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**Men and Women of Valor** For the final awards presentation at the 2014 Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards on April 17, 18 public safety officers including Officer Peter Laboy took a place on and around the stage. Emcee Julie Carey, Northern Virginia News4 bureau chief, described the events of Feb. 27, 2013 where Alexandria Police Officer Peter Laboy received a critical gunshot wound and the efforts of the combined departments that succeeded in apprehending the suspect and stabilizing and transporting Officer Laboy to the hospital for emergency treatment. The following officers were honored for their teamwork and valor: Officer Peter Laboy, Gold Medal; Officer Frank Powers, Certificate of Valor; Medic Frederick Koerner, Life Saving Award; Medic Michael Kohrt, Life Saving Award; Medic Tracy Earlenbaugh, Life Saving Award; Medic Jason Cage, Life Saving Award; Medic Robert Honaker, Life Saving Award; Firefighter Dale Barr, Life Saving Award; Firefighter Timothy Curley, Life Saving Award; Captain Phil Perry, Life Saving Award; Firefighter Christopher Smith, Life Saving Award; Police Sergeant Daniel Pang, Silver Medal; Officer Mark Yawornicky, Silver Medal; Officer Jon Hartle, Silver Medal; Officer Kammy Stern, Silver Medal; Sergeant Kevin Chittick, Bronze Medal; Medic Sergeant Tim Ryan, Certificate of Valor, and Agent Jennifer Anderson, Certificate of Valor. More photos on page 8.

As Secretary of Public Safety Brian Moran looks on, Police Chief Earl Cook presents the Silver Medal of Valor for Officer Raymond Golden to Sergeant Daniel Briel. On March 16, Officer Golden encountered an extremely dangerous subject who was out of control and threatening the lives of innocent citizens. Given the situation and ineffectiveness of the initial Taser deployment, Golden would have been justified in escalating his force options accessible to him. Golden is credited for saving not only the citizens from harm, but also the life of the subject by using the least amount of force to effect an arrest.



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET



Emcee Julie Carey, Police Chief Earl Cook, Officers Trevor Griffin and Hayden Johnson, and Secretary of Public Safety Brian Moran. On Dec. 28, around 1:30 a.m. Officers Trevor Griffin and Hayden Johnson are credited for apprehending and ultimately saving a suspect's life when the suspect put himself in a life-threatening situation. Both officers received the Life Saving Award.

## Seniors or Students?

City Council members set to make trade-offs as budget deadline nears.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Restoring the controversial cut the city manager made to the senior tax relief program will cost \$1.3 million. But School Board members are pushing for an additional \$2.4 million to address growing enrollment. That means City Council members are going to have to strike a balance between the two competing interests, weighing the need to help seniors against the needs of students.

"There's just not enough money to do all of it," said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. "But we still have some time to fine tune it."

Fine tuning the budget could

prove difficult, especially after a heated budget work session this week when council members clashed repeatedly over the senior tax relief program. The Elderly and Disabled Real Estate Tax Relief Program is available for residents who are 65 years of age or older or are permanently and totally disabled. Councilwoman Del Pepper argued that cutting the program would harm seniors who depend on the tax relief program to make ends meet.

"I just think that it's totally inappropriate for us to be doing anything less than this," said Pepper. "This is something that's tremendously valuable to seniors."

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## Who's Trailing Beyer?

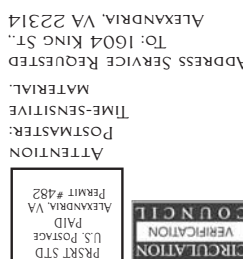
Candidates elbow each other out of the way to secure second place.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Campaign finance documents show that former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer crushed the nine other candidates in the hotly contested Democratic primary. But who came in second place? That depends on how you want to count the numbers.

If second place means the candidate who came in second place in terms of total contributions, that honor goes to former Urban League of Northern Virginia presi-

dent Lavern Chatman. But if second place means the second largest war chest of cash on hand, the answer is radio personality Mark Levine. Then again, if the silver medal goes to the candidate who took in the second largest amount of money, that distinction belongs to former Navy pilot Bruce Shuttleworth. On the other hand, Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille issued a press release claiming he was in second place, only to later explain that meant he raised the second highest amount of money that did SEE WHO'S TRAILING, PAGE 24







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## Stalled Train

Planning for a new Metro station at Potomac Yard has been put on hold over the last year as city leaders try to figure out a way to address concerns from the National Park Service that the station would violate a scenic easement. As a result, Alexandria officials have been working with railroad giant CSX to figure out a way to acquire some of its land to move the tracks in a way that would protect the scenic easement for Alternative B, a location behind the Target store.

Now, after months of research and calculations, that scenario is becoming clear. And it's not a pretty picture.

This week, Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks told City Council members that acquiring the land to move the tracks would cost about \$83 million, a process that would add three years to the timeline. It would also eat into part of the development, which estimated would cost the city at least \$50 million in lost tax revenue. That's an additional \$133 million, plus the years it would delay the opening of the station. Councilman Tim Lovain suggested that would be an argument for Alternative A, which is at the northern edge of Potomac Greens.

"I think it's pretty clear we're going to end up with A," said Lovain.

"Clearly Alternative B is the not advantageous for our long-term economic development perspective," responded Councilman Paul Smedberg. "One could argue why should we build it at all of it's going to be in the middle of a residential development?"

## Fire Next Time

The heated debate over Engine 204 has extinguished, at least for now. But another firestorm may erupt when City Council members take up the budget next year.

At issue is Engine 204, which is currently located at the city's Powhatan Park headquarters on Second Street. City Manager Rashad Young suggested that it be moved to a new fire station on Eisenhower Avenue. But neighborhood residents objected, raising concerns about their safety. Now City Council members have reached a compromise — keep Engine 204 at its current location but move a roving medic unit.

"We heard quite clearly from the community some real concerns about moving that engine," said Councilman Justin Wilson. "So this allows us to deal with some of the most dire issues we have on the West End, which are medic issues, but we're putting off dealing with the fire suppression issues."

## Taxed Twice

Think twice before increasing the tax rate.

That's the advice members of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Council are giving to City Council members this year in their annual report. In a section headlined "Future Forecasts and Tax Rate Projection," the report warns about the city's current trajectory. Unless the economy grows at an unexpected rate, council members will need to consider tax rate increases on top of increases from real estate assessments every year for the next five years.

"Since taxpayers will likely see increased taxes from rising property values already," the report concludes, "adjusting the tax rate up to balance the budget is, in essence, asking Alexandria citizens to pay twice."

## Under the Canopy

In politics, as in life, timing is everything. So when elected leaders gathered on Earth Day to conduct the city's legislative business, one of the items on the agenda was a presentation about all the environmental programs the city has to foster sustainability. One environmental indicator was a bit shady, though — percent tree canopy. The chart showed that the city currently has 33 percent tree canopy, although it didn't say whether that was an increase or a decrease. City officials said they changed their methodology on collating the information, and they wanted to make sure they were comparing apples to apples.

"It's not going up," acknowledged Bill Skrabak, director of the Office of Environmental Quality. "It's in a downward trend."

Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg said Atlanta has focused attention on its tree canopy and suggested that Alexandria should do the same, adding that trees contribute to mental health.

"There's a lot of tree canopy here," joked the mayor, holding up a 156-page docket item on capital spending.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

Tempers flare during a budget work session between Councilman Paul Smedberg, left, and Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg, center right.

## Money for Seniors or Students

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**CITY MANAGER** Rashad Young's proposed budget would save \$1.3 million by cutting the program from \$3.3 million to \$2 million, a 40 percent reduction in a program aimed at helping some of the city's most vulnerable residents. To accomplish the reduction, city leaders plan to deny tax relief to those who have assets worth more than \$500,000. Budget officials say some of the people who currently participate in the program have houses worth \$1.5 million, which means they receive about \$16,000 in tax abatement each year.

"We have people who own a \$1.5 million house who pay zero real-estate tax," said Wilson.

"That's because they are house poor," responded Pepper.

Currently, individuals are eligible for the program if their household assets do not exceed \$540,000, although the assessed value of the property owned is not considered an asset. The city manager's plan would change the definition of "asset" to include property owned by an applicant and eliminate tax relief eligibility for any individual owning property worth more than \$500,000.

"In total, the assistance of senior housing is being more means tested to be focused on lower income people, especially renters," said Councilman Tim Lovain. "And, yes, this would take away some of the privilege for middle-income people."

**THE DEBATE** over the senior tax relief created some of the most intense moments during the work session, and the discussion grew so heated at one point that the mayor had to step in and try to cool tempers. Sparks flew when Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg referenced a study from the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia that indicated the population of seniors in Alexandria would continue to grow in the coming years.

"I cannot stand the idea of balancing the budget on the backs of our seniors," said Silberberg.

Councilman Paul Smedberg suggested that city officials should require participants in the program to establish residency in the city before participating in the program. Silberberg suggested that approach assumed seniors were being "con-ning" by moving to the city in order to take advantage of the program.

"I didn't say that, Allison," responded Smedberg.

"Yes you did," she responded.

"You use rhetoric that is so ... Yea, we're really balancing the budget on the backs of seniors," he shot back. "That's not rhetoric? Give me a break."

**CITY SCHOOLS'** enrollment projections continue to rise in the next few years. In the next year, school officials estimate, enrollment will grow from 13,623 to 14,171. That's an additional 548 students, a 4 percent increase. Elementary school enrollment accounts for most of that growth, with an additional 376 students entering grades Kindergarten through fifth grade in the upcoming school year. School leaders say handling that increase will require money.

"Before we even brought our budget to you, we cut \$6.4 million," School Board Chairwoman Karen Graf told City Council members. "So we really are trying to look at where we can find savings." The city manager's proposal included an additional \$5 million for the school system, increasing the transfer to the schools from \$234.9 million to \$248.9 million. That's a 2 percent increase. School leaders are asking for another \$2.4 million, which they say they need to handle the growing needs of the public schools. Council members have signaled they are willing to add some money for Alexandria City Public Schools, ranging from Councilman John Chapman's proposal to add \$800,000 to Councilman Tim Lovain's suggestion that the elected leaders add \$1.6 million. "I'm still a little unclear how the additional \$2.5 million is going to be targeted and used," said Smedberg. "I thought about putting my \$1 million in contingent reserve until we had a specific idea back."

## City Hall for Sale?

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**S**hould city taxpayers fork over \$50 million to renovate City Hall? Or should a new \$100 million facility be constructed somewhere else, opening the door

for a developer to transform the historic building? That's the question that will be confronting City Council in the coming years as elected officials decide whether or not they want to invest in fixing the building.

"Maybe a private developer will pay hun

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**Maia Cali and Kit Vontz (with bunny ears on), both from Alexandria, took a moment afterwards to inspect their eggs as the weather warmed up.**

## Weather Doesn't Spoil Easter Egg Fun

**T**he youngsters braved the winter chill at Great Waves Park at Cameron Run in Alexandria on Wednesday, April 16. Egg hunters came out in all kinds of winter coats, hats and gloves to protect themselves from the arctic chill as they hunted for colored eggs along the mini-golf course. Eggs were found along the hills, near golf holes and all along

the course path. The Easter bunny was on hand to greet the guests. Although the cold weather forced the cancellation of the rest of the activities, most youngsters went home with full baskets of eggs. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority had sponsored the event.

— VERONICA BRUNO



**Maisy Alford, 5, from Vienna and Leah Manes, 2, displayed their egg hunt winnings.**



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**Candidate Forum.** 7-9 p.m. at Antioch Church of Christ, 1120 Queen St. Candidate forum for 8th Congressional District sponsored by Alexandria NAACP. Visit

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## FRIDAY/APRIL 25

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## SATURDAY/APRIL 26

**Awards Ceremony.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. The City of Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission and Alexandria Renew Enterprises (formerly the Alexandria Sanitation Authority) are seeking nominees for the Sixth Annual Ellen Pickering Environmental Excellence Award. Visit <http://alexearthday.org/award.html> for more.

**Drug Take Back Day.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at police headquarters, 3600 Wheeler Ave.; Del Ray Pharmacy, 2204 Mount

Vernon Ave.; and first Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Part of a nationwide initiative to collect expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs and other medications for destruction. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

**Political Discussion.** 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Northern Virginia Chapter of the ACLU of Virginia will host a forum on religious freedom and personal discrimination and other political questions. Free, but registration is required. Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/my-god-your-rights-our-constitution-when-people-use-religious-freedom-to-discriminate-an](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/my-god-your-rights-our-constitution-when-people-use-religious-freedom-to-discriminate-an)

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## MONDAY/APRIL 28

**Metro Discussion and Dinner.** 7:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Agenda: Alexandria presents "Potomac Yard Metro: On Track or Off the Rails?" with Kerry Donley, former Mayor; Frank Fannon, former City Councilman; Poul Hertel, Co-Chair Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations; and Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager. Dinner at 6:45 p.m., reservations required; \$28 members, \$33 nonmembers by April 25; \$35 members /\$40 nonmembers after April 25. Program only, \$5 members, contact Sherri Brown at [sherri@alexandriacrwc.org](mailto:sherri@alexandriacrwc.org).  
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Police Chief Earl Cook and Officer Peter Laboy join in the applause as the audience gives a standing ovation to all of the officers involved in the events of Feb. 27, 2013.



Officer Jordan Young receives a Bronze Medal of Valor from Police Chief Earl Cook.



Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook welcomes Officer Peter Laboy and his wife Suzanne to the Valor Awards luncheon last Thursday afternoon.



Acting Fire Chief Andrew Snead presents the Life Saving Award to Captain Joseph Beavan, Lieutenant David Lukes, Firefighter William Dunleavy, Firefighter Devon Kuny, Firefighter Glenn Ross, and Firefighter Ronald Samuel and the Certificate of Valor to Medics Catherine Kroohs and Nancy McFadden.

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Officer John Bratelli received a Bronze Medal of Valor from Police Chief Earl Cook. Behind Officer Bratelli is Office Jordan Young who also was awarded the Bronze Medal of Valor.



Police Chief Earl Cook presents Officer Douglas Golden the Bronze medal and Officer Jonathan Griffin the Certificate of Valor.



Police Chief Earl Cook presents U.S. Park Police Sergeant Kevin Chittick a Bronze Medal of Valor. Sergeant Chittick was in the air and in the area when the call came out that an officer was down and there was a lookout for the suspected cab involved. Chittick did a few sweeps of the area looking for the cab and then with the help of a U.S. Secret Service agent on board, who was also a helicopter pilot, he landed his helicopter in the school yard at Lyles Crouch Elementary School. He then transported Officer Laboy to the hospital.



Acting Alexandria Fire Chief Andrew Snead and Medics Michael Kohrt and Remi Howell who were awarded the Life Saving Award.



## BULLETIN BOARD

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at 703-548-7089 or email  
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### Traffic and Parking Board

**Meeting.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 King St. Open to the public. View the docket at [www.alexandriava.gov/TrafficParkingBoard](http://www.alexandriava.gov/TrafficParkingBoard). Contact Bob.Garbacz@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4143.

### TUESDAY/APRIL 29

**Business Workshop.** 9-11 a.m. at 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400. "People & Positive Productivity: How Effective is Your Organization?" Patricia Frame of Strategies for Human Resources presents steps to create a productive business environment. Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/people-positive-productivity-how-effective-is-your-organization-tickets-11170821227](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/people-positive-productivity-how-effective-is-your-organization-tickets-11170821227). Call 703-778-1292 or visit [www.alexandriasbdc.org](http://www.alexandriasbdc.org).

### Eisenhower West Steering Committee Meeting.

6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Great Room of the Cameron Station Clubhouse, 200 Cameron Station Blvd. Discussion of online survey results. Community members are welcome to attend and participate. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/eisenhowerwest](http://www.alexandriava.gov/eisenhowerwest) or contact Radhika Mohan at 703-746-3850 or [radhika.mohan@alexandriava.gov](mailto:radhika.mohan@alexandriava.gov).

### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 30

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# OPINION

## Celebrating Creativity, Recovery and Mental Health

BY MARY ANNE WEBER

Alexandria will open its fourth annual Art Uniting People celebration and exhibition on May 7 with several firsts this year. For the first time the opening exhibition and reception will take place at The Gallery@Convergence. Convergence, a faith community that explores the intersection of art, faith and the human experience, is well known for presenting the work of local artists, musicians and dancers. That mission complements the purpose of Art Uniting People that fosters a conversation about each person's uniqueness as well as the commonality we all share. It's a conversation that might well open with the question as to whether there is a connection between creativity in whatever art and mental health. Kay Redfield Jamison, a professor of psychiatry at John Hopkins University School of Medicine, notes in her book "Touched with Fire" that a possible link between madness and genius is one of the oldest and most persistent of cultural notions; it is also one of the most controversial, she says. Part of the controversy she says arises from confusion about what is actually meant by the word madness.

