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2014 Business Philanthropist of the Year Mike Anderson accepts his award from Pam DeCandio representing John Marshall Bank and summit emcee Rebecca Cooper of ABC7/WJLA-TV.



2014 Veteran of the Year Brendan O'Toole.

2014 Nonprofit Leaders Honored

Carly Fiorina keynotes Philanthropy Summit.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

he 16th annual Alexandria Business Philanthropy Summit was held May 7 as Volunteer Alexandria honored five individuals for their service to the community.

Held at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, more than 250 people turned out for the event that featured former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina as the keynote speaker.

"Leadership is not about position or title," said Fiorina, now president of the Alexandria-based nonprofit Good360. "It is about unlocking the potential in each other and lifting up those around 115 "

The 2014 award winners included restaurateur "Mango" Mike Anderson as Business Philanthropist of the Year; Hopkins House president and CEO J. Glenn Hopkins as Nonprofit Leader of the Year; and longtime Inova Alexandria Hospital supporter Joseph F. Viar, Jr. as Nonprofit Board Leader of the Year.

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran was on hand to present U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Run for Veterans founder Brendan O'Toole with the inaugural Veteran of the Year award. In 2013, O'Toole ran 3,600 miles through 21 states to raise awareness and funds in support of troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The late Thomas J. "T.J." Fannon was posthumously honored with the Business Philanthropy Legacy Award.

"We miss our dad every day," said Tom Fannon See 2014 Nonprofit, Page 5



Joseph F. Viar, Jr. is congratulated after being named 2014 Nonprofit Board Leader of the Year.



Vice president of Volunteer Alexandria Frank Fannon and summit emcee Rebecca Cooper of ABC7/WJLA-TV present J. Glenn Hopkins with the Nonprofit Leader of the Year Award.

Serving Up Food Trucks

Council members indicate they're likely to approve a pilot program at farmers markets.

By Michael Lee Pope
Gazette Packet

ity Council members are bracing themselves for a massive food fight this Saturday, when elected officials will take up a divisive proposal to allow food trucks in Alexandria. The issue has been cooking since last spring, when City Manager Rashad Young appointed a 10member task force of stakeholders to look into the issue and make recommendations. That group has yet to issue a report, but city officials are moving forward with a proposed ordinance anyway — a controversial proposal that would allow food truck vendors to set up in residential areas almost anywhere in the city.

"If I were a civic activist right

How It Would Work

Under a proposal City Council members will be considering this weekend, food trucks would be able to set up in most parts of the city. That includes most residential neighborhoods in Alexandria, as long as they adhere to the same parking restrictions that apply to other vehicles. They would be prohibited from most areas with residential parking zones as well as newly created protected areas in Old Town and Del Ray. City officials also plan to create four new vending zones, which would have designated spots that would be set aside for food trucks.

now I would go home and call everybody in my neighborhood association and I would gin up a tidal wave of opposition to this," said Planning Commission Chairman Eric Wagner. "None of us thought that our residential neighborhoods

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House Historian

Family, friends remember Ruth Lincoln Kaye.

By Michael Lee Pope Gazette Packet

lexandria's premiere house historian, a woman who pioneered the industry and fiercely protected her research, died April 30. She was 95.

"She had a curious and inquisitive mind," recalled her son, Arthur Lincoln Kaye.



Ruth
Lincoln
Kaye in
1939,
when she
graduated from
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Kaye was known throughout the city as a sort of walking history book, a woman who possessed an extensive institutional memory and a razor-sharp wit.

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COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Green Lane

It's not easy being green, especially if you are a controversial bike lane that has created national headlines.

This week, drivers on King Street noticed something different about the city's grand entrance into Old Town. Part of it is green. After months of bitter debate and a contentious daylong public hearing in March, City Council members approved a plan to remove 27 parking spaces from West Cedar Street to Highland Place. Now city officials have created the new bike lane and painted it green.

"It really helps distinguish for drivers that this is a different lane," said **Rich Baier**, director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. "It is not a car lane."

For the record, Baier said, it's not the first green bike lane in the city. That distinction belongs to the "bicycle box" on Commonwealth Avenue.

Incomplete Streets

Opponents of bike lanes may still be upset about losing parking spaces on King Street, but they can thank city officials for leaving Quaker Lane alone.

In the last year, Alexandria added 12 miles of bike lanes through its resurfacing program. In each case, those lanes were added after city officials resurfaced the asphalt, a trigger for opening the door to bike lanes. That's why city officials recently considered adding bike lanes to Quaker Avenue, which was recently resurfaced. Complete Streets Coordinator Hillary Poole says city officials conducted a traffic analysis and decided against installing bike lanes on Quaker.

"We would have had to remove a travel lane in order to do this," said Poole. "And the delays were so significant that we decided not to install the bike lane and instead look for alternate routes."

Union Destination

The stately low-slung brick building seems a little out of place in modern Alexandria, a building constructed at a time when masonry was valued and railroad travel was popular. Now Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille wants to make it a destination for weddings, meetings and receptions.

"It's an economic development opportunity waiting to happen," said Euille.

Union Station was constructed in 1905, replacing the old Alexandria Station at the northeast corner of Fayette and Cameron streets. The new station, known as Union Station because it was constructed by a conglomerate of railroad interests, was built on land that was west of the city limits at the time. The city annexed the land in 1915 and eventually took ownership of the station in 2001. Now the mayor wants to replicate the success of the Bristol Train Station, which offers space for conferences, banquets and special events.

"If they can do it in little Bristol," said the mayor, "we can do it in big, old Alexandria."

\$1 Million Sequester

How much did the sequester cost Alexandria? The answer is still unclear, but city officials now say it's likely to be \$1 million.

"The city has set aside \$1 million in fund balance to compensate for potential short-term revenue reductions related to sequestration," said City Manager Rashad Young. "At this point in the year, we are likely to utilize the fund balance set aside."

Budget officials are weeks away from closing out the fiscal year 2014 budget, which will expire at the end of June. The problem for city officials is that they need to balance the books, but their revenue projections are off because of the automatic spending cuts triggered by a debate over the debt ceiling. For city officials, that meant that hotels were not booking transit occupancy taxes and restaurants were not forking over meals taxes — at least not as much as was expected.

"It's a testament to the difficulty with which we are ending this fiscal year," observed Councilman Justin Wilson.

- MICHAEL LEE POPE

News





Retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) with members of the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner

The Fighter Longtime congressman celebrated by Alexandria Democrats.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE GAZETTE PACKET

uring his first run for Congress, then-Mayor Jim Moran assembled a campaign team that was hungry to oust incumbent Republican Stan Parris. Mame Reiley ran the operation, which included a young communications consultant named Joe Trippi. As the race headed toward Election Day, Reiley and Trippi became concerned that Moran's campaign signs kept disappearing from Eisenhower Avenue. So they set up a sting operation with a video camera to catch the culprit, who turned out to be

"I don't like them," Moran said of the signs when confronted by his campaign team. "They are too self-

Moran never got around to liking the blue-andwhite signs that have dominated the landscape of the 8th Congressional District over the last two decades. But voters have overwhelmingly returned him to office again and again with some of the widest margins imaginable. The seeds of that reputation were sown in that 1990 campaign for Congress, when a young mayor was challenging a longtime congressman as an out-of-touch politician who had lost touch.

"When was the last time you saw Stan Parris?" asked Moran at one debate when Republican Tom Davis was serving as a proxy. "I'll be back next year and the year after that and whenever you need me."

SINCE 1990, Moran has crisscrossed the 8th congressional district in a never-ending flurry of rubber-chicken dinners, public hearings and campaign fundraisers. In that time, he supported the construction of a new Woodrow Wilson Bridge, closed the Lorton Prison, fought against efforts to name National Airport after Ronald Reagan, opposed the war in Iraq and advocated for the rights of animals who had no voice to advocate for themselves. Now, after 24 years in office, Moran is stepping down at the top of his game as eight Democrats compete for a shot to replace him in the House of Representatives. Last weekend, the Alexandria Democratic Committee celebrated his years in office during its annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner

"I knew I was in the right place when I turned the corner and five candidates tried to shake my hand," said Democratic U.S. Sen. Mark Warner. "But that shows what Moran's legacy is all about - the 8th District is solidly blue."

Part of that is by design. Former Congressman Davis recounted one redistricting when he and Moran swapped Reston and Springfield, allowing each congressman to rest a little easier on Election Day. But even the most uneven odds did not keep Republicans away over the years. Former Republican City Councilman Connie Ring was one of the loyal opposition invited to speak at the Democratic dinner last weekend, recounting his 1988 campaign against Mayor Moran.

"I honestly don't know what I would have done if I had been elected mayor," Ring said with a chuckle.

THE EVENING featured an endless parade of stories about the fiery congressman, whose background as a boxer was never all that far removed from his political persona. Speakers recalled the time he got into a fistfight off the House floor with Rep. Duke Cunningham (R-Calif), and the time U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) made an obscene hand gesture toward Moran that was captured on C-SPAN. And then there was the time Moran's introduction of a keynote speaker at a Jefferson-Jackson Dinner went on for 45 minutes. "I think Jim spoke about everything but mad cow disease," said state Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35). "Maybe he spoke about that too. I'm not sure." Speakers recalled Moran's sporadic love life and his penchant for keeping food stashed in drawers. Councilwoman Del Pepper recalled on visit to West Virginia, where Moran accidentally swallowed a wad of chewing tobacco and threw up in public. Former Councilman David Speck recalled losing to Moran in a race for City Council back in 1979, a race that ended up launching the congressman's political career. Former chief of staff Paul Reagan, who now works for Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe, recalled how Moran was one of 32 members who voted against Don't Ask Don't Tell.

"It's helpful to be Irish in Congress," observed U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), "because you have a sense of humor and you don't mind a good fight."

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City in Violation of Its Charter Citizens hampered from accessing departmental rules and regulations.

By Michael McMorrow
The Gazette Packet

hile Alexandria's ordinances are enacted in public by the City Council and are readily accessible to the citizenry, usually in the form of "The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981," departments and offices across city government also promulgate official rules and regulations, but they are neither publicized nor readily accessible by the citizenry. This directly violates the express wording of the city's charter.

During a recent visit to the City Manager's Office, prompt access was granted to the blue, three-ring binder of Administrative Regulations (ARs). ARs are issued over the signature of the city manager. Many pages had been printed over 30 years ago and appeared out-of-date. Loose memoranda seemed to override formal documents signed by the city manager.

