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The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria will be holding the “You’re the One I Want” adoption special where all animals can be adopted for \$14 on Valentine’s Day. A select few animals, the “Furget-Me-Nots,” will be available for adoption for \$14 during the entire month of February.

## “Furget-Me-Nots”



Two-year-old Rufus thanks 24-year-old Chelsea Lindsey of Alexandria for a treat. He is a part of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria’s “You’re the One I want” adoption special.



Paka is 3 years old and a part of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria’s “You’re the One I Want” adoption special.

## Turning Around the Turnaround

**Mounting pressure for external influence at a troubled school.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

A decade of efforts to improve Jefferson-Houston School have failed, and now state leaders are increasing pressure on Alexandria City Public School leaders to turnaround the turnaround. Because the school was denied accreditation last year, administrators were forced to bring in an outside consultant this year to help draft a corrective action plan. And members of the General Assembly are considering a plan that could have state authorities take control of the school.

“I would say that Thomas Jefferson himself would be opposed to that,” said Alexandria School Board Chairwoman Karen Graf. “That’s bold, but he wrote a lot about education and he felt that place where

education should be decided was at the local level.”

Graf said that Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell’s Educational Opportunities initiative is little more than a promotion of charter schools, which she criticized as a way for the state to seize control of low-performing schools from local officials. One of the chief critics of the governor’s plan in the House is freshman Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45), a former member of the Virginia Board of Education. He says the House version of the bill would allow a state takeover of Jefferson-Houston and require local tax dollars to create a charter school with no local oversight.

“I recognize that there are schools in the commonwealth that need to have outside help,” said Krupicka in a written statement. “But this bill seems more focused on creating a new bureaucracy than on helping kids succeed.”

**TEST SCORES** at the school have been failing for years, with the school failing to meet accreditation standards for 10 out of 11 years. Recent years have

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## The Waiting Game

**Half of the affordable housing units won’t be available for a decade.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

For the thousands of people who live in low-slung garden apartments on the West End, the future is an ever-present worry. Will they be able to stay in Alexandria? Or will gentrification push them out into far-flung suburbs and exurbs of Northern Virginia with little more than a 120-day notice? Half of the affordable housing units the city says is set aside in redevelopment there won’t be available for a decade. And even then, residents might have to enter a lottery to get an available unit.

“This is the cheapest neighborhood in Alexandria,” said Amine Ketani, a native of Morocco who has lived here for the last six years. “So it’s going to be hard to find, you know, somewhere that’s cheaper than here.”

Last year, members of the Alexandria City Council approved a plan that would demolish thousands of low-end garden apartments in favor of high-end housing, offices and hotels. Now city leaders are ready to move forward with the zoning change that would allow developers to move forward with demolition of the existing buildings and relocation of some of the residents.

“If the rezoning doesn’t happen, we can renovate existing units or redevelop under existing zoning,” said Cathy Puskar, a land-use attorney who is representing developer JBG Properties. “Neither of which guarantees any affordable housing.”

**SUPPORTERS** of the rezoning say the 800 units of dedicated af-

### Waiting for Housing

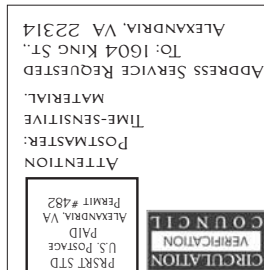
2014:	47 units
2015:	46 units
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2020:	56 units
2021:	62 units
2022:	38 units
2023:	60 units
2024:	60 units
2025:	60 units
2026 to 2030:	150 units
2031 to 2035:	100 units
2036 to 2042:	63 units
<b>Total:</b>	<b>800 units</b>

fordable housing would be an unprecedented addition to the stockpile of residential units for low-income Alexandria residents. But according to the city’s implementation plan, the units will come in small increments over the next 30 years. Most of the units won’t be available until after 2023 — if the developer delivers all the units that are currently part of the discussion about rezoning.

“This is not enforceable in any way,” said civic activist Sammie Moshenberg, whose unsuccessful campaign for City Council was based largely on her opposition to the Beauregard small-area plan. “It’s recommended, but not guaranteed.”

Last week, three attorneys with the Washington-based Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law sent council members a letter expressing their support for stronger assurances that the developer will follow through with delivering the affordable housing units. One model would be a formal “community benefits agree-

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## Call for Ethanol

Ever since an ethanol transloading facility began operations near Cameron Station in 2008, neighbors in this West End community have been worried about the threat of disaster. Liquid ethanol is a class 3 hazardous material, and it burns at a temperature that makes the flames invisible.

Tensions erupted again this week, when about 50 gallons of liquid ethanol spilled at the facility Tuesday afternoon. Unlike a previous spill in 2009, when Norfolk Southern alerted the Virginia Department of Emergency Management but not the city, railroad officials placed the first call to Alexandria City Hall.

"After the city and Norfolk Southern spoke about the previous circumstances," said **Robert Rodriguez**, public information officer with the Alexandria Fire Department, "Norfolk Southern elected to change their notification procedures and notify the city first."

An engine company, a hazardous materials team and the on-duty fire marshal were dispatched to the facility, which is near the Van Dorn Street Metro Station. When they arrived on the scene, they assessed the situation. Despite early reports that 100 gallons had spilled, they determined that it was less than 50 gallons. After taking air samplings, city officials determined that no explosive hazard existed and that all the liquid ethanol had been taken up by absorbent pads.

"Just like at any gas station, you can always have a flare up if you're exposed to an ignition source," said Rodriguez. "But the facility has a number of specific procedures they go through to make sure the rail cars are grounded during the transfer process and that the transfer equipment is grounded and that the tanker trucks are grounded."

## Doctor Feelgood

A former Alexandria doctor is facing 20 years behind bars after pleading guilty this week to conspiring to distribute oxycodone. **Larren Wade**, 55, faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison when he is sentenced in May.

"Larren Wade not only violated his oath as a doctor, he violated the law when he provided a highly addictive drug to individuals for no legitimate medical reason," said U.S. Attorney **Neil MacBride**. "The abuse of prescription pills has had a devastating impact on our community, and we will continue to pursue unethical doctors who sell the drugs for their own profit."

Between March and July 2010, Wade issued thousands of prescriptions for pain medications — sometimes more than 2,000 pills each month to individual patients. Court records show he frequently issued these prescriptions without conducting a physical examination, without reviewing prior medical records or even establishing a treatment plan. He operated an almost strictly cash business, and he would typically see between 30 and 50 patients each day.

"Larren Wade selfishly exploited his profession by operating a drug distribution business that supplied dangerous prescription pain killers to individuals with no valid medical need," said Valerie Parlave, assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office.

## Opportunity Lawsuit

If members of the General Assembly move forward with Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell's** Educational Opportunities initiative, City Attorney **James Banks** says Alexandria could play a part in a lawsuit challenging the potential takeover of Jefferson-Houston School. During a public discussion of the legislation Tuesday night, Banks opened the door to the possibility of court action.

"I think there certainly will be opportunities for us to make our opposition to this particular piece of legislation known, and to pursue other remedies and possibly court action," Banks told City Council members. "There certainly are a number of potential weaknesses or avenues of approach that litigants can use to go after this particular piece of legislation."

The city attorney added that the Virginia Municipal League and the Virginia Association of Counties would probably lead the opposition, organizing support from Alexandria and other jurisdictions.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



**Maestro Kim Allen Kluge conducts the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra in the Feb. 10 concert celebrating his 25th year with the ASO.**

# Celebrating the Maestro

## ASO concerts marks 25th anniversary of Kim Allen Kluge.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**S**howcasing talent from throughout the city, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra celebrated the 25th anniversary of Maestro Kim Allen Kluge with a weekend of concerts Feb. 9 and 10 that featured the world premiere of *River Poem*, an original piece by Kluge and his wife Kathryn Vassar Kluge.

"*River Poem* is a symphonic poem inspired by and dedicated to our beloved Alexandria," Kim Allen Kluge said. "It celebrates our connectedness — to our past, present and future, to one another and to the world."

Commissioned by Virginia Bronze, *River Poem* is a four-movement symphonic work for orchestra, double chorus and bell choir. For its premiere, the ASO was joined onstage at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Hall by the Virginia Bronze Handbell Ensemble, the Alexandria Choral Society and the Heritage Signature Chorale.

"I believe that *River Poem* will be as gratifying to perform as it is to listen to," said Kim Allen Kluge, who has also composed for saxophonist Branford Marsalis. "Although it was written by me and Kathryn as a tribute to Alexandria, its themes are universal."

In addition to *River Poem*, the concert featured selections from Mendelssohn, Morris, Bach and Handel as well as a brilliant performance by concertmaster Claudia Chudacoff in Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major.

But the extended ovations were reserved for Maestro Kluge, the Oberlin Conservatory of Music valedictorian who joined the ASO in 1987 at the age of 28.

"It was an amazing performance," said Yuliya Gorenman, a world-renown concert pianist who was in the audience. "I am excited to be here to celebrate Maestro's Kluge's 25th anniversary. Kim is an incredible musician, inspiration and friend and Alexandria is very fortunate to have him."



**World-renown concert pianist Yuliya Gorenman, left, congratulates Kim Allen Kluge and Kathryn Vassar Kluge following the Feb. 10 ASO performance.**



**Maestro Kim Allen Kluge thanks Mayor Bill Euille for his inspiration and support of the arts in Alexandria.**

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Diane Ruggiero and artist Eric Nelson.



City Councilman John Chapman and Carol Supplee.

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## She's Promoter-of-the-Arts-in-Chief

### Del Ray Artisans welcomes city's new arts director.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The arts community turned out in force Feb. 8 to officially welcome Diane

Ruggiero to Alexandria as the new director of the Office of the Arts.

"This is an amazing opportunity for me to work in the arts in such a great city," Ruggiero said at the reception hosted at the Del Ray Artisans Nicolas A. Colasanto Center on Mount Vernon Avenue. "There is such a collaborative relationship that drew more than 100 people. 'I am impressed with the role

Ruggiero comes to Alexandria from Asheville, N.C. and has been on the job for just over three months.

"It's fun to learn a new city like this," Ruggiero said. "I am still trying to figure out how best to engage the community in the arts but with the help of everyone here, we'll figure it out as we go."

**"This is an amazing opportunity for me to work in the arts in such a great city,"**

**— Office of the Arts Director Diane Ruggiero**

In addition to artists and patrons, Office of Historic Alexandria director Lance Mallamo was in attendance at the reception



Office of Historic Alexandria director Lance Mallamo and Del Ray Artisans founder Marlin Lord.

history plays in the arts in Alexandria," Ruggiero said. "My role and the role of the Office of the Arts is to promote the arts in the community. And there is no better inspiration for that than a city as beautiful as Alexandria."



Seth Arnstein of Eclips Orchestra, Michelle Koziak of Arts on the Horizon and Helenmarie Corcoran of Kaleidoscope.



Arts patron Fran Redmon and David Martin of Goldworks.

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## NEWS

**Commonwealth Attorney Randy Sengal displays a sense of humor when endorsing Bryan Porter as his successor.**



# Pork Barrel Politics

**Porter kicks off bid for Commonwealth's Attorney.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**B**ryan Porter officially kicked off his campaign for Commonwealth's Attorney at a politically star-studded reception Feb. 9 at Del Ray's Pork Barrel BBQ.

"I am overwhelmed by the support and the turnout today," Porter said in addressing a crowd that included his wife Karen and parents Bonnie and ACT executive director John Porter. "It's an honor to have the opportunity to represent the city that I love."

Also in attendance were Mayor Bill Euille, members of City Council, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and current Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Sengal, who announced in December that he would not seek re-election after 15 years in office.

"I am confident in Bryan's ability to lead this office," said Sengal, who has endorsed Porter to succeed him. "He knows that law enforcement is not always a black-and-white issue — that you are sometimes dealing with shades of gray that requires accountability but also compassion."

A former officer with the Alexandria Police Department, Porter is currently an assistant attorney in Sengal's office. He is also the son of John Porter, the former longtime principal of T.C. Williams High School.

