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## Alexandria Celebrates Its 265th

Thousands of residents and guests watch the firework display from Oronoco Bay Park at the conclusion of last Saturday evening's annual Alexandria Birthday Celebration. More photos, page 26.

## Missing Link

City to purchase waterfront parking lot for \$5 million.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

City officials are on the verge of finalizing the sale of two slices of waterfront property, a \$5 million purchase years in the making that will help seal a deal with the Old Dominion Boat Club and open up a key part of the waterfront to the public. The properties complete a set city officials began to compile back in 2006, when the city purchased the old Beachcomber Restaurant and one-third of the parking lot next to it for \$3 million.

"These are important parcels," said Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks. "They are a missing link that will help us get one step closer to a multi-decade goal of having continuous public access along the water."

The purchase is taking place just as members of the Old Dominion

### Along the Waterfront

❖ **0 Prince Street:** City purchased this property on Feb. 27, 2006 for \$1,135,000 from Mark and Stephen Richards.

❖ **200 Strand Street:** City purchased this property on Feb. 27, 2006 for \$1,690,000 from Stephen Richards et al.

❖ **204 Strand Street:** City is expected to purchase this property for \$2,439,500 from Anita Mann.

❖ **208 Strand Street:** City is expected to purchase this property for \$2,439,500 from Jane Caster Sweeney.

Boat Club are expected to vote this weekend on finalizing a land swap, a separate deal that's been years in the making. City officials will get the boat club's property at the foot of King Street, which they

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## Transitway to the Future

Alexandria and Arlington to launch region's first transitway with dedicated lanes.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

This week, elected leaders and government officials from Alexandria and Arlington will turn swords into plowshares, setting aside their previous differences about the Crystal City Potomac Yard transitway and wielding ceremonial shovels to break ground. Transportation

leaders say the sleek blue Metroway buses represent a bold step forward for Northern Virginia and the commonwealth. When the Alexandria part of the transitway opens next month, it will have the first dedicated lanes in the metropolitan region, setting the stage for the next generation of transportation planners to follow, the first of which will be the Arlington por-

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## Locating the Metro

Federal officials are in the final stages of putting together an environmental impact study for the Potomac Yard Metro station, a development that will set the stage for a key decision this fall. When the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority releases the study this fall, city officials will begin a series of events that will culminate in a decision about where the Metro station is located — a key decision that will have lasting consequences on growth and development in the city for years to come.

“That will be subject to community meetings and several public hearings in the late fall and winter,” said Deputy City Manager **Mark Jinks**. “And then in early 2015 the City Council will choose a locally preferred alternative.”

One site is at the northern edge of Potomac Greens. The other site is at the southern edge of the Potomac Yard shopping plaza. Although the two potential locations are in close proximity, they are far apart in terms of what they might mean for the value of land to be developed and the ability of the developer to contribute to the project. For city leaders, financing the construction of the Metro station will be a major commitment in the coming years. After council members make a decision about the location, federal officials will issue what they call a “record of decision.”

“Once you get to a locally preferred alternative, you can proceed to start the design process,” said Jinks. “And environmental impact statement process for a major infrastructure like this is a long process, and then you have the process of building the infrastructure itself.”

## Severance Indicted

**Charles Severance** has been indicted, but not for murder.

This week, a grand jury in Loudoun County indicted Severance on one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. If convicted, he would face a mandatory minimum sentence of two years.

Severance, who is 53, is a former Alexandria man who police say is the focus of their investigation into three unsolved murders — **Nancy Dunning** in 2003, **Ron Kirby** in 2013 and **Ruthanne Lodato** earlier this year. Although Alexandria Police Chief **Earl Cook** says his detectives have narrowed the scope of their investigation to Severance, whom they describe as a “prime focus” of their investigation, Severance has not been formally named a suspect.

“We do not normally talk about people we are looking at in an investigation,” said Cook last month. “It was only the unique circumstances around him that we are discussing him.” Severance lawyer says the gun charge is a sham to hold him while police continue to investigate the Alexandria slayings. He’s been in custody since March.

## Following the Money

Old Town resident and Democratic U.S. Sen. **Mark Warner** has a considerable lead over Republican challenger Ed Gillespie, according to figures released this week by the campaigns at the end of the second fiscal quarter. Warner says he raised \$2.7 million while Gillespie says he raised about \$1.9 million.

But the former Republican National Committee chairman’s campaign also said it received contributions from 47 donors who had previously given to Warner, and the Republicans believe they are gaining momentum. “The \$4.1 million raised by the campaign to-date puts the campaign among the top non-incumbent Republican campaigns,” said campaign manager Chris Leavitt, “and positions it well to get Ed’s positive message out to voters.”

## All Work and Some Play

It’s summertime. But the city’s government moves on.

Just ask Alexandria Mayor **Bill Euille**. When asked about his summertime plans, Euille says he has been at City Hall conducting business every day so far this summer.

“I haven’t been out of town yet,” said Euille.

The mayor said he is planning to take some time off next week to visit family in the Tidewater and the Outer Banks. Then, in August, he says he’ll finally take a vacation and head to San Francisco, where he will visit a high school friend who is now an attorney there.

“My plan is to relax,” said Euille. “It’s one of my favorite cities in the world, and the last time I was out there was about three years ago.”

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

**The city already owns the old Beachcomber Restaurant and one third of this parking lot, which were purchased by the city using open space funds in 2006. Now the City Council is about to consider an ordinance that would finalize the sale of the rest of the parking lot, which will cost about \$5 million.**

## City To Purchase Waterfront Lots

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want to transform into a public plaza known as Fitzgerald Square. Boat Club members will get \$5 million from the city and a new home at the foot of Prince Street in addition to a boat launch.

“This allows us to meet the purpose of the waterfront plan,” said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. “This will open up the entire waterfront to accessibility and connectivity.”

**THE HISTORY** of the Beachcomber and the parking lot goes back to the 1940s, a time when the property was underwater. A 1941 Sanborn Fire Insurance map shows a jagged shoreline where the Beachcomber Restaurant building and parking lot would later be located with an automatic laundry and wood-storage facility across the street. A group of investors believed they could transform the property from an industrial backwater to a scenic spot on the river. In 1945, Thomas Hulfish, Edward Wayne and John Bethea leased the property from the owners of Robinson Terminal and constructed the Beachcomber Restaurant over the water.

“There was no other land available,” said Tom Hulfish, whose father was one of the restaurant’s owners. “And they wanted to open a seafood restaurant.”

Several years later, the land under the Beachcomber and the land creating the parking lot next to it were created by using leftover materials from

Robinson Concrete. John Richards, who was the clerk of Robinson Concrete, transformed the Beachcomber into a retail firearms shop. The newly created land to the south of the restaurant was part of Aitcheson Fuel Company. When the fuel company eased operations, Richards formed a partnership with former Alexandria Mayor Frank Mann and businessman Robert Sweeney, who ran a Hickory Farms franchise at the corner of Pitt and Cameron streets. The trio purchased the property for \$100,000, quite an investment considering its value today.

“You have to remember that this was an industrial area back then,” said Hulfish.

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— Deputy City Manager  
**Mark Jinks**

**THE WATERFRONT PLAN** calls for the parking lot the city is now purchasing to become part of an expanded Point Lumley Park. The theme for the block is “the working seaport,” and leaders of the Seaport Foundation are trying to gain access to a civic building that the city plans to construct here as part of the park. A pedestrian promenade will extend along the water’s edge, and the new park could be a location for historical markers, monuments or public art.

“Waterside activities should include opportunities to get into the water, such as kayak, canoe, rowboat or small sailboat rental,” according to the waterfront plan. “Raised hardscaped areas, positioned to mimic the historic piers, could be constructed and designed to not only provide historic interpretation but as part of the functional flood-wall in this area.”

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Anthony Ellison and Charles Wanzer soap up and spray down one of the SUVs in line at the car wash last Saturday. Also working on the car is Tony Carter.

# Car Wash for a Cause

There was no shortage of suds as volunteers for the Unity Day Festival washed cars in the parking lot of Advanced Auto Parts on Duke Street on Saturday afternoon, July 12.

The volunteers are raising money for the upcoming Unity Day Festival to be held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Field behind the Gum Springs Community Center on July 26 from noon to 7 p.m.

The family festival will include live entertainment and refreshments.



Volunteers Dorothy Bell and Harold Harris take a short break at the car wash.



Advanced Auto Parts general manager Nevin Cuff checks on the progress of the volunteers in the back lot of the store on Duke Street.

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## PEOPLE

# Life Lessons on the Water Amy Zang directs sailing camp.

By SHIRLEY RUHE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**I**t was 9:45 a.m. in early July, and Amy Zang, who lives in Del Ray, was checking in the 141 campers sitting on the lawn waiting for their week of sailing instruction at the Washington Sailing Marina. Zang has been at the sailing camp for 25 years, the last 20 years as director. This week there are six different levels of classes for kids and on weekends and evenings there are adult sailing courses available. “I have nine coming tonight.”

**PEOPLE AT WORK** “Listen,” she says between the roars of planes taking off from the airport.

“Find a partner; meet someone new.” The beginning sailors, who will be learning on the Sunfish, walk by in pairs to their 15-minute land lesson with a sail instructor, then slip into their orange life jackets and off to rig the boats. “OK, you put up the jib first.” The classes move up to a Flying Scot, then a Hobie Cat.

“We start with the bare minimum — how to steer and turn the boat, how to avoid capsizing and how to right the boat if you do.” Zang says.

On the second lesson they move on to wind direction and reinforcing the parts of the boat. “Once they get a little taste, they get hooked and are willing to listen because they want to know how to make the boat go.” She says tacking up wind is probably the hardest thing to learn to do.

Zang answers her walkie-talkie attached to her belt — a check-in on one of the sailors. A staffer needs two more small life jackets and another reports an engine bubble. A maintenance worker stops by to drop off spare daggerboard handles. Then a call in for lunch orders. She says, “This goes on all day long.”

Today she says she has a staff of 40 although she has a database to draw on of about 60. She points to a sheaf of papers that makes scheduling a nightmare but gives more flexibility to everyone. “Heather, right behind me, has been here 14 years and Nick, who is director of wind surfing, has been here 15 years. I have all levels of staff beginning with the teenage Counselors in Training (CIT) who can move up with experience. All instructors must complete a 6-hour on-line boat safety training course, CPR and first aid, and an on-water 20-hour training course with me. I spend a lot of time training staff and make them interchangeable to the extent possible. My staff are the face of the camp and they know I love it and what I expect.”

Zang says she has a number of youths from Alexandria, but many come from all over the metropolitan area. A number of them come for more than one week and then return the next year. Many are staying with grandma and come while they are here. “Last week I had two campers from Spain. Since there is a large diplomatic presence, we have a big variety.”



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

**Amy Zang, director of the Washington Sailing Marina, checks in sailing campers and sends them off to their pre-briefing groups before heading out to the water.**



**Beginning sailors in their Sunfish have just finished tacking the boats and are headed toward the open water at the Washington Sailing Marina camp in July.**

The program has grown since Zang began when camp was offered for six weeks in the summer and averaged 60 youths. Now it is 11 weeks and averages 100 a week. Although this year looks good, she says the economy has taken a toll the last couple of years as attendance fell. And the older teenagers who used to use their pay as extra spending money now rely on it more as a necessity.

