you will join us for this exciting event. Transportation will also be provided from area schools to and from the event.

Let's start the year off right! Join us on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. for our Family and Community Engagement Night hosted by ACPS. We have partnered with the City of Alexandria, NBC4, INOVA, and Alexandria Library to bring you an informational and fun-filled event for families,

This is also great time to learn more about ACPS — we are proud that we have more students taking Advance Placement classes

and tests than ever before, and that 98 percent of our fifth-grade students passed the reading SOL at Cora Kelly School while every grade level tested in that school passed the reading SOL as did their peers at William Ramsay. We are proud of the progress that T.C. Williams High School has made during the transformation process and the plan for a transformation of Mount Vernon Community School. We are proud of our Titan traditions, outstanding programs, academic achievements, and all that this school division offers, as we continue to identify how we can work together to achieve greater results for every child.

ACPS is experiencing increased enrollment, over 58 percent free and reduced price meals among students, and a growing ELL student population. We are a wonderfully diverse urban/suburban school division. We will continue to integrate innovative programs and best practices to meet the needs of our students. We are proud of the continued academic progress of our school division. We know that when we hone our focus on specific areas, we can change outcomes for students. We've seen it happen for many of our students through the successes at Cora Kelly, William Ramsay, Lyles-Crouch, and T.C. Williams, for examples. We won't stop short of realizing a greater increase in academic success for all



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At last year's Titan Expo, Indya Weaver and Miranda Jones just giggle at the rise in sales of cotton candy.

students. We welcome your family, involvement and energy to the new school year. We are looking forward to an Olympic year. We share with each student the words of Olympic Bronze Medalist and T.C. graduate Terrence Jennings: "Stay strong, follow your dreams until the end .... Titan Pride."

# A Commitment to Alexandria's Homeless Families

HomeAid Northern Virginia and builder captain Pulte Homes are launching an \$860,000 renovation for Community Lodgings. The renovation of a 10-unit apartment building in Alexandria will enable Community Lodgings to better meet the needs of the temporarily homeless families it serves every year and to provide them with a more modern, safe and stable living environment.

*"The impact of having new, clean and beautiful living spaces for our homeless families will change their entire outlook on life."*

— Bonnie Baxley, executive director, Community Lodgings

HomeAid thanks Pulte Homes and its subcontractors for managing this renovation.

Members of the public are invited to stop by the apartment building to see how it looks before the renovation during a kick-off event on August 28, 10:00 a.m., 612 Notabene Dr., Alexandria.



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## INSIDERS' TIPS

### Agenda: Alexandria

A great place for information on Alexandria issues is Agenda:Alexandria.

Agenda:Alexandria is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, which began in 1998 and sponsors eight dinner meetings a year with thoughtful discussion on topics of interest to Alexandrians. Membership is \$30 a year and open to anyone. One does not have to live or work in Alexandria to be a member. For information, call 703-548-7089 or email agendaalexandria@aol.com. Visit www.agendaalexandria.org.

### It Takes A Village

At Home in Alexandria (AHA!) is a not-for-profit organization for Alexandrians age 55 and over who want to stay in their homes or apartment, living independently in the community they love. AHA! assists members in maintaining a productive, independent lifestyle. With one phone call, AHA! members have access to: transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping and other essential errands; simple home repairs; technical assistance from computers to cell phones and television; home visits or regular check-in phone calls and an array of social, cultural, educational and wellness activities. All services are provided by certified volunteers who have undergone background investigations.

For additional information, call 703-231-0824 or email AHA@athomeinalexandria.org. AHA! is part of a national movement called the Village movement which started 10 years ago in Boston. It is one of over 17 Villages in the Washington, D.C. area.

Join us for our annual Benefit and Spirit Award Ceremony, Friday, Oct. 19, from 6-9 p.m. at the United Way's Worldwide Headquarters in Alexandria. Call 571-990-3460 for details.

— CAROL DOWNS, CHAIR,  
AT HOME IN ALEXANDRIA

### Neighborhood Meeting Place

The Alexandria Pastry Shop and Cafe is a great neighborhood meeting place, been in the Bradlee Shopping Center for over 20 years. Serving breakfast, lunch, catering and gourmet to go items. Come meet your neighbors over a cup of coffee and a pastry.

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## INSIDERS' PERSPECTIVE



**Twelve Alexandria residents are honored for their community commitment in the Living Legends project.**

## Project Highlights Living Legends

Since Alexandria was founded in 1749 it has harbored Living Legends the likes of George Washington and his compatriots, Yankee and Confederate soliders of the Civil War, heroes of World War I and II, and the "Now Generation." Until five years ago few of these legends were recognized, but then came Nina Tisara and her vision to start an Alexandria Living Legends program.

Each year since 12 prominent Alexandria residents are selected by peers to be recognized for their devotion, tenacity, commitment and never ending support of the Alexandria community. They have been visible and invisible in their undertaking to make Alexandria a better place to live. Few have sought recognition but Nina's program has found them photographed them, written biographies about them and their deeds to show the masses what truly unique individuals we have living among us.

The program has been incorporated into a non-profit organization or foundation now, and seeks its support from community businesses and residents. It holds an annual "unveiling" reception of each new year's awardees, attended by city officials and the community leaders as well as the public who gather to find out the "who's who" of Alexandria Living Legends.

For more information on the Alexandria Living Legends program or to nominate an individual to be considered as a Living Legend, e-mail [alexandrialivinglegends@nintisara.com](mailto:alexandrialivinglegends@nintisara.com) and ask to be contacted.

— BILL KEHOE

Alexandria is a great place to live because so many people work hard to make it special. Living Legends was founded by Nina Tisara who believed we should say thank you to those people who make a difference while they could know how much their work was appreciated.

— PAM AND KERRY ST. CLAIR

In recognitions that the City of Alexandria is a special city that is grounded in a community relying on the civic participation of its residents, the Living Legends of Alexandria organization was established to annually identify Alexandrians who have made outstanding contributions to the City. Founded by Nina Tisara, the organization's director, 703-625-2330, The

Living Legends of Alexandria is supported by businesses, organizations, and individuals, committed to identify community leaders who are recognized by their contributions to the city and enrolled as a member of The Living Legends of Alexandria at an annual reception. The pictures of these community leaders as well as biographical information, and a video are then placed in the library and in other venues to provide a living humanizing history of this city. The Living Legends Program and this exhibit is designed to mentor, by example, residents interested in volunteering to enhance the quality of life in Alexandria by their volunteer activities.

— CHET AVERY

We know that there are scores of folks who have given a significant part of their lives — their hearts and souls — to making Alexandria a better place in which to live. These people need to be recognized. And all it takes is submission of a 1-page description outlining the activities where the person has excelled. Everyone who sends in a nomination or is nominated receives an invitation to a big, gala reception held in a stunning venue. You don't have to be a Pulitzer Prize winner to do send in a nomination. Anyone who wants to can participate in this program.

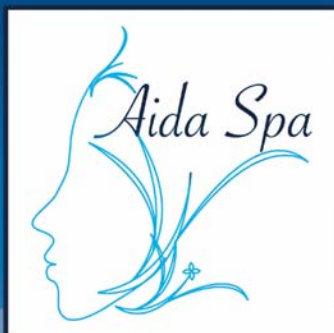
Living Legends of Alexandria (LLA), is the vehicle dedicated for nominating those who have contributed significantly to Alexandria. Criteria for nominating someone to receive this great honor are the following:

(1) Individuals must have contributed at least one tangible improvement to the quality of the city's life that would likely be missing without his or her vision and energy ... or ...

(2) Individuals must have demonstrated exemplary service to the city for 10 years or more, especially service on boards, commissions, committees or service organizations that improve the quality of life in Alexandria.

Please consider participating in this terrific way to recognize those who have given such great efforts to our town. For further information, contact Nina Tisara at [alexandrialivinglegends@nintisara.com](mailto:alexandrialivinglegends@nintisara.com) or go to [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com) for submission forms and pictures and stories of previous years' nominees.

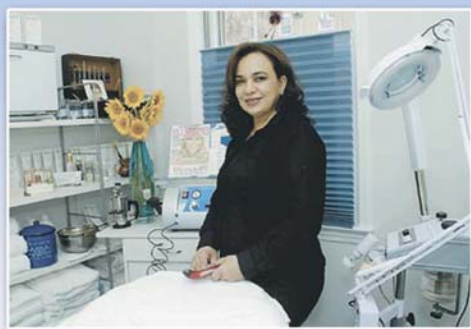
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# Hidden History of St. Asaph Racetrack

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leasing members of a grand jury to visit the racetrack and place their own bets to gather evidence. The ruse worked, and Mackey was able to acquire 19 warrants against the operations owners and operators. Six men were arrested.

By the time the St. Asaph six made their first appearance in the courtroom, they had a familiar legal team — Smith, Burke and Carlin. The same lawyers who were fighting Mackey's election a few months earlier were now fighting his central campaign promise. And they had a trump card up their sleeves, the Mushback law, which carved out a special exemption that was specifically designed to help the St. Asaph Racetrack.

The legal fight dragged on for months as the newly elected prosecutor stumbled on procedural questions. But Mackey continued his fight, and was eventually able to persuade a judge to agree. In 1905, the St. Asaph Racetrack closed its doors for good. Three years later, the property fell under the jurisdiction of the new Town of Potomac.

Today, the track has been replaced by block after block of residential housing. But a quick glance at a map will show the tell-tale dog-leg angle exposing where the St. Asaph Racetrack once dominated the landscape of Del Ray.



The grandstand and judges tower were long abandoned when this photograph was taken in 1914.

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## LIVING LEGENDS

# Out of Tragedy, a Foundation To Help Others

Alexandria Community Trust is family's living legacy in honor of Norma Lang Steuerle.

BY DIANE BECHTOL

Once there was an Alexandria family of four that regularly acted on an individual's responsibility to serve others in need. Each member was well educated and appreciated the community's "diversity of people — racially, financially, in thought and in socio-economic status, that for the most part embraced Alexandria's potential." They were givers. On Sept. 11, 2001, one of them, the mother, was taken away. Norma Lang Steuerle, a local clinical psychologist who worked intensively with families and children, was killed in an airplane crash the whole world mourned.

Out of the tragedy, father Eugene Steuerle and daughters Kristin and Lynne found a new direction for their family that benefits thousands of Alexandria each year — the creation of the Alexandria Community Trust. It is a "living legacy" in honor of Norma, but also a continuation of a service-to-others ethic they have always practiced.

Each family member politely — but firmly — deflects praise for their generous role in changing the face of charitable giving in their community. The three Living Legends of Alexandria recipients are quick to credit others and say their role in creating the Alexandria Community Trust (ACT) was in concert with others.

"Most of what is done is not due to us," said Gene. "All we were was the catalyst. It is a fascinating organization with many resources. The opportunity to do things is amazing because Alexandria is fairly rich and well educated. In comparison to other communities, overall, we suffered much less than others in the recession. If we couldn't do it in Alexandria, who the heck could?"

