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**Carol Giles** shows a selection of holiday wreaths.



**Niki Van Ech** of Pickwick Papers.



**Meghan Thomas** of Fabu Tutu offers fashions for the younger set and their dolls.



**Mei and Joe Meiejanti** display a selection of vintage, ethnic batiked handbags at last year's T.C. Williams Holiday Craft Show.

## Looking for Gift Ideas?

**Holiday  
Entertainment  
& Gift Guide 2012**

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# Holiday Gift Guide

## Shop 'Til You Drop

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### Score Black Friday steals and deals locally.

By Jeanne Theismann  
Gazette Packet

**B**illed as the biggest shopping day of the year, Black Friday shopping is as traditional as the Thanksgiving Day turkey and pumpkin pie. Debunking the myth that the only deals to be had are at big box behemoths, local retailers are offering an alternative to the frenzy that kicks off the holiday shopping season.

"It's exciting to see Alexandria's Black Friday initiative returning to the streets of Alexandria," said Maurisa Potts of Spotted MP Marketing. "Shoppers are choosing to support small businesses versus the big box stores and it shows in the lines that begin forming at local retailers on Black Friday."

Coordinated by the Shop Local Alexandria project and the Old Town Boutique District, more than 50 of Alexandria's independently owned shops will be participating in this year's Black Friday promotion. Participating stores will offer 30 percent discounts from 6 to 8 a.m., 20 percent from 8 to 10 a.m., and 10 percent starting at 10 a.m. Additional shops will be offering sales and special promotions throughout the day.

To combat the common complaint about parking in Old Town, the city has waived all parking fees in city-owned garages and at parking meters. Additionally, the free King Street Trolley will begin operating at 6 a.m. Shoppers can board a trolley every 15 minutes and hop on and off at 20 stops between the King St/Old Town Metro Station and the Potomac River waterfront.

New this year is a website — [blackfridayalexandria.com](http://blackfridayalexandria.com) — for shoppers to preview what will be on sale at local stores on Black Friday, just as big box retailers post their sale items leading up to the big day.



**This kit for beginning knitters is available in several colors at fibre space.**



**A partridge in a pear tree cookie cutter from La Cuisine.**

Black Friday shopping locally still requires a bit of preparation, so be sure to write down the sizes, favorite colors and hobbies of gift recipients ahead of time. Know the return policy and ask for a gift receipt for easy returns or exchanges for the recipient.



**The Christmas Attic is ground zero for shoppers during the holiday season, where nutcrackers are always popular.**



**One of many custom-designed pieces from David Martin at Goldworks.**

Have a favorite store or boutique? Check it out now and ask about any upcoming Black Friday or holiday specials.

If you think you are missing out on the traditional deals of toys and electronics, think again. According to the website DealNews.com, it's a myth that everything on sale on Black Friday is at its lowest price of the year. Big box stores routinely price toys lower in December than on Black Friday, and TV's sink in price between Decem-

### If You're Going

The free King Street Trolley in Old Town will operate beginning at 6 a.m. on Black Friday. Additionally, the City of Alexandria is offering free parking at parking meters and in all city-owned garages. The following garages and lots are opening at 6 a.m. with free parking all day:

- ❖ Market Square Garage, 108 N. Fairfax St.
- ❖ Courthouse Square Garage, 111 S. Pitt St.
- ❖ Thompson's Alley Garage, 10 Thompson's Alley
- ❖ North Union Street Garage, 220 N. Union St.
- ❖ South Henry Street Lot, 112 S. Henry St.
- ❖ Cameron/St. Asaph Street Lot, 210 N. St. Asaph St.

Visit [www.blackfridayalexandria.com](http://www.blackfridayalexandria.com).

ber and February.

Old Town shoppers with stamina can stay for the City of Alexandria's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Market Square. As the official kick-off to the holiday season in Alexandria, the ceremony includes a performance from Santa's Frosty Follies, a special visit from Santa Claus and community caroling.

In Del Ray, the Del Ray Business Association has adopted "Shop Local" as its holiday campaign this year with many local

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**Early bird shoppers scored deals at the Shoe Hive on Black Friday 2011.**



**Be prepared for the colder weather with accessories from Periwinkle.**



**A lacquered ceramic vase from Vietnam at Ten Thousand Villages.**



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*Jacqueline Smith 703-864-4084*



**NEW LISTING**

## Alexandria \$349,000

4907 Upland Dr. Charming and surprisingly spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath rambler on approx. 1/2 acre! Large kitchen with pass-thru to a sun drenched family room, wood floors throughout & new CAC. Awesome fenced yard with mature trees & manicured lawn. Convenient to I-495, shops & restaurants in Kingstowne & Rose Hill.

*Christine Garner 703-587-4855*



## Alexandria/ Cameron Station \$427,000

459 Cameron Station Blvd. This one has it all! Amazing 2-level town house-style condo with loads of recent updates! Open floor plan with soaring ceilings & gas FP. New hardwood floors, carpeting, granite, designer paint and more! Garage + assigned space. Shuttle to Metro, pool, fitness center & more!

*Erika Carroll  
703-568-7376*



## Alexandria \$379,500

4105 Ronson Dr. Beautifully updated home with new windows and doors, granite/stainless/maple kitchen and new HVAC. Handsome new bath, hardwood floors, beautiful window treatments, huge, nearly finished basement with five rooms. Great shed for bicycles and lawn equipment. Deck for outdoor living. Short ride to Metro.

*Sue Feintheil 703-819-1964*



## Beaverdam, VA \$135,000

19174 Country Rd. Just an hour away...and a great price! Beautiful 3.49 acre lot! Enjoy evenings in the country sitting by your own little pond. Main section of the home has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths with an enclosed breezeway, which would make a wonderful sunroom, connecting to the main home's master bedroom. Needs a little TLC. There are many possibilities for this home and wonderful country property.

*Kerrie Price 703-901-2778*



## Alexandria \$299,900

8409 Mount Vernon Hwy. Fabulous opportunity for a single family home on 1/2 acre in the heart of Mt. Vernon! Large, flat lot great for expansion; circular driveway and 2-car garage. Hdwd flrs on 2 lvls (incl Krt), all freshly painted. It's ready to move into (very liveable), or make improvements as you go along, or it could be fully renovated. Minutes to Rt. 1, G.W. Pkwy, Metro, Old Town, I-495, Ft Belvoir...

*Leslie Rodriguez 703-400-3010  
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## Alexandria \$799,000

311 Second St. Rarely Available, Beautiful Town Home only 1 block from the Potomac River in Hearthstone Mews! 2-Car garage, Plantation shutters, Hdwd floors, Deck off of kitchen and a lovely view from the loft. Must See.

*Beverly Tatum  
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## Arlington \$250,000

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## Beverly Hills \$974,900

706 Grand View Dr. Beautifully expanded 4 bedroom, 4 bath home with fabulous 2-story addition. Gourmet kitchen with breakfast room, spacious family room with vaulted ceilings, abundant windows and french doors to a lovely yard with wrap around deck. Four upper level bedrooms, including a large Owner's suite. Lower level recreation room, ample closet & storage space throughout, 2 fireplaces, custom built-ins and off-street parking. 1 block from Beverly Park (aka "The Pit").

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## Alexandria/Old Town \$224,500

1634 Abingdon Dr. #302 One light to D.C., North Alexandria complex off the parkway, lots of grounds. Convenient location near the river, Old Town restaurants, bike path, close to Metro, open floor plan, fresh paint, new carpeting, new baseboards, new washer and dryer in unit, great sunlight. MUST SEE.

*Fred Smith 571-215-3733*



## Beverly Hills \$985,000

903 Beverley Dr. Spectacular 4/5 bedroom, 2.5 bath Arts & Crafts home with over 3,100 sq ft of living space on a large level lot. Renovated & expanded with desirable open floor plan, quality finishes and custom appointments throughout!

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## Old Town \$2,700

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**Joe Hadeed, left, and Hadeed Carpet collected more than 1,700 coats during last year's coat drive. This year's event will be held Nov. 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3206 Duke St.**

## Hadeed Holds 7th Annual Coat Drive

**Nov. 17 collection to benefit ChildHelp.**

**J**oe Hadeed and Hadeed Carpet Cleaning will host their seventh annual Hadeed Coat Drive in an effort to collect 1,800 coats for the Washington Area Chapter of ChildHelp, a national nonprofit dedicated to helping victims of child abuse and neglected and at-risk children through advocacy, prevention, treatment and community outreach.

This year's drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3206 Duke Street. Donors can schedule coat donation pick-ups from

Nov. 1 to Nov. 17 by calling the Hadeed Carpet offices at 703-836-1111. Homes and offices must be in Hadeed Carpet's delivery zone area.

"We are so grateful to our customers who make this possible," said Joe Hadeed after collecting more than 1,700 coats during last year's event. "A lot of lives will be changed by this generosity."

Hadeed Carpet will clean the donated coats for distribution to ChildHelp program recipients throughout the region.

For more information on the Hadeed coat drive and Hadeed services, call 703-836-1111 or visit [www.hadeedcarpet.com](http://www.hadeedcarpet.com).

— Jeanne Theismann



**Apple Seed carries everything for the mother and mother-to-be.**



**Zoe Boutique carries the John Wind Pom Pom Initial Bracelet.**

Photos contributed



**A variety of gifts is available at Bloomers.**

## Black Friday Locally

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businesses hosting late night shopping sprees with special offers.

"We want to strengthen the relationship with business owners and shoppers," said DRBA marketing spokesperson Mellenie Runion. "Our unique businesses are crucial in keeping us from looking like so many other small communities. We need to make sure we support these businesses, especially during

difficult economic times. Most of the business owners and workers are your neighbors."

According to local Realtor and longtime Del Ray resident Jen Walker, purchasing from local businesses means money stays in the community with local jobs.

"You can't expect a strong business community if you don't frequent these establishments," Walker said. "You get a better shopping experience in addition to supporting your neighbors."

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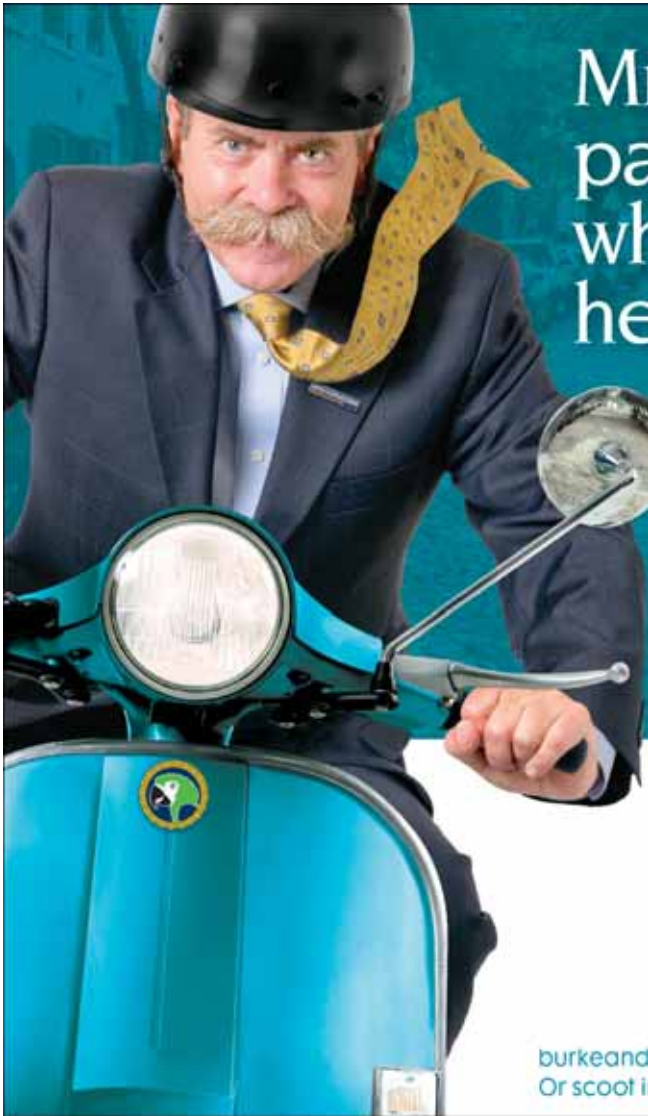
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## People

### ‘I Voted My Heart’

First-time voter for president waited long time to perform his civic duty.