Zang is a special education teacher during the school year and says the organization and management skills she learned in teaching have been invaluable. “Knowing how people think is huge.” Recently she added, “we had a young girl who was too afraid to go out. So I sat with her. Then a couple of days later, she said she would like to go out with me and I just sailed by the dock. She loved it, got hooked and came back for another week. I work with people.” She pointed out that sailing is also good thing for youths with ADHD because the results are immediate; the boat responds or it doesn’t, and they want to know why.

It is 12:15 and the boats are back at the dock for an hour lunch break. Lunch is followed by a debriefing about what they learned that worked or didn’t from the morning’s activities — then backed out until 3:45. And as Zang’s T-shirt declares, you can’t change the wind but you can adjust the sails. “A life lesson,” she says.



**Some of the sailing campers have already skippered in their Sunfish and are the first to rig their boats and head out to the water at the Washington Sailing Marina camp.**



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On October 28, 1893, Officer Crump and Officer Gayton Arrington returned to headquarters. They joined a third officer, James McCuen, who was on duty there. They sat around the stove and between 4 and 5 a.m., Officer McCuen dozed off.

Suddenly, Officer McCuen jumped up and fired his pistol at Officer Crump. The round struck Officer Crump in the left knee. Officer Arrington observed Officer McCuen cocking the pistol again and immediately grabbed his arm and yelled. This woke Officer McCuen, who then realized what he had done. Officer Crump's wound was tended to and he was driven to his home to recover.

At an inquiry, Officer McCuen stated he dreamt a dog was coming at him and explained that he must have fired at the imaginary dog. He was suspended for 30 days for dereliction of duty and falling asleep.

Officer Crump's injury proved to be very serious and because the round was lodged so deeply in his leg, doctors were unable to remove it. Infection set in and he died at his home on December 28, 1893, at the age of 45. Officer Crump was survived by his wife and their five children.

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## PEOPLE

# Advising Senior Citizens

**Carla Rollandini assists those in their "golden years."**

BY KAREN L. BUNE  
GAZETTE PACKET

When she is not making her rounds and visiting sick patients and their families at the hospital, Carla Rollandini is working as a self-employed professional and began her endeavor of "Carla Care, Inc." in 1993. Her inspiration evolved from her daughter who came home and shared stories about how she used to read to senior citizens at the library. After listening to her daughter's feedback, Rollandini believed she could help people by going into their homes and lending a hand.

Her services include evaluating a person's living situation, recommending resources and coordination of care, arranging family coordination meetings and providing patient advocacy. She provides direct services and has served as a patient advocate for many.

Rollandini assists elders with decisions that include deciding whether or not to move to a retirement home, helping them with contracts, driving them to various appointments, and instructing them on how to make their homes safer by suggesting the installation and usage of chair lifts, and she contacts the necessary personnel to make it happen.

"Each person is different and has a different story. A lot of people just want you to talk to them every week," she said. Rollandini has been known to take elderly people to lunch, drive them for a visit with a friend, and escort them to church, a concert, or some other event of their choosing. She took one woman to her Phi Beta Kappa meetings every month. "What makes me different from everybody is that I stay with every person I have. I develop relationships," Rollandini said.

Though the "Golden Years" are touted as ones to look forward to, people age and develop health conditions or illnesses requiring assistance. "It's good to have an advocate for decisions," Rollandini said.

She points out the need for people to focus on what is important and to make plans. "Talk about how do you want the end of your life to look. I try to instill a dose of reality all the time with people. I see myself as coming in and making order out of the chaos — particularly managing the medical needs. A lot of people don't know

what is going on," she said.

Most elderly people have become handicapped due to a medical condition and, consequently, require assistance of some type. "Being a social worker, I see that as my life vocation. I like to see how I can help people's lives get better or I can make them more comfortable or even if those are approaching death, I've helped the family," Rollandini said.

Mike Gill and his siblings engaged the services of "Carla Care" for his father who has since died.

"She puts it all together," Gill said. With Rollandini's presence and involvement, Gill noted his father was more at ease. "She's skilled, she's honest, she's a great resource," he said.

"Carla Rollandini is known to me professionally and personally. Although she is a businesswoman, she treats all of her clients and their family members like she would treat her own family — this is, perhaps, the greatest gift she offers. She is the person every family needs when they are trying to provide a chance for their elderly loved one to 'age in place.' Carla genuinely loves hearing the life histories of those for whom she cares and treasures the company of those entrusted to her. What she does enriches the lives of elders and offers family members the peace of knowing their loved ones are in very capable hands," the Rev. Patricia Dickson, the director of pastoral care at Inova Alexandria Hospital, said.

Rollandini also writes legacy books in which she tells the life story of a person. This allows the family to have the memory of their loved one in a book after their death. She wrote one about her own parents.

"Dealing with the death of your parents is finding an appropriate place to put your feelings," Rollandini said.

Families have engaged her to write the story about their loved ones and, so far, she has written six legacy books.

In many cases, she has been a part of, as she said, "the whole life stage ending." Having studied thanatology — the study of death and dying — Rollandini is also able to assist families in dealing with the final stages of life and the difficulties that accompany it.

*Karen L. Bune is a freelance writer who also serves as an adjunct professor at George Mason University and Marymount University.*



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**Carla Rollandini**

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Alexandria resident and city official **Bruce E. Johnson** has joined Alexandria Renew Enterprises' Board of Directors. He fills the vacancy left by Ed Semonian, who retired from the board in January 2014 after 44 years of service, much of it

as chairman. Johnson's appointment was confirmed by the Alexandria City Council. Alexandria Renew Enterprises is the former Alexandria Sanitation Authority.

**Matt White** has joined RGS Title Alexandria as branch counsel. White was born and raised in

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# OBITUARY

## James Milton Higgins

Alexandria native James Milton Higgins died on July 7, 2014, after a hale and hearty 90 years of life. He leaves to mourn his wife of 24 years, Cobina Christley Higgins of Alexandria, and his son, Jeffrey Kent Higgins of Pensacola, Fla. He also leaves his brother, Richard Higgins, with wife Lucy, of Callao, Va., and his niece Bonnie Higgins Bailey of Alexandria. Jim is beloved by many more — his step-daughters Gwen (John) Rinehart, JP and Hillary, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Luanne (Dean) Johnson, Perry and Wren, of Marietta, Ga., and other nieces and nephews. Jim is also sorely missed by his dear New England

in-laws, a n d m a n y l o n g - t i m e f r i e n d s a t Belle H a v e n Country Club. He was preceded in death by his sister Evelyn Nuckols, and brother Robert Higgins.

Jimmie excelled at track, baseball and basketball at George Washington High School in Alexandria, graduating in 1941. He spent four years in the Army Air Corps, and came home to complete a master's degree at Ben-



jamin Franklin School of Accountancy.

Throughout his life he enjoyed many sports activities. He found he even enjoyed bowling, tennis and golf. He was privileged to become a referee for local prep and college basketball games. Baseball was probably his forte, resulting in his induction into the Greater Washington Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame. Jimmie credited The Boy's Club with nurturing his interest and abilities, and eventually he coached some youth sports there.

Jimmie's wish is that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alexandria Boys' and Girls' Clubs. The family plans a Celebration of his Life later this fall.

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representative Joe Bissell at [j.bissell@international-experience.net](mailto:j.bissell@international-experience.net) or 517-388-8948. Host families can review prospective student profiles online at [iE-USA.org](http://iE-USA.org). Families interested must apply by Aug. 15.

#### NEW ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY APP

The Alexandria Library introduced a new mobile app via Apple iOS and Google Android devices so customers can access the library and their accounts. Library users can place holds, renew library materials, browse databases and search online catalog content from this app. Contact Linda Wesson at 703-746-1727.

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# OPINION

## Save a Little, Help Others Prepare for School

Virginia's tax holiday on school supplies is a good reminder to donate supplies and dollars for children who need help preparing for school.

Virginia's tax holiday on school supplies and clothing is Aug. 1-3, and it makes sense to take advantage of the savings, and to spread the wealth around.

During this three-day period, school supplies selling for \$20 or less per item, and clothing and footwear selling for \$100 or less per item, will be exempt from Virginia sales tax.

There are some items that do not qualify, for example digital school supplies. See <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/> for more details.

When you are buying school supplies for your family, buy extra to donate to local families who are not able to afford to do the same.

In Fairfax County, just under 50,000 students are poor enough to qualify for free or reduced price meals at school.

In Fairfax County, local nonprofits, Fairfax County Public Schools and corporate partners are collecting school supplies and backpacks.

Monetary donations and backpacks are being accepted by eight local nonprofits and through local Apple and Northwest Federal Credit Union Branches, as well as online at <http://collectforkids.org/donate/> through Sept. 2. Last year the drive provided supplies for nearly 20,000 students. A \$10 cash donation goes a long way.

Collect for Kids Program runs through Sept. 2. Monetary donations can be accepted any time.

Donate money at [www.collectforkids.org](http://www.collectforkids.org). Donations of backpacks are also being accepted at every Apple Federal Credit Union and Northwest Federal Credit Union branch in Fairfax County and at any of the affiliate charitable organizations, including Cornerstones, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Our Daily Bread, Koinonia, United Community Ministries and others.

For more, see the Collect for Kids website at <http://collectforkids.org>.

## Donate in Arlington

Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing is holding its annual backpack drive to provide more than 250 backpacks to children in low to moderate income families to help them have a successful start to the new school year.

Donations needed include: New backpacks in all sizes, spiral or composition notebooks, binders, loose-leaf and graph paper, sharpeners, #2 pencils, blue, black and red pens, pocket folders, crayons, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, glue sticks, school scissors, whiteout and erasers. Contact Liz McElwee at [lmcelwee@apah.org](mailto:lmcelwee@apah.org) or by calling 703-851-3635.

## Donate in Alexandria

Alexandria Public Schools are asking for help to ensure every child in Alexandria starts the first day of school with a backpack and school supplies. Donations are needed by Aug. 19.

Supplies needed include: Backpacks, spiral notebooks, wide-rule filler paper, three-ring binders, two-pocket folders, subject dividers, pencil boxes/zipper pouches, scissors/glue/rulers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, markers, colored pencils, crayons, highlighters and tissues.

## Focus on Academics, Not Lights

To the Editor:

Uh oh. Having read new Alexandria public school Superintendent Crawley's first op-ed, I fear we're in for another round of More Money solutions to our underperforming school system. His sentiments were adroitly conveyed in remarks that made clear he places athletic prowess on the same plateau as academic achievement.

I took his remarks to be a preparatory announcement for spending what should be hard-to-come-by money to place night lights on the T.C. Williams football field. A soon to be released feasibility study will no doubt provide justification, especially as it was commissioned by the school board that hired him.

Surely everyone remotely exposed to our school system knows that night lights nor money is the answer. If money was, then the third most expensive high school ever built in America, T.C. Williams, wherein all who attend receive a free education, free transportation to school and, undoubtedly for some, free meals at school would make them super achievers who surpass expectations and ace every test. Not.

Certainly, athletics — like lots of other extracurricular activities — are a wonderful enhancement to T.C. Williams students, but I emphatically disagree that scholarship and athletics should be supported equally. Athletics must always be secondary. It's extracurricular, after all.

Moreover, taxpayers are not paying for a football championship; we are paying to pre-

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### ODBC's Summer Decision

To the Editor:

The Old Dominion Boat Club membership will be voting this weekend, July 19-21, on the Property Acquisition and Exchange agreement. Although the club voted in March to accept the move option, this is the document that lays out the details and must also be voted upon. After years of negotiations with the city, the most important decision on ODBC's future will be decided by a vote in the middle of summer.