"I've known Bryan most of his life," said Lawhorne, who used the occasion to gather signatures in his own bid for re-election. "I have always been impressed by his wealth of knowledge and passion for serving this



**Bryan Porter addresses the crowd at Del Ray's Pork Barrel BBQ Feb. 9 to kick off his campaign for Commonwealth's Attorney.**

city."

The Commonwealth's Attorney is a constitutional officer elected to a four-year term. The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney is responsible for the prosecution of all persons charged with the commission of criminal and traffic offenses in violation of state law or city ordinances and serves as legal advisor to the Sheriff and the police department.

The Alexandria Democratic Committee announced its Call to Caucus Feb. 4 to select nominees for Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney. Porter and ADC officials said they are unaware of any opponents, either Democrat or Republican, who are planning to run for the position in the Nov. 5 general election.

"When you help me get elected on Nov. 5, you will be electing someone who understands that the duty of this office is to protect the citizens of Alexandria," Porter said. "And I promise you today, I will always prosecute with a sense of humility."



**Karen Porter, flanked by her in-laws Bonnie and John Porter, listens to her husband's remarks during the Feb. 9 campaign kick-off.**

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# State Adds Pressure for School Turnaround

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seen an increasing decline. In the most recent set of test scores, for example, only 29 percent of black students showed basic proficiency in Math. And only 46 percent of students with disabilities at Jefferson-Houston could demonstrate basic English skills. That's become cause for alarm in Richmond, and a desire to see some oversight outside Alexandria City Public Schools.

"You have an entire generation of kids that have been failed by the Alexandria city school system," said Virginia Board of Education member Chris Braunlich during a recent discussion of Jefferson-Houston in Richmond. "We've talked a lot here about flexibility, but a school system that has allowed this to happen for 10 out of the last 11 years has earned no flexibility."

When officials in Richmond denied accreditation at Jefferson-Houston last year, administrators attempted to appeal the decision. Their appeal was denied. Instead of selecting one of the vendors state officials had already approved, leaders in Alexandria decided to issue their own request for proposals, which has delayed the selection of the required "external lead turnout partner." Late last year, school officials chose Washington-based American Institutes for Research.

"The line was drawn," Jefferson-Houston Principal Rosalyn Rice-Harris told School



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

**After a decade of failing efforts to turnaround Jefferson-Houston School, city leaders now want to demolish the facility.**

Board members last week. "Ten years is too long, and we have to make changes now."

**THE LAST DECADE** has seen many changes at the school, which has seen a revolving door of administrators and corrective action plans. The most recent change has been the addition of middle school classes, making Jefferson-Houston the first school in Alexandria to offer Kindergarten through the eighth grade. More recently, Rice-Harris instituted new school uniforms

at Jefferson-Houston — burgundy tops and khaki pants.

"Sometimes she's been hugged," Superintendent Morton Sherman said of Rice-Harris. "Other times, she's not been hugged in the work that she had undertaken. But has done so with a passion and a fury on behalf of the children."

Late last year, members of the Alexandria City Council approved a plan to demolish the 1970 building and construct a \$45 million new facility expected to open in Au-



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**The \$48 million new school will serve grades Kindergarten through eighth grade, a model that school officials want to replicate at three other schools.**

gust 2014. Although the school currently has about 400 students today, the 130,000-square-foot school has been designed to accommodate 800 students. School officials are hoping that the coming years could see a turnaround for the moribund turnaround efforts. "I think we should rename the school," said School Board member Bill Campbell. "Jefferson-Houston has too much baggage. Perhaps we could honor former School Board member Ferdinand Day or the original landowner of the site."

# Half of Affordable Housing Units Won't Be Available for Decade

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ment," according to members of the organization. Without such a legally binding contract, opponents of the plan fear, thousands may be waiting for units that may never materialize.

"Without a firm enforceable commitment to long-term or permanently affordable housing, there is no guarantee that the developer will follow through on its promise," wrote Diane Glauber, David Zisser and Melissa Gallo in the Feb. 8 letter. "And the neighborhood is likely to become unaffordable to families that currently live there."

**PLANNING COMMISSION** members are scheduled to consider the rezoning in April, setting the stage for weeks of conflict as the plan moves forward. The proposal now under consideration would have developers kick in about \$80 million for the affordable-housing units. City taxpayers would also contribute about \$76 million over the next 30 years. One issue that has yet to be determined is how much money individuals will have to earn to qualify.

"Our survey of residents showed a much greater number of lower-income households than we expected," said Helen McIlvaine, deputy director of the Office of Housing. "We don't expect to be able to serve everyone with the committed units."

About half of the residents who currently live in the series of garden apartments known as the Hamlets earn less than

\$40,000 a year. That's why an advisory panel is suggesting City Council members set aside a majority of the units for lowest-income residents. That would mean 405 units for those who earn 40 percent of the average median income or less.

"We shouldn't be focused on units but rather the people who live in the units," said Aurora Vasquez, co-director of the advocacy group known as Tenants and Workers United. "Twenty-five hundred units means thousands and thousands of people. It means individuals. It means moms. It means dads. It means children. It means senior citizens."

**THE DEBATE** about zoning will pit low-income residents against development pressure.

Hanging in the balance is tens of millions in new revenue for the city in addition to a new fire station that developers have offered to construct for the city. Residents are calling on city leaders and JBG Companies to roll back rents to 2010 rates and freeze them in place, which would prevent low-income residents from being priced out of Alexandria. They're also asking that city leaders increase the number of dedicated affordable housing units from 800 to 2,473 — the number of existing market rate units that will be demolished under the current plan.

"That is completely impractical if we are to continue to maintain this property to satisfy resident needs and meet city of Al-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

**Thousands of low-income residents who live in these low-slung garden apartments on the West End are worried gentrification might push them out of Alexandria.**

exandria standards," said Charles Maier, spokesman for the JBG Companies, in December. "Most residents living in Mark Center know and understand that."

As the rezoning vote nears, members of Tenants and Workers United are hoping that they might be able to help current residents

deal with rising rents and increase the number of affordable housing units that will be available in the future.

"We're frustrated and angry about what's going on," said Hector Pineda, president of the Beauregard Tenants Association. "And we're still in this fight."



# Pink Zone Event Honors Deputies, Coach's Mother

**T**he T.C. Williams girls' basketball team honored breast cancer survivors at the annual Pink Zone event on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Before the game, Coach Kesha Walton presented survivors Lt. Monique Rea, Sgt. Lynn Oliver and Deputy Valarie Wright of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, and her own mother Eva Walton with pink carnations and courtside seats to see the Titans take on Lake Braddock. Michelle Daichman of the American Cancer Society also gave each woman a "survivor" sash.

The Alexandria Fire Department showed its support of breast cancer awareness by selling pink "Fired up for the Cause" t-shirts which benefit the Alexandria Breast Cancer Walk Fund for Early Detection and Education at Inova Alexandria Hospital. The Alexan-



Titan players wore "Fired up for the Cause" t-shirts during warm-ups.

dria Sheriff's Association purchased shirts for members of the girls' basketball team who wore them during warm-ups. Alexandria will host the Relay for Life on May 18 in Del Ray to support the American Cancer Society.

From left: Breast cancer survivor Sgt. Lynn Oliver, Deputy Valarie Wright and Lt. Monique Rea of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office at the Pink Zone event at T.C. Williams.



Coach Kesha Walton gives a bouquet to Lt. Monique Rea, a 20-year breast cancer survivor and a watch commander at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center.



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## HISTORY

# Washington: 'First in the Hearts of His Countrymen'

BY ELLEN LATANE TABB

**G**eorge Washington, "The Father of our Country," actively promoted prosperity, political and economic freedom for Alexandrians. In so doing, he sowed the seeds that grew to fruition in the winning of the country's independence from Great Britain and establishing the Constitution.

George Washington chose to live in Alexandria when he was 11 years old and came to visit his older stepbrother Lawrence at Mount Vernon. With his mother's permission, he came here because it offered better opportunities than those in Fredericksburg. He and the city grew together, increasing in wealth and fame.

As a youth of 17, Washington helped survey the new town in 1749, a year after it was established as a trading town on the Potomac. A few years later, as a soldier, he recruited and drilled his troops in Market Square before the French and Indian War. He and the Virginia militia joined British Gen. Edward Braddock, who had made the Carlyle House his headquarters, in the campaign to drive the French out of the Ohio Valley. He learned how the British Army operated and gained war hero status during the ambush by the enemy when he led the retreat after Braddock's death; those who returned attributed their survival to his leadership.

**MARKET SQUARE** was also the site of Arell's Tavern, where the Fairfax Resolves were debated and adopted. Spurred on by George Mason, realizing the similar threat to the port of Alexandria when the British closed the port of Boston after the Tea Party, Washington presided at the July 18, 1774, meeting in which participants voted to refuse to import most goods from England

and to prepare for the "defense and preservation of our Common rights." Then these resolves were read to all assembled in Market Square. This document, which reworked Mason's Prince William Resolves, was the basis for Mason's Virginia Declaration of Rights, which was the basis for our Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the Constitution. Washington presided at the Constitutional Convention and was our first President in the republic which it established.

Washington also drilled the militia on Market Square again in 1775 before he left for Philadelphia, where he was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the land and naval forces in the American Revolutionary War. In 1799 he held the last review of his Revolutionary War troops from the steps of Wise's Tavern; the building still stands at Cameron and Fairfax streets.

This man of vision founded the Potomac Canal Company and initiated plans for a canal which would extend to the Ohio territory and thereby open up the interior of the country (where he owned land) to trade. Those products would be sold in Alexandria and thereby help to make the city great and prosperous. (A lock is visible near Canal Square.)

Washington was appointed a town trustee. Believing in the necessity of education for youth, in his will he endowed the free school (Alexandria Academy, whose building is on S. Washington Street) with his 25 shares valued at \$200 each in the Bank of Alexandria, in which he was a depositor as well as a shareholder. That money was to fund educations for needy boys — and girls, who generally were not formally educated in those days. He gave a fire engine to the city, and sold produce from Mt. Vernon at Market Square. He bought the largest pew and worshipped at Christ

## Celebrating George's Birthday

George Washington Birthday Parade and Weekend Festivities will be held Feb. 16-18. Largest parade in the country celebrating the 281st anniversary of the birth of the nation's first president takes place on Washington's Birthday holiday, Monday, Feb. 18, 1 to 3 p.m. in Old Town Alexandria. Part of a weekend of events includes the Birthnight Banquet & Ball and a Madeira Wine Tasting at Gadsby's Tavern, a 10-K race, a 1-mile race just before the parade, plus free open houses at historic attractions on parade day. Related stories, page 22.

mander-in-Chief, left for New York to assume the Presidency, and returned home at the end of his public service) with friends at Gadsby's Tavern, Wise's, DuVall's and other taverns.

When Washington hosted the Mount Vernon Conference in 1785, his hope that Virginia and Maryland would settle their differences about fishing and navigational rights on the Potomac was realized. (He had a personal stake in the outcome because much of his wealth came from the shad that he shipped all over the world.) That agreement is in force today. Inspired by the success of that meeting, the delegates called for another meeting the following year to discuss more issues among the colonies. That successful meeting at Annapolis led to another in Philadelphia in 1787 at which the Constitution was adopted.

Washington gave this area additional prominence and expected additional commercial opportunities when he included it as part of the original District of Columbia in his second proclamation as President, issued in 1791. Therefore, people throughout the nation heard of Jones Point where the first mile marker was put. (Others, a mile apart, are on Russell Road just north of the intersection with King Street, and King Street in the middle of the parking lot of First Baptist Church and just before the exit to I-395.)

As Washington hoped, in the decade from 1800-1810, Alexandria's population increased 50 percent. His efforts to contribute to the future success of his hometown were successful even after his death in 1799, and he set the standards high for future legislators and presidents. He was truly as his great friend and admirer "Light-Horse" Harry Lee noted: "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," including his many friends in Alexandria.

Church, was present at the organizational meeting and contributed to the building fund of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, which was built in 1795 and was the first permanent Catholic Church in Virginia. He was the first grand master of the Masonic Lodge, was a justice of the peace and voted at the courthouse on Market Square.

