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The U.S. Coast Guard ceremonial honor guard silent drill team performs with festival-goer Nereida Rivera at center.

## Celebrating the Irish

The Ballyshaners hosted the annual Alexandria Irish Festival on Saturday, Aug. 9, at Waterfront Park. Bagpipers, Irish dancers, musicians and the U.S. Coast Guard's ceremonial honor guard silent drill team entertained the crowd.

**Members of the Old Town Ancient Order of Hibernians: John O'Donnell, Terry Riley, Brian Doyle and Gary Pick.**



Bill White carries Romper, the puppy, around the back of the stage.



The ShamrockR's combine traditional Irish Step dance with other genres such as pop, country, bluegrass, orchestra swing in a synchronized format.

## Rivals Circling Around Euille

Kerry Donley and Allison Silberberg consider primary challenges.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille's poor performance in the congressional primary to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) is calling into question his ability to lead the city, opening the door to talk about former Mayor Kerry Donley challenging Euille in next year's Democratic primary. That possibility has encouraged talk about Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg possibly entering the race as a candidate who would oppose the kind of large-scale development that Euille and Donley both support.

"The behind the scenes politicking in Alexandria is exactly what happens when you try to reach for a higher rung on the ladder and fall short," said Stephen Farnsworth, political science professor at Mary Washington University. "The mayor did not perform well, and rivals are circling."

In an interview with the Alexandria Gazette Packet, Euille said he is committed to running for a fifth term. He said his goals for the next term would be to oversee redevelopment at Landmark Mall, construction of a new Metro station at Potomac Yard and implementation of the waterfront plan. He said he's proud of his record in office, a time that's seen the city read a historic agreement with the Old Dominion Boat Club and the adoption of a plan to redevelop three key pieces of property on the waterfront.

"The main thing I want to do with my fifth term is to continue to grow the economy in the city and attract top-notch economic development projects," said Euille. "My team is still together from the congressional race to move forward at the appropriate time, and I look forward to continuing to serve the great people of this city."



Euille



Donley



SILBERBERG

**DONLEY SAID** he is "actively planning" a campaign for mayor, and many Democrats have already committed their support to him in the upcoming primary. Although the former mayor said he is still talking over the idea of a campaign with this family and his employer, he minced no words about his opinion of the Euille administration.

"The record speaks for itself," said Donley, who has also served as the chairman of the Democratic Party of Virginia and the athletic director for Alexandria City Pub

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## Home Invasion

A Franklin Street woman fought off an intruder who attacked her in the middle of the night last weekend, sending him scurrying into the streets of Old Town in a botched robbery and sexual assault. The Alexandria Police Department arrested a man from Falls Church, who is now behind held without bond at the Alexandria jail and facing years in prison. Neighbors say the man had performed work on the woman's house, and he knew she would be alone.

"It's not like he just showed up here from wherever," said **Crystal Nosal**, spokeswoman for the Alexandria Police Department. "He knew the area."

The Alexandria Police Department have charged the man with attempted rape and burglary in the 900 block of Franklin Street, which they say happened shortly after 1 a.m. on Aug. 9. Neighbors say the suspect had previously performed work on the victim's house, giving him a knowledge of the layout. Public-safety officials say this case and others like it should serve as a warning for people to make sure they vet people who perform work, especially if they are given a key.

"People go on craigslist to find people to do work on their house are taking a risk," said Commonwealth's Attorney **Bryan Porter**. "But the usual context you would see something like this is larceny, not a violent crime."

If convicted the suspect faces seven to 30 years in prison.

## Children's Cabinet

For the 10 percent of families who have children at Jefferson-Houston School who are homeless, navigating the web of social service agencies can be a mind-numbing challenge. There's food stamps, health benefits, job counseling, housing programs and the staff at the Carpenter's Shelter. Each of those has a separate case worker and a different point of contact, creating the potential for children to fall through the cracks.

"In an ideal world, a student has one caseworker," said Del. **Rob Krupicka** (D-45). "That caseworker knows what they are doing in school, knows what's happening with their family life, knows if they are getting to school on time and is able to coordinate the services they are receiving at the school as well as outside the school."

This week, Krupicka was one of eight appointees to a newly created "Children's Cabinet," an effort by Democratic Gov. **Terry McAuliffe** to focus on education, health, safety and welfare of Virginia's children. The governor hopes the newly created cabinet will develop and implement a policy agenda to help better serve Virginia's children as well as foster collaboration between state and local agencies. Krupicka said his focus will be on sharing data.

"It's hard to get bureaucracies to coordinate resources," said Krupicka. "It's hard to get bureaucracies to share data between different departments so that the person doing the food stamps and employment services for the student's parents also knows that the student is having some real problems in a certain area of academics."

## Going to the Dogs

Is the Alexandria Police Department going to the dogs? Ask **Zara**, the department's latest recruit. She's a Belgian Malinois whose owners turned the dog into the Animal Welfare League last year because they weren't able to care for her. It didn't take long for the shelter staff and volunteers to realize that Zara was a high-energy dog who wanted to work. So they approached the Alexandria Police Department about enrolling the dog in the police academy.

"This is a win/win situation because Zara gets to work and do what she loves and the city gets to help a dog who will then help the entire community of Alexandria," said **Megan Webb**, executive director of the league.

Zara is so high-energy that she would probably be inappropriate for most families. But that's an asset for the police, who passed the initial tests and was accepted into the Basic K-9 school. This week, after a year of training, she graduated this week.

"We could not be more grateful to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria for bringing Zara to us," said Alexandria Police Chief **Earl Cook**. "She is an excellent addition."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS

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# Don't Have Voter ID?

Summer hours at the registrar's office provide a way to get new photo ID.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

This November, the commonwealth of Virginia will conduct a statewide election unlike any other in the long history of the Old Dominion. For the first time ever, every voter in every nook and cranny of the state will be required to produced photo identification. That means the card voters receive in the mail will no longer be enough to cast a ballot. From now on, voters will need to hand over a mug shot.

"I don't think there's an expectation that these new rules will have a gigantic effect," said Geoff Skelley, analyst with the Univeristy of Virginia Center for Politics. "But if they do impact anybody, it will be poorer and older voters."

Here in Alexandria, election officials are working overtime to plan for the new rules. This month, for example, the registrar's office will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Voters who do not have one of the approved photo IDs can apply for a newly created card from the Virginia Department of Elections. The card has a date and a photograph, although it does not include information about a home address so voters don't have to get a new card when they move. And Alexandria officials are hoping the weekend hours might be a good way to reach the demographic of people without photo ID.

"We have jobs for our part-timers to do, and they can do it on Saturday and Sunday just as well so that allows us to be open at no extra cost," said Anna Lieder, general registrar for Alexandria. "Our reasoning was that maybe a person could give them a ride here on the weekend, but maybe it would be more difficult to get a ride here during the workweek."