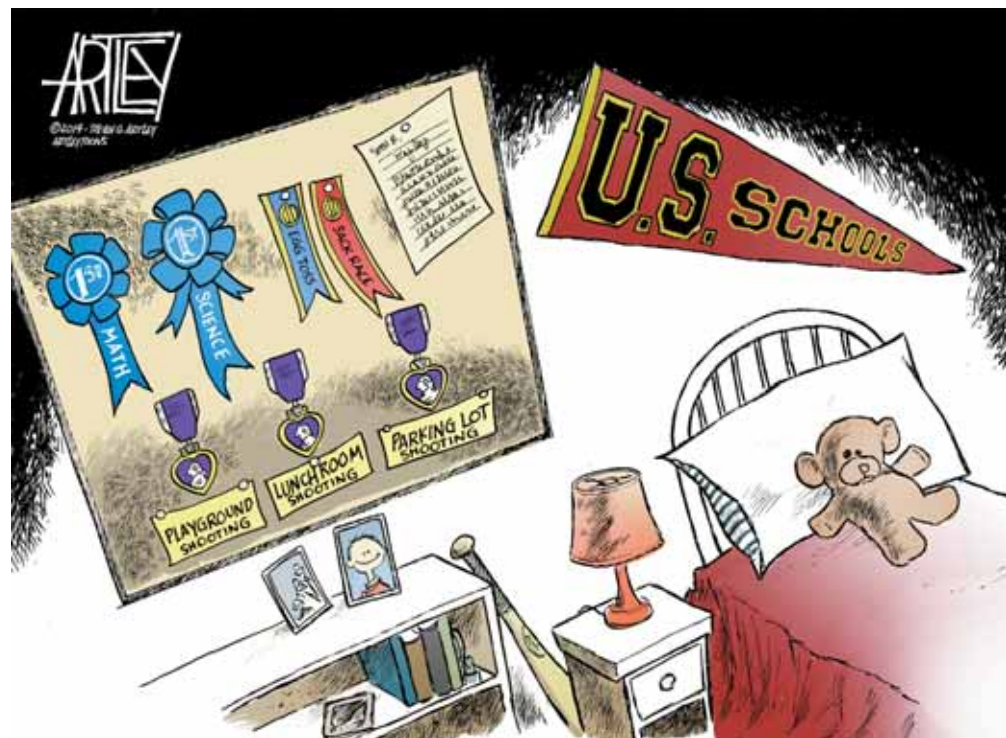
The club does not have absentee voting. It does not have proxy voting. A member can only vote in person during that weekend.

The membership was told that it is because of the city's desire to complete the deal quickly that the vote needed to be done in July.

Never-mind that City Council is on vacation (recess) until September.

Ironically, a club founded with boating and summer activities in mind will have its future decided while many are on vacation.

Dave Beck  
Alexandria



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pare students for a challenging future where running, throwing and catching a pigskin will not help.

Even over-paid professional athletes' frequent mismanagement of their excessive compensation underscores that they should have been better students. My point: Forget lighting T.C. Williams' football field, Superintendent Crawley. Illuminate us instead with your creative solutions for the chronic problems besetting our public school system.

Start by explaining your plans to keep the state from taking control of one of the most costly middle schools ever built in America, Jefferson Houston, whose students consistently under-achieve. Money clearly hasn't made a difference at this school either; nor will night lights.

**Jimm Roberts**  
Alexandria

## Partnerships Support Success

To the Editor:

For nearly 50 years The Campagna Center, the City of Al-

exandria, and Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) have worked in partnership to help low-income children and their families succeed. It is in this spirit that we reach out to share that Alexandria Head Start has occupied space at the Jefferson-Houston Elementary School since the mid-70s when it was first granted use of the Annex. In these nearly five decades of partnership, Alexandria Head Start has, and continues to make a difference in our community, helping nearly 10,000 children and families succeed in school and in life since the program was first funded in our community.

For the past 12 to 18 months, city officials, Campagna Center staff, and school officials have worked together to openly address space-related matters at the new Jefferson-Houston school. As ACPS considered its own needs in the new school building, it made room for four of the five Head Start classrooms that were formerly housed in the Jefferson-Houston Annex. Fairlington United Methodist Church graciously committed to house the fifth classroom.

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## OPINION

# Inova Alexandria Hospital Honored in National Surveys

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO, RN, FACHE  
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Hot off the presses, the latest “Best Hospital” survey by U.S. News and World Report magazine hit newsstands this month, and I’m proud to announce that Inova Alexandria Hospital is again ranked among the nation’s best for providing highly skilled inpatient care.

**COMMENTARY** U.S. News ranked us #6 among hospitals in the Washington metro area, #8 in Virginia and a high-performer in six areas of clinical care (health.usnews.com/best-hospitals).

The U.S. News honor comes on the heels of another recognition for the hospital: In May, the Leapfrog Group awarded Inova Alexandria Hospital an “A” in its annual Hospital Safety Score survey (hospitalsafetyscore.org). Leapfrog assigns A, B, C, D or F grades to more than 2,500 general hospitals nationwide “based entirely on their ability to prevent errors, injuries and infections.”

Both of these surveys provide a tool to help consumers make informed choices about whom they can trust to provide highly-skilled, safe hospital-based care for themselves and their loved ones. They also



help hospitals like ours benchmark our quality of care and improve how we deliver that care.

At Inova Alexandria Hospital, we value your choice and take great pride in your trust. I hope these awards serve to validate that trust by providing an independent assessment of the caliber of care you can expect to receive here. Yet, awards aside, I feel there is no greater testimony to our quality care than the feedback we receive directly from our patients – like Jim Laurie of Hamburg, Pa. In town to care for his daughter who had recently delivered a baby at Inova Alexandria Hospital, Mr. Laurie suffered a heart attack in April and was brought by ambulance to our hospital. “Probably the luckiest day of my life is the day I had a heart attack in Alexandria,” he said, quite surprisingly.

Upon arrival, Mr. Laurie was impressed to find “a whole team was waiting for me” in the Emergency Department. He immediately underwent a cardiac catheterization.

Despite having been healthy all his 65 years with no family history of heart disease, Mr. Laurie’s catheterization revealed four clogged arteries. He would need a qua-



**Jim Laurie gets the all-clear during a check-up from 3-year-old grandson Alex five days after undergoing a quadruple bypass at Inova Alexandria Hospital.**

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druple bypass. Far from home and surrounded by a team of healthcare providers unfamiliar to him, Mr. Laurie put his trust in Inova Alexandria Hospital.

“The care I received up to and after discharge was incredible. All of those [healthcare] people had one goal – for me to go home alive,” he said.

During his days in recovery, Mr. Laurie had the opportunity to interact with staff in several departments. “I was incredibly impressed with the care and attention I saw with the other patients. The doctors talked

to the nurses and staff with such respect,” and he noted how they valued one another’s opinions.

He was also impressed by the attention to his wife. “They really kept her in the loop. I felt the entire hospital was equally concerned about her health as well.”

Mr. Laurie is now home, walking two miles a day and said he feels fantastic. He shared this picture and told me, “Be proud of your team.” Indeed, I am proud!

Read more about Inova’s awards at [inova.org](http://inova.org), click “Awards and Recognition.”

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school, classrooms for Head Start children were conveyed as a necessary component given the loss of the Annex. Beyond public school classrooms, The Campagna Center is grateful to its partners at St. Paul’s Church, Fairlington United Methodist Church, and Northern Virginia Community College who also provide access to additional classroom spaces.

It is important to understand that Head Start programs do not operate at a profit margin. In fact, each year The Campagna Center has to raise money to cover the cost of operating Head Start programs because government funds have never covered the full cost of delivering services.

Agencies that administer Head Start services are required to produce a 20 percent local match to access the 80 percent provided by the federal government. We are thankful to the citizens and businesses of Alexandria that have voiced their endorsement of Alexandria Head Start for over four decades by helping to provide resources and funds to meet our local match.

The Campagna Center has formed many other important community partnerships over the years. These relationships provide

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Rita McCauley-Redmond 703-447-9114



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## HISTORY

# Alexandria in 1812

BY TED PULLIAM

*This is the second of a series of articles telling how Alexandrians were affected some 200 years ago by the War of 1812. For an earlier article in this series, go to alexandriagazette.com.*

**I**n June 1812, when the United States declared war on Great Britain and the War of 1812 began, what was Alexandria like?

Alexandria then was part of the District of Columbia and had been since 1801. In the 1810 census, its population was only 7,227 (68 percent white, 12 percent free black, and 20 percent enslaved blacks). In comparison, the population of Washington proper was 8,208, only about a thousand more than Alexandria's. (Georgetown was a separate town, population 4,948.)

According to maps developed from 1810 tax lists, the developed area of Alexandria extended no farther north than Pendleton Street and no farther south than Jefferson Street, a 12-block area. From the Potomac River it extended west to West Street on the south side of Cameron Street and only to Fayette Street on the north side of Cameron.

Some Alexandrians lived in brick homes, but most lived in small wooden houses. When they wanted to go somewhere, they rode over dirt or cobblestone streets on horseback or in horse-drawn carriages, coaches, or wagons, or they walked.

An Alexandrian walking along King Street, would have heard horses' shod hooves striking cobblestones and the rattle of carriages and wagons. He or she would have smelled chimney smoke from coal and wood fires while walking past buildings whose first floors housed retail stores and top floors enclosed the living quarters of the stores' owners.

For example, walking toward

the river along the north side of King Street between St. Asaph and Pitt Streets (the area now dominated by the city courthouse), an Alexandrian would have passed two three-story brick buildings built close to the sidewalk.

The first floor of the first building was occupied by John Withers & Company selling "British, French, India, Russia and American GOODS," as advertised in the Alexandria Gazette.

The second building was the slightly larger store and home of silversmith Adam Lynn, Jr. Here on the first floor Lynn maintained a combination jewelry and hardware store where he sold such goods as tea trays, swords, nails, watch chains, scissors, saddles, and earrings.

As our walker proceeded down King Street, he or she might have encountered several well-dressed men and women of Alexandria. This was a period of revolution in fashion. In 1812 a well-dressed man no longer wore the artificial powdered wigs, knee britches, stockings, and shoes with bright buckles of George Washington. Instead he dressed in long pants tucked into boots that rose to just below his knees. His coat was double- or single-breasted and solid colored. Its front was cut straight across along the waistline, and in back, it was cut into two tails that hung down to his knees. Under his coat, he wore a waistcoat (vest) that was of a different color or pattern from the outer coat, and his throat was wrapped high in a silk or muslin neckcloth. An elegant top hat completed his fashionable image.

Similarly, a well-dressed woman no longer wore side hoops or bum rolls to make her skirt look fuller. She wore instead a gown or frock made of soft muslin "cinched up high just under the breasts to suggest a high waist," according to historian Daniel Pool. From the high waist (in the new Empire



**A fashionable lady's walking dress, circa 1812-1814.**

fashion) the gown hung straight down following the natural contours of her body to her shoe tops. Walking outdoors, she would have worn a fashionable bonnet tied under her chin.