By Yuhan Xu  
Gazette Packet

**N**ov. 6, 2012 was an important day for 74-year-old Pablo A. Rodriguez. He dressed himself up in a grey suit and a white shirt in the morning, then went to Agudas Achim Congregation with his son-in-law and grandson to cast his ballots. After voting, Rodriguez went outside the polling place and took a picture of himself pointing at the “I Voted” button on his chest.

This was the first time that Rodriguez was able to vote for a U.S. president. He waited for this day for half a century.

“I was really excited because it was my first time,” Rodriguez said. “And I voted my heart.”

Rodriguez was born in Havana, Cuba. It’s a beautiful place where 300 days of a year are sunny, he recalls. When the Cuba Revolution broke out, he was a freshman studying medicine. Later,



Photo by Yuhan Xu/Gazette Packet

**Pablo Rodriguez and his wife Gisela Ullmann Rodriguez.**

Rodriguez’s school was shut down as the situation became worse. His father decided to let him go to Washington, D.C. to stay with his brother for a while. In February 1958, 19-year-old Rodriguez left his country.

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Thanks to the Alexandria Gazette and the Alexandria Fire Department for their support of this Old Town tradition.





## Observing Veterans Day

**Kevin Rue of the Friends of Rocky Versace reads off the names of the 67 Alexandrians who died during the Vietnam War.**

**St. Rita's School American Heritage Girls lead those gathered Nov. 12 at the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR  
APPROVAL TO RECOVER HEXANE COSTS  
CASE NO. PUE-2012-00115**

On October 1, 2012, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting approval to recover \$1,448,054 of costs relating to the non-Btu component of hexane injections for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011 ("fiscal year 2011") ("Application"). In support of its Application, the Company advises that it began injecting hexane into its system in February 2006 to replace heavy hydrocarbons in liquefied natural gas that enters the Company's distribution system. WGL explains that the heavy hydrocarbons become separated from natural gas during the liquefaction process. The Company's Application also represents that in Case No. PUE-2006-00059, the Commission approved a Stipulation as part of WGL's performance-based rate regulation ("PBR") Plan that, among other things, permits WGL to request approval from the Commission to recover the non-Btu portion of hexane costs if the Company's return on equity is less than 10% in any PBR annual period. Under the terms of the Stipulation accepted in Case No. PUE-2006-00059, the cost recovery of the non-Btu component of hexane will be limited to that amount in excess of \$400,000 required for the Company to achieve an earned return on equity of 10.0% for that PBR period under WGL's PBR Plan. The Company's Application advises that for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011, the Company earned less than a 10% return on equity. WGL therefore proposes to collect its actual Virginia-jurisdictional non-Btu hexane costs in excess of \$400,000, or \$1,448,054.

WGL's Application notes that the earnings test contained in its Annual Informational Filing ("AIF") for the twelve month period ending September 30, 2011, indicates that the Company earned a return on equity of 8.60%. The Company's Application therefore proposes to recover the Company's actual Virginia-jurisdictional amount of non-Btu hexane costs in excess of \$400,000, expensed during fiscal year 2011.

WGL proposes to collect the proposed amount of non-Btu hexane costs approved by the Commission from its customers receiving service under Rate Schedule Nos. 1-Residential Service, 1A-Residential Delivery Service, 2-Commercial and Industrial Service, 2A-Commercial and Industrial Delivery Service, 3-Group Metered Apartment Service, 3A-Group Metered Apartment Delivery Service, 4-Interruptible Service, 5-Large Commercial and Industrial Service, 5A-Large Commercial and Industrial Delivery Service, 6-Large Group Metered Apartment Service, 6A-Large Group Metered Apartment Delivery Service, 7-Interruptible Delivery Service, 8-Developmental Natural Gas Vehicle Service, and 10-Large Volume Delivery Service through an adjustment to the distribution charge for these Rate Schedules.

WGL proposes to collect its non-Btu hexane costs through an adjustment to the "All Applicable Riders" line on customer bills for these rate schedules. The Company's Application further states that the hexane charge will be computed on a cents per therm basis comprising a current factor as provided for in the Company's General Service Provision No. 33. According to the Company's Application, the current factor, if applicable, will be calculated annually by dividing the non-Btu portion of hexane costs approved by the Commission by total weather normalized throughput for the year. WGL proposes to implement the current factor as an adjustment to the "All Applicable Riders" line on customer bills in the first billing cycle month following Commission approval of its Application to recover the non-Btu portion of the costs of its hexane injections. The Company's Application also includes supporting testimony and exhibits showing the computation of a proposed charge of \$0.0023 per therm, which will allow the Company to collect the proposed \$1,448,054 of non-Btu hexane costs expensed in fiscal year 2011.

The details of WGL's proposals are set out in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and other materials filed with the Application for the details of these proposals. Interested persons should also be advised that after considering the record in this case, the Commission may change the tariff revisions proposed by the Company or take other actions with respect to the recovery of the non-Btu component of hexane costs that differ from the proposals set out in the Company's Application.

The Commission has entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, docketed the Application as Case No. PUE-2012-00115 and established a procedural schedule for the filing of comments, requests for hearing, and the filing of testimony or a Report by the Commission Staff. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for details on how to participate in this proceeding.

Interested persons also may review a copy of the Application, the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, as well as other documents now or hereinafter filed in this matter, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the First Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. A copy of the Application also may be obtained at no cost to interested persons by making a written request to the Company's counsel at the following address: Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20000. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the Application, with or without attachments, by electronic means. In addition, the Company's Application, the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, other orders entered in this docket, the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and other information concerning the Commission and the statutes it administers, may be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

Pursuant to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, interested persons may file written comments or requests for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission on the proposals set out in the Company's Application on or before January 3, 2013. An original and fifteen (15) copies of all written comments and requests for hearing must be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Any request for hearing must state with specificity why the issues raised in the request for hearing cannot be adequately addressed in written comments. If no sufficient request for hearing is received, the Commission may consider the Application based on the papers filed without convening a hearing at which oral testimony is received.

Persons filing a request for hearing and expecting to participate as a respondent in any hearing that may be scheduled in this case also shall file, on or before January 3, 2013, an original and fifteen (15) copies of a notice of participation as required by 5 VAC 5-20-80 B of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*, with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Interested persons should refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for more information on how to participate as a respondent.

Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so on or before January 3, 2013, by following the instructions available at the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>, and referring to Case No. PUE-2012-00115. Interested persons shall refer in their comments, requests for hearing, and notices of participation to Case No. PUE-2012-00115 and shall serve a copy of any such document filed with the Commission upon counsel for the Company at the address set forth above.

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Progress has been as slow as the traffic-clogged roads south of the Beltway.



Arlington County

Inside the Beltway, leaders are arguing about bus-rapid transit versus streetcars.

# The Two Faces of Route 1

A different approach to transit on opposite sides of the Beltway.

By Michael Lee Pope  
Gazette Packet

**I**nside the Beltway, Richmond Highway is a bustling transit corridor. It will soon have the region's first dedicated lanes in Alexandria. A bus-rapid transit system with real-time information about arrivals is about to open. Arlington County is planning to upgrade the buses to streetcars in 2018.

Outside the Beltway is another story. Leaders in Fairfax County say widening the road from Woodlawn to the Beltway is at least 15 years away. Elected officials have talked about conducting a transit study for years, and now they're talking about a more comprehensive alternatives analysis to consider everything from bus-rapid transit to extending the Metro line. But the study hasn't started yet because county officials are still trying to figure out who will pay for the \$3 million study.

"It's the difference between talking and doing," said Councilman-elect Justin Wilson. "Both Arlington and Alexandria have been very aggressive about this."

Fairfax County has clearly not been as aggressive — or at least they haven't been able to accomplish as much as their neighbors to the north. Some say that's because Arlington and Alexandria have dominion over their own roads while Fairfax has to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation. Others say attention to Tysons Corner has distracted leaders in Fairfax from focusing on the Richmond Highway corridor.

"Given the size of Fairfax County, it's much more difficult to bring attention to bear on a specific area," said Del. Bob Brink (D-48). "Because it's so large, you have so many competing corridor interests."

For decades, members of the legislative

delegation have tried to fund a transit study. Those efforts floundered until recently, when legislators were able to earmark a \$1 million appropriation for a transit study. Leaders in Fairfax County decided they wanted a more comprehensive alternatives analysis that would cost about \$3 million. They applied for federal grants, and are still waiting to hear whether or not federal money will pay for the alternatives analysis.

"It's a crime the state's not paying for it," said Jeff McKay, Lee District supervisor. "It's a darn good thing the county was willing to pay for the grant, and it's a darn good thing we are willing to pay for it if we can't get federal assistance to do it because it's something the state should have done 20 years ago."

**THE TWO FACES** of Richmond Highway pose a stark contrast for motorists who drive from Rosslyn to Fort Belvoir. The north stretch is an urban corridor that will soon have a streetcar grid connecting Metro stations. The southern stretch is a traffic-clogged suburban highway that hasn't changed much since the 1960s. While action is already taking place in the north, leaders are still arguing about who's paying for an alternatives analysis in the south.

"I'm 41 years old, and I don't want to be watching all this happen when I turn 80," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "It's unacceptable."

On the campaign trail, the politics of transit have become a talking point — but the argument hasn't always worked. For example, Republican challenger Jeff Frederick tried to attack incumbent Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36) for the lack of progress on Richmond Highway. But a few days before the election last year, the Department of Defense announced a \$180 million appropriation

will widen Route 1 from Telegraph Road at the southern end to Mount Vernon.

"This is a huge jumpstart to the ongoing revitalization of the Route 1 corridor," said Puller at the time. "Because we showed that we are serious about working with county, state and federal governments on comprehensive transportation solutions, our grant was able to make it through."

More recently, the issue of streetcars took center stage during the campaign for Arlington County Board. Incumbent Democrat Libby Garvey was facing challenges from the Republican and Green Party candidates that the streetcar system was too expensive. Weeks before the election, she announced that she would oppose efforts to upgrade the transit system to streetcars.

"These things take a lot of preparation time, which of course is part of why they are vulnerable to political attack because they sit out there for a long time," said County Board member Chris Zimmerman, one of the leading advocates for streetcars. "People who like it say, 'When is this ever coming' while people who were against it in the first place will continue to attack it."

In Alexandria, Councilwoman Alicia Hughes led the criticism of upgrading Alexandria's transit system to streetcars. She lost, and will be replaced on the council by Tim Lovain — one of the leading advocates of streetcars. In the race for mayor, incumbent Bill Euille beat back independent candidate Andrew Macdonald, who waged a

campaign that was highly critical of the city's planning efforts.