Part of it too comes from a lack of understanding about what it means to be creative and what intelligence is all about. For a couple of centuries now, we have been aware of "outsider art" created by self-taught people, often people with developmental and intellectual disabilities, including people who lived their

entire lives in institutions. What is relatively new is discovering that many of these artists have their own complex and intricate world view, have created their own myths or their own understanding of religious teachings. Their art is not childlike scrawls but their attempts to communicate how they see the world and their place in it.

Since the artists who exhibit their work in Art Uniting People are all people whose lives have been affected by mental illness, addiction or developmental disabilities, they will all be adding to what promises to be an extraordinary conversation. So it is fitting that for the first time, the exhibition will be juried by three



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On May 7, TBD, an all-male, professional-level contemporary a cappella group, offering high-energy performances of popular music using only the human voice, will be performing at the opening reception of "Art Uniting People at the Gallery@Convergence. TBD members all belong to the Alexandria Harmonizers, a world-renowned men's chorus specializing in four-part close harmony which celebrated its 65th anniversary this year. In the top row are Scipio Garling, Noah Van Gilder, Kellen Hertz and Ben Roberts. In the middle are Jeremy Richardson, Josh Roots, Nick Leiserson, Terry Reynolds, Troy Hillier and Joshua Desportes. Bottom row includes Tom Kraus, director, David Hood and Todd Ryktarsyk.

There are a variety of options that must work together to address this problem. One option

involves ripping up the streets of Old Town to replace the old sewer pipes with much larger ones. This would be prohibitively expensive and hugely disruptive to the residents and businesses of Old Town. Another requires the use and retrofitting of "green infrastructure" technology, like permeable pavement, bioretention basins, rain barrels, tree boxes and green roofs in our community. A third option is to build large, underground storage tanks to capture the extra flow during rainstorms and then gradually pipe it to Alexandria Renew Enterprise's updated wastewater treatment plant rather than allow it to discharge. Richmond and the District of Columbia, among others, face the same sewage overflow problem as Alexandria — and they're already building underground storage tanks or tunnels.

Unlike Richmond and D.C., where one agency handles both the collection and treatment of sewage, Alexandria has two separate entities responsible for sanitary sewage: the city government and Alexandria Renew Enterprises. The city operates the sewer lines under the Old Town streets; Alexandria Renew Enterprises operates the treatment plant and the large trunk lines that collect all of the dry weather dirty water from the city's sewer lines. The Alexandria Sanitation Authority (later renamed Alexandria Renew Enterprises) was created in 1952 to help the city government treat its wastewater when Alexandria had all of its sewage discharging into the Potomac.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Sewage Overflow Requires Collaboration

To the Editor:

As cited in last week's article, "Keeping Sewage Out of River by 2035," the sewage pipes under the streets of Old Town were laid in 1890

to remove both storm water and human waste. Today, during rainstorms, these 120-year-old pipes overflow rain-diluted sewage into the Potomac. In this day and age, that's not OK. Solving the problem will require 21st century thinking and collaboration.

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Solving the current sewer overflow problems will require the city and Alexandria Renew to work together in more creative ways than in our past. Efforts have begun between Alexandria Renew and the city to discuss the most cost-effective and environmentally-responsible solutions to this challenge. Both are currently exploring ways to get the most out of public dollars by building long-lasting infrastructure that could capture both the combined sewer overflows and wet weather.

Solving the problem of an antiquated combined sewer system requires collaboration between all of our public agencies charged with cleaning dirty water and the support of our community. We welcome the opportunity to continue to work together to create effective and efficient water environment solutions that will serve all Alexandrians in the 21st century and beyond.

**John B. Hill**

Chairman, Board of Directors  
Alexandria Renew Enterprises

## Renew Commitment To City's Seniors

To the Editor:

On behalf of the board of directors of Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA), we are writing to express concern about proposed cuts to the Alexandria City budget which will have an unfair and unprecedented negative impact on the most vulnerable seniors in our community.

Since 1968, SSA has helped Alexandria's seniors age with independence, self-sufficiency and dignity. The proposed changes to the Real Estate Tax Relief Program for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities and the total elimination of the Senior Taxi Program are in stark contrast to the well-planned goals of the Strategic Plan on Aging, which was approved by City Council in 2012. Housing and

transportation were identified as key areas of importance, and critical to this is the Plan's objective to support in certain instances older Alexandria residents' desire to live their remaining years in their homes and community.

The steep cuts in property tax relief for elderly, lower-income homeowners will force many to abandon their homes in order to meet their other and basic essential needs to maintain their respect and dignity. Moreover, the Senior Taxi Program, whose budget was already halved just this past year, provides safe and reliable transportation for nearly 400 income-qualified residents, who use it primarily for medical appointments.

Because it appears that the potentially affected homeowners and Senior Taxi Program participants have not been notified of the proposed changes, before the budget cuts are indiscriminately applied we ask that further consideration be given to these issues.

While we recognize that City Council shoulders a heavy burden in adopting a fiscally responsible budget, it should renew and not undermine its past commitment to Alexandria's less fortunate seniors, particularly those with very limited resources.

We welcome the opportunity to sit down and discuss a compassionate and fiscally responsible strategy for the foreseeable future.

**Gregg Murphy,**

Chair of the Board of Directors

**Mary Lee Anderson,**

Executive Director

Senior Services of Alexandria

## Value of Tax Money Spent?

To The Editor:

I found Mary Kimm's March 27 editorial on access to income taxes absolutely distressing. Giving our city access to another revenue stream is the political equivalent of giving drugs to an addict. Taxes are their drug of choice and it is a delusion to think that a piggyback tax will result in any significant

real estate tax relief. Maybe Kimm trusts the council, but I and many others do not. Our City Council has shown that it has never met a tax it did not like and would not increase. After all, these are the same people who need lessons in civic engagement.

As for the school system, we have some of the highest per pupil costs and all we get are six schools that do not meet standards and one in the bottom one percent of elementary schools in commonwealth rankings. In Economics

101 this is the classic text-book case marginal (declining) utility, where each additional dollar of resource yields less result than the preceding dollar. There is no reason to believe the additional \$2.5 million in funding that Kimm refers to will somehow magically and mystically produce results that the first \$190 million from the city did not produce. Remember there is roughly another \$50 million from the Commonwealth. What makes that last 1 percent in funding so magical? Perhaps the bet-

ter approach would be to cut \$2.5 million as a way to make the school system think about how to really improve performance. Almost any other school system anywhere would be thrilled to have these kind of per pupil resources.

We see even more fiscal foolishness with the proposal to extend parking meter hours. It is the veneer of a good idea, but it is social engineering that is not thought out. Our vice mayor understands the possible negative impact.

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## OPINION



### Out and About

**Lilly is caught behind the wheel in the south Old Town Safeway parking lot. Her dad, Jordan Yingling, was not amused.**

**Marc Sakow with puppy, River, in front of Sakow's favorite lunch spot, T.J. Stones in north Old Town Alexandria. Sakow and his wife recently moved here from Vienna, Va.**



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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There is a direct linkage between meter hours, ticket revenue and restaurant tax receipts. If people enjoy a good meal and linger over dessert, they may not pay attention to their parking meter. The 90-minute use mentioned in the article does not indicate a time of day pattern. This is important to understanding the impact of changing meter hours. Since parking enforcement is one of our most efficient city services, these diners who just paid the 10 percent restaurant tax may find an expensive ticket to complement their meal. They will pay that \$35 ticket, but may decide Alexandria is not a nice place to spend their money and pay our 10 percent restaurant tax. These bad experiences linger. It may be the most expensive ticket ever issued. Hopefully the City Council will look at the bigger picture of the more important revenue source and visitor experience. We should not exacerbate the falling meal tax stream. Given parking enforcement efficiency, maybe they should run the school system.

I also find it disgraceful that the city manager is proposing a pay raise for himself that is far higher than the inflation rate. He is well paid as it is.

This is why we do not need a piggyback tax and why people in other, poorer parts of the Commonwealth think poorly of Northern Virginia. We need to think about how little we get for such high taxes.

**William L. Blumberg, MBA**  
Alexandria

## Fire Department Understaffed

To the Editor:

Having been a resident of north-east Old Town from 2003-2010 who now resides on S. Whiting Street, I would be upset too if my local fire engine was being relocated. While I always knew engine and trucks 204 often assisted with calls in the Mount Vernon area, I never realized, until moving to the west end of town, how many calls engine 204 has been dispatched to my current area. East of Quaker Lane, there are five active fire stations, a reserve station/engine, and a volunteer station, plus whatever fire fighting apparatus is maintained at the Lee Center. West of Quaker Lane, we have a mere two stations. What's even more unnerving is when we have a multi-alarm response in the Landmark area is that at least half the units are from Fairfax County.

The real unfortunate consequence is that the moving of Engine 204 is more representative of the understaffing of our emergency response or at least in this case, the fire department. Even with all the lobbying Chief Thiele did for resources, it has still left us understaffed. Every time I've read an article about the proposed two new stations on Eisenhower and Beuregard, I found myself asking if the city was going to force our fire department to go down to two-man engines to staff the vehicles at the new stations.

For all the folks using idiotic examples of a lack of funding from the city government over the im-

balance between social services and our infrastructure needs, here's the perfect example. At the same time I also realize the "liberals" in the city would argue the city doesn't do enough to help those in need, but unlike the federal government who can borrow all the money it wants, local governments cannot and therefore need to do a better job at recognizing its needs and responsibilities.

**Ruben "Bill" Duran**  
Alexandria

## Questioning City Management

To the Editor:

Thanks to Dave Beck (Gazette Packet, April 17) for pointing out yet another reason why the Old Dominion Boat Club should remain where it is in addition to its historic past and its contribution year after year to the non-profit world. As Mr. Beck points out, the city doesn't take care of what it already owns. If it weren't for the Virginia Adopt-A-Park program, all of our parks would look like this. Thanks to civic associations and neighborhoods living near our parks, these green havens are cared for by volunteer residents.

This also raises the issue again of how the city spends our tax dollars. As Van Van Fleet pointed out in an earlier paper, we the taxpayers will have to pony up the \$5 million for a new boat club as well as repay the Open Space Fund to the tune of \$2.5 million. And for what? To evict a long-standing

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## OPINION

# Art Uniting People

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professional artists who have offered their time for this project.

Pat McMahon, a D.C.-area native, has been a local photographer for more than 15 years. He also works with artists and photographers on a daily basis. His local business Old Town Editions, provides high-quality art reproduction services to artists and photographers worldwide. McMahon, like so many others knows about disability personally. His brother-in-law Demetri suffered a severe head trauma years ago, and now must use a wheelchair. He thrives, despite his mental and physical handicaps, and is a loving uncle to Pat's young son Max.

Andrea Barnes is also a Washington D.C.-area artist who works in drawing, painting and mixed media in her abstract work. She combines found images including charts, diagrams, scientific illustrations, maps and photographs with expressive handling of paint. Barnes received a B.A. in philosophy from Colgate University and studied fine art at the School of Visual Arts in New York and the Corcoran College of Art & Design in Washington, DC. She works at her studio in Maryland.

Brian Beal Moore formally studied Greek and Roman Art and Architecture and Painting after 1945. He has produced a series of paintings that explore breaking boundaries, shot and edited experimental films, written and published short stories, wrought and directed plays and is the author of two still unpublished novels. He is fascinated with the creative processes of all people knowing that original thoughts and expressions do make an impact on the human experience.

This year too for the first time, the Alexandria Harmonizers have volunteered to provide the entertain-

## Exhibition Dates For Art Uniting People

**May 2 to June 12**

The Gallery@Convergence Art Center  
1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria VA  
June 16 to Nov. 24  
Lee Center  
1108 Jefferson Street  
Alexandria VA  
Nov. 24, 2014 to July 6, 2015  
Durant Arts Center  
1605 Cameron Street  
Alexandria VA

ment at the opening reception. TBD, part of the Alexandria Harmonizers, is an all-male contemporary a cappella group. For the past four years, TBD had offered high energy performances of popular music using only the human voice. Styled after groups such as Rockapella and Da Vinci's Notebook, TBD performs a variety of genres from traditional a cappella standards to current radio hits.

The opening reception at the Gallery@Convergence is on Wednesday, May 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. The program will begin at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served during the reception.

The exhibition is the first in a series of three sponsored by the Mental Health Anti-Stigma HOPE Campaign of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, the Friends of Alexandria Mental Health, Convergence, the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services and the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities.

For more information see [www.HealthierAlexandria.org/antistigma](http://www.HealthierAlexandria.org/antistigma) or the Mental Health Anti-Stigma HOPE Campaign facebook page.

## Art Uniting People Reception May 7

The opening reception for the fourth annual art exhibition "Art Uniting People," Celebrating Recovery, Creativity and Mental Health will be held Wednesday, May 7 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Gallery@Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane in Alexandria.

All artists whose work is exhibited, their families and friends and the public are invited.

The "Art Uniting People" exhibition is presented each May to reduce stigma and foster understanding by engaging the Alexandria community in a conversation about each person's uniqueness and the commonality we all share. The exhibit presents the work of those whose lives have been affected by mental illness, addiction and developmental disabilities.

Convergence is a creative community of people who value

diversity, exploration and spirituality. The Church at Convergence cultivates creativity and the arts by providing resources of space, community and professional and spiritual development.

Joining the celebration is TBD, an ensemble of professional singers, who are members of the Alexandria Harmonizers, a renowned men's a cappella chorus that just celebrated its 65th anniversary. TBD, which formed four years ago, sings in a modern a cappella style. As part of the program, members of the audience will be invited to participate.

The evening's program starts at 7 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information see [www.HealthierAlexandria.org/antistigma](http://www.HealthierAlexandria.org/antistigma)

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### THROUGH FRIDAY/MAY 2

**Prom Donations.** The Princess for a Night project is collecting dry-cleaned formal dresses, shoes, handbags, jewelry, new make-up and nice shopping bags at the T.C.

Williams Main Office, 3330 King St., Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For information or to volunteer, email [eleanor.muse@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:eleanor.muse@acps.k12.va.us).

### SATURDAY/MAY 3

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### SATURDAY/MAY 3-JUNE 13

**Art Donations.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at The Gallery@Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Art exhibit for Art Uniting People. Contact [artunitingpeople@gmail.com](mailto:artunitingpeople@gmail.com) or visit [www.HealthierAlexandria.org/antistigma](http://www.HealthierAlexandria.org/antistigma).



## OPINION

# Recycling and Earth Day

BY MICHAEL RENG  
BUSINESS MANAGER,  
COVANTA ALEXANDRIA/ARLINGTON INC.

**A**pril 22 marks the 44th anniversary of Earth Day, a day specifically devised to prompt people to ask, "What can I do to make a difference for the earth?" Solving global environmental issues like climate change may be so daunting for some people that they automatically assume there is nothing they can do to help. But in reality, there are things we can each do every day that can have a big impact on our community and the environment. The simplest of these is to recycle.

The benefits of recycling stretch farther than most people realize. For starters, it reduces the amount of waste that goes to landfills. Currently, more than 250 million tons of trash in the U.S. is sent to landfills every year. Landfills are one of the largest producers of methane in the world, a greenhouse gas (GHG) 34 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> and a major contributor to climate change. In addition to methane, landfills release an array of uncontrolled emissions and create leachate, a liquid that can contaminate groundwater and make landfills an environmental burden for generations. Recycling products made of materials,

such as metals, plastics, glass and paper also reduces greenhouse gases and saves energy by avoiding new mining and reducing or eliminating the need for virgin materials in the production of new products.

At Covanta, we are firmly committed to increasing recycling here in Alexandria, where we operate Covanta Alexandria/Arlington Energy-from-Waste Facility. We demonstrate this commitment by recycling 8,000 tons of metal annually. This Earth Day, please consider the following universal information in order to maximize your recycling:

❖ What cardboard is recyclable? All cardboard boxes, except waxed, are likely recyclable. If possible, remove adhesive labels and tape.

❖ What about that pizza box? Recycle the non-greasy half of pizza boxes and discard the rest with the trash.

❖ It rained ... Can I recycle my wet newspaper? Unfortunately, paper fibers can only hold so much moisture, and if paper is too wet, it may not be able to be recycled. Try to keep papers indoors and set them out for recycling when it's dry out.

❖ What should I do with plastic bottle caps and wine corks? Corks can be reused in bottles, for crafts, or other creative endeavors. Remove plastic caps, and crush the bottles so they take up less space, before

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# Tax Burden Targets Low-Income in Northern Virginia

Average tax burden for low-income workers is highest in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax.

By Michael Lee Pope  
Gazette Packet

Families that are struggling to make ends meet in Northern Virginia are the target of local governments in Northern Virginia, which has the highest tax burden in the region for low-income workers. Wealthy people face the highest tax burden in Prince George’s County and Montgomery County. But here in Virginia, poor people face the biggest tax burden in Arlington, according to a new study by the Office of Revenue Analysis in the District of Columbia. Alexandria ranked second, and Fairfax County ranked third.

“People of color and low-income people are being pushed farther and farther out,” said Jon Liss, founder of Tenants and Workers United. “The whole anti-immigrant backlash from 2006 to the present in Prince William was against the influx of people of color, particularly immigrants, being priced out and taxed out of this area and moving down there.”