**THE FIRST** test of the new rules will be a special election for the Farmville City Council this month. Elections officials from across the state will be closely watching what happens there as a way to predict possible problems across Virginia later this



The Virginia Department of Elections now issues photo identification, which voters can apply for during special week-end hours this month at the Alexandria registrar's office.

## What Counts?

- ❖ Virginia driver's license or identification card
- ❖ Virginia DMV issued veteran's ID card
- ❖ U.S. passport
- ❖ Government-issued photo identification cards
- ❖ College or university student photo identification card from Virginia
- ❖ Employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business
- ❖ Virginia voter photo ID card obtained through any local general registrar's office

year. Although Democrats have been critical of Republicans for adopting rules that disenfranchise voters who tend to vote for Democrats, some have argued that the opposite might be the case.

"This is such an inflammatory issue that it might actually cause minority voters to turn out at a higher level," said Skelley. "If Democrats can make this an issue, it might end up making some marginal voters turn out." One quirk in the system would allow voters without photo identification to cast a provisional ballot on Election Day regardless of the lack of photo identification. The voter would then have until Friday to come into the registrar's office and receive a temporary photo ID. The registrar's office will take a photograph there on the spot for a temporary card, then send the information to Richmond for a permanent version to be mailed to the voter.

"We take your picture, and we capture your signature," said Susan Kellom, chairwoman of the Alexandria Electoral Board. "We print it out on a form and then you hand it back to us and say, 'There's my ID.'"

## Police Warn of 'Spoofing' Fraud

The Alexandria Police Department is warning citizens that one or more suspects have been fraudulently "spoofing" the City of Alexandria Non-Emergency Line phone number to demand money and threaten arrest if payment is not made.

Anyone who has received a phone call or message from 703-746-4444, accompanied by a demand for money to pay outstanding court, traffic fines, or to bring their vehicle to Police Headquarters should not respond to that message, or they should hang up on the caller. No one from the Alexandria Police Department is making those calls.

More than 20 citizens called the Alexandria Police Department recently reporting that a male representing himself as a police officer, with the 703-746-4444 number showing on Caller ID, called them. The "scammer" either left a message or

threatened them over the phone. The man said they owed money for outstanding court fines, traffic offenses, etc., and asked victims for various ID numbers. It is believed that the suspect would eventually tell victims they must immediately pay money to avoid arrest. At this time, no one is known to have complied with the caller's demands. People receiving the calls have been suspicious and called the non-emergency number back to verify. Police said that is the correct action to take.

The Alexandria Police Department does not contact people and demand money.

The 703-746-4444 phone number is still the working non-emergency number. Anyone who calls this number will reach the Department of Emergency Communication; "spoofing" does not work in reverse and when residents call 703-746-4444, they will reach a legitimate city employee.



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Three members of the chamber music group practice before their performance in the summer concert series. They include from left clarinetist Roger Garza, pianist Frank Chu and cellist Benjamin Wensel. In addition the group included violinist Christina Wensel and violist Beth Dunkel.

## 'Most Beautiful Sound in the World'

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**R**oger Garza walks into the Greek revival Lyceum on Washington Street to practice with the other players before the 3 p.m. concert. The plush rose chairs sit empty, but the pianist and cellist are already there working on parts of the program. A silver stand on the stage beside his chair holds his B flat clarinet and his A clarinet. Garza sucks on the reed for his clarinet, pulls out the music for the Suite and tunes his clarinet to the A note on the piano.

**PEOPLE AT WORK** This concert in the Alexandria summer series is classical chamber music by Darius Milhaud. The group hadn't played together before and had spent about six hours over the last couple of weeks practicing the Trio in E flat Major and other pieces. "Sometimes with a new group you can play the same day, but when it is a little more challenging like today, you need longer," Garza said.

The cellist draws his bow across the five strings, the piano joins in, and Garza opens and closes the silver tone holds to change the length of the tube as he blows into the clarinet. He said, "I'm a fan of classical music. It's my best set." But he added, "I'm not a teacher. I'd much rather perform."

Garza has been playing the clarinet for 18 years.

He began playing the trumpet in the high school band, but clarinet lessons were right after: "When I heard the clarinet, I changed; it is the most beautiful sound in the world."

He said his mother always encouraged the arts, and his two younger sisters played the clarinet and oboe. After college he attended graduate school at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. That made

it easy to get to the auditions for the Army band. "To get to this point takes a lot of practice, and you have to have a good teacher; you can't do it alone," he said.

Garza is in the U.S. Army band with the ceremonial component and spends 90 percent of his time at Arlington National Cemetery; often there are four full honor funerals a day, and he said, "this is just for the Army." He also plays for retirement ceremonies for enlisted and officers and arrival ceremonies for visiting dignitaries. He has been with the U.S. Army band for four years and before that he spent four years with an Army line band at a smaller post.

"We have a book of hymns and marches and sometimes there is a special request. I remember the first time I played a ceremony for the President," he said. "You know he will be there, but you are standing in formation and he's not there, and suddenly he is two meters in front of you."

Garza said he mostly stays in the D.C. area but has been to Norway, Europe and all along the East Coast: "It is really a fulfilling job."

Early concert arrivals occupy chairs and line the walls in the museum lobby downstairs. "It's a good deal," one of them offers, "because you can hear part of the practice and then go upstairs to the concert and hear the whole thing there." Garza also plays for the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic that performs 4-5 times a year and for special programs like the Alexandria summer concert series. He said he spends about four hours a day with his instru-

ment. The violinist arrives with her young daughter clad in a summer tie-dyed dress and is introduced to Garza. She tucks her chin into her chest, and he says, "that's OK, I'm shy, too."

Then he answers her question, "yes this is an important instrument." It is the same professional clarinet he has played since college.



Roger Garza opens and closes the tone holds to create the different notes on the clarinet as he practices the Suite for the Chamber Concert at the Alexandria Lyceum.

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## Snapshot

**Capt. Ben Williams of the Von Huyn Hessian infantry drills with soldiers and a new recruit on the front green of the Carlyle House on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 9.**

## SCHOOL NOTES

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

**Brendan T. Reilly** graduated from The Catholic University of America with the degree of Master of Architecture. His thesis on Temporary Urbanism was a finalist in Super Jury and was awarded a travel grant. Reilly received a degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Catholic University in 2012. He is a 2008 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School and is the son of Peter and Cristine Reilly of Alexandria.