"Andrew Macdonald ran on a platform of returning to the late 1700s," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Government Leadership. "He's from the Georgetown and Old Town school of resisting Metro, and that side lost."

**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**, one area of widespread disagreement is whether or not Richmond Highway needs rail. Surovell has argued that county leaders should start

planning for extending the Yellow Line past the Huntington Metro station down Richmond Highway toward Fort Belvoir. He acknowledges that the density does not currently exist to make that happen, but he argues that with planning and determination the circumstances could exist to fund a Metro extension that provide the corridor with

"It could be a game-changer for Route 1," said Surovell. "When I survey constituents, a majority of them always say they

would prefer to see an underground Metro as opposed to light rail."

Others disagree. McKay says he doubts the neighborhoods up and down the corridor would ever agree to the kind of increases to density that would be required for Metro.

"I just don't see us getting to the point where there's an appetite for the density you would need," said McKay. "And I certainly

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## People

# Valuing His Right To Vote

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The capital city welcomed Rodriguez with 14 inches of snow. "My brother left for work during the day, I was in his house all day by myself. I couldn't go out because it's so cold. I knew English. I could read it, I could write it, but the speaking part was hard," he said.

Later, Rodriguez went to a program called Americanization, where he learned about U.S. history and geography; and more importantly, he met his wife Gisela Ullmann, a German young girl who came to the U.S. as a tourist. They fell in love and married a year later, and have lived in Alexandria since then.

Rodriguez worked as the shipping officer for 41 years in Organization of America States, one of the oldest international organizations serving the North, Central and South American countries and areas. At that time, he held a G-4 Visa, which is for individuals who come to the U.S. and take up an appointment at an international organization.

"All those years, I paid taxes but I was not allowed to vote," Rodriguez continued. "One of my co-workers became a U.S. citizen earlier than me. I said to him 'It's wonderful. Now you can vote.' But he said, 'To vote? No. That's not important.' I told him 'You're an idiot. It's your country now. One vote counts.'"

"People were treated like third-class citizens in Cuba," Rodriguez continued. "I never voted there. I like America because of the freedom.

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**Pablo Rodriguez pointed at the "I Voted" button on his chest.**

the President.' You know your family is safe here. They won't be put into jail for talking about politics."

Being unable to vote himself, Rodriguez encouraged his two daughters to perform their civic duty.

"When my sister and I turned 18 and could vote, my father strongly encouraged us to participate in the democratic process and educated us on candidates and issues," said Diana Rodriguez. "Even before he had the right to vote, he believed in the importance of it and valued the freedom to do so."

Rodriguez applied for green card right after he retired in 1999. Five years later, he obtained the permanent residency.

And it took him another five years to finally become a U.S. citizen in 2009. Since then, he has voted

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# Opinion

## Shop Locally, Give Locally

**Small business Saturday isn't enough; don't wait until then, and don't stop after that.**

**A**n effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year that is Nov. 24. Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is a day of national zeal for shopping. Presumably the next day shoppers can focus on local shopping.

It sounds like an obligation, and it is. But there is a joy to shopping in local stores at the holidays, to walking along a sidewalk with the streets decked out for the holidays, to being greeted by someone likely to be the owner of the store, to finding gifts that are not mass-produced.

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon.

Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive. Most small, locally owned businesses invest in community, helping to transform our towns and communities with a sense of place.

Supporting small businesses, locally owned businesses, has to be more than a one-day affair.

The economy continues to improve slowly without inspiring. But still, local families will shop and exchange gifts during the next month, spending tens of millions of dollars in a variety of places.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes

with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambience available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season. Small retail shops are part of defining any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that no chain can.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fundraising for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face tough challenges right now. Competition from big box stores and online sellers makes the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally-owned retailers.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. Everyone will do some shopping online. But local shoppers should be sure to save some shopping time and dollars for local stores. Spend some time shopping in your own community, and also plan an excursion to a nearby town to check out the local businesses and holiday spirit there.

— Mary Kimm,  
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

## Give Locally

Poverty and homelessness are sometimes hard to see in Northern Virginia, but there is no shortage of families in need locally, especially at the holidays. Here are some of the lo-

cal organizations ready to help, and in need of your help. Financial contributions are always preferred.

## Alexandria: Where to Give Locally

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www.actforalexandria.org, Nonprofit and Donor Services

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### Editorials

## Making a Difference

By John Porter  
Executive Director  
ACT for Alexandria

**T**hroughout our nation's history, individual Americans have voluntarily joined together to meet important needs in their communities. From the early days of barn raisings to helping others in the aftermath of hurricanes like Sandy, this generosity and willingness to work together toward a common goal is the hallmark of the American character.

One of the ways Americans have done this for the last hundred years has been through community foundations. ACT for Alexandria (ACT) joins community foundations across the country in celebrating National Community Foundations Week Nov. 12-18 to recognize our role in promoting charitable giving and engagement to build a stronger Alexandria.

Since our founding in 2004, ACT has played a vital role in bringing individuals,

businesses, organizations and city officials together to address the critical needs of our community.

Working in tandem with these entities has truly made a difference for those in need and our community at large. The caring and concern Alexandrians demonstrate for one another is unmatched and particularly important in light of the economic reality of the past few years. We are truly lucky to be living in one of the most generous communities in America.

During National Community Foundations Week, and as we enter this season of thanksgiving, let us all give thanks not only for ACT and other community foundations, but for the hundreds of individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations that are working together to make Alexandria a better place to live by sharing their gifts of time, resources and talent every day. ACT for Alexandria is pleased to play an important role in this effort and in our community. We invite you to consider the many ways in which you can give back to make a real difference in the lives of others.

### Commentary

### Letters to the Editor

## Thanks for Civic Participation

To the Editor:

As I was collecting the yard signs this past Wednesday, I was struck by this thought. I thought about our fellow citizens that expressed themselves by running in the municipal and school board elections.

I thought about the time, effort, energy, hopes, funding, and sheer determination they put forth to win elected office and to serve if elected. I may not have agreed with all of them all the time and on all issues. But I was thankful for every one of them. Whether they were successful in their quest or came up short, they put themselves on the line. I am sure there were many motives, but among them has to be a common desire to serve our community. And to those that were elected or those winding up a term in office, you also deserve our support and our thanks. I would not pretend to speak for others, but I suspect that I am not alone in wishing you well, thanking you for your commitment to leadership, and working to make Alexandria a great community.

**James S. Roberts**  
Alexandria

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# News

## Route 1

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don't think there's an appetite for the type of tax increases that would be necessary to finance it."

Meanwhile, a separate debate is playing out in Alexandria — whether or not to upgrade the city's transit corridor to a street-car system. The debate is sparked by Arlington's aggressive push for streetcars, which is expected in 2018. For now, Arlington and Alexandria have agreed to go in separate directions. City leaders say they are more concerned with financing the new Metro station at Potomac Yard, including difficult decisions in the near future about the location of the facility and its design. So the cost of upgrading from a bus-rapid transit system to streetcars in Alexandria is one that will have to wait — at least for now.

"It's going to depend on the numbers," said Wilson. "Do we feel like we're going to get that much more ridership to make the additional investment worth it? If those numbers make sense, then I'll be a strong supporter. If they don't then I think we'll stick with BRT."

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## Opinion

# You've Come a Long Way, Baby

By Katharine Dixon  
Executive Director  
Rebuilding Together Alexandria



rally "anti-drug" troops. Since then, the neighborhood is much quieter, friendly, and safe. And for Willa, who does not drive, still very convenient to mass transit, parks, shops, and a bank.

March 4 is a great day. That's the day, back in 1970, when Willa\* moved from Jamaica to the States, following many of her friends who had done so in the '60s. First living in Fairfax, Willa and her husband moved to northwest D.C. after he joined her here in 1976.

Once in D.C., Willa started working at the Marriott on M Street NW in the kitchen and as a station attendant. Later she would become a supervisor for Marriott — a firm for whom she worked 26 years. Shortly after moving to D.C., Willa transferred to the Crystal City Marriott and with her husband, rented a home in Alexandria — one large enough to house three of their seven children who decided to join them from Jamaica.

On her way to work one morning, waiting at the bus stop, Willa met a woman from Trinidad and struck up a conversation about renting. The woman encouraged Willa to look into homeownership, something Willa and her husband thought would be out of their financial reach. With some work and discipline, Willa and her family bought a home in Hume Springs in 1978 — they've been there ever since. At the time, Willa paid \$248 a month for her mortgage.

In the '70s and '80s, Willa recalls that the neighborhood had a minor drug problem. She credits her son (who became a pastor) with turning it around after a two night church event he held in the community to

Though her husband passed away and two of their children moved out, Willa still loves the convenience of her two-story row home. Her favorite room is the "Florida room," a small room at the back of the house on the first floor, which is now her bedroom. When times were tough for the family, Willa tried to convince her husband to rent out the room, but by the time Willa got home from work that day, the space had been transformed into a family entertainment room — much to Willa's chagrin, much to the children's delight. Helping maintain 78-year-old Willa's Florida room and the rest of her home is volunteer-based Rebuilding Together Alexandria, providing home repair services free of charge that keep her warm and safe at home.

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.

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

## Commentary

## Letters to the Editor

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## Smokers: Ready To Quit?

To the Editor:

Thursday, Nov. 15 marks the 37th annual Great American Smokeout sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The Smokeout encourages smokers to use the date to make a plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By quitting — even for one day — smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life — one that can lead to reducing their risk of cancer and other tobacco-related illnesses.

Tobacco use remains the single preventable cause of disease and premature death in the U.S.

The sign in the photograph is one of hundreds that have now been placed within

every city-owned park, playground and bus shelter in the City of Alexandria. Its language requests smokers to refrain from smoking in those venues out of respect for the health of others. But each sign also provides information about free, confidential and effective resources that are available to those who are interested in quitting smoking. Surveys show that over 70 percent of smokers say they are "ready to quit" but most say they know of no other alternatives to that of "cold turkey." Now they do, at least in Alexandria. In this way, these signs honor the Great American Smokeout every day of the year.

**Richard E. Merritt, Chair**  
Alexandria Public  
Health Advisory Commission  
Alexandria Coalition  
for Clean and Smoke-Free Air

## Election Creates Loss to Community

To the Editor:

Tuesday's election had a very serious shortcoming ... one of the hardest working, most innovative, most caring, most

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# Holiday Gift Guide



A selection of hand carved decorative lovespoons.



Christmas napkins made by Jan Kestyn.



Fleece stroller blankets, perfect for brisk autumn mornings.



The quilt room is filled with quilts and afghans.

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# Holiday Entertainment

## 'A Broadway Christmas Carol'

**MetroStage holiday classic opens Nov. 15.**

By Carolyn Griffin  
MetroStage, Producing  
Artistic Director

Everyone loves a tradition — especially a tradition around the holidays. Well, a tradition returns to MetroStage this month in the form of "A Broadway Christmas Carol," our answer to Ford's Theatre's "Christmas Carol" and the multitude of "Nutcrackers" on stages everywhere. Our "Christmas Carol" is told with Broadway show tunes and has been a hit since it was developed at Round House Theatre in Maryland running for seven years before MetroStage grabbed the baton and is now presenting it for the third consecutive season.

MetroStage has twice produced another Broadway parody, "Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)" so Broadway parodies have been a very popular genre. "Musical of Musical" parodies five Broadway composers—from Rodgers and Hammerstein to Stephen Sondheim. "A Broadway Christmas Carol" uses songs from R & H's "Oklahoma," "Carousel," "King and I," and from Sondheim's "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to



### Note from the Producer

tunes.