The study included the average tax burdens for five different income levels, starting at a family that earns \$25,000 a year and ending with a family that earns \$150,000 a year. The families at each income level are assumed to own a single family home, although those in the \$25,000 are assumed to live in rental housing and own a vehicle. The combination of income tax, sales tax and automobile tax hit people at the bottom end of the scale hardest

“There is no deliberate policy to impose a disproportionate tax burden on the lowest income residents,” said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center of State and Local Leadership at George Mason University. “Rather, it’s a lack of state-delegated authority to use other kinds of taxes, which would provide greater options to create a more responsive tax policy in each of these two booming jurisdictions.”

**ARLINGTON RANKS** the highest for families that earn \$25,000 — a very low income for families who live inside the Beltway. The median household income in Arlington is about \$103,000, which means the study was looking at families who are struggling to make ends meet in a county where most

families pull down salaries that are about four times larger. County officials say the tax burden tells only part of the story. Arlington leaders say the county offers a number of significant services to low-income residents, including public education and housing support.

“I believe we are the only Northern Virginia locality still providing housing grants to lower income families and seniors,” said Jay Fisette, chairman of the Arlington County Board. “We provide four to five times the level of support to help make housing affordable as do our

closest Northern Virginia neighbors.”

As people earn more money, the tax burden decreased on Arlington residents. The same is true of people who live in Alexan-

“We reside in a low-tax state. So there is both a greater burden on local governments to raise taxes than in Maryland, but limited state authority on what kinds of taxes may be levied.”

— Frank Shafroth, director of the Center of State and Local Leadership at George Mason University

dria, which ranks second overall for people who are at the bottom end of the earnings scale. Alexandria also has the third highest tax burden among families with a \$50,000 and \$75,000 income level, and the fourth highest tax burden among families with a \$100,000 or \$150,000 income level. Residents in the District of Columbia have the lowest tax burden in all five of the income brackets.

“Talk to people in D.C., and they wish they had better services — EMS service, for instance, better police response times, more recreation centers,” said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. “So it’s what you invest in and reinvest in in terms of providing outreach and services to your taxpayers.”

**VIRGINIA HAS** a reputation as a low-tax

state, so the relatively high tax burden on low-income people is counter-intuitive. For example, the Washington-based Tax Foundation ranks Virginia as the 25th lowest among states levying an individual income tax. When the organization looked at state and local income tax collections, though, it ranked Virginia as the 11th highest nationally.

“We reside in a low-tax state,” said Shafroth. “So there is both a greater burden

on local governments to raise taxes than in Maryland, but limited state authority on what kinds of taxes may be levied.”

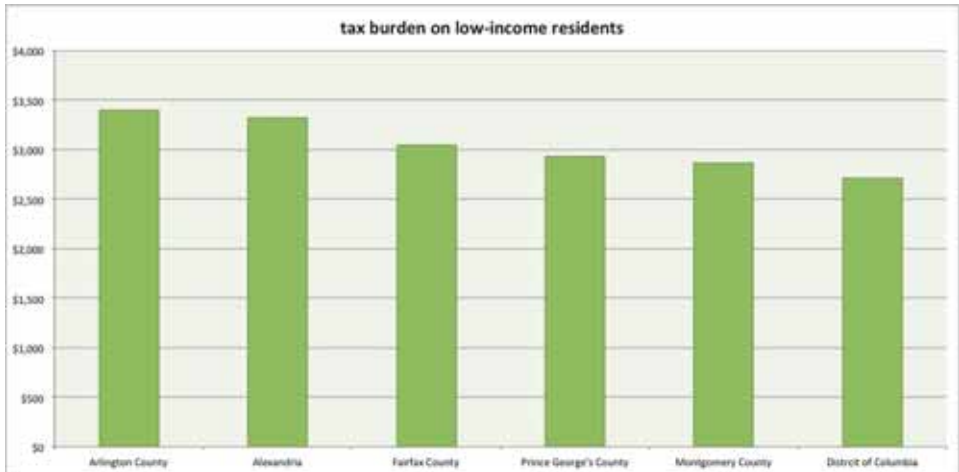
Among the Northern Virginia jurisdictions that were part of the D.C. government study on tax burdens, Fairfax County had the lowest tax burden in all income brackets. That means that Arlington and Alexandria impose a greater tax burden on their residents than in Fairfax County. But as families earn more money, the tax burden decreases in Fairfax County.

“Saying that Fairfax has a lower tax burden than Arlington is like saying that Mount McKinley is not as high as Mount Everest,” said Arthur Purves, president of the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance. “Fairfax County’s tax burden and spending is still way too high.”

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TAX	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	ALEXANDRIA	ARLINGTON COUNTY	FAIRFAX COUNTY
\$25,000 INCOME LEVEL						
Income	(319) 1/	(172) 1/	(172) 1/	144	144	144
Real Estate	2,095	2,095	2,095	2,095	2,095	2,095
Sales and Use	721	554	558	661	657	592
Automobile	213	394	456	428	503	212
TOTAL	2,710	2,871	2,937	3,328	3,399	3,043
RANK	6	5	4	2	1	3
\$50,000 INCOME LEVEL						
Income	1,179	1,349	1,301	1,123	1,130	1,103
Real Estate	1,197	1,739	2,229	2,079	1,969	2,239
Sales and Use	945	731	743	801	797	710
Automobile	257	502	584	554	697	264
TOTAL	3,579	4,321	4,857	4,557	4,593	4,316
RANK	6	4	1	3	2	5
\$75,000 INCOME LEVEL						
Income	2,410	2,540	2,807	2,200	2,210	2,181
Real Estate	2,082	2,609	3,343	3,118	2,953	3,359
Sales and Use	1,434	1,138	1,159	1,244	1,236	1,095
Automobile	458	931	1,096	1,035	1,320	810
TOTAL	6,384	7,219	8,406	7,597	7,719	7,445
RANK	6	5	1	3	2	4
\$100,000 INCOME LEVEL						
Income	4,157	4,518	4,426	3,393	3,389	3,352
Real Estate	2,968	3,479	4,458	4,158	3,937	4,479
Sales and Use	1,589	1,255	1,277	1,351	1,343	1,184
Automobile	551	1,012	1,178	1,087	1,377	825
TOTAL	9,265	10,263	11,339	9,989	10,046	9,840
RANK	6	2	1	4	3	5
\$150,000 INCOME LEVEL						
Income	7,534	8,027	7,888	5,624	5,595	5,553
Real Estate	4,738	5,218	6,687	6,237	5,906	6,718
Sales and Use	2,340	1,889	1,925	1,968	1,949	1,719
Automobile	543	1,405	1,702	1,692	2,517	1,433
TOTAL	15,155	16,539	18,201	15,521	15,967	15,423
RANK	6	2	1	4	3	5

Note: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding.  
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# LETTERS

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good neighbor and benefit two restaurants. So, who are the real beneficiaries you might ask. Once again the tilt is to property and business owners, not residents.

All this at a time when the city continues to seek more debt for a Metro station, supports a bike company (Alta) that is in financial straits, gives the city manager and his staff huge increases, hands out consulting contracts right and left, and yet won't provide critical safety personnel to manage Station 204. Libraries, senior services and other non-profits have to go begging for funding while the folks at City Hall continue to make top-down decisions that short change public safety while helping the One Percent feather their nests even more.

As I've said in earlier letters, I don't mind paying taxes, but I really mind paying taxes to a system that has its priorities topsy turvy. Now is the time to let the city leaders know that residents, the poor and children do matter. Of course tourism is a good thing, but not at the expense of tearing away history, jeopardizing public safety and hurting the elderly.

**Linda Couture**  
Alexandria

## Musical Treasure

To the Editor:

One one of the most distinguished cham-

ber music series in the Washington, D.C. area is the least well known. The National Chamber Players, an ensemble made up of National Symphony Orchestra members and guests from the region and around the country, perform four superb concerts a year at Episcopal High School.

The National Chamber Players were created in 2004 when NSO cellist Jim Lee saw the newly-renovated Pendleton Hall at EHS. The hall, an intimate space that seats just over 500 people and has excellent acoustics, inspired him to bring together a group that included his wife Teri, an NSO violinist, and other friends and colleagues who welcomed an opportunity to collaborate on programming and to perform together.

Over the years an audience of devoted and adventurous music lovers has grown, mostly through word of mouth. Yet there are always empty seats! The concerts are free, and no tickets are required.

Highlights of past performances include: Four cellos playing a program that began with Bach and ended with Metallica; Vivaldi's Four Seasons; Philip Glass accompanying a dance premiere by Dana Tae Soon Burgess & Co; Leonard Slatkin conducting a chamber adaptation of Mahler's 4<sup>th</sup> symphony; Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition played by six cellos and four basses; etc. etc. Regular guests include Nurit Bar-Josef and many members of the NSO, Benny and Eric Kim, Kenneth Slowik and Rohan de Silva.

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## Profiles of Courage

### Private Whitfield W. Lipscombe, 1930

Whitfield W. Lipscombe was born in Virginia on May 9, 1908. On August 2, 1929, he became an Alexandria police officer.



On the afternoon of September 4, 1930, Private Lipscombe was at the fire station in Potomac (present-day Del Ray), when an alarm sounded. The firefighters were called to a car and brush fire along Four Mile Run. When they set off in a new engine truck, Private Lipscombe jumped on the back to assist with directing traffic at the fire scene.

Engine No. 2 traveled north on the Washington-Richmond Highway (now U.S. Route 1) and was just approaching Four Mile Run when a truck cut in front. The firefighter driving the apparatus swerved to avoid a collision but the large fire truck overturned, wrecking in a ditch.

Private Lipscombe was struck by the hose and thrown from the fire truck, suffering a broken neck and fractured skull. He was transported to Alexandria Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival around 2:30 p.m. Three firefighters on the truck were also injured, but all survived. The truck that cut in front of the fire engine was never identified. Private Lipscombe was 22 years old when he died.

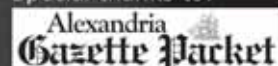
Help the Alexandria Police Foundation honor Private Lipscombe and other officers killed in the line of duty by supporting the **Alexandria Police Fallen Officers Memorial**. To donate, mail a check to:

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**6812 Tiddle Way**  
**\$650,000**  
**Updated Colonial!**  
 Spacious Colonial, substantially updated in prime Raceway Farms location. Features include: 3 finished levels, open floor plan, windows, roof, siding baths and kitchen. Gorgeous home in "move-in" condition at exceptionally attractive price! **OPEN SUN 4/27, 1-4.** From Alexandria City: Telegraph Road South; R-Graceway Dr; L-Tiddle Way.



**4200 Ferry Landing Rd**  
**\$675,000**  
**Unique Opportunity!**  
 This gorgeous 4 bedroom Colonial is in impeccable condition, located on large lot and is loaded with upgrades. Exceptionally bright, open floor plan. Fabulous features: main level study and family room, large updated kitchen with breakfast area, finished lower level, sumptuous master suite, stunning Brazilian Cherry floors, Andersen thermal windows and oversized two car garage. Size-condition-location can't be duplicated at this price! Great Value!



**4713 Dolphin Lane**  
**\$1,150,000**  
**Rare Close-In Waterfrontage!**  
 Set sail from your own backyard to open waters of Potomac, Chesapeake Bay & beyond! Private dock with power lift on protected waters of recently dredged canal just off Potomac. Spacious 4000 sq ft contemporary Rambler with cathedral ceilings & large expanses of glass capitalize on striking nautical views. Just repainted & features gorgeous hardwood flrs & expansive decking. Unique opportunity to acquire huge home for price of waterfront lot.



**5013 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway**  
**\$979,500**  
**Stunning New Luxury Home!**  
 Absolutely nothing comparable for under \$1 Million. Just completed luxury home designed on the "Great Room" concept. Incredibly wide open main level with high ceilings and many windows provides bright, airy atmosphere. Other features: 3 luxuriously finished levels, 5 full baths, hardwood floors and stunning master suite! Gorgeous setting on level 1/2 acre lot.



**4413 Ferry Landing Rd**  
**\$549,000**  
**Yacht Haven Gem!**  
 Fabulous listing in Yacht Haven Estates, one of area's leading waterfront communities! Many major upgrades include: furnace, A/C, water heater, roof, and washer and dryer. Truly stunning gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets, gas cooktop, top level granite countertop. Hardwood floors, bright, open floor plan, covered parking & stone walkway. Large deck overlooks gorgeous 1/2 acre grounds.



**9309 Reef Ct**  
**\$619,000**  
**Three Level Colonial - Near River!**  
 Exceptionally attractive property on magnificent half acre grounds fronting quiet cul-de-sac in one of area's premier neighborhoods. Special features include: 3 level, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, family room with fireplace off kitchen, gorgeous stained hardwood floors, economical gas heat and hot water, and oversized 2 car garage. Major upgrades include thermal windows and glass doors. Unique opportunity!



**4201 Sonia Ct**  
**\$539,500**  
**Fabulous Property Has It All!**



**4505 Tarpon Ln**  
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**Brian Hong & Jerry Beamer 703.929.5764**

**OPEN SATURDAY 12 - 3!**  
**\$ 849,900**  
**Alexandria / Del Ray**  
**20 E WINDSOR AVE**

Magnificent historic Victorian 4BR/2.5BA. 2,144 sq ft. Completely renovated. 2 fireplaces, large family room, 3 porches. Beautiful double lot. 1 mile to Metro, 1 block to shops and great restaurants of Del Ray.

**Sharon Edwards 703.408.8144**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 899,000**  
**Alex. / Beverly Hills**  
**304 KENTUCKY AVE**

Hidden away on a beautiful 16,000 sq ft lot sits this 3BR/4BA unique home. Bleached wood floors, large light-filled living room. Master bedroom with sitting room which overlooks the lush green garden. Charming breakfast room off the kitchen. Large upper level computer room. Lower level family room with fireplace. Attached 1-car garage. Mature trees and shrubs, very private.

**Debra Bell 703.350.9750**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 795,500**  
**Alex / Wilton Woods**  
**5922 WILTON RD**

Exceptional opportunity in Wilton Woods. "Crain" built 4BR with upgrades and built-ins. 2-car garage, master bath addition with heated floors. Lots of storage, separate Sunroom and a half acre of trees, tranquility and charm. Ask Bonnie about the history of Wilton Woods. 4BR/2.5BA

**Bonnie Clark 703.725.9449**

**OPEN SAT & SUN 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 407,500**  
**Alexandria**  
**610 N WEST ST #101**

2BR/1.5BA, with garage! Updated condo with new flooring, paint, appliances, light fixtures and more. Excellent location! Condition! And Metro! Close to everything, shopping, Old Town waterfront, Del Ray, National Airport and minutes to DC, Pentagon and Ft. Belvoir.

**Inderjeet Jumani 703.472.8804**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 469,000**  
**Arlington**  
**900 N STAFFORD ST #1403**

Move right into this newly updated 2BR/2BA with contemporary flair! Garage parking, warm wood floors, solarium and popular split bedroom floor plan. Allavista sits atop the Ballston Metro, shops, hotel services and restaurants galore just a short stroll from your door. 24 hr desk, party room and gym + skywalk to Ballston Commons.

**Pat Tierney 703.850.5630**  
**Mary Taylor 703.785.5619**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 675,000**  
**Arlington**  
**2114 DINWIDDIE ST**

Don't let the "plain-jane" exterior fool you! This charming 2 level home has 3-5BR/3FBA. Features updated kitchen with granite counters and brand new SS appliances and renovated/updated baths. Gleaming wood floors, living room fireplace with raised hearth. Fully finished LL has been thoughtfully redone and is walk-out with rear covered patio. Location can't be beat, within 1.2mi to Ballston; EZ commute to GW Parkway and into DC.

**Norma Stratton 703.966.0756**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 219,000**  
**Alexandria**  
**1722 W ABINGDON DR #201**

Charming 1BR/1BA facing courtyard - updated kitchen, baths, granite counters, new heating/AC unit - Washer/Dryer in unit - many amenities, lots of parking and low condo fees - Shows great - one stoplight to GW Pkwy, commuters dream - waiting for you!

**Franki Roberts 703.898.0840**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 1,195,000**  
**Arlington**  
**4187 N 39th ST**

Great location plus many recent improvements for this large, beautiful 4BR/3.5BA Colonial sited in popular Chain Bridge Forest. New kitchen with SSA and granite, redone baths; new windows/roof/gutters/siding; refinished and new hardwoods. 3 family rooms. Close to DC, McLean, Tysons, and Yorktown HS district.

**Leah Chapla 703.929.4857**  
**Anne Hambley 703.946.7266**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 579,900**  
**Alexandria**  
**531 COLECROFT CT**

- Charming, light-filled end unit.
- 1,600+ sq ft of living space
- Refinished hardwoods on main and "new" hardwoods on upper levels
- Wood-burning fireplace & French doors in living room
- Kitchen with SS appliances & granite
- Fully finished LL rec room with full bath
- New custom patio & cedar fence

**Martine Imer & Alexander Imer 703.346.7283 or 703.403.2465**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 339,000**  
**Alexandria**  
**5608 QUAKER LN**

Why pay condo and HOA fees? Lovely renovated single family home with off-street parking for 3 plus cars. Nice yard(s). 3BR / 1FBA, 2 finished levels. New kitchen with granite. 1 mile to Metro and Old Town. Burgundy Village.

