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Great Waves Waterpark at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. offers these twisting slides leading into a splash pool.

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Splishin' and Splashin' in the Summer Sun

This summer, cool off with the family at Great Waves Waterpark.

BY ELIZABETH BEANE
GAZETTE PACKET

Great Waves Waterpark is a summer fun must-do. Between the water slides, the Kids Zone, and the Wave Pool, Great Waves offers something for everyone in the family to enjoy.

Former Alexandria resident Eddie Gunn said he enjoys the big water slides, while his daughter, 6 years old, has the most fun on the Splash Pad.

Great Waves Waterpark includes a 17,500-square-foot pool that produces rolling waves, five curling and straight waterslides, the Paradise Play structure for children, the Kids Zone which includes smaller slides, a wading pool, and the Splash Pad with falling water buckets and water tables.

The park also has a gift shop called the Shark Shack as well as miniature golf and batting cages.

Great Waves offers many different ticket options for these attractions, some of which include unlimited use of the waterpark, batting cages, and miniature golf; unlimited use of only the waterpark; or the bounce pass, which is a seasonal pass. Prices range from \$14.50- \$85 for individuals 48 inches and taller, less for children not reach-



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Indulge in some ice cream at the Riptide café after taking a quick dip in one of the pools. Then get some lunch and an ice cold drink.

Nannies usually bring children to play during the week when it is not as crowded and families come for the day on the weekends. Lunch can be bought in the park, serving chicken fingers, hot dogs, fries, burgers, etc. About 95 percent of visitors buy in the park, but lunch can also be brought from home and eaten at picnic tables outside the waterpark gates, said Wensinger.

Larger groups such as camps and school fieldtrips are also welcomed and encouraged to come during the week when they can receive a group rate.

Ronni Coleman, who visits the park with her daughters, 8 and 13, about once a season, said she "recommended the waterpark to a friend, who runs a daycare, to bring all of the children during the week."

Great Waves will cater to them as well as other groups such as family reunions at the two large pavilions that can be rented out. For more details and ticketing information go to www.greatwaveswaterpark.com.



Small waves crash in the shallow end of the wave pool, while big 4-foot rolling ones form at the eight-foot deep end.

Send the children up Paradise Play and watch as they have fun sliding down the slides and finding their way through mazes inside.

Details

Great Waves Waterpark at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave., 703-960-5714.

Tickets can be purchased online or in person. Pavilions must be rented in person. Group/birthday party reservations can be made at 703-960-0767.

ing that height and free for children under the age of 2.

"We usually buy a pass for the summer, it's much cheaper than buying day tickets since we go about 15-26 times a season" said Gunn.

The waterpark's season lasts from opening day on Memorial Day weekend, May 24, to Labor Day, Sept. 1. Paradise Play, the batting cages, and the miniature golf are open until Oct. 31.

The park has a long and busy season, but to avoid the crowds try coming to the park at certain times and days of the week. "Our busiest day is definitely Saturday, that's the day most of the families come, by midday there is not much parking left," said Donny Wensinger, Great Waves Waterpark and Cameron Runs Regional Park manager.

To avoid the rush, come earlier in the day on Saturday. Visitors can take the bus since there is a bus stop right out side the parking lot.

"If you come Tuesday or Wednesday or anytime during the week you'll be one of 800 instead of one of 2,000 on the weekends," said Wensinger.

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May

THURSDAYS THROUGH JULY

Alexandria Boutiques Up Late. Times vary by location. Accompanied by special block parties with in-store events emphasizing different sections of Alexandria's King Street, from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays from May 8-June 5, 2014. Boutiques will continue to remain open until 8 p.m. throughout July. Check website for specific hours and block party locations. Free. Visit www.OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com for more.

THROUGH JUNE 16

Arlington National Cemetery 150th Anniversary Observation. Join the 150th anniversary commemoration of the establishment as a National Cemetery. Features guided tours, lectures, and ceremonies. Ticketed and free. Check www.arlingtoncemetery.mil for details.

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH AUG. 6

Twilight Tattoo: A Military Pageant, Arlington. 7 p.m. Fort Myer, Arlington. Listen to an hour long ceremony by the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, the U.S. Army Drill Team, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, as well as many more. Free. Visit www.usarmyband.com.