Walking past these well-dressed men and women, our Alexandrian soon would have reached the corner of Pitt and King Streets. Directly across Pitt Street, he or she would have seen the popular Washington Tavern at the spot now occupied by the Monaco Hotel. High up at the corner of the tavern was affixed a swinging sign with a likeness of General Washington on horseback painted on each side. On one side Washington rode a bay and on the other a dark gray. The tavern served meals and drinks, rented rooms, and provided a stable and forage for horses. As our Alexandrian crossed Pitt Street, he would have caught the dank smell of the stable mixed

with the enticing aroma of coffee and tobacco.

If our walker continued down King Street, he or she would have come to the center of Alexandria's commerce, the harbor. There, commodious warehouses stored tobacco, flour, wheat, ship's bread, and other commodities waiting for shipment to American seacoast towns, the West Indies, and Europe. (One such warehouse, the Fitzgerald Warehouse, still stands at 100-104 South Union Street. It now houses a Starbucks and The Virginia Shop.)

There also were wharves that stretched out into the Potomac River from the town's shore, where ships were made secure with strong ropes. The wharves smelled of stagnant water and emitted the sharp tang of tar from ships' riggings. The week in June when war was declared, the Alexandria Gazette reported that 15 ships re-



**A well-dressed gentleman's outdoor attire, circa 1812-1814.**

cently had arrived in port and were tied to the wharves, including the brigs Rising Sun from Cuba and Hunter from Portugal, plus the schooner Three Sallys from New York and the sloop Montezuma from Norfolk.

That month in 1812, Alexandria presented a peaceful scene. Our walker and other Alexandrians, however, must have been uneasy about what this new war meant for them. Would ships still be able to enter and depart from their harbor and do business with distant trading partners? Could their town itself be secure from the powerful British army and British navy?

### Main Sources:

*Alexandria Gazette*; "Virginia Silversmiths" by Catherine B. Hollan; "What Jane Austen Ate and Charles Dickens Knew" by Daniel Pool; "Fashion in Costume: 1200-2000" by Joan Nunn; "Pen Portraits" by T. Michael Miller; "Sights and Sounds of Alexandria in 1800" by Jim Munson.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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vital linkages to early intervention specialists, health, mental health, nutrition, and employment/job training services to help us address holistic needs of young children and their families.

If you have interest in learning more about Head Start and/or The Campagna Center, we invite you to visit our website at [www.campagnacenter.org/HeadStart](http://www.campagnacenter.org/HeadStart).

**Tammy Mann Ph.D.**  
President & CEO

## Wrong Starting Point

To the Editor:

Anchoring is a well-established, effective negotiating technique. The seller sets the first price high or the buyer sets the first offer low. Negotiations proceed around this first anchor price and quickly pass from a discussion of true value to a process of gamesmanship, as one party seeks to achieve marginal gain over the other. The person who makes the first offer typically sets the anchor and holds influence.

After negotiations finish, there is relatively little movement away from where the "anchor" was first set.

After witnessing the most recent Board of Architectural Review discussions on plans for the Robinson Terminal South development, I am convinced that "anchoring" forms the basis of public engagement in Alexandria — from the city staff, through the developers, to the citizens. Put a "low ball" offer before the public, first and foremost. How else can one explain the startling, contemporary design presented by EYA, the builder on this site?

From the bland façade of townhomes

along Union street, through the barely updated garden apartment replicas along Wolfe street, to the monolithic glass and metal "European modern" condos on the river, this offering can only be this first "low ball" offer to anchor subsequent discussions from anticipated citizen outrage to come.

The plan has little to do with design and all to do with negotiations — in this case, negotiations for top price of water views and maximum tax revenue for the city. Keep the citizens appeased with a dull brick face on Union, but strive for transparent glass blocks to attract the world.

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## BUSINESS

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Mount Vernon. After graduating from Mount Vernon High School, he attended the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He subsequently graduated with honors from the University of Baltimore, School of Law.

Local business owner **Dave Gimbel** recently received the Signs By Tomorrow Project of the Year Award at the Alliance Franchise Brands Convention in Nashville, Tenn. They were recognized for their work on a visual communications project for the Fund for Education Excellence for the Arlington Library. The award is sponsored by national trade magazine and Alliance Franchise Brands.

**Elfie Biankini, Janice Allen, and Wendy Shelley**, of the Alexandria/Old Town Historic District Office of Long & Foster Realtors, recently

earned the new designation of Military Residential Specialist, a certification offered to Realtors interested in better serving veterans, active duty personnel, and reservists.

Applied Policy has hired **John Voorhees** to continue to expand the company's growing Washington, D.C. area healthcare policy and reimbursement consulting business. Voorhees spent the past 11 years at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Federal agency in charge of administering Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the new Health Insurance Marketplaces.

**The Retina Group of Washington**, the largest retinal and macular care practice in the Washington metropolitan area, is introducing new cutting-edge diagnostic equipment to its Alexan-

dria office. The electrophysiology lab is the first of its kind in Northern Virginia.

Attorney **Thomas J. Curcio**, founder of Curcio Law in Alexandria, assumed the presidency of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.

Alexandria resident **Eric R. Wagner**, MedStar Health executive vice president for External Affairs and Diversified Operations, has received the American Hospital Association's Grassroots Champions Award for leadership in generating grassroots and community activity in support of the healthcare system's mission. Wagner and other 2014 Grassroots Champions will be recognized at the American Hospital Association Annual Membership Meeting on May 6 in Washington, D.C. Wagner has executive oversight for MedStar Health's non-hospital businesses, including MedStar Family Choice,

MedStar Visiting Nurse Association and other home care businesses, RadAmerica, ambulatory surgery, and other system wide outpatient services. He also has executive responsibility for system wide government affairs and managed care activities, and provides strategic guidance and direction for the system's comprehensive physician network, MedStar Medical Group.

**Inova Alexandria Hospital** has received the Get With The Guidelines Stroke Gold-Plus Quality Achievement Award for implementing quality improvement measures outlined by the American

Heart Association/American Stroke Association for the treatment of stroke patients. Get With The Guidelines Stroke helps hospital teams provide the most up-to-date, research-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients.

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**Margaret Ruhe 703.599.7527**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 215,000**  
Easy living in this spacious 1BR condo with balcony and garage parking just steps from the unit. Van Dom Metro just a 10 minute walk. Club house with pool, fitness center, billiards, party room, business center with internet and indoor basketball court.



**Christine Vanderhyde 703.309.2829**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 1,195,000 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4**  
**6213 ARKENDALE RD** This Belle Haven home is a must see. Comprehensive, high-end renovations provide for spacious BR, comfortable living space and ample room for entertaining or just relaxing with the family. Elegant fixtures/updates thru-out and more!



**Anya Macklin 703.518.8720**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 465,000 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4**  
**6494 Powatan Knoll Ct** Spectacular 3 level, 3BR/2.5BA home with 2-car garage. New stainless steel kitchen, new carpeting and painted thru-out. Renovated community center and pool. Great location, serene neighborhood - close to I-395, BRAC, Pentagon & Old Town.



**Debra Bell 703.350.9750**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 665,000**  
Great Location. Great Price. Well-maintained 5BR/3BA home with fenced backyard, attached garage. Hardwoods on 2 levels. Living room has built-ins and fireplace. LL family room with fireplace and bedroom could convert to au-pair or in-law suite.



**Louise Devers 703.350.9750**  
**ALEXANDRIA SOUTH \$ 649,000**  
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**Brian Hong & Jerry Beamer 703.929.5764**  
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**Mary Bourke 703.906.5825**  
**FALLS CHURCH \$ 998,000**  
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**Ellen Young 703.930.7617**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 665,000**  
Wonderful Cape Cod with extended upper level. Light and bright 3BR/2BA. Hardwoods. Gourmet kitchen. Fireplace. Screened rear porch and beautiful landscaping. New furnace, AC, HW/HVAC, front walkway/trails. New driveway and wall, new drainage front and back.



**Pat Tierney & Mary Taylor 703.850.5630 or 785.5619**  
**ALEXANDRIA / Porto Vecchio \$ 850,000 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4**  
1250 S WASHINGTON ST #710 Rarely available residence has 2BR/2.5BA + den offering the privacy and feel of a single family home. Wood-burning fireplace in living room, solarium with views of the Potomac River and sunsets. Garage space and storage room.



**Inderjeet Jumani 703.472.8804**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 324,500 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4**  
**5501 INDEPENDENCE CIR** 2BR / 2.5BA, 2 level, 1,296 SF end TH condo, backs to green area. Updated kitchen / baths, hardwoods. Fenced back yard with brick/slate patio. Storage. Plenty parking Pool / tennis. Great location - near I-395, shops, trails, DC and more.



**Franki Roberts 703.898.0840**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 217,000**  
A commuter's dream - 1 stoplight to GW Parkway then just minutes to National Airport, DC and Old Town. This charming 1BR/1BA faces the courtyard, has updated kitchen/baths, wood floors, W/D in unit, new heating/AC unit, plus many amenities, parking and low condo fees.



**Martha Deal 703.622.6797**  
**ALEXANDRIA / Porto Vecchio \$ 509,000**  
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**Peggy Cresent 703.244.2138**  
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**705 Abingdon Ct \$3,400**  
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## ONGOING

**Marcelo Novo.** Through July 20. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. An art show with acrylic paintings on maps and stamps. Free admission, Parking \$2/hr. Visit <http://culturecapital.com/> for more.

**Civil War Sundays.** Sundays through July 27, 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria through exhibits and artifacts. Free. Visit [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org) or call 703-746-4388 for more.

**Photography Exhibit.** Daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-9 p.m. through Aug. 3. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sisen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

**"Water."** Through Aug. 3., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Artists derive inspiration from water, the sea, lakes, rivers, taps, clouds, rain, snow, ice, the elemental liquids of life. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Francie Hester: Symbolic Spaces.** Through Aug. 3. Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, 4-6 p.m. Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Art exhibition, Symbolic Spaces, shifts from a linear, mathematical piecing together of sequences to examine time as infinite, fluid, without discrete beginning or end. Free. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) for more.

**The Adventure.** Through Monday, Aug. 4. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Studio 21. David Althuf constructs intimate dreamlike worlds and architectural structures with his paper relief and 3D works. Free. Visit [www.theaterleague.org](http://www.theaterleague.org), or call 703-683-1780.

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

**Blue Star Museums.** More than 2,000 museums across America offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer through Sept. 1. A complete list of museums is available at <http://arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>. The museums in Alexandria participating in the program are Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum.

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

**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 rarely-seen 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](http://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.

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

**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 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. Visit [www.PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://www.PresPassport.Monticello.org) for more.

**Fifty Years of Collecting.** Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

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

**Summer Aquatics Classes.** For youth and adults, including swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, Lifeguard Training, Swim Team Fundamentals and 2013 Gold Division Champions Wahoos Youth Swim Team. Register online at [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation) or in person at the Registration and Reservations Office, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact Claudia Spencer at 703-74605414 or [claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov](mailto:claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov).

**Robots: Art With Light and Motion.** July 22-24, 10 a.m.-noon. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Combine vibrating motors and LED lights with a variety of sculpture materials. \$120. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org/](http://www.artatthecenter.org/) for more.



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**Will Reddy of Blue Ridge Botanicals sells fresh herbs to Ellen Bradley of Alexandria at the Old Town Farmers Market in September 2013. The Old Town Farmers Market operates Saturdays, 7 a.m.-noon, year round in Market Square, 301 King St. Free parking is available in the Market Square garage during the Saturday hours of the Farmers Market.**

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**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, May 7-Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm) for more.