When permission was sought to photocopy the table of contents for ARs, City Manager Rashad M. Young appeared and advised that the appropriate procedure would be to file a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

At that point, Young also confirmed advice of his staff that regulations of departments and other units of city government were not available in his office. Asked if each such office had to be asked for access

Charter of the City of Alexandria

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Sec. 15.03 Rules and regulations to be filed. All departments, boards, commissions, officers and agencies of the city, authorized to make rules and regulations by this or any previous charter of the city or by the general laws of the Commonwealth, shall within three months after this charter takes effect file

to its individual rules and regulations, Young again suggested that the "efficient" way to locate those rules and regulations would be through a request under the FOIA.

Subsequently, a formal, written request was submitted to Young for an interview to discuss the status of ARs and other city regulations. He designated Bettina Deynes, director of human resources, to participate in the interview. Craig T. Fifer, acting director of communications, also was present in what turned out to be a roundtable discussion.

Deynes, who started her job about 18 months ago, brings experience from at least two of her previous employments that involved creating effective business operation systems for organizations that were seriously disorganized. One of her first steps in Alexandria had been to collect all rules and regulations to understand how the city government worked. Somewhere between "dismayed" and "appalled," Deynes concluded that a major overhaul was needed due to

with the city manager copies of all such rules and regulations previously issued by them and in force on such day and shall thereafter file with said city manager copies of all rules and regulations and amendments thereof subsequently issued by them upon their issuance. It shall be the duty of the city manager to keep in his office for public inspection a well indexed file of the rules and regulations so filed.

many conflicting and confusing provisions. Last November, Young concurred and placed her in charge of the project designed to modernize the city's rules and regulations. The tentative deadline is year's end.

Since the largest volume of ARs deal with Deynes' area of responsibility, employment, she is developing new sets of rules and regulations dealing with that area. Simultaneously, she is sharing her processes with all other senior city officials who are under orders to work in parallel on their own rules and regulations whether in, or independent of, the ARs.

Deynes plans to have all employment-related rules and regulations online for all employees. While she cannot dictate what other officials might do in terms of disclosure of rules and regulations in their respective areas, she believes in transparency as a matter of principle.

Another basic concept, she says, is periodic review to assure that every rule and regulation serves a purpose and contributes

to efficiency and economy of city government operations. Finally, Deynes gives assurance that Sec. 15.03 of the City Charter would be a consideration in the overall review project.

At the close of the interview, Deynes volunteered that this planned newspaper article is welcomed. It signals the importance of the rules and regulations project to everyone in city government, while informing the public of a body of important information concerning city government that has not been well-known in the past.

Young's "City Manager's Performance Plan, FY 2014 – FY 2016" also comes into play with respect to city rules and regulations. A segment entitled "Accountable, Effective, & Well-Managed Government" aims to "Ensure the City government is accountable to the community." Intermediate outcomes of that goal include "Community is informed about the City Government" and "Government is transparent and accessible to the community."

Accusing city government of being "in violation" of its charter is not something taken lightly.

Fifer and Deputy City Attorney Christopher P. Spera were asked if that characterization would be "correct" and "fair." Neither objected to use of the term. In an exchange of emails, both called for placing its use "in the context of our efforts to update and modernize the city's regulations."

Remembering 'Miz Virginia'

riends and family and T.C. Williams High School alumni gathered May 10 in the high school for a reception and presentation honoring longtime ACPS school nurse Virginia Smith. Fondly remembered as "Miz Virginia," she served as an ACPS school nurse from 1960 until her retirement in

In her memory, alumni from the TC classes of 1971, 1972 and 1973 and former faculty raised donations to purchase an exam table and stool for the clinic at the new high school. Vicki Warren ('73) unveiled a plaque honoring the late school nurse and presented it to her daughter, Renee Smith Cardone, to be placed in the examining room of the clinic above the new examining table.



Renee Smith Cardone smiles as the plaque honoring her mother 'Miz Virginia' is placed on the wall.



T.C. Williams High School executive associate principal Steve Colantuoni welcomes all to the reception in honor of Virginia Smith.



Ann Walls ('73) talks with Marjorie Harris at the reception. The late Virginia Smith was a member with Harris on the Alexandria Hospital Board of Lady Managers.



TCW alumni
Steve Billingsley
('73) and Warren
Robinson ('72)
gather for the
reception in
honor of school
nurse Virginia
Smith on Saturday afternoon,
May 10, at the
high school.



Steve
Billingsley
('73) helps
Renee Smith
Cardone ('73)
with the
hanging of the
memorial
plaque in the
TC clinic
examining
room.

2014 Nonprofit Leaders Honored

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in accepting the award on behalf of his father. "But he left a legacy that we can see and feel around us everywhere in Alexandria. To have this recognition come from his friends and colleagues is truly wonderful."

The summit was co-chaired by Val Hawkins, CEO of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, and John Marshall senior vice president Pam De Candio.

Fiorina, who spoke of the challenges she faced in her rise from secretary to one of the world's most recognizable and influential business leaders, closed the summit with praise for Alexandria's nonprofit community leaders.

"I am not here because I'm so special," Fiorina said. "I am here because this nation is special. We have generous hearts and know that any one of us can fall on hard times. But because of the individuals in this room, we are able to lift each other up. So thank you for the leadership you provide to our community and to our Common-

The next Spring for Alexandria event, Volunteer Alexandria's



Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina speaks at the Volunteer Alexandria Business Philanthropy Summit May 7 at First Baptist Church. Fiorina is currently board chairman of the Alexandria-based nonprofit Good360.

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— Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina

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City Council To Consider Food Trucks

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ought to be bastions of activity for restaurants."

The work group will not issue its report before Saturday's public hearing, and the Planning Commission will not take a vote on the controversial proposal. During a discussion of the issue Tuesday night, several members of City Council indicated they don't think the proposal has been fully baked. Councilman John Taylor Chapman suggested that council members limit the proposal to a pilot project allowing food trucks at farmers markets. But a majority of the members disagreed, preferring to docket the entire proposal before citizens. That way they can take action later without hearing from members of the public again.

"Right now, we are opening this up to everything," observed Chapman. "Why throw what is good policy in with what we are still working out?"

THE PROPOSAL would allow food trucks from 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. with some restrictions. For example, they would be prohibited in residential parking districts. They would also be banned from high-traffic areas and pedestrian areas, which include most of King Street and Mount Vernon Avenue. Four newly created vending zones would be created with reserved parking for food trucks — four in Old Town, one in Del Ray and one in Carlyle. Although other parts of Old Town and Del Ray would be protected from food trucks, Carlyle could have food trucks in the vending zones as well as any other parking spot.

"They could park anywhere in Carlyle



where they could get a meter," said "Mango" Mike Anderson, a restaurateur who was a member of the work group. "Last year, food tax revenues were down so the restaurant industry in this city is not that strong right now, and I don't think we want to do anything to upset that apple cart."

Food truck advocates say the vehicles offer a low-cost alternative that give consumers more choices. They have become trendy across the country, and local governments in the region have been creating new regulations allowing them in recent years. Arlington and Washington, D.C., for example, have both changed their rules to allow more food trucks for longer period of time in recent years. Now the vendors want to truck into Alexandria.

"We never asked to be in residential areas," said Che Ruddell-Tabisola, executive director of the DMV Food Truck Association. "We want to be where the customers are, and that's in commercial areas."

ALTHOUGH IT NEVER issued a report, members of the task force did vote on a number of issues. One of them was a proposal to allow food trucks on the Royal Street side of Market Square. Five voted in support and four voted in opposition opposed. But when city staff presented a PowerPoint presentation to City Council members, the slide with the headline "King Street Vending Zone" explained "all agree" allowing food trucks on the 100 block of

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Recommended Vending Zones

* King Street: 100 block of North Royal Street abutting City Hall, 1700 block of King Street in front of King Street Gardens and the 500 block of King Street in front of the courthouse

♦ Mount Vernon Avenue: 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue at the Department of Community and Human Services, the Arlandria city parking lot and Four Mile Run Park parking lot

❖ Carlyle: north side of the 2300 block of Eisenhower Avenue would be the designated vending zone, although food trucks could also park at any metered spot in Carlyle

* Washington Street: 600 block of North Wash-

Family and Friends Remember Ruth Lincoln Kaye

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Kaye is perhaps best known for being the author of almost 400 histories, a cottage industry that she helped created more than 30 years ago. Owners of historic properties wanted to know the history of their houses, and Kaye had the skills to dig through property records and old newspaper clippings. Last year, she donated the collection of house histories to the Local History Special Collections Department of the Barrett Branch Library, where generations of future historians will have the benefit of her decades of painstaking research.

"Ruth has done all the work in terms of documenting all of this history," said George Combs, director of Local History Special Collections. "I guess that's just Ruth being Ruth, thinking about people who will come after her."

A NATIVE of Buffalo, N.Y., Kaye was raised in Daytona Beach, Fla. She studied history and English at Randolph Macon College in Ashland before heading off to New York City, where she took a job doing office work for \$62 a month at the Rockefeller Foundation. She married her college sweetheart, Erank Boan, and moved to Alexandria.

where he worked at the Alexandria National Bank. That marriage did not work out, and she eventually divorced and married Merwin Kaye. And, yes, she was, in fact, related to Abraham Lincoln.

"We had a common ancestry in the 1500s," Kaye explained in an interview last year. "That's so long ago, you can barely count it."

In 1980, Kaye started writing the house histories that eventually made her an Alexandria superstar. Others have tried to enter the market, but a house with a Ruth Lincoln Kaye history has a cachet all its own. Kaye is also well known for documenting ghost stories of Alexandria, researching genealogy and collecting off-beat stories about the city she called home since the 1940s. For many years, she held the position of historian at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where she was known for sitting in the balcony so she could keep a watchful eye on parishioners.

"I keep three books on my desk," said Oran Warder, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. "A prayer book, a Bible and Ruth Lincoln Kaye's history of St. Paul's."

Frank Boan, and moved to Alexandria, HER FUNERAL last week featured a song

Kaye had composed when her second husband died in 1987, a song titled "Wherever You Are." Family members recalled a woman who loved pets so much that a bush in the backyard became a burial yard for dozens of pets over the decades. They recalled how she played piano during holiday parties and made Christmas decorations as presents. Ultimately, they said, she was a fiercely independent woman who was determined to forge her own way in the world.

"She was the ultimate do-it-yourselfer," said Arthur Lincoln Kaye. "When she was 93, she decided that she was going to paint the floor of her porch. I kept telling her not to do it, but she did it anyway."