Despite the Steuerle family's modesty, ACT touches almost every non-profit organization in the city and is the center of a vast interconnected web of philanthropists and movers and shakers. Among the outgrowths of ACT are the Center for Alexandria's Children (preventing child abuse and neglect); Give Back Alexandria (teaching young adults how and where to volunteer in the city) Action Alexandria (giving residents a local focus for proactive

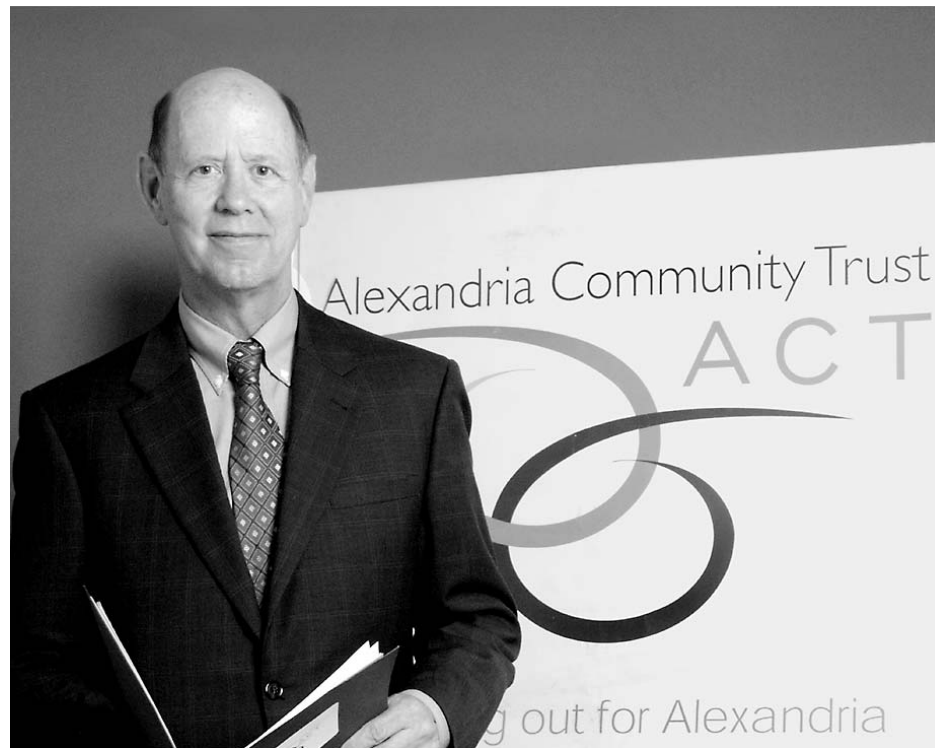


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**The Steurele family found a new direction for serving families in need — the creation of the Alexandria Community Trust. Eugene Steurele serves as chair of the Trust.**

community involvement) and Women's Giving Circle (women organizing to fund social service needs.)

"Although it is always an honor to receive recognition," said Lynne Steuerle Schofield, Ph.D, a statistics professor at Swathmore College, "what is best for our family is that we know lots of other amazing people are doing the hard work every day."

"After Mom died, so many people supported us. There was a huge amount of evil, but also a huge amount of heroism in that period of which I was a recipient. In many ways, the creation of the Trust strengthened us as a family. Although we all have heard it before, the three of us learned again that when you strengthen others, you strengthen yourselves. To me, to battle that form of hatred is to embrace others."

In the aftermath of tragic events, the Steuerle family was awarded a large sum of money from the 911 Victims Compensation Fund. "There was a period of grief, of course, but it is a healthy thing to turn your grief to action. You can't control events, but you can control your reaction. You take the positive energy," said Kristin. "We wanted to give back to all of the people who supported us during that time." She is now a pediatrician for Kaiser Permanente.

In providing the seed money for the Trust, said Gene, an economist for the Urban In-

stitute, "the bottom line is that the money we put up was only a catalyst. We were surrounded by a lot of people with a lot of good ideas."

Eugene, Kristin and Lynne suffered an unimaginable loss on Sept. 11, 2001 when wife and mother Norma Lang Steuerle's American Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. She was killed traveling to Japan to visit Kristin, who was stationed there as a Navy doctor. Gene was traveling on business in Singapore at the time.

"I've always said that her death was a much more public event and received more attention than other people's losses, but the fact is that you don't rank death. Everyone suffers when they lose a loved one."

Norma Lang and Eugene Steuerle met at the University of Dayton before she transferred to Carnegie Mellon University, where she was class valedictorian. She earned her master's degree from Temple University and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin, as did Gene. "My mom was little. She was only five foot three, but she had the energy of a person eight foot three," recalled Lynne. "She dedicated her professional life to people as a clinical psychologist."

Norma and Gene married after he served in Vietnam and raised their two daughters. Gene became a budget, tax and economic policy expert who served as a senior fellow at the Urban Institute from 1989 to 2008. After serving as vice president of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, he returned to the Urban Institute. Gene has written 15 books and over a thousand briefs and articles. Both of the Steuerle daughters attended T.C. Williams and George Mason University for their undergraduate work before Kristen earned her medical degree and Lynne completed her Ph.D. in statistics and public policy.

The Steuerle family elected to form two

trusts, the Alexandria Community Trust, which has blossomed beyond expectation, and another one that serves wider interests elsewhere. Of the two, ACT is the better known and more successful.

Gene explained, "Our goal was to promote Alexandria in a very large part through charitable giving. Alexandria Community Trust is a new breed of community organization, not because we can afford to give enough money directly, but because we sponsor so many ideas."

As an economist, he had studied the charitable sector, community foundations and donor-advised funds. In working with other like-minded citizens ("I'm almost afraid to name them, because I'm afraid I'll forget to say someone's name and not give them the credit they deserve"), ACT became an organization that funded modest grants for local non-profits. But mostly, it "sponsors ideas" through training, legal and financial expertise and organizational mentoring. It also assists or helps underwrite events of other groups to enhance their fund-raising potential. Gene explained that through the financial vehicle of donor-advised funds, ACT has educated city non-profits to show families and individuals how tax-deductible contributions can be directed over time to give to charities. The concept is now "keeping things running" for organizations that had shorter-term financial goals.

Gene points to future charitable needs Alexandria will face in the future. "The classical problems that any community faces. We have an aging population that is fragile. Children's abuse is also in Alexandria and we need to expand activities to prevent it."

Always in mind is Norma Lang Steuerle, a family and child therapist, "who would have loved" the work of the Alexandria Community Trust, said Kristin. She describes both of her parents as active in community affairs and who gave their own money for many years to benefit others before her untimely death. One such project established a fund at T.C. Williams High School to assist students with school supplies, clothing and other physical needs. They also raised money for the school's scholarship fund.

"She'd be very happy," agreed Gene. "She was always action-oriented."

"It was the right thing to do," said Kristin. "As a child and family therapist, she gave to her community all of her life. She would have been absolutely over the moon over the children's programs and they way ACT brings resources together for children. I also think she would be very proud of the Women's Giving Circle."

"We are honored to receive this award, but the very best thing about it is the opportunity to share our story and hope that people will be motivated to contribute in their own way," she concluded.

"For me," added her sister Lynne, "I feel very blessed. We have experienced the generosity and kindness of an amazing community of people doing the hard work. That feels like a success."

### Living Legends: The Project

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This is one of a series of profiles that will appear this year. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a Legend for 2013, visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com) or contact Nina Tisara, [AlexandriaLegends@ninatisara.com](mailto:AlexandriaLegends@ninatisara.com).

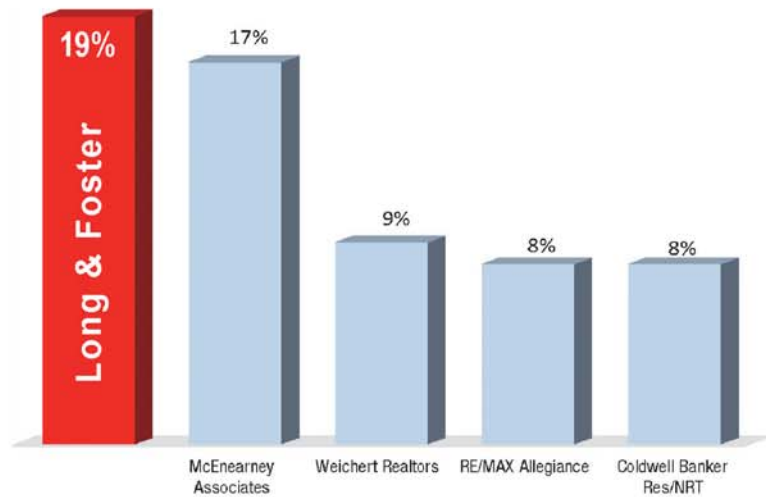


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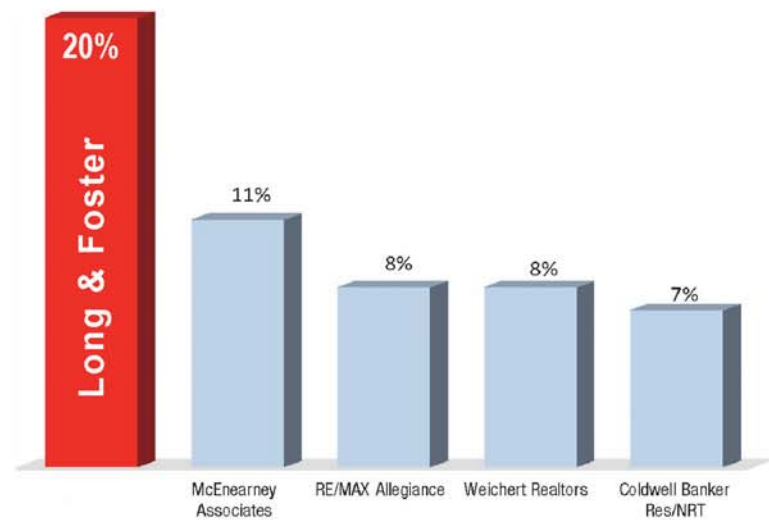
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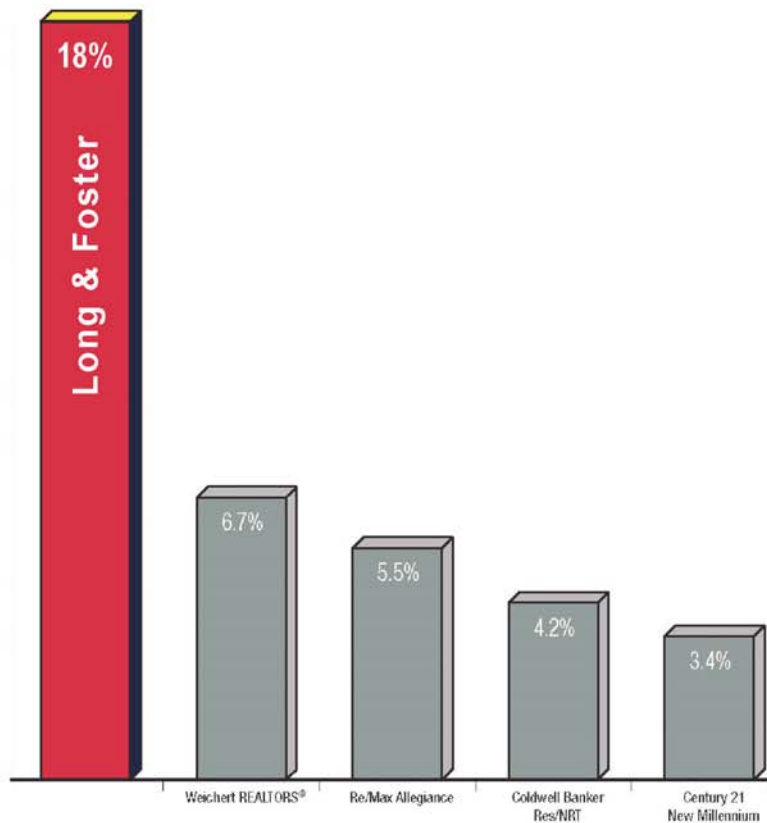