**Caroline Deschak** and **Dustin Hess** were named to the dean's list at Salisbury University.

**Tori Mittelman** received the Chancellor's Leadership Award at the University of Wisconsin.

Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy hired two high school social

media interns, **Vincent Tran** and **Kayla Streeter**. Vincent is a rising senior with a long history of volunteerism. Kayla Streeter is a rising sophomore who works with her sister to produce, edit and update blogs about hair, makeup and fashion, and has created flyers about STDs for her health class, designed t-shirts for the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority and served as a volunteer speaker about substance abuse. She is involved with the T.C. chapter of I AM THAT GIRL, a global movement inspiring girls to love, express and be who they are through education, content and community. These students will be responsible for creating and posting content on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram, and engaging with youth on these channels throughout the 2014-2015 school year. They will also be attending Keep It 360 club meetings and after school events, ACAP quarterly meetings, and school and community events hosted by ACAP.

## MILITARY NOTES

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Air Force Airman 1st Class **Stefanie L. Nakoneczny** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Stefanie is the daughter of Nina Nakoneczny of Alexandria.

**William A. Rodger** has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Leader Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

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Karen Schultz encourages her dog Lucy, as she tries out the treadmill. The pair got involved in dog agility training, as a way of burning off some of Lucy's excess energy.



Co-Owner Kevin Gilliam (center) says a few words of appreciation as Mayor Bill Euille prepares to cut the ribbon on July 31, officially opening Frolick Dogs Canine Sports Club at 3208 Colvin St. Also in attendance were: Chamber of Council President John T. Long III; co-owner Kim Gilliam; Jessica Adams, American Red Cross community executive; Christopher Campagna of Braddock Real Estate; John Renner, past Chamber of Commerce president; Ed Velarde of Eagle Bank, and Gin Kinneman of Kinneman Insurance.



K-9 Officer Brian Fromm and his partner Odin were at Frolick Dog's grand opening, to show their support.

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# OPINION

## Helping Children To Get Ready for School

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

**W**here does the time go? It seems just yesterday that students headed home after a school year extended by a winter of snow and ice to a summer filled with sun and fun. And now everywhere I turn, the stores are filled with reminders that it's almost time to go "Back to School!"

At Inova Alexandria Hospital, our staff is collecting school supplies to help area children arrive at school in September prepared to hit the books. We've teamed up with Alexandria City Public Schools' (ACPS) Family and Community Engagement Center and the non-profit Community Partners for Children for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual ACPS School Supply Drive. This year, ACPS aims to provide 1,500 backpacks full of school supplies to students in need who would otherwise start the school year without the basic essentials.

Our staff has proudly donated to this cause now for 15 years. Last year we had the honorable distinction of having donated the most school supplies of any organization in our com-



munity! To meet this year's goal, ACPS needs everyone's help — yours, too. As you prepare your own children to go back to school, why not pick up a few extra supplies when you go shopping? You can drop them off at one of

many locations throughout Alexandria by August 24. The list of needed supplies and drop-off locations is listed at [www.acps.k12.va.us/face-centers/supply-drive.pdf](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/face-centers/supply-drive.pdf).

And with fewer than three weeks left before school, Dr. Samantha Ahdoot, secretary of Inova Alexandria's Department of Pediatrics, offers these tips to help parents get their children ready:

❖ **Re-establish bedtime routines:** One week before school, enforce earlier bedtimes and wake times to give children's bodies time to readjust. Dr. Ahdoot says school-age children need about 10 and a half hours of sleep each night; teenagers need even more.

❖ **Eat a healthy breakfast:** Focus on foods that promote energy from protein, like eggs, milk and yogurt, or offer low-calorie, low sugar options like whole-grain cereals or oatmeal with fruit.

❖ **Set limits on electronics/screens:** Dr. Ahdoot doesn't recommend taking away kids' electronics; rather, parents should establish times when screens and electronics are and aren't allowed. For example, no cell phones after 9 p.m.

❖ **Visit school:** Attend a back-to-school orientation or schedule a meeting with your child's teacher. This is especially important for children who might be anxious. Have your children visit the classroom or play on the playground to get acquainted with the school setting.

❖ **Go shopping:** Take your children shopping for school supplies. They'll be excited to choose their own items. Have them select extra items to donate for the ACPS school supplies drive.

❖ **Schedule a check-up:** Are your child's immunizations current? Does your child need a sports physical? Dr. Ahdoot says even though her practice, Pediatric Associates of Alexandria, is quite busy this time of year, parents can always schedule appointments for required immunizations with the nurse practitioner and follow-up with a full appointment at a later date if necessary.

And finally, the last tip is mine: Enjoy your remaining days of summer and stay healthy!

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### 'Automobile Anarchy'

To the Editor:

I have never heard of any pedestrian in Old Town getting hit by a bicycle, but I have heard of cyclists, joggers and pedestrians getting hit by cars, including my wife walking in a crosswalk at City Hall, with many close calls as we were walking our kids to school. I have seen many, many cars roll through stop signs and even go through them without slowing down at all, including Alexandria residents, city workers and police cars, not on call. There is also the distinction of rolling through stop signs when no cars or pedestrians are present or in

the lane of travel, vs. when they are present or in the lane of travel.

I don't think I need to explain which of the two are more dangerous, the 2000lb - 4000 lb. cars or a couple of hundred pounds of bicycle including the rider or which can avoid pedestrians easier, the full lane width car or the small bicycle. So it seems to me that we should first deal with the more dangerous "automobile anarchy." This automobile anarchy is driven by the city's poor planning related to parking and will be exacerbated by an increase in cars with the coming increased density along the waterfront.

The city is not up to the industry standard

or best practices relative to parking planning and this endangers — bordering on negligence — pedestrians, joggers, drivers, as well as cyclists, as cars are cruising for free parking rather than looking at the crosswalks or where they are going. The person that hit my wife admitted she was looking for parking. The best practice, where there is a well connected metro station, is to meter parking near the commercial areas and price it above the garage parking rate — of course residents would be exempt — so that encourages drivers to go right to the garages rather than cruise for free parking. This also solves another problem which is inadequate parking at busy times like Friday night when residents can't find parking that they paid for. The free parking attracts more cars than transit riders and when you charge for parking you get more transit riders than cars as seen in the research. And of course idling, stopping and starting and cruising cars increase air pollution, stress and serious health risks.