Associate Rector Sam Mason recalled meeting with Kaye to go over details of the funeral, a service including a reading from the Book of Romans and concluding with the hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee." One part of the service he said she didn't seem to want was a homily, a quirk of her personality he said she probably acquired from being a preacher's kid back in the 1920s and 1930s. Mason said he could not recall the final decision on the homily, so he gave one anyway.



Ruth Lincoln Kaye

"She was just a little bit rebellious," said Mason. "She was determined to find her own way."

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Nature



A male Baltimore Oriole, the state bird of Maryland.



Male Rose-breasted Grosbeak is among the most colorful of the migrant birds in the Washington area. They breed just to the west of this area



Indigo buntings are common breeders in both Maryland and Virginia. Look for the bright-blue males on tree tops, like cedars or snags, and utility wires throughout the area.

Spring Songbirds Arriving Local bird groups and bird walks help beginning birders see colorful birds.

By Donald Sweig

he birds are coming. The annual migration of often brightly colored songbirds from their winter homes in Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean Islands, and the southern U.S. is underway now. Millions and millions of avian migrants fly northward every night and the come down to rest or nest every morning. Some of the birds are enroute to nesting areas far to the north; some nest right here or nearby. Avian enthusiasts (birders/bird watchers) and general nature buffs have eagerly awaited the birds' arrival and are now out in force hoping to see some of their feathered friends.

The spring breeding birds (50 or more species) are often boldly patterned and brightly colored. They exhibit in various patterns of black, white, yellow, red, blue, orange and myriad shades of brown and grey.

And they sing. Each species has a distinct song and call. Spring songbirds can be seen in many places in the area, from a tree in any yard, to "migrant traps," natural areas that attract migrating birds and regular nesting sites.

The Baltimore Oriole, the state bird of Maryland, was named by the original settlers of Maryland in the 17th century, when they saw the orange and black bird, the same colors as the coat-of-arms of Cecil Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore, the founder of Maryland.

Local Birding Groups

As a novice or beginning birder, chances of seeing and identifying birds are greatly increased if one goes out with more experienced birders. Local organizations have regularly scheduled bird walks, and welcome newcomers, beginners and returning birders on most outings.

Montgomery Bird Club www.montgomerybirdclub.org/ Northern Virginia www.nvabc.org/ Northern Virginia

Audubon of Virginia www.audubonva.org/ Northern Virginia Audubon Naturalist Society

www.audubonnaturalist.org/ Also look at: http://birding.aba.org/ (American Birding Association), Click on Maryland or Virginia to see what is being seen and where. They declared that the oriole was "Lord Baltimore's bird."

Baltimore Orioles are easily found in late April and early May as they breed in Maryland and Virginia. Look for them along the C&O Canal, in the Great Falls Parks on both sides of the Potomac.

It's a great opportunity to see Spring wild-flowers as well.

Any morning, especially with south or southwest winds, from mid-April until late May is likely to bring a new wave of birds.

The local nesters are especially vocal when the first arrive and are setting up breeding territories. Look for them on the top of trees, often singing loudly.

Go at sunrise, or shortly thereafter when the new migrants have just arrived; late afternoon (4 to 6 p.m.) is also often productive, though not as good as early morning. If you have binoculars, take them. Listen carefully and look toward any bird sound you hear.

Local bird clubs have lots of bird walks in the Spring and are usually delighted to have new folks come along, and one will see

Birding Hotspots

FAIRFAX COUNTY

Great Falls Park

www.nps.gov/grfa/index.htm

Riverbend Park along the Potomac www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/

Huntley Meadows Park

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadowspark/

ARLINGTON COUNTY

Long Branch and Carlin Springs parks

www.arlingtonva.us/departments/ parksrecreation/scripts/parks/LongBranch.aspx

ALEXANDRIA

A well-known and popular "migrant trap" in Alexandria is **Monticello Park**, 320 Beverly Drive.

Note

Local native Donald Sweig, Ph.D, who retired in 2002 after nearly 30-years as the County Historian for Fairfax County, is an avid birder, nature photographer, and naturalist. His observations about locally observable birds and other fauna and flora, as well as local history, will appear occasionally in the Connection. He can often be found in Riverbend Park in Great Falls, Va., along the C&O Canal in Montgomery Co., Md., and in other local natural areas, parks, and wildlife refuges.

more birds if going with an experienced

It's a priceless opportunity to see a Baltimore or Orchard Oriole; a Scarlet or Summer Tanager; a Yellow-billed Cuckoo; a Rose-breasted or Blue Grosbeak; a bright-blue Indigo Bunting; a Prothonotary, Prairie, Hooded, or others of the more than 30 species of Warbler. Go look at the birds and celebrate Spring.

Organized Bird Walks

Here are some planned bird walks in the area, beginners and novices welcomed.

8 a.m. Sundays, Bird Walk at Great Falls National Park, meet at the visitor center, 9200 Old Dominion Dr, McLean.

8 a.m. Sundays, Friends of Dyke Marsh lead a walk into Dyke Marsh all year long.
www.fodm.org

Wednesday, May 21, 8:30 a.m. Eakin Park 8515 Tobin Road, Annandale, www.nvabc.org Wednesday, May 28, 8:30 a.m. Huntley Meadows, www.nvabc.org







Birders in Monticello Park in Alexandria, six acres full of migrating warblers, small colorful birds making their way north after wintering in South and Central America. Earlier this month, the park was full of birders listening to the bird calls and then searching to see such birds as Black Throated Blue Warbler, Black and White Warbler, American Redstart, Prairie Warbler and many others. One birder reported 42 species of birds in the park on May 2.

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Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

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. For information on submitting artwork contact artunitingpeople@gmail.com or visit www.HealthierAlexandria.com/antistigma.

THURSDAY/MAY 15

Potomac Yard Metrorail Meeting.

6:30-8:30 p.m. at City Hall, room 1101, 301 King St. Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group meeting will include an update on the environmental planning process and a presentation of the recently completed physical and digital models. Models on display before and after meeting. Contact Lee Farmer at

lee.farmer@alexandriava.gov or visit alexandriava.gov/PotomacYard. Formal comments can be submitted at any time throughout the EIS process to

comments@potomacyardmetro.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Alexandria Library Closed. All branches closed for staff training. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Community Service Day. 12:30-4:30 p.m. at various locations, volunteer as part of Spring for Alexandria's annual event. Visit http://volunteerday2014.kintera.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

Hershey's Track & Field Games. 9

a.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. City of Alexandria residents ages 7-14 are eligible to participate in this free event. A parent/guardian must register online at www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation or turn in a form to any recreation center or the Sports Office, 1108 Jefferson St. Registration deadline is May 1. Each participant may compete in one track event and two field events or two track events and one field event. Contact Tamika Coleman at 703-746-5402 or

tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov.

Orchestra Auditions. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Immanuel Church on the Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. Auditions for the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra and the Washington Metropolitan Concert Orchestra, both for young musicians. For complete

audition information, requirements and registration visit www.wmpamusic.org/wmyo-auditions.html for the youth orchestra and www.wmpamusic.org/wmco-auditions.html for the concert orchestra. Visit www.wmpamusic.org for more.

Public Hearing. 9:30 a.m. at City
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Master Plan to City Council. The plan
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Visit alexandriava.gov/DCHS for
more or contact Ron Frazier at 703746-5970 or

ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov. **Basic Tree Care Class.** 9:30 a.m.-

12:30 p.m. at The Conservatory at Four Mile Run Park, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Learn the basics about trees and what they need to survive and thrive. Session ends with a tree identification walk in Four Mile Run Park. Free, but registration required at http://caseytrees.org/event/class-tree-basics.

Family Caregivers Workshop.

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. James Brooks, AARP's Virginia Associate State Director will speak. Presented by Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Free. Vist www.nuxizeta.org for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 18

Youth Sunday. 9 and 11:15 a.m. at Historic Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Church youth will run both worship services. Call 703-549-1450 or visit www.historicchristchurch.org.

Candidate Forum. 9 a.m.-noon at
Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830
Seminary Road. Forum with
Democratic candidates for the 8th
Congressional District primary.
Brunch served at 9 a.m., forum
begins at 10. Contact Debra Linick at
703-893-4007 or
dlinick@jcouncil.org or visit

www.jcouncil.org/8thDistrict.

Family and Friends Day. 11 a.m. at Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, 606A South Washington St. Guest speaker is Chaplain Barry C. Black, 62nd Chaplain of the U.S. Senate. Call 703-836-7332.

MONDAY/MAY 19

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OPINION

Virginia Proves Elections Matter

Health and economic issues are entwined.

ome people continue to assert, either with their words or by simply abstaining, that voting just doesn't matter. Here in Virginia, nearly every day we prove that is incorrect.

All of Virginia's elected representatives who are elected by the entire state are of the same political party. They are all Democrats: Gov. Terry McAuliffe, Lt. Gov. Ralph EDITORIAL Northam, Attorney General Mark Herring and Virginia's two U.S. Senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine.

None were elected by a landslide but the trend is undeniable; the results are tangible.

Herring won his race over Mark D. Obenshain (R) by fewer than 200 votes out of more than 2.2 million votes cast. But that slimmest of margins has cleared the way for a new approach on many issues, especially after the previous four years of Gov. Bob McDonnell and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

In January, Herring announced his office would support legal arguments that Virginia's

ban on same sex marriage is unconstitutional. Judge Arenda Wright Allen on Valentine's Day overturned that ban, and on Tuesday, May 13, the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond begins the process that should result in same sex couples being able to marry in Vir-

In April, Herring advised that Virginia students who are lawfully present in the United States under the Federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program qualify for in-state tuition, provided they meet Virginia's domicile requirements.

This week, Gov. McAuliffe began administrative processes to blunt the ef-

fects of restrictive regulations placed on women's health centers that provide abortion, that would essentially have forced most to close by applying onerous standards intended for hospitals.

"I am concerned that the extreme and punitive regulations adopted last year jeopardize the ability of most women's health centers to keep their doors open and place in jeopardy the health and reproductive rights of Virginia women," McAuliffe said. He also began the process of changing the makeup of the Board of Health via appointments, including returning James Edmondson of McLean to the board. In the meantime, the gerrymandering of district lines for members of the General Assembly maintains the conservative, Republican

super majority there.

Those members of the House of Delegates in particular seem prepared to cut off their noses to spite their faces, to do almost anything to deny health care to more than 200,000 very poor Virginians who could be covered by expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Not only would this be fully covered by Federal funds for the first years and covered 90 percent thereafter, but it would bring enormous economic benefits to Virginia. McAuliffe is correct to look for ways to expand Medicaid administratively, bypassing the General Assembly. It has been done elsewhere.