Characters include Scrooge, the Crachits, Fred, Baby Fan, Marley, the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, and, of course, Tiny Tim, and they are all played by three actors. Michael Sharp returns to MetroStage as Scrooge and also as the director/choreographer.

He has played the role multiple times and says, "It is such fun because it parodies all of the Broadway shows that I have always loved. And, of course,

it is the story of redemption which makes it a perfect holiday show."

Tracey Stephens returns to play the Woman Who Isn't Scrooge. A 12-year veteran of Capitol Steps, she has just returned from an exhaustive tour of the country dur-

the Forum," "Sweeney Todd" and "Follies." Throw in songs from "Godspell," "Chicago," "Pajama Game," "Sweet Charity," "Music Man," "Avenue Q," "Les Miz," and "Secret Garden" and you have a riotous mélange of clever lyrics paired with recognizable show



Photo by Christopher Banks

**Michael Sharp, Tracey Stephens and Russell Sunday star in "A Broadway Christmas Carol," playing at MetroStage Nov. 15-Dec. 23.**

ing this recently completed political season. Russell Sunday joins the cast this season as The Man Who Isn't Scrooge. He has been seen on our stage in the past in "Closer Than

Ever" and "Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)." The next six weeks will be a "grand night for singing and dancing" and a lovely, redemptive story as well.

### Calendar

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

#### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 14

**History Presentation.** 7:30 p.m. Join the Friends of Dyke Marsh to hear Matthew Virta, cultural resources program manager at the U.S. National Park Service, examine Dyke Marsh's colorful history, from Native American Indian times to the present. The presentation will be held at the Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Call 703-768-2525 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks>.

#### Free Workshop: Exhibition Prints.

1-4 p.m. Join photographer John Burgess for his popular workshop on how to calibrate monitors and printers to create accurate color photographic prints. Call 703-683-1780 or email [gallery@theartleague.org](mailto:gallery@theartleague.org) to register. The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St.

#### WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/NOV 14-15

**Birchmere Show.** 7:30 p.m. Striking Matches to open for John Hiatt & The Combo. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 15

**Annual NOVA Jazz Night.** 7:30 p.m. Featuring the NOVA Alexandria Jazz

Ensemble and NOVA Jazz Combo At the Carlyle Club located at 411 John Carlyle St. Call 703-548-8899. No cover charge, donations requested.

#### Blurring the Line: Fine Art vs. Commercial Photography.

7pm. Free. The Art League and Target Gallery present a panel discussion examining the similarities and differences between fine art and commercial photography. Torpedo Factory Art Center's Main Hall, 105 North Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**History of Trains.** 10 a.m. Model Railroad Club presents "History of the Pullman Experience in the Golden Age of Rail Travel" including AMTRAK's version of the Pullman Experience today, the Auto Train version of luxury travel today, and a film clip of riding on the Dover Harbor Pullman Car. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Call 703-765-4573 to reserve a seat.

#### THURSDAY-FRIDAY/NOV. 15-16

**School Theatre.** 7:30 p.m. The 7th-graders of Burgundy Farm Country Day School will perform "Haroun and the Sea of Stories." The performance is family-friendly. Tickets are \$5 at the door. At Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road.

#### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 15-17

**Theater.** 7 p.m. Mount Vernon High School Theatre presents "The Velveteen Rabbit." Show times for Nov. 17 are 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets

## Del Ray Celebrates 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Artisans Holiday Market

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Del Ray Artisans Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market offers unique handmade crafts from local artists including pottery/ceramics, photography, jewelry, cloth, paper crafts, and fused glass. Participating artists donate a percentage of their sales to Del Ray Artisans (DRA).

This year, the Holiday Market is open for 3 weekends: Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Dec. 7-9 and Dec. 14-16. There are different artists and bake sale items each weekend. The schedule is the same for each weekend: Friday night is a reception from 6-9 p.m. where visitors can enjoy some delicious hot food from a local restaurant while shopping with the artists; Saturday, the Market is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Sunday from 12-4 p.m.

All day Saturday and Sunday, shop with the artists, enjoy hot apple cider and maybe even purchase a Holiday Ornament, handmade made by a DRA member. Sales from the bake sale this year will benefit Computer CORE ([www.computercore.org](http://www.computercore.org)), an organization that helps low-income adults acquire the technological and life skills they need to pursue their career aspirations. A new children's table is also available where children can shop (with piggybank-friendly prices) and purchase items for family members.

are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children ages 10 and younger. Call 703-619-3259.

#### NOV. 15 THROUGH DEC. 23

**"A Broadway Christmas Carol"** A cross between the classic Charles Dickens tale and uproarious song parodies of favorite Broadway show tunes. From Thursday through Sunday, 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; 3 and 8 p.m. on Saturday; 3 and 7 p.m. on Sunday. At MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Call 703-548-9044 or visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org).

#### NOV. 15 THROUGH JAN. 6, 2013

**Net Worked: Horjus, Lister, and Pearson.** Opening reception is on Sunday, Nov. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. Free. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 16

**Wee Ones Storytime.** 10:30-11 a.m. Explore the world with favorite stories and songs. Ages 2 and under. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King St. Visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com) or call 703-

548-4092.

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 16-18

**Alexandria Film Festival.** Sixth Annual Alexandria Film Festival will be held at Beatley Central Library at 5005 Duke St. The festival will showcase multiple high-quality films during this celebration of burgeoning and established filmmakers and their new or rare films. In partnership with the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services, Office of Environmental Quality's Eco-City

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# Holiday Entertainment

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Alexandria initiative, free films with environmental themes will be featured. The festival also includes filmmaker panels and arts presentations to unique and historic venues throughout

**Calendar** Alexandria. Visit <http://alexandriafilm.org/>

## FRIDAY/SATURDAY/NOV 16-17

**St. Mary's Annual Christmas Bazaar.** Bazaar begins with the Quite the Stir! Preview Party on Friday from 7-9 p.m., in the school's gym. Attendees will get an early peak at vendors' merchandise as they enjoy hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and a special signature libation. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance, or \$35 per person at the door. The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's School. This year, the Christmas Bazaar will feature more than 60 vendors specializing in arts, jewelry, ceramics, clothing, and more. The event will include a Bake Sale and Christmas Café, as well as children's games, prizes and activities, book sale, and pictures with Santa Claus. At St. Mary's School at 400 Green St.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 17

**Cider Assembly Ball** 8-11 p.m. Reservations required. This evening in the 1780s will

feature a variety of English country dances in the ballroom, live music, cash bar showcasing Virginia ciders and seasonal dessert collation. Period costume optional, "after-five" attire encouraged. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Call 703-746-4242

**Run for Shelter 5K/10K + Fun Run.** 8 a.m. Carpenter's Shelter and Pacers are hosting their second annual Run for Shelter 5K/10K + Fun Run. Musicians from the Del Ray School of Music will be performing along the course route. All proceeds benefit Carpenter's Shelter and its work on behalf of homeless individuals, children, and families. It is an out and back course, starting at the USPTO Madison Building on Eisenhower Avenue. 5K/10K registration is \$35 and Fun Run registration is \$30. On-site registration will be available for \$40 beginning at 7 a.m. Free parking is available in the USPTO East Parking Garage located on John Carlye Street. Tweet @Run4Shelter10k or visit [www.runforshelter10k.com](http://www.runforshelter10k.com).

**Candlelight Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Presented by The Suspicious Cheese Lords, this concert will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Admissions are \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for students and teachers. Call 703-765-4342.

**Holiday Shop.** 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The event features a day-long bazaar of 50 artisans

from the metro area as well as the popular Country Kitchen featuring savory chutneys and baked goods from the MVUC kitchen; Helene's Boutique, with upscale resale decorative household items; and the Jewelry Box shop with estate jewelry. At the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. A quilt made by the Church Quilters will be raffled off. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds are used by the E.T. Group to fund church projects. Call 703-765-5950 or visit [www.mvuc.org](http://www.mvuc.org).

**Belle Masquerade.** 8 p.m. J Weeks Entertainment presents "Belle Masquerade: A Beautiful Disguise," a play that captures the faces of women and their struggles in the dark. At Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center at 1108 Jefferson St. Tickets are \$12. Call 202-642-4227 or visit [www.JWeeksEntertainment.com](http://www.JWeeksEntertainment.com).

**Emmanuel Church Christmas Bazaar.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The bazaar includes a silent auction with items such as vacation house rentals, a magician and crafts for kids, artists and other vendors, and yummy baked goods, freezer meals, and hot lunch for sale. At Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1608 Russell Road.

**Annual Holiday Craft Fair.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The fair will take place at the main campus of T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. This year's event will feature more than 45 local vendors of handmade

items including soaps, jewelry and stationery. Academy of Finance will sell lunch, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) will sell knitted items, Fashion Club will sell baked goods and the Leadership class will sell T.C. gear. In addition, the softball team will sell tickets to win donated items from the vendors. And the T.C. Jazz Band will perform holiday music, beginning at noon in front of the auditorium. Free and open to the public. A portion of the vendors' fees will be donated to Joining Hearts and Hands, an organization that builds schools and promotes economic and social improvements in Kenya and Tanzania.

**Annual Turkey Trot.** 8:30 a.m. The event will be held at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. To register and for more information, visit <http://register.racedctiming.com> and click on MVHS Cares 5K Turkey Trot.

**Wee Ones Storytime.** 10:30-11 a.m. Explore the world with favorite stories and songs. Ages 2 and under. Free. Hoaray for Books is located at 1555 King St. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

**Film and Discussion.** 2-4 p.m. The Alexandria Black History Museum and Port Of Harlem magazine present the free screening of the one-hour film

## Giving Twice at 10,000 Villages

Globally conscious DC-area residents have known for years that when they buy gifts from Ten Thousand Villages — a non-profit, fair trade retail store in Old Town, Alexandria — they are actually "giving twice." Not only do they find unique hand-made items, they provide income to Third World artisans enabling them to feed, house, and educate their families.

And for several evenings this holiday season shoppers can also support favorite charities, because Ten Thousand Villages will donate a percentage of the evening's sales to non-profit organizations working to improve the community and the world. Representatives of the charities will be on hand.

Ten Thousand Villages is located at 915 King St. Visit [www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com](http://www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com). Call 703-684-1435.