**WASHINGTON OWNED** properties in Alexandria, including his townhouse at 508 Cameron St., the only house he built for his use alone, but he rented and generously loaned it to family members and friends when he was not in the area. He slept here too at the town house and at the homes of friends like John Dalton, a business partner of John Carlyle.

Washington conducted business here, shopped (bought medicines at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop), dined and celebrated (birthnight banquets and balls, receptions when he returned from Annapolis after resigning his commission as Com-

## Remembering Paramedic Joshua A. Weissman



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

**Alexandria Fire Chief Adam Thiel comforts the widow of Joshua Weissman, Rebecca Weissman.**

**T**he City of Alexandria Fire Department hosted a Remembrance Ceremony honoring Paramedic Joshua A. Weissman on Friday, Feb. 8, at the newly renamed Joshua A. Weissman Professional Development Center at 1108 Jefferson St.

The ceremony honored the memory of Paramedic Joshua Weissman who died in the line of duty on Feb. 9, 2012. While responding to a car fire on Interstate 395 near Glebe Road on the evening of Feb. 8, 2012, Weissman fell from the roadway, where he suffered a severe head injury. He was rescued by City of Alexandria and Arlington County firefighters and paramedics, with assistance from the City of Alexandria and Arlington County Police Departments and the Virginia State Police. Despite efforts by the medical team at the Washington Hospital Center, Weissman succumbed to his injuries. Weissman, 33, of Bristow, was a seven-year veteran of the Alexandria Fire Department.



**Alexandria Fire Department chaplain Nathan Krause delivers the benediction at the conclusion of the service.**



# PEOPLE



**Joe Haggerty, COO of United Way Worldwide and chamber chair-elect for 2014, with Cindy Levine.**



**Alicia Jensen and Joe Kurpiel**



**Mark Donovan and Elizabeth Riley**



**Artfully Gifts and Chocolate's Eric Nelson and Edward Hart**

By JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

## 'Catch the Wave'

Renner celebrated as chamber board chairman.

By JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**ith a theme of "Catch the Wave," the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce officially celebrated John J. Renner II as its incoming board chairman Feb. 9 at the annual Chairman's Gala.

More than 275 people turned out to a newly renovated Hilton Mark Center, where Mayor Bill Euille delivered a proclamation declaring 2013 as "Alexandria's

Year of Business."

"None of us is a one-man show," Renner said in his remarks. "We are strongest when we work together as a team to make Alexandria the kind of place we all want to live."

The evening featured entertainment by the Alexandria Singers and a short film by Video Solutions.

"Let's 'catch the wave' of collaboration and cooperation," Renner said. "Let's work together to make our voices heard for the benefit of all Alexandria."



**Sable and Andrew Young and Dallas and Astrid Stapleton.**

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**Gant and Fran Redmon, David Baker and Jeannie and Harry Baldwin**



**John Bordner, O'Kelly McWilliams and Walter Clarke**

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**Lynne and Donald Simpson with Joe Shumard**



**Linda and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Mason Bavin**



**Donna and Joe Wilson and Margaret Gullen**



**Lawrence Harper, Lora Palacios and "Mango" Mike Anderson**



**Alexandria Chamber of Commerce board chair John Renner and Bill Kehoe**



**Amanda Beaumont and Andy Duncan**

**Deborah and Reuben Johnson**





# OPINION

## On Transportation Compromise, in the works, should include indexing the gas tax to inflation.

**V**irginia needs more options, not fewer, in developing revenue to pay for roads and transportation. Compromise on a plan to increase transportation revenue should not include making Virginia the only state in the nation without a gas tax. The current, ridiculously low gas tax should be indexed to inflation. The last thing the Commonwealth needs is to do away with an existing, major source of money for roads.

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Sen. Dick Saslaw proposed raising the tax, now 17.5 cents a gallon, by five cents each of the next two years and then indexing it to inflation. At the least, the tax should be indexed to rise with inflation from its current level.

Possible proposals to cut the tax in half along with increases in the sales tax miss the point, but are still far preferable to eliminating it.

The gas tax is a user fee. It raises money for roads from people and businesses who are using the roads, including drivers pass through Virginia from out of state.

We agree with Del. Scott Surovell, who says: "Funding roads exclusively with sales taxes

disproportionately burdens the elderly who drive less than others and people who do not own cars."

## Medicaid Expansion Progresses

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce said it well when it issued a statement in favor of the Commonwealth embracing \$10 billion in Federal money to expand the number of people eligible for health insurance under Medicaid:

"Northern Virginia businesses and taxpayers are already paying for health reform through new taxes levied by the Affordable Care Act. If we do not take advantage of Medicaid reform [and expansion], roughly \$10 billion in Virginia taxpayer dollars will go to the federal government to fund coverage extension in other states. If the General Assembly approves the reform and extension plan, nearly all those taxpayer dollars will remain in-state where they can be put to good use for the benefit of the Commonwealth, its businesses and its citi-

zens."

## Call for Photos for Pet Gazette Packet

The Pet Gazette Packet, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish at the end of February, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by Feb. 21.

Our favorite pictures include both pets and humans. Please identify everyone in the photo, give a brief description what is happening in the photo and of your pet, and include address and phone number (we will not publish your address or phone number, just your town name). We also welcome short stories about how you got your pet, a noteworthy talent or anecdote about your pet, and drawings, paintings or other artwork of your pet by children or adults. Email submissions to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com).

To see our last pet edition, visit <http://connectionarchives.com/PDF/2012/072512/Alexandria.pdf>

## Listen to the Other Side of the Argument

BY FRANK FANNON, IV  
ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCILMAN, 2009-2012

**L**ast week I had the opportunity to spend two days in Richmond discussing legislation with our local delegation and other members of the General Assembly. Two of the leading topics being discussed were the transportation funding plans and State Senate redistricting. The Commonwealth of Virginia has a population of 8.1 million people making it the 12th most populated state in the country, less than 2 percent of the population lives in Alexandria. The majority of the elected Democrats live in Northern Virginia and often the message delivered to constituents does not represent the other side of the debate.

### COMMENTARY

On transportation, Governor McDonnell has an aggressive funding plan that would eliminate the gas tax and raise the state sales tax to solve the growing traffic and congestion challenges we face.

There is much discussion about what the final plan will entail and both parties want to find a solution. Alexandrians need to be concerned about the plan the Senate passed. This includes the option for local municipalities in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads to tax residents' income. All of the senators representing Alexandria voted for this and Democrat Senator Chap Petersen of Fairfax said this is the worst scenario for Northern Virginia and I agree.

Unlike Maryland, it is currently against the

law in Virginia for a local municipality to tax your income. Upon hearing the passing of the Senate bill, Mayor Euille expressed his satisfaction with having the option to put another tax on the incoming producing residents of Alexandria. No member of the Alexandria City Council has publicly opposed this idea and it appears the Republican-led House of Delegates, which will vote on this shortly, is the last line of defense to protect Alexandrians from this surtax on their income.

The other hotly debated topic in Richmond was the Republican state senators' proposal to redistrict state Senate lines. Redistricting and moving election dates is part policy and part politics. Virginia's 40 state senators each represent 200,000 Virginians.

The party in power controls the redistricting process and the Senate Democrats controlled this process in 2011. Lines were drawn to protect incumbents and control power, leaving some senators representing numerous cities and communities.

In 2011, Republican state senators received a total of 200,000 more votes throughout Virginia than Democratic state senators. However, the way the lines were drawn, the Senate elections ended with 20 Republicans and 20 Democrats in the Senate. Alexandria has 140,000 residents and three different Democratic state senators due to the gerrymandered process.

The Virginia Senate redistricting plan died on the desk of the Republican Speaker of the House William Howell with input from Governor Bob McDonnell. This is an example of statesmanship when leaders put aside partisan politics and do what is right as opposed to what they are allowed to do for political gain.

Alexandrians are too often kept in the dark with a one party system in place but deserve to hear the rest of the story on issues that will impact their lives.



## Snapshot

**Members of Company K, 3rd United States Regular Infantry Regiment, participate in a Day in Camp at Fort Ward Park and Museum on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 9.**

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## OPINION

# Expanding Health care Coverage

BY CHARNIELE HERRING  
DELEGATE (D-46)

In Virginia almost one million men and women go without health insurance. That is one million people who cannot afford to get a check-up when they feel sick, who cannot fill prescriptions after injury or emergency treatment, and who are one serious illness away from bankruptcy.

The full extent of this health care crisis is much less personal; uncompensated costs to state hospitals and lost labor for our small businesses drain billions from our economy, money from our pocketbooks, and essential funds from our state treasury every year. We have the opportunity to solve this problem. It is past time to expand Medicaid coverage to those who need access. Medicaid expansion is good public policy we cannot afford to ignore.

Republicans, led by the Governor, have claimed that Medicaid expansion will increase the cost of a bloated system Virginia cannot afford. The reverse is true. Stringent eligibility requirements have built one of the nation's leanest Medicaid systems, Virginia ranks 48th of 50 states in per capita Medicaid spending, and only those making 30 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible to enroll in the program.

Now, we have the opportunity to build on our efficient system and expand medical access to rural and urban Virginians who have only seen that access decline for a generation.

Expanding eligibility to include those making up to 138 percent of the federal poverty line — about \$15,400 per year for an individual and \$32,000 for a family of four — would allow more than 400,000 Virginians to pay for the healthcare they are already



receiving for free at emergency rooms across the state. This means reliable health care for workers at the small businesses that can least afford to provide insurance and lower premiums for those of us whose insurance already subsidizes emergency room visits.

This expansion will cost money, \$15 million a year over the next nine years according to the Governor's office. In return, over \$23 billion will flow back to Virginia from the federal government, an investment that will strengthen our economy and create up to 30,000 jobs. During those same nine years, Medicaid expansion will actually save our state \$300 million our public hospitals would have previously spent in unremunerated emergency room care.

If we choose not to expand coverage, we leave those 400,000 Virginians with no choice but to continue to avoid preventative care and visit emergency rooms as a last resort, leaving them in worse health — and our Commonwealth with the bill. Federal taxes Virginians already pay will flow out of our state, and give other Americans the improved healthcare and economic boost that we could have right here at home.

I am standing behind this Medicaid expansion. It is right for Virginia. It is right for Virginians. I hope you will stand with me, and with your help, we can ensure that financially responsible health care reform can begin to make Virginia an even better place to live.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Reactionary Responses

To the Editor:

I am alarmed about the arrest and detention of a fifth-grader at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School in Alexandria because a boy brought a toy gun to school. I have learned that the boy has been suspended and that Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent Morton Sherman is considering expulsion.

The reaction by the school, the principal, the Alexandria Police Department, and the superintendent is excessive and unacceptable.

Nothing in the reports about this incident suggests that any common sense approach to dealing with this matter was made. School rules exist for the safety and protection of students and teachers to shape a hospitable learning environment and, if the reports about the toy are true, the 10-year-old boy clearly violated the rules. This fifth-grader should be punished and disciplined appropriately. I would normally defer a method of

punishment to school administrators, but based on their response to this incident it is clear their only solution is and will be incommutable castigation.

A suggested recourse for the boy could include writing letters of apology to his schoolmates, completing a community service project, or working within the school to educate other students about safety.

Instead, the child was arrested by police, placed in juvenile detention, suspended from school, and presently faces expulsion and the probable stigma of being a troublemaker for the rest of his life. I would be amiss if I also didn't point out the legal costs and court fees that these parents will also be responsible for thanks to this over-reaction.

Our community and culture expect that the boy be punished, however I believe that school and public safety authorities have failed to adequately and effectively deal with this matter and have set a dangerous precedent for other students in our community. It is glaringly obvious that the boy will be condemned because the simple

utterance of a weapon near a school, real or otherwise, presently incites panic and unreasoned reaction.

School safety is a serious issue and I do not take the current discussion about violence in our society, gun control, or mental illness lightly. I however, am frightened and disturbed by the reactionary responses to school safety during our country's present debate and examination of violence in society and gun control.