FRIDAYS/MAY 30-JUNE 27

Vintage Crystal: Wine in the Water Park. 6-10 p.m. Across from 1750 Crystal Dr. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

FRIDAYS/MAY 30-AUG. 22

Rosslyn Summer Film Festival. 8-10 p.m. Gateway Park. Enjoy work and office-themed movies, including Horrible Bosses and Office Space, Fridays in Rosslyn. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Arlington, Celebration & Pancake Breakfast. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S. Third Street. The Ball-Sellers House will be open all day for free tours after the pancake breakfast and then will invite visitors to relax under the wisteria arbor after the parade for colonial treats and lemonade. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 31-SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Clifton, Tournaments for Turf: Moonlight Madness. 6 p.m. Braddock Park, Braddock Road, Clifton. All night (begins 6 p.m., Sunday, May 31 and wraps up Sunday morning), co-ed adult softball extravaganza includes three-game, 55-minute game guarantee. \$275-\$300. Registration deadline: May 28. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/tournaments-for-turf or call 703-324-8759.

Springfield Days/Party in the Park. 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest," car show and more. Movie in the Park begins at dusk. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

June

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Cardboard Boat Regatta. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness the cardboard boat creations

race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569-0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

MONDAYS/JUNE 2-AUG. 25

Crystal Screen: In Flight. 1851 S. Bell St. Rain or shine. Movies begin after sunset. Free. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 4- AUG. 27

Lee District Nights Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Lee District Park Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. Enjoy a wide variety of acts from The Nighthawks to The U.S. Air Force Band. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5- JULY 17

Sunsets with a Soundtrack at Brucker Hall. 8 p.m. Brucker Hall on Fort Myer, Arlington. Sit back and enjoy the sounds of the U.S. Army as they commemorate and acknowledge different historical events. Free. Visit www.usarmyband.com for cancellations and location changes.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Go West! Alexandria West End Food Truck Rodeo. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Parking lot of Southern Towers Apartments, 4901 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Visitors can look forward to favorite trucks like the popular Red Hook Lobster truck, sips from local Port City Brewing Co. as well as non-food vendors and children's activities. Free admission. Visit www.AlexandriaWEBA.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5-26

Alexandria, War of 1812 Outdoor Concert Series. Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Pack a picnic dinner and blanket and enjoy a concert on the Carlyle House's lawn, featuring live 1812-themed music of the era. 703-549-2997. Suggested donation \$5. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/1812 for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-AUG. 29

Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Enjoy a wide variety of genres and performers at the Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ for more.

FRIDAYS/JUNE 6-AUG. 22

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Alexandria, Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. Also July 19 and Aug. 9. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Tour the Alexandria Seaport on this 60-minute waterfront excursion. Dogs must be on 6 ft. flat

leash at all times. \$15/adults; \$9/children; dogs ride free. Call 703-684-0580 or visit www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com/canine-cruise.php.

THURSDAYS/JUNE 12-26

Garden Stroll & Tea. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Tour some of the glorious demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will inspire you with stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, traditional English afternoon tea served in 1784 historic house. Register online. \$29. Call 703-941-7987 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 13-15

Tinner Hill Blues Festival. Various locations around Falls Church. The Tinner Hill Blues Festival is the only three-day event in Falls Church. There will be all kinds of blues for all ages, all weekend, all over town. Visit <http://tinnerhill.org/blues-festival> for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

War of 1812 Commemoration Boat Cruise. Boarding at 6:45 p.m., cruise 7-10 p.m. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. This tour includes period-inspired food, accounts of the Battle of the White House at Fort Belvoir and Fort Washington. \$75; \$100/sponsor-level. 703-746-4242. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/1812 for more.

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and digital artwork. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html for more.

Mount Vernon Nights: Alt Washingtonia (Bavarian). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Alt Washingtonia performs traditional Alpine dances from Germany and Austria. Performances include the long alphorns, yodeling and singing, cowbell-ringing, musical saw, button-box accordion, zither, and mountain dulcimer. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

Once Upon a Time...(Costume Ball Fundraiser). 7:30-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The evening includes music, dancing, silent auction, food, and performances by cabaret vocalists. Costumes with a fairy-tale theme are not required for entry, but there will be door prizes for the most imaginative costumes. Admission is limited, so early reservations are strongly recommended. \$40. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

Tasting Party: Teas of Korea. 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, Green Springs Road, Alexandria. Korean teas reflect the country's rich forest landscapes. Sample and access some of these delicious tisanes served with traditional Korean foods. \$25. Call 703-941-7987.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

The Old Town Arts and Crafts Fair in collaboration with ArtsFEST. 2-8 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria and the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visitors can browse artisan stalls and purchase handmade pieces while enjoying live entertainment, or watch performances and participate in special activities. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/arts2014 for more.