"This is not just a health issue — it's an economic issue," McAuliffe said yesterday in announcing review of the regulations on women's health clinics, but the statement applies also to expanding health care in Virginia. "In order to grow and diversify our economy, Virginia needs to be open and welcoming to all."

— Mary Kimm, MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

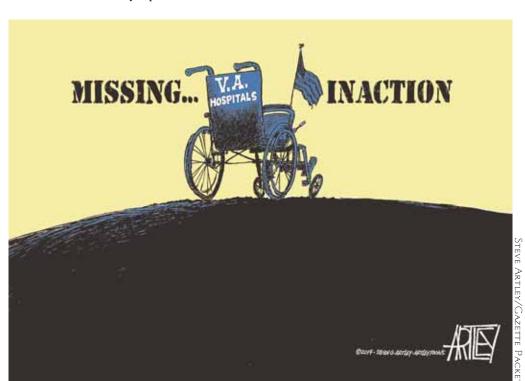
Brick Sidewalks Need Repair

To the Editor:

There is a very serious problem existing in the Old Town area of the city. This problem is to be found on many sidewalks. When we walk on the sidewalks, we have a problems existing under our feet. That problem is a horrific danger. People are falling because of loose bricks, broken bricks, missing bricks and holes between bricks. The problem may have arisen by excessive rains and heavy snowstorms that have hit the city several months ago. I have not seen or heard of any repairs to these bricks.

Some of these problems may have existed prior to these storms. Repairs of the bricks in Old Town streets will enable walkers to walk into restaurants and shops without literally falling into them.

The city must now financially deal with repairs and replacements of the bricks that cause horrific danger. As described above, people who are walking on the brick sidewalks step into holes, trip over raised bricks and especially when they attempt to cross and enter a street some fall over the cement or stone curbs which generally are higher or lower than the bricks. To avoid these hazards, wear flat shoes. If one has a problem walking on the bricks, carry a



If anyone falls and is injured, do not call your complaint to City Council. They are basically the problem for this horrific danger. I have fallen on these bricks three times now. The last fall injured my elbow on my left arm. I thought it was broken. I had it x-rayed and an elbow bone was only bruised, I was lucky. I visited the Office of the City Manager, I did not speak to him personally, but I spoke to his assistant. I showed him my bruises and as a tax-paying citizen I asked him to remove the bricks or start making repairs. He asked the secretary to make calls to Rich Baier's office and a promise was made that the bricks would be looked into.

The city needs to get its brick sidewalks repaired and upgraded or face lawsuits from our citizens and our visitors. This is critical at this time because of spring and summer tourists.

> Jim Melton Alexandria

Concerned with **Animal Rights**

To the Editor:

When I heard about Jim Moran retiring I was hoping that his replacement would work as hard as he has for animal rights. But after reading Michael Lee Pope's article last week and speaking directly to some of the candidates, I am relieved to know that three candidates, and especially Don Beyer, but also Adam Ebbin and Mark Levine will continue supporting a cause that I think is very important.

There are a lot of issues that we should be more aware of, like the veal industry, the fur/ trapping trade and the protection of endangered species. I am glad that Jim Moran is working to end the use of exotic animals in circuses. The circus is a wonderful place to take SEE LETTERS, PAGE 11

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your kids, but not when you realize the suffering that goes on behind the scenes. Animals clearly cannot advocate for themselves so we need to speak for them.

Jim has been a great advocate for animals in Congress and I would love to know the winning candidate will feel the same about this issue. I agree with Geoff Skelley from the University of Virginia, that if you believe in human rights and environmental issues, animal rights should also be of concern.

> **Tessa Read** Alexandria

Alexandria Isn't Arlington or D.C.

To the Editor:

Something smells very rotten indeed in the process regarding the proposals for food trucks in our city. The panel who toiled long and hard and the concerned citizens who attended those meetings have been completely disregarded. The panel was not even allowed to issue a final report after eight months of meetings. Worse, city staff reported that many issues were decided unanimously by the panel — totally false!

What is the rush in bringing this type of trade to our city? One can only assume that this is being driven by city staff as the final proposal is nearly identical to what was first proposed. This entire process makes a



Owner Jody Manor's vision of the new Bittersweet so that his business can compete fairly with food trucks.

mockery of civic engagement and I fear what that impression holds for our future.

To be clear I am a supporter of food trucks and the convenience and vitality they can create — in specified locations. However, they must be regulated in the same way that other businesses are in those locations. It's patently unfair for bricks and mortar businesses to be controlled as to signage, hours of operation, seating capacity, releasing cooking odors to name but a few and then allow new operators to roam our streets for 13 hours a day and have none of these restrictions.

The city faces long-term financial issues. The tax revenue generated by my industry meals tax, licenses and permits and property tax — will not be replaced or enhanced by allowing food trucks in our historic dis

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trict. (My business has experienced double digit declines in business on days when we've had trucks on the street — hardly the win-win staff has been touting). Nor does their appearance enhance our brand as tourism destination. Why do we seek to be like everyone else when it is our uniqueness that drives the vitally important tourism spend? There were many analogies drawn between D.C. and Arlington and their food truck scene during the panel meetings. I need not tell you we are not those locations — we don't have the density and we have a truly unique and historic asset to protect.

And let's talk for a moment about the city's oft expressed goal of jobs with living wages. We're very proud of the fact that our company pays good wages and provides health and retirement benefits to our employees. That is no easy feat and what do you think will go out the window should our business decline by 10 percent or more each day?

As the president of the Food Truck Association said at one of the panel meetings — "we have a fundamental difference of opinion. Food truck operators believe we should be able to operate whenever and wherever we want." Yes, there is a fundamental difference. We as a community — Council, residents, City staff and businesses — have all agreed that we will work within some highly restrictive confines to protect our historic downtown and we do that for ourselves but also for the economic health of our city. I urge our leaders to consider the unintended consequences of the proposal being brought forward.

Finally take a look at the video of the Planning Commission meeting May 6. The commissioner's concerns about the process and the consequences could not be more spot on.

Our city deserves a better, more transparent and thoughtful answer to the issue of food trucks.

Jody Manor Bittersweet Alexandria

Be Selective on Food Truck Sites

To the Editor:

The City of Alexandria is about to entertain the idea of food trucks. We can look at the issue from two perspectives.

First, setting up a food truck is far cheaper to set up than a regular restaurant. By some accounts, it is around 15 percent of the cost of setting up a regular restaurant, and as such, a way for people who really have a desire but not means to enter the market. The city has embraced this notion, even telling the Federation of Civic Associations they did. This creates two issues. Restaurants are not only expensive to set up, but are heavily regulated, especially in the Historic districts, whereas, food trucks are inexpensive and unregulated.

Second, from a policy perspective, allowing food trucks benefits under-served areas, commonly referred to as "restaurant deserts," but in "restaurant oases" such as Old Town, food trucks may undermine precarious balances between residences and restaurants in well served areas such as Old Town. It is a travesty to discuss restaurant signage for hours, only to encourage the same restaurant to put up a food truck as a living billboard without any constraints whatsoever.

Moreover, it is a bit fatiguing to hear city staff continually refer to Old Town as a "hardship posting" that requires an injection of vi

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OPINION

Know Stroke's Warning Signs

By Christine Candio, RN, FACHE CEO, Inova Alexandria Hospital

o you think you would recognize if you or a loved one were having a stroke? Early recognition and prompt treatment are critical to minimizing serious or permanent disability from stroke; yet, a study in the journal "Stroke" published in March found that one in five U.S. women couldn't name even one symptom of stroke. In previous studies, men have fared no better.

"The cardiac folks have done a good job getting the word out about heart attack signs and symptoms. Everyone knows what chest pain means," says Dr. Lewis Eberly, M.D., director of Neuroscience and Stroke at Inova Alexandria Hospital, "but not everyone knows what numbness on one side of the body means."

Stroke occurs when a clot or tear inside an artery in the brain disrupts the normal flow of blood. Deprived of oxygen and essential nutrients, brain cells quickly become damaged or die. People experiencing a stroke may experience a range of symptoms like sudden numbness or weakness on one side of the body, slurred speech or difficulty speaking, a sudden, severe headache, dizziness or visual disturbance or vision loss in one eye. Without urgent medical treatment, stroke can result in permanent disability or even death. That's why the American Stroke Association urges F.A.S.T. recognition of stroke signs and symptoms:

Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one drift downward?

Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Is their speech slurred?

Time: If you notice these symptoms, it's time to call 911.

Dr. Eberly cautions that people often discount another early warning sign of stroke



known as Transient Ischemic Attack, or TIA. Characterized by stroke-like symptoms that last a few minutes or a few hours, TIAs may occur before a major stroke. They, too, require medical attention.

"A minor stroke is just as important as a major stroke," he says.

The Inova Alexandria Hospital Stroke Center, under the direction of Dr. Eberly, is a recognized leader in providing timely stroke care with excellent outcomes. We set a standard for others to follow: Inova Alexandria was the first hospital in Northern Virginia to collaborate with emergency medical services providers in the field to quickly assess symptoms and alert our Emergency Department of incoming stroke patients. That's now considered an industry-wide best practice.

In addition, our stroke team committed to changes to improve timely care and outcomes. Those changes helped Inova Alexandria Hospital exceed national guidelines that call for the timely delivery of medicine to dissolve a brain clot — the primary cause of most strokes — shortly after a patient arrives at the hospital.

Those achievements earned us The Joint Commission's designation as a Primary Stroke Center for the last nine years and counting. And just this year, we were honored to receive the "Get With The Guidelines — Stroke Gold Plus Achievement" award from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for our commitment to quality improvement.

I am proud of our Stroke Team and their accomplishments, yet realize we still have a long road before everyone — men and women alike — recognize the symptoms of stroke. Educate yourself about the warning signs. Learn more at www.inova.org/stroke.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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brancy and food trucks. Undoubtedly, this is why we spend over a million dollars to transport people from Carlyle to lunch spots in Old Town. This money would be better served by putting food trucks in Carlyle instead of Old Town or around the BRAC area where the tenants requested it in the first place.

When this issue came before the planning commission, on a gross miscalculation that the commission would give it their blessing, the city staff was blown out of the water. The staff was criticized for the conclusions, the legal logic/ non-logic of their arguments, the process, and the direct falsification of the meager justification that had been proffered.

The city staff claims we cannot regulate in this instance. What they really should say is that they do not wish us to regulate. A best practice example is the City of Norfolk, which is more in tune with our planning commissioners, because they treat food trucks as a zoning issue, and do not allow

them in the downtown business district other than in six designated spots by the light rail station awarded through a lottery. The Norfolk business community supported this, because it was viewed as a policy means to create activity.