**Marcy Covarrubias 703.772.6569**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 925,000**  
**Alexandria**  
**501 CROWN VIEW DR**

Over \$100,000 of recent upgrades in this 4BR/2.5BA home in Clover! Bright entry hall. Gorgeous designer kitchen. Spacious light-filled rooms including rec room, huge bedrooms, beautiful master and upper level baths. Rare, large lushly landscaped yard. Replaced Pella windows. Big 2-car garage. 2 blocks to McArthur ES. Ready to move right in... A Must See!

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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

## ONGOING

**All Alexandria Reads.** Spring events mark Alexandria's annual one book, one community campaign. Adults are invited to ready the recently republished "When Washington Was in Vogue," a once-lost novel by Edward Christopher Williams which depicts the vibrant social life of Washington D.C.'s upper class African Americans during the Harlem Renaissance and jazz age. Younger readers are invited to read the picture book, "Harlem's Little Blackbird," by Renée Watson or the chapter book, "Bud, Not Buddy," by Christopher Paul Curtis. Events begin April 30 and more than 50 related activities are planned through May; for full list of programs visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**Pop Art Exhibit.** Works by Art League members celebrating the pop movement with a modern twist. Through May 5 at the Art League, Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, noon-6 p.m. Sunday. Art on the Rocks cocktail reception Wednesday, April 30, 7-10 p.m., \$35. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

**Art Exhibit.** "Printed Painted Potted," Avis Fleming's one-artist show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics features landscapes of Ireland, Maine and Louisiana and birds, people and dogs. May 1-June 30 at Printmakers Inc., Studio #325 in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Open daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Opening reception Sunday, May 4, 2-4 p.m. Call 703-683-1342.

**Art Exhibit.** May 2-June 8 at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Meditations on the Boundless, an exhibit of acrylic paintings on yupo paper by Arlington artist Kimberly DiNatale. Opening reception Saturday, May 3, 4-6 p.m. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html).

**Art Exhibit.** See "LOULUDI Flower/To Flower" at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The exhibit explores the natural process of flowering and its metaphorical context through object making and installation. Free. The exhibit runs through May 4. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Film Screenings.** Duncan Cinema Club begins monthly series, "Films of the Pre Code Era," May 7, 6:30 p.m. Films will be shown the first Wednesday of the month at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Post-screening discussions at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. at 9 p.m. Call 703-746-1705 for film.

**Art Exhibit.** "Words and Letters" May 8-June 22 in the Athenaeum gallery, 201 Prince St. This multimedia show from regional artists uses text as a component of visual art. Opening reception Sunday, May 11, 4-6 p.m. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Art Exhibit.** "Sound of Butterfly," a solo exhibition of new work by Soomin Ham, a photographer and multimedia artist. Through May 11 at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Studio 312, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. except Thursdays, 1-9 p.m. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Photography Exhibit.** "Threesomes," photography by Maureen Minehan in sets of three standalone images. On

display in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria, May 13-June 22. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. except Thursday, 2-8 p.m. Opening reception Sunday, June 1, 2-4 p.m.

**Art Exhibit.** See "Spirit of Place: Dyke Marsh," an exhibition of photography by Anthony Peritore and sculptural works by Megan Peritore through May 18 in the Crossroads Gallery, located in Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. Free.

**Attics and Alleys Tour.** Tickets are now on sale for the Attics and Alleys tour, a three-hour walking tour featuring rarely seen spaces of four sites — the Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Carlyle House. Tours will be offered Saturdays in May, 9 a.m.-noon. \$35/peron. Reservations required. Visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4242.

**Spy Program at Mount Vernon.** 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through June 1. Learn about spying during the Revolutionary War, including concealment codes, invisible ink and double agents. Self-guided programs with map provided. Free with admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/spy](http://www.mountvernon.org/spy).

**Historical Exhibit.** Through August at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Sit Down and Take a Stand" commemorates the 1939 library sit-in of five African American men and its mastermind, Samuel Tucker. One of the earliest occasions of individuals using the sit-in as an act of civil disobedience in the modern civil rights movement. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-746-4356.

**Doggy Happy Hours.** 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit [www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html](http://www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html).

**Alexandria Cars & Coffee** invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

**Songwriter's Showcase.** Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a different Songwriter's Association of Washington artist each week. Visit [www.theoldtowntheater.com](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com).

**Art Exhibit.** See "Sit Down and Take a Stand: Samuel W. Tucker and the 1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In" at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The exhibit focuses on the life of famed civil rights attorney Samuel Wilber Tucker, and highlights the role of Robert Strange, who was a runner between the library and Tucker's office, keeping Tucker abreast of developments. The exhibit runs through August. Free. 703-746-4356.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Art at the Center** spring classes are now open for registration. The spring session runs April 21-May 30. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) or call 703-201-1250.

**Pre-School Studio.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. June 9-19, Mondays-Thursdays children ages 4-6 attend for explorations of clay, collage, drawing and painting as well as creativity, problem solving,



**Paul Morella stars in "Underneath the Lintel," one of two shows now playing at MetroStage.**

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## MetroStage Presents 'Underneath the Lintel'

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN  
METROSTAGE  
ARTISTIC PRODUCING DIRECTOR

Storytelling at its best — storytelling in a small intimate space where the audience is actively engaged — this seems to be a common theme at MetroStage. In our two plays being performed on our stage In Rep this spring the audience cannot escape. In "The Thousandth Night," they are being addressed by Guy de Bonheur as he is stranded temporarily but destined for a concentration camp. Will the stories from the Arabian Nights (think Scheherazade's 1,001 stories told to the Sultan to save her life) convince the gendarmes in the train station to let this simple Parisian actor escape? When he asks them (you) directly for help, will anyone speak up? Is the lesson here that there are times in our lives when we may need to speak up, but may not for fear of some repercussion?

In "Underneath the Lintel," The Librarian has rented a hall to give a lecture. He has brought tagged "evidences" to tell his story that begins with an overdue book and ultimately continues on a worldwide journey. Through a series of clues he hopes that you will understand his drive and determination and maybe have a little better under-

standing of life's meaning or the search for meaning in life's journey.

Sounds like a heavy evening at the theatre right? Actually they both have tremendous entertainment value — but underlying are stories of a very serious human dilemma. Choices made, betrayals, and ultimately the search for meaning as we journey through life — confronting both the unpredictable, unavoidable, unfathomable yet trying only to retain our humanity and integrity in the journey. And, dancing when the opportunity arises.

This is MetroStage's first Rep series. Both can be seen on the same day (with a dinner break in between — we promise there will be lots to talk about at dinner) or come on a Tuesday or Wednesday for a brief talk back with the actor and occasional invited speakers. Theatre is a thinking sport but we offer entertainment as well. How often can you experience both simultaneously?

We have a crazy schedule so please check out our website ([www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org)) for which show is in performance which day (we are in a perpetual state of confusion) and experience fascinating human stories in a communal setting and leave the theatre knowing you will still be talking about the experience well into the future.

For performance information or tickets, call 703-548-9044 or visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org).

collaboration and fun. Call 703-201-1250 or visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org).

**Youth Summer Classes.** Beginning Monday, July 7, Metropolitan School of the Arts offers pre-professional summer dance, music theater and acting camps, as well as a wide variety of youth summer camps where students can explore and learn many facets of the performing and visual arts. Visit,

[www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).  
**Martial Arts Camps.** Potomac Kempo teaches Shaolin Kempo, a blend of Japanese Karate and Chinese Kung Fu. Potomac Kempo's locations will host a camp "virtual tour" of China July 14-18 at the new Huntington location, 5914 N. Kings Hwy.; and Japan, July 21-25 at the Foxchase location, 4617 Duke St. For children age 5-12. Campers will learn about art, cuisine, history and language.

Morning and afternoon sessions or all-day option. Visit [www.potomackempo.com/summer-camp](http://www.potomackempo.com/summer-camp) or call 703-206-8064.

**Metro Club After-School Program.** Through June, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive.



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Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).

**Life Drawing.** Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for a schedule.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

**Theater Camp.** Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. To register, visit [www.mvct.org](http://www.mvct.org).

## THURSDAY/APRIL 24

**Spring Book Sale.** 4-8:30 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street. \$1 for paperbacks, \$3 for hardbacks, kids books for less. Members only preview, membership at door \$10. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1702.

**Film Screening.** 6:30 p.m. at Old

Town Theatre, 815-1/2 King St. Screening of "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World," with cocktail reception, exhibition of clothing worn on the film set and a pre-screening film discussion. Tickets \$45+, benefiting American Wounded Warriors and British Help for Heroes. To purchase tickets, visit <https://shop.alexandriava.gov> or [www.theoldtowntheater.com](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com), or call 703-746-4242 or 703-549-1025.

**String Quartet Concert.** 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The U.S. Air Force Band chamber players present an evening of music for string quartet, featuring music by Olivier Messiaen. Free. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

## THURSDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 24-26

**School Musical.** 7 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. AIDA (School Edition) will be presented by the Mount Vernon Players in the Little Theatre. The show features original choreography and technical design by MVHS students in addition to student performers playing the classic love story about a Nubian princess and an Egyptian army captain. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from cast members, during lunch on show days, or at the door the night of the performance.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 25

**Spring Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., at the Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street. \$1 for paperbacks, \$3 for hardbacks, kids books for less. Open to general public. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1702.

**Middle School Play.** 7 p.m. at the George Washington Middle School Auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre. Tickets \$5, cash and check only. Concessions available. Call 703-706-4500.

**Magic Show.** 7:30 p.m., Bishop Ireton High School theater, 201 Cambridge Road. Visit <http://magi-whirl.org>.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 26

**Walkathon.** 8-10 a.m. at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road. 18th annual Project Discovery Walkathon 3K Registration at 8, walk at 9, prize ceremony at 10. \$5 students, \$20 adults with fundraising goals to benefit Project Discovery college access program. Visit <http://alexandriava.gov/PDWalkathon> to donate or register.

**Herb and Craft Sale.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Celebrate spring with the Friends of Carlyle House's Annual Garden Day Herb & Craft Sale. Free. Admission for the House tour is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12 years old, free for children 4 and under or free with your Alexandria Garden Day ticket. Visit [www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle\\_house\\_historic\\_park](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park) for more.

**Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-noon at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Hollin Hall Senior Center Advisory Council Flea Market, proceeds to benefit programs at the center.

**Bike Collection.** 9 a.m.-noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Donated, gently used bikes go to people in developing countries through Bikes for the World. \$10 cash donation requested to help defray shipping



## 17th Annual Student Art Show

Del Ray Artisans and the T.C. Williams High School Art Department jointly present the 17th Annual Student Art Show at the Del Ray Artisans gallery, Friday, May 2-Sunday, May 11. The exhibit will feature the work of members of the National Art Honor Society. Twenty juniors and seniors comprise this year's selection. Many of these students will continue to study art at the college level, and much of the work on exhibit was featured in their winning college admission portfolios. The opening reception will be held Friday, May 2, 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Gallery hours are Thursday, noon-6 p.m.; First Thursday, Friday and Saturday, noon-9 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-6 p.m. The gallery is free, open to the public and handicap accessible. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for more.

costs. Visit <http://b4w.org>.

**Parkfairfax Native Plant Sale.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 3601 Valley Drive. Largest native plant sale in area with 16 vendors from four states selling native perennials, shrubs and trees. Call 571-232-0375 or visit [www.ParkfairfaxNativePlantSale.org](http://www.ParkfairfaxNativePlantSale.org).

**Raptor Rapture.** 10 a.m.-noon at Belle Haven Park off the George Washington Memorial Parkway, south of Old Town Alexandria. See raptors up close, birds of prey that

have been rehabilitated but cannot survive on their own. Call 703-765-5233.

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**Alexandria Earth Day.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Theme is "Are you an Eco-Citizen?" Event includes

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**Middle School Play.** 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the George Washington Middle School Auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre. Tickets \$5, cash and check only. Concessions available. Call 703-706-4500.

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Belvoir Golf Club, 8450 Beulah St. Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations will recognize and honor the Mount Vernon Magisterial District Citizen, Organization and Student of the Year. \$55. Visit [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org).

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. QuinTango, piano and strings; Latin dance meets chamber music. Tickets \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$10 students and teachers. 703-765-4342.

**Magic Show.** 10 p.m., Bishop Ireton High School theater, 201 Cambridge Road. Visit <http://magi-whirl.org>.

### SUNDAY/APRIL 27

**Cook Off.** Noon-3 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Carpenter's Shelter is bringing together new and old restaurants. Contributions from other organizations help Carpenter's serve more than 1,000 homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families, provide shelter for more than 300 individuals, and open the Homeless Services Assessment Center to serve and place homeless individuals in shelter faster. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Visit [www.carpenterscookoff.com](http://www.carpenterscookoff.com) or [www.carpentersshelter.org](http://www.carpentersshelter.org).

**Cleanup Registration.** 12:30-4 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park. Friends of Fort Hunt Park will hold a cleanup day in conjunction with National Parks week. Contact [owenhammett@cox.net](mailto:owenhammett@cox.net) or 703-339-6539.

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**Historical Lecture.** 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St. One of a series of presidential salons with President James Madison, portrayed by John Douglas Hall. Reservations recommended; \$15 adults, \$10 students. Visit <https://shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx> or call 703-746-4242.

**Jazz Concert.** 4 p.m. at Meade Church, 322 North Alfred St. Jazz at Meade features the Sandra Y. Johnson Quintet. Light refreshments. \$15 donation requested. Call 703-549-1334 or visit [www.Meadechurch.org](http://www.Meadechurch.org).

### MONDAY/APRIL 28

**Biography Book Club.** 7-8 p.m., at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us), [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1751.

**The Art of Ballroom Dance.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Salsa, Meringue, Rumba, Cha-Cha, and Samba. Come with or without a partner. Beginner (7-7:45 lesson) and advanced (7:45-8:30 lesson) dancers welcome. Practice 8:30-9 p.m. \$15 per lesson. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 30

**Book Lecture.** 7 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Suzanne E. Smith

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## Threads of Time and 1920s

**Fashion Show.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Models will showcase the history of African American clothing trends. Sponsored by local vintage boutique Amalgated Clothing and Dry Goods. Part of All Alexandria Reads. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**Art Exhibit Cocktail Reception.** 7-10 p.m. at Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Art on the Rocks with seven local mixologists creating cocktails based on art. \$35, drinks and appetizers included. Visit [www.theartleague.org/content/art\\_on\\_the\\_rocks\\_spring2014](http://www.theartleague.org/content/art_on_the_rocks_spring2014).

## THURSDAY/MAY 1

**Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Historian Ida E. Jones will speak about her book: “Mary McLeod Bethune in Washington, D.C.” Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1751.

## THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 1-2

**Theatre Performance.** 5 p.m. at West Potomac High School’s Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. A Lot of Medieval Merry Making Set for the West Potomac Theatre with Monty Python’s “Spamalot.” \$10/ students and \$12/adults. Visit <http://wphs-spamalot.brownpaper tickets.com>.

## FRIDAY/MAY 2

**Preschool Fun Fair.** 4:30-7 p.m. at 7719 Fort Hunt Road. The Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool Annual Fun Fair has a carnival theme with games, crafts, magic shows, music and face painting. Food is available for purchase. Tickets sold at door: \$12 per child ages 2 and up, adults free. Visit [www.tauxemont.org](http://www.tauxemont.org) or email [tauxemontpp@gmail.com](mailto:tauxemontpp@gmail.com).

**Art Reception.** 6:30-9 p.m. at B&B Gallery, 215 King St. Artist Serenety Hanley will exhibit a series of black and white oil on canvas pieces. Free, contact [mddbrumbaugh@me.com](mailto:mddbrumbaugh@me.com).

**Middle School Play.** 7 p.m. at the George Washington Middle School Auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Adaptation of Charlotte Bronte’s “Jane Eyre.” Tickets \$5, cash and check only. Concessions available. Call 703-706-4500.

**Student Art Exhibit Opening Reception.** 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Twenty T.C. Williams High School students selected as this year’s National Art Honor Society inductees exhibit artwork May 2-11. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

## SATURDAY/MAY 3

**Free Comic Book Day.** The goal of Free Comic Book Day is to promote the comic book medium to new customers young and old and celebrate independent comic book retailers and their stores. Visit [www.freecomicbookday.com](http://www.freecomicbookday.com) or <http://bit.ly/FCBDStoreLocator>.

**Morning Market.** 8 a.m.-noon at Epiphany Weekday School, 5513 Old Mill Road. Crafters & home business owners welcome. Enjoy crafts, yard sale finds, and other items. Baked goods & refreshments. Contact [ewsmorningmarket@gmail.com](mailto:ewsmorningmarket@gmail.com).