As a parent with two small school age children, I face a daily challenge of preventing dolls, sporting equipment, and action figures from being smuggled onto campus where they will undoubtedly become distractions to a healthy learning environment. I'm worried that one day that a miniature toy sword, a bubble maker, or a finger-pointed to look like a pistol will be all that it takes to have our kids thrown into the slammer. We must insist that school administrators have the courage and flexibility to deal with these issues more effectively with an emphasis on common sense.

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# Wrangling State Budget, Transportation

BY ROB KRUPICKA  
DELEGATE (D-45)



Crossover occurred last week — all remaining House bills went to the Senate, and all Senate bills went to the House. It was a busy week, with big topics discussed from SB 259 to budget and transportation.

The big news this week was that the Speaker ruled that SB 259 (which was the Senate redistricting plan) was not germane which effectively killed the bill. Thanks to all of you who wrote and called. Defeating this was an important step. But some legislators in Richmond are already talking about ways to bring this back. So this fight is likely to come up again. We will keep you posted.

**Budget:** The Senate and House of Delegates passed budgets that will now be sent to the other body to review and ultimately to reconcile.

I voted against the House budget for two reasons. First, it took money from education to pay for transportation. We have been cutting per pupil spending in Virginia for a number of years and our schools are being constrained in their ability to meet community needs. And second, the House budget didn't include a full expansion of Medicaid, which would help approximately 43,000

people in and around my district. With Medicaid, each of those people would have less need to use emergency services, which creates a savings for all of us.

Fortunately, the Senate budget provides funding to expand Medicaid. I am committed to working to make sure the Senate's Medicaid proposal ends up in the final budget. I put in a request for \$2.5 million for a state-wide Mental Health First Aide program and \$1.85 million made it into the House budget. This is a great step. And I hope it will help pave the way for Virginia do much more with mental health care services over-all.

**Transportation:** Last week NoVA was identified as having the worse traffic in the country. But I know none of us needed a survey to know that. Traffic destroys our quality of life and puts at risk the prosperity of our region.

The Governor's transportation bill, which eliminates the gas tax and raises the sales tax passed the House and is now in the Senate where we expect many changes for the better.

I can see an opportunity for us to get

something done this year, but it won't be easy and there will have to be changes to the currently proposed transportation bill. The Governor's bill does a lot of gymnastics so folks can claim they didn't raise taxes. The problem is, doing that means it also doesn't raise much money and it puts education funding at risk. We need well over a billion and a half dollars of new dedicated transportation funds each year to address our maintenance and construction budget shortfalls.

I understand the need to compromise and I remain ready to do that. But I also want to make sure the final bill isn't just a press release that forces us to come back to this issue next year. We need real revenues. We need local control of much of the money so we don't have to rely on VDOT making choices that don't make sense for our community. And we need to make sure transit is given the support it needs.

I'd love to hear your thoughts about transportation. Please visit my website ([www.krupicka.com](http://www.krupicka.com)) and complete my survey on transportation issues. It will be under the 'Issues' tab.

Additionally, I will be having a town hall this coming Saturday, from 11-12:30 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center at 901 Wythe Street in Alexandria. Info is also on my website.

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Children make mistakes and when they break the rules they must be punished and held accountable. There are better ways to teach this boy a lesson.

**Charles Faulkner**  
Alexandria

## School Takeover Is Necessary

To the Editor:

I believe the legislature took a step in the right direction when it decided to require the state to take over schools which lose their accreditation. Schools don't lose accreditation overnight, but after a lengthy process and much forewarning, so entrusting local administrations and school boards to fix things is simply not realistic. Running a school system is complex, probably too much so to divert time, funding, and other resources from successful schools to the few failing ones. We ask too much of local officials when we expect them to do so, because we risk those resources will come at the expense of success in other schools. Someone from the outside, with control over additional resources, expertise in addressing failing schools, and singular focus and mandate, might be needed because

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# Thank You Pulte Homes and Trade Partners!

Join us as we celebrate the dedication of a newly renovated, 10-unit apartment building for Community Lodgings. The building serves as temporary housing to 10 homeless families and, thanks to Pulte Homes and its trade partners, has been transformed into a safe and stable environment where families can rebuild their lives. This is an \$870,000+ project with nearly 40% savings coming from the Builder Captain and Trade Partners.

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## OPINION

# Good News ... ... on Medicaid and Redistricting

By ADAM EBBIN  
STATE SENATOR (D-30)

While I unfortunately usually alert you about troubling developments, I am happy to share some good news from the last week. Two promising developments—redistricting and the Medicaid expansion—give me optimism about the prospects for the remainder of the legislative session.

On the redistricting front, House Speaker Bill Howell ruled the Senate Republicans' plan to significantly alter all 40 districts was not germane to the bill that they sneakily attached it to! This is a big win for fairness in the legislative process.

Last week the Senate budget proposal was finalized and it included a provision to accept the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia. This makes good sense whether considered from a preventive care, economic, or moral perspective. Among the 420,000 lower-income Virginians who could receive access to health care are people with disabilities, seniors in nursing homes, pregnant women, and children.

The Medicaid expansion would also create about 30,000 good health care jobs.

Currently, Virginia Medicaid covers working adults who earn only up to 30 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), which is just \$5,727 for a family of three. Newly created health care exchanges (insurance pools) will be available to those who earn above 100 percent of the FPL without coverage from their jobs. The Medicaid expansion is vital because it would help those who earn too much to currently qualify for Medicaid but earn too little to afford

health insurance through the exchanges.

The federal government will pay 100 percent of Medicaid expansion costs for the first three years and 90 percent thereafter. If Virginia doesn't expand Medicaid, our federal tax dollars will go to other states that do. The expansion will increase access to preventive care and allow illnesses to be treated before they reach critical stages and require costly emergency room visits.

Those high costs are currently being passed on to everyone with private insurance, so the expansion would not only benefit newly eligible Medicaid recipients but in fact all Virginia private insurance recipients through smaller premium increases.

Before the Medicaid expansion becomes a reality, it must pass through negotiations in a House-Senate Conference Committee and be acted on favorably by the Governor.

By the time you read this, all 21 of my bills will have been considered in the Senate and in House Committees or Subcommittees. But there's more to go. We need to adopt an adjusted fiscal year 2013 budget and complete work on 970 legislative items. That may seem like a lot, but we started with a whopping 2,332 pieces of legislation!

I will be holding two town meetings on Saturday, Feb. 16. At 9:30 a.m., I will be with Del. Scott Surovell and Sen. Toddy Puller at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center (2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, 22306). Then I will be zipping over to Old Town to join Del. Rob Krupicka at the Charles Houston Recreation Center (905 Wythe Street, Alexandria, 22314) at 11 am. I hope to see you on Saturday!

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#### AVOIDING THE SUPER BOWL

Things to do besides watch the Super Bowl on Super Bowl Sunday: Susan Farris and Steve Gillingham ate mussels and frites and listened to Edith Piaf at Yves Bistro. Chuck Linderman did two loads of laundry and folded it, like the good husband he is. Marian Van Landingham carefully picked out a restaurant which had no television and went out to dinner with friends. Ginny Hines sorted out donations for Goodwill.

#### SHOTGUN JUSTICE

Among the listeners to Michael Lee Pope's discussion of his new book, "Shotgun Justice," was George Combs, the Special Collections head of the Alexandria Library Staff. Also listening with interest were three of the Macklins, Katie, Sally and Nancy. Also present were Rose Martin, Cindy Anderson, J. Silversmith, and John Smucker, who informed me that his famous foreign correspondent son, Philip, is now teaching journalism in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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# LETTERS

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what works in a school system for successful schools might not work with failing ones.

There is, however, another, more fundamental conflict-of-interest problem: A government entity cannot, in practice, both provide a service and discipline itself over a service it provides. For example, the superintendent and then school board chairperson ardently argued at the State Board of Education against yanking the Jefferson-Houston School's accreditation. The Jefferson-Houston School is one of only four statewide without accreditation — if its academic performance sunk any lower, instead of constructing a new 3-story building for it, the city would have to construct a 3-story deep hole in the ground. In places with charter schools, regulators are much more likely to shut down a charter school than a traditional public school with identical or even worse student performance. If services such as these cannot be privatized, an independent level or branch of government, such as the state or judiciary, has to step in and take over.

**Dino Drudi**  
Alexandria

## Praising Hospital Policy

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Alexandria Childhood Obesity Action Network's Breastfeeding Promotion Committee, we would like to publicly thank Inova Alexandria Hospital for encouraging exclusive breastfeeding in their hospital. As engaged citizens and parents, and also representatives of the public health community, we know how important it is for women to breastfeed their newborn infant. Breastfeeding for the first six months after birth, with continued breastfeeding for at least 12 months of life, ensures that both mothers and infants receive maximum health benefits; encourages bonding; and has been shown to prevent childhood obesity and related chronic illnesses. It is vital that from the beginning women receive this type of support from their healthcare providers, family members, worksites and the hospital where they deliver.

We applaud the efforts at Inova Alexandria Hospital to support new moms and babies through the following proven strategies:

- ❖ Offering no pacifiers to healthy newborns
- ❖ Allowing mothers and infants to stay together in the room to encourage bonding
- ❖ Supporting "breastfeeding on

demand" with no time limits

- ❖ Encouraging skin-to-skin within 5 minutes of birth

- ❖ Keeping the baby in the room 23 out of 24 hours (known as rooming in)

- ❖ Providing culturally appropriate information about the importance of breastfeeding.

Inova's commitment to preventing childhood obesity and creating is part of a national movement to create environments where the healthy choice is the easy choice.

We commend Inova Alexandria Hospital's efforts in encouraging healthy lifestyles and look forward to collaborating with them to support healthy moms and babies.

**Diana Karczmarczyk**

Chair, Breastfeeding

Promotion Committee

**Tricia Rodgers**

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## Spread Word On CHDs

To the Editor:

February is Heart Month, during which the public will undoubtedly hear a lot of information about how to keep our hearts healthy and prevent heart disease — the number one killer of Americans.

While this is important, I want to shed light on the two to three million adults and children in the United States who live with congenital heart defects (CHDs) — a heart disease they were born with and will have for the rest of their lives. It may come as a surprise that CHD is the most prevalent birth defect throughout the nation.

Almost one in 100 babies in this country are born with some kind of heart defect. CHD requires life-long care and patients will require care from doctors who specialize in treating adults with CHDs. Fewer than 10 percent of American adults with CHDs who need care from specialty adult CHD centers actually receive the care they need. For the first time, there are more adults with CHDs than children, thanks to medical advances, greater understanding of CHDs and an increased number of doctors specializing in the care of these defects.

With greater awareness and understanding, each and every CHD patient can get the care they need at every stage of their life. Help patients and family members like me spread the word about CHDs during Heart Month and beyond by visiting the Adult Congenital Heart Association at [www.ACHAheart.org](http://www.ACHAheart.org) for more information.

**Seana Gallagher**


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## Snapshot

Enjoying the day:  
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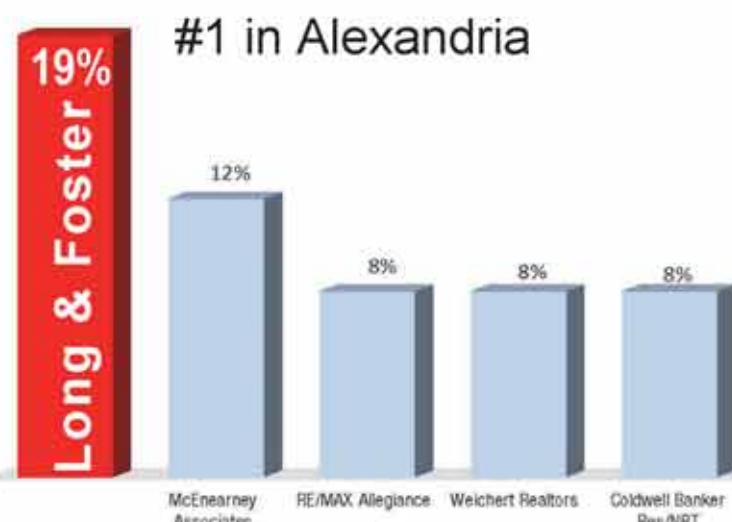
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Jane Franklin Dance  
Bruce E. Johnson &  
Elizabeth Eife-Johnson  
Leif Jorgenson  
Kathleen P. Kelly  
Adron Krekeler  
Rob Kupricka & Lisa  
Guernsey  
Jennifer Lachman  
Allen C. Lomax  
Robert Martins  
Robert W. Martini  
Elizabeth May  
Shea T. McLaughlin  
Judith H. Miller  
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Ainsley Morris  
Mary Morrow-Bax  
John T. Nakahata  
Pamela S. Smith  
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Michael & Linda Oliver  
Erica Olmsted  
Arthur E. Peabody &  
Lucy L. Thomson  
Giselle Pelaez  
Redella S. Pepper  
David L. Peters  
Bryan Porter  
Fran Pratt  
Gregory O. Principato  
Charlene S. Pritzker  
Audrey P. Rasmussen  
Ann Southerlyn Reisig  
James & Beth Roberts  
Betty B. Scott  
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Gary Smucker  
Patricia Ticer  
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Designer Karen Luria created a warm and inviting living room with luxurious throw pillows and grass cloth wallpaper. The room also includes an Indonesian carved wood coffee table and silver embossed side tables from India.