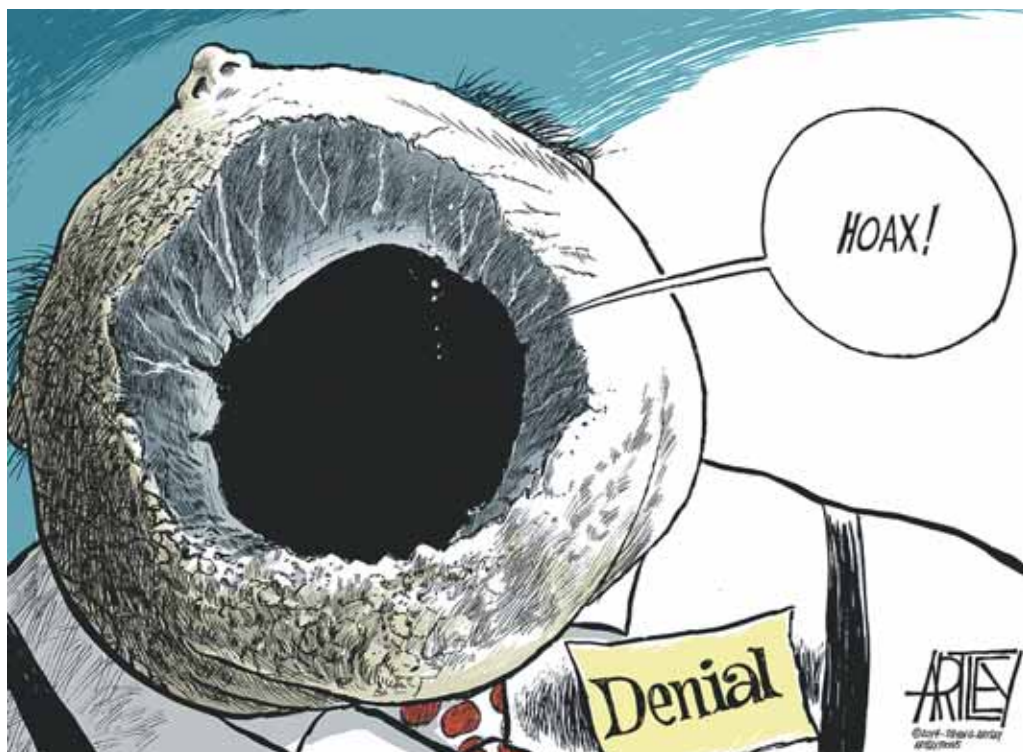
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To the Editor:

I want to take a moment to thank the residents and businesses of Alexandria, and the city staff, for your patience and cooperation while we work to replace the city's aging water infrastructure. All of us at Virginia American Water understand the inconvenience the temporary road closures and service disruptions can be. I assure you this short-term pain will pay off with long-term benefits. Allow me to briefly explain.

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## OPINION

# Need Help with Repairs?

BY KATHARINE DIXON  
PRESIDENT, REBUILDING  
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**T**rust and pride are two reasons that people — especially seniors — don't always reach out to us to help them with home repairs. But it's for those very reasons that people should.

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## Alexandria Prepares Its Defense – August 1814

BY TED PULLIAM

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

On Aug. 20, 1814, General Robert Young, Alexandria merchant and commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade of the District of Columbia Militia, received orders from his commander in Washington. His brigade, which contained all of Alexandria's infantry units, was to cross the Potomac River to Maryland, and there await further orders.

Disturbing news had reached Washington — the British navy in the Chesapeake Bay had been heavily reinforced. To many in Washington this clearly meant that the British were preparing a major attack, and they were its target. In anticipation, federal government authorities, whose main concern was protecting the capital, not Alexandria, decided that the best place for Young and his brigade was Maryland.

Alexandria's militiamen were under federal control, and they had been sent away from Alexandria. If its own soldiers were not available to protect against a British attack, what other resources did the town have?

That question had concerned

Alexandrians for some time. A year and a half earlier, in February 1813, Mayor Charles Simms wrote Secretary of War John Armstrong about the town's inability to defend against "any predatory attempt that may possibly be made against it from the enemy fleet." He continued: "It would be very practicable to land three or four hundred men in the night who might plunder the Banks, Stores, dwelling houses and Shipping without resistance and make good their retreat before effectual steps could be taken to prevent it."

Mayor Simms, then 59 years old, was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. He had served as a colonel under George Washington, who had written of him: "He is a brave intelligent and good Officer." After that war, Simms and his wife had moved to Alexandria where he had become a successful attorney, occasionally representing George Washington. Simms had been elected mayor a year earlier, and he would lead Alexandria throughout the War of 1812. Naturally, he was concerned about the town's safety.

Apparently there was no favorable response to his letter, and the Alexandria Common Council decided to do what it could in its own defense.

On May 8, 1813, it appropriated \$1,500 for mounting the town's guns, including two 12-pound cannons at Jones Point, and pay-

ing expenses already incurred in mounting "two brass field pieces," both six pounders. (The use of "pound" in connection with cannons refers to the weight of the cannon ball the cannon fired.)

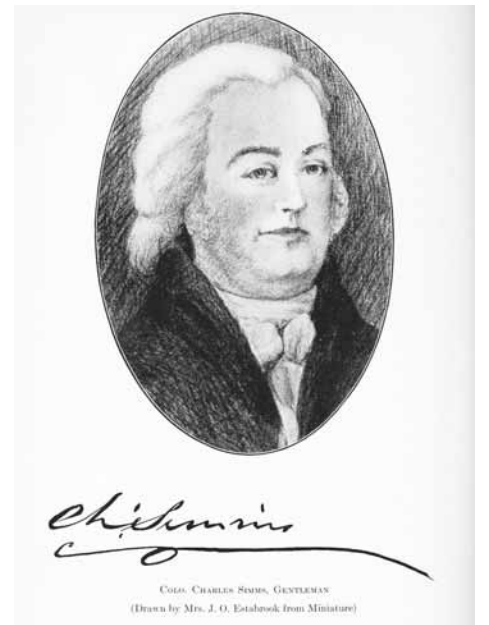
That same day the Council also decided to go to the top with its plea for federal aid. It appointed a committee, headed by Mayor Simms, to meet with President Madison. The meeting took place several days later, and Simms summarized its results: "He [President Madison] observed, that the representation of any respectable body of men was entitled to attention; and that the subject should be taken under consideration, or words to that effect."

The President delivered this brushoff despite Simms' having known Madison since 1776 when he and Simms had both been delegates to Virginia's first constitutional convention. Simms had represented the frontier town of Fort Dunmore (later known as Pittsburgh, but in 1776 considered part of Virginia), and Madison had represented Orange County.

In 1813, however, Simms and Madison were in opposing political parties, a fact that probably did not help Alexandria's cause.

Also in May 1813 a few days after the meeting with the President, deputations from Alexandria, Washington, and

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**Colonel Charles Simms, Mayor of Alexandria, 1812-1814.** Drawing by Mrs. J.O. Estabrook from a miniature, 1912. The drawing comes from a book entitled "Early Chapters in the Development of the Patomac [sic] Route to the West" by Mrs. Corra Bacon-Foster published by the Columbia Historical Society in 1912.

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## HISTORY

# An Ill-Prepared Fort

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Georgetown met with Secretary of War Armstrong urging him to increase the District's defenses. They urged him particularly to strengthen Fort Washington (also known then as Fort Warburton), the fort located about six miles downriver from Alexandria that was the last line of defense against enemy ships sailing up the Potomac River to Washington or Alexandria.

The fort itself was situated on a level area of less than four acres much lower and nearer the water than the Fort Washington existing today.