**Children’s Music.** 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Theatre, 815 1/2 King St. “Uno, Dos, Tres con Andrés,” interactive, bilingual movement-and-music show with Andrés Salguero, full band and guests. Opening act The Uncle Devin Show. Visit



“Depths” by Natalie Shudt

[www.theoldtowntheater.com](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com) or call 703-549-1025.

**House & Garden Tour.** Noon-6 p.m. at Hollin Meadows Elementary School on 2310 Nordok Place. Bi-annual House & Garden self-guided walking tour of mid-century modern architecture and landscape. Ten Charles Goodman-designed properties and three gardens will be open. A lecture will take place prior to the tours in the school cafeteria at 11 a.m. \$25 in advance, \$30 day of. Visit [www.hollinhills.net](http://www.hollinhills.net).

**Middle School Play.** 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the George Washington Middle School Auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Adaptation of Charlotte Bronte’s “Jane Eyre.” Tickets \$5, cash and check only. Concessions available. 703-706-4500.

**Food History Symposium.** 1:30-5 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Four presentations by local food historians and business people, a post-symposium book signing, and tasting of Shuman’s famous Jelly Cake. \$50, advance registration encouraged. Visit <https://shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx> or call 703-746-4994.

**Theatre Performance.** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School’s Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. A Lot of Medieval Merry Making Set for the West Potomac Theatre with Monty Python’s “Spamalot.” \$10/students and \$12/adults. Visit <http://wphs-spamalot.brownpapertickets.com>.

**Art Exhibit Opening Reception.** 4-6 p.m. at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Meditations on the Boundless, an exhibit of acrylic paintings on yupo paper by Arlington artist Kimberly DiNatale. On display through June 8. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html).

**Kentucky Derby Party.** 4:30-8 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club. Junior Friends of the Campagna Center present Bowties & Belles Kentucky Derby Party. Watch the Derby and enjoy a raffle, live music, silent auction and cocktail reception. \$100 tickets to benefit the Campagna Center’s programs. Visit [www.campagnacenter.org/events/bowties-belles](http://www.campagnacenter.org/events/bowties-belles).

**Country-Western Dance.** 6:30-10 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. Lessons, 6:30-7:30 followed by open dancing with DJ. Couples and singles welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) or call 703-860-

## Botanical Fiber Sculptures

Natalie Shudt has created large, flowing botanical sculptures anchored to the floor and wall. “Sway” will be on display at The Art League Gallery through May 5. Botanical and architectural forms inspired Shudt’s three-dimensional fiber sculptures. She uses silks, wools and other fine fabrics, stitching and quilting them heavily enough to build sculptures with flowing lines and vibrant color. “Sway” envelops the viewer amongst hovering lily pads, flowing leaves, and crawling mushroom shelves. See “Sway” at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. in Studio 21. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

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## SATURDAY/MAY 3-31

**Historic Attic and Alley Tours.** 9 a.m.-noon, Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. or at the Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The curious are invited to visit rarely seen spaces at four of Alexandria’s historic sites on this special three-hour walking tour of Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden and Carlyle House Historic Park. \$35. Visit [www.AlexandriaVA.gov/GadsbysTavern](http://www.AlexandriaVA.gov/GadsbysTavern).

## SUNDAY/MAY 4

**Women’s Bike Ride.** 9:30 a.m. beginning at Jones Point Park, under the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Women on a Roll Ride organized by Alexandria Spokeswomen. Leisurely ride will visit cycling shops to remind businesses that female cyclists are a growing market. Riders are encouraged to wear green and must wear helmets. Snacks and refreshments provided at the shops. Free, registration available at <http://goo.gl/7v8PJ2>.

**Wetlands Awareness Day.** Noon-4 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Learn about the wetlands and the birds and animals that live there. Family fun fair with displays, games, face paintings. Free event, fee for some activities. Rain or shine. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park).

**T.C. Williams Titan Expo.** 1-5 p.m. at the school, 3330 King St. Carnival games, car bash, bake sale, bingo, used book sale and music. Rain or shine. Free admission but activities cost, to benefit scholarships.

**Jazz Concert.** 2 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Jazz music with the Northern Virginia Community College Jazz Combo. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1751.

**Art Exhibit Opening Reception.** 2-4 p.m. at Printmakers Inc., Studio #325 in Alexandria’s Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. “Printed Painted Potted,” Avis Fleming’s one-artist show, on display May 1-June 30.

**History Lecture and Book Signing.** 3 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Historian and author John Beakes will speak on the military career of Colonel Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee during the American Revolution. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 day of. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

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# Who's Trailing Don Beyer in Campaign Funds?

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not include loans or money from the candidate.

"Everybody else is still number two no matter how you slice it," said Stephen Farnsworth, political science professor with the University of Mary Washington.

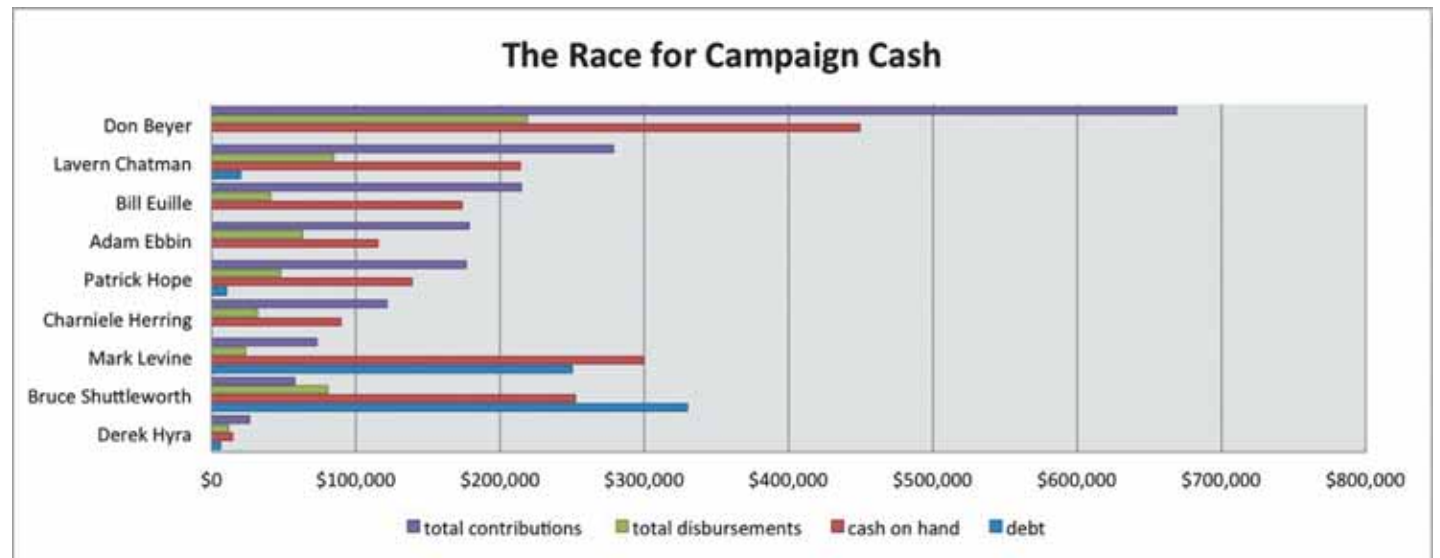
No matter which way the other candidates sliced and diced the numbers, Beyer comes out on top on the fundraising game. The former lieutenant governor ran several statewide races in the 1980s and 1990s, and he later served as the chairman of the American International Automobile Dealers Association. More recently, he served as an ambassador to Switzerland and Lichtenstein. Since launching his campaign to replace longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) in January, Beyer has been able to use those connections to raise more than twice as much as any of his competitors, even ones who loaned hundreds of thousands of dollars to their campaigns.

"Don's proven record on many progressive issues sets him apart in this race," said campaign finance director John Moffett. "That distinction, coupled with his incredible work ethic, translated into a formidable first quarter of fundraising."

**ONE CANDIDATE** tried to portray his campaign as superior to the Beyer campaign in one aspect, pointing to the number of individual contributors as a critical indication of support. Arlington Del. Patrick Hope (D-47) issued a press release this week claiming his campaign was the first to have 1,000 individual donors. That's about 350 more donors than the campaign had on March 31, the deadline for contributions in the first quarter.

"We have made this election a referendum on standing up for the voiceless, the sick, the disabled, the young and the elderly," said Hope in a written statement. "I'm so thankful that so many have responded and helped fund the voter contact efforts we will need to win on June 10th."

Beyer campaign officials responded that they have "well more" than 1,000 individual contributors, although they declined to



SOURCE: FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

share specifics until the next fundraising deadline in May. Federal campaign finance documents do not specify the number of individual donors, and individual contributions are listed only if they are more than \$200.

Beyer's campaign finance documents list \$617,000 in itemized contributions and \$24,000 in unitemized contributions. Hope supporters raised suspicions that these numbers could have come from more than 1,000 individual contributors because the average contribution for an unitemized donor would have to be between \$25 and \$40 rather than a series of \$100 checks.

"We're not going to do a tick-tock of it between now and then or respond when another campaign decides they want to announce something," said Ann O'Hanlon, senior advisor to the Beyer campaign.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE** documents for Chatman show that she raised the second highest amount of total contributions, logging almost \$270,000. Her campaign was able to benefit from a fundraiser her campaign held at the Crystal Gateway Marriot in Arlington featuring Oprah Winfrey. The event, which brought an audience of 400 supporters, focused on empowering women and girls for leadership.

"In just a few months, our campaign continues to grow in momentum and strength," said Chatman. "I look forward to meeting and connecting with more voters across the 8th District in the coming weeks."

The Euille campaign responded with a press release claiming the Alexandria mayor had actually come in second place in fundraising.

When asked how Euille could claim second place when Chatman reported about \$64,000 more than Euille in total contributions, the Euille campaign pointed out that Chatman had contributed \$100,000 to her own campaign on March 21. By that logic, the mayor's campaign argues, Euille had more "supporter contributions."

"The fact that we are second in the race for supporter contributions signals that the people are making a strong statement about who they want to see in Congress," Euille said in a written statement. "Momentum is building just at the right time and it will continue in the coming weeks."

**AS THE DEADLINE** approached for the first quarter fundraising documents, two candidates issued massive unsecured loans to their campaigns to boost their standing. One was Levine, who issued two loans in February worth \$10,000.

Then on March 31, the last day before the deadline, he loaned his campaign \$240,000. This gave him the second largest total for cash on hand in the race.

"This is a people-powered campaign," Levine said in a written statement about his campaign fundraising numbers. "People from across the district and across the country are excited about my candidacy."

When the Federal Election Commission released the first-quarter fundraising documents last week, Shuttleworth's original report showed he had a negative campaign balance.

The campaign has since filed an amended report, explaining that a software problem created errors in the first document. His amended reports shows he issued several unsecured loans to his campaign totaling \$330,000, some of which date back to his last campaign against Moran. His campaign issued a statement declaring "Bruce Shuttleworth and Beyer lead in fundraising in first quarter filings."

"If you have to drop a lot of your own money into a race, that suggests you are not likely to be successful," said Farnsworth. "It suggests to potential donors that you don't need or can't get money effectively, and it also doesn't really allow you to campaign as having the common touch."

## City Leaders Consider Selling Historic Structure

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dreds of millions of dollars for that site," said Mayor Bill Euille during a recent budget work session. "Those are the things we have to look at, and we would not be doing our fiduciary responsibility if we didn't look at the bigger picture."

Much of the building is currently served by 40-year old mechanical equipment, which city leaders say has been piecemealed together as operations have changed. Last year, budget officials estimated the cost of fixing the HVAC system would be about \$18 million. This year, though, that estimate almost doubled to \$34 million. Add a list of other structural problems, and city officials could be looking at a \$50 million renovation — leading the mayor to publicly speculate about selling the building and relocating the government somewhere else.

"I personally cannot imagine when this building would be gone and be replaced by something else and that City Hall would be somewhere else," said Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg. "Hopefully we can fix what needs to be

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**The current version of City Hall was designed by Adolf Cluss in 1871, although the side facing Market Square is a 1960s addition.**



# LETTERS

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The next concert, the last of this year's series, is on May 6: Benny and Eric Kim will be guest artists in a program that includes Arensky's Quartet in A minor (Op. 35) for violin, viola, and two cellos.

If you would like more information or to receive email notifications of concert dates and programs, please call 703-433-9135, or email Ginger Peabody at [vdp@episcopalhighschool.org](mailto:vdp@episcopalhighschool.org). You may also subscribe to email announcements of forthcoming concerts at [www.episcopalhighschool.org/arts/ncp\\_ehs/](http://www.episcopalhighschool.org/arts/ncp_ehs/).

**Bruce Miller**  
Alexandria

## Dominant Urban Mode

To the Editor:

Going by foot is the most natural, energy efficient, safe, and uncongested way to traverse an urban environment. It is overwhelmingly sociable, nonthreatening, accommodating and doesn't require much by way of an investment to enjoy. Feet were made for walking, and people navigate even the smallest, tightest spaces best as pedestrians. And left to themselves, it is exceedingly rare to find that pedestrians are a hazard. A recent intercept study, done for a possible transformation of the unit block of King Street, showed 80 percent of those traveling in that area were pedestrians. The remaining 20 percent of transportation modes were cars, trucks and bikes. As always, Old Town

has continued to succeed as a prime example of how a dense urban environment works best — on foot. This is also what contributes to the uniquely sociable and welcoming place that is packed into the Old and Historic District. Even the Tot Park on Royal Street, where many small children and their grateful mothers talk and play, is reached on foot. Fun to speculate on just how many of these tots actually took their first steps among the tiny park's abundance of shared toys and trikes!

The problem at the moment is that vehicles, i.e., cars and bikes, control our conversation about how to move people in ways that make everyone happy and keep them safe. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Group, even when they ostensibly speak for pedestrians, base all their advocacy on "bikes" and form all their phrases and arguments around the evils of autos. Public transportation is a complete shadow player, although arguably the best mode for moving masses of people, reliably and safely, over short periods of time. In fact, in the complete and shared streets concept the modes feature pedestrians and public transit options ... buses or metros. The "Last Mile" was originally coined by Smart Growth activists to describe the lack of sidewalks to connect pedestrians with public transportation.

Global studies and projects have yet to demonstrate that designing or combining three modes (pedestrians/bikes/cars) can work without failure for one or more. Believe me, I've searched Japanese, Danish, American, South American, Swedish, Viennese, British, and Dutch reports. The one thing they have in com-

mon is an admission of failure to design and operate a multi-modal system, one that is safe, equitable, and free flowing for everyone. The general result seems to be that vehicles, i.e., cars and bikes, become tangled and congested; pedestrians abandon their previously safe walking routes, and accidents happen more often. Old Town is a walkers' paradise, because the blocks are short and have stop signs or lights on every corner. The core of the city is a dense suburbia that is shaded by mature trees and winding streets, which make it a pleasant place to walk. But as demonstrated by the recent King Street Bike Lane fiasco, implementation of a tri-modal street, undertaken without adequate research or meaningful data, is a doubtful way to move to "complete streets." Worse, by focusing keenly on cars and bikes, we risk deep-sixing those who use the dominant mode and walk for exercise and pleasure, especially the aged.

Pedestrians are the dominant means of travel and will be for a long time to come. Instead of using bicycles and eliminating parking spaces to force change, let's concentrate on creating an urban setting that favors the human foot on well-maintained sidewalks. Feet are probably common to 99.9 percent of the people who traverse Alexandria. Let's re-start the city's conversation about getting round town and put pedestrians in the lead.

**Kathryn Papp**  
Alexandria

## Recycling

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placing them in the bin.

❖ What should I do with batteries and electronics? Alexandria residents can drop off their e-waste at 3224 Colvin Street, Alexandria on Mondays and Saturdays only from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. In Arlington County, e-waste can be dropped off at the Water Pollution Control Plant at 530 31st St. S., Arlington, or residents can schedule a special pickup of these items on the day their normal trash is picked up.

❖ Can I recycle empty containers that once held chemicals? Yes, as long as the container is completely empty. Motor oil is the exception. You cannot recycle motor oil containers as the residual oil can interfere with the recycling process.

Armed with a little extra knowledge, we can work together this Earth Day to improve our recycling habits, making an even bigger difference to our environment and the world we live in. Thanks for doing your part and Happy Earth Day.



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# Enjoying the 4th Annual Mardi Growl

**C**olorful boas and festival masks greeted the guests arriving at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 2 for the 4th annual Mardi Growl benefiting the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

Hundreds of items were donated by area merchants and friends of AWLA for the silent auction. Major sponsors of the annual fundraiser were Greenleaf Health LLC, Rosenthal Auto, Jackie and Charles Cottrell, Kendra Davis and Joe Trahern, Hayfield Animal Hospital, Fort Hunt Animal Hospital, Andrew Palmieri of Saul Ewing, Tykie Tobin, and VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital. U.S. Rep. Jim Moran was honored as King of the Krewe of Barkus.