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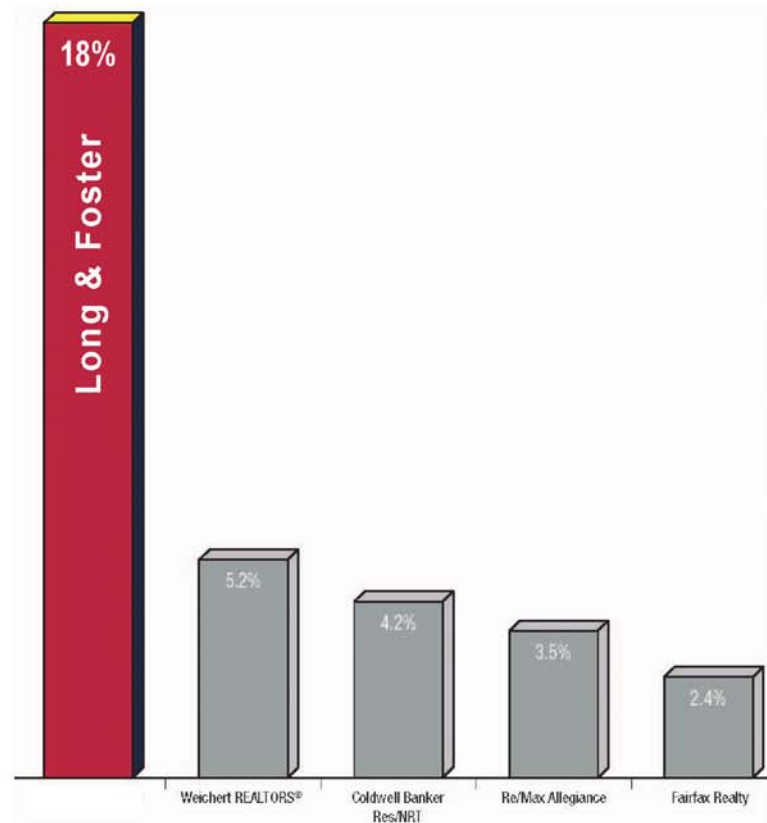


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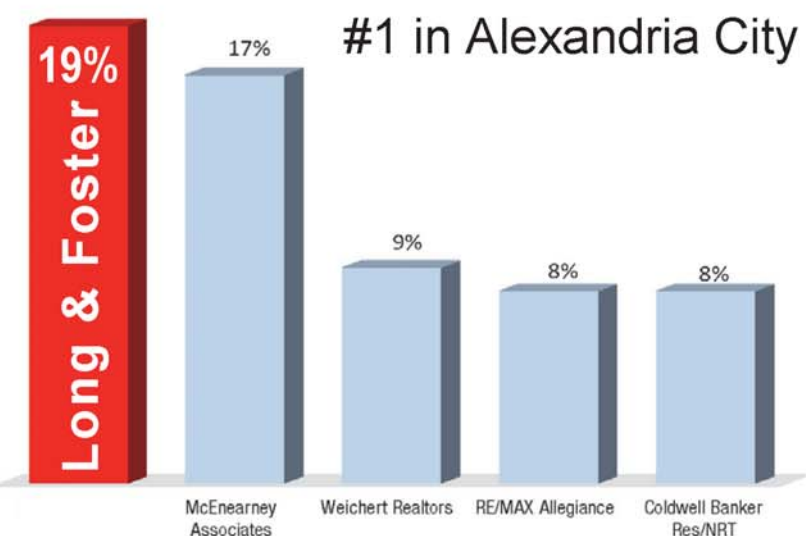
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# Occupy the Strand

Voters could have the final say as city remains tangled in legal web over waterfront.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Last weekend, members of the Old Dominion Boat Club staged an annual ritual that's something of a cross between a tailgating party and Occupy Wall Street. Every year, members shut down a section of the Strand for several hours to make sure everybody knows that the land is officially Boat Club property. The yearly affirmation usually goes without much notice.

Not this year.

Since City Council members narrowly approved a controversial small-area plan to allow hotels on the waterfront and increase density at three sites slated for redevelopment, the land-use change has been cast into an every expanding legal web. City officials have been successful in fending off two challenges. The first was several months ago, when a Circuit Court judge dismissed a chal-

lenge to the notice of a Planning Commission hearing. Another victory came late last week, when two Old Town neighbors withdrew a challenge to Planning Director Faroll Hamer's determination against accepting an appeal to her rejection of a protest petition the day of the public hearing on the waterfront plan.

"The city's position is so strong that the plaintiffs are voluntarily dismissing it," said City Attorney James Banks. "How can I not feel anything but good about that?"

**THE COMING** weeks and months will see a number of legal challenges working their way through the court system just as the campaign season heats up and voters select members of the next City Council. In early September, the Circuit Court will hear motions in a case brought by the Old Dominion Boat Club challenging the city's decision to lease part of Wales Alley to a restaurant. It's a case that's already been through the Cir-



PHOTO BY JIM BROWN

Members of the Old Dominion Boat Club gather for a photo on The Strand in Old Town during the early morning hours of Aug. 19. Owned by the Boat Club, the parcel of land has been cited by City Attorney James Banks for possible seizure by eminent domain in the ongoing dispute over development of the waterfront.

cuit Court and the Virginia Supreme Court, which remanded the case back to the lower court to determine whether or not the city has authority to deprive Old Dominion the right to use the public alley.

"Remanding this case to the Circuit Court

without deciding that legal issue is a waste of judicial resources," wrote Chief Judge Cynthia Kisner in a stinging dissent.

Meanwhile, opponents of the waterfront plan are trying to appeal a separate Circuit

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Boat Club Commodore Dave Howell, right, is joined by ODBC waterfront committee chairman Harry Harrington during the Aug. 19 closure of The Strand between King Street and Wales Alley. Owned by the Boat Club, the parcel of land has been cited by City Attorney James Banks for possible seizure by eminent domain in the ongoing dispute over development of the waterfront.

## Occupy the Strand

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Court decision in the Virginia Supreme Court. Earlier this year, Circuit Court Judge Jim Clark dismissed a suit brought by a group of Old Town women who have come to be known as the "Iron Ladies." Their lawyer tried to appeal Hamer's ruling rejecting the protest petition in January, an effort that city leaders dismissed because they said City Hall was not "open for business" during a public hearing. Later this year, the Iron Ladies will get 10 minutes in Richmond before the justices to determine whether or not the high court wants to hear the case.

"There's not a lot of case law out there on this issue," said Roy Shannon, the attorney representing the Iron Ladies. "And the case law that's out there isn't necessarily all that clear cut."

AS THE LEGAL process drags into next year, voters may have the power to make a final determination. Although the waterfront plan will not be on the ballot, candidates for the City Council have taken positions for and against the proposal. And because the trial date in the city's appeal of the Board of Zoning Appeals is set for March, voters have an opportunity to change the composition of the council before the legal challenges have been fully resolved.

"I think that the November election will be a litmus test on whether Alexandrians are comfortable with the level of development that's being pushed in various places around the city," said Boyd Walker, one of the leading opponents of the plan. "What the city leaders are asking for us on the waterfront is to allow the development now and then wait 15 or 20 years for the amenities."

Walker was one of a handful of candidates who opposed the waterfront plan during the hotly contested Democratic primary in June. Most of those candidates lost, although then-Del. Adam Ebbin (D-44) was able to beat one of the waterfront plan's strongest supporters, Councilman Rob Krupicka, in a Democratic primary for the Virginia State Senate after speaking out against the proposal. That means that the November general election may end up being more important to the outcome of the waterfront plan than the web of lawsuits currently working their way through the court system.

"We can all play guestimates on who's going to win," said Dennis Auld, founder of Waterfront For All. "There's a possibility that a supermajority for those who support the plan may not occur. I don't know which way the election is going to go."

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# Election Day Is Nov. 6; Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 21

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Absentee voting hours, Sept. 21-Oct. 16, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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Saturday Hours: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Office Closed On: Monday, Oct. 8, 2012 (Columbus Day)

Last Day to Vote In-Person: Saturday, Nov. 3

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County Satellite Locations

Voting in the following seven locations is available Oct. 17 - Nov. 3, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.:

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In-person absentee voting starts Friday, Sept. 21 at 8 a.m. and ends Saturday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m.

Regular hours for in-person absentee voting are Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Office of Voter Registration and Elections, 132 North Royal Street, Suite 100 (the office is closed on Monday, Oct. 8).

Beatley Library will be used as a second absentee voting site beginning Thursday, Oct. 25.

More details, including dates of extended hours at <http://alexandriava.gov/elections/info/default.aspx?id=1720>

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Will be available starting Sept. 21 and ending 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Lobby Level, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, (closed Oct. 8) with some extended hours, and Saturdays beginning Sept. 29.

Two satellite locations, Barcroft Sport and Fitness Center, 4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive and Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St., will have in-person absentee voting from Oct. 6 - Nov. 3. For hours, visit <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/voterregistrationabsenteevoting.aspx>

### WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Every voter in Virginia will vote for U.S. senator and their member in the U.S. House of Representatives, in addition to President of the United States and two constitutional questions.

For Senate, Tim Kaine (D), former governor will face George Allen (R), also former governor and former U.S. senator, to replace U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D) who is retiring from the Senate after a single term. Webb defeated George Allen six years ago. Connection coverage of the U.S. Senate race is available at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Senate/>

Two constitutional questions will appear

on all Virginia ballots, one about the use of eminent domain and one about the timing of a particular session of the General Assembly to consider overriding vetoes by the governor of legislation that was passed by the assembly. See <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/webdocs/201211ConstitutionalAmendmentsPoster.pdf>.

In the races for U.S. House of Representatives, it's worth noting that redistricting resulted in significant changes in Northern Virginia in terms of who your U.S. representative will be. If you live in Reston, for example, while last election you were represented by Jim Moran and the 8th district, now you are in the 11th district where the incumbent is Gerry Connolly. See the map for details. Fairfax County is represented by three Congressional Districts, 8, 10 and 11. Connection coverage of congressional races is available at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Representatives>.

In the 8th District, incumbent Rep. Jim Moran (D), seeking his 12th term since being elected in 1990, will face Patrick Murray (R), and two independent candidates, Janet Murphy and Jason Howell. The 8th district includes all of Alexandria and Arlington, plus parts of Fairfax County including Mount Vernon, Lorton and parts of McLean, Tysons and Falls Church.

In the 10th District, Frank Wolf (R), elected to office in 1982, will face Democrat Kristin A. Cabral and independent J. Kevin Chisholm. The 10th district sprawls from McLean to Winchester, and includes Great Falls, Chantilly, parts of Fairfax Station, the Town of Clifton, part of Burke and Springfield.

In the 11th District, Gerry Connolly (D), former chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, elected to Congress in 2008, will face Republican Chris Perkins and Independents Joe Galdo and Peter M. Marchetti. The 10th district now includes the City of Fairfax, the Town of Herndon, Reston, central Fairfax County including parts of Burke, Springfield and Lorton.

**IN FAIRFAX COUNTY**, voters will also decide whether to invest in infrastructure based on four bond questions, answering yes or no to supporting \$75 million for parks, \$55 million for public safety facilities, \$25 million for library facilities and \$30 million for stormwater and sewer improvements. [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/nov\\_2012\\_county\\_bond\\_issues.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/nov_2012_county_bond_issues.pdf)

**IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA**, voters will also choose a mayor, members of the city council and school board.