## International Infusion

Alexandria designer creates inviting home for passionate world travelers.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

Blending an eclectic mix of home accessories and furnishings to create a harmonious and tasteful interior can pose a decorating conundrum for many homeowners.

"There are definitely challenges to coming up with the right placement when you have a wide assortment of things," said Burke designer Courtney Thomas. "Interior design rules can intimidate people."

When accent pieces run the international gamut

from tiles amassed in Morocco to paintings purchased in China the challenge can be even more perplexing.

"The placement of items from different cultures in a room in a way that makes that room look like a refined melding of goods can be tricky," said Fairfax-based designer Christine Manning.

So when it came to decorating their Alexandria home, a globe-trotting couple deferred to interior designer Karen A. Luria of Karen Luria Interior Identity, Inc. They put their acquisitions — ranging from a collection of combs amassed during trips to Africa to paintings acquired during travels to China — in her hands.

"These clients had traveled all over the world and wanted to incorporate all of the art that they had accumulated into a holistic design that would reflect their travels," said Luria.

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Karen Luria designed a home with collectibles ranging from a collection of combs amassed by her clients during trips to Africa to paintings acquired during travels to China.



In the dining room, Karen Luria chose a beaded chandelier and natural rosewood dining table.

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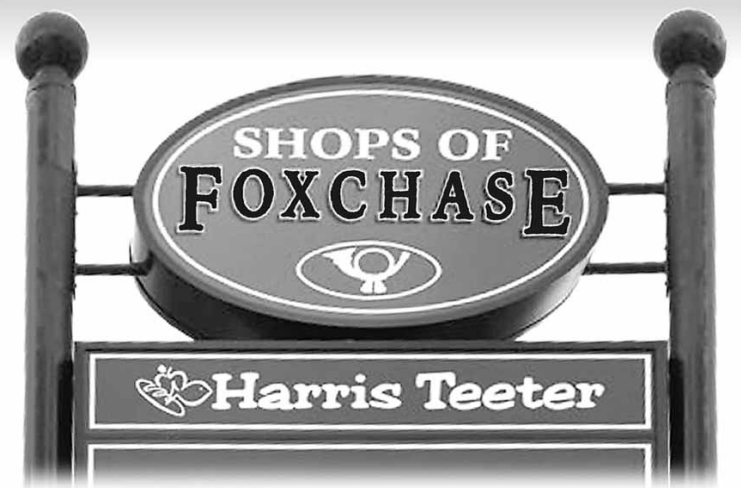
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## Top Sales for December 2012

IN DECEMBER 2012,  
165 ALEXANDRIA HOMES SOLD  
BETWEEN \$2,499,900-\$92,100.



**3** 817 Vicar Lane — \$1,600,000



**4** 113 Prince Street — \$1,315,000



**7** 304 Duke Street — \$1,135,000



**2** 815 Prince Street — \$2,320,000



**6** 723 Fairfax Street South — \$1,155,000



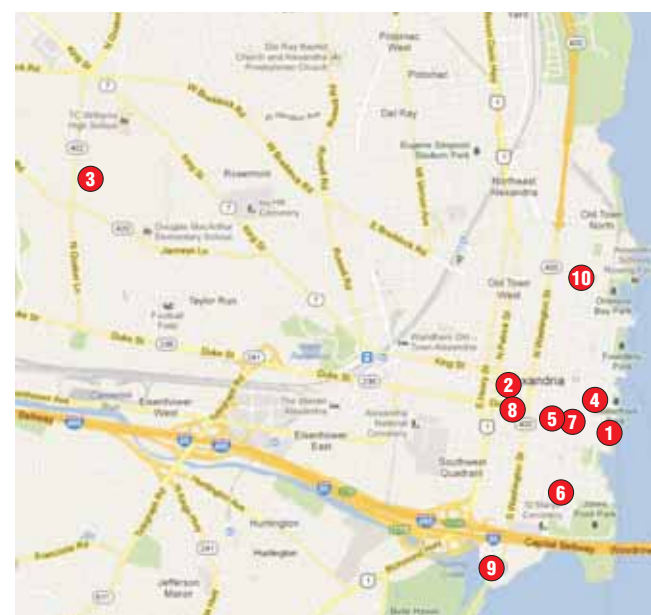
**1** 18 Wolfe Street #55 — \$2,499,900



**5** 321 Duke Street — \$1,175,000



**8** 300 Columbus Street South #4 — \$1,060,000



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Address ..... BR FB HB ... Postal City ... Sold Price ... Type ..... Lot AC . Postal Code ..... Subdivision ..... Date Sold

1	18 WOLFE ST #55	3	4	3	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,499,900	Townhouse	22314	HARBORSIDE	12/18/12	
2	815 PRINCE ST	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,320,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN	12/07/12
3	817 VICAR LN	4	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,600,000	Detached	0.94	22302	CHAPEL HILL	12/28/12
4	113 PRINCE ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,315,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN	12/10/12
5	321 DUKE ST	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,175,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN	12/20/12
6	723 FAIRFAX ST S	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,155,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN	12/31/12
7	304 DUKE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,135,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN	12/27/12
8	300 COLUMBUS ST S #4	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,060,000	Townhouse		22314	ST JOHNS SQUARE	12/19/12
9	1250 WASHINGTON ST S#109	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,005,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	PORTO VECCHIO	12/07/12
10	400 MADISON ST #2203	2	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,000,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE	12/28/12

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# HOME SALES

In December 2012, 165 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,499,900-\$92,100. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,499,900-\$600,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code
18 WOLFE ST #55	3	4	3		ALEXANDRIA	\$2,499,900	Townhouse		22314
815 PRINCE ST	4	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$2,320,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.05	22314
817 VICAR LN	4	5	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,600,000	Detached	0.94	22302
113 PRINCE ST	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,315,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314
321 DUKE ST	5	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,175,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314
723 FAIRFAX ST S	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,155,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314
304 DUKE ST	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,135,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314
300 COLUMBUS ST S #4	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,060,000	Townhouse		22314
1250 WASHINGTON ST S #109	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,005,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314
400 MADISON ST #2203	2	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,000,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314
813 SAINT STEPHENS RD	5	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$955,000	Detached	0.25	22304
605 LITTLE ST	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$950,000	Detached	0.09	22301
417 SAINT ASAPH ST S	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$950,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314
317 HUME AVE	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$920,000	Detached	0.12	22301
3964 FORT WORTH AVE	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$909,900	Detached	0.32	22304
1822 CARPENTER RD	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$871,500	Townhouse	0.00	22314
700 CUSTIS AVE E	2	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$863,635	Townhouse	0.03	22301
305 WASHINGTON ST N	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$820,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22314
711 ANNIE ROSE AVE	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$805,210	Townhouse	0.05	22301
2402 KING ST	4	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$777,000	Detached	0.11	22301
118 WOLFE ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314
205 PITT ST	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$769,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314
718 FAIRFAX ST S	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$752,500	Townhouse	0.04	22314
207 WILKES ST	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Townhouse	0.01	22314
307 VASSAR RD	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$749,000	Detached	0.27	22314
1721 POTOMAC GREENS DR	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$749,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.02	22314
3511 GODDARD WAY	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$745,000	Townhouse	0.05	22304
301 WINDSOR AVE E	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$735,000	Detached	0.13	22301
702 FAIRFAX ST S	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$729,000	Detached	0.02	22314
321 HEARTHSTONE MEWS	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314
12 MAPLE ST W	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Detached	0.14	22301
115 HUME AVE	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$699,900	Detached	0.12	22301
212 SPRING ST E	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Detached	0.11	22301
715 SCARBURGH WAY	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$679,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314
477 TAYLOR RUN PKWY	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Detached	0.18	22314
1409 KING ST	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$662,500	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22314
109 BELLEFONTE AVE W	3	1	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$661,109	Detached	0.16	22301
2207 MAIN LINE BLVD #102	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$659,945	Townhouse		22301
710 CATTS TAVERN DR	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$655,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314
715 ANNIE ROSE AVE	3	4	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$635,450	Townhouse	0.05	22301
5176 BRAUNER PL	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304
713 ANNIE ROSE AVE	4	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$633,925	Townhouse	0.05	22301
2521 HUNTON PL	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Townhouse	0.03	22311
418 S PITT ST	3	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314
206 BRADDOCK RD	5	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Detached	0.09	22301
513 ROBINSON CT	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$605,000	Detached	0.18	22302
905 KEMPER ST	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$605,000	Detached	0.38	22304
17 CHAPMAN ST	4	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.05	22301

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## Design

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The designer's challenge was to purchase furniture that would complement the couple's acquisitions. "The client had the art and then I filled in the rest of the furniture and other pieces of art to create a cohesive design. Each room is different."

In the living room, Luria added a Persian rug and wicker sofa with shades of rose and green: "Green is the royal color and you don't often find Persian rugs that have the colors that this rug has," she said. "It was a very special rug."



Also in the living room is an Indonesian carved wood coffee table and silver embossed side tables from India. "It is a style of silver embossing that is unique to India," said Luria.

In the dining room, Luria chose a beaded chandelier. "It is from Syria and the beads make up the shade," she said.

The dining room table is natural rosewood. "Most rosewood has been stained so it looks like it is all one color," said Luria. "This table shows the rosewood in its natural form and the wood has different shades."

Luria added, "Every continent in the world is represented in this home."

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# ENTERTAINMENT

**Alexandria Town Crier Benjamin Fiore-Walker, seen in last year's parade, will lead the 2013 George Washington Birthday Parade on Monday, Feb. 18.**



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## GW Bash

Thousands will join in the revelry for the 281st anniversary of George Washington's birth in his hometown of Alexandria. The city celebrates the General's birthday throughout the month of February with more than a dozen festive events, including the George Washington birthday parade, free admission to historic sites, popular walking tours, 18th-century dance classes, Madeira wine tastings, and even a cherry-themed competition among local restaurants.

On Monday, Feb. 18, the George Washington Birthday Parade, the largest and oldest in the country celebrating this Founding Father, will wind its way through a one-mile route along the historic streets of Old Town from 1 to 3 p.m. Annually the parade includes thousands of participants including historical, community and youth groups, bands, horses and canines. More events throughout the birthday weekend make it the cornerstone of a month of celebratory events.

Alexandria is a "best of" when it comes to the spectrum of sites and special events associated with General Washington. With Mount Vernon Estate, Museum & Gardens just eight miles south of historic Old Town, more than 140 places in Alexandria today are associated with the nation's first president, who conducted business, gathered with friends, worshiped, and even owned a townhouse in the city.

On the day of the George Washington Birthday Parade, Feb. 18, 2013, parking is free at the parking lots adjacent to the Eisenhower Avenue Metro Station; from there, a free DASH shuttle bus will take visitors downtown and back between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Free King Street Trolley will also be in operation until 11 p.m. from the King St-Old Town Metro station.