Major Pierre L'Enfant, military engineer and architect of the capital city, was sent in May 1813 to examine the fort. He reported that it and its weapons were in a dilapidated condition, adding that "the whole original design was bad, and it is therefore impossible to make a perfect work of it by any alterations."

Two months later, a General Wilkinson examined the fort. His July report also criticized its design saying the fort was a "mere water battery" whose cannons could not be swiveled to shoot at ships once they had gotten past them. Also, on the bluff above the fort was a two-story brick blockhouse that "could be knocked down by a twelve-

pounder [cannon]." Many British warships then carried 24-pound cannons or larger.

But little or nothing was done to correct these deficiencies. A year later, in July 1814, the overall military commander of the District, General William H. Winder, wrote, "Fort Washington is, in several respects, incomplete in its state of preparation for defense."

Finally some ammunition was sent to the fort along with two men to make repairs, but these measures were sadly inadequate.

On Aug. 18, two days before Alexandria's militia was ordered out of town, the *Alexandria Gazette* announced that banks in Georgetown, Washington, and Alexandria agreed to loan the federal government \$200,000, half to be used for "the erection of permanent fortifications upon the shores of the Potomac." Three banks in Alexandria soon provided \$50,000 toward this goal.

As it turned out, however, there was no time left to spend the money as intended. Mayor Simms and Alexandria were left with no militia, a fort incompletely prepared, and a few small cannons.

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# Helping Seniors and Their Pets

BY MEGAN WEBB  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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Two of Alexandria's service organizations, Senior Services of Alexandria and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA), have developed a unique partnership to help the area's senior citizens.

**AWLA** Alexandria's senior population is expected to grow 33 percent by 2030 according to the 2010 census. With 45 percent of the area seniors living at moderate- to low-income levels, it is critical to identify solutions to the various needs of the area's mature population. Senior Services of Alexandria works with city partners to provide programs and services including Meals on Wheels that allow seniors in the city of Alexandria to age with dignity. The Meals on Wheels program seeks to counter the social isolation many seniors experience and the corresponding problem of malnutrition.

Senior Services of Alexandria is now working with



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**Dan Bernstein is a dog volunteer with the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria and a driver for Meals on Wheels for Senior Services of Alexandria. He has now combined both of these interests by driving for the AniMeals program too.**

AWLA to expand the program to include food delivery for senior's pets – a program now known as "AniMeals." This novel approach leans on research showing how pets play a key role in improving the health of elders. The UCLA Center for Health Policy, for example, found that companion animals can play an important role in keeping individuals healthy and happy. AWLA gathers and stores the donations of pet food and supplies while Senior Services of Alexandria provides the volunteers to transport the items to the seniors.

The two organizations will also co-host a speaker series event on the "Bond of Seniors and Their Pets" on Sept. 10 from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Topics will include Senior Pet Program, Health Benefits of Pets, and Keeping Your Pets Happy. To RSVP for the event or to support "AniMeals," go to [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or call

703-836-4414, extension 10 and to learn about AWLA go to [www.alexandrianimals.org](http://www.alexandrianimals.org).

# Home Repairs

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vided by Rebuilding Together Alexandria's volunteers.

❖ **Savings:** A 60-year Alexandria resident, Steve is a disabled Vietnam War veteran who lost his legs due to Agent Orange, and has difficulty financially and physically maintaining his home. Volunteers applied weather stripping, caulked, sealed outlets, installed insulation, put in a programmable thermostat, and upgraded to compact fluorescent light bulbs, making his home warmer in the winter, cooler in the summer, while lessening the energy bills all year round.

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## Top Sales in June 2014

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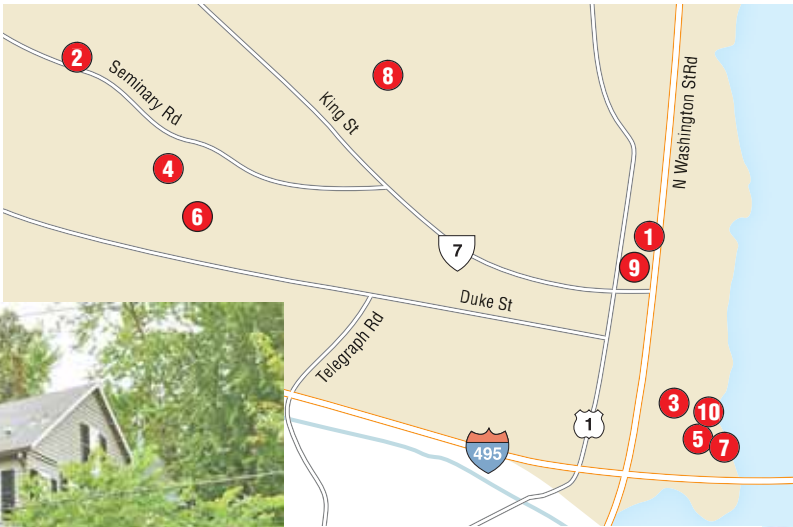
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## Keeping School Clutter Under Control Staying organized this school year.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**hen summer comes to a grinding halt in a few weeks, a new school year will begin. From alarm clocks and school bells to piles of homework assignments and sports schedules, maintaining a coordinated household can be difficult, however. Local organizers are offering simple suggestions to help make the transition from summer to the start of the school year seamless.

"If you've had a lazy summer and your home is an organizational mess, take a day off from work or at least set aside several hours to spend whipping it back into shape before the first day of school," said Faye English, an organizer from Fairfax. "The school year will be much easier if you get organized from the beginning."

Set aside time for tackling such projects as cleaning out bedroom and coat closets and mudrooms. "Take all of the clothes, jackets, shoes and sports equipment that your kids have outgrown and give them away," said English. "Once you've discarded everything you no longer need, start setting up new storage systems and make sure



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**Designating a place in one's home for papers and homework supplies is one way to stay organized during the school year.**

everything has a place." One of the most noticeable changes that many families experience after returning to school is an increase in the paper that accumulates at home. "You have to plan the increase in paper work," said Alexandria-based organizer Laura Dando. "Give each child a file folder or a bulletin board where they can keep their important papers, permission slips and homework assignments. To control clutter, clean it out once a week."

Create a space to store or display artwork. "Children enjoy seeing their artwork hanging at home," said Dando. "At the end of the school year you can store some of the artwork in a keepsake box."

Take inventory of each child's school supplies and determine what needs to be purchased and what can be reused. "Once the school sends the list of supplies your child will need, figure out what you already have so you don't feel compelled to blindly buy everything on the list," said English. "If your child [has] a backpack or lunchbox that's in perfectly good condition, consider reusing it."