The Alexandria City Council is composed of a Mayor and six Council members who are elected at-large for three-year terms. Incumbent mayor Bill Euille (D) will face Andrew H. Macdonald (I) in the race for mayor.

Voters will choose six City Council members from the list of 12: Frank H. Fannon IV (R)\*, Alicia R. Hughes (R)\*, John R. "Bob" Wood (R), John Taylor Chapman (D), Timothy Lovain (D), Del Pepper \*(D), Allison Silberberg (D), Paul C. Smedberg\* (D), Justin M. Wilson (D), Glenda B. Davis (I), Robert Krause (L), Jermaine A. Mincey (I). \* means incumbent.

The Alexandria City School Board is a nine-member elected body that adopts policy for the daily operation of schools and sees that school laws are properly explained, enforced, and observed. The city is divided into three voting districts, and three Board members are elected from each district. Each member serves a three-year term. Incumbents marked \*.

School Board District A: Stephanie Amann Kapsis, William E. "Bill" Campbell\*, Karen A. Graf, Helen F. Morris\*, Joyce D. Rawlings, Heath E. Wells

School Board District B: Michael A. Brookbank, Chyrell D. Bucksell, Kelly Carmichael Booz, Justin P. Keating, Marc Williams\*.

School Board District C: Ronnie M. Campbell\*, Patricia A. "Pat" Hennig, Christopher J. Lewis, Jeff N. Zack.

**IN ARLINGTON**, voters will choose one member of the County Board and one member of the School Board. Both Arlington boards are made up entirely of at-large members, so both races will appear on all Arlington ballots.

Incumbent Libby Garvey (D) will face Matthew A. Wavro (R) and Audrey R. Clement (I) for the seat on the County Board.

For School Board, incumbent Emma N. Violand-Sanchez will face Noah L. Simon.

Arlington voters will also decide yes or no on four bond questions, whether to authorize raising \$32 million public schools, \$28 million for community infrastructure, \$50 million for local parks and recreation, and \$32 million for Metro and transportation. <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/forms/Bonds2012ENG.pdf>

# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

## Alexandria Loves Its Parades



The Hard Times Café horse is driven through the annual Scottish Walk Parade in Old Town.



The artillery unit of the First Virginia fires off a volley above the George Washington Birthday Parade crowd.

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Anna Tennille arrives fashionable late to the parade staging area for the annual Beverly Hills Memorial Day weekend Wheel Day parade down Old Dominion Drive.



Jill and Thad Parsons hold on to Phoenix as he scans the crowd at the St. Patrick's Day Fun Dog Show in Market Square.



Sabin Mead in her Medusa outfit at the Del Ray Halloween Parade.

### INSIDER'S TIP



Keira Moran at Nickells & Scheffler.



Prof. Art Safari with Fun Hunt author Lauren McCracken.



Mike Rose at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

### First Night Alexandria

Celebrate the New Year with the Fifth Annual Fun Hunt and various other activities for children and adults in the afternoon; 100 live performances in the evening and a spectacular fireworks display on the river at the foot of King Street at midnight. Performances begin at 7 p.m., various Old Town locations. Visit [www.FirstNightAlexandria.org](http://www.FirstNightAlexandria.org).

— ANN M. DORMAN

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## COMMUNITY

# A Man (and Woman) About Town

BY KATHARINE DIXON  
REBUILDING TOGETHER  
ALEXANDRIA



1994, Cecelia still lives in the home they bought together, keeping the promise they made of “no more house moves,” even though it is difficult for her to keep up with all the house maintenance. Late last year, Cecelia received an application from Rebuilding Together to provide free home repairs so she applied, with the help of her case-worker.

In 1942, Cecelia and her husband, Floyd\*, moved into a row home on Duke Street, promising to each other that it would be their last move.

When they were first married in 1936, after being introduced by her brother, Cecelia and Floyd lived with his parents. Understandably, the newly married wife wasn't keen on this idea so they moved into a rental property that Floyd's parents owned on Fayette Street and paid rent of \$15 a month. Shortly thereafter, Floyd got a job at the Gulf gas station on Route 1 so they moved onto King Street, above Hamen's Shoe Store. It was here that their first child was born.

After their daughter was born, they moved to Patrick Street, and Cecelia had their first son. They then moved to Lorton, to live with Cecelia's mother, but moved onto Henry Street when she learned they were pregnant again. After their last child, another son, was born, they needed more space and moved into their Duke Street home in 1942.

When the family moved into the Duke Street home, renters were occupying the top floor so Cecelia and her family had sleeping rooms on the entry level and a kitchen in the basement. And though Cecelia could not bring herself to ask the renters to move out (after all, she was collecting \$25 a week in rent), after a few years, the renters eventually left. For the first time, the family of five finally had the space they needed.

Though Floyd passed away in

### COMMENTARY

An incredible team of volunteers from Community Praise Center met with Cecelia earlier this year to review her task list. Then, armed with supplies and tools, tens of volunteers landed upon her home to make much needed improvements, including replacing the kitchen floor, repairing lights, securing steps, painting, clearing out weeds and debris from her yard, fixing her bedroom window, repairing the front door, and washing her windows. All of the repairs and improvements the volunteers completed help Cecelia remain in her home, safely.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria is an award winning, non-profit organization dedicated to repairing and revitalizing homes at no charge for homeowners in need, including elderly, disabled, military veterans and families. To date, in-kind donations of labor and materials have resulted in \$6 million worth of value on more than 1,547 properties. If you would like to apply, volunteer or donate, visit [www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org](http://www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org) or call 703-836-1021.

*RTA's organizational policy is to not disclose full names.*

## NEIGHBORHOOD

### Taylor Run

#### TREES NEED HELP

John Noelle, Alexandria's city arborist, hopes that citizens will rescue our street trees in this record-breaking drought by watering them once a week. “I would appreciate any help provided, and would like to hear from citizens who want trees planted this fall,” he said. 703-746-5496 is the arborist's phone number.

#### SWINDELLS' TRAVELS

The Swindell family of Park Road have returned from a nice cool visit to Lake Winnepesaukee

in New Hampshire and Chincoteague Island on Virginia's eastern shore.

#### LEIBACH TRAVELS

That eternally peripatetic Karen Leibach has made another cruise, this one on the Mediterranean. “I decided the right place to spend my 65th birthday was on a cruise,” said Karen. “I have made so many trips with that company that the Captain has special tea in my honor and I sat at his table.”

Ports she visited included Venice, Marseilles, Naples and Dubrovnik.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

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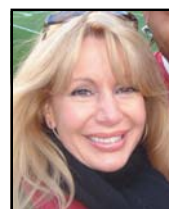
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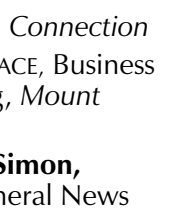
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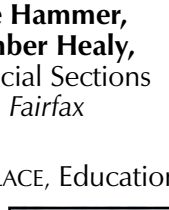
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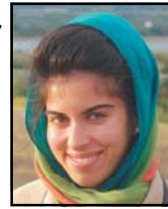
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- ❖ The Hard Times horse ❖ Doggy Happy Hour ❖ The Birchmere ❖ The Cherry Blossom
- ❖ The Old Town Trolley ❖ Halloween on South Lee Street ❖ The waterfront debate ....

— JEANNE THEISMANN



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**The Cherry Blossom**



**The Scottish Walk Parade**



**First Night Alexandria revelers in front of the Hard Times Horse.**



**Halloween on South Lee Street**

### To Begin ...

Mayor William Euille offers the following tips for newcomers:



- ❖ Visit the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association website for a daily schedule (events, retail shops, restaurants and places to visit).

- ❖ Visit the Alexandria City website.
- ❖ Contact the Mayor's Office and speak with the Mayor.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Canvas of Clay' at Scope Gallery

The spin on art is that it can be set in stone as ceramic artists showcase the multi-dimensional canvas at the Torpedo Art Center's Scope Gallery.

The "Canvas of Clay" shows an artist's approach to the clay medium as pottery is thrown and spun or handbuilt, then treated to finishes and alterations to achieve a unique handmade piece.

Work ranges from decorative forms and sculptures to functional traditional tableware.

Clay channels Picasso with geometric vases and plates and dips like Degas with graceful curves and movement of organic bowls and pitchers. The earthy palate and people painted by Diego Rivera is mirrored in brown stoneware sculptures and floral tiles.

Van Gogh's starry swirls are seen in crystalline glazes and the spirals of thrown work. Escher's tessellations are echoed in stamped, embossed and textured surfaces while sheets of clay drape and shape a la the limp renderings of Savador Dali.

Floating florals and handpainted aquatic scenes hint at Monet while splashy servers appear as Jackson Pollock. Variations and lines on smoked and raku forms mirror the waves and lines of Japanese woodblock prints of Hokusai.

With this earthy palette, the moniker for high artistry might be, indeed, Mud.

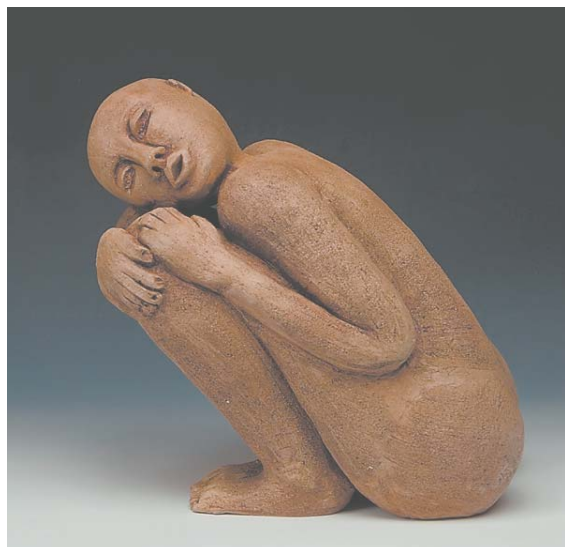
### Details

The Kiln Club show runs from Aug. 27 to Sept. 30. Scope Gallery hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., open Thursdays until 9 p.m. The gallery is located at 105 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19. Call the Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

Kiln Club is an organization of more than 90 Washington D.C. area artists working in the clay medium. Juried members exhibit themed shows every other month at the cooperative artist-run Scope Gallery in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit [www.kilnclubwdc.com](http://www.kilnclubwdc.com)



Floating dogwood stoneware bowl by Susan Ying of Vienna.



Stoneware with stained finish sculpture by Christine Moerenhout-Hubloue of McLean.

### CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

#### THURSDAY/AUG. 23

**Elephant Day.** All day, all elephant items will be 20 percent off, customers can sample elephant themed snacks and read fun facts about elephants at Ten Thousand Villages. In addition, 15 percent of the day's sales will be donated to the International Elephant Foundation, which works to protect elephants and their dwindling habitats in Africa and Asia. Visit [www.elephantconservation.org](http://www.elephantconservation.org). Call 703-684-1435 or visit [www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com](http://www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com).

#### FRIDAY/AUG. 24

**Concert by National Community Church.** A local church is performing songs written by award-winning singer-songwriters, from its first worship CD, "The God Anthology" at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.godanthology.com](http://www.godanthology.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Tribute to the Music of Mills, Baker & Labelle.** The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. 8 pm. \$25. Visit <http://thecarlyleclub.com/> or call 703-548-8899.

**Jazz Saxophone.** 8 p.m. Jonathan Parker will perform with his quartet

at Hard Times Café, 1404 King St., 703-837-0050.