**Don DeHaven and Kari Seidelman as President George Washington and his wife Martha during Alexandria's 2012 George Washington Birthday Celebration.**



**Fairfax County School Board member Dan Storck as President Abraham Lincoln during Alexandria's 2012 George Washington Birthday Celebration.**

## George Washington Birthday Celebration Events

### SATURDAY/FEB. 16

#### Washington's Birthnight Banquet & Ball.

5:30-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., 703-746-4242. Tickets: \$100 and up for banquet and ball, \$50 for ball only; reservations required, 703-746-4242. You are invited to the re-creation of this famous celebration of Washington's Birthday set in the year 1799. The evening includes an 18th-century banquet, English country dancing, dessert collation, character re-enactors, and General and Mrs. George Washington. Period costume optional; "after-five" attire encouraged. Dancing lessons are available prior to the Ball. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for banquet and ball start at \$100. To attend the Ball only, please arrive at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$50. Reservations are required.

### SUNDAYS/FEB. 17 AND 24

**Walking with Washington Tours.** 2 p.m. (tour lasts about 90 minutes). Meet at the Alexandria Visitors Center at Ramsay House, 221 King Street. Tickets: FREE, no reservation required. Did you know that there are more than 140 places in Alexandria today associated with George Washington? This popular tour is designed to show you some of them and improve your knowledge of Washington and his hometown, Alexandria. To check event status due to weather conditions, visit [www.washingtonbirthday.net/status](http://www.washingtonbirthday.net/status) or call 703-

829-6640

### SUNDAY/FEB. 17

**George Washington Birthday Classic 10-K Race and 2-K Fun Run.** Race Starts at 8 a.m. (rain or shine). Cost per runner: \$40. The race is now on Sunday morning. Race headquarters is the US Patent and Trademark Office, access from Eisenhower Avenue between Elizabeth Lane and John Carlyle Street. Start and finish will be in front of the Madison Building on Eisenhower Avenue. Certified racecourse through Eisenhower Valley. Cash prizes, T-shirts and refreshments will be provided for runners, with the proceeds benefiting George Washington Birthday Celebration. Maps, parking, and Metro access information may be found at [www.washingtonbirthday.net/race](http://www.washingtonbirthday.net/race)

**Revolutionary War Reenactment at Fort Ward Park.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Skirmish at 2 p.m.) at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. Free. Historic camp and tactical demonstrations throughout the day including a Revolutionary War skirmish between the Redcoats and the Colonial Army.

**Madeira Wine Tasting with George Washington.** 3-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., 703-746-4242. Tickets: \$45 per person. Enjoy the General's favorite drink as you toast birthday wishes to him! Taste a variety of madeira wines from Rare Wine, Inc. that were created specifically to showcase regional preferences along the nation's

coastline - from Boston to Savannah! Reservations required.

### MONDAY/FEB. 18

#### George Washington Birthday Parade

1-3 p.m. in Old Town Alexandria. Free. The nation's largest George Washington birthday parade marches a one-mile route through the streets of Old Town Alexandria. With nearly 3,500 participants including historical groups, youth from scouting groups, horses and canines, this is still a local, community parade in honor of one of the City's favorite sons. The parade starts at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Gibbon and S. Fairfax streets. The reviewing stand is located near City Hall's Market Square, at the intersection of King and Royal streets, and ends at Wilkes and S. Royal streets. See [www.washingtonbirthday.net](http://www.washingtonbirthday.net) for maps and additional information.

*Free admission to historic sites:*

**George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens.** 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy., 703-780-2000

**Old Presbyterian Meeting House.** 323 S. Fairfax Street 703-549-6670

**The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum.** 201 S. Washington St., 703-746-4994

**Gadsby's Tavern Museum.** 134 N. Royal St., 703-746-4242

**Friendship Firehouse Museum.** 107 S. Alfred St., 703-746-3891

**Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum.** 105-107 S. Fairfax St., 703-746-3852

**Carlyle House.** 121 N. Fairfax St., 703-549-2997  
**Christ Church.** 118 N. Washington St., 703-549-1450

### THURSDAY/FEB. 21

#### Madeira: America's First Wine

7-8:30 p.m. at Grape + Bean, 118 N Royal Street. Admission: \$75, registration at [www.grapeandbean.com](http://www.grapeandbean.com) or call 703-664-0214. Francis Scott Key penned the Star Spangled Banner with a cup of Madeira. The Declaration of Independence was toasted with Madeira, as was George Washington's Inauguration. Join GRAPE + BEAN for an evening with Jason Whiteside, Certified Sommelier on a tasting journey of America's First Wine. Taste eight different wines including the D'Oliviera 1977 Terrantez and D'Oliviera 1968 Bual.

### SATURDAY/FEB. 23

#### Tea with Martha Washington

3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., 703-746-4242. Tickets: \$25 per person; \$20 per person in groups of six or more. Ever wonder how the first First Lady entertained her guests? What is the proper way to hold a teacup with no handles? Here is your chance to experience history with Martha Washington as she discusses 18th century tea customs as well as clothing and dancing of the period. Eighteenth-century tea includes the museum's special blend of tea, pound cake, dried fruit, and assortment of cookies. Party attire requested.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## ONGOING

**Winter Classes.** Beginning in Feb. 20 at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-10 can participate. Register at [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) or 703-201-1250.

**Art Exhibit.** Alexandria artist Francis Seeger will display "People" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. through Feb. 24. Free. Features a number of the artist's larger figural paintings. Often appearing to be waiting for time to pass or expressing a touch of boredom, Seeger's subjects are captured with vibrant palette. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or 703-548-0035.

**Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition.** Daily exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. Through September at The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 South Washington St. Open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission \$2. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) or call 703-746-4994.

**Tavern Toddlers.** Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Mondays through the end of April. Designed for walkers through 36 months and their caregivers. Tavern Toddlers features a weekly open playtime in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal St. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

## THROUGH MARCH 17

**Theater Performance.** "Ladies Swing the Blues," a world premiere by Thomas W. Jones II and William Knowles at Metrostage, 1201 N. Royal St. Explore the jazz folklore, mythologies and backstage stories of the '40s and '50s with four legendary jazz divas as they gather to commemorate the passing of jazz legend Charlie Parker. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets \$50 (students \$25). For tickets call 800-494-8497 or visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org), Groups/Info 703-548-9044. Fully accessible, free parking.

## THROUGH MARCH 3

**Art Exhibit.** See "Fabricated: An Exhibition of Wearable Art" at Target Galley in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target) for more on the exhibit.

## THROUGH MARCH 17

**Art Exhibit.** See Matthew D. Kiehl's "Craft and Character: Wasteland" at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery. See an exploration of pen and ink on paper. Free.

## THROUGH MARCH 24

**Art Exhibit.** Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., will showcase work by three new artists: Tim Hyde, Soomin Ham and Fred Zafran. Each artist will showcase the world around us. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 13

**Mother Goose Time.** 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.



**Time For 2s.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Stories to Grow On.** 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Spanish Story Time.** 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All abilities and all levels can join in for stories. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Celebrate the Presidents.** 4 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 6-12 can hear stories about the presidents and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Lego Family Night.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Families can enjoy building together and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Pajama Party.** 7 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-7 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Music Performance.** See Fusebox at Evening Star Cafe, 2000 Mount Vernon Ave., from 8-10 p.m. Free. Visit [eveningstarcafe.net](http://eveningstarcafe.net) or 703-549-5051.

## THROUGH MARCH 17

**"Hearth and Home."** Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., presents a juried show where items reflect on the meaning of home, or items used in the home. Free. Visit [www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com) or 703-548-0935.

## THURSDAY/FEB. 14

**Reception and Juror Talk.** 6-8 p.m. hear Rachel Timmins give a talk relating to "Fabricated: An Exhibition of Wearable Art" at Target Galley in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target) for more on the exhibit.

**Burlesque Revue.** Doors open at 6 p.m. with the performance starting at 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Pontani Sisters will perform their Burlesque-A-Pades with music by Brian Newman. \$29.50/person. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 800-745-3000 for tickets.

**Thursday Art Night: Made with Love.** 6-9 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Browse open studios, interact with artists and more. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) or 703-838-4565.

**Valentine's Day Tea Party.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Christmas Attic, 125 S. Union St. Enjoy a selection of gourmet teas and take your cup home. Free. Visit [www.christmasattic.com](http://www.christmasattic.com) for more.

## Second Thursday Music

Christal Prout and Peter Prout, an original folk/rock/Americana married musical duo, will appear at The Athenaeum Thursday, Feb. 14. They were nominated for two WAMMIE Awards in 2012 (DC's own version of the Grammys) for Folk Contemporary Group of the Year and Folk Contemporary Recording of the Year for their second recording "All That Mattered". They will open for Janet Robin and for bluegrass legends Seldom Scene in April of 2013.

Second Thursday Music happens the second Thursday of every month at the Athenaeum. All shows begin at 7 p.m. All tickets are \$10. The Athenaeum is located at 201 Prince St. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

**Mother Goose Time.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Classic Film Series.** 6:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Watch "Pride and Prejudice" and celebrate Valentine's Day. Free. 703-746-1704.

**Story Time.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Paws to Read.** 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1702 x5.

**Pajama Party.** 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

**Library Speed Dating.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Book lovers can find a literary better half at this event. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. 703-746-1751 to reserve a spot.

**Valentine's Day Concert.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Married singers Christal and Peter Prout will present a concert for lovers. \$10/person. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for tickets.

**Love Letters.** 1-3 p.m. at Historic Green Spring, 4603 Green Spring Road. Enjoy a selection of love letters from the past. Heartfelt missives penned by novelists, kings, queens, and world leaders are witty, bittersweet and often intriguing. \$28 per person and includes a full English tea. For information and reservations, call 703-941-7987.

**That Magic Something: YA Author Panel.** 6:30 p.m. at Hooray for Books, 1555 King St. Brittany Geragotelis, author of "Life's a Witch" and Michelle Hodkin, author of "Mara Dyer" will discuss their books. Free. RSVP [info@hooray4books.com](mailto:info@hooray4books.com).

## FRIDAY/FEB. 15

**Teen Production.** 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. See "The Pink Panther Strikes Again." \$10 available only at the door.

**Live Music.** Fusebox and All Things Null and Void perform at 7 p.m. at

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Electric Maid Community Exchange, 268 Carroll St., N.W., Washington, D.C. \$10. Visit [electricmaid.org](http://electricmaid.org) for more.  
**Wee Ones Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. at Hooray for Books, 1555 King St. Children under age 2 can enjoy stories and songs. Free. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

## SATURDAY/FEB. 16

**George Washington's Birthday Celebration.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Enjoy a taste of his favorite meal while supplies last, mingle with costumed characters and more. \$17/adult; \$8/children age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Birthnight Banquet and Ball.** 5:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Includes an 18th-century banquet, English country dancing, dessert collation and more. Period costume optional, after-five attire encouraged. \$100/advance reservation; \$125 to sit in the main dining room with the Washingtons or \$200 to dine at the same table with the Washingtons. 703-746-4242.

**Music Performance.** 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band will play music for the viola. Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) or 202-767-5658.

**Music Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. The Patagonia Winds will perform music by Piazzolla, D'Rivera and more. \$10/adult; \$5/student, senior, military. Reception to follow.

**Teen Production.** 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503

Fort Hunt Road. See "The Pink Panther Strikes Again." \$10 available only at the door.

**Saturday Stories.** 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Wee Ones Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. at Hooray for Books, 1555 King St. Children under age 2 can enjoy stories and songs. Free. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

**Free Workshop.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum. Families with children ages 6-12 can choose a "legend" in their family, write a story and then make it into a handmade storybook. Reservations requested, 703-746-4356.

## FEB. 16-18

**George Washington's Birthday Parade and Weekend Festivities.** Largest parade in the country celebrating the 281st anniversary of the birth of the nation's first president takes place on Washington's Birthday holiday, Monday, Feb. 18, 1-3 p.m. in Old Town Alexandria. Part of a weekend of events that includes the Birthnight Banquet & Ball and a Madeira wine tasting at Gadsby's Tavern, a 10-K race, a 1-mile race just before the parade, plus free open houses at historic attractions on parade day. Visit [AlexandriaVA.com](http://AlexandriaVA.com), [WashingtonBirthday.net](http://WashingtonBirthday.net), 703-746-3301 for information on the events.