❖ Saturday, Nov. 17, 6-8 p.m.: **Phoenix Bikes**, an Arlington-based bicycle shop which gives local youth the necessary skills and education to prepare them for the future, while providing customers affordable, refurbished bikes and repair services. [www.phoenixbikes.org](http://www.phoenixbikes.org)

❖ Tuesday, Nov. 27, 6-8 p.m.: **Shelter House** works with homeless families in Northern Virginia. Their mission is to break the cycle of homelessness for families and victims of domestic violence in Fairfax County. [www.shelterhouse.org](http://www.shelterhouse.org)

❖ Saturday, Dec. 1, 7-9 p.m.: **Computer C.O.R.E.** of Alexandria, which works to help low-income adults acquire the technological and life skills they need to pursue their career aspirations. [www.computercore.org](http://www.computercore.org)

❖ Sunday, Dec. 2, 4-6 pm: **Give to the World**, an international organization that provides medicine, clothing toys, school supplies and other goods to needy families around the world. [www.givetotheworld.org](http://www.givetotheworld.org)

❖ Thursday, Dec. 6, 7-9 pm: **Luke's Wings**, which arranges air travel for families of wounded veterans recovering in U.S. military hospitals. [www.lukeswings.org](http://www.lukeswings.org)

❖ Tuesday, Dec. 11, 6-8 pm: **Latin America Working Group Education Fund**, which promotes human rights, justice, peace and sustainable development throughout Latin America. [www.lawg.org](http://www.lawg.org)

❖ Thursday, Dec. 13, 7-9 pm: **Haiti-Micah Project**, which works to assist the street children of Mirebalais, Haiti by providing food, clean water, health care, education, vocational training and emotional well being. [www.Haiti-Micah.org](http://www.Haiti-Micah.org)

❖ Thursday, Dec. 20, 7-9 pm: **Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services**, which works to reduce homelessness, increase community support, and promote self-sufficiency in Fairfax County. [www.goodhousing.org](http://www.goodhousing.org)

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## Celebrate Thanksgiving with style and silver

### Thanksgiving Day Champagne Buffet

Thursday, November 22, 2012 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM

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Top Round Roast Beef, Honey Cured Ham, Oven Roasted Turkey, Stuffing, Sweet Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Beef Bourguignon, Chicken Marsala & Broiled Flounder

Garlic & Herb Mashed Potatoes, Pasta Alfredo, Candied Yams, Green Beans Amandine, (2) Soups, Sautéed Zucchini & Yellow Squash, Butternut Squash, Apple Filled Pancakes, Bacon & Sausage and Corn Bread

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# Holiday Entertainment

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African-American Pioneer Muslimahs at the Alexandria Black History Museum. This program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. RSVP by calling 703-746-4356. The Alexandria Black History Museum is located at 902 Wythe St.

## THROUGH NOV. 17

**Port City Playhouse.** 8 p.m. "The Soul Collector." Saturday matinee on Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. Port City Playhouse performs at The Lab at Convergence, located at 1819 N. Quaker Ln. General admission tickets are \$14-18. Visit [portcityplayhouse.org](http://portcityplayhouse.org).

## SUNDAY/NOV. 18

**Needlework Workshop.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn about 18th-century samplers, participate in a workshop and begin needlework project. After the workshop, participants can walk over to Carlyle House for a tour of the 1753 home of John Carlyle, a merchant and town founder of Alexandria. For beginners and intermediate. Reservations are required. Call 703-549-2997 to register. Admission is \$20 (includes materials). At The Athenaeum located at 201 Prince St.

**Squiggle Squirm Storytime.** 2:30-3:30 p.m. Join illustrator Catherine Macorol for a special story time to benefit the eradication of neonatal tetanus. All proceeds from Squiggle Squirm will go to the ELIMINATE projects, sponsored by Kiwanis International and UNICEF. Ages 5 and under. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King St. Visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com) or call 703-548-4092.

**Author Margi Preus.** 4-5 p.m. Newbery Honor winner Margi Preus

will talk about her latest book, *Shadow on the Mountain*, the story of 14-year-old Espen's contribution to the Norwegian resistance during World War II. RSVP by emailing [info@hooray4books.com](mailto:info@hooray4books.com). Ages 10 and up. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King St. Visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com) or call 703-548-4092.

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Sam Bush and Del McCoury team up for a tour beginning in November. At the Birchmere Music Hall located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Admissions are \$39.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**A Nation at War.** 3-4:30 p.m. Join President James Madison to discuss the progress of the war, with updates on the Army and Navy situation. The salon, held in the Main Dining Room of Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Reservations are recommended and tickets to each event are \$15 per person and \$10 for high school/college students. Madeira, Port and other libations will be available for purchase at the event. To purchase tickets, visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or call 703-746-4242.

## THROUGH NOV. 18

**Free Art Exhibition.** Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of the juried show "Black and White." Black and white may be expressed as color, value, feelings, politics and/or mood. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited. The gallery is located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 N. Union St. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org). **Oklahoma!** Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre, now in its 32nd

season, presents *Oklahoma*, featuring a cast of 43 children and teenagers, ages 8-18. Performances will be held at Bryant Alternative School, 2709 Popkins Ln. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. To purchase online visit [www.mvccct.org](http://www.mvccct.org).

**FotoWeekDC at the Torpedo Factory Art Center.** Free. In conjunction with the 5th annual FotoWeekDC Festival, celebrating photographic excellence in the DC metro area, the Torpedo Factory Art Center is offering a series of free, photography-themed exhibitions and special programming throughout the month of November. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/fotoweek](http://www.torpedofactory.org/fotoweek). Torpedo Factory Art Center is located at 105 North Union St.

## NOV. 19 & 27 AND DEC. 4, 10 & 18

**Community Singers Wanted.** The West Potomac choir invite alumni, parents, and community to rehearse and perform Part I (Christmas section) of Handel's *Messiah*. We rehearse 6:30-8:30 p.m. through Nov. 19; 6:30-9 p.m. through Dec. 18 with orchestra. At West Potomac High School in the Springbank Auditorium. Visit information is at <http://westpotomacchoirs.org>.

## TUESDAY/NOV. 20

**Chrisette Michele & Alex Boyd.** 7:30 p.m. \$59.50. Visit [www.alexboydmusic.com/](http://www.alexboydmusic.com/) or <http://thisischristettemichele.com/>. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**"Discovering the Past through Documents and Dirt."** 1 p.m. Presented by Pamela Cressey. She will explain how using the written records, wills, deeds etc. and the

## Holiday Traditions

**Del Ray Turkey Trot** 5-mile race

— Thursday, Nov. 22

**Black Friday** holiday promotions

— Friday, Nov. 23

**Holiday Tree Lighting** in Market Square

— Friday, Nov. 23

**Scottish Walk** weekend of events

— Friday, Nov. 30 - Saturday, Dec. 1

**17th Annual Holiday Market** at Del Ray Artisans — three weekends: Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Dec. 7-9 and Dec. 14-16

**Mount Vernon by Candlelight**

— Nov. 23 - Dec. 16

**Christmas at Mount Vernon**

— Nov. 23 - Jan. 6

**Holiday Parade of Lights** on the Waterfront

— Saturday, Dec. 1

**First Night Alexandria**

— Monday, Dec. 31

Find more information in our calendar as the dates approach.

archaeological finds together can provide major insights to expand our appreciation of the past. Free and open to the public. The Hollin Hall Senior Center is located four miles south of Alexandria just off Fort Hunt Road at 1500 Shenandoah Road. Visit [www.MVGenealogy.org](http://www.MVGenealogy.org) or call 703-660-6969 or email [publicity@mvgenealogy.org](mailto:publicity@mvgenealogy.org).

**Free Art Exhibition.** Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery will open the juried show "Bedecked and Bedazzled" on Nov. 20. Gifts, jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited. The show will be supplemented with additional juried items on Dec. 10 and close on Jan. 6, 2013. The gallery is located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105

North Union St. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except on Thursdays when it is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 21

**Santa Claus.** 9:30 - 11 a.m. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature Kevin Rawlings, who will be in costume as he portrays Santa Claus during the Civil War Years of the 1860s. Free. Public invited. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Call Ann Connell at 703-360-4979.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 23

**Alexandria Black Friday Sale and Festivities.** 6 a.m. and all day. Participating stores will open at 6 a.m. offering initial discounts of up

to 30 percent off. The city has waived all parking fees in city-owned garages and parking meters for the day. Stay for the city's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m. Call 703-746-3301 or visit [www.alexandriava.com](http://www.alexandriava.com).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 23-24

**The Seldom Scene & Dry Branch Fire Squad** at the Birchmere. \$35. The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 23-25

**Historic Candlelight Tours.** 5-8 p.m. Join "Mrs. Washington" as she hosts an evening of candlelight tours, fireside caroling, and hot cider and

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# Holiday Entertainment



## Christmas Tree & Wreaths at St. Aidan's

**St. Aidan's Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale starts on Friday, Nov. 23 and then runs Saturdays (Nov. 24, Dec. 1 and 8) and Sundays (Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and 9) through Dec. 9, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Freshly-cut Fraser Fir trees and wreaths from North Carolina. For parents with children in local public elementary schools, St. Aidan's will give back 10 percent to the PTA of your choice. Hot cider, cookies, and music makes this a festive event for the entire family. St Aidan's Episcopal Church is located at 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria (across from Stratford Elementary School). Call 703-360-4220 or visit [www.staidanepiscopal.com](http://www.staidanepiscopal.com).**

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ginger cookies. Purchase tickets at the Ford Orientation Center (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily), or through [MountVernon.org](http://MountVernon.org). \$22 for adults, \$15 for children under 12. Call 703-780-2000 or 703-799-8697 or visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org).

### NOV. 23 THROUGH DEC. 9

**Old Town Boutique District's Window Wonderland.** Come out to Old Town Alexandria and view the festive Window Wonderland of holiday lights and decorations on display at our local boutiques. Visit [www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com](http://www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com).

### NOV. 23 THROUGH JAN. 6

**Christmas at Mount Vernon.** Mount Vernon is decking the halls for Christmas at Mount Vernon. Tour the rarely-open third floor of the Mansion and learn how the Washingtons celebrated Christmas. During Christmas at Mount Vernon, visitors can meet Aladdin, the resident camel. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 24

**Holiday Open House.** At Contessa's Home and Garden, 1906 Mount Vernon Ave. Kick-off the Holiday season with new gifts, live tree and seasonal decorative items. Refreshments will be served. Receive 20 percent off entire purchase 4-6 p.m. Visit [www.contessas.wordpress.com](http://www.contessas.wordpress.com) or call 703-548-1882.

### NOV. 24 THROUGH DEC. 23

**Santa Claus is Coming to Old Town.** Santa and Mrs. Claus are back to take pictures Saturdays and Sundays from Thanksgiving to Christmas. \$15 for a 5 x 7 print. Hours: Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except for Dec. 1 (Scottish Walk Parade day), 1-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. At Bike and Roll Alexandria, One Wales Alley. Call 703-501-6289 or visit [www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com](http://www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com).

### SUNDAY/NOV. 25

**Duncan Sheik.** 7:30 p.m. \$29.50. Visit [www.duncansheik.com](http://www.duncansheik.com). Courier to open. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**Coffee + Critique + Conversation.** 10:30 a.m. to noon. Free. Photographers and art enthusiasts of all levels are invited to engage in friendly dialogue and share portfolios, projects, ideas, and questions. Multiple Exposures Gallery (Studio 312), 105 North Union St. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) or call 703-683-2205.

### THROUGH NOV. 25

**"Photographers at the Factory Invitational Exhibit."** Juried by LensWork founder and editor, Brooks Jensen. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursdays 12-9 p.m. The opening reception is on Nov. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. Free and open to the public. At Multiple Exposures Gallery located at 105 N. Union St. #312. Call 703 683-2205. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org). **Photography exhibition: "Telling Images."** See photographic techniques and interpretations that tell a story without words. Call 703-960-3873, email [jldtiff@cox.net](mailto:jldtiff@cox.net) or visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

### MONDAY/NOV. 26


**James Fortune & Jessica Reedy 'Celebrate Christmas.'** 7:30 p.m. \$29.50. Visit [jessicareedymusic.com/](http://jessicareedymusic.com/). The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

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# Entertainment

## Cleaning Up Alexandria

By Harry M. Covert

**W**hat could be better than a weekend of shotgun justice? Really.

I'd always learned about a pristine, mannerly and sweet Commonwealth in my grammar school days at John W. Daniel School. We studied "The Story of Virginia" almost as the gospel truth and ignoring any such things as warts. It was an unvarnished view of the joyful lives of what was really two Old Dominions back in the "good old days."