**Wee Ones Storytime.** 10:30-11 a.m. Join us as we explore the exciting world around us with some of our favorite stories and songs at Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. Ages 2 and under. Free. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com)

#### SATURDAY/AUG. 25

**Music.** Mike Phirman to open for Paul & Storm at the Birchmere. Visit [www.mikephirman.com](http://www.mikephirman.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Annual Bazaar.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Raffles, silent auctions, food and live entertainment. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 711 N. Columbus St.

**30th Annual Begonia Show and Sale.** 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Announced by the Potomac Branch of the American Begonia Society. At Green Springs Garden Park, 6403 Green Springs Rd.

**African Americans and Civil War Music.** 10-11:30 a.m. Free, reservations required. A lecture and book signing with Christian McWhirter, author of "The Choked Voice of a Race, at Last Unloosed: African Americans and Civil War Music." Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-706-4399.

**Yoga.** 12-1 p.m. Free Community Yoga Class suitable for all levels, including beginners. Register online at [www.531Yoga.com](http://www.531Yoga.com). Email

[suzanne@532yoga.com](mailto:suzanne@532yoga.com) or call 703-209-0049.

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**Book Reading of Vampirina Ballerina,** a story of perseverance, with an unexpected heroine and uncanny illustrations, with the author, followed by a craft at Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., 2-2:30 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Free. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com)

**Butchering Demonstration.** 3-4 p.m. Complimentary demonstration with Ken Kaiser covering how to break down and butcher whole chickens from Midnight Amish farms, and how to grill with marinades. Chickens and specialty sauces available for purchase. At the Butcher's Block, 1600 King St. Call 703-894-3440.

#### THROUGH AUG. 26

**Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week.** More than 55 restaurants throughout Alexandria offer a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or a \$35 dinner for two. Foodies can savor the flavors of Alexandria's distinctive collection of

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PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT-

The costumed cast of MVCCT's July 2012 production of Peter Pan. Pictured are: Emma Brown, Kate Wharton, Adele Godby, Mikayla Henry, Brevan Collins, Danielle Yates, Leia Surovell, Jack Pyles and Katharine Burgess.

## MVCCT Announces Plans for New Season

Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre, now in its 32nd season, announces a blockbuster season with a twist. Because of major renovations at Carl Sandburg Middle School, two of its three productions will have a temporary venue at Bryant Alternative School on Popkins Lane, next to Saint Louis School.

The 2012-2013 season includes the classic musicals Oklahoma! and Disney's My Son Pinocchio, both to be performed at Bryant, and the teen production, The Pink Panther Strikes Again, to be performed at Heritage Presbyterian Church. Children ages 8-18 may audition for the two musicals and those 12-18 may audition for the teen show.

Founded in 1980 in response to community desire for a creative outlet for youth in the Mount Vernon area south of Old Town, Alexandria, MVCCT has consistently served its community by offering three annual productions, summer and spring break camps, and after school programs for area youth. An ongoing scholarship program assures participation for area residents.

MVCCT is a nonprofit organization supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the Arts Council of Fairfax County. Additional support is provided by individuals and local businesses. MVCCT relies on a solid core of board members and volunteers.

Visit [www.mvct.org](http://www.mvct.org) or call 703-360-0686.

### MVCCT's 2012-2013 Season

#### Oklahoma!

Music by Richard Rodgers, Book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II Based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs Original dance by Agnes de Mille

Nov. 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 11 and 18 at 3 p.m.

Auditions held the week of Sept. 9, 2012

At Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane Oklahoma! tells the story of cowboy curly McLain and his romance with farm girl Laurey Williams alongside the drama of Will Parker and his flirtatious fiancée, Ado Annie. With songs like "Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'," "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top" and "People Will Say We're in Love"?

#### The Pink Panther Strikes Again (The Teen Production)

By William Gleason Based on the film by Blake Edwards and Frank Waldman Feb. 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 10 and 17 at 3 p.m.

At Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road A stage adaptation of the 1976 film features a madman threatening the world's survival with the ultimate Doomsday Machine. Who can save the world? Why, the world's most unusual criminologist, Inspector Jacques Clouseau.

#### Disney's My Son Pinocchio

Book by David I. Stern, Music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz "When You Wish Upon A Star" and "I've Got No Strings": music by Leigh Harline, lyrics by Ned Washington from the Walt Disney Motion Picture Pinocchio.

March 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m.; March 10 and 17 at 3 p.m.

At Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane Join Pinocchio, the Blue Fairy, and a lively cast of characters as Geppetto journeys beyond the Toy Shop to discover what makes the "perfect child." This classic tale of an aging toymaker and his puppet, Pinocchio, features a compelling score of original songs along with the beloved classics "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "I've Got No Strings."

# ENTERTAINMENT



**"Fallen Angel," oil, by Diane Tesler, 44" x 16"**

**"Second Skin," graphite, by Lisa Semerad, 5 7/8" x 4 3/4"**



## Online Auction Will Benefit Art League

The online silent auction of faculty work, the third event in The Art League's "30-Something" Summer Series, is an opportunity to own a masterpiece by a member of the league's faculty while supporting The Art League's build out at the Madison Annex. All proceeds from the auction go to fund the project.

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The online auction begins Sunday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. and closes on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 5 p.m. Visit <http://www.32auctions.com/theartleaguefaculty> to view the works available and register. You must create an account on the site to participate in the auction. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

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eateries, from fine dining to casual neighborhood favorites. Visit [AlexandriaVA.com](http://AlexandriaVA.com) or call 703-743-3301.

**Untitled Me Exhibit.** ART Options partners with the Torpedo Factory to bring you Untitled Me, a collection of self portraits and celebrated icons created by diverse talented artists from the D.C. region. Visitors are encouraged to bring broken or constant items to be attached to human frames made of wire. At Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St., Sites 2 and 3 (second floor).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 26

**A Great Gatsby Ice Cream Social.** 2-5 p.m. Step back in time with an ice cream social on the lawn of the beautiful Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for children ages 3-17. Call 703-548-1789 to purchase tickets. Visit [leefendallhouse.org](http://leefendallhouse.org).

**30th Annual Begonia Show and Sale.** noon - 3:30 p.m. Presented by the Potomac Branch of the American Begonia Society. At Green Springs Garden Park, 6403 Green Springs Rd.

**Jazz Summer.** 2-3 p.m. With the duo "Mike and Tai Jazz," mainstays of the Washington Jazz Scene, at the Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us); 703-746-1702. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

**Gospel Music.** 4 p.m. The Carter Gospel Singers of Alexandria are celebrating their 43rd anniversary in concert along with the Original Carter Chorus Singers at the Woodlawn-Faith United Methodist Church, 7730 Fordson Road.

**Visiting Artists Demonstration Day** at the Torpedo Factory. Meet the Torpedo Factory's visiting artists and learn about their methods, materials, techniques, and backgrounds. Demonstrations from 1-4 p.m. Free. 105 N. Union St. Visit



**Del Ray Artisans presents BOARDERLINES, an art exhibit by six members of the Board of Directors, through Sept. 2. Visit [www.theDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.theDelRayArtisans.org).**

[www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

### Family Potluck Picnic.

4-6 p.m. Hosted by the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church for members who live in Alexandria and their families and friends, as well as anyone who would like to meet the MVUC minister and hear more about the Unitarian faith. At Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Picnic Area 1. Bring a favorite dish to share and reusable plates and utensils, if possible.

### MONDAY/AUG. 27

**Haircuts.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Fairfax County Firefighters will sponsor children's haircuts at Gum Springs Recreation Center, 8100 Fordson Rd. Off-duty firefighters/barbers, the Progressive Firefighters of Fairfax County, Inc., WKYS 93.9 FM, and local barbers throughout the community will provide free haircuts for local kids on free or reduced lunch plans in anticipation of the new school year.

### TUESDAY/AUG. 28

**Gina DeSimone and the Moaners.** 9-11 p.m. Using acoustic and electric guitars, playing a mix of funk, jazzy blues and smoky folk guitar for swing dance fun. \$10. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

**Solomon Douglas Quartet.** 9-11 p.m. Seattle pianist Soloman Douglas and young vocalist Alison Dreyfuss from New Hampshire perform at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. \$10.

### THURSDAY/AUG. 30

**Kenny Lattimore.** 7:30 p.m. \$29.50. The Music Hall. Visit [www.kennylattimore.com](http://www.kennylattimore.com).  
**Leukemia/Lymphoma.** 7 p.m. Free. Make a difference in the fight against blood cancer. Team In Training will

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## FRIDAY/AUG. 31

**BIG CHALK DRAW.** 8-10 a.m. Community art event in Art at the Center's parking lot at 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Free. Donations of new backpacks and school supplies to benefit families served by Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services needed. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org)

**Beatlemania Magic.** The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. 8 p.m. \$25. A national touring Beatles Tribute band recreating the early Beatles concerts with identical costumes, equipment and spot on harmonies. Visit <http://thecarlyleclub.com> or call 703-548-8899

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

**Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Alexandria's newest outdoor art market featuring a variety of original artwork from more than 25 artists displayed for sale including painting, photography, pottery, jewelry, and glasswork. Market includes live music and food from local restaurants. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-838-4827.

## THROUGH SEPT. 2

**Boarderlines.** Thursday-Sunday. Free. This exhibit is an individual and

group journey across "boarders" and features a silent auction, 2-D and 3-D gallery artwork, and take-away art. At the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.theDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.theDelRayArtisans.org).

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

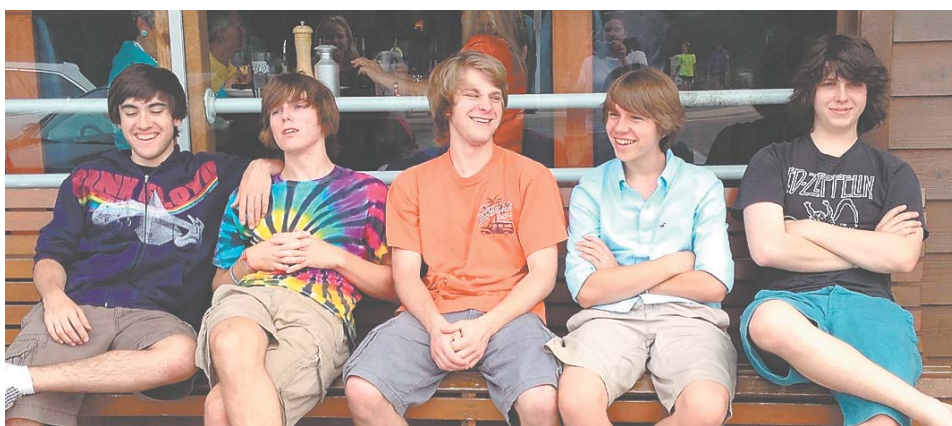
**"Out of the Past."** 7 p.m. Free. Starring Robert Mitchum, Kirk Douglas, and Jane Greer. Part of the monthly Film Noir Series at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., in Del Ray. After the movie, viewers are invited to discuss the film at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub at 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. Call 703-746-1705.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 6

**Fashion's Night Out Alexandria.** Presented by Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association. 6-11 p.m. Participating boutiques, restaurants and businesses throughout Alexandria. Visit [www.fashionsnighoutalexandria.com](http://www.fashionsnighoutalexandria.com)

**Ten Thousand Villages,** a fair trade retailer on King Street in Old Town, will be transformed into an oriental rug showroom, when more than 300 rugs, all hand made in Pakistan by fairly paid adults, arrive for the annual 4-day sale. Ten Thousand Villages is located at 915 King St. Call 703-684-1435.