**SET ASIDE A SPACE** where children will do homework and make sure each child has a bin with the supplies he or she will need

for completing their assignments, said Arlington-based organizer Michelle Stanbury. "The homework space should be quiet, free of distractions and have good lighting," she said. Keep a large family calendar that includes each child's events. "It can even be a dry erase board," said Stanbury. "But it should include sports schedules, club meetings, field trip dates and other events. Use a different color marker for each child. This way everyone in the family knows everyone else's schedule." Encourage children to begin choosing their outfits for school before going to bed at night. "This will save a lot of time and fights when children are getting ready for school in the morning," said Dando. "With younger children, it also helps if, when you're school shopping, you buy clothes that all coordinate together and match. This is especially useful for children who like to pick out their own outfits for school." Designate a place in your home where children hang up and store their coats and backpacks. "As parents, sometimes it feels easier to hang up our children's clothes for them," said English. "But if kids are trained to hang up their coats, backpacks and lunchboxes as soon as they come in the door from school, it will be less stressful for everyone."

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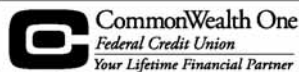


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# ENTERTAINMENT

## All Creatures Great and Small

AWLA hosts Del Ray Artisans animal art exhibit.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he Vola Lawson Animal Shelter joined forces with the Del Ray Artisans Aug. 8 to celebrate the opening of “All Creatures Great and Small,” the first animal art exhibit to be held at the AWLA facility on Eisenhower Ave.

“It’s exciting that this first exhibit is with the Del Ray Artisans,” said AWLA Board Chair Charlotte Hall. “These are two bright, shining stars in our community.”

Nearly 60 pieces of original art were created by Del Ray Artisans members and are on display at the shelter through Oct. 26.

“We are excited to have this art exhibit at the shelter,” said AWLA Executive Director Megan Webb. “The idea is to encourage people who haven’t been to the shelter to stop by and also to show off the artwork of these talented artists who love animals.”

The artwork on display is for sale and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the shelter.

“Several pieces have already been sold with 20 percent of sales being contributed to the shelter,” Webb explained. “Another 20 percent goes to Del Ray Artisans and the rest goes to the artist.”

More than 100 people turned out for the opening night reception, many of whom took tours being offered by Animal Control Officer Joe Sesky.

“This was a great cooperative effort with the city,” Sesky said. “General Services arranged to hang the art rails similar to what is on display at City Hall. And Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and the sheriff’s office provided inmate labor for the painting. I can’t thank everyone enough – they all did a great job.”

Among those touring the shelter facility were Rick and Ann Dorman of Alexandria.

“I am amazed,” Ann Dorman said. “I had no idea how much is done here. This is a great way to get people in here to understand what the shelter is all about.”

Reception donors included King Street Blues, Tres Hermanas Restaurante, Chadwick’s, Lavender Moon Cupcakery and Unwined.

“We encourage people to stop by to see



AWLA executive director Megan Webb, right, and board chair Charlotte Hall enjoy the opening night art reception at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter.



Animal Control Officer Joe Sesky answers questions from Rick and Ann Dorman regarding the shelter facilities.

the art during our regular adoption hours,” Webb said. “But you don’t have to adopt a pet. Just come and enjoy and perhaps purchase the artwork. It’s a way to contribute even if you can’t adopt. This is a win-win for everyone.”

*The exhibit “All Creatures Great and Small” will be on display at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave., through Oct. 26 during normal adoption hours. Admission is free and interest in adopting a pet is not required. Call 703-838-4774 or visit [www.AlexandriaAnimals.org](http://www.AlexandriaAnimals.org) for more.*



Attendees peruse animal-themed renderings done by the Del Ray Artisans during the Aug. 8 debut reception of “All Creatures Great and Small,” a new art exhibit at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. A collaboration between the shelter and Del Ray Artisans, the exhibit features works of art by local artists and runs through Oct. 26.



AWLA Director of Animal Care Abbie Hubbard leads a tour of the shelter facilities.

### CALENDAR

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

#### ONGOING

**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.

**Archeology in Action Tour.** Fridays in August. 11-11:45 a.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Take an inside look at the history of the Mount Vernon archaeology program and the current discovery efforts in progress. \$40 for four admission tickets, \$17 for adults, \$8 for children six to 11, \$16 for seniors. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Ice Cream Making.** Saturdays in August. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 3200 Mt. Vernon highway, Mount Vernon. Cool down with 18th century ice cream making demonstrations. Admission: Adults, \$18; Children, \$9; Under 5, free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Art Exhibition.** Through Sunday, Aug. 31 at 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.

**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).

**Port City Playhouse’s 37th Season.** Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Port City Playhouse will begin its 2014-15 season of outstanding plays with the premiere of *Black Hole* by Jean Koppen. Performances are Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturday, Sept. 20 and 27, at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and

students, and \$14 for groups of ten or more. Visit [portcityplayhouse.org](http://portcityplayhouse.org).  
**Saving Mount Vernon.** Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 3:30 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Visit the rarely seen basement and wander the historic area to learn the heroics of the estates caretakers. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.  
**National Treasure Tour.** Through Oct. 31. 1-3 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A tour dedicated to the behind the scenes filming of “National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets.” \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.  
**New Exhibit.** Mount Vernon invites



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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. Owners of 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).

**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.

**Dinner for the Washingtons.** Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Second Thursday Music.** Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

## 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.

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**Summer Restaurant Week.** Aug. 15-24, in neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and West End. \$35 for a three-course dinner or \$35 for dinner for two. Menu options vary by location. Visit [www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com](http://www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com) or call 703-746-3301 for more.

**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.4mrmarket.org/](http://www.4mrmarket.org/) for more.

**West End Farmers Market.** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables 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.

located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.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/classessummer14.htm](http://www.artatthecenter.org/classessummer14.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.mvcc.org](http://www.mvcc.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).

## 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).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 5-MONDAY/SEPT. 8

**Art Exhibit.** Opening reception, Aug. 14, 6:30-8 p.m.; Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. An art exhibit titled, "Scapes and Structures." Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 7-SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

**Art Exhibit.** At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street. "Influence and Inspiration: The Art League Faculty Celebrates 60 Years." Exhibit showcases Washington Color School Artists to present League faculty. Reception Sunday, Sept. 7 from 4-6 p.m. Exhibit open Thursdays and Fridays noon-4 p.m., Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays noon-4 p.m., and

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### 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).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 14

**Music.** 6-8 p.m. at the Torpedo factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Classical Guitar with David Toves. Free. Visit <http://torpedofactory.org/event/2nd-thursday-old-town-alexandria-2015-12-10/2014-08-14/> for more.

**Chatham Street.** 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A husband and wife duo from Winchester, Va., Chatham Street's music style defies easy categorization, combining flavors of Americana, folk, and rock. \$10 at the door, or purchase in advance. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org).