Evening emcees were Steve Rudin of ABC7/WJLA-TV and the Alexandria Town Crier Benjamin Fiore-Walker. Diane Vidoni chaired the Mardi Growl host committee with Shari Bolouri, Diane Devendorf, Suzanne Goulden, Charlotte Hall, Tina Leone, Sandy Modell, Gayle Reuter, Lisa Waller and Sandy Yamamoto.



Neal Trent, Janet Barnett, Lynnwood Campbell and AWLA executive director Megan Webb.

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AWLA executive director Megan Webb, right, and ABC7's Steve Rudin listen to remarks during Mardi Growl 2014 held April 2 at the U.S. Patent and Trade Office.



Judge Connie Frogale, deputy director of AWLA Joe Seskey, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Janet Barnett and Lynnwood Campbell.



Rachel Miller and Del Ray Pizzeria chef Eric Reid.

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Animal Control officer Joe Seskey waves to Mardi Growl attendees.



AWLA executive director Megan Webb, deputy director Joe Seskey and director of development Paige Blache.



Lisa Caputo and Ben Sandvik and Allie the Cat.



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AWLA executive director Megan Webb thanks the crowd for their support at Mardi Growl 2014.





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**AWLA executive director Megan Webb talks with King of the Krewe of Barkus U.S. Rep. Jim Moran.**



**Andrew Palmieri and Becky Mahood.**



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**Patsy Ticer enjoys a laugh as AWLA board member Lynwood Campbell addresses the crowd.**

**Former Gov. Jim Gilmore, left, with Josh Hamidi and Alexandria Cupcake owner Adnan Hamidi.**



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## City Leaders Consider Selling City Hall

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fixed and keep what is historic.”

**CITY HALL** is one of Alexandria’s crown jewels, although a number of earlier buildings were once located there. The first building was a market house constructed in 1750. Then there was the Fairfax County courthouse, which was constructed in 1752. A schoolhouse and town hall were built in 1759, and a brick prison was constructed in 1763. Then there was the addition of the Friendship Volunteer Fire Company in 1774 and the Sun Fire Company in 1775. In 1782, another building was added to serve as the Hustings Court.

The cluster of buildings became confusing and crowded, though, and city leaders of that era wanted one building that would serve as a center of government. So in 1817, Alexandria commissioned architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe to design a three-story brick building with a distinctive clock tower. That building was destroyed by a massive fire on May 18, 1871. So city leaders hired architect Adolf Cluss to build a new City Hall, incorporating Latrobe’s design for the clock tower.

In 1961, architects Robert Willgoos and Dwight Chase designed a southern addition that filled in the yard that has long served

**“So the prior renovations have really been passing the buck, and a certain point in time you have to pay. And now the bill is due.”**

**— Jeremy McPike,  
director of General Services**

as Market Square. Then in the 1980s, the firm of Neer and Graef gutted the building and created the interior space that modern-day visitors experience when they visit City Hall.

“The last time City Hall was renovated in 1990, it was really more of a superficial renovation,” said Jeremy McPike, director of General Services. “So the prior renovations have really been passing the buck, and a certain point in time you have to pay. And now the bill is due.”

Euille said the building would remain in tact, even if the building is sold. Meanwhile, city leaders don’t have to make any decisions in the near future. Budget officials have set the funding for 2021.

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## PEOPLE



**Andrea Hardy and Joan Silver reminisced in the foyer of LTA's theatre over cocktails during the pre-performance party.**



**From left, Jean Coyle, Lois Legoske and Nancyann Burton shared a laugh while socializing in the courtyard of LTA.**



**Mike Toomey greeted Doris Wolf as she and her husband, Jerry Wolf (left), signed in to the guest book.**

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# Little Theatre of Alexandria Celebrates 80 Years

**S**upporters and company members came out on Saturday, April 12, to celebrate Little Theatre of Alexandria's 80th anniversary extravaganza. The evening began with a champagne reception where patrons had a chance to reminisce about the organization's years of productions and events.

The evening culminated in a showcase that featured stars from past and present productions and lots of song and humor. Musical numbers included "No Business Like Show Business," "Anything Goes," "All That Jazz," "Cabaret," and "That's Entertainment." The audience was treated to highlights from Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew," "Driving Miss Daisy," and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg welcomed the audience.

— VERONICA BRUNO



**Actress Sharon Clark-Napolitano ran into LTA longtime member and supporter, Bonnie Jourdan, a 90-year-old performer with the company. Jourdan performed in the musical theatre class's opening and closing songs for the show.**



**Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg and Lynn Bostain greeted Rance Willis as he joined the reception.**



### On Exhibit

**Katie Runnerstom shows some of her large abstract paintings at the Athenaeum last month. She also gave a free workshop to children.**



**Artist Katie Runnerstom with the director of the Athenaeum, Catherine Aselford.**

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## Bonilla-Galdamez Named Virginia Social Worker of Year

Ana Bonilla-Galdamez is the recipient of the 2014 Social Worker of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Workers Virginia (NASWVA) Chapter. NASWVA presents the honor to only one individual annually. Bonilla-Galdamez is a school social worker at Charles Barrett Elementary School.



"Ms. Bonilla-Galdamez is so deserving of this honor. She works tirelessly, with boundless enthusiasm, to support our students and their families each day," said Charles Barrett Principal Seth Kennard. "She has created support groups for parents, as well as a mentoring program pairing students with police officers, fire fighters and teachers to serve the needs of our community. We are so lucky to have her and thrilled that her dedication to doing whatever it takes for our students and families is being recognized."



# SCHOOLS

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Twenty-five residents of Alexandria have been named to the fall semester dean's list at Radford University. They are **Kestra Noel Aardema**, sophomore art major; **Kennise J. Baker**, sophomore social work major; **Matthew Glen Collins**, junior music major; **Julie Gosline**, senior interdisciplinary studies major; **Jonathan Lee Krashevski**, senior management major; **Kelsey Jean Lawhead**, senior interdisciplinary studies major; **Evan Kwon-Lee Scott**, senior exercise, sport and health education major; **Anne Marie Warren**, senior interdisciplinary studies major; **Sylvia Kwandzewa Addison**, senior psychology major; **Derek M. Barrera**, junior political science major; **Ayda Mamuye Bekele**, senior nursing major; **Destiny Boyd**, freshman political science major; **Burt Griffin Brown-Glazner**, senior geospatial science major; **Charles Edward Crawford**, senior exercise, sport and health education major; **Castro Basoa Frimpong**, senior exercise, sport and health education major; **Alyssa P. Klinksiek**, sophomore music major; **Jasmin Dominique Lawrence**, senior communication major; **Linnea Christine Markson**, junior interdisciplinary studies major; **Richard Osei**, junior art major; **Jessica Painter**, freshman exercise, sport and health education major; **Lauren Painter**, freshman exercise, sport and health education major; **Natasha Perez**, freshman political science major; **Sarah Brynne Rainey**, freshman biology major; **Ariam Goitom Tedia**, freshman pre-nursing major; **Joshua Patrick Wagner**, sophomore management major; and **Chelsea Lorraine Willis**, junior pre-business major.

**Shuaib Kamara**, a student at Davis & Elkins College, was named to the fall 2013 dean's list. Kamara is the son of Rashida Kamara of Alexandria.

**Timothy Bryan Long** graduated with a master of business administration degree through Averett University's Graduate and Professional Studies Program.

**Christopher Fry**, who studies electrical engineering, and **Jocelyn Griser**, who studies mathematics, were named to the dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**Leah Griser**, **Sophia Naide** and **Phoenix Wilson** have been named to the honors list at Mary Baldwin College.

**Anna Dixon**, who majors in nursing, and **Carolyn G. Lucas**, who majors in theatre, were both named to the dean's list at DeSales University.

**Victoria Polchinski** received academic honors from the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University by making the university's dean's list for the fall 2013 semester.

**Kathleen Wyskoczka** was named to the deans' list/honor roll at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Wyskoczka is a junior pre-mild/moderate disabilities K-6 major in the College of Education and Human Sciences.



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## Inspiring Students

**Tyler DeWitt**, former high school teacher, MIT student, and leading innovator in making science education fun, shared his enthusiasm for STEM with students at T.C. Williams High School as part of the USA Science & Engineering Festival's Nifty Fifty program that brings top scientists to local schools to inspire students about STEM in advance of the April 26-27 USA Science & Engineering Festival in D.C.

**Michael Patrick Flynn** was named to the dean's list at Texas Lutheran University.

**Gregory Lambert** of Alexandria, graduated in December from Saint Joseph's College of Maine with a bachelor of science degree in business administration - management.

**Emily Rose Jayne** graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison with a bachelor of science degree in special education.

**Jonathan Forbes** has been named to the dean's list at Virginia Commonwealth University's School for the Arts. He is studying music education and trumpet performance.

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester: **Catherine J. Vermillion**, a sophomore majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, **D'Elia M. Chandler**, a senior majoring in English in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, **Samuel J. Ferrara**, a junior majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering, **Catherine M. Hadeed**, a sophomore majoring in university studies, **Andrew K. Kicinski**, a senior majoring in mathematics in the College of Science, **Sean T. Ledbetter**, a senior majoring in public and urban affairs in the College of Architec-

ture and Urban Studies, **Renee C. Von Guggenberg**, a senior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Science, **Shauna M. Erickson**, a junior majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business, **Adil Mahmood**, a senior majoring in computer engineering in the College of Engineering, **Vincenzo Caballero-Acuna**, a senior majoring in electrical engineering in the College of Engineering, **Eileen Cheng**, a junior majoring in chemical engineering in the College of Engineering, **Bryauna J. Clark**, a senior majoring in interior design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies, **Kelsey E. Donley**, a junior majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business, **Olivia N. Foroughi**, a junior majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, **Xavier E. Gomez**, a junior majoring in general

engineering in the College of Engineering, **Molly E. Vaughan**, a junior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies, **Zhiyuan Yang**, a senior majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business, **Elizabeth V. Schwartz**, a junior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, **Devin B. Amole**, a senior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, **Khoki N. Bernier**, a junior majoring in business information technology in the Pamplin College of Business, **Edward B. Harmon**, a junior majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering, **Laura A. Jacobs**, a freshman majoring in agricultural sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, **Guchenwu Jia**, a sophomore majoring in management in the Pamplin College of Business, **Michael C. Pourchot**, a sophomore majoring in mathematics in the College of Science, **Hans Carlo E. Rivera**, a freshman majoring in biochemistry in the College of Science, **Zoe E. Riviere**, a sophomore majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, **Michael L. Robertson**, a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science, **Anthony Q. Tran**, a freshman majoring in university studies, **Alexander W. Cheng**, a senior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies, **Kevin H. Corcoran**, a junior majoring in materials science and engineering in the College of Engineering, **Kathleen H. Driscoll**, a senior majoring in psychology in the College of Science, **Alexandra K. Dunn**, a senior majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, **Anna M. Gehring**, a junior majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, **Gabrielle N. Gonzalez**, a sophomore majoring in environmental policy and planning in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies, **Mark C. Micklem**, a sophomore majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business, **Ian S. Phillips**, a senior majoring in food science and technology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, **Joseph F. Taylor**, a junior majoring in aerospace engineering in the College of Engineering, **Karina S. Bakhshi-Azar**, a freshman majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, **Lindsey M. Baumann**, a senior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, **Julianne D. Bigler**, a senior majoring in psychology in the College of Science, **Catherine S. Canary**, a sophomore majoring in environmental policy and planning in the College of Architecture and Urban

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## Outstanding Crossing Guard

**Charles Barrett Elementary School Crossing Guard Angie Thigpen** was named by the Virginia Department of Transportation as one of six Most Outstanding Crossing Guards of 2013. VDOT's Safe Routes to School program sponsored the contest in conjunction with Virginia's first Crossing Guard Appreciation Day, held Feb. 12. Students and parents from across the Commonwealth nominated 25 crossing guards for the honor. Thigpen, a Charles Barrett crossing guard since 2006, received nominations from multiple parents in the community.



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## Dance for all Ages

Alexandria's Successful Aging Committee and T.C. Williams High School Student Government sponsored a "Senior Prom" for Alexandria's seniors — a night of fun with dancing, refreshments and door prizes.





**Vantross Medina-White**



**Ria Kristine S. Namata**



**Michael A. Tilghman II**

## Gala To Benefit Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria will hold its 28th Annual Spring Gala dinner dance and silent auction on Saturday, April 26 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, which was named the 2013 Nonprofit of the Year by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, provides approximately \$900,000 annually in scholarships to T.C. Williams graduates.

Each year at the gala, the Fund honors former scholarship recipients who have used their scholarship support to attain their college and career dreams. These "Portraits of Success" relied on SFA funds to partially fund their educations. This year's honorees are: Vantross Medina-White, Ria Kristine S. Namata, and Michael A. Tilghman II.

Medina-White, a 1995 graduate of T.C. Williams, fulfilled her dream of a career in education and now teaches special education at James K. Polk Elementary School in Alexandria. A double graduate of George Mason University, Medina-White holds a B.A. in psychology and a master's in special education. Medina-White recently became a National Board Certified teacher. She describes teaching as her passion. Namata arrived in Alexandria as a child when her family moved to the U.S. from the Philippines. She graduated from T.C. Williams in 2002 and com-

pleted a B.S. degree in finance at George Mason University. Namata is currently the group business finance manager with Gibbs and Cox in Crystal City. In the spirit of giving back, Namata and her husband, who is also a T.C. alumnus, donated some of the money they received for their wedding to the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

Tilghman, who graduated from T.C. Williams in 2001, values the encouragement he received from his teachers and his counselor at T.C. He completed a B.A. in international affairs at George Washington University and a Juris Doctor at Cornell University. He is now an attorney specializing in employee benefits and litigation for the firm of Bailey & Ehrenberg, PLLC in Washington, D.C. Tilghman volunteers his time and expertise as a citizen member of the Alexandria Criminal Justice Board.

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To purchase tickets to this year's gala or for more information, contact Beth Lovain at [scholarshipfund@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:scholarshipfund@acps.k12.va.us) or 703-824-6730 or go to [facebook.com/ScholarshipFundofAlexandria](http://facebook.com/ScholarshipFundofAlexandria).

## OBITUARIES

### Beverly Bresler Beidler

Beverly Bresler Beidler, a trailblazing woman who was one of the first female elected officials in Alexandria, died March 28, 2014. She was 85.

"She was so diligent and committed," said Councilwoman Del Pepper. "She was someone who saw what needed to be done and did it."

Beidler got her start in politics as president of the League of Women Voters in Alexandria, where she served as president from 1965 to 1967. She was first elected to the City Council in 1973, serving two terms and stepping down in 1979. During her years on council, she was known for her public information program, distributing information to civic associations at a wide range of locations including libraries, recreation centers, schools and commercial locations.

In 1987, she became registrar of voters and served 13 years in that office. In 2000, shortly before her retirement, she served as chairwoman of the Year 200 Complete Count Committee for the city, an effort to make sure all Alexandria residents were counted in the Census. After she retired in 2000, the City Council passed a proclamation honoring year years of service.

"Beverly Beidler worked diligently for 13 years to increase opportunities for Alexandria residents to register and vote," the proclamation explained. Beidler was married to the late John Hassinger Beidler. She was mother to Diana Simonton (Rich) of Alexandria, Gary Williams Beidler (Deedie) of Massachusetts, Linda Moncure (William) and Bruce Beidler (Theresa) both of Alexandria. She is survived by two brothers, Ted Bresler of Florida and Mark Bresler of Pennsylvania as well as seven grandchildren, Fredric, Mariah, Colin, Chloe, Drake, Athena and Emily.

The family will receive family and friends on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 3 p.m. at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, where a Memorial service will be held at 4 p.m.

### Sallie Leah Conley Scherrer

Sallie Leah Conley Scherrer died March 15, 2014. She resided at 207 N. Pitt St. and at the Alexandria House from 2000 until 2009. Sallie is survived by her husband of 65 years, Victor, son Huel of Apple Valley, Minn. and daughter Marla Merrick of Jonesborough, Tenn., six grandchildren and one great grandson.

Sallie was born in Garrett, Ky., on Aug. 13, 1923. She graduated from Alice Lloyd College, Ky., Berea College, Ky., The University of Kentucky, with additional graduate studies at the University of North Carolina and Northeastern University. Sallie taught in every grade beginning at age 16 in a one-room school on Mud Creek, Floyd County, Ky. She went on to teach at Alice Deal Middle School in the District of Columbia, The Estabrook School Lexington, Mass., and five schools in Prince Georges County as a reading teacher, assistant principal and principal. She has devoted her life to education and educating others.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is buried in her family cemetery, The Mimia Conley Family Cemetery, near Garrett, Ky.

A memorial contribution can be made to Alice Lloyd College, Box 100, Pippa Passes, KY 41844. Funeral arrangements were by Dillow Taylor Funeral Home, Jonesborough, Tenn.