**Covert Matters** Michael Lee Pope, a newspaper and broadcasting reporter, is also an author of books on the foils and foibles of Alexandria, Arlington and District of Columbia.

In his latest work he includes some of the ill repute which may have clouded the communities and state throughout the last century-plus.

"In Shotgun Justice: One Prosecutor's Crusade Against Crime and Corruption in Alexandria & Arlington," Pope has come up with 126 pages of facts worthy of inclusion in all schools, public and private.

In today's world, imagine Del Ray's Arts on the Avenue programs and other assorted community events that draw hundreds to fun and games and foods of all sorts. A century ago Del Ray was filled with saloons, gambling halls, bawdy houses, horseracing and political machines. Old Town Alexandria also had its houses of ill-repute around Lee Street to three blocks north of King Street.

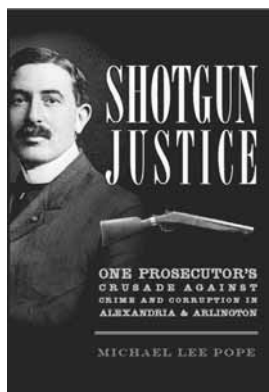
Arlington County in those days was known as Alexandria County and had its vice pits in Rosslyn and Jackson City.

This rousing book is about the man, Commonwealth's Attorney Crandal Mackey, not even a native-born son, who ended rampant crime and corruption in Alexandria, Alexandria County and Arlington.

"Not only did Crandal Mackey have to work against that deep-seated human impulse to gamble, but he also had to take on some of the highest and lowest men of his era," writes Pope. "He faced down two-bit gamblers. He closed saloons. He got into fistfights with railroad lawyers. And he fought the machine. In the end, his own party turned against him."

This is a fine history lesson. "Mackey was an iconoclast, a reformer and an outcast."

"Shotgun Justice: One Prosecutor's Crusade Against Crime and Corruption in Alexandria & Arlington," 129 pages. By Michael Lee Pope, © 2012 The History Press, Charleston, S.C. 29403.



### Book Launch

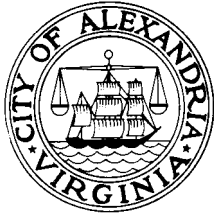
"Shotgun Justice" will be available for sale Friday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, located at 201 Price Street. The evening will feature a display of rare photographs from the early 20th century and a discussion of how a rag-tag band of progressives overturned a political machine. A question-and-answer session will follow the speech, and the author will be signing books afterward.

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, November 17, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the herein-after described items.

\*\*\*\*\*  
AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article B (FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE), Chapter 5 (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES), of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance amends the list of City employees who are required to file annual financial disclosure statements to more generally describe the group and allow the City Manager to make appropriate designations without future Code changes.

\*\*\*\*\*  
AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Division 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), Article B (SEWAGE AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS), Chapter 6 (WATER & SEWER), of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed "clean up" ordinance amends the sanitary sewer maintenance set forth in the Code to conform to the revised rate adopted by Council, setting the fee at \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons of water supplied.

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PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed City Legislative Package for the 2013 General Assembly Session.

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### OBITUARY

#### Jennifer Johnson Nelson

Jennifer J. Nelson of Alexandria, VA died on October 27, 2012 in Warrenton, VA. She was born on February 20, 1946 in Jackson, MI to the late Carl E. and Muriel Johnson. She worked for the U.S. Senate as an Information System Analyst. She is survived by her brothers, Andrew Johnson of Cave Spring, GA and Peter Johnson of Lilburn, GA along with her nieces, Amy Harwood of Warrenton, VA, Hannah Johnson of Lilburn, GA and her nephew, Carl Johnson of Greenville, NC. A celebration of Jennifer's life will be held on Sunday, November 25, 2012, at 1:30pm, at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 8695 Old Dumfries Road, Catlett, VA 22019. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Jennifer's name to Capital Caring Hospice, Attn: Philanthropy Office, 2900 Telestar Court, Falls Church, VA 22042.

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### NOTICE OF WATER RATE Public Hearing

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2012, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2013, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,700 to \$3,850†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,000 to \$9,500.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,000 to \$1,050†.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$33 to \$35.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$8.35 to \$9.20†.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.16 to \$2.29 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.20 to \$3.45 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from \$46 to \$50.
9. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
10. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$41 to \$44.
11. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from \$16 to \$17.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to [PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org) or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

## Fairfax Water

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET

Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water) is proposing a \$143.4 million budget for calendar year 2013<sup>1</sup>.

On Thursday, December 13, 2012, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed 2013 Budget in its offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax. The public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A copy of the proposed budget can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed budget should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017.

Revenues are expected to be \$143.4 million in 2013. Water sales are expected to provide \$124.6 million. Approximately \$18.8 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2012	2013
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$46,473	\$48,367
Power and Utilities	11,345	11,686
Chemicals	6,694	7,968
Fuel	916	960
Postage	547	460
Insurance	1,300	1,107
Supplies and Materials	3,976	4,233
Contractual Services	8,749	8,657
Professional Services	1,656	1,902
Other	2,005	2,285
Sub-Total	83,661	87,625
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,559)	(9,613)
Total	74,102	78,012

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$39,374,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$14,068,000

<sup>1</sup> Fairfax Water's Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.



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for City Council and members of Congress.

"I was at the ceremony when my father became a citizen in March of 2009," Diana Rodriguez said. "And I have continued to be so proud of his attitude towards voting and exercising his right to participate in the electoral process. Proud doesn't even cover what I feel."

Rodriguez always follows politics. "The Democratic Party is the lesser of two evils," he said. "Both parties have problems. Nothing is perfect. Clinton did a good job and left a lot of money. Obama inherited big deficit ... from the Bush administration. Now little by little, it's getting better. He did the best he could. So I voted for Obama. I hope he could do a better job."

On the election day, Rodriguez went to the polling site with his son-in-law Jonathan Dols and his 8-year-old grandson.

"We live in the same precinct so we planned to go together," said Dols. "My father-in-law was very proud. His home country Cuba is ruled by a dictator and he's been looking forward to voting for a long time. It's really important for him to be able to vote for a U.S. president for the first time. It's very emotional for him as well. I brought my son with us because I think his grandfather sets a good example. And I wanted him to see his dad and his grandfather voting. It's definitely something important in our family."

On the night of the election day, Rodriguez and his wife watched TV and waited to see the result until 1:30 a.m. "At the beginning when the result was coming out, I was really worried when I saw Romney getting more states," he said. "But he lost eventually."

Diana Rodriguez said her father is an honest and concerned citizen who gives back to the country that provides him a home.

He is a living example for all Americans to take advantage of their right to make a difference, she said.

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#### THURSDAY/NOV. 15

**Colonial Republican Women Meeting.** 6:30-9 p.m. At the Virginia Hills Administration Center (Old Virginia Hills School), 6520 Diana Ln. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Contact Debbie at 703-768-1934 or email her at [colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com](mailto:colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com)

**Community Dialogue.** 7 p.m. More than 1,500 Alexandrians have already participated in the first step of the "What's Next, Alexandria?" initiative by taking a community poll on the future of civic engagement in Alexandria. Plan to participate in the next step - a Community Dialogue on civic engagement at the First Baptist Church Activity Center, 2932 King St. At the Community Dialogue residents will work together on the issue of civic engagement and learn the results of the community poll. Residents will also hear from Dr. Carolyn J. Lukensmeyer, founder and former President of America Speaks. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/](http://www.alexandriava.gov/) WhatsNext or call Carrie Beach, project manager, at 703-746-3853.

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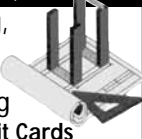
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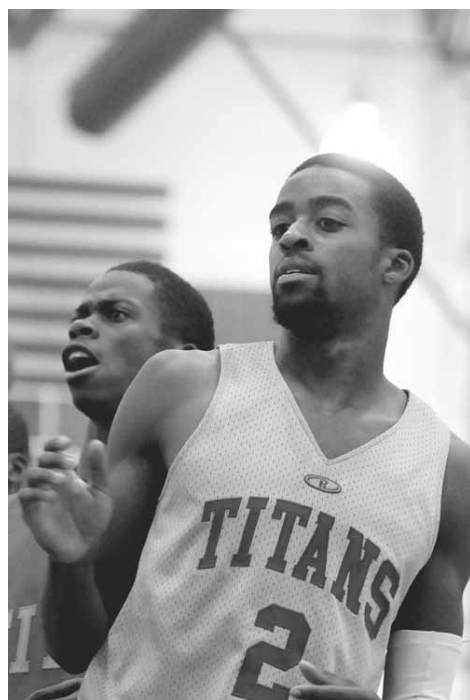
**Titans must overcome the loss of key seniors.**

By Jon Roetman  
Gazette Packet

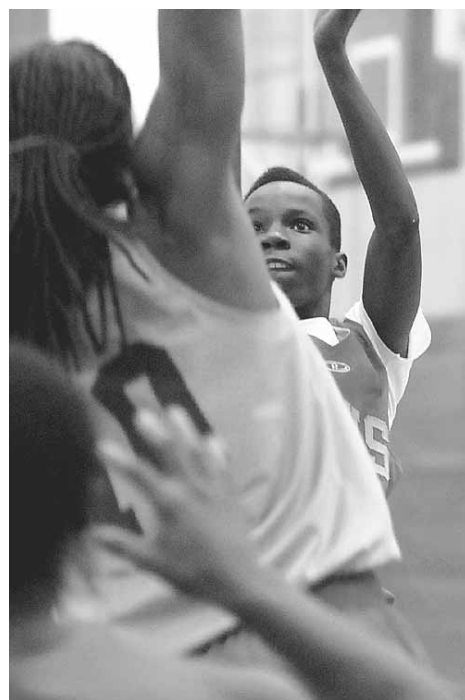
**S**ome key faces will be missing from last year's Patriot District championship team, but head coach Julian King said the 2012-13 T.C. Williams boys' basketball team could look like a team that made it even further.

Gone are Northern Region Player of the Year TJ Huggins, four-year varsity point guard Daquan Kerman, 3-point shooting threat Jordan Byrd and rebounder Damoni Moore. King said the Titans plan to fill their voids with a committee approach, similar to that of his 2010-11 team that reached the state semifinals and was an overtime loss from advancing to the championship game.

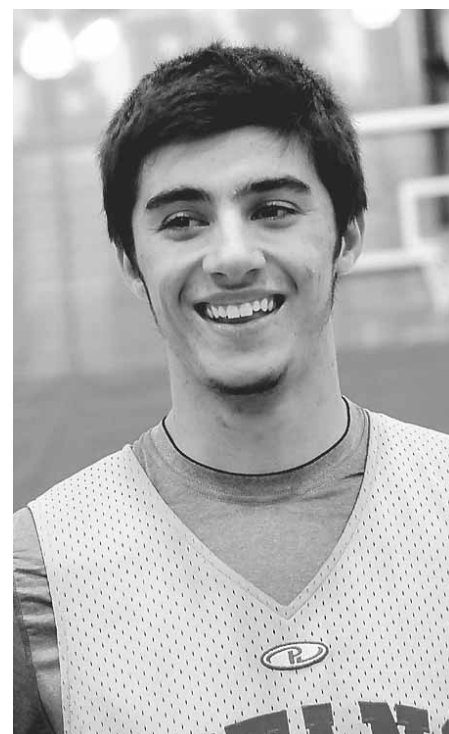
"This team," King said, "will probably seem more like our team that went to the final four (in 2011) — not a lot of superstars, but just a good group of kids that played hard and



**Senior forward Landon Moss will play a major role at both ends of the floor for the T.C. Williams boys' basketball team.**



**Sophomore guard Malik Smith will be part of a point-guard committee that takes over for graduated four-year varsity point guard Daquan Kerman.**



**Junior guard Mert Ozkaynak has been on the varsity since his freshman season.**

Photos by Louise Kraft/Gazette Packet

**"This team will probably seem more like our team that went to the final four (in 2011) — not a lot of superstars, but just a good group of kids that played hard and whoever got it done that night stepped up and everyone else just went with the flow."**

— T.C. Williams boys' basketball coach Julian King

whoever got it done that night stepped up and everyone else just went with the flow."