I began by saying this was an issue that was starting to affect many cities, which prompted the National League of Cities to issue guidance for them to follow. In short, they suggested the cities do the following,

- 1. Hold Town Hall forums and private meetings with core stakeholders.
- 2. Encourage dialogue and the building of relationships among competing stake-holders
- 3. Implement pilot programs to determine what regulations to adopt.
- 4. Use targeted practices as a way to address underserved areas of the city.
- 5. Identify private vacant lots and create partnerships for mobile vendors to gather and vend in the same location.

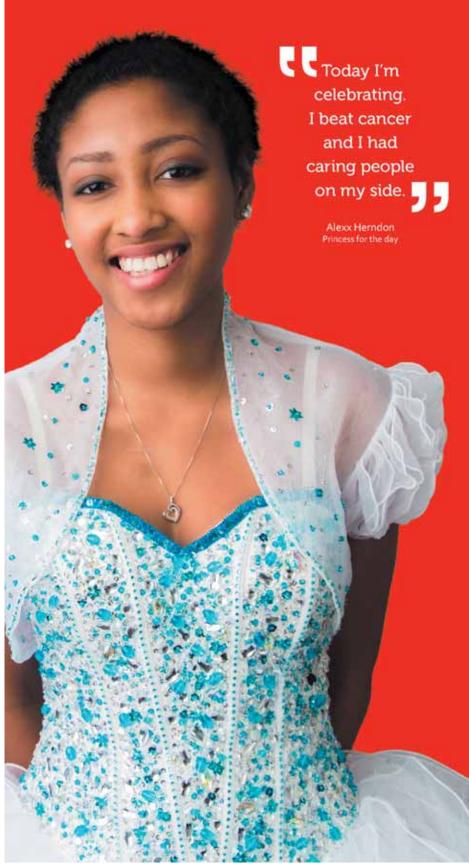
Norfolk did all of the above, but the City

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Alexandria celebrated her 16th wearing her gown, not ours.

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In March 2014, 176 Alexandria Homes sold between \$2,500,000-\$100,000.

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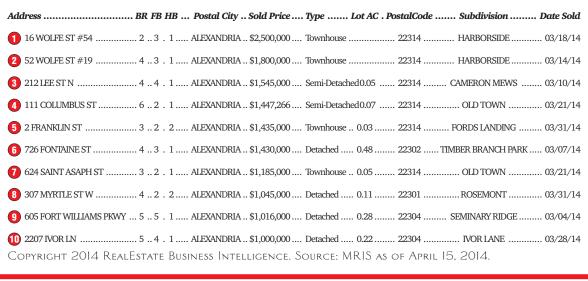
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Home LifeStyle

Outdoor Entertaining Local style gurus offer tips for alfresco soirees

By Marilyn Campbell
Gazette Packet

he mild temperatures that usher in late spring and early summer beckon many outdoors for al fresco parties. Whether held on a patio, deck or veranda, the necessary logistics for coordinating even a simple gathering can be daunting.

Local tastemakers have unveiled the latest in elegant accessories, colorful furnishings and creative strategies for transforming a simple outdoor party into a chic and elegant endeavor. From serveware and centerpieces to lighting and cushions, style gurus explain how you can keep your cool while hosting a warm weather event.

"We love using our indoor-outdoor rugs as the starting point for decorating outdoor spaces," said Ann O'Shields of The Nest Egg in Fairfax. "We have a huge selection of patterns and colors from Dash & Albert that are perfect for grounding your space and creating an area to entertain."

Marrying comfort and style in outdoor seating can transform virtually any space into a festive oasis, say designers. Sunbrella fabrics are the ideal textile for upholstered furniture and throw pillows, says O'Shields.

Outdoor pillows by Elaine Smith are the top choice of interior designer and home furnishings boutique owner Victoria Sanchez of Victoria at Home in Old Town Alexandria. She says that the cushions are polished enough to adorn a home's interior, but hefty enough to withstand exterior elements. "The pillows have grommets and embellishments, but are machine washable and can sit outside," said Sanchez. "Something like that can do a lot to spiff up the same old furniture and set a tone for a festive environment."



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When guests arrive and see fresh flowers, it signals to them that the event is special and festive, says Victoria Sanchez of Victoria at Home in Old Town Alexandria.

When it comes to place settings and serveware, resist the urge to bring indoor dinnerware outside, eschew the disposable varieties, and instead opt for dinnerware made of melamine. "It is perfect for outdoor entertaining because it's durable and won't break if dropped," said Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "A bright serving tray or bowl adds some fun to outdoor dining."

Whether from one's own garden or a favorite florist, no smartly dressed table is complete without fresh foliage. "Flowers go without saying," said Sanchez. "They add color, and when your guests walk in and see fresh flowers, it signals to them that the

event is special and festive."

To create bouquets with bursts of vibrant summer colors, Evelyn Kinville of The Behnke Florist Shop in Potomac, Md. recommends graceful blossoms like lisianthus, iris, hydrangea and godetia. "These can all be used together. Godetia is very pretty and comes in cherry red, salmon and fuchsia," said Kinville.

When choosing a color scheme, try going back to the basics. "It goes back to color theory — stay with a color wheel," said Sanchez. "Opposites sides of the color wheel are always safe, like orange and blue.

Use lighting to create ambience. "Candles make great outdoor accessories, especially

if you are entertaining at night," said Thomas. "Hang a few votive lanterns from nearby trees or use a row of smaller lanterns as a centerpiece on the table. Even placing a few tea lights on the table creates a warm glow."

Cold libations and melodies wafting through the air are summer soirée essentials. "For entertaining, it's always fun to have great music and refreshments which are fun to serve in buckets filled with ice and drinks," said O'Shields.

When in doubt, opt for understated décor. "Keep it simple and colorful," says Sanchez. "No one knows what you forgot. They only see what is there."



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Brightly hued, fresh flowers add a pop of color to outdoor table décor.

Entertainment

LTA Presents 'Boeing, Boeing'

Comical farce stars a philandering architect engaged to three stewardesses.

BY STEVE HIBBARD Gazette Packet

he Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting the non-stop comedy, "Boeing, Boeing," now through May 24. Set in a 1965 Paris apartment on the same day, the classic farce written by French playwright Marc Camoletti is centered on Bernard, a swinging architect engaged to three flight attendants all at once.

Bernard's life goes haywire when his friend Robert comes to visit and a newer, speedier Boeing jet messes up all of his careful planning. Inevitably, all three stewardesses come to visit at the same time, but the ending's not what you'd expect.

In 1965, "Boeing, Boeing" was made into a little-known film starring Jerry Lewis and Tony Curtis. In 1991, the play was listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the most performed French play throughout the world. This LTA version is beautifully directed by Roland Branford Gomez and produced by Jim Howard and Robert Kraus.

Joshua Rich, of Centreville, plays the lead role of Bernard who juggles the trio of flight attendants who are all engaged to him. "He's kind of a Playboy type and I think he respects women, but he's also trying to take advantage of them," said Rich. "He's confident and almost kind of brash because he's beat the system."

Above all, Rich said he hopes that audiences will be entertained with its happy ending. He said, "It's a very funny play and it's very professional, so I think people will be treated to an entertaining night at the

Actor Patrick Doneghy, who plays the friend Robert and carries most of the play, is a classic fish-out-of-water who is a bit naïve but a genuinely good person who is

ready to fall in love and get married. "Over the course of 24 hours he learns that he is able to handle a great deal of stress and different situations better than he ever thought he could," said Doneghy.

He added, "Some of the challenges of working on a farce are getting to know and trust your fellow actors enough so that your timing and reactions can be so well in sync that it seems effortless."

Margaret Bush plays the loyal French housekeeper named Berthe who knows about her boss Bernard's philandering and works hard to accommodate his complex schedule. She describes her character as overworked, underappreciated, very opinionated and downright confrontational at times. "I'm the one who has to do all the work behind-the-scenes of this extremely complicated household, so I tend to be a bit grumpy," she said.

Her challenge was speaking with a French accent that was both believable and intelligible as well as fully fleshing out the character and balancing the demands of accurately portraying her while navigating the complexities of comedy.

"I hope audiences appreciate the quality of the writing..." she said. "The collaborative effort that goes into a production of this nature, and the gratitude that those of us on the stage feel for those who are not on the stage who make it all possible behind the scenes."

Katie Doyle plays the role of Gloria, a cheerful American flight attendant. "She is very independent and knows how to get what she wants," said Doyle. "She has very strong viewpoints on the world."

She said, "I don't want to give spoiler alerts, but I will say her viewpoints on love are very practical — she is very smart and uses her assets to get what she needs."



"Boeing, Boeing" is playing at the Little Theatre of Alexandria through May 24 and stars Kathleen Doyle (Gloria), Jennifer Patton (Gretchen) and Gabriela Coro (Gabriela).

Her challenge was working with her somewhat controversial character. She added, "There are definitely some people who may not love some of my character's actions, and I had to work hard to keep her an endearing character."

Jennifer Patton plays the zany role of Gretchen, the German stewardess. "Gretchen is sweet, earnest, a little naïve, and slightly unhinged," said Patton. "She's from a small town, and her job with Lufthansa is definitely her first chance to see the world, so her struggle to balance her upbringing with the situations in the play comes through in some pretty hilarious ways."

Her challenge has been the physicality of the role. "In a lot of cases, Gretchen has been played by a tall woman, but I'm only 5-foot-2. My Gretchen is a short girl who doesn't know she's short, and that has been a lot of fun to develop."

Patton said, "I hope the audience has as much fun watching it as we had working

Gabriela Coro plays the sassy Italian stewardess also named Gabriela who oozes with attitude. "She wants her life to be full of passion, and you can tell from the way she interacts with the other characters," she said. "Everything she does comes from a place of emotion."

She added, "Unfortunately for her fiancée, her default emotion is usually aggression."

She said that her challenge was mastering the Italian accent. "I wanted it to sound real and comfortable on stage, because if the audience couldn't believe it, then they wouldn't believe anything else about my character either."

Regarding the reception from the play, she said, "Everyone involved with the play has been so grateful for all the support from the community, and we hope the people of Alexandria are proud of the productions we put on."

"Boeing, Boeing" runs through May 24 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Showtimes are Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or call 703-683-

Email announcements to gazette@ connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Art Exhibit. Through June 2, Courtney S. Hengerer's acrylic paintings on wood panels are on display for the exhibit "Playground" in Studio 21 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Opening reception to meet the artist Thursday, May 8, 6:30-8 p.m. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

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.