**Kingstowne Farmers Market.** 4-7 p.m., Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center. Products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm) for more.

**Old Town Farmers Market.** 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email [oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov](mailto: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. Contact [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net) for more.

**Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays through 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. Visit [www.4mrmkt.org/](http://www.4mrmkt.org/) for more.

**West End Farmers Market.** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as sweet juicy berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Visit [www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket](http://www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket) for more.

**Art and Mindfulness.** July 23 and 30. 7:30-9 p.m. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Meditation for adults. \$50 for two meetings. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org/labyrinth.htm](http://www.artatthecenter.org/labyrinth.htm) for more.

**Puppet Studio.** 10-11:30 a.m., July 29-31 at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Students will explore a variety of puppetry techniques to create their own unique characters. Call 703-201-1250 or visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) to register or find other art classes.

**Etiquette Camp.** July 28-Aug. 1. 1-3 p.m. at Tiny Dancers, 621 S. Washington St. A camp that will add a twist to etiquette training. \$250. Visit [www.tinydancers.com](http://www.tinydancers.com) or call 703-358-5580 for more.

**History Camp.** The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, is now registering for a camp for children ages 5-7. The camp runs Tuesday, July 29-Thursdays, July 31, 9 a.m.-noon at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Clio's Kids Mini-Camp engages children in American history and life in historic Alexandria through artifacts, storytelling, singing, crafts, old-fashioned games and visits to nearby historic places.

Cost is \$105, which includes snacks and souvenirs. Advance registration is required. Call 703-746-4994 or visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org).

**Stop Motion Animation and Cartooning.** Aug. 18-21. 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. for ages 8-12. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. \$140 for cartooning and \$150 for stop-motion animation taught by Christine Stoddard. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org/classsummer14.htm](http://www.artatthecenter.org/classsummer14.htm) for more.

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

**Cool Yoga.** Wednesdays, through Aug. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Outdoor yoga classes. Free. Call Maureen Clyne at 703-967-8884 or visit [www.prasadayoga.com](http://www.prasadayoga.com) for more.

**Metropolitan School of the Arts Classes.** 5775 Barclay Drive, Suite 4. The Metropolitan School of the Arts will begin classes on Monday, Sept. 8. The studios offer beginner and advanced instruction in a variety

of different dance forms, including tap, jazz, ballet, Pointe, Irish dance, contemporary, acting, combination classes, hip-hop or theatre as well as piano and guitar lessons. Registration is available online at [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).

## THURSDAY/JULY 17

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jonah Tolchin & the Lonesome Angels open; Dave Alvin & Phil Alvin & The Guilty Ones perform. \$29.50. Visit [www.jonaholchin.com](http://www.jonaholchin.com), [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

## FRIDAY/JULY 18

**Rock Concert.** 7 p.m. Alley Cat Restaurant, 2 South Whiting St. Rock band Messenger performs with special guest One Shot Finch. Benefits United Community Ministries Agency. \$10 suggested donation. Visit [www.ucmagency.org](http://www.ucmagency.org) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Owen Danoff to open for

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Edwin McCain. \$29.50. Visit [www.owendanoff.com](http://www.owendanoff.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Summer Concert Series.** 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. Mount Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park presents Lindsay Lou & the Flatbelllys. Free. visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/) for more.

## SATURDAY/JULY 19

**Music and Dance.** 2 p.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Classical guitarist Mark Charles Smith plays an afternoon of music featuring various dance accompaniments. Family friendly. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035 for more.

**Country-Western Dance.** 6:30 p.m. lesson, 7-9:30 p.m. open dancing at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. Couples and singles welcome, DJ provides music. No smoking or alcohol, bring your own refreshments. \$5-\$12. Visit [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) or call 703-860-4941 for more.

**Live Music.** 7 p.m. at Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Alexandria's Fuse Box plays as a special guest for The Gypsy Sons with Duffy Kane. \$15 pre-sale, \$20 at the door. Visit [www.ticketfly.com/purchase/event](http://www.ticketfly.com/purchase/event) to buy tickets.

**Washington Balalaika Society.** 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Balalaika Society, which performs music of Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe will present Peter Omelchenko, domra virtuoso from Moscow. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Children admitted free. Visit [www.balalaika.org](http://www.balalaika.org) or call 703 549-0760 for more.

## SATURDAY/JULY 19-SUNDAY/AUG. 31

**Art Exhibition.** Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Artist Steven Walls will show "Transient States," a solo exhibition, at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. On Thursday, Aug. 14 there will be a reception from 6-8 p.m. and an artist talk at 7 p.m. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery/](http://www.torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery/) for more.

## SUNDAY/JULY 20

**Cupcakes.** 10 a.m.-8p.m. at Occasionally Cake, 8859 Richmond Highway. The store will be handing out one free cupcake per person, no purchase necessary, and will donate 50 percent of sales that day to Metropolitan School of the Arts youth scholarships. Free. Call 703-647-9638 of visit [www.occasionallycake.com](http://www.occasionallycake.com) for more.

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Wind Ensemble performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

**Live Music.** 4 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St. Nasar Abadey — drummer, composer and founder of the jazz group, Supernova. \$15. Visit [www.meadechurch.org](http://www.meadechurch.org) for more.

**Open House.** 6-9 p.m. at Historic Mount Vernon Chapel, 2000 George Washington Memorial Parkway. An evening of music and inspiration. Free. Visit [www.facebook.com/mountvernonvastake/events](http://www.facebook.com/mountvernonvastake/events) for more.

**Concert and CD Release.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Grace Griffith, Marcy Marxer, Al Petteway and more for a Grace Griffith tribute concert. \$25. Visit [www.seamaid.org/grace/index.html](http://www.seamaid.org/grace/index.html), [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.



## Muster the Militia Weekend

On Saturday, July 26, visit multiple locations around Alexandria to learn about and commemorate the War of 1812. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, The Lyceum and the Carlyle house, museum tours and exhibits are open for free from 1-5 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1865 will also be offering walking tours leaving from Market Square every half hour. Find out why the War of 1812 was significant to Alexandria and better understand our country's history. Visit <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=8681> for more.

## MONDAY/JULY 21

**Ballroom Dancing.** 7-9 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha and samba. Come with or without a partner. \$15. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

## TUESDAY/JULY 22

**Legal and Political Aspects of the Civil War.** 7:30 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 North Washington St. Part of a monthly lecture series on the American Civil War. Admission is free but space is limited. Call 703-746-4554 or visit [www.historicalexandria.org](http://www.historicalexandria.org) for more.

## THURSDAY/JULY 24

**Theater.** 7-9:30 p.m. at the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. "A Midsummer's Night Swing." Reservations required. \$15. Visit [www.thecarlyleclub.com](http://www.thecarlyleclub.com) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Time for Three performs. \$29.50. Visit [www.tf3.com](http://www.tf3.com), [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

## FRIDAY/JULY 25

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Sonny Landreth with special guest Jimmy Thackery. \$29.50. Visit [www.sonylandreth.com](http://www.sonylandreth.com), [www.jimmythackery.com](http://www.jimmythackery.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Happy Hour.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Historical celebration of John Gadsby's 1808 move from The City Tavern to Baltimore. \$10 for two drink tickets, food available for purchase. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or call 703-746-4242 for more.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 25-27

**Muster the Militia Weekend.** Alexandria Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, the Lyceum and the Carlyle House. Includes museum tours, War of 1812 exhibits and a special one-day only Alexandria War of 1812 walking tour. Tours leave from Market Square, corner of King and

Fairfax streets, every half hour. Visit [www.dccwarof1812.org](http://www.dccwarof1812.org) or [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812).

## SATURDAY/JULY 26

**Christmas in July.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Christmas Attic, 125 S. Union St., and Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to Union Street for Christmas in July. There will be storytelling, cookies, photos, facepainting, sales at The Christmas Attic and drink specials at Union Street Public House. Free. Visit [www.unionstreetpublichouse.com](http://www.unionstreetpublichouse.com) or contact Dina Rastved at [info@unionstreetpublichouse.com](mailto:info@unionstreetpublichouse.com) or 703-548-1785.

## SUNDAY/JULY 27

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Pianists Sylvia Hong and Michael Rector perform Chopin piano concertos. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. HAPA performs. \$29.50. Visit [www.hapa.com](http://www.hapa.com), [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

## FRIDAY/JULY 28

**Live Music.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. Bluegrass band Lindsay Lou & the Flatbelllys. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/) for more.

## THURSDAY/JULY 31

**Harry Potter's Birthday.** 5-9 p.m. at The Apothecary Museum, 107 Fairfax St. A tour of the museum as if it were a part of the "Harry Potter" universe. \$6. Advanced purchase recommended. Visit <https://shop.alexandriava.gov/EventPurchase.aspx> to purchase tickets.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 1

**Monty Python.** Pre-reception, 7 p.m., show, 8 p.m., post-reception after, at The Little Theater, 600 Wolfe St. A fundraiser for the Pentagon Visitor Education Center, showing "Monty Python and the Holy Grail."

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## Washington Balalaika Society

Peter Omelchenko, domra virtuoso from Moscow, will be playing with the Washington Balalaika Society on Saturday, July 19. The Washington Balalaika Society is a community-based orchestra of more than 50 musicians that regularly performs the music of Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe under the direction of Conductor Svetlana Nikonova. The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, with an artist reception following. The Lyceum is located at 201 S. Washington St. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call 703-549-0760 or visit [www.balalaika.org](http://www.balalaika.org) for more information.

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Dick Dale. \$29.50. Visit [www.dickdale.com](http://www.dickdale.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

**Live Music.** 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Victor Wooten Band performs. \$35. Visit [www.victorwooten.com](http://www.victorwooten.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

### THURSDAY/AUG. 14

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Zombies. \$45. Visit [www.thezombies.net](http://www.thezombies.net) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 16

**Angaleena Presley.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 17

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Clarinetist Kristen Sheridan performs with piano accompaniment. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

### MONDAY/AUG. 18

**Call for Participants.** 6:30 p.m. at Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. A practice and performance project with dogs and owners. Rehearsals Mondays, Aug. 18, 25 and Sept. 8, performance is Wednesday, Sept. 10. Free. Email [janefranklindance@gmail.com](mailto:janefranklindance@gmail.com).

### SATURDAY/AUG. 23

**Live music.** 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents folk singer/songwriters Al Petteway and Amy White. Tickets \$15-\$18. Discounts available for Focus members. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org), or contact Herb Cooper-Levy at 703-380-3151 or [herb@focusmusic.org](mailto:herb@focusmusic.org).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 24

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Bassoonist Aaron Goler and pianist Stephen Bertino perform. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

### THURSDAY/AUG. 28

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Chris Hillman & Herb Pedersen and Carlene Carter perform. \$29.50. Visit [www.chrishillman.com](http://www.chrishillman.com), <http://herbpedersen.com>, [www.carlenecarter.net](http://www.carlenecarter.net) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 27

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Larry Graham and Graham Central Station. \$69.50. Visit [www.larrygraham.com](http://www.larrygraham.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 30

**Wreath Laying at the Grave of Robert Allison, Jr.** 10 a.m. at Old Presbyterian Meeting House Cemetery & Columbarium, 600 Hamilton Lane. As part of the official British Challenge, help honor the Veterans of the War of 1812 by marking the graves of those who

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**Kenny G.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$65. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

**Artisan Gallery Reception.** 7-9 p.m. at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Seven artists present "Board and Beyond." Gallery is open through Aug. 31 after opening reception. Free. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

### FRIDAY/AUG. 8

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Buster Poindexter (aka David Johansen). \$29.50. Visit [www.facebook.com/officialBusterPoindexter/](http://www.facebook.com/officialBusterPoindexter/) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Cirque du Soleil.** 8 p.m. at National Harbor. Cirque du Soleil performs "Amaluna." One hundred percent of proceeds from ticket sales go to support The Campagna Center. \$120. Visit [www.campagnacenter.org/amaluna](http://www.campagnacenter.org/amaluna) for more.