Last year, Huggins averaged 17 points and six rebounds en route to first-team all-state honors. Standing 6 feet 5, he was an athletic player who could create problems for a defense with his size. King said he isn't expecting one player to completely fill Huggins' role. However, 6-foot-4 senior Landon Moss has the tools and experience to be a force at both ends of the floor.

"[Huggins was] kind of was groomed for [his role]," King said. "He was on varsity for three years and kind of got a chance to grow into that role. I

and say, hey, duplicate what this guy did. Let's just say Landon Moss increases his production. We won't say he's filling that role, but he's filling a different void for us, because no one's going to replace what TJ did."

King said he's looking for Moss to increase his scoring production from around 11 points to 16 or 17 per contest, and average nearly double-digit rebounds.

Moss is entering his third year with the Titans.

"I'm a senior this year," he said, "so I have to step up and be a leader on and off the court."

King said a committee of players will share ball-handling duties after the graduation of Kerman, a three-year starter at point guard. Sophomore Malik Smith is one player who have the ball in his hands. King praised Smith during his freshman year, saying the 5-foot-

6 guard had a bright future.

"I feel more comfortable than last year," Smith said. "I was kind of nervous — I was a freshman on varsity — but now I feel better."

Junior Mert Ozkaynak, seniors Dealo Robertson and Andre Suggs, and sophomore Ariston Johnson could also handle the ball.

The Titans figure to have some size and toughness inside. Seniors Grant Dickinson and Torrey Johnson, and juniors Jeremiah Clarke and Malik Carney will provide depth in the paint.

While the team will figure out ways to score points, its priority is defense.

"Our first goal," Ozkaynak said, "is to stop the enemy."

TC will scrimmage at Landon School at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17. The Titans will open the regular season at Edison on Dec. 7.

### School Notes

Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged.

T.C. Williams High School Business Teacher **Beulah Willis-Brown** and her students were recognized by Cardinal Bank. Willis-Brown's Academy of Finance juniors from the 2011-12 school year achieved the highest "My Money, My Future" financial literacy certification rate in the region. Old Town Alexandria Cardinal Bank Manager Shirley Carey presented Willis-Brown a \$500 check for T.C. Williams High School to recognize this achievement. The grant award may be used toward the purchase of

any tools and/or applications to strengthen the use of technology in the classroom. Willis-Brown also received a check for \$50 as a teacher grant for having all of her students become certified in all 10 "My Money, My Future" modules. Cardinal Bank sponsors the access to EverFi's leading Web-based financial literacy platform in 60 high schools throughout the region.

The **T.C. Williams High School Marching Titans** finished first in their class in music and general effect at the Shenandoah Valley Marching Invitational at Harrisonburg High School in Harrisonburg on Sept. 29. In afternoon competition against the four other bands in their class (AAA), they finished second, missing first by just half a point. Their score was enough to get them into the finals competition in the evening,

seeded sixth.

**Melonie Wright** of Alexandria was one of more than 650 University of Akron students and staff who volunteered in the Akron community for Make a Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 27. Wright is majoring in Political Science-Law, Crts, Pol at UA.

The following students from Alexandria enrolled at **Virginia Tech** were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester:

❖ **Sandy S. Janwatin** is a sophomore majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

❖ **Marin A. Nolan** is a freshman majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

❖ **Robert S. Smith** is a senior majoring in computer science in the

College of Engineering.

❖ **Rebecca L. Stone** is a freshman majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Molly E. Vaughan** is a sophomore majoring in interior design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Florence C. Graham** is a senior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Vamseedhar Gunduboina** is a senior majoring in aerospace engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Peter T. Raum** is a senior majoring in physics in the College of Science.

❖ **Elizabeth M. Luby** is a senior majoring in biological systems engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Rachel M. Montoni** is a senior majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

❖ **Robert J. Calvey** is a senior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Daniel A. Chique Canache** is a senior majoring in engineering science and mechanics in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Michael L. Chung** is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

❖ **Kellie M. Del Signore** is a sophomore majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **John E. Hartley** is a sophomore majoring in hospitality and tourism management in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Stephanie M. Mateus** is a junior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.



# Letters

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derful people from all walks of life in every part of our city over the past few years. I am grateful to the hundreds of campaign donors and volunteers who worked tirelessly on the campaign over the past 6 months.

Despite the ongoing enthusiasm and energetic campaign, the numbers were too much to overcome. The shift from the traditional 15 percent voter turnout for local elections to an 80 percent voter turnout for the presidential race had a heavy impact on the local results. In May 2009, 7,000 votes was enough to win a council seat and even though over 25,000 Alexandrians supported my candidacy on Tuesday, that was still 4,500 short of victory.

Alexandria is an incredible city and will always be my home. Even though I will not have a seat at City Hall next year, I will continue to work, as I have for the over the past 20 years, to make Alexandria a better place to call home.

Congratulations to Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and the rest of the new City Council. My prayers and best wishes are with them as they make decisions that will shape our future.

**Frank Fannon**

Alexandria City Councilman

## A Matter Of Respect

To the Editor:

Veterans Day is often taken for granted; too many don't give a thought about what it means. The freedom so many hold so dearly and yet so close to heart came from the many who gave their lives for our country.

I like to share my way of saying thanks as I have often written about a little rock in my neighborhood. It has a meaning for so many that can relate to a simple message that speaks of freedom. On the Veterans Memorial Walkway along the bike path of the 500 block of South Columbus and Wilkes Street sits this rock with its plaque that reads:

Dedicated to the City of Alexandria and Alexandria's Veterans' Organizations on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, 1979, in honored memory of the deceased Alexandria veterans of all the United States wars.

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Robert L. Calhoun, Vice Mayor;

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Margaret B. Inman, Councilwoman;  
Nelson E. Greene, Jr., Councilman;  
James P. Moran, Jr., Councilman;  
Carlyle C. Ring, Jr.,

Councilman.

In honor of all our veterans and men and women in uniform who have served and fought for our country, let them not be forgotten.

**Geri Baldwin**

Alexandria

## Is City Hall Listening?

To the Editor:

Once again Alexandria elected officials and city staff are "playing head games" with citizens and planning their first "community dialogue" meeting with city residents in order to listen to citizens and hear what we have been telling them what we want for the past several years as it relates to development and transportation issues. The so-called "listening/citizen engagement tour" by members of the city manager's office, City Manager Young, P&Z director Faroll Hamer and other department managers is too late. The November elections are over and all the Democrats won. The issues most of us citizens have raised, i.e., BRAC-133; Waterfront Plan; Beauregard Small Area Plan; metro at Potomac Yard which probably won't happen, along with several major transportation issues have already become a "done deal" by our elected officials, developers and city staff. And to add to this "kumbaya moment/Amway rah rah" session is the fact that City Manager Young is spending \$3,000 of taxpayer dollars to have Carolyn Lukensmeyer, Ph.D., former founder of AmericaSpeaks to speak at this first meeting. Don't these folks have better things to do and more constructive ways to spend taxpayer money? Alexandria taxpayers already pay these administrators very high salaries in this small town to do the work at city hall, i.e., over \$150,000+ p/yr plus benefits and a generous retirement package.

Unfortunately, citizens have had



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## Dedication on Saturday

**The Miracle League Field at the Nannie J. Lee Center is complete. The formal dedication is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. Following the ceremony, a demonstration baseball game will be played by the league's special needs children and adults. At the conclusion of the demonstration, game field donors, city officials, Miracle League of Alexandria board members, Park Commission members, Youth Sports Advisory Board members and the recreation staff will play a game of waffle ball.**

to listen and have heard the major decisions made by our elected officials with a "rubber stamp" by Ms. Hamer, director of P&Z; Tom Gates, assistant city manager who has been here since Jim Hartmann was city manager and well aware of the BRAC-133 disaster; Rich Baier, TES director, along with other department administrators. If anything, this "community discussion" should be reversed wherein all of our elected officials need to learn how to listen as well as City Manager Young, all other members in the city manager's office and other department officials. If for some reason they have not been able to hear citizens concerns and suggestions for alternate

development/transportation plans, then I suggest they have a hearing test to make sure their hearing is OK, and if not, perhaps it's time to get a hearing aid and stop with the "political talking points." What we need is a change in attitude and behavior from our mayor and council and all of city staff who refuse to be held accountable. Suggest Alexandria adopt Frank Sinatra's theme song "My Way" because nothing is going to change from this "citizen engagement tour."

Hope you're listening now because city hall is the problem, not the citizens.

**Annabelle Fisher**

Alexandria



## Seeking Sponsors!

Alexandria Little League, a 501c3 charitable organization, is looking now for businesses to sponsor teams for the Spring 2013 season.

Sponsors' funds are needed to help with expenses such as equipment, uniforms, scholarships, and more.

Participating sponsors get their names and logos on the players' jerseys, a banner hung at Simpson field, an ad in our League program, and a recognition plaque.

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**Contact:** Scott Fox, Sponsorship Chairman, [scottfox99@yahoo.com](mailto:scottfox99@yahoo.com), or Sterling Gilliam, President, Alexandria Little League, [Gilliam@GWU.edu](mailto:Gilliam@GWU.edu).