## Volunteer Alexandria To Honor Community Leaders

Volunteer Alexandria has named the winners of its philanthropy and community awards which will be presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Alexandria Business Philanthropy Summit. The Summit will take place on Wednesday, May 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria and be keynoted by Good360 Board Chair and former Hewlett-Packard Company CEO, Carly Fiorina. The Business Philanthropy Summit is the first of two Spring for Alexandria events in May.

The 2014 award winners are:

❖ Mike Anderson, local philanthropist and restaurateur, is the 2014 Business Philanthropist of the Year. This award is given to an Alexandria business leader in recog-

nition of extraordinary commitment to volunteerism and financial support to the Alexandria community.

❖ J. Glenn Hopkins, who has served since 1991 as the President/CEO of the Hopkins House, is the 2014 Nonprofit Leader of the Year. The award is given to a nonprofit executive who has shown extraordinary leadership for his or her organization, as well as has made a broader impact on the Alexandria community and the region.

❖ Joseph F. Viar, Jr, who has supported Inova Alexandria Hospital since the early 1980s by leading its board, raising much-needed funds and volunteering countless hours, is the winner of the 2014 Nonprofit Board Leader of the Year. This award is

given to an individual for their extraordinary commitment to volunteerism, board service and support of nonprofit organizations in the Alexandria community.

❖ Brendan O'Toole, Marine Corps veteran and founder, The Run for Veterans, is the 2014 Veteran of the Year. This award is given to a military veteran who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in volunteerism, philanthropy, patriotism and public awareness of veterans' needs in Alexandria. This is the first time this award will be given.

❖ The late Thomas J. "T.J." Fannon, who worked his entire career at Thomas J. Fannon and Sons, Inc., his family heating and air conditioning business founded by his grandfather, is the winner of the 2014

Business Philanthropy Legacy Award. This award is bestowed on families and their businesses that continue to make a difference in Alexandria through their legacy of dedication to local nonprofit organizations.

Co-Chaired by Val Hawkins, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership's president & CEO, and Pam De Candio, senior vice president of John Marshall Bank, the Summit is a breakfast event where business and nonprofit leaders gather.

The second Spring for Alexandria event, the Community Service Day in partnership with the City of Alexandria, will be held on May 16 throughout the city of Alexandria. Guests at the Summit can sign up for the Service Day.



# Bishop Ireton Girls' Lax Eyes WCAC, State Titles

**Cardinals have improved each year under Coach Sofield.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse program has improved through out Rick Sofield's four-year tenure as head coach. In 2011, Sofield's first season with Ireton, the team finished 12-9. In 2012, the Cardinals went 15-8 and reached the VISAA state championship game, where they lost to national power St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

Last season, Ireton posted a 17-6 record, finished runner-up in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference and reached the state semifinals.

This year, the Cardinals have shown no signs of slowing down. Ireton defeated Springfield Delco High School (Pa.) 16-8 on April 17, improving its record to 10-2. Among the Cardinals' victories is a 13-12 win over Georgetown Visitation on April 7. The Cubs were recently ranked No. 2 in the Washington Post's top 10.

Ireton's two losses came against Good Counsel, the team which defeated the Cardinals in last season's WCAC title game, and the undefeated Brighton Barons of Rochester, N.Y.

"Last year, we got to the conference finals and that was a great experience," Sofield said. "We led at half and we didn't finish. We played a good team and they outperformed us in the second half. We know what it's like; it's not a mystery anymore. We want to get back there and we want to come out on the other end this



**Bishop Ireton junior Charlotte Sofield is committed to the University of North Carolina.**

year."

Junior attacker Kelly Mathews said the loss to Good Counsel last season is a motivator for the Cardinals.

"Over the past couple years, we've definitely gotten better and better each year, so we're definitely expected to do big things this year," Mathews said. "But I think losing that game last year definitely lit a fire. All the girls are really like, we're up for the challenge and we want to do big things this year."

Mathews, who is committed to Boston University is the team's leading goal scorer this season, while junior midfielder Charlotte Sofield, who is committed to the University of North Carolina, is the team's



**Bishop Ireton junior Kelly Mathews is committed to Boston University.**

leader in assists, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. The duo performed well against Springfield Delco, helping Ireton bounce back from a 17-7 loss to Brighton (N.Y.). Sofield finished with four goals and five assists, and Mathews tallied four goals and an assist during the Cardinals' 16-8 win.

"[Mathews is] great off ball," Rick Sofield said. "She's sneaky. Half the time, you look at her and you're not sure what she's up to and all of the sudden she takes two steps and she's wide open. Charlotte's our best feeder — she leads the region in assists — and she's finding Kelly open. It's just a great tandem."

"Charlotte is tall, so she can see over the

defense. Kelly is a really deceptive cutter and she catches anything near her. You throw the ball anywhere near her, she's going to catch it and she knows exactly what to do with it after she catches it."

Charlotte Sofield said she is 6 feet tall, which has its ups and downs.

"I've always been in the tall group, but in seventh grade I had a growth spurt," she said. "... It's a little bit awkward being a 6-foot 13-year-old, but you get used to it. Everything has its advantages and its disadvantages. It's good for me for feeding and I can get big, I can get more power on my shots. But it has its disadvantages: I get a little bit more fouls than most people, look a little bit more threatening."

Senior attacker Kendall Cunningham, one of three team captains (Charlotte Sofield, junior defender Kaitlin Luzik), scored three goals against Springfield Delco.

"We're hungry this season," she said. "We want to get Good Counsel back. ... The team is looking good."

Cunningham will play for Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn.

"When she maintains that maximum effort, positive attitude, the whole team follows her," Rick Sofield said. "She's a natural leader and they gravitate to her and that's what makes her such a strong player."

Ireton will travel to Georgia to play three games the weekend of April 25-27. The Cardinals will return home to host Bishop O'Connell on Monday, April 28.

Rick Sofield said Ireton's focus is on winning the six games in May necessary to bring home WCAC and VISAA state championships. "Our expectations are consistent," he said. "I tell the girls every year we want to win championships and don't be shy about that. It's not a secret. That's the goal and that's the goal every season."

## T.C. Williams Crew Dominates Smokey Jacobs

**Titan rowers win six, finish second in two.**

**A**fter spending their spring break last week getting up before dawn for a grueling series of two-a-day practices on the Potomac, members of the T.C. Williams crew team saw their hard work pay off this past Saturday at the Smokey Jacobs Regatta, where they turned in their most dominant performance in years.

In total for the day, Titan rowers were victorious in six races and were runners-up in two others.

The boys' lightweight 8 made it down the 1,500-meter race course with a time of 4:54.80, which was nearly five seconds faster than the second-place boat from Washington-Lee. Members of the lightweight 8 include: coxswain Jessica Gray and rowers Angelo Leitner-Wise, Calvin Heimberg, George Waskowicz, Toavina Rotolojanahavy, Sarin Suvanasai, Alex Psaltis-Ivanis, Perry Connor and Preston Tracy. The "Lights" are guided by T.C. Will-

iams head boys' crew coach Pete Stramese.

The girls' first varsity 8 sprinted down the race course with a time of 5:20.40, which was over two seconds faster than the girls' crew from McLean. Members of the T.C. girls' first varsity include: coxswain Rosa Procaccino and rowers Katie Pickup, Claire Embrey, Maria Justinanio, Kyra McClary, Amelia Bender, Giulia Pastore, Maeve Bradley and Kate Arnold. The first varsity 8 is guided by coach Jaime Rubini.

The boys' third varsity 8 crossed the finish line with a time of 05:14.00, which was over eight seconds faster than runner-up W-L. Members of the third varsity include: coxswain Brianna Zuckerman and rowers Drew Jones, Alan Birchler, Jack Kane, Callum Jaffe, Luis Teran, Conor Ferris, John Hogan and Sam Lally. The third varsity is also guided by Stramese.

The girls' freshman 8 "A" boat made it down the course with a time of 5:35.10,

which was over 26 seconds faster than the second-place boat from West Springfield. Members of the freshman 8 "A" boat include: coxswain Elizabeth Roda and rowers Anissa Ashraf, Olivia Anthony, Reed Kenny, Caroline Hill, Lily Warden, Katie Murphy, Sierra Arnold and Emily De-Bodene. The frosh 8 are guided by T.C. Williams girls' head crew coach Patrick Marquardt.

The girls' freshman 8 "B" boat crossed the finish line ahead of W-L (final times were not posted on the race). Members of the freshman 8 "B" boat include: coxswain Amanda Eisenhower and rowers Cobie Johnson, Jessica Mellon, Ella Benbow, Fatima Chavez, Lauren Kelly, Dilma Mejia, Cecilia Fernandez and Tori Cook. The frosh 8 "B" girls are guided by coach Cara Donley.

The girls' novice 8 made it down the race course with a time of 6:07.60, which was over 14 seconds faster than the runner-up boat from Lake Braddock. Members of the novice 8 include: coxswain Andi Scroggs and rowers Cleo Lewis, Grace Hogan, Emma

Carroll, Grace Vannatta, Holly Garrett, Hope Parsons and Meredith Lemke. The novice 8 are also guided by Donley.

In addition to winning these six races, the Titans also had two boats that captured second-place honors in two events. The boats were: the T.C. boys' varsity 8, who finished with a time of 4:45.56, just over two seconds behind Woodson; and the T.C. boys' freshman 8, who crossed the wire with a time of 5:21.21, also behind Woodson.

The Titans now enter the most challenging part of their schedule. First up is the Charlie Butt Regatta, which will be held this Saturday along the Georgetown waterfront and will feature some of the top crews in the Washington, D.C.-metro area. The Charlie Butt Regatta will be followed by the Virginia State Rowing Championship at Occoquan, the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia, the Scholastic Rowing Association National Championship Regatta in West Windsor, N.J., and the Canadian Schoolboy Championship.



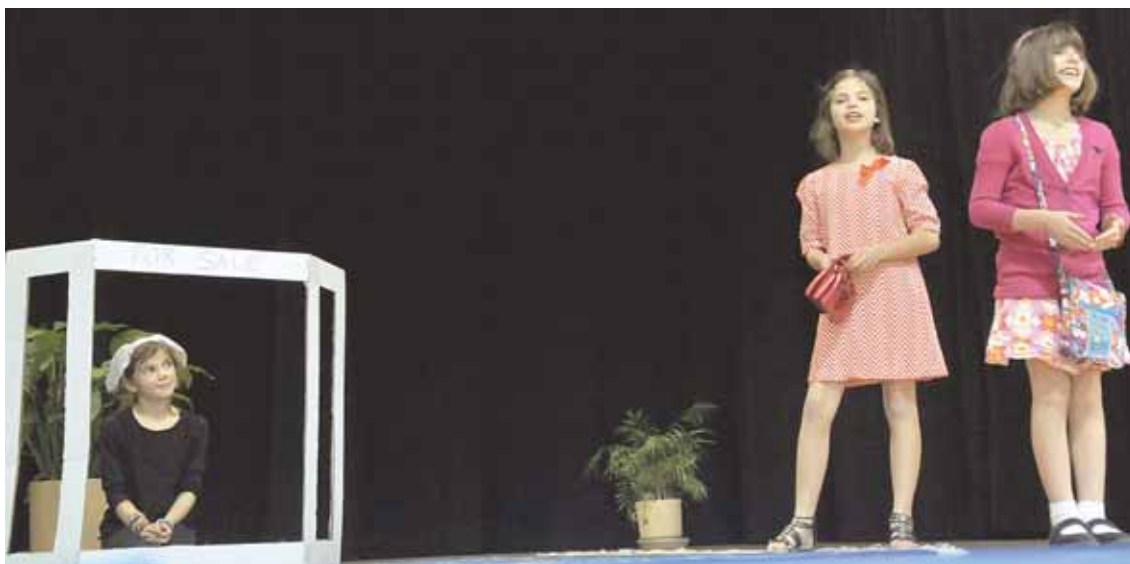
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Leah Devendorf and Marie and Leia Hubbard sing and perform “How Much Is That Doggie in the Window?”

## Lyles-Crouch Students Perform for the Animals

Students took the stage singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and more to benefit the animals at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria in February at Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy. The program, the first annual musical benefit, received donations of supplies and money from the families and friends of the performers.



Abigail Wondwossen plays an original piano solo “If Cats Ate Cupcakes.”



Mia Salazar demonstrate “Naturally Tae Kwon Do.”



McKenna Buckley plays “Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy Cats and Dogs.”



“When the Saints (Dogs) Go Marching In” is performed by Luca Gwathmey on the trumpet.

Amanda Davis takes a bow after her dance routine “The Cat is Always a Gymnast.”

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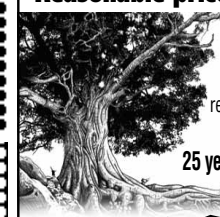
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The Therapeutic Recreation Program had its first inclusive program activity with the participants of Nannie J. Lee's Out of School Time program.

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# TR's Pot of Gold

BY JACKIE PERSON  
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION  
PROGRAM MANAGER.

The City of Alexandria's Therapeutic Recreation Program found a pot of gold in its celebration with participants of the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center's Out of School Time program. Participants involved themselves in their first full inclusive activity, which facilitated acceptance and provided opportunities for students of all abilities to engage in leisure pursuits together.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is making major strides as we implement a new concept this sum-

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The following students earned first place honors at regional science fair: **Alo Lenk-Walker**, **Hira Mohyuddin** and **Katie Murphy** from T.C. Williams, and **Martha Christino** and **Ana Humphrey** from George Washington Middle School. In addition, Alo was selected to advance to the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair at the Virginia Military Institute for her project titled "The Effectiveness of Essential Oils as Antibacterials."



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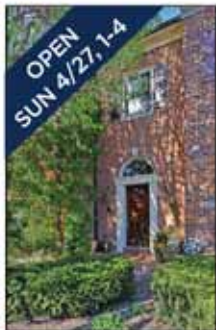
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# Del Ray Realtor Honored for Community Leadership

## Jen Walker receives the Marguerite Payez Leadership Award.



**Jen Walker**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

**W**hen Jen Walker moved to the Del Ray section of Alexandria in 1997 she received a warm welcome and felt an immediate sense of community.

"The day I moved, neighbors came over to welcome me, offered to loan me a lawn mower if I needed one," said Walker. "Del Ray is a small community in a big city. Being from the South, it reminded me of my small town in Georgia. You know your neighbors, their kids, pets. We help each other. You need something, just ask. Sometimes you don't even have to ask, it just happens."

The sense of community she felt led her to community action.

"After moving to Del Ray, I wanted to get involved," said Walker. "My colleague and mentor Nancy Dunning suggested I join the Potomac West Business Association [which

is] now the Del Ray Business Association. The next thing I knew [I was asked] to join the marketing committee of the Del Ray Business Association. Next thing I knew, I was asked to chair First Thursdays. The rest is history."

**THAT HISTORY** has culminated with Walker being named winner of the Marguerite Payez Leadership Award. Established by the Alexandria Commission for Women, the award is given to a woman who, through volunteer work, has exhibited leadership qualities and has trained other women to assume leadership roles in the community.

Marcia Call, CEO, TalentFront, a corporate recruiting company, and a friend and neighbor of Walker's, nominated her for the award. "Jen says yes first to any request for help and then figures out what it is you need," said Call. "We have a close-knit community because Jen invested her time and money in making it so."

In addition to her community involvement, Walker is a real estate agent at McEneaney Associates, a locally owned real estate company. "Jen is an exceptional real estate agent," said Dave Hawkins, Managing Broker in the Alexandria office of McEneaney Associates. "She lives and breathes it. She has the biggest following and the largest business in the Del Ray marketplace in large part because of her community involvement."




Friends say that she is a shining example of how women can become community leaders. "She is the perfect role model for my daughters," said Call. "In addition to being very successful in business, she brings joy to people who know her. She always has time for her friends and neighbors."


Hawkins said, "She is a big supporter of the organizations that do a lot of good. Jen is intimately involved in various charities, group and neighborhood activities that go on in the Del Ray area."

Walker supports non-profit organizations and local schools to raise funds for important causes including the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, T.C. Williams High School's All Night Graduation Party, First Night Alexandria, and Northern Virginia Aids Ministries (NOVAM).

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Tickets include admission to local historic properties Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, Carlyle House Historic Park and George Washington's Mount Vernon at no additional charge.

Tickets available on tour day at any of the homes and at the Alexandria Visitors Center for \$40 for the tour or \$20 for a single site. Advance tickets: \$35 [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org) and at the Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King Street.

**The formal garden has a long allee of grass edged with flower beds surrounded by a re-constructed stone wall marking the footprint of an early out-building. Of special note are the marble steps salvaged from Blair House during a mid-20th-century remodeling.**

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### ON THE COVER:

The garden at 206 Duke Street features the "Little Temple" encircled by wisteria, providing a dramatic focal point and comfortable seating area.

### GO:

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A proliferation of spring blooms add a border beneath one of the garden walls.



Bowers of roses on cast iron trellises soften the brick walls at 206 Duke Street.



Evergreens, lacy Japanese maples, sheared hornbeams and various espaliers form the framework of this garden.