Theatre One-Man Shows. Through May 25, two shows will be performed in repertory at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. The Thousandth Night by Carol Wolf and starring Marcus Kyd,

and Underneath the Lintel by Glen Berger starring Paul Morella will be performed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 or 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets \$50 (students \$25) at 800-494-8497 or www.boxofficetickets.com. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

Children's Theater. Arts on the Horizon presents "Sunny and at The Lab at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Show is 30 minutes and best for ages 2-5. Performances are 10:30 a.m. May 30. June 4-6 and June 11-13; and 10 and 11:30 a.m. May 31, June 7 and June 14. \$8 tickets, purchase online or at the door. At each show the group will collect non-perishable food and

canned good for Community Lodgings. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org/sunny-

and-licorice or call 703-967-0437.

Historic Attic and Alley Tours. 9 a.m.-noon through May 31 at the 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 www.AlexandriaVA.gov/

GadsbysTavern.

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 Renee Watson or the chapter book, "Bud, Not Buddy," by Christopher Paul Curtis. More than 50 related activities are planned through May; for full list of programs visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Spy Program at Mount Vernon. 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through June 1. Learn about spying during

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Entertainment

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.

Art Exhibit. Through 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. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

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.
Through 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. Call 703683-1342.

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.

New Exhibit. Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarelyseen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools. landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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.

George Washington's Mount

Vernon has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or



Pat Wictor, Joe Jencks and Greg Greenway Brother Sun

Focus Music presents folk-pop trio Brother Sun — Greg Greenway, Joe Jencks, Pat Wictor — Sunday, May 18, 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 North Quaker Lane. Greg Greenway, Joe Jencks and Pat Wictor have made their mark as veteran touring singer-songwriters, but Brother Sun is no songwriter's round. Fusing folk, Americana, blues, pop, jazz, rock and a cappella singing, Brother Sun is an explosion of musical diversity and harmony, in the finest of male singing traditions. Their voices are backed primarily by guitar and piano. Tickets: \$20/\$18 for advance sales and members. Visit www.focusmusic.org/concerts_alexandria.php or call 703-380-3151.

purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Learn more at PresPassport.Monticello.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 15

Genealogy Discussion Group. 7

p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Guest speaker Char McCargo Bah will demonstrate techniques for researching African-American genealogy. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Paul Storm to open for John Hodgman. Visit www.paulandstorm.com or www.Birchmere.com.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 15-17

School Musical. 7:30 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School's Loft, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. The school's 8th grade students fill roles on- and off-stage in the "Wizard of Oz". \$5 at the door, \$1 for children. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Alexandria Library Closed. All branches closed for staff training. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Wine Tasting. 6-9 p.m., at Mount Vernon Estate. Mount Vernon's Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with exclusive evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by "George and Martha Washington," and live jazz. \$38. Visit www.mountvernon.org/winefestival, or call 703-780-2000.

Family Fun Night. 7-10 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Bring a pool float. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball and floating obstacle course. Swimming skill assessments for youth, a lifeguard skill demonstration and proper lifejacket sizing lesson. Sign-ups for summer camps and Wahoos Youth Swim Team will also be available on site. \$4 per person. Visit

www.alexandriava.gov/c/8437.

Future Fund Awards Gala. 8-11
p.m. on the Cherry Blossom Charter,
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in Old Town, Alexandria, 105 N
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Actors Gary Sinise, David Arquette, Adam Driver, Michelle Monaghan and Ron Livingston will be in Alexandria as part of the GI Film Festival.

Alexandria To Host GI Film Festival

Sinise, Arquette set to honor troops.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

ary Sinise, David Arquette and Adam Driver are just three of the celebrities who will be in attendance as the GI Film Festival heads to Alexandria May 19-25.

Known as "Sundance for the Troops," the seven-day festival will open May 19 at the Old Town Theater with the world premiere of the Civil War epic "Field of Lost Shoes." Starring Virginia native David Arquette, the feature film tells the true story of 274 Virginia Military Institute cadets who are forced to join the war before their time during the Battle of Newmarket.

"There is no question this is the most power-packed, emotionally compelling film line-up we've ever showcased," said Alexandria resident and GI Film Festival president Brandon Millett. "These films will shock you. They will move you. They will entertain you. And I guarantee you will come away with a greater understanding of the experiences of military veterans of all generations and their families."

The award-winning festival will include several celebrity receptions and features a line-up of 56 films that covers every aspect of military triumph and struggle from the Civil War to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

Other highlights of the festival include an

advanced screening of the Sony/Affirm Films feature "When the Game Stands Tall" (May 22), the premiere of the documentary "The First Motion Picture Unit: When Hollywood Went to War" (May 23), and the East Coast premiere of the dramatic feature "Fort Bliss" (May 25) starring Michelle Monaghan and Ron Livingston.

"Fort Bliss is one of the most powerful films that I have seen that truly captures the additional struggles that women in the military face today," said festival co-founder Laura Law-Millett, herself a veteran and mother. "Having to choose between her family and her profession is the toughest decision a woman can be forced to make. This film is a must-see for every woman who serves and for everyone who has loved a woman who served."

With a theme of "Secrets and Spies," the

opening night gala will be held May 19 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center with Arquette as special guest. Sinise, known for his role as Lt. Dan in the Academy Awardwinning film "Forrest Gump," will be in attendance at the May 23 Salute to Hollywood Patriots at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

On May 24, U.S. Marine and actor Adam Driver will be on hand for screenings of short films profiling heroes of World War II and Korea followed by the Best of Festival awards and a special tribute to NBC Universal's film "Lone Survivor."

The festival will close May 25 with Monaghan and Livingston set to attend the world premiere of "Fort Bliss."

For a full schedule of events, visit www.gifilmfestival.com.

Calendar

Awards Gala. The evening will feature hors d'oevres, an open bar and dancing. Tickets are \$75 for Future Fund members and \$95 for nonmembers. Visit www.cfnova.org/ffgala for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Space #13, Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Perennials, natives and more. Grown in the gardens of Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and in VCE Demonstration Gardens in Arlington and Alexandria. Visit www.ext.vt.edu.

Guided Tours of Fort Ward. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road. Soldiers in Union Army uniforms will lead tours of historic Fort Ward. About 90 minutes each. Program is weather dependent. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Ballet Performance. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Theater, 101 Callahan Drive. "Coppelia," will be performed by the Metropolitan Youth Ballet. The show is geared toward young audiences who can enjoy a 'meet and greet' with the characters after. Tickets \$7.50, visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

Firefighting in Civil War Alexandria Walking Tour. 1-3 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Learn about firefighters and firefighting during the Union occupation. For people age 10 and older. \$6/adults; \$4/age 10-17. Reservations required, www.alexandriava.gov/ FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-

Live Music. 8 p.m., at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. In partnership with the National Gallery of Art, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will close its 70th season with pieces known to inspire renowned artist Edgar Degas, featuring selections by Beethoven, Mozart, Gounod and Verdi plus special guests Anita Johnson and Matt Harding. \$5 youth (18 and under); \$10 students; \$20+ adults. Visit, www.AlexSym.org, or call 703-845-6156.

SUNDAY/MAY 18

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at
Alexandria Archaeology Museum in
Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N.
Union St. See an original May 26,
1861, edition of "The New-York
Tribune" detailing Colonel Elmer
Ellsworth's death in Alexandria, a
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death, a TimeTravelers Passport
exhibit featuring the Civil War
drummer boy, a diorama of a heating
system constructed in Alexandria to

warm Civil War hospital tents during the winter of 1861, a cocked and loaded Wickham musket discarded in a privy during the 1860s, and an exhibit on a Lee Street archaeological site during the Civil War. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

Confronting Slavery at Lee-Fendall House. 1 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Joseph McGill, founder of the Slave Dwelling Project, will be staying overnight in Lee-Fendall House's slave quarters and giving a presentation. A special tour will be part of the program and the museum will raffle a chance to stay overnight in the slave quarters. \$10. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Memorial Day Flag Placement. 1-4 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. Participants are requested to place flags on veterans' graves, with a cookout celebration afterwards for all volunteers. Free. Wear walking shoes. RSVP to info@IHCHPS.org. Tea with Martha Washington. 3-

ea with Martha Washington. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Join Martha Washington as she discusses 18th-century tea customs, as well as clothing of the period. Girl Scout groups and families with children in grades 2 or above are welcome, party attire is requested. \$25 per person, \$20 for reservations of 6 or more. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703-746-4242.

Tea Tasting. 2 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Explore and taste teas served during the roaring 20s and time of Prohibition. Presented by certified Tea Specialist and Chef Laurie Bell. Call 703-746-1728 to register.

Jazz Music. 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 North Alfred St. Ronny Smith Quartet, "Honoring the Tradition, Jazz and Beyond." Call 703-549-1334 or visit www.meadechurch.org.

Garden Picnic. 4-6 p.m., at 1909
Windmill Lane. Join Fort Hunt
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Unitarian Church for an afternoon of
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Rainbow Room. Visit
www.forthuntpreschool.com/events.

Wine Tasting. 6-9 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Mount Vernon's Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with live jazz. \$38. Visit www.mountvernon.org/winefestival, or call 703-780-2000.

Live Music. 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 North Quaker Lane. Folk-pop trio Brother Sun performs. \$20, \$18 for advance sales and members. Call 703-380-3151 or visit www.focusmusic.org/ concerts_alexandria.php.

MONDAY/MAY 19

History Lecture. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Roman Honor versus Modern Morality. Learn how Roman honor and modern morality differ through an examination of historical texts, societal myths and archaeological findings. Free. Visit http://nvfaa.org.

MONDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 19-25

Film Festival. Venues in Alexandria and Washington. The 56-film GI Film Festival includes advanced screenings and world premieres, showcasing battlefield scenes and issues facing returning GIs on the home front. \$245 all-access pass, \$70 weekend pass May 24-25; military discounts. Visit www.gifilmfestival.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 20

Live Music. 7:30 in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Blackmore's Night. \$39.50 Visit www.blackmoresnight.com or www.Birchmere.com.

Historical Show. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Alexandria Historical Society presents a show with "Rosie the Riveter," portrayed by actress Mary Ann Jung. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org.