### SUNDAY/AUG. 3

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. A violinist, violist, cellist, clarinetist and pianist perform music by Darius Milhaud. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

### TUESDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 5-31

**Multiple Exposures Gallery.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Fine art photography exhibition. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 7

**Live Music.** 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The Kevin Kline Band performs covers of many familiar Billy Joel, Elton John and Bruce Hornsby tunes. Free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/Inn](http://www.mountvernon.org/Inn) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An evening with Jay Hayden and V. Rich. \$25. Visit [www.jworldrecords.com](http://www.jworldrecords.com), <http://vrichmusic.com>, or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

### AUG. 5 THROUGH SEPT. 7

**"Fire."** Through Sept. 7. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union St. The artists' imagination is "fired" by heat, flames, burning, passion, fiery tempers, anger, explosive situations, camp fires, BBQs, and fireflies to name just a few possible interpretations. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

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fought throughout the cemetery. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812).

**Cricket Match.** Noon-6 p.m. at Jefferson Cricket Field, Potomac Park, Washington, D.C. Team Alexandria will be taking on Team Britain as part of the British Challenge and memorial of the War of 1812. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812).

**U.S. Navy Band Concert.** 3-4 p.m. at Market Square, 300 King St. The US Navy Band will be holding a concert as part of the British Challenge and memorial of the War of 1812. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812).

**Honors Ceremony.** 4:30-5 p.m. at Alexandria National Cemetery, 1450 Wilkes St. There will be an honors ceremony as part of the official British Challenge featuring the Continental Color Guard with Fife and Drum. Seating opens at 4:15 p.m. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812).

**Bill Kirchen.** 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$29.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 31

**Yacht Race.** 11 a.m. at Old Dominion Boat Club, 1 King St. As part of the official British Challenge Team Alexandria (Old Dominion Boat Club) will take on Team Britain (British Defence Staff, UK Embassy) in a Yacht Race. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812).

**Signature Event.** Noon-5 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Waterfront Park will be transformed into a festival to commemorate the events of the War of 1812. Meet townspeople of 1814, enjoy boat tours of the river, listen to the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters, Old Guard Fife

and Drum Corps and learn more about the War of 1812 through a variety of hands-on activities and information booths. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812).

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Pianist Thomas Pandolfi performs music by Chopin and Gershwin. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

**Tug of War.** 3:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Watch as Team Alexandria (City of Alexandria Fire Fighters) takes on Team Britain (British Defence Staff, UK Embassy) in a tug of war. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812).

**Presentation and Recognition of British Challenge Winners.** 4:15 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. There will be presentations and recognition of the Cricket, Yacht Race and Tug of War winners from the British Challenge. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812).

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 2-SUNDAY/OCT. 12

**Photography Exhibit.** Opening Reception on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m.. Gallery Hours 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily and 2-9 p.m. on Thursdays at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. E.E. McCollum will be showing images from his "Shadow Series" and Danny Conant will be showing "French Impressions." Visit [www.dannyconant.com](http://www.dannyconant.com) or [www.eemccollum.com](http://www.eemccollum.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

**Live Music.** 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon

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## FRIDAY/SEPT. 5

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Euge Groove performs live. \$39.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or [www.eugegroove.com](http://www.eugegroove.com).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

**Sculpture Workshop.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Ave. Artist Laura Hummel teaches a mixed-media sculpture workshop about how to repurpose new or vintage metals and more. \$55-\$65. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org/birdworkshop](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/birdworkshop) for more.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Pianist Haskell Small performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Asleep at the Wheel. \$35. Visit [www.asleepatthewell.com](http://www.asleepatthewell.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/SEP 9-10

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3071 Mount Vernon Ave. Chris Isaak performs. \$89.50. visit [www.chrisisaak.com](http://www.chrisisaak.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

**Cute Animals.** 7 p.m. at Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. A performance project with dogs and owners. At the dog park, most people know the names of the dogs, but not the name of the owner. Participate along with a casual community of animal lovers and spark a connection with those who share this common interest. Free. Email [janefranklindance@gmail.com](mailto:janefranklindance@gmail.com).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Ellie Holcomb performs, opens for Amy Grant. Visit [www.ellieholcomb.com](http://www.ellieholcomb.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

**Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3071 Mount Vernon Ave. The Manhattans perform. \$49.50. visit [www.kissandsaygoodbye.com](http://www.kissandsaygoodbye.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY/SEPT 13-24

**Senior Olympics.** 19 locations. Participants must be 50 years old by Dec. 30, 2014. Deadline to register is Aug. 29 by mail, and Sept. 5 online. Registration is \$12, additional fees may apply. To find a location and register, visit a local senior center, or

visit [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Guitarist Piotr Pakhomkin performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Paul Thorn Band. \$29.50. Visit [www.paulthorn.com](http://www.paulthorn.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 15

**Stop, Drop & Roll — Call for Participants.** 6:30 p.m. at Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. A practice and performance project for two groups in an opposing structure of athletic-inspired movement. Rehearsals take place Monday, Sept. 15 and 22. Performance is Wednesday, Sept. 24. Free. Email [janefranklindance@gmail.com](mailto:janefranklindance@gmail.com).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Gary Puckett & the Union Gap performs live. \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or [www.garypuckettmusic.com](http://www.garypuckettmusic.com).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 19-20

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Wailin' Jennys. \$39.50. Visit [www.thewailinjennys.com](http://www.thewailinjennys.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

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# The Making of an Author

David Vermont turns from legal briefs to a novel.

BY ASHLEY DIETZ  
GAZETTE PACKET

**D**avid Vermont, a workers compensation lawyer in Alexandria, never liked writing when he was younger. As a lawyer, writing 10 to 30 page briefs and proposals can be tedious. Now Vermont is also an author, with “The Last Confession of the Vampire Judas Iscariot” released in March and another book in the works.

In grade school Vermont was good at working with computers, but when he went to college at Binghamton University in Binghamton, N.Y., he decided to study history. When he realized that he liked to argue, he went on to law school, and a great deal of writing came with it. Vermont was known for adding flourish to his work and, on more than one occasion, was asked to make his writing more concise and to the point. Eventually Vermont found an outlet for his expansive writing in a blog called “52 Prayers,” while still having the opportunity to argue.

“I would just post stuff and comment back and forth,” said Vermont. With help from his Bible study group, in which one of the members was the brother of the “52 Prayers” blogger, Vermont learned more



David Vermont and his wife Sheryl.

about Bible stories and was able to argue, point out the facts and show how the stories connect to one another.

“Everyone told me they loved my writing,” said Vermont. He never planned on becoming an author, but when people started saying “you should write a book,” he decided to try it.

Originally Vermont was working on a book about a terrorist bringing a bomb into the U.S., but “The Last Confession of the Vampire Judas Iscariot” kept taking over his thoughts. He did not have a clear ending

for the book he had been working on, so reluctantly, he put it down and started working on the story of Judas, the man who betrayed Jesus. When Vermont started having to defend stories in the Bible and make connections, it became clear to him that the Bible is true and a unified way of looking at the world. It is, in part, that message, along with wanting to write about the mystery surrounding Judas, that he wants to get out to people.

Vermont knew from the beginning that Judas was going to be a Roman soldier at some point, which would represent Judas officially going to the other side. Vermont also knew that Judas would have to be a Nazi, because what minion of the Devil doesn’t turn into a Nazi? Having studied history in college, Vermont used the story of Father Valentine to fit in with Judas being a Roman soldier and the story of Father Kolbe to fit in with Judas being a Nazi. The story of Vlad the Impaler becoming Dracula fit in perfectly with the story line. Judas coming to live in the present came naturally when Vermont decided what Judas was aiming for.

Because Vermont had a day job, he had to find a way to balance writing and being an attorney. “It wasn’t as hard for me as it might be for other people,” said Vermont. While at the hockey rink, watching his sons practice, he made the choice to write during that time instead of talking with other

parents. Vermont had a goal of writing a page a day, and he always made that goal, if not more.

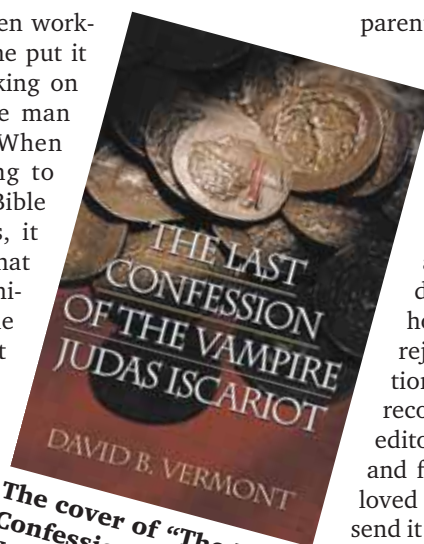
After almost a year Vermont finished “The Last Confession of the Vampire Judas Iscariot” and sent it out to 30 to 40 different publishing houses. When he received rejection letter after rejection letter, someone finally recommended that he get an editor to tighten up the story and fix any errors. The editor loved the book and offered to send it to a friend in the publishing industry. The publisher loved it and decided to publish it. From there it was all about marketing the book, which is one of the hardest things Vermont has done. He said, “We hired three marketing people,”

because doing it on one’s own is impossible.

This book has a number of religious themes. It’s a vampire book, it’s a fantasy and it’s historical, “but none of those things overwhelm it,” said Vermont along with multiple people who reviewed the book.

To other authors looking to publish for the first time, “the key is to stay with it,” he said. “You are going to get turned down. Get an editor to clean it up and tighten it up so what you present is good and clean. Try to write on the side. Look for ways to write about a subject you find most interesting. Eventually you will find outlets for your writing. Look for different ways to get out there.”

To learn more about Vermont and his book, visit [www.davidvermont.com](http://www.davidvermont.com).



The cover of “The Last Confession of the Vampire Judas Iscariot,” by David B. Vermont.



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## Learning about Volunteering

**Journalists from the Republic of Tajikistan visited Senior Services of Alexandria especially as it relates to seniors. This visit was part of a television cooperative project, sponsored by the Department of State, in which media is invited to the United States through American Embassies to shoot footage for news series that air in their home countries. Above are, from left, MaryAnne Beatty, Dolores Viehman, Mary Lee Anderson, Sarah Drexler with Senior Services, and Farrukh Ulmasov and Rustam Mailov, Tajikistani journalists.**

# REAL ESTATE

## Numbers Indicate Stable Market

### Home listings climb in June.

The Northern Virginia market recorded increased inventories, providing buyers with more choices. Nonetheless, buyers are challenged by affordability and accessing credit.

The June market in Northern Virginia continues the trend of sales numbers coming in just under those from one year ago at this time, but the signs of a stable market have led to an increase in sellers planting signs on their lawns.