**First Thursday in Del Ray.** 6-9 p.m. Celebrating Fashion's Night Out with the theme "Always in Fashion" during this month's family-friendly



## Fuse Box

**Alexandria's own Fuse Box will perform at Tim's Rivershore Restaurant & Crabhouse on Sunday, Aug. 26, 1-6 p.m. Classic rock and roll, river views and Tim's famous home-cooked seafood. 1510 Cherryhill Road, Dumfries, Va. Call 703-441-1375 or visit [www.timsrivershore.com](http://www.timsrivershore.com).**

street festival. Festivities along Mount Vernon Avenue include music, exhibitions by local organizations, and businesses open late with activities. At Mount Vernon Avenue. Call 703-746-3301.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 7

**Jazz Supper Under the Stars.** 5-9 p.m. An evening of food and jazz with Al Williams' jazz band and catering by Hard Times Cafe. Hosted by the Old Town Business & Professional Association and the King Street Gardens Park Foundation. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. At King Street Garden Park, Diagonal Road and King Street. Call

703-683-0333.

## SEPT. 7 THROUGH 30

**'It Runs in the Family'** art exhibit. Artists explore many ways art runs in families; presenting collections of their own and their family's artworks. Details at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

**Green Spring Gardens.** 2-3 p.m. Family Fun: Autumn is for Apples. 4603 Green Spring Rd. Code: 290 484 7501. \$6/person. Children ages 5 and older with registered paying

adult. Listen to the story of Johnny Appleseed and take a walk through our orchard. Try some applesauce and leave with an apple inspired decoration. Register on-line at [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

**Green Spring Gardens.** Flourishing, Flowering Salvias. 4603 Green Spring Rd. Code: 290 488 6301. 9:30-11 a.m. \$22. Make room in your garden for fall blooming salvias. Take home a sample of hardy salvia. Register on-line at [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173.

**Art Activated.** 12-4 p.m. This free, 6th annual event takes place during the Alexandria King Street Art Festival. Studios and galleries will be open for the public to check out local artwork and meet the artists. Artist demonstrations, hands-on projects, and activities throughout the afternoon. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 8 THROUGH SEPT. 9

**Alexandria King Street Art Festival.** Historic King Street from Washington Street to the waterfront is transformed into an outdoor art gallery with original fine artwork by over 200 artists from the US and abroad. Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit [AlexandriaVA.com](http://AlexandriaVA.com) - 703-746-3301 or [www.ArtFestival.com](http://www.ArtFestival.com) - 561-

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# ASO Names New Executive Director

The Alexandria Symphony names a new Executive Director effective Aug. 27, 2012. Jessica Wisser joins the ASO to replace Adrien Finlay, who relocated to New England earlier this summer. Wisser will assume responsibilities for operations, fundraising, marketing and public relations for the 68-year-old organization.

Wisser, a recent Alexandria transplant from the Boston area, formerly served as General Manager for Cantata Singers, a choral organization dedicated to the performance of works both old and new.

A music lover from a young age, Ms. Wisser began her music career as a pianist, later branching out to study voice and music theory. She graduated with a B.A. from Duke University, focusing on a double major in music and public policy. She was active within the University's music department, performing with the Duke University Chorale under Rodney Wynkoop, as well as with Duke University's oldest all-female a cappella group, Duke Out of the Blue.

The ASO begins its season on Sept. 22 with piano soloist Yulia Gorenman performing Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor, Op. 15, as well as Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man and Sibelius's Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 43.

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, one of North-



Jessica Wisser

ern Virginia's most active performing arts organizations, presents its 69th season — and Music Director Kim Allen Kluge's 25th Anniversary season — during 2012-2013. While renowned for bringing distinguished soloists to the DC and Northern Virginia Metropolitan area, the Symphony remains committed to providing affordable and

accessible music through its highly respected, innovative, professional performances and programming. The Symphony is also dedicated to reinforcing arts education in school curriculums and was one of two orchestras in the United States to be selected for one of the violinist Midori's Orchestra Residencies Program during the 2011-2012 season, where the violinist spends a week with the orchestra and in local public schools.

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746-6615. Free.

**Autumn Cabaret.** 7 p.m. An evening of song, dance, variety and comedy. Individuals and ensembles from the D.C. area's premier pops chorus perform in an elegant, cabaret-style setting at the beautiful Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. \$20. Call 703-941-7464.

### SEPT. 8 THROUGH 29

**"Funny Money."** Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. This comedy of errors by the master of farce, Ray Cooney, follows Henry's Perkins' attempts to escape his humdrum life and spice it up with this new "funny money." \$17-20. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Call 703-683-0496.

### THROUGH SEPT. 9

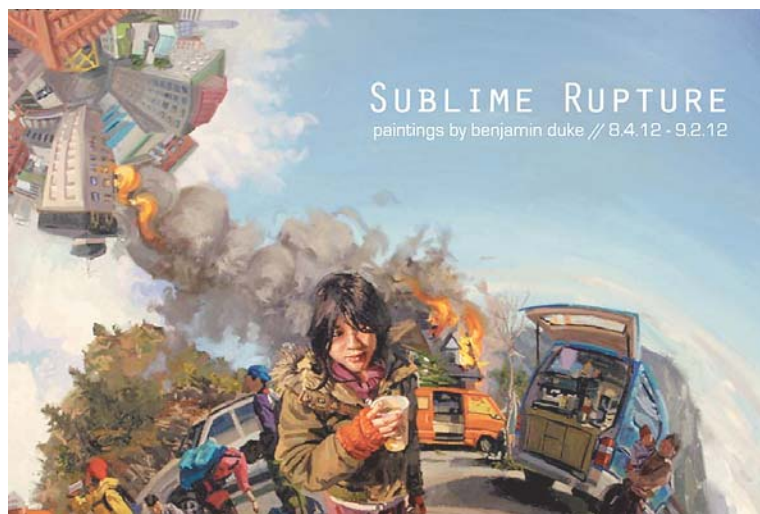
**Art Show.** Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of the juried show "Paper of All Kinds." The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Free. Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Old Town Alexandria on the waterfront.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

**Matinee Film.** 2 p.m. Beatley Central Library Sunday Matinee Film Series featuring: Dave (PG-13). The Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1702. Free and open to the general public. Refreshments will be served.

**Green Spring Gardens.** Springfield Art Guild Art Reception. 4603 Green Spring Rd. 1-3 p.m. Free. Meet local artists from the Springfield Art Guild and their mixed media show of botanical art. Light refreshments served. Call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

**Family Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Melissa Cox, at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church. At the MVUC Chapel, 1909



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The Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery presents the exhibition **Sublime Rupture**, featuring a series of large paintings by artist Benjamin Duke, winner of the gallery's 2012 Open Exhibition competition. There will be a reception Thursday, Aug. 9, 6-8 p.m., including a gallery talk with Benjamin Duke at 7 p.m. Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target).

Windmill Lane. Donations will help Beacon House, which provides mentoring, athletic, and nutritional programs to at-risk children in the Edgewood Terrace community of Washington, D.C. Visit [www.mvuc.org](http://www.mvuc.org).

### MONDAY/SEPT. 10

**Green Spring Gardens.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Floral Design: Punch with a Bunch. 4603 Green Spring Rd. Code: 290 488 9601. \$35. Discover how to transform that grocery bunch of flowers into a beautiful floral design. Class participants design their own arrangement to take home. Floral material and containers provided. Registration and \$20 supply fee due by Aug. 31. Call 703-642-5173.

**Green Spring Gardens.** Garden Sprouts: Migrating Monarchs. 4603 Green Spring Rd. Code: 290 484

7601. 11a.m. - noon. \$5/Child. Children ages 3-5 with accompanying adult. Hunt for monarch butterflies in the gardens, learn about their life cycle, migration and favorite flowers. Register on-line at [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 11-SUNDAY/OCT. 21

**Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery** announces the opening of the juried show "Antique Recreations." Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except on Thursdays, 11a.m. to 9 p.m. Free. Artists are inspired by old linens, old lace, old techniques made new. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited. Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, Old Town Alexandria on the waterfront.



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CROWNSVILLE, MARYLAND

# Getting To Know T.C. Williams Sports

The boys' basketball and soccer teams won Patriot District championships during the 2011-12 school year.

**School:** T.C. Williams High School.

**Mascot:** Titans.

**School Colors:** Red, white and blue.

**Athletic Director:** Steve Colantuoni, 703-824-6860.

**Football Coach:** Dennis Randolph (sixth year).

Despite showing promise early in the season, the Titans finished the 2011 campaign with a 3-7 record. Randolph missed the final six games due to health issues and the team never recovered. TC defeated Wakefield, West Springfield and Annandale.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Julian King.

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Kesha Walton.

**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Martin Nickley.

**Rival School:** West Potomac.

The boys' basketball team defeated West Potomac in the opening round of the Patriot District tournament, earning the Titans a regional berth while ending the Wolverines' season.

**What happened last year:** The boys' basketball team won the Patriot District title and lost to eventual Northern Region champion Westfield in the regional quarterfinals. The girls' basketball team finished district runner-up to West Springfield for the second consecutive season and lost to eventual state champion Oakton in the regional quarterfinals. The boys' soccer program won



T.C. Williams goalkeeper Nick Braun raises his right arm in celebration after the Titans defeated Stuart in the opening round of the Northern Region boys' soccer tournament on May 22.

its first district title since 2008 and defeated Stuart in a penalty-kick shootout in the regional tournament before falling to Langley in the quarterfinals. The boys' outdoor track and field team won the district title and finished third at regionals. The girls' outdoor track and field team finished district and region runner-up to South County.

**Historic Achievements:** While the football program hasn't reached the playoffs in 21 seasons, the Titans have a decorated past, winning state championships in 1971, 1984 and 1987. The boys' basketball program won a state title in 2008.

**Famous Graduates:** Gary Bertier was

an all-American linebacker on the Titans' 1971 state championship team, considered one of the best prep football teams in the Virginia history. Bertier was part of a TC defense which posted nine shutouts, including a 27-0 victory over Salem's Andrew Lewis in the state championship game in Roanoke. Following the 1971 season, a car accident left Bertier paraplegic. Ten years later, he died in a car accident. But while Bertier was confined to a wheelchair, he continued to push forward, competing in the Wheelchair Olympics. Bertier's time with the Titans was portrayed in the 2000 Disney movie "Remember the Titans." Linebacker Keith Burns (1990) was a seventh-round draft choice of the Denver Broncos in 1994. He spent 13 seasons in the NFL with the Broncos, Chicago Bears and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, winning a pair of Super Bowls (XXXII and XXXIII) with Denver. He is an assistant special teams coach with the Broncos and enters his sixth season on the staff. Tierra Ruffin-Pratt (2009) was a McDonald's All-American and the girls' basketball program's all-time leading scorer. She will be a senior at the University of North Carolina.

**Quotable:** "It means a lot because everybody doubted us. You see everybody here now, but they weren't here when we were losing. We came together as a team. We were all we had." — T.C. Williams point guard Daquan Kerman after the boys' basketball program overcame a mediocre (by TC standards) regular season to win the Patriot District championship.

# Getting To Know St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Sports

Girls' lacrosse coach Kathy Jenkins earned 600th career victory in 2012, led Saints to state championship.

**School:** St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School.

**Mascot:** Saints.

**School Colors:** Red, white, green and gold.

**Athletic Director:** Stephanie Koroma (girls), 703-212-2776; Andrew Taibl (boys) 703-212-2775.

**Football Coach:** Bernard Joseph (second year).

The Saints finished 1-8 for the second consecutive season. The team's lone win in 2011 came against Potomac School.