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City Council To Consider Food Trucks

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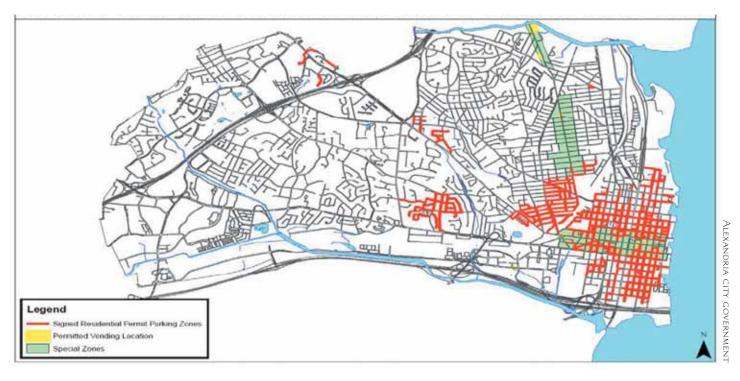
North Royal Street.

"It makes people like myself question why I'm going to all these meetings on the waterfront," said Charlotte Hall, vice president of Potomac Riverboat Company and chairman of the Waterfront Commission. "Is the staff just going to move forward on their own ideas without taking our thoughts and ideas forward?"

The proposal on the docket for this weekend sets out a series of fees that food truck vendors would be responsible for paying. First, there would be an application fee of

That would have a renewal fee of \$100. Then there would be a right-of-way fee of \$450. That's in addition to an annual food license fee of \$40. Vendors would also be responsible for an annual health permit of \$50 and a semi-annual propane tank inspection fee of \$143. Brick-and-mortar owners say they have invested substantially more to open their establishments.

"While the Alexandria chamber supports the food truck concept, that support does not come without reservations and questions that have to be answered," according to a written statement from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce this week. "Therefore, the chamber recommends that council's consideration of the food truck is-



Food Trucks would be allowed in the yellow vending zones, where they would have designated parking, as well as white zones, where they would have to obey existing parking rules. They would be prohibited from green zones and red zones.

sue be deferred."

until the work group issues its report be-The chamber is calling city leaders to wait fore taking action, then conducting a busi-

ness impact analysis to see what the ramifications of the new policy might be.





LETTERS

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of Alexandria set up a committee, then on its behalf sent a report to the city manager that did not correctly reflect its findings, who then sent an ordinance to the City Council that has no citizen or business support. An analogy to this issue is that housing is expensive, and mobile homes serve an important function in providing housing to those who are unable to afford more, but we are not encouraging mobile home owners to camp in front of City Hall or the George Washington Memorial Highway and park wherever they like.

So if we are to do this, then let us choose spots across the city that need to be vitalized, not ridiculous choices like Old Town or Washington Street, and like Norfolk, do it as part of zoning that precludes the food trucks from operating at will throughout the city.

Poul Hertel Alexandria

Best Suited For Congress?

To the Editor:

To hear Mayor Bill Euille tell it, Alexandria will be just fine if we have more development. His vision for Alexandria is to sell historic City Hall to a developer to put up more condos for the very wealthy. That way, we can erect the Taj Mahal of city halls in Eisenhower Valley to showcase our rise from

historic seaport to generic urban center.

But what do we have to show for all this rapid, thoughtless growth? Less traffic? No. A more pedestrian-friendly town? No. Lower property taxes? Ha, Ha. Better recreational facilities? No. More ball fields in places like Potomac Yards? No. A waterfront plan that respects the river, our environment, and our history? Sorry, no. A community empowered to be a part of the civic process down at City Hall? No. A town that cares about economic and racial diversity? No, not really.

So, who is Mayor Euille and most on council beholden to? Who are they listening to as they give the green light, with the help of the inaptly named "Planning Commission," to one bad project after another? The answer is simple: they are listening to developers and the banks that provide developers with loans.

There a number of good candidates running to fill Congressman Moran's seat this November, but I think that Don Beyer will be the most effective legislator of the bunch.

But if you want to elect a politician who thinks that it's OK to gut an historic community for short-term gain and thinks its might be OK for the U.S. to help extract a form of oil in Canada that is wreaking havoc on waterways, wetlands, boreal habitat, and Native American lands, then cast a vote for Mayor Bill Euille.

Andrew Macdonald

Two Strikes And Counting

To the Editor:

The city manager's initiative "What's Next Alexandria", ostensibly a program to develop a set of principles for civic engagement, has just imploded.

The city manager established a Food Truck Advisory Group to ascertain if and where food trucks ought to be able to operate in the City of Alexandria. Presently food trucks can only operate at construction sites, special events, and at the farmers markets if Special Use Permits (SUPs) allow them to do so. The group met over a six-month period, yet because of the heavy snows we had last winter the group was unable to complete its work. However the over-rambunctious city staff could not wait until all of the issues were settled, and a final report rendered, before taking the program to the Planning Commission on May 6 and the council will address the issue on May 13 followed by a public hearing sometime in June or September. During their May 6 presentation, the Planning Commission was aghast at being told that they were only being asked to listen to the staff presentation and then comment but not to vote on whether they agreed or not. At least four of the seven commission members could not believe the subterfuge employed by the city staff in ram-rodding this program through.

All of a sudden, items that were never discussed at all during the six-month delibera-

tions appeared in the findings; they were added by staff. In a number of other cases where the staff stated that there was consensus in the group on an issue that consensus really never occurred. In fact there were also a number of items not addressed in the staff report that were agreed to by both the group and the city staff.

In Old Town there are about 100 eateries from the river to the rails. Many of these are fast service restaurants that will be adversely impacted by food trucks. In addition, besides taking away more parking spaces, these trucks do not add any ambiance to the Old and Historic District which is the economic engine for the entire city. The million or so tourists who annually come to see our historic structures do not need to be subjected to unsightly trucks parked on our historic streets. Ergo, no food trucks should be allowed in the Old and Historic District which happens to be the third oldest historic district in the nation. It has always been protected as the "crown jewel" of Alexandria and hopefully it remains as such. We do have the authority to ban food trucks completely as has been done in other cities.

The city manager is about ready to strike out. He got strike one by trying to balance the budget on the backs of the seniors and safety concerns (Firehouse 204); this fiasco by his city staff on food trucks is strike two. At this rate it shouldn't take too long for the final strike.

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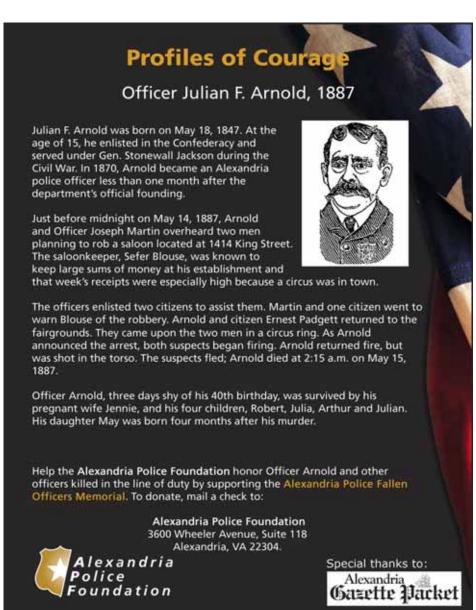
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SPORTS

Bishop Ireton Girls' Lax Wins First WCAC Championship

Cardinals beat Norfolk "With this group of girls, I spent the first half of the season trying to build them into Academy in VISAA state quarterfinals.

> By Jon Roetman GAZETTE PACKET

embers of the Norfolk Academy girls' lacrosse team made a lot of racket during pregame stick check, seemingly attempting to manufacture intensity before taking on one of the top teams in the state.

Once Tuesday's VISAA state quarterfinal matchup started, the Bishop Ireton Cardinals let their sticks do the talking.

One day after capturing the program's first Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship, Bishop Ireton took care of business against Norfolk Academy, beating the Bulldogs 19-6 during the state quarterfinals at Fannon Field. With the win, the Cardinals (18-4) secured a trip to the semifinals, where they will face Bishop O'Connell at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 16 at Collegiate School in Richmond.

The Cardinals maintained their focus against Norfolk Academy despite their significant accomplishment the previous night. Bishop Ireton defeated Good Counsel 17-7 on Monday at the University of Maryland to win the WCAC title. The Cardinals lost to the Falcons 12-8 during the regular season on April 8, but BI head coach Rick Sofield said his team was completely healthy this time around. Sofield also said the Cardinals varied their defense looks, and he let junior Kaitlin Luzik, the team's defensive captain, call the defenses on the something that I thought they should be, and that was the wrong approach," Sofield said. "What I really needed to do, and what I've done the last month, is I've gotten out of their way. I need to just let them play, let them be them, and then they're most suc-

It was Ireton's fifth appearance in the WCAC championship game. The Cardinals lost to Paul VI in 2004 and fell short against Good Counsel three times, including last year's title game. Getting back to the WCAC final and taking care of business has been a long-time goal of the Cardinals, who started offseason workouts back on June 6.

"It was so surreal," said junior Charlotte Sofield, who is committed to the University of North Carolina. "It was amazing. We've been working for 11 months, so we deserved it. It was the greatest feeling in the world."

Senior Kendall Cunningham, who played her freshman season at West Potomac High School, has said she came to Bishop Ireton to win championships.

"I was hungry," she said. "I don't think I've had a bigger rivalry than with Good Counsel. We wanted to beat them. The first time we played them earlier in the season, it was a rough game for us and last year in the conference finals, [it made us come] back hungry."

Cunningham will play at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. Senior goalkeeper Olivia Cole will play at the University of Florida.

One day later, Ireton was back on the field against Norfolk Academy, where an experience during the regular season helped keep the Cardinals focused.

Ireton defeated Georgetown Visitation, one of the area's strongest programs, 13-12 on April 7. One day after the big win,



The Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team on May 12 won the first WCAC championship in program history.

the Cardinals lost to Good Counsel. Against Norfolk Academy on Tuesday, Ireton avoided a letdown.

"We played a game like that against Visi and then against Good Counsel and we lost and we knew we didn't want that to happen again — we weren't letting that happen again," Charlotte Sofield said. "We used

that motivation and that fire, knowing how losing when you shouldn't lose feels like and never wanting to feel like that again."

Cunningham led Ireton with four goals against Norfolk Academy. Sofield, Kelly Mathews and Kelly Larkin each had three. Larkin finished with five assists, while Sofield and Cole, the goalkeeper, each had two.

TC Girls' Varsity 8, Boys' Lightweight 8 Win State Titles



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The T.C. Williams girls' varsity 8 celebrates their victory at the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships on Saturday, May 10. Members of the championship boat include (from left): Giulia Pastore, Maeve Bradley, Harper Jensen, Amelia Bender, Rosa Procaccino, Kyra McClary, Katie Pickup, Claire Embrey and Maria Junstiniano. The girls are guided by coach Jaime Rubini, standing on the right.