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Near the conclusion of the performance by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra of the 1812 Overture, the Marines fire off the cannons as fireworks light the night sky during 2013's birthday celebration.

Visit <http://becomeapilot.si.edu> for more.

Father's Day Golf Tournament. Burke Lake Golf Center, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Teams of two compete in an 18-hole scramble format in three divisions: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. Closest to the pin contests. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all three divisions. Limited to first 48 teams. Registration begins two weeks prior to event. \$65/team. Fee due at time of registration, includes lunch. Call 703-323-1641.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

3rd Annual Alexandria Food & Wine Festival. Noon-5 p.m. John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. At this event enjoy live entertainment, children's activities, food and wine tasting and a food and dessert competition between local restaurants. Free (tickets required for food and wine samples). 703-746-5592. Visit www.AlexandriaFoodandWine.com

Ballroom Social Dance. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Put on your dancing shoes and come out to the Workhouse for an evening of social ballroom dance. Bring a friend, a date or a group and enjoy a casual, fun night out. Visit www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 21-22

Relay for Life. 5 p.m. Long Bridge Park Field 1. 475 Long Bridge Drive, Arlington. Visit www.relayforlife.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Sundaes in the Park. 1 p.m. Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St.,

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Celebrate Alexandria's Annual Birthday Bash

Enjoy the USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration from 7:30-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. The evening kicks off with an awards presentation and is followed by birthday cake, a performance by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. The final event is a fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. featuring a performance of the 1812 Overture. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets and picnics are welcome. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase. The event is free and open to the public. Visit www.alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-3301 for more.



Claire enjoys one of the birthday cupcakes at the 2013 celebration.



Elizabeth and Joelle Walker brought a hammock to enjoy the concert and fireworks.

Annandale. Bring the family for a Sunday stroll along the paths around Hidden Oaks Nature Center and stop by the campfire area for a ice cream sundae before or after your visit. Create your own confection with the toppings and enjoy a scoop of farm fresh vanilla ice cream while it lasts. Sundaes \$2. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks for more.

FRIDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 29

Braddock Nights Concert Series. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ for location and schedule.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Del Ray Music Festival. Noon-9 p.m. 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. This event will feature local food vendors, children's activities and a variety of live music, ranging in genre from reggae to jazz, blues to rock. Free. Visit www.DelRayMusicFestival.com for more.

SATURDAYS/JUNE 28-AUG. 23

Burke Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m.

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As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. A typical season at Wolf Trap includes theatre, and musical performances ranging from country to pop to orchestra. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road in Vienna, is accessible from the Metro and parking is free. Visit www.wolftrap.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-8

Disney's Beauty and the Beast. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with an Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." Tickets: \$22-\$80.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

Trey McIntyre Project. 8:30 p.m. In their final D.C.-area performance, this inventive and bold contemporary ballet company performs to Queen's glam-rock stylings. Tickets: \$10-\$44.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band. 8 p.m. Celebrate an era with a band of rock 'n' roll virtuosos from the Beatles, Santana, Toto, and more. Tickets: \$35-\$65.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Il Volo. 8 p.m. Pop-opera trio of Italian teen heartthrobs combines soaring voices with playful charm. Tickets: \$30-\$65.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Louisiana Swamp Romp. 2 p.m. The Big Easy party is back! Dance to Louisiana's hottest Cajun, zydeco, and brass bands and jump in the second line parade. Tickets: \$30.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

John Butler Trio. 7:30 p.m. There's nothing "Better Than" acoustically driven roots-rock and reggae ballads from heartfelt Australian multi-instrumentalists. Tickets: \$32-\$40.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Daryl Hall & John Oates. 8 p.m. Still making your dreams come true with unforgettable soul and rock anthems, these Rock and Roll Hall of Famers are the most successful pop duo of all time. Tickets: \$35-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

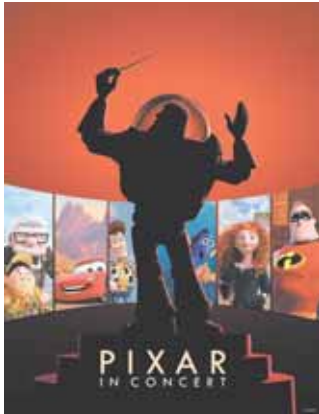
Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including "Finding Nemo," "Up," "Toy Story," and "Monsters, Inc.," paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Rev up your vocal chords for an ultimate summer night with the Rydell High gang and sing-a-long with the hits you're hopelessly devoted to as the original 1978 film is projected in-house and on the lawn with lyrics on screen. Tickets: \$25-\$38.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Ben Folds. 8:15 p.m. Front man of Ben Folds Five and judge of NBC's



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Pixar in Concert: Watch all your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra June 20.