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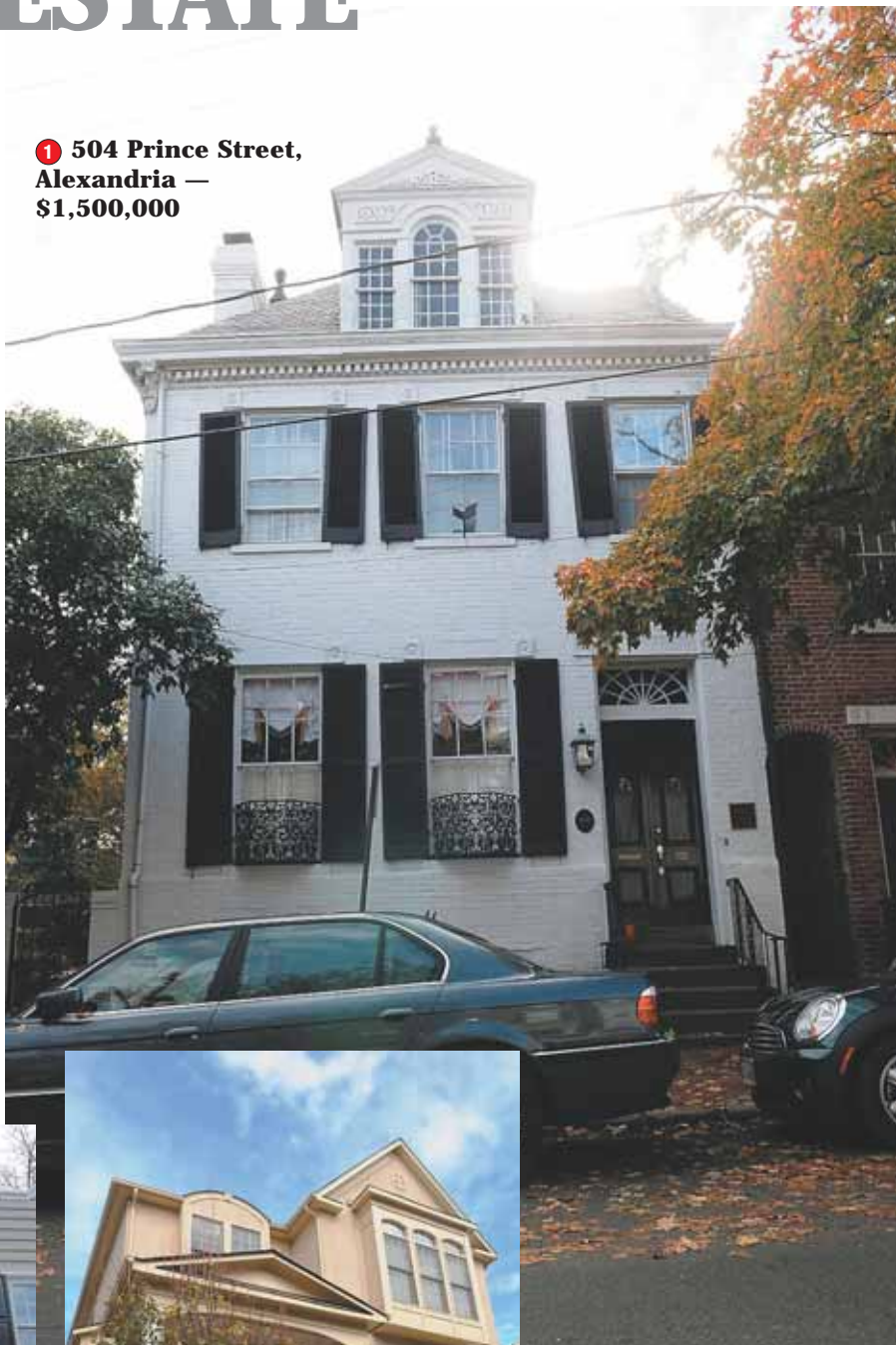
In September 2012, 161 Alexandria homes sold between \$1,500,000-\$81,000.



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3 1215 Wilkes Street, Alexandria — \$1,180,000



1 504 Prince Street, Alexandria — \$1,500,000



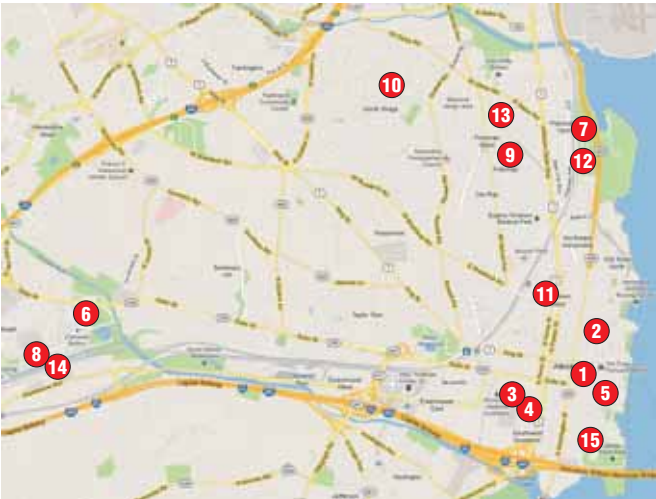
5 328 Lee Street South, Alexandria — \$1,089,000



6 5007 John Ticer Drive, Alexandria — \$938,000

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3 1215 WILKES ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,180,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE	09/06/12
4 1205 WILKES ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,175,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE	09/28/12
5 328 LEE ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,089,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN	09/28/12
6 5007 JOHN TICER DR	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$938,000	Detached	0.10	22304	CAMERON STATION	09/27/12
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## Thanksgiving Centerpiece Ideas: Flowers Not Required

Floral design pros share secrets to creating swoon-worthy centerpieces.

By Marilyn Campbell  
Gazette Packet

While the turkey is often the star of a Thanksgiving dinner table, a nonedible focal point can play a leading role in creating an elegant dinner table aesthetic. From lush floral arrangements to designs without blooms, three local floral design pros offer ideas for spectacular centerpieces that can be replicated easily at home.

"We usually suggest low containers for the Thanksgiving dinner table," said Jenny Park, a floral designer with Reston Floral Design in Reston. "I use things that represent harvesting like pumpkins or artificial fruit like grapes and apples."

Floral designer Alison de Wit, of Distinctive Floral Designs in Great Falls, suggests going horizontal: "Create a runner of sorts at the midpoint of a long table with blooms and autumn harvest elements. These can be placed in a lush carpeted type form to create a meandering avenue of décor or grouped along the length of the table. The effect is one of abundance and is particularly aesthetically pleasing when paired with groupings of candles of different heights [such as] pillar candles, votive

candles or floating candles."

Old Town Alexandria-based designer Rebecca A. Henry often includes elements of nature. "Incorporate leaves — either dried or fresh," said Henry. Henry owns Petal's Edge Floral Design with her business partner, Arlington resident Gerry Rogers. "Fresh leaves don't hold up very well, so preserved leaves are actually a better choice with gourds and mini-pumpkins. They add a touch of nonfloral, and Thanksgiving arrangements tend to veer toward nonfloral."

**DESIGNERS SAY GLASS,** basket or pumpkin containers are ideal for Thanksgiving. "If you want to do something contemporary, but still stay within that feeling of fall, use a glass container but fill it with something like cranberries or coffee beans to give it the color of fall," said Henry. "Fill a square glass vase with cranberries and top it with an arrangement that has a lot of oranges and yellows and reds and rust colors and some dried elements. You can fill a vase with just about anything."

De Wit adds that berries are always a welcome addition to fall arrangements, suggesting pepper berries, snowberries and hypericum berries, along with pods such as scabiosa and poppy. "Greens can diverge from the traditional to a mélange of hues from soft mint to deep leaf green. Lambs ear, seeded eucalyptus, variegated ruscus, pittisporum and papyrus all provide a lovely aesthetic within a composition. Likewise, feathers are a beautiful component of mixed medium pieces."

Make use of the woodsy elements that are in abundance now. "Popular things to in-

**"Popular things to incorporate into fall centerpieces are dried pods like lotus pods or cattails, dried wheat, dried pomegranates, dried fruits or anything that reminds you of harvest time."**

— Rebecca A. Henry, Petal's Edge Floral Design



Photo by Glenn Barnett

**Berries and flowers in deep colors like orange, yellow and red are popular for Thanksgiving centerpieces.**

corporate into fall centerpieces are dried pods like lotus pods or cattails, dried wheat, dried pomegranates, dried fruits or anything that reminds you of harvest time," said Henry. "Most of these dried items can be picked up at a craft store."

Use sentimental or personal pieces to create an elegant presentation.

"Rather than having a singular arrangement ... create a tableaux with floral or organic pieces to form a pleasing central theme," said de Wit. "This would include a grouping of smaller vases — and these can be special pieces

from personal collections or all glass, ceramic or antique pieces. This offers an interesting variant on a single arrangement."

Marika Meyer, of Meyer Interiors, in Washington, said, "Look for flowers that are in the autumn palette but might be out of season. I recently saw a beautiful arrangement of French tulips in oranges and reds, but used on a tablescape with gourds, it was a fresh take on a flower arrangement."

Inexpensive flowers are in vogue. "This is a great time of year to use less expensive flowers that are not always highly prized like mums," said Henry. "At this time of year that it what is in the garden, so those make a lot of sense in Thanksgiving arrangement."

Consider mixing warm and cool tones, as well. "Color for autumn arrangements were traditionally the rich saturated orange, yellow and reds," said de Wit. "These colors retain their popularity but are often augmented with deep purples and blues to offer a counterpoint to the warm tones. Perennially popular blooms are hydrangea, roses, sunflowers and dahlia."



Photo by Tom Glasco

**Great Falls-based floral designer Alison de Wit of Distinctive Floral Designs created this fall centerpiece in a hollowed pumpkin that rests on a bed of woodland moss. Designers suggest incorporating elements of nature into Thanksgiving centerpieces.**



Photo courtesy of Petal's Edge Floral Design

**Floral designer Rebecca A. Henry suggests using dried pods like lotus pods or cattails, dried wheat, dried pomegranates or anything that is reminiscent of harvest season.**



# Getting Organized for Thanksgiving

By Marilyn Campbell  
Gazette Packet

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**J**ill Mahon is hosting her family for Thanksgiving next week, which is, of course, the kick-off of the holiday season. But for Mahon, the holidays herald an organizational nightmare.

"The thought of getting my

house cleaned and in order for eight additional people made me feel like crawling into bed with a bag of M&Ms," Mahon, an Arlington resident, said in jest. "I got up to start planning dinner and five [minutes] later I crawled back into bed with my M&Ms."

The holidays don't have to be so logistically challenging, however. Area organization experts say, "let the planning begin" and offer suggestions for Thanksgiving and beyond.

"When it comes to the holidays, I always suggest that you start early and plan ahead," said Susan Unger, of ClutterSOS in Vienna.

Sally Reinholdt, of Closets 911, in Alexandria, says to begin by getting out a pencil and paper. "Make a list of all the things that need to be done and a date when the list needs to be completed. Write one or two things that can be accomplished each day on your calendar. Breaking down the to-do list will make it a lot less overwhelming."

**SPECIAL TOUCHES**, say experts, can help make out-of-town guests feel welcome. "Put together a welcome basket with extra toothbrushes and toiletries just in case your guests forgot any of their personal items," said Reinholdt. "If you know what their interests are or if they want to sightsee, spend a few minutes on the computer and print out some relevant information."

Experts say planning ahead for meals is important, particularly when one has visitors. "If you are going to have house guests, plan the other meals," said Unger. "Maybe you could make things ahead of time and put them in the freezer like a lasagna or chili. Buy a bagged salad, so it's less work. Always keep it simple."

"Try and find out what [your guests] like to eat so you can have it available," Reinholdt added. "This way, they can help themselves to snacks and other foods [and] will feel more comfortable in your home."

Jody Al-Saigh, of Picture Perfect Organizing, in Alexandria, said "creating a great holiday is like putting on a play. There are scripts, props and scenery, and you're the director."

One take-charge tool that she recommends is a filing system. "Create a holiday binder or accordion file with categories like cards, crafts, décor, food, gifts, parties, menus, lists, songs, traditions and budget."

"Set the table a day ahead of time. Have home decorating and home de-decorating parties with a few family members and friends. The whole process will go a lot more quickly and be a lot more fun," said Reinholdt.

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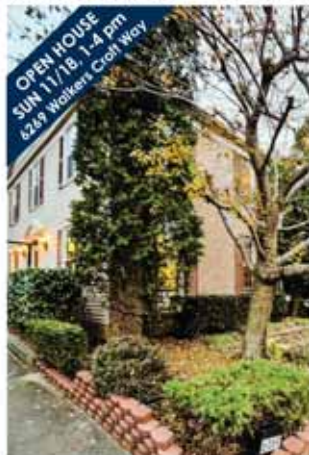
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