"It is all about managing expectations," said Lorraine Arora, Managing Broker at Long & Foster Real Estate in Springfield. "Some buyers are nervous. When houses are priced correctly, homes will sell."

Arora explained that since there was no activity in winter months, there was pent up demand for this region's early spring season. Now, she explained, prices are higher but not all sellers are getting their full price. Buyers are less willing to engage in bidding wars.

The housing affordability may continue to be a challenge in the region, said Mary Bayat, 2014 chair elect of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors. "While the slightly rising home prices indicate an improving market, people are just not making quick decisions to buy." Bayat, a bro-

ker/owner of Bayat Realty in Alexandria, also noted that the current tight mortgage regulations have been a drag on buyers' loan process. She noted that mortgage standards are under scrutiny by industry and housing groups at this time.

The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors reported on June 2014 home sales activity for Fairfax and Arlington counties, the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the towns of Vienna, Herndon and Clifton.

A total of 2,174 homes were sold in June 2014, a 12.90 percent decrease below June 2013 home sales of 2,496.

Active listings continued to show an increase this month compared with 2013. Listings were up 47 percent over last year, with 4,777 active listings in June, compared with 3,247 homes available in June 2013. The average days on market for homes in June 2014 was 30 days, an increase of 25 percent compared to the 24 days on market for homes in June 2013.

Average home sale prices increased slightly this June to \$580,013. This is up 3 percent compared to June 2013, when the average price was \$563,223. The median sold price of homes this June, which is \$505,000, rose by 1 percent compared to the median price of \$499,900 in June 2013.

The 2,047 new pending home sales in Northern Virginia in June is a decrease of 9.62 percent compared with 2,265 contracts that were pending in June of last year.

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# Launching Region's First Transitway with Dedicated Lanes

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tion of the transitway, which is set to open in the spring of 2015.

"This is significant because it's the beginning of a coordinated multimodal plan," said Virginia Transportation Secretary Aubrey Layne, who toured the construction site last month. "This is the beginning, and hopefully it will show this is the next step in our integrated process."

Two years ago, the two neighboring jurisdictions were at odds as they were moving in different directions on how to plan for the transitway. Alexandria leaders complained during a public session that Arlington had backed out of a study that might have led to federal funds for the project. Arlington leaders responded that they didn't back out of the study because they had always considered it optional. Even now, as elected officials plan to bury the hatchet and come together, some differences linger. Arlington plans to upgrade the transitway to a streetcar in 2020 while Alexandria leaders say they won't even consider a streetcar until 2021.

"Right now, there is a mismatch in planning and state of direction," acknowledged Alexandria Councilman Justin Wilson. "At some point, we'll reconcile all that."

**THE TRANSITWAY** will begin at Pentagon City Metro station and end at Braddock Road Metro station, a 4.5 mile stretch that includes some of the most congested roads in the region. The blue Metroway buses will be operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, although they will have different branding than the standard Metro buses. Transportation officials say the bus-rapid transit vehicles will feature offboard fare collection and multiple points of access. On weekdays, they'll arrive every 12 minutes from 5:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. On weekends, they'll have 20 minute headways.

"Because it's in dedicated lanes, and typically those lanes are concrete, the suspension on these vehicles is tighter," said Rich Baier, director of the Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. "It's a smoother ride."

Arlington officials say about half of its section of the transitway will have dedicated lanes when it opens. In Alexandria, about a mile of the transitway will have dedicated lanes when it opens. But city leaders in Alexandria hope to add new dedicated lanes as development moves forward in Potomac Yard. That could mean dedicated lanes along Potomac Avenue, the current route of the transitway. Or city officials could persuade the developer of north Potomac Yard to contribute more right-of-way along Route 1, extending the dedicated lanes to Four Mile Run.

"I toured the site in the last month or so with Alexandria officials, and they haven't exactly picked where it's going to be," said Layne. "It looks as if this is a good beginning, and we'll see how this all goes through there."

**IN ARLINGTON**, county leaders will break



The 4.5 mile transitway includes a 0.8-mile dedicated lane.



The Metroway buses will have a different branding than the Metro buses that are already commonplace in the region.

ground on the transitway as the county is engaged in a heated debate about a proposal to construct a streetcar along Columbia Pike. Critics of the Columbia Pike street-

car say Arlington is being inconsistent by moving forward with bus-rapid transit on the Crystal City Potomac Yard transitway while rejecting the idea along Columbia

## What Is a Transitway?

Transportation officials in Alexandria and Arlington describe the Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway as the wave of the future, a new way to commute that will allow riders to bypass the congestion that plagues drivers in the region. Because about 20 percent of the transitway has dedicated lanes, passengers will be able to zip along one of the most congested parts of Route 1. The other sections of the transitway will have traffic signals that give the Metroway buses priority. Planners say the experience of buying a fare and boarding will look and feel much more like riding the Metro than riding a bus.

## Northbound Stations

- Braddock Road Metro
- Fayette Street
- Potomac Avenue
- Custis Avenue
- Swann Avenue
- East Glebe Road
- Reed Avenue
- South Glebe
- 33rd and Crystal
- 27th and Crystal
- 23rd and Crystal
- 18th and Crystal
- Crystal City Metro

## Southbound Stations

- Crystal City Metro
- 23rd and Clark
- 26th and Clark
- 27th and Crystal
- 33rd and Crystal
- South Glebe
- Reed Avenue
- East Glebe Road
- Swann Avenue
- Custis Avenue
- Potomac Avenue
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Pike.

"Let's see how BRT works along the Route 1 corridor rather than make a commitment now to convert to streetcar," said County Board member John Vihstadt, a critic of the Columbia Pike streetcar. "I think the streetcar will be totally unnecessary here because the BRT transitway will be a great success."

But supporters of the streetcar say the approaches are not inconsistent at all because the circumstances are so different. Columbia Pike is already a fixed width, and so dedicating lanes would be impossible. But because Potomac Yard is essentially a blank slate from a planning perspective, it allows for dedicated lanes — a key feature of most bus-rapid transit lines. By the time the Arlington portion of the transitway opens in spring 2015, about half of the total transitway route is expected to have some kind of bus-only lanes.

"It's not inconsistent because you just can't have bus-rapid transit on Columbia Pike," said Arlington County Board Chairman Jay Fiset. "Bus-rapid transit with dedicated lanes is a very real alternative in certain areas, and the streetcar is another alternative required in certain areas."

# Financial Education for College Students

## Local experts offer budget tips to keep students out of debt.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

As the summer wanes, many recent high school graduates are preparing to head to college. For those who are living away from home for the first time, this means newfound independence. But that freedom brings responsibility — especially when it comes to money.

From student loans to credit cards, the financial maze can be filled with debt-traps and money pitfalls. A recent financial literacy assessment of 15-year-old students by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development shows that one in six lacks basic financial literacy skills.

That leaves approximately three years for them to learn about money management before leaving home. And that education is key: financial education is the best way to develop sound money management skills, say financial advisors.

Taking a financial education class is an option. The Northern Virginia Urban League offers a financial literacy workshop series with Fairfax County Human Services and Fairfax County Homeownership & Relocation Services.

“College students can learn everything from understanding a [credit] score and avoiding credit traps to banking and money management,” said Vickey King of the Northern Virginia Urban League.

“College is not the time to live the lifestyle of your dreams,” said Rachel Powell of the Northern Virginia Council for Economic Education at George Mason University’s Center for Economic Education. “College courses, room, board, books are all costly. You can expect to be poor in college, and if you use the many resources your college makes available to you in exchange for all the fees you are required to pay, you can expect to be fed, safe and reasonably comfortable.”

**THE FIRST STEP** in financial literacy for college students is taking a personal money inventory. “Know before you go how much money you’ll have available from your income or allowance,” said Powell. “Will your folks be making regular contributions to your survival or are you on your own?”

Make a budget that includes all expenditures, including luxuries like frozen yogurt or coffee or movie tickets. Put some money aside for

emergencies; even \$5 per week will add up over time.

Online tools can help college students organize their finances and track their spending and savings patterns. Alexandria-based financial planner Mark Friese recommends mint.com, which categorizes spending, and bettermoneyhabits.com, which offers videos clips on how to budget better.

“Many people, especially teens and young adults, are surprised when they look at their entire spending picture because they haven’t ... had to make the money they spend,” said Friese. “They just don’t know the value of a dollar until they are lining their own wallets with their own money. So the big picture tools that highlight spending and savings habits are helpful.”

Know the difference between needs and wants: “Don’t buy what you don’t need,” said Powell. “Cold medicine — yes. The latest movie on DVD — no.”

Open a checking and savings account at a bank, one that offers products and services for students, advises Powell. “Don’t accept accounts that require minimum balances or charge fees,” she said. “Shop around for the right bank.”

Find a way to establish savings, especially if you plan to work during college. “Pay yourself first,” said Friese. “When you have a job, take a set portion of it and save it for your future self. If the job offers a retirement plan such as a 401(k), take advantage of it. A 401(k) provides the significant benefit of saving before taxes are taken out.”

**AVOID USING CREDIT CARDS** for immediate gratification and focus on building a high credit score for the future, said Friese. “That score, that number, will be more important and reap greater rewards than any grade or SAT score ever was or could be,” he said. “If you build and maintain a good credit score, you will be rewarded time and time again with preferred lending rates.”

When it comes to financial aid, take time to do research, and don’t underestimate the availability of college scholarships. Friese points to a study from scholarships.com, which shows that billions of dollars in scholarship funds go unawarded every year.

“Take advantage of the opportunities out there,” he said. “Don’t assume that scholarships are only for top scholars or athletes because

many scholarships start with GPA requirements of 2.5 or less. Start looking as early as sophomore or junior year and apply as soon as you qualify.”

“Saving as much as possible from summer jobs ... can help with at least some of the expenses,” said Powell. “Loans are available for all the expenses you cannot pay for through gifts, grants and scholar-

ships. Be aware that money borrowed must be repaid and the interest [accrued] is the cost of the rental of those funds.”

In fact, the Department of Education reports that 10 percent of U.S. college graduates default on student loans so only borrow money as a last resort.

Investigate federal loans first. “Loans such as the Stafford loan can

be far more cost effective than higher-priced private loans,” said Friese.

College students should also estimate how much they will be able to afford to repay after graduation, said Powell. “Make sure that your target labor market is willing to compensate you with income commensurate with the cost of your education.”



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# Alexandria Celebrates Its 265th

The City of Alexandria hosted its annual birthday celebration at Oronoco Bay Park on Saturday evening, July 12. The evening got underway with a performance from the Alexandria band Fuse Box. Town Crier Ben Fiorre-Walker officially opened the program. The Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission gave out four citizen awards to Susan Aubuchon, Jeanne Snapp, Bonnie Petry and Bob Mannel. The awards were followed by volunteers and council members distributing birthday cupcakes.

At 8:30 p.m. Maestro Kim Allen Kluge took the stage and opened the evening concert with the play-

ing of the National Anthem. The evening concert "To Dare" featured music from "Star Wars," "Harry Potter," "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "The Sound of Music."

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra guest conductor Ann Corson took the stage and directed the orchestra in John Phillip Souza's "El Capitan." During the performance of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," cannons from the Quantico Marine Base were fired into the air and signaled the start of the evening firework show.

Event sponsors included Global Printing and Wells Fargo Advisors along with United Bank.



The fireworks rise over the stage as the Alexandria Symphony concludes the performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.