## SUNDAY/FEB. 17

**George Washington's Birthday Celebration.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Enjoy a taste of his favorite meal while supplies

last, mingle with costumed characters and more. \$17/adult; \$8/children age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Madeira Tasting.** 3 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Taste a variety of George Washington's favorite drink from Rare Wine, Inc. \$45/person includes food paired with it. Reservations required. 703-746-4242.

**Film Day.** 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch "The Pursuit of Happyness" in honor of African-American History Month. Free. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or 703-746-1702.

**Opening Reception.** 2-5 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., will showcase work by three new artists: Tim Hyde, Soomin Ham and Fred Zafran. Each artist will showcase the world around us. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Barbershop Harmony Concert.** 3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Hear the Harmony Heritage Singers do favorite songs including "Barbara Ann," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and more. Free, offering taken for United Community Ministries. 703-765-4779.

**Teen Production.** 3 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. See "The Pink Panther Strikes Again." \$10 available only at the door.

**Revolutionary Battle Re-Enactment.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum a Historic Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road. See military

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**Couples can tour the courtyard, guest rooms and ballrooms at Hotel Monaco Alexandria's Wedding Open House on Saturday, Feb. 23.**

## Wedding Open House

Kimpton's Monaco Alexandria is hosting a free Wedding Open House to brides on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served from Chef Brian McPherson of Jackson 20, which caters all events at the Monaco Alexandria.

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For further information, visit [www.monaco-alexandria.com](http://www.monaco-alexandria.com) or for event reservations, email [Allison.Manning@KimptonHotels.com](mailto:Allison.Manning@KimptonHotels.com).



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drills, cannon firings, music and more. Part of George Washington's birthday celebration weekend. Free. Visit <http://www.washingtonbirthday.net/> or 703-829-6640.

**Music Performance.** 7 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Hear acoustic blues singer/historian Scott Ainslie with special guest Rick Franklin. \$18/general; \$15/advance at [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) or 703-501-6061.

**VETStravaganza Concert.** 3 p.m. at George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Hear the West Point Cadet Glee Club, country singer Mark Wills and more. Tickets are free but required. Visit [www.lisner.org](http://www.lisner.org), 202-994-6851 or 202-994-9599 for tickets.

## MONDAY/FEB. 18

**Free admission.** In honor of George Washington's birthday, enjoy free admission to Mount Vernon Estate. There will be a wreath-laying ceremony, music and military performances. The estate is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Parade Day Open House.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy the tour for free. Donations welcome.

**Music.** James Cotton and guitarist Tinsley Ellis are part of the all-star Blues at the Crossroads II: Muddy and the Wolf concert at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$49.50/person. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

**Author Event.** 7 p.m. at Hooray for

Books, 1555 King St. Shawn Stout, author of "Penelope Crumb" series will discuss her second book. For children ages 6 and up. Free. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

## TUESDAY/FEB. 19

**Music.** Buddy Miller and Jim Lauderdale perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500.

**Film Screening.** 7 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Watch "Chisholm 72: Unbought & Unbossed," based on Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, the first African-American woman elected to Congress and her 1972 presidential bid. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/humanrights](http://www.alexandriava.gov/humanrights) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 20

**Author Series.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Charles Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Tom Young will discuss his latest military thriller "The Renegades." Free. [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or 703-746-1702.

**Antiques Club.** 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature Gale Curcio who will be highlighting vintage tablecloths. Free.

## FEB. 20 THROUGH MARCH 3

**Student/Faculty Exhibit.** The Art League in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., presents paintings, drawings, ceramics, jewelry, and more. Visit

[www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or 703-683-1780.

## THURSDAY/FEB. 21

**Art Focus Group.** 7:30-9 p.m. Collage - build on children's natural instinct for collecting by creating something new out of scraps and bits and pieces. We will also explore extending collage into paper architecture. Classes are \$25 each or \$200 for the 10 class series. A school or group of teachers can share the registration for the full series. At 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-201-1250.

**Creative Writing Session.** 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Get the creative juices flowing with the help of Camilla Clocker and Julie Ellis. Free, open to the public. 703-765-4573.

**Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. Hear the 6th graders perform "Burgundy on Broadway: Dreams and Magic," a musical revue that includes music from "Harry Potter" to "Oklahoma!" There will be a puppet show, spoken narration, clarinet performance and more. \$5/door; \$1/child.

## FRIDAY/FEB. 22

**Bill Kirchen & Too Much Fun And Wayne 'The Train' Hancock.** 7:30 p.m. \$29.50. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**Music Performance.** 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band will play music for the clarinet. Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) or 202-767-

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**Theater Production.** 8 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. See "The Drawer Boy." \$18/adult; \$16/student, senior; \$14/groups of 10 or more.

**Performance.** 10:30 a.m. at Downtown Baptist Church, 212 S. Washington St. See "The Young Spectaculars and the Front Yard Adventure." \$8/person and can be purchased at [www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) or at the door.

**Birthday Symposium.** 1-4 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Hear three talks on "George Washington and Religion: Private Man and Public Issues." Free. 703-683-2007.

**Birthday Concert and Gala.** 6 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Celebrate George Washington's birthday with music and more. \$100/person, reservations must be made by Feb. 18. <http://gwmemorial.org/birthday-celebration-2013.php> to buy a ticket.

## FEB. 22 THROUGH MARCH 9

**Theater Production.** Port City Playhouse's third production of the 2012-13 season "The Drawer Boy" by Michael Healey, directed by Jennifer Lyman opens on Friday, Feb. 22. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 22-23; March 1-2

and 8-9; and Tuesday, March 5 at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. Port City Playhouse performs at 1819 N. Quaker Lane.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 23

**Harmony Sweepstakes 2013 'Mid Atlantic Regional.'** 7:30 p.m. \$29.50. Visit [www.harmony-sweepstakes.com/](http://www.harmony-sweepstakes.com/). The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**Closing Reception.** 3-5 p.m. See work by local artists Pamela Underhill and Rusty Lynn at The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Free. Visit [www.Convergenceccf.net](http://www.Convergenceccf.net).

**Author Signing Event.** 1-4 p.m. at Books A Million, 6230-I N. Kings Highway. S.E. Simpson will sign copies of her book "Ginger and the Bully." Free.

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## SUNDAY/FEB. 24

**Annual Jury Information Session.** 2-3 p.m. in Studio 31 at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visual artists who are interested in joining the Torpedo Factory Artists' Association can get more information. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

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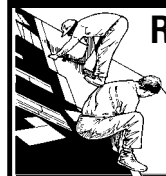
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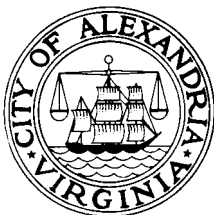
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The proposed ordinance would temporarily change the polling location for the Chinquapin Precinct while the Chinquapin Recreation Center is under renovation.

A copy of the full text of the ordinance is on file in the City Clerk and Clerk of Council's office, Suite 2300, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The notice is advertised pursuant to the Virginia Code Sec. 24-2.306.

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## Public Notice ISSUANCE OF A STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR A PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE VIRGINIA CLEAN WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Public Notice No.: VCWRLF-NRO-Woodbridge- EA13-01

First Publication Date: February 7, 2013

The Department of Environmental Quality has issued a Statement of Environmental Review for a wastewater project proposed to be funded through the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF). The applicant is the Alexandria Renew Enterprises (formerly known as Alexandria Sanitation Authority).

The proposed Package C includes construction of a Nutrient Management Facility (NMF) and an athletic field, which will be built on an adjacent parcel located due west of Hooffs Run and 1500 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria's Main Wastewater Treatment Plant site. The NMF would consist of concrete rectangular holding tanks, a pump station, an odor control system and electrical facilities to power the new equipment. The NMF tanks will have 18 million gallons capacity and would be part of a partially buried large concrete structure. An athletic field and related amenities would be constructed on top of the tanks. There will be a generator for emergency use.

A review of the Environmental Assessment conducted on this project indicates that either significant environmental impacts would not result from the proposed project or significant environmental impacts have been eliminated by making changes in the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

Persons may comment in writing to the Department on the proposed decision within 30 days from the first publication date. Comments, including electronically transmitted comments (i.e. e-mail), shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and shall contain a complete, concise statement of the factual basis for the comments. Only those comments received within this period will be considered by the Department.

All pertinent information, including the Statement of Environmental Review, the Environmental Assessment and the support documentation is on file and may be inspected and arrangements made for copying at the DEQ Northern Regional Office at 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA, 22193, (703) 583-3903.

Following the comment period, the Department will make its final determination.  
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**Tim Kennedy works with a group of students from T.C. Williams High School's two campuses.**

## Creating Youth Master Plan

BY MCKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA  
LEAD TEACHER FOR  
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT  
TC SATELLITE CAMPUS

**S**tudents from both campuses of T.C. Williams High School (King Street Campus and Satellite) were present Saturday, Feb. 9 participating in a forum designed to engage youth in discussions about issues that they care about and affect them within the community. Their input, ideas, thoughts and feedback will go into what is called a Youth Master Plan.

According to Timothy Kennedy, the council appointed commissioner for the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission, "One of the primary goals of the Commission is to develop a 'Youth Master Plan' that will develop long-term, community-wide priorities for Alexandria youth." He served Saturday as the facilitator for the group that had the task of determining indicators and contributing factors to founded abuse cases within the city of Alexandria. The youth at the table were charged with thinking about the root causes of abuse and determine what could cause abusive behaviors.

The Community Forums are opportunities of engagement and interaction for community members, especially youth, to learn about the process of plan/policy development.

The forums are also excellent ways for youth to develop their youth voice and hone their public speaking skills.

The final forum will be held Feb. 23 at William Ramsay Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to noon located at 5650 Sanger Avenue on Alexandria's West End. (See 'Developing a Youth Master Plan for Alexandria' at <http://alexandriava.gov/>).



**Cierra Boyd participates in the "Sticky Wall" of Issues during the Saturday Forum at T.C. Williams High School.**

I want to take the time to thank all persons involved with putting the forums together from the Department of Community and Human Services, the hosting facilities (T.C. Williams King Street, ACPS, Charles Houston Recreation Center and William Ramsay Recreation Center, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities), and of course the T.C. Williams students (both campuses), Charlotte Clinger, president of Alexandria Youth Council and Design Team member of Youth Master Plan; Haddi Khaleed; Andrew Bangura; Cierra Boyd; Norman Frye; Bre Nee Ruffin; Ricky Neal; Kris Whitehead, and Fahirah Jackson. Thank you for coming out to let your youth voices be heard.

There is still time to come out and participate. The last forum is this Saturday at William Ramsay from 10 a.m. to noon. Please call 703-746-5970 for additional information.

## 500 Turn Out for Bryan Porter

### Launching campaign for Commonwealth's Attorney.

BY HARRY M. COVERT



one who believes in protecting the people. I give my word to prosecute with humility. And I will vigorously work to have policies that reduce crime."

Porter wondered if he'd have a crowd. He

**I**n one of the more memorable trials in Alexandria's Circuit Court, the young lawyer was making his first major murder prosecution. In a blue business suit, power tie and sporting new cufflinks he cut the figure of a veteran trial lawyer.

On that date, the courtroom was filled to capacity. When asked if prosecutor and defense attorney were ready

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Bryan Porter stood eagerly and in a firm voice answered "Yes, Your Honor." If there was any anxiety, it wasn't seen this day in the Franklin

P. Backus Courthouse on King Street.

The former Alexandria police officer presented the case for the Commonwealth with fact after undisputed fact. Following a brief lunch break it was rather obvious the local defendant was going to be on the losing end. He was, too, and sent to a long time penitentiary sentence.

While Porter was all business he broke out into a smile. His success wasn't spoiled amid the handshakes and congratulations.

From that time, Porter has tried some 800 felony cases, many misdemeanors and handles most of the murder and violent crime cases before the Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney's office.