Titan boats capture silver, bronze medals at Virginia Rowing Championships

acing their toughest test of the season, the T.C. Williams crew team rose to the occasion and turned in their best performance in years.

It happened this past Saturday at the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships on the Occoquan Reservoir, where the Titans went up against the top boats in the Commonwealth — and the nation — and came away with two state titles, one silver medal, and a bronze medal on the day.

Leading the way for T.C. Williams was the girls' varsity 8, which became the fastest girls' 1V boat in Virginia by posting a time of 5:16.80. This was over two seconds faster than the runner-up crew from Madison, which won the state title last year and was the defending national champion, as well. It was also nearly four seconds faster than the crew from National Cathedral, which finished third. The victory by the Titans marks the first time since 2008 that the T.C. girls' 1V has won the state championship.

Members of the championship boat include: coxswain Rosa Procaccino and rowers Maria Junstiniano, Claire Embrey, Katie Pickup, Kyra McClary, Amelia Bender, Harper Jensen, Maeve Bradley and Giulia Pastore. The girls' 1V is guided by coach Jaime Rubini.

The girls' 1V was not the only Titan boat to be crowned champion this past Saturday. The T.C. Williams boys' lightweight 8 - which won the Virginia championship in both 2012 and 2013 - successfully defended its title by capturing the Brother's Cup for

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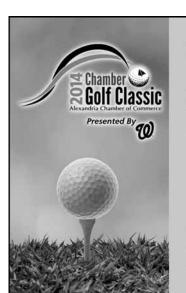


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TC Girls' Varsity 8, Boys' Lightweight 8 Win State Titles

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the third year in a row. The lights dominated the race, opening a lead about halfway down the 1,500-meter course and outracing every other boat that tried to challenge the rest of the way home. They crossed the finish line with a time of 5:01.30, over four seconds faster than runner-up Lake Braddock and nearly nine seconds faster than third-place Woodbridge.

Members of the T.C. lightweight 8 include: coxswain Brianna Zuckerman and rowers Angelo Leitner-Wise, Calvin Heimberg, George Waskowicz, Toavina Ratolojanahary, Sarin Suvanasai, Alex Psaltis-Ivanis, Perry Connor and Preston Tracy. The lights are guided by T.C. crew boys' head coach Pete Stramese, who has been at the helm for all three state titles.

In addition to the boys' lightweight 8 and girls' 1V, two other Titan boats also won trips to the medal dock as a result of their performance at the state championships. The medal-winning boats included the T.C. girls' second varsity 8, which captured silver in one of the most exciting races of the day - a race that saw the Titan 2V turn on the afterburners in the last 500 meters and cross the finish line just over one second behind the crew from Madison. Members of the girls' 2V include: coxswain Maggie Chamberlain and rowers Rachael Vannatta, Abby Prall, Ilianna Herrman, Kate Arnold, Lynn Stevens, Alyssa Forbes, Sarah Scroggs and LeeAnn Richards. The 2V is guided by T.C. Williams head girls' crew coach Pat Marquardt.

Also winning a trip to the medal dock was the boys' varsity 8, who captured the bronze medal with a

hard-fought performance that saw the Titans finish with a time of 4:42.92, just off the pace of defending champion St. Albans and the crew from Woodson, which came in second. Members of the boys' 1V include: coxswain Spenser Gilliand and rowers Ben Blakeslee, Sam Zickar, Nate Conrad, Noah Stewart, Rodrigo Robles, Carter Weitekamp, Greg Montenegro, and Tyler Souza. The varsity 8 is guided by coach Pete Hearding.

The bronze medal won by the boys' varsity 8 marks the first time since 2006 that T.C. Williams has medaled in the 1V state championship competition. Coincidentally, the boat the Titans medaled in that year is the same boat the 1V medaled in this past Saturday – the Schuyler Hamilton Jones. In another coincidence, both boats were stroked by siblings – the '06 1V was stroked by Paul Blakeslee, while the year's 1V was stroked by his younger brother, Ben.

The T.C. crew team's performance this past Saturday caps a successful two-week run for the Titans, during which T.C. rowers not only competed in championship regattas for both the upper and lower boats, but came away with eight medals along the way—three state championships, three silver medals, and two bronze medals.

Next up for the T.C. Williams crew team is the prestigious Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia this weekend. A two-day competition, Stotesbury is the oldest and largest high school regatta in the U.S.

For the complete schedule and more information about T.C. Williams Crew, please visit w w w . t c w c r e w . o r g o r w w w . f a c e b o o k . c o m / alexandria.crewboosters.

SCHOOL NOTES

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The following two James Madison University students embarked on spring break trips around the country and world: **Danielle Johnson**, a senior anthropology major, traveled to Paix Bouche, Dominica to work with Paix Bouche Community Councilas. Led by Dr. Amy Paugh, students from James Madison University's Anthropology department studied the culture of Dominica. After meeting once a week throughout the semester, students went to this small, Caribbean island to conduct ethnographic research, participate in community service projects and explore the island. Cristina **Perez-Rubio**, a senior health sciences major, traveled to Boston, Mass., to work with New England Center for Homeless Veterans. Students on this trip volunteered around the Center by taking and sorting donations, creating overnight kits and helping to prepare and serve meals to veterans. Students were able to better understand the struggles that many former armed services members face after active duty and assisted in the support of those homeless veterans in the Boston area.

Sheldon Pearce is now a Member of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Association. Pearce was one of 26 business communication inductees who attended the ceremony held in the Pavilion on the Greenspring campus of Stevenson University.

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Cynthia Chmura Fondriest, age 67, of

Alexandria, Virginia, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Ms. Fondriest graduated from Cass Technical High School and attended Michigan State University. She had a twenty-year career in advertising agencies in both Detroit and Chicago.

After the birth of her two daughters, Mary Margaret and Sarah Elizabeth, Ms. Fondriest began a new career in commuter transportation management, first at the Southeast Michigan

Governments and, in 1986, joining the City of Alexandria as a Transportation Planner. In 1987, she founded her own consulting business, Strategic

Transportation Initiatives, providing transportation management, marketing and strategic planning to corporations, developers and government agencies throughout the United States. AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property located at 941 and 945 North Alfred Street to construct and main-A visionary in the field, she opened and operated the first retail tain an encroachment for two porches at that location. The proposed ordinance permits the owner of 941 and 945 oped the CarrCOMPASS transportation benefits program for North Alfred Street to construct porches that encroach approximately 2.62 feet into the public landscape strip adjacent to the marketing research to commuter transportation issues. She sidewalk right-of-way. was an early advocate of employer-based telework programs and most recently was working on the installation of electric AN ORDINANCE to amend the regular meetings of City Cour car-charging stations.

car-charging stations.

A long-time member of the Association for Commuter Transportation, she served several terms as a member of the ACT Board of Directors, chaired the Association's International Conferences in 1989, 1999 and 2009, and served as President of the Chesapeake Chapter for twelve years. She also was active, in the Michigan State University Alumni Association, where she served as Director of Networking for the DC Spartans, affectionately known within the association as "Spartan Cindy."

In addition to her daughters Mary Margaret of Craftsbury, Vermont and Sarah Elizabeth (Brian Staton) of Springfield, Virginia and granddaughter Carmela Staton, Ms. Fondriest is survived by two sisters, Carol Castronova (Frank) and Christine Scannission.

and granddaughter Carmeia Station, ins. Futurities is survived by two sisters, Carol Castronova (Frank) and Christine Scandirito, nieces, Ellen (Michael) Scandirito, Emily (Chip) Dumitrescu, Andrea (Jamie) Merritt, nephews Frank (Gaye) Castronova

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONAL Authors (Scrab) Castronova

The family will be receiving visitors at the Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home in Alexandria on Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDI-Funeral Home in Alexandria on Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and the first of the first Church in Springfield on Friday at 10 a.m. Burial will be in



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 10 (MOTOR VE-HICLES AND TRAFFIC), Chapter 1 (GENERAL PROVI-SIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981,

The proposed ordinance makes changes to the streets where truck traffic is prohibited by prohibiting trucks from using North Early Street between Menokin Drive and Braddock Road.

AN ORDINANCE to animal (SAME- ELIGIBILITY, RESTRICTIONS GENERALL), 2.164 (SAME-ADMINSTRATION BY CITY MANAGER) of Division 1 (REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION OR DEFERRA FOR ELDERLY OR PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED PERSONS) of Article L (REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The ordinance (1) adds that the City Manager may also require applicants to provide bank and investment statements and (2) reduces the net combined financial worth of an applicant from \$\$540,000 to \$430,000. AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 3-2-163

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the tenant and owners of the BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC property located at 115 and 117 King Street, in the City of for a Wine and Beer on Prem Alexandria, Virginia to construct and maintain an encroach- ises/Mixed Beverage on Prem

Alexandria, Virginia to construct and maintain an encroachment for an awning on the front building wall at that location.

The proposed ordinance implements the encroachment approved by the City Council on April 12, 2014 and permits the
restaurant located at 115 and 117 King Street to construct an
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-373 newspaper legal notices ob-(ELECTRIC UTILITY CONSUMER TAX) of Article V (ELEC-TRIC AND NATURAL GAS CONSUMERS TAX) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND BDC 800-552-3200 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PRO-CUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The ordinance increases the electric utility consumer tax on (1) commercial consumers to \$1.18 pules the rate of \$0.005578 on each Kilowatt Hour delivered monthly to the consumer and (2) industrial consumers to \$1.18 plus the rate of \$0.004544 on each Kilowatt Hour delivered monthly to the consumer.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-102 (LEVY AND RATE) of Article I (TAX ON SALE OF CIGARETTES) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandric Virginia 1091 as propried andria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance increases the City's cigarette tax rate from \$1.00 to \$1.15 per pack.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-62 (TAX RATE AND LEVY) of Article F (TAX ON PERSONS PURCHASING TELEPHONE AND WATER SERVICES) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PRO-CUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

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or call (703) 746-4146. The meeting is open to the public. The City of Alexandria is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended. To request a reasonable accommodation, email Geralyn.Taylor@AlexandriaVA.gov or call (703)746-4084, Virginia Relay 711. The City of Alexandria fully complies with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information, or to file a Title VI complaint, see AlexandriaVA.gov or call (703) 746-3140. Para información en español, llame al (703) 746-3140. When: Thursday, May 22, 2014 4:00 pm—8:00 pm (open house) Where: Landmark Mall - Meeting Room Located in the Macy's wing Parking Deck Entrance - Second Level 5801 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22304

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