**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.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 15

**Dixie Melody Boys.** 7:30 p.m. Mount Calvary Community Church, 6731 Beulah St. Since organizing over five decades ago, The Dixie Melody Boys have enjoyed much success, including a Grammy nomination. Call 703-971-0165 or visit [www.dixiemelodyboys.com](http://www.dixiemelodyboys.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 16

**Java Jolt: Alexandria and the War of 1812.** 10 a.m.-noon. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St. Perk up your Saturday morning over coffee and light refreshments; meet local historians and researchers and learn the real story behind Alexandria and the War of 1812. Free, but RSVP to [archaeology@alexandriava.gov](mailto:archaeology@alexandriava.gov). Visit [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org) or call 703-746-4399.

### 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).

### SATURDAYS/AUG. 16 AND 23

**Biodiversity Discover Club.** 9-11 a.m. at Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, George Washington Memorial Parkway. Join a ranger for gathering to explore, discover, record and share the diversity of plants and animals. Free. Email [laura\\_sebastianelli@nps.gov](mailto:laura_sebastianelli@nps.gov) or call 703-289-2552 for more.

### SUNDAY/AUG. 17

**Civil War Sunday.** 1-5 p.m. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327, Alexandria. Explore the Civil War. See an original May 26, 1861, edition of The New-York Tribune detailing Colonel Elmer Ellsworth's death in Alexandria, a Peeps diorama illustrating Ellsworth's death, a TimeTravelers Passport exhibit featuring the Civil War drummer boy,

a diorama of a heating system constructed in Alexandria to warm Civil War hospital tents during the winter of 1861, a cocked and loaded Wickham musket discarded in a privy during the 1860s, and an exhibit on a Lee Street archaeological site during the Civil War. Free. Visit [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org) or call 703-746-4399.

### 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 [janefranklin.dance@gmail.com](mailto:janefranklin.dance@gmail.com) for more.

### TUESDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 19-21

**Sculpture Madness.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Choose to work with connecting pipes, wire and sculpey or build a base to cover in paper mache. \$90. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org/classessummer14.htm#smad2](http://www.artatthecenter.org/classessummer14.htm#smad2).

### SATURDAY/AUG. 23

**Artist Material Market.** 10 a.m.-3p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Vendors, along with many artists, will be selling or trading a variety of art supplies for uses across the visual media. Free admission. Visit <http://torpedofactory.org/event/art-material-market/> for more.

**Fall Vegetable Gardening.** 10:30 a.m.-noon. Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Come and learn all you need to know to keep your garden growing during the fall and winter months. The program is free, but registration is requested. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgaralalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgaralalex@gmail.com).

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Mary Bridget Davies. \$25. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**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) for more.

### SUNDAY/AUG. 24

**Duck Race.** 11 a.m. at Cameron Run Water Park, 4001 Eisenhower Blvd. Adopt a rubber duck for a chance to win excellent prizes. Single tickets, \$5. Discounts available with multiple tickets. Visit <http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1112142899919-17/Duck+Race+2014.pdf> for more.

### Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.

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### MONDAY/AUG. 25-FRIDAY/NOV. 21

**Young at Art.** Opening Reception, Aug. 27. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345 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.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 29

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. Performance by Seldom Scene using a wide range of different instruments. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/) for more.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 30

**5K and 1M family Fun Run.** 8 a.m. Fun Run, 8:30 a.m. 5K at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway. Proceeds benefit local non-profit groups as well as the Shepherd's Gate grant program. 5K: \$30 for adults, \$20 for 18 and under. 1M: \$20 for adults, \$15 for 16 and under. Visit <http://gs-cc.org/getinvolved-intlfestivalrun.php> for more.

**White Elephant Sale.** 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway. Shop for found treasures at one of the largest indoor yard sales in the area. Proceeds benefit local non-profit groups as well as the Shepherd's Gate grant program. \$10 8:30-9:30 a.m.; free after 9:30 a.m. Visit <http://gs-cc.org/getinvolved-intlfestivalelephant.php> for more.

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

**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) for more.

**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) for more.

**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) for more.

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# New Board To Lead Volunteer Alexandria

**V**olunteer Alexandria has added new members to its board of directors which will be led by President Frank Fannon and Vice President David Chamowitz.

Fannon, a lifelong resident of Alexandria, has been civically involved for years with his community. He served on the Alexandria City Council from 2009-2012 and has worked for SunTrust Mortgage for the past 18 years.

He has been recognized numerous times as one of the top 200 loan officers nationwide by Mortgage Originator Magazine. He has been the branch manager of the Alexandria office for the past 10 years. Fannon also serves on the board of the United Way National Capital Region.

Chamowitz is a partner in the law firm of Chamowitz and Chamowitz, P.C., in Old Town, Alexandria, focusing on land-use and property law, residential and commercial landlord/tenant matters, and various other areas of civil litigation. David was born and raised in Alexandria, and is a alumnus of the Alexandria City Public Schools, the University of Virginia, and the George Mason University School of Law.

New board members:

Marcy Anderson is president and founder of Federal Professional Solutions based in Alexandria. In 2009, she was elected chairman of the Alexandria Small Business De-

velopment Center, a position she held for three years. She also served on the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for four years and is currently serving on the board of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership and the Alexandria Small Business Development Center.

Carrie Apfel is a partner at Jenner & Block, LLP and is a member of the firm's Government Contract Practice. She keeps an active pro bono practice and has participated in briefing on the merits and in an amicus capacity on civil rights and First Amendment issues, and has assisted clients in the areas of human trafficking, disability rights, and landlord-tenant disputes.

Tracy Hanafin is the director of administration for the Club Managers Association of America in Alexandria. She trained to become a Special Agent with the FBI at the FBI Academy in Quantico. She is currently on the board for the Arlington Academy of Hope, which runs a school, clinic, and other programs in Eastern Uganda. She has volunteered with Volunteer Alexandria for six years in various roles prior to joining the board of directors.

Spencer Kimball attended Southern Virginia University, and has gone on to lead multi-million dollar companies in real estate and other customer-service orientated industries.

He is currently a member of the

Fundraising Committee for the Alexandria Police Foundation, supporter and partner with Meals on Wheels, and partnered with ACT for Alexandria in order to support local non-profit organizations.

Allen Lomax is an independent consultant after retiring from the federal government. Locally, he chairs the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria and the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria and is a member of the Governing Board of the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness in the City of Alexandria. For several years, he served as a member of, and chaired, Alexandria's Economic Opportunities Commission. He is a former member of the board of directors of the United Way of the National Capital Area and a former chair of the United Way's Alexandria Regional Council.

Liz Salter is the volunteer coordinator at Carpenter's Shelter, a homeless shelter in Northern Virginia. She manages over 1,000 volunteers annually and also works with donors to coordinate in-kind donations that come into the shelter. Prior to managing volunteers at the Carpenter's Shelter, she worked for Philabundance, the largest food bank in the Philadelphia metro area.

She started as an AmeriCorps VISTA and was on the original team that helped launch the first choice model food pantry in the city.