On Saturday past, Porter threw a party in Del Ray's Pork Barrel restaurant to announce his candidacy for the city's Commonwealth's Attorney. S. Randolph Sengel, longtime chief prosecutor, will retire from the office he's held for three decades. His term ends at the end of the year.

Porter praised Sengel for his leadership. "The city is losing a sterling public official."

He pledged if elected, "you'll elect some-

was more than pleased. The turnout was about 500, including Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Mayor Bill Euille, new Vice Mayor Alison Silverberg, City Council members Justin Wilson, Del Pepper, Tim Lovain and John Chapman. Del. Rob Krupicka, a former councilman, was also joined by Dak Hardwick, chairman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee.

Joining the local throng were many local business leaders and Benjamin Katz of the Virginia Attorney General's office. He is a former prosecutor in Alexandria.

Lawhorne will be campaigning for reelection as Porter seeks his first in the Nov. 5 election.

Sengel has been one of the most influential political leaders in the city and state and will be a major player in the coming race.

"Bryan is an excellent trial attorney," Sengel said. "He's lived the life of law enforcement and has been blessed to work with our staff of high standards."

Lawhorne will be seeking his third four-year term as sheriff. He praised Bryan and his family: "John and Bonnie Porter taught their family great values and they live those values." Bryan's brother Scott is an assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Arlington. Porter, the candidate, is 42, married to Karen and graduated from the city's T.C. Williams High School, George Mason University and the George Mason Law School. While studying for his law degree he worked with the Alexandria Police Department after service with the Metropolitan Transit Police.

For the occasion, Porter also donned a business suit. It was evident he was ready for the political business.

### On Exhibit

**For 2013, the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage and the Alexandria Black History Museum hosted a poster exhibition for Alexandria City Public School students on the theme: "Remember, Celebrate, Act — Dr. King's Dream for our World." A formal**



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**exhibition of all the posters are on view in Alexandria's City Hall in the Vola Lawson Lobby through the end of February. Participating schools include Cora Kelly, Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy, George Mason, Maury, Patrick Henry, James, K. Polk, and Samuel W. Tucker. The Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



# TC Boys' Basketball Secures Regional Berth

**T**he No. 3 T.C. Williams boys' basketball team defeated No. 6 West Springfield 45-33 on Tuesday in the opening round of the Patriot District tournament at T.C. Williams High School. The Titans advanced to the semifinals and secured a berth in the Northern Region tournament.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

According to stats from the Washington Post's Web site, Landon Moss and Andre Suggs each scored 12 points for the Titans. Malik Carney added six.

TC will face No. 7 South County in the semifinals at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14 at Lake Braddock Secondary School. South County upset No. 2 West Potomac on Tuesday.

Three Titans received All-Patriot District honors for their performance during the 2012-13 season. Carney was named first-team all-district, Javon Wilson made the second team and Dealo Robertson was named to the all-defensive team.

## TC Girls' Basketball Beats West Potomac

The No. 3 T.C. Williams girls' basketball team earned a berth in the Northern Region tournament by beating No. 6 West Potomac 60-31 during the opening round of the Patriot District tournament on Tuesday at T.C. Williams High School.

According to stats from the Washington Post's Web site, Grace Patterson led TC with 15 points. Rejoice Spivey scored 13 points, and Christian Roberts and Angie Schedler each finished with nine.

TC advanced to the district semifinals and faced No. 2 Lake Braddock on Wednesday, after the Gazette Packet's deadline. The district championship game is at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Five members of the TC girls' basketball team received All-Patriot District honors. Spivey and Roberts received first-team honors, Schedler and Baylee Simpson were named to the second team and Megan Laychak was named to the all-defensive team.

## TC Gymnast Cathey Qualifies for States

T.C. Williams gymnast Holland Cathey will compete on bars at the VHSL state meet this weekend.

Cathy finished in a sixth-place tie on bars with Lee's Leah Michetti at the Northern Region meet on Feb. 6, each posting a score of 9.275. The top eight finishers in each event, the top four all-around competitors and the top two teams qualify for states.

Cathey finished 10th in the all-around, posting a score of 36.975. Along with her performance on bars, she finished 11th on



**T.C. Williams senior Landon Moss drives to the basket against West Springfield during the opening round of the Patriot District boys' basketball tournament on Tuesday.**



**T.C. Williams senior Christian Roberts shoots against West Potomac's Lindsey Sawczuk during the opening round of the Patriot District girls' basketball tournament on Tuesday.**



**T.C. Williams' Holland Cathey competes during the Northern Region gymnastics meet on Feb. 6 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.**



**Grant Cohen, a former Williston Northampton School soccer standout and native of Alexandria, committed to Kenyon College on Feb. 6.**



**Bishop Ireton football player Geno Miller signed a National Letter of Intent to play for the University of New Hampshire. Also pictured are Bishop Ireton Principal Tim Hamer, Head Football Coach Tony Verducci, Bishop Ireton Athletic Director Bill Simmons, and parents Cathy Grimes Miller and Wendell Miller.**

beam (9.2), tied for 12th on floor (9.2) and 14th on vault (9.3).

TC's Grace Girard and Jordan Mambert also competed at regionals.

The VHSL state meet will be held at Centreville High School. Team competition will start at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15. Individual competition will begin at 12:20 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16.

## TC Grappler Bunduka Finishes Region Runner-Up

T.C. Williams wrestler Ibrahim Bunduka finished runner-up in the 120-pound division at the Northern Region meet on Feb. 9 at Hayfield Secondary School. Bunduka lost to South County's Hunter Manley in the final, 2-1 in overtime.

Bunduka's second-place finish earned him

a trip to the state meet. TC's Shiruna Ntenda placed fourth in the 160-pound division and will also compete at states.

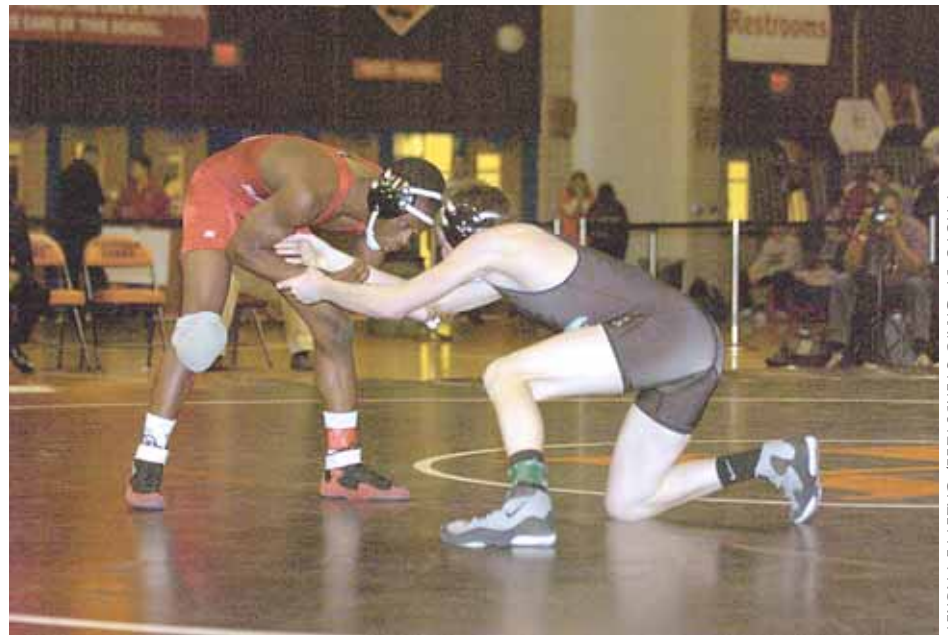
The VHSL state meet will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16 at Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake.

## TC Crew Sign-Ups To be Held Feb. 16

Students interested in rowing for the T.C. Williams crew team are invited to come down to the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town this weekend to sign up for the spring 2013 season.

Sign-up, which is open to all students in the eighth grade and above, will be held between 8 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Boathouse, which is located at 1

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**T.C. Williams' Ibrahim Bunduka, left, competes against South County's Hunter Manley in the 120-pound final at the Northern Region wrestling tournament on Feb. 9 at Hayfield Secondary School.**



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## SPORTS



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Members of the T.C. Williams crew team are seen rowing up the Potomac during practice off the shores of Old Town last spring. Sign-up for the 2013 spring crew season will be held from 8-10 a.m. this Saturday at the Boathouse.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

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Madison Street on the Potomac. All rowers must have a current physical on file and obtain an eligibility card from the athletic office in order to participate.

A swim test will be given at the Chinguapin Park Recreation Center at 1 p.m. on Saturday for those signing up. First practice will be held after school on Tuesday, Feb. 19, and a meeting will be held for all parents the following Saturday, Feb. 23, at which questions about the practice schedule will be answered and the upcoming season discussed.

swered and the upcoming season discussed.

The 2013 spring crew season will mark the 66th year of public school rowing in the City of Alexandria, which dates back to 1947 when a Washington, D.C., police officer named Julian Whitestone and a Navy employee named Jack Franklin started training young men who were students at George Washington High School at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

For more information on the T.C. Williams rowing program and signing up for the spring 2013 crew team, visit [www.tcwcrew.org](http://www.tcwcrew.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters](http://www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters).



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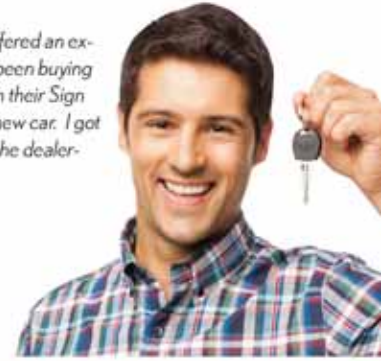
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### Radiance in Rosemont!

A radiant home located in Rosemont with seven bedrooms and four and a half baths. Completely updated throughout. Recessed lighting, granite counters, top-of-the-line appliances, coffered ceilings, and wonderful wrap-around porch for entertaining. Fully finished basement with private bedroom suite. Short walk to King Street Metro and Old Town.

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\$475,000



### Wonderful Warwick Village!

Completely updated, three-level end unit in Warwick Village. Open main level, hardwood flooring, beautiful kitchen has granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Walk-out living room to landscaped fenced yard and patio. Two spacious bedrooms and full bath on upper level, finished lower level boasts family room and full bath. Walk to "The Avenue" in Del Ray. Close to Metro.

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## MOUNT VERNON

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### Spectacular Water Views

One-of-a-kind, 8,000-square-foot home on the Potomac in historic Mount Vernon with marina, boat launch, and slips - lowest cost in the DC area. The open floor plan features high ceilings, crown molding, hardwoods, gourmet kitchen, breakfast area, spacious lower level rec room, seven bedrooms, and six and a half baths. Owner is licensed agent.

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## ARLINGTON

\$425,000



### Fairlington Amenities

Fairlington is a popular community and this home shows you why! With beautiful hardwoods on the main floor and open living and dining rooms, this two-bedroom, two-bath house is perfect for entertaining. The finished lower level is perfect for a playroom, office or tv lounge and even has a full bath. Furniture will easily fit in the master bedroom and there's a huge closet. The community pools, Metro transit and Shirlington are all nearby!

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## ALEXANDRIA CITY

\$669,000



### Vintage Charmer

1940s brick farmhouse with welcoming front porch, three bedrooms, two full baths including spacious master suite, updated kitchen, formal dining room, hardwood flooring, fireplace in living room plus comfy family room. Walkable urban setting within minutes of airport, Del Ray, and Old Town.

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\$874,900



### Love at First Sight

Nothing compares to coming home to a year-round panoramic view of the Potomac River from nearly every room of this spacious and updated four-bedroom, three-bathroom, Gene May classic home in highly sought-after Villamay. Features hardwood floors, two-car garage and large fenced back yard. Only two miles south of Old Town Alexandria!

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### Great Opportunity!

Walking distance from King Street and Braddock Road Metros. This charming two-level rowhouse has been recently updated with modern Euro kitchen. Property features nine-foot ceilings, living room built-ins with electric fireplace and flat screen TV. Lovely deep garden with lush landscaping will be a spring surprise when in full bloom. Just two blocks to Old Town's unique shops and restaurants.

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