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**WALKER'S OTHER HONORS** include the Heart of Del Ray award from the Del Ray Business Association, an honor "given to a business that serves as the heart and soul of Del Ray." In 2006, she created Cinema Del Ray, a free outdoor movie summer series for Alexandria families.

Friends also applaud her modesty. "She

never talks about herself," said Call. "She is always helping others. She is the kind of person I am raising my girls to be."

Walker has volunteered to shovel snow for Alexandria Snow Buddies, served coffee during the Alexandria Turkey Trot and filled goodie bags for the Del Ray Halloween Parade.

"It's not just about events," said Walker. "It's helping others, giving to a cause, be-

ing passionate about something besides yourself."

Walker works to underscore the importance of community service. "Everything that happens in Del Ray event-wise is run by volunteers," she said. "If we don't help things won't happen. ... What can you do to make things better for others. Help your parents. Shovel snow for the neighbors, hold a door, help someone unload their car."

She has also served on numerous Alexandria boards and commissions including the Board of Zoning and Appeals, the Commission for the Arts, First Night, Senior Services and the Alexandria Police Association.

"Alexandria is a great city full of women and men who are generous with their time and money," said Walker. "I'm just following in their footsteps and trying to do my part."



# Local Designers Help Unveil DC Design House

Area tastemakers dream home, currently on the market for \$3.85 million.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Local designers showed off their master work when the 2014 DC Design House was unveiled recently. From Arlington to Burke, and Alexandria to Potomac, Md., the area's top designers competed for an opportunity to donate their talent to transform a local, grand home into a showcase home.

The home, which is on the market for \$3.85 million, is now open to the public for tours. It features six-bedrooms, five full-and two half-baths. Built in 1929, the home features a three-car garage and a pool. The stone house offers three levels and nearly 8,000 square feet of living space, which local designers transformed.

**THE HOME'S FRONT FAÇADE** was designed by David Benton and Jim Rill of Potomac's Rill Architects. Inspired by the stately stone home, the duo decided to add a bit of detail and interest in the form of "style appropriate light fixtures, shutters, furniture and accent colors." When choosing a paint color for the front door, they wanted a hue that was traditional, but unexpected. Their choice: a "high-gloss verdigris green-blue [that] immediately catches your eye from the street. They replaced the existing solid wood single door with a glass-paned French door that "pulls outside views and daylight into the entry hall."

Victoria Sanchez of Victoria At Home in Old Town, Alexandria, designed the family breakfast room. "I wanted to create a room with a casual and cozy feel," she said. The room, which has large picture windows that offer uninterrupted views of nature, connects the kitchen with butler's pantry/wine tasting room. Sanchez choose woven rattan furniture to fill the space.

Jeff Akseizer and Jamie Brown of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria designed the family room, which overlooks the pool and patio. The design duo created a room with French doors that open to the pool area when the weather is mild, but added a linear, modern fireplace to create a warm and cozy space during cooler months. They created "cascading light down the hand-woven wall covering..." The room is filled with organic textures, tone-on-tone colors and "nods to both a mid-century flair and modernism."

One of the home's guest bathrooms was created by Arlington-based Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling Inc. Mann describes the small space as "chic, classic and timeless ... a jewel box bath." The room features Calcutta marble flooring in a herringbone pattern and the acoustic "Moxie" showering system that allows one to listen to music while bathing. Mann was able to preserve and refinish the home's original iron bathtub.

Susan Donelson and Sharon Bubenhofer, of Cleveland Hall Design created a guest



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bedroom in the home. In an effort to create a light and airy space, the duo selected wall paper in a pink floral pattern. "We choose streamlined furniture and fabrics to accent the Asian feeling of the wallpaper." The room, designed whimsically in pink and green, features twin beds. The art in the room was painted by Donelson's mother,



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Janice Donelson, a classically trained artist.

**THE MASTER BEDROOM** was designed by Nancy Colbert of Design Partners in McLean. The space was repurposed to al-

low for a larger master bathroom and a walk-in closet with built-in shelving. Colbert discovered a painting that she thought would be perfect for a master bedroom, and designed the room around it. She chose an ivory turned-post king bed that she furnished with silk bedding in parchment and seafoam

green. Colbert added crown molding for additional detail. "One of the room's multi-purpose features is a silver toned gilded butterfly side table that was created by a newly discovered artist. It is a work of art and a table."

Beth Boggs, Teri Lohmann and Lynne

## Go: D.C Design House

**Location:** 4600 Linnean Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008  
**Hours:** Saturday and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., closed Monday, \$25. The home will be open for tours through May 11, 2014.  
Visit [www.dcdesignhouse.com](http://www.dcdesignhouse.com).



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**Jeff Akseizer and Jamie Brown, of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria, designed the family room of the DC Design House. The room is filled with organic textures, tone-on-tone colors and "nods to both a mid-century flair and modernism."**

Parmelee of C2 Paint, Potomac Paint & Design with locations in Alexandria, Arlington and Chantilly, added color to the back staircase. The team chose paintable wallpaper in shades of plum, lilac, and spring green. Paintable wall paper "conveniently camouflages old plaster wall cracks, provides durability for high-traffic use and creates a

striking textured design."

Now in its seventh year, the annual event is a fundraiser for Children's National Health System, formerly Children's National Medical Center. The D.C. Design House has raised more than \$1 million and attracted more than 55,000 visitors over the past six years.



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**The master bedroom was designed by Nancy Colbert, of Design Partners in McLean. The space was repurposed to allow for a larger master bathroom and a walk-in closet with built-in shelving.**



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**The home's front façade was designed by Rill Architects' David Benton and Jim Rill of Potomac.**



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**Susan Donelson and Sharon Bubenhofer, of Cleveland Hall Design created a light and airy guest bedroom in the DC Design House. The room, designed whimsically in pink and green, features twin beds. Art in the room was painted by Donelson's mother, Janice Donelson, a classically trained artist.**



## Sampler of New Homes Offerings



### Pulte Homes

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### Basheer & Edgemoore Wins Silver

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The Maymont community in Vienna, Va. won a Silver Award for Basheer & Edgemoore at the National Sales and Marketing Awards for 2014. Hosted by the National Association of Home Builders, Basheer & Edgemoore took silver in the Community of the Year category.

The 5,000-8,000-square-foot homes at Maymont feature amenities such as hardwood flooring, granite countertops and brick and stone exteriors.

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# Spring Real Estate & New Homes

## What to Expect

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**R**eal estate agent Joan Caton Cromwell says she lost a home bidding war last week in Falls Church even though her client was a strong contestant.

"We were one of five contracts and we even waived the appraisal," said Cromwell of McEneaney Associates. "Any house that is close-in [to Washington, D.C.] and that is in nice condition, is going to attract a lot of attention."

Real estate agents say spring is one of the busiest times of the year for home sales and there is dearth of available homes in popular neighborhoods. "The lack of inventory in sought-after communities like Arlington and McLean has already ushered in the return of bidding wars for move-in ready properties," said John Eric, Vice President TTR Sotheby's International Realty in Arlington. "I expect all sectors of the market to see price gains and demand to remain high."

**HOME PRICES** are on the rise. "If you put a home on the market and it gets multiple offers, the eight other people who didn't get

the house will bid on another house," said Cromwell. "In a market where there are multiple offers it definitely drives the prices up and it drives them up quickly."

Anthony B. Sanders, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Real Estate Finance at George Mason University said, "Very simply, this is still an area that is growing, so housing home sales will continue to rise, but more slowly than during the real estate bubble."

Still, agents are optimistic as they enter the spring buying season. "The state of the real estate market is great," said Marsha Schuman of the Washington Fine Properties' Schuman Team. "The weather is behind us and there is a momentum going into the spring market that feels very positive."

The spring market in the Washington, D.C. area is aligned with academic calendars. "It starts in April and May in the suburbs," said Cromwell. "Those in the military or who work for the World Bank for example, put their homes on the market in spring to prepare to relocate during the

summer."

Proximity to public transportation increases desirability. "For example, Reston is popular because of the Silver Line," said Cromwell. "North Arlington and Falls Church are popular. Anything that offers a decent commuting experience for someone

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who can't afford what they want in the city will be sought after."

Schuman said, "We see a new trend in all price ranges where buyers want to buy where they can walk to amenities, restaurants and shops. Buyers are satisfied with smaller houses that are conveniently located. They want an easier life. Convenience is the new real estate buzzword. Property

becomes compelling when buyers see value."

Sanders said some communities are especially competitive. "Virginia has two of the wealthiest counties in the country, Loudoun and Fairfax counties, so those communities should see a fairly short turn over."

**NOT EVERYONE IS KEEPING** with the trend. "We're not seeing middle class families buying homes through the mortgage market," said Sanders, the GMU professor. "Their income was devastated during the housing bubble burst due to foreclosures. Real household income has fallen since 2007. So the American middle class is worse off than it was in 2007. It's more high-income families with cash or investors who are buying homes."

Homes priced below \$1.3 million "are being snapped off the market if they are well conditioned and fairly priced. The ultra-luxury market, homes over \$2 million, is a little bit slower paced at present, but there are signs that these buyers are out there and wanting to buy," said Schuman.

Cromwell agrees, "The 600-900K price point is very busy for a house in good condition."

## A Picture Perfect Home

### Tips from the pros on boosting a home's curb appeal.

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**W**hen Realtors Marsha Schuman and Betsy Schuman Dodek drive up to a home to show it to a prospective buyer, they know that they have only one chance to make a good first impression. Potomac-based Dodek and Schuman of the Schuman Team of Washington Fine Properties say a home's curb appeal matters.

"When we think of curb appeal we think of the lawn and landscaping, front door, windows, roof and how it all looks," said Dodek. "Buyers want to buy from someone who has taken really good care of their home and that translates in to curb appeal."

Schuman added, "If things are not nice on the outside, then [potential buyers] wonder what the house will be like on the inside."

home each day, local real estate experts offer advice on enhancing a home's exterior.

McLean-based realtor Chris Pritchard of McEneaney Associates suggests starting by critiquing your own home. "Stand in front of your house and take a look," she said. "Walk up the driveway, ask yourself what you would want to see if you were shopping for a house."

**"The sense of arrival is very important — you never get a second chance to make a first impression."**

— Chris Pritchard

The yard should be pristine and vibrant. "Trimming, mulching and planting some colorful plants are key," said Pritchard.

"Add color with flowers, pots with plants, choosing things like geraniums and pansies," said Dodek. "Adding color just makes such a dif-

ference. It makes the yard pop."

Consider safety. "Is the yard hazard-free?" asks Dodek. "It needs to be freshly mowed and mulched with dark mulch because that makes the greenery pop. Make sure your bushes are trimmed and proportionate. Look at trees to make sure they aren't blocking the size of the house."

"One of the next areas we look at are patios, walkways and fences," continued Dodek. "Do they need repairs? Is there loose mortar?"

McLean Realtor Ann McClure of McEneaney Associates says that a home's exterior should be well-lit. "You need good looking and functional lighting which should be on in the evening."

Examine the entrance. "Take a look at the front door," said Dodek. "Does it need painting? We had a recent listing and we painted the door red and added new hardware and a kick plate and that made it stand out. That is something that is very cost effective to do."

A clean appearance is critical. "There should be no algae stains on the roof," said McClure. "The homeowner should make sure that if they have siding that it doesn't need power washing."

"Power wash driveways, walkways and even the house sometimes," said Pritchard. "The house should be washed before it is painted. Do any kind of painting or touch up painting of siding trim and doors that needs to be done. Sometimes you don't have to paint at all if you do power washing. All homes get dusty. Sometimes paint fades and needs repainting."

"Another easy thing is the windows," said Dodek. "Remove screens and wash the windows. You want your house to sparkle inside and out."

Pritchard said, "Curb appeal also goes to having a fence in good

shape: washed and painted or washed and sealed. The home's deck should be in good shape. More often than not a deck should be power washed and painted or stained or sealed or whatever the appropriate finish is."

Minor touches can make a major impact. "Take a look at your mailbox," said Dodek. "Is it upright? Is it tilted? Does it need to be painted?"

Don't hide your amenities. "If you have a swimming pool, we get them to remove the cover," said Dodek. "There's nothing more beautiful than a beautiful blue swimming pool."



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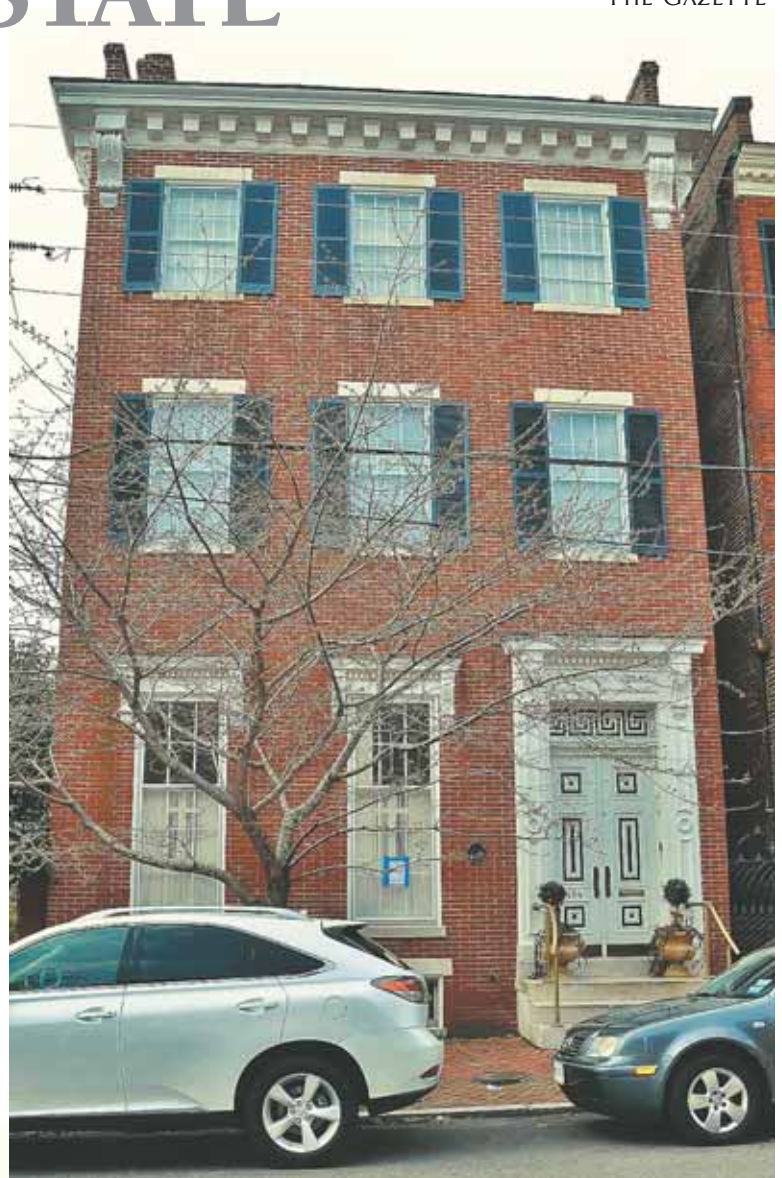
## Top Sales in February 2014

IN FEBRUARY 2014,  
103 ALEXANDRIA  
HOMES SOLD BETWEEN  
\$3,025,000-\$91,000.

**2** 519 Princess Street —  
\$1,225,000



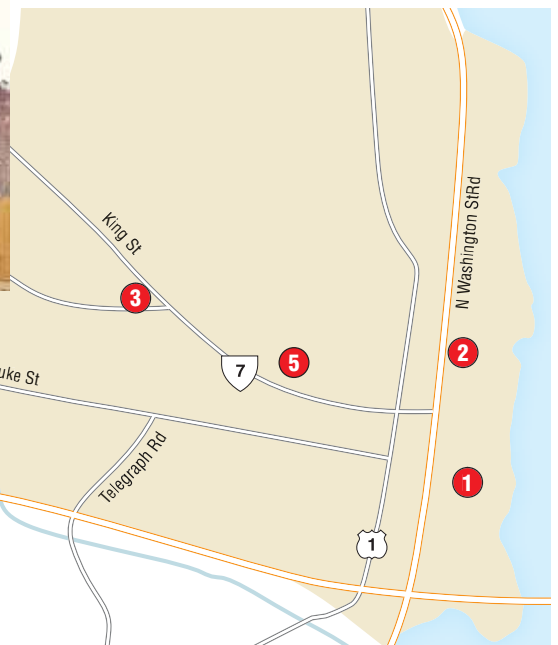
**3** 504 Ivy  
Circle —  
\$1,125,000



**5** 204 Commonwealth Avenue — \$1,100,000



**4** 19 Donelson  
Street North —  
\$1,118,181



**1** 414 Duke Street —  
\$3,025,000

**6** 151  
Cameron  
Station  
Boulevard —  
\$1,008,000



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<b>1</b> 414 DUKE ST .....	5	..	6	.	2	ALEXANDRIA ..	\$3,025,000	Detached .....	0.13	.....	22314	OLD TOWN .....	02/07/14
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