The Sing-Off showcases his new piano concerto and orchestral arrangements of pop hits with the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$25-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also on Sunday, June 29 and Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English superlites. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Beethoven's 9th. 8:15 p.m. Triumphant performance of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" masterpiece and more by preeminent singers and one of the world's leading orchestras in its only 2014 D.C.-area appearance. Tickets: \$25-\$65.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Diana Ross. 8 p.m. Motown's supreme legend has inspired generations of singers with an endless stream of No. 1 hits from "You Can't Hurry Love" to "I'm Coming Out." Tickets: \$35-\$60.

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TUESDAY/JULY 1

Pilobolus. 8:30 p.m. Wild creativity and daring, athletic modern dance. Tickets: \$10-\$48.

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtime. New production, sung in Italian with English superlites. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

8 p.m. (Also Aug. 17 and Sept. 14) at Jackson 20, 480 King St., Alexandria. \$45. Old Town's Jackson 20 will host its annual Bounty of the Bay crab fest, featuring a full scale Chesapeake Bay crab boil, oysters and sides. Call 703-842-2790 or visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/calendar-of-events/summer for more.

main street into a world-class outdoor art gallery. Free. Visit artfestival.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Lorton's Fall Festival. 11 a.m. at Lorton Station Town Center. Enjoy a magic booth, pumpkin painting, photo booth, games, prizes and more. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2014 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit www.planepull.com for more.

Irish Folk Festival. 12-6 p.m. at Sherwood Community Center and Van Dyck Park, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Live traditional Irish dancing and music. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

Colonial Market & Fair. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fifty colonial-attired artisans demonstrate 18th-century crafts and sell traditional wares such as baskets, woodcarvings, tin and ironwork, leatherworkings, weavings, furniture, and much more. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

2nd Annual Arlington Festival of the Arts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Highland Street in the Clarendon District, Arlington. More than 100 artists will showcase their work including paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and much more. Visit artfestival.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Clarendon Day Run. 7-9:30 a.m., Corner of North Highland Street and Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Kick off the Clarendon Day Festival with a 10K, 5K, and a Kids Dash. \$10-\$55. Visit runpacers.com/race/clarendon-day-10k-5k-kids-dash for more.

Now Through....

THROUGH SEPT. 26

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park. Times vary upon Nationals schedule. Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Take a leisurely cruise from Old Town Alexandria to Nationals Park along the Potomac River. Online-ticket purchases include free parking. 703-684-0580. Visit www.BaseballBoat.com for more.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

THROUGH OCTOBER

Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20. 5-8 p.m. Jackson 20, 480 King St., Alexandria. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 offers specials on handcrafted cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free (drinks sold separately) 703-842-2790. Visit www.Jackson20.com/buzzevents_events.php

FRIDAYS THROUGH OCT. 31

Yappy Hour. 6-8 p.m. Le Meridien Arlington, 1121 N 19th St. Enjoy cocktails and appetizers for you pet owners, as well as some tasty treats for your pets. Free entry (drinks not included). rosslynva.org for more.

FARMERS MARKETS

SATURDAYS

Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for a list of vendors.

Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Also year round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Sells meat, dairy, fish, fruits and vegetables. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-3200 or contact oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues, Alexandria. Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, May 31-Oct. 18. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. Corner of Cleveland Avenue and Snoqualmie Street, Mount Vernon. Visit www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org.

Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 22. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm

Reston Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 9. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. Visit www.restonfarmersmarket.com.

Oakton Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Visit www.smartmarkets.org/

Springfield Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Mall, 6417 Loisdale Road, Springfield. www.smartmarkets.org.

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html.

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center St. South, Vienna. Visit www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

Fairfax Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 10-Nov. 1. 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com.

SUNDAYS

Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays,

The Open Air Market in the Lake Anne Plaza features artisans, global imports and health products



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8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Visit www.Clarendon.org. 703-812-8881.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from April 27-November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.4mrmarket.org/ for more.