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**Deadline.** 5 p.m. Apply to the City Academy program to learn about the Alexandria City government. The program is open to city residents ages 18 and older. The next session begins Thursday, Sept. 11. Visit <http://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/CityAcademyApplication> to apply.

**Walking Tour.** 7 p.m. Pulte PY Sales Office, 2400 Main Line Blvd. A walking tour of the Potomac Yard neighborhood. Free and open to the public. Contact Amy Friedlander at 703-746-3858 or [amy.friedlander@alexandriava.gov](mailto:amy.friedlander@alexandriava.gov) for more.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 15

**Host Families Application Deadline.** Students ages 15-18 from around the world are seeking host families in and around Alexandria for the upcoming 2014-2015 academic school year. Host families serve as mentors and provide a home base for students. Students would participate as active members of the family. To learn more contact IE Virginia representative Joe Bissell at [j.bissell@international-experience.net](mailto:j.bissell@international-experience.net) or 517-388-8948.

## MONDAY/AUG. 18

**George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee.** 7 .m. at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Regular monthly meeting. Open to the public. Call Cheryl Lawrence, 703-746-5419 for more.

**Community Meeting.** 7-9 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The 5<sup>th</sup> Oakville Triangle-Route 1 Corridor Advisory Group-Community meeting. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=76672](http://www.alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=76672) for more.

## MONDAY-WEDNESDAY/AUG 18-20

**Youth Leadership Conference.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Include topics such as leadership, public speaking, writing for social media and becoming a change maker. The emphasis this year will be the opportunity for youth to become advocates and change-makers. Free. Visit <http://keepit360.org/> to register and for more.

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## LETTERS

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Water mains can last a long time if constructed properly using good quality materials. But after 100 years, most water mains have reached the end of their useful life. Our goal is to replace our pipes after 100 years of service. That requires replacing about one percent per year so that after 100 years we will have replaced 100 percent and can start over again. With over 276 miles of water mains in Alexandria, we will need to replace approximately 2.76 miles each year, every year, which translates to about 45 to 50 city blocks each year. Replacing aging infrastructure is expensive, and as we ramp up replacement, we are always looking to balance quality and reliability with cost to our customers. We monitor the number of main breaks per year and water losses, which are both good indicators of the reliability of our distribution piping system. Water losses, which result from leaking old pipes and theft, are currently very low, but with last winter's extreme cold, we had an unusually high number of breaks. With more pipes reaching an age that's prone to failure, and climate change creating more extreme weather patterns, we anticipate the number of breaks will start increasing unless we step up our replacement program.

This year, our pipe replacement program in Alexandria includes 10 projects totaling \$4 million. Half of these are ongoing now, two are complete, and three will begin in September. There are another eight projects totaling an additional \$4 million in investments on the schedule for next year.

I know that commuters and residents are feeling the pain. It isn't a one and done effort, but an ongoing program, and we're not the only utility out there replacing infrastructure. Of course once we complete the work in your area, we should not have to go back for a long time, but we will still be somewhere in the city, working on the next project. The point is, we appreciate everyone's patience and willingness to work together to make it happen. Our thanks to the city for enabling coordination with its resurfacing plans as they work with us to minimize not only the impact to traffic, but the cost to our customers for this important work. Most of all, we thank the residents and businesses, who have continued to make it a pleasure to serve you, even through all this construction on infrastructure renewal.

**William Walsh**  
President  
Virginia American Water

## Unintended Consequences

To the Editor:

Let me state emphatically that I would like to see the city solve the problem of the loss of pleasure boat slips. The loss of these 63 slips resulted from the city threatening eminent domain on the Old Dominion Boat Club (ODBC). The city gave the pleasure boat slips behind the Torpedo factory (A and B Docks) to ODBC and the conversion of the pleasure boat slips north of the Chart House to commercial interests. This was partially caused by the eviction of the Dandy from its current location thereby causing them to move their two boats to a not yet built location in the "E Dock" area.

Finding a new location for these 63 pleasure boat slips is indeed going to be difficult. One suggestion and a bad one at that is to build new slips in the Windmill Hill Yacht Basin. First of all, the citizens in Old Town spent a couple of years developing the Windmill Hill Park Plan. That plan was passed by Council in 2002 after a very lengthy city process yet the park has yet to be developed despite funds being set aside in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in FY 15 (\$300,000) and FY 16 (\$3.7 million). Pre-construction and other costs already sunk into the project total \$765,000. Now to even talk about directing a new usage of this park would break the deal the city made with the citizens some 12 years ago. Essentially this deal is really not about the boats but about process. It's very much akin to the football stadium lights the School Board is egregiously attempting to put up at T.C. Williams High School. When is a deal a deal? Hopefully the Planning Commission and the Council understand that.

Additionally, when the Yacht Basin was an active marina, parking in that part of town was less of a problem. The Harborside site was essentially a parking lot as that development was not yet built, plus there was another parking lot close to Ford's Landing. Neither of those lots exist today and we don't need to create another "parking dilemma" on Union Street between Gibbon and Wolfe Streets.

Both the city and the ODBC negotiators should have considered very carefully the consequences of their taking away all the pleasure boat slips without developing a plan to create new ones.

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## RECREATION



The story of Pinocchio takes to the stage at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center.



Dancers perform in "Let It Snow."

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# Bringing Magic of 'Once Upon a Time' to Stage

By BRENDA HOLLOWAY  
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PROGRAM

The City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities - Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center celebrated its Annual Family Day Production, "Once Upon A Time" on Friday, Aug. 1, which included participants of all abilities.

There can be no mistaking that everyone had an absolutely wonderful time. Taking a page or two from "Once Upon A Time," some strong performances peaked the stage for the first time like the Three Little Pigs, Alvin and the Chipmunks, Snow White and the seven Plus Dwarfs just to name a few. When the puppet master, Mitchell thought he was in control, Pinocchio (Malik), broke free and came to life, surprising the audience with his phenomenal dance moves. He brought back the days of the show "What's Happening" with Re-Run's famous Pop-Lock dance style.

The hit song, "Let It Go" from the movie "Frozen," left everyone speechless and teary eyed, as one of our bright shining stars Alexia and city employee Victoria, serenaded the audience with this favorite ballad. The performance was breathtaking to say the least and to top it off, was the entrance of the princesses that waltz down the aisle in their beautiful ball gowns while the two performed the song.

From the artistic visuals in Batman versus the Joker this scene was crammed with action-packed excitement from the moment it started. Once the stunning Batgirls stepped over to the bad side the Jokers could not recover. All and all the performance was unforgettable.

Whether it was an expression of excitement or pleasure, screaming from the crowd and shouts outs; cheers of success filled the room for two hours. As the last curtain closed, our performers left the stage overjoyed and pleased by their performances while their family and friends greeted them with hugs and kisses for a