**Field Hockey Coach:** Marsha Way.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Ron Ginyard.

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Calvin Crenshaw.

**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:**

Andrew Taibl.

**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Kathy Jenkins.

**Softball Coach:** Stephanie Koroma.

**Rival School:** Episcopal.

The field hockey team defeated Episcopal in the ISL championship game. The boys' soccer team beat Episcopal twice during the 2012 season after snapping the Maroon's 63-game win streak in 2011. The girls' basketball team beat Episcopal twice, helping the Saints win the ISL A regular season title.

**What happened last year:**

The field hockey team won the ISL tournament championship. The girls' basketball team won the ISL A regular season title —

the program's first in 15 years. The softball team won the ISL AA regular season and tournament championships in the same season for the first time in school history. The girls' and boys' lacrosse teams each won a state championship.

**Successful Programs:** The girls' lacrosse and field hockey programs are among the nation's best. Lacrosse head coach Kathy Jenkins co-founded the program in 1976 and collected her 600th career victory last season. The Saints went on to win their 25th conference tournament title and seventh state championship under Jenkins. Head field hockey coach Marsha Way has coached for more than 30 seasons and has more than 400 victories.



St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls' lacrosse head coach Kathy Jenkins captured the 600th victory of her 37-year career in 2012.

**Quotable:** "I feel like the school gives so much that I've never wanted to leave. I think I'll be on my deathbed when I leave." —

SSSAS girls' lacrosse head coach Kathy Jenkins after earning the 600th victory of her 37-year career.

## SPORTS

# Getting To Know Bishop Ireton Sports

**Football team reached state playoffs after first 7-0 start in school history.**

**School:** Bishop Ireton High School.

**Mascot:** Cardinals.

**School Colors:** Burgundy and gold.

**Athletic Director:** Bill Simmons, 703-212-5169.

**Football Coach:** Tony Verducci (sixth year).

The Cardinals started 7-0 for the first time in school history and finished the regular season with an 8-2 record. Ireton was in prime position to defeat St. Christopher's in the opening round of the state playoffs, but surrendered a 99-yard hook-and-ladder touchdown on a fourth-and-16 play late in the fourth quarter. The Cardinals lost, 38-34.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Neil Berkman.

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Derek Campbell.

**Baseball Coach:** Michael Gallagher.

**Rival School:** Bishop O'Connell

The football team defeated O'Connell, 14-7, in the 2011 season opener. The girls' basketball team beat O'Connell for its first WCAC victory since the 2007-08 season. The baseball team beat O'Connell twice during the 2012 campaign.

**What happened last year:** The girls' basketball team defeated St. Stephen's & St. Agnes in the first round of the state playoffs. The baseball team reached the state semifinals. The girls' lacrosse team finished state runner-up, losing to SSSAS in the championship game.

**Famous Alumni:** Gov. Bob McDonnell graduated from Bishop Ireton in 1972. The Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl attended but did not graduate from Ireton.

**Quotable:** "I knew that we were going to be good and I knew that we had a realistic goal to qualify for the independent school playoffs. We're just thrilled to be where we're at but, honestly, we're at the point with this group where very little that they do surprises me." — Head football coach Tony Verducci after the Cardinals defeated Flint Hill to reach 6-0 for the first time in school history. Ireton later extended the streak to 7-0.



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**Running back Brandon Williams-Price and the Bishop Ireton football team finished 8-3 last season.**

# Getting To Know Episcopal Sports

**The football team has a new head coach entering 2012 season.**

**School:** Episcopal High School.

**Mascot:** Maroon.

**School Colors:** Maroon and black.

**Athletic Director:** Jim Fitzpatrick (boys), 703-933-4034; Jen Fitzpatrick (girls), 703-933-4036

**Football Coach:** Panos Voulgaris (first year).

The Maroon finished the 2011 season with a 3-6 record. In Mark Gowin's final season as head coach, Episcopal defeated Collegiate, St. Albans and rival St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Rick Wilcox.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Jim Fitzpatrick.

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Mady Gobrecht.

**Baseball Coach:** Greg Moviel.

**Rival School:** St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

The football team defeated SSSAS, 37-7. The boys' lacrosse team beat the Saints in triple overtime in the ISL tournament.

**What happened last year:** The field hockey team finished ISL runner-up. The boys' basketball team finished state



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

**The Episcopal boys' lacrosse team defeated T.C. Williams in a matchup of Alexandria schools during the 2012 season.**

runner-up.

**Famous Graduates:** Bryson Spinner (1999 graduate) accounted for more than 60 career touchdowns while playing quarterback for the Maroon. He played college football at the University of Virginia and the University of Richmond and was signed as an undrafted free agent by the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars,

Seattle Seahawks, Washington Redskins and San Francisco 49ers. He played for NFL Europe's Frankfurt Galaxy in 2006 and helped the team win World Bowl XIV. He's now an assistant football and girls' basketball coach at Episcopal. Running back Tim Hightower (2004) played at the University of Richmond and was a 2008 fifth-round draft choice of the Arizona Cardinals. He was traded to the Washing-

ton Redskins prior to the 2011 season. He has 523 carries for 2,054 yards and 24 touchdowns in four NFL seasons. He played in Super Bowl XLIII for Arizona, carrying once for no yards and catching two passes for 13 yards in a 27-23 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Hightower also competed in basketball and track for the Maroon. Republican senator and 2008 presidential candidate John McCain (1954) competed in football, wrestling and tennis while at Episcopal. For two years he held the school record for "fastest pin" while wrestling in the 127-pound weight class. Paul DePodesta, New York Mets vice president of player development and scouting, also attended Episcopal.

**Quotable:** "It was fun to coach them, but at the same time I wanted to make sure they meshed in with the other players. I'm not sure I would have had this honor of coaching tonight if I didn't have those players play for me, so I wanted to make sure that I gave them the proper respect to let them play. But I also wanted them to understand that they were the same as all the other 10 members of the team in terms of their importance to the team." — Episcopal boys' basketball coach Jim Fitzpatrick, who coached Maroon players Arnaud Adala Moto and Kethan Savage during the Capital Classic.



**Sad Bones performs at a punk rock protest outside the Russian embassy in Washington, D.C. Four local bands performed to cheering crowds, including a strong contingent of Alexandrians who support human rights.**



**On Friday, Aug. 10, Amnesty International held a punk rock protest outside the Russian embassy in Washington, D.C. Brenda, a local punk rock band, performs on stage wearing balaclavas, a signature style of the Russian dissident punk band Pussy Riot.**

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# Alexandrians Involved

## Residents take action to support human rights.

BY MONTIE MARTIN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria is a city of action. From electoral engagement to community volunteerism, Alexandria residents are quick to stand up for important causes. This includes a commitment to international justice.

On Friday, Aug. 10, Amnesty International held a punk rock protest outside the Russian embassy in Washington, D.C., in support of the Russian dissident punk rock band Pussy Riot. Nadezhda Tolokonniko, Maria Alyokhina, and Yekaterina Samutsevich were arrested shortly after performing a “punk prayer” critical of Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Russian Orthodox Christ the Savior Cathedral in Moscow on Feb. 21. Human rights groups have labeled the three band members prisoners of conscience, including Amnesty International.

“We are deeply concerned about the detention and prosecution of the three members of the band. They are designated prisoners of conscience because they were detained solely for the content of their beliefs,” said Ilona Kelly, an Alexandria native and event organizer with Amnesty International. “It’s an ideal act of solidarity to have bands perform outside the Russian embassy, and call attention to human rights abuses.”

Alexandrians worked behind the scenes to make the event a success. Alexandria resident Bill Rodgers was instrumental

bringing local punk rock bands together for the performance, and noted the sincerity of the punk rock community to the human rights situation in Russia.

“I was honored and pleased to be involved because it’s a big matter. I love that the D.C. area has involved bands out there that consider this important,” said Rodgers, a barista at St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub. “The women are being punished because they made a statement against the church, which is absurd because they were making a statement against Putin.”

The concert was streamed live via the web, and recorded close to 800 views. Organizers were optimistic that at least some of those views came from Russia, with further hopes that the band’s family and friends were able to witness the international support.

“When my friends from Russia saw I was going to the concert through Facebook they were amazed I knew about this; it’s not on TV, the radio or online in Russia. A punk concert is appropriate because the girls are musicians and that’s how they express themselves,” said Mickey Partlow, an Alexandria resident and barista at St. Elmo’s Coffee pub. “Russian society is leaning towards whoever has bigger hands, Putin does what he wants.”

Amnesty International presented Russian embassy officials with a petition, which included 70,000 signatures, for the immediate release of the band members. Despite best efforts, however, Tolokonniko, Alyokhina, and Samutsevich were found guilty of hooliganism on Friday, Aug. 17, and sentenced to two years in prison.

“I’m glad people in Alexandria acknowledge it’s an important issue,” said Rodgers.

## International Activism

Alexandrians interested in supporting human rights in Russia can attend Amnesty International protests, follow events on Twitter #freepussyriot, and purchase balaclavas through the Amnesty International website. To learn more visit: [amnestyusa.org/pussyriot](http://amnestyusa.org/pussyriot).

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# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 9

Macdonald is a former Democrat now an Independent running with Alexandria and “Tea Party” Republicans. His website speaks in generalities and lacks any specific plan. He should bring to the debate table a sustainable vision for Alexandria — one that serves all of the citizens of Alexandria and not just a very small, yet vocal, subset of the population.

Let’s end the political posturing, divisiveness and the debate about debates. We have a highly educated electorate who can be trusted to listen to the candidates and choose those who will serve us best.

**Ron Rigby**  
Alexandria

## Moderate Voices Exist

To the Editor:

I write this letter in response to David Speck’s commentary here in Opinion (Aug. 16) regarding dominance of the Democrat party in Alexandria City. He made several points, with which I respectfully disagree.

He begins by suggesting that the reason why there are more Democrat office holders these days “may have less to do with Democratic domination and more to do with Republican abdication.” In support of this statement he mentions the competitive local politics of the early ‘80s, and opines that Republicans were more moderate back in those days — the era of the Reagan Revolution (?). He explains that “the word ‘moderate’ attached to a member of today’s Republican Party has now become something of an insult.” Oh, really? To whom? Not to Mr. Frank Fannon, and not to Ms. Alicia Hughes — both quite moderate voices on Council.

Mr. Fannon is serving his first term, yet he has already brought balance and moderation to our city. Indeed, Mr. Fannon has not only stood up against the Commercial Add-on Tax, he has also worked to preserve Alexandria’s historic character — opposing the current waterfront development plan — to keep our city a great community in which to work and live.

Ms. Hughes is serving her first term, too, yet her service to our community began long ago, and she has no plans to quit. She is not only a civic leader, but she is also a mentor for our children. In addition to her leadership on Council, Ms. Hughes is a role model for our young people. She is very involved with children through her work with childhood centers, young girls, and literacy. In fact, she regularly visits schools to encourage students, to promote reading, and to support teachers. At the same time, she is a big proponent of recycling and gardening. In short, she is a role model for our children and our politics — a clear example of moderation in voice and action. Without leaders such as Mr. Fannon and Ms. Hughes, our city and Council would be less moderate.

Indeed, Mr. Fannon and Ms. Hughes have not abdicated anything — which may in fact be the real cause of concern for some. They

offer dynamic leadership for the future — and they have only just begun. To be sure, in the interest of “moderation,” they are surely worthy of a second term.