Jeanne Snapp and Susan Aubuchon were awarded a citizen award by the city's Park and Recreation Commission in recognition of their commitment to organizing, promoting and coordinating beautification activities in the North Ridge Community.



Bonny Petry was honored for her volunteer activities in Tarleton Park and the West End Community.

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Families and friends find seats on the grassy slopes in Oronoco Bay Park for the annual City Birthday celebration.



Tim Mannel accepts a citizen award for his father Bob Mannel who was recognized for his 20 years serving as a coach with the Alexandria Little League. Bob Mannel could not be present in Alexandria on Saturday evening as he was coaching in the state championship tournament.



Alexandria Symphony Maestro Kim Allen Kluge arrives at Oronoco Bay Park for the evening performance.

Fuse Box lead guitarist Ian Lloyd and keyboardist Perry Connor perform with the band at a pre-concert last Saturday evening at Oronoco Bay Park.



Alexandria Town Crier Ben Fiorre-Walker is greeted by Sequoia after opening the official ceremony at the annual Alexandria Birthday Celebration.



# Walton To Play Football at Fork Union Military Academy

**Three-year varsity athlete helped Titans overcome 22-year playoff drought.**

**K**yReem Walton spent three seasons on the T.C. Williams varsity football team. As a defensive end and outside linebacker, Walton was part of an improving defensive unit that played well in 2013, helping the Titans finish the regular season with a 7-3 record and reach the postseason for the first time since 1990.

**Q & A** The 5-foot-8, 158-pound Walton recently graduated from T.C. Williams and will continue his football career at Fork Union Military Academy. Walton, a self-proclaimed “video game freak,” recently participated in a Q and A via email with the Gazette Packet.

**Q: What made Fork Union Military Academy the right fit for you?**

Walton: I'd have to say the program they have. Also it's in Virginia. It's a great post-graduate program. They produce NFL players as well as send every player Division I, turn young men into mature men, give discipline and limit your free time to focus on your main goals — school, football and training.

**Q: What is your major?**

Walton: I plan on majoring in business management, as well as psychology.

**Q: At what age did you start playing football? When did you realize playing college football was a possibility for you?**

Walton: I started at age 8. I had realized



**T.C. Williams graduate KyReem Walton (27) will play football at Fork Union Military Academy.**

[college football] was a possibility when I had made my first tackle. I instantly fell in love with the game and on top of that my coaches at the time loved my game. I just went from there.

**Q: What was it like to be part of the team that snapped T.C. Williams' 22-year playoff drought?**

Walton: It was a great feeling, one which I will never forget. It was one of our goals as a senior class. To be congratulated by those who came before me is humbling. To see the city actually come together through our ups and downs as a team and stick with us through it all actually is a blessing to be a part of. We worked hard for it. Hopefully the younger guys can push further than what we accomplished as well as the teams years down the road.

**Q: What is your favorite memory of**

**playing high school football?**

Walton: I would have to say the best memory is when we found out we weren't going to playoffs [in 2012] the morning after we beat West Po in overtime [in the regular season finale]. I say that because it was emotional, nothing but silence. In my head, as well as my teammates', we thought about the future.

We came together, put all of our egos and pride aside and worked our butts off. We grew that day. We turned ourselves into a team and felt good about it because we had one year left to turn this program around for the first time. Second memory would be beating Oakton 38-2 [in the 2013 opener] when everybody, I mean everybody, doubted us.

**Q: Better feeling: Sacking the quarterback or recovering a fumble?**

Walton: Recovering the fumble. We have either a chance to rest until the offense scores or we score off the fumble.

**Q: If you could go back and change one thing about your high school athletic career, what would it be?**

Walton: It would be positions. I should have focused on DB a lot!

**Q: What are you most looking forward to about the transition from high school to college?**

Walton: A chance to put myself and my family in the spotlight. Show the world my story and inspire people to never give up in any situation.

**Q: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?**

Walton: Young Scooter. He makes a lot of music that I can relate to as a child growing up. The beats are crazy!

**Q: What is your favorite movie? Why?**

Walton: “Friday.” That movie is hilarious and Nia Long is so beautiful in that movie.

**Q: What is your favorite hobby outside of football?**

Walton: Playing Call of Duty, Gears of War 3 and many other video games. I am a video game freak.

**Q: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?**

Walton: Panama City, Fla.

**Q: Did you follow the World Cup? If so, for which team(s) did you cheer?**

Walton: I cheered hard for Brazil.

— JON ROETMAN

## SCHOOL NOTES

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

**Idina Kathryn Staten** graduated from Barton College.

The following Virginia Military Institute cadets were named to the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester: **Kenia R. Hurtado, Nicholas S. Mathis, Ray D. Montolin, Thomas E. O'Connell, Patrick K. Piedad** and **David M. Souliotis**.

**Matthew McMahon, Megan McMahon, John Pemberton** and **Marshall Wagner** have made the dean's list at the University of Kentucky.

**Jacqueline Bouffard** and **Freddie Perez** were named to the dean's list at the University of Hartford.

**Peter Joseph Braun, Katherine Fallin Redding** and **John Dalton Hyre** have made the dean's honor roll at University of Mississippi.

**Harrison Enright Covert** and **Jack Robert Coopersmith** have made the chancellor's honor roll at University of Mississippi.

T.C. Williams Senior **Abby Hamilton** and recent graduate **Emma West** were recognized as part of the ongoing “Harris Heroes” series. Abby and Emma started a nonprofit business called Patriot Portraits that provides discount photography sessions for military families. Abby and Emma placed second in the regional competition and will compete at the national competition in October.

**Abubakarr Massaquoi** has earned a B.A. in Liberal Studies from Marymount University.

The following students graduated from the Junior Law Cadet program: **Elizabeth Dexter, Daniel Frimpong, Ihsanullah Lodin, Adriana Lopez-Escalante, Carly J. Mandell** and **Gabriel P. Servais**.

Lodin was selected for the Jessica J. Cheney Spirit Award from the Junior Law Cadet Program. The program, co-sponsored by the Virginia State Police and The American Legion, gives participants a glimpse into the life and training a Virginia State trooper undergoes.

**Jackie Beckwith**, a rising junior at Gettysburg College, is one of 25 interns working for C-SPAN's national, highly competitive internship program. She is interning in C-SPAN's political programming department. Beckwith is working toward a degree in political science and economics and plans to graduate in May 2016.

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#### Mental Health First Aid Training.

Visit <http://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/MHFARegistration> for dated and times. Limit of 20 participants per class. Contact Donielle Marshall at 703-746-3623 or [donielle.marshall@alexandria.gov](mailto:donielle.marshall@alexandria.gov) for more.

**Feedback Wanted.** The City of Alexandria's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is looking for feedback to determine the best method to modify/expand their pool facilities at the existing Chinquapin Center. Visit <http://studentvoice.com/p/?uaid=750b3323364547e9b16b319d3494a37> to take the survey.

**Information Technology Services.** Open through Aug. 30. ITS is looking for feedback on its new online system of interactive maps. Visit <http://www.alexandriava.gov/gis/info/default.aspx?id=76912> to leave feedback.

**Ten Thousand Villages**, 915 King St., Alexandria's first fair trade retailer, has been operating on King Street in

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**The Groveton High School class of 1964** is looking for contact information for as many classmates as possible. The planning for the 50th reunion is underway, however only a small number of people have been contacted. Groveton graduates of '64 interested in attending September's reunion should email contact information to [GHS64@verizon.net](mailto:GHS64@verizon.net).



## Upcoming Events

- Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
Tchoupitoulas Sponsor Night: First 100 fans receive a free Aces Rally Towel
- Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm Alexandria YMCA Sponsor Night

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- Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm
- Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm & 7pm
- Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm

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### New Building on Campus

Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille and Northern Virginia Community College President Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr. join in the groundbreaking ceremony June 26 for a new three-story 80,000-square-foot academic building on the Alexandria campus. The building will replace the current Tyler Building on campus. Construction is expected to last about 18 months. Moseley Architects in Warrenton is the project architect and the project contractor is Branch Daffan, headquartered in Manassas.



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#### MONDAY/JULY 21

**Foster Parent Orientation.** 6-7:30 p.m. Beatley Library (small conference room), 5005 Duke St. The City of Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions and explain the requirements to foster and/or adopt. For questions or to RSVP, call 703-746-5858 or email [Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov).

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- Marketing

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**Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
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The BAR was appalled. Three of five board members were straightforward in their alarm and rejection. Two others were more circumspect in registering clear concern. After all, the BAR's guidance to the developers had been clear, as stated on page 4 in the report. "At its most basic meaning, a compatible new building is one that can co-exist with historic buildings in harmony."

To the BAR's credit, they all but stated the builders and architects must start over.

But, they won't. The anchor has been set. We can expect to see discussion move quickly to window design and building materials. The appropriateness of the scale, the inferiority of the vision, and the clanging presence of this commercially derived design will only change at the margin.

That is unless, citizens strongly reject this anchoring approach that so commonly characterizes dialog between public and commercial entities in our city, facilitated by city staff. It was staff, after all, who gave the green light to this flawed concept in the historic district, saying in guidance on page 10 of the city's report, "In concept, staff strongly supports the general design direction for a large-scale, transparent, contemporary building constructed of timeless materials."

Citizens must demand more very early, or continue to expect less, in the end, on our waterfront and in our city. Our "anchor" is our history, the structure and form of our streets and residences, and the scale and beauty of our diverse neighborhoods.

Negotiations should start from this point, not from poorly formed precedents imported from elsewhere to lower expectations and divert our discussions.

**Bob Wood**  
Alexandria

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### TUESDAY/JULY 22

**Alexandria Renew Enterprises.** 6 p.m.  
Alexandria Renew Enterprises, 1500 Eisenhower Ave. Board of Directors meeting. Call Lorna Huff, 703-549-3381, ext. 2260.

### WEDNESDAY/JULY 23

**Meeting.** 7-9 p.m. at City Hall, Room 1101, 301 King St. Transportation Commission meeting. Visit <http://alexandriava.gov/TransportationCommission> for more.

### THURSDAY/JULY 24

**Waterfront Commission.** 6 p.m. at City Hall, Room 2000, 301 King St. Special Meeting. Call Jack Browand 703-746-5504.

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### MONDAY/JULY 28

**Citizen Corps Council.** 7 p.m. Fire Station 204, 900 Second St. Council meeting. Call Kim Purcell, 703-746-5259.

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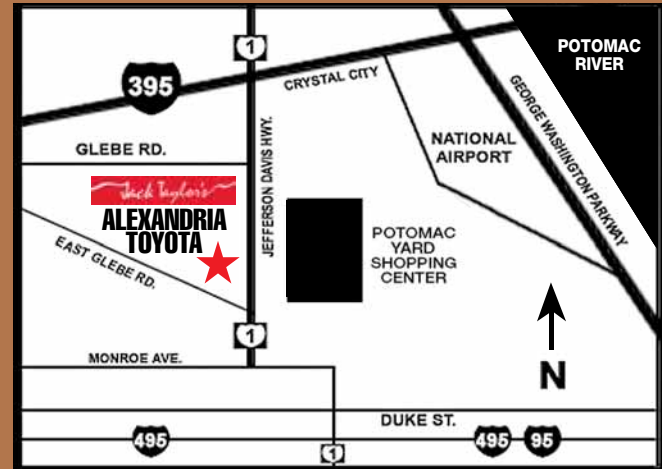
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