West End Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 4-Nov. 2. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm

McLean Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. www.smartmarkets.org/

Tyson's Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. www.tysonspartnership.org

Fairfax Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, May 11-Oct. 26. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va.

TUESDAYS

The Crystal City FRESHFARM Market is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St., Arlington. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

WEDNESDAYS

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4-Sept. 24. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. 415 E Kincaid St., Mount Vernon. www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org/

Wakefield Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays, May 7-Oct. 29. Features an average of 21 vendors including a fish vendor, knife sharpener and soap vendor. Cooking demonstrations and live music some weeks. 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.com/

Reston Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. www.smartmarkets.org.

Frying Pan Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon.

www.farmersmarketfryingpan.nova-antiques.com.

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 3:30-7 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va.

THURSDAYS

Rosslyn Farmers Market and Concert. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, May 29-Sept. 25, across the street from Cupid's Garden Sculpture, 1401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1.

Annandale Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon Thursdays, May 2-Nov. 7. Featuring a master gardener plant clinic on site to answer questions about plants and landscaping. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. 703-941-1730. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm

Herndon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn Street, Herndon. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm

Fairfax's Government Center Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Oct. 30. Ten vendors including a Middle Eastern delicacy bakery and custom organic ice cream shop. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/governmentcentr-mrkt.htm.

Lorton Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays. New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. Visit www.smartmarkets.org.

FRIDAYS

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Nov. 21. Vendors include an orchard and winery company and specialty berry farm. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm

VIEWPOINTS

Asking Alexandria residents
what they do for fun in the summer.



Ashlee Smith:
“I like to go biking and to the Farmers Market. I just discovered Geocaching.”



The Warren Family:
“We like to go to the tot lot on Commonwealth (a.k.a. the Log Park) and to Dairy Godmother.”



Annie Mitchell:
“I like to garden, play with the dogs in the dog park and at ‘Your Dog’s Best Friend.’”

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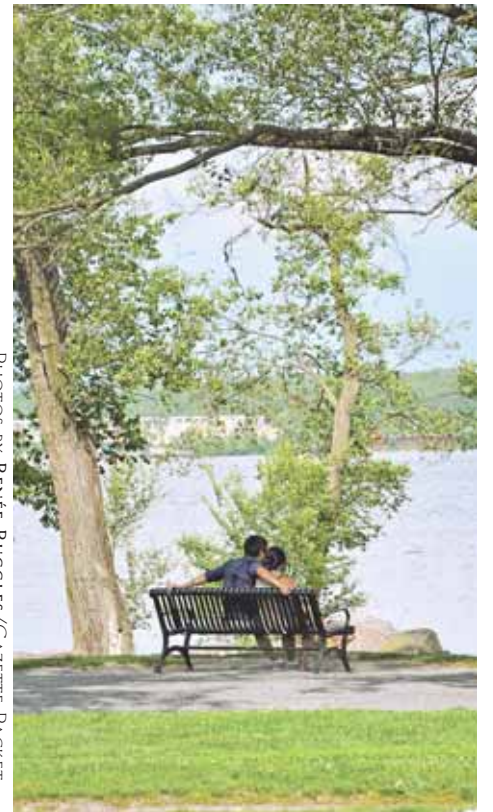
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Waterfront Joy

Visitors enjoy the warm spring weather in Founders Park in Old Town Alexandria with dogs playing and residents walking along the water.

A couple enjoys a quiet moment at Founders Park along the waterfront in Old Town Alexandria.



Gardening

Chinquapin Organic Gardens are run by the City of Alexandria, with assistance from a group of volunteers. The garden plots provide a place to grow fruits, vegetables, and flowers in a community setting.



Gardening also provides an opportunity for creative expression. Each plot is unique in purpose and appearance, with some geared more towards vegetables rather than flowers.



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Registration for the plots opens at the beginning of the year. Priority is given to current plot owners.



By SALLY B. MACKLIN/GAZETTE PACKET

Out Walking

Four of Alexandria AHA — At Home In Alexandria — walkers were out taking a hike in north Old Town along the Potomac River on May 20. They are, from left, Bill Clayton, Mary Nefedov, Eleanor Kask and Barbara Rosenfeld. At Home Alexandria is a nonprofit organization that helps seniors to remain independent in their homes, and stay involved in their communities.



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People Watching

Tina and Molly Edwards take in the sights outside the Torpedo Factory.