Mr. Speck goes on to claim that the fact that there are more Democrat candidates than Republican “is deeply disappointing to anybody who values two-party politics.” But, oddly, he then contradicts himself by accusing the Republicans of “gaming the system” by running candidates and offering a choice. He calls it a “plunk”; that is, should voters decide to stand with the loyal opposition, consider an alternative to the status quo, actually vote for change, it will be reduced to a “plunk.” That is truly the insult in Mr. Speck’s piece.

We are all aware that City Council is and has been overwhelmingly controlled by the Democrat Party. And, in turn, all appointments to city boards and commissions, all taxing and spending, and all patronage and largesse are in the hands of Democrats. Mr. Speck is simply wrong to conclude that such a situation justifies more one-party rule and less diversity. And Mr. Speck is wrong to reduce voters to mere plunkers and to hurl insults at the loyal opposition — of which Alexandria clearly needs more, not less. Thus, I believe that he inadvertently illustrates the need for a stronger two-party system — and, thusly, for the re-election of Mr. Fannon and Ms. Hughes, as a good place to start.

With Mr. Speck and others, I’d like to share my view that perhaps the best way to keep our politics and our city government “moderate” would be, in the first place, to respect and to regard different people and divergent points of view. By simply shutting out new people and new ideas — because they are not among the “in” group, the exclusive club, or not considered fashionable — is not healthy and not good for our city. Moreover, putting a derogatory label on people or proposals — simply because they are new and different — does not help the level of discourse or collaboration among the diverse groups of people within our city (and nation). While this might be an easy device to use to dismiss challenges out of hand, or to diminish opposing points of view, it also creates divisions and weakens our public purpose — the very things that Mr. Speck observes. I should think that we can all be bigger and better than that — and more inclusive. I should think that by standing by our beliefs, and respectfully exchanging them with others, we can all grow and get more done. But most of all, by challenging the power and prerogatives of one-party control of Council, we can most effectively ensure the balance, accountability, integrity — and moderation that our city needs.

In closing, I’d like to point out that, as an Independent voter and a teacher, I know that no one has all of the answers and no one can do it alone. We are all in this together — and we should all encourage more participation and involvement. We all benefit from give-and-take. Yet, as a resident of this city, I recognize the reality of one-party rule — and a three-term mayor going for a fourth term, in a state that limits governors to one term, and in a nation that limits presidents to two. And even as he runs



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for an unprecedented fourth term, he dodges debates and challenges to his rule. This is not moderation. And this is not good for our city.

**Francis Carragher**  
Alexandria

## Don’t Minimize Citizens’ Anger

To the Editor:

When David Speck (letter to the editor last week) says that if someone isn’t mad at you, you aren’t doing your job right, he implies that it was right for the city to have approved of BRAC-133. If one judges by the number of Alexandrians angered by the construction of this building so far from a metro stop, the city is doing a great job.

By Mr. Speck’s analogy, the town is doing a great job along the river too, if one judges by the number of citizens supporting and engaged in expensive lawsuits over the proposed rezoning of the waterfront. Could it be that this is what Mr. Speck wants us to believe? If you count the number of angry citizens in Alexandria, then by Mr. Speck’s strange logic, yes, the Council is doing a fantastic job.

Mr. Speck also suggests that the city simply does not agree with citizens most of the time, at least not where there is a great deal of disagreement. Unlike his point about the city’s listening skills, his point about the city usually disagreeing with citizens is 100 percent true. After all, they have recently disagreed with citizens over the waterfront rezoning to the tune of many thousands of taxpayer dollars (we don’t know how many because the city refuses to release the complete numbers), and the redevelopment of

the West End along Beaugard.

The real story, however, is not Mr. Speck’s peculiar rationalization of the rising anger over debt and development in Alexandria, but that the Council appears quite unconcerned that so many Alexandrians are angered by such decisions. The important point is that we can do better. We should not have to rationalize making citizen angry by saying that doing so is “business as usual” in a town. We should come up with plans that the majority of citizens can get behind, and discuss more openly their pros and cons.

The city does not fundamentally know how to listen to its citizens, or to work with them to develop a shared vision for our future. We need to change that. If I am elected mayor, reaching consensus with residents will be my top priority.

**Andrew Macdonald**  
Independent for Mayor of Alexandria

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## NEWCOMERS GUIDE

# Connect and Contribute

Service and citizen's associations engage residents.

By JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

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## Getting Down to Business

Navigating the ABC's of Alexandria.

By JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The acronyms run from ACBA to WEBA and represent various business associations from the waterfront to the West End. Whether you are new to the city or a long-time resident, following is a primer that explains the ABC's of Alexandria.

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Founded in 1992, the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, along with the other economic development organizations in the City, defines and markets Alexandria as a creative, diverse, knowledge-based community with a high quality of life. AEDP's goal is to support existing and future businesses, development and economic growth in Alexandria as to ensure that businesses are successful and that the City is competitive.

625 N. Washington St., suite 400.  
703-739-3820 or www.AlexEcon.org

### Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

Alexandria is home to one of the largest chambers in the Greater Washington region, with 850

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Old Dominion Boat Club president Miles Holtzman and Board of Governors chairman Eric DeSoto raise the ODBC flag.



Heavyweight boxing champion Riddick Bowe, back row center, thanks members of American Legion Post 24 in Old Town.

## Sign Me Up

By JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

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In a tale nearly as old as time, Groucho Marx famously resigned from the Friars' Club in 1949, saying, "I don't want to belong to any club that would accept me as one of its members." Had Marx lived in Alexandria, he'd probably still be working his way up the legendary years-long waiting list at the Old Dominion Boat Club, founded in 1888 and the oldest of the membership organizations below that offer an alternative to traditional golf course and country clubs.

### Fraternal Order of Eagles

You've probably passed it a hundred times on Cameron Street. Club membership gives you access to a clubroom and events including the legendary steak nights and poker games. You likely be the first of your friends to join since even those who have lived here for decades haven't heard of it. An organization dedicated to helping the community, the Alexandria Aerie donated more than \$17,000 to local charities in 2011.

1015 Cameron St., 703-548-1362

### Old Dominion Boat Club

Initiation fees are \$1,000, but you'll have plenty of time to save up for it by the time you submit a membership application and work your way up the 200-plus waiting list. With a premier location at the foot of King Street — not to mention the center of the controversial waterfront development plan — this is as local as it gets in Alexandria.

1 King St., 703-836-1900  
www.olddominionboatclub.com

### American Legion Post 24

Located in the center of Old Town adjacent to Gadsby's Tavern, Post 24 is open to active and retired military personnel along with various dependents and descendants. Great spot for shooting pool but also an opportunity to engage in many charitable community endeavors. The camaraderie with the servicemen is more than worth the \$35 per year dues.

400 Cameron St., 703-683-5564  
www.valegionpost24.org

### CXIII Rex Cigar Bar


CXIII Rex is a members-only cigar club located above Landini's Restaurant in Old Town. Movie stars and politicians alike have enjoyed the renowned hospitality (and discretion) of Franco and Noe Landini. Initiation fee is \$10,000 with a required monthly minimum in spending. Even in this economy, the place is always packed.

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## NEWCOMERS GUIDE

# Places To Perk Up

## Coffee houses in Alexandria

Alexandria is the place for coffee lovers. Craft beans abide, and whether it's meeting friends, a quiet place to work, or a place to unwind, the coffee houses of Alexandria have much to offer. Treat yourself to a visit at any number of these fine coffee houses.

— MONTIE MARTIN



**Buzz Bakery, located at 901 Slaters Lane, stands up to its name with a selection of fine coffee and a warm atmosphere perfect for relaxing or meeting with friends. For more information visit: [buzzbakery.com](http://buzzbakery.com).**



**Misha's Coffee, located at 102 S. Patrick St., is a pillar of the coffee drinking community in Alexandria. With space to work, chill and hang, Misha's is the place to go. For more information visit: [mishascOFFEE.com](http://mishascOFFEE.com).**



**St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, located at 2300 Mount Vernon Ave, is a community coffee house in the heart of Del Ray. Chat with neighbors, and enjoy the tunes of "Not So Modern Jazz" live Thursday evenings. For more information visit: [stelmoscoffeePub.com](http://stelmoscoffeePub.com).**



**Uptowner, located at 1609 King St, offers a selection of specialty sandwiches to go with that cup of Joe. A friendly atmosphere and comfortable seating are sure to impress. Photo by Montie Martin.**

# Navigating the ABC's of Alexandria

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professional business members and partners employing more than 49,000 people region-wide. Founded in 1906, it serves as the voice of the business community in the City of Alexandria through aggressive lobbying efforts at the local, state and federal levels. In addition, the chamber offers a variety of programs and services to assist members to promote and expand their business.

801 N. Fairfax St. #402  
703-549-1000 or  
[www.alexchamber.com](http://www.alexchamber.com)

### The Del Ray Business Association - DRBA

The Del Ray Business Association is run by volunteers who are themselves business owners. Started almost 40 years ago, DRBA now has over 200 members.

The business association sponsors several events in the Del Ray community each year. There is a monthly luncheon featuring speakers of interest to the membership. Members of the association are available to mentor new businesses and advocate in support of business friendly policies with Alexandria officials, the Planning Commission and City Council.

[www.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.com).

### Old Town Business and Professional Association - OTBPA

Open to all businesses of any type, OTBPA is a result of a merger of two organizations - Old Town Business (OTB) and King Street Metro Enterprise Team (KSMET).

OTBPA's most visible project is the annual Alexandria Retail Coupon Book. As an advocate for the importance of keeping Alexandria beautiful, the plaza at Commerce and King Streets, with



### Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board Andrew Palmieri.

benches and lighting and now a sculpture, came about with KSMET funding and lobbying.

[www.otbpa.com](http://www.otbpa.com)

### Alexandria Small Business Development Center - SBDC

The Alexandria Small Business Development Center is Alexandria's economic development program that focuses on small businesses. It's those small businesses that comprise the largest segment of Alexandria's economy, but their potential is often hindered by lack of information or expertise. All Alexandria SBDC services are provided without cost due to funding.

The key message is that Alexandria SBDC offers individual and confidential assistance without cost to City of Alexandria businesses and Alexandria

residents with businesses elsewhere.  
625 N. Washington St., Suite 400.  
703-778-1291 or  
[www.alexandriasbdc.org](http://www.alexandriasbdc.org)

### Arlandria-Chirilaugua Business Association - ACBA

The Arlandria-Chirilaugua Business Association was formed in fall 2011, with the support of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership. Membership in ACBA is open to businesses, nonprofits and individuals. ACBA is currently planning community, business and marketing events for 2013 and hopes to continue to collaborate with other organizations, such as DRBA, and to expand their membership and reach.

[www.alexandria-acba.org](http://www.alexandria-acba.org)

### Eisenhower Partnership

The Eisenhower Partnership is a group of commercial and residential property owners and occupiers along the Eisenhower Avenue Valley corridor. The Eisenhower Valley is defined as the 4.5-mile east-west corridor, which parallels the city's southern border along Cameron Run. The Valley is anchored in the East by the Patent and Trademark Campus and in the West by the Victory Center development/Van Dorn Metro Station.

[www.eisenhowerpartnership.org](http://www.eisenhowerpartnership.org)

### West End Business Association - WEBA

The West End Business Association is comprised of West End Businesses and those that do business on the West End of Alexandria. WEBA provides members with networking opportunities, education and growth opportunities and representation before the city and economic development officials on matters important to the West End of Alexandria.

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### Hollin Hills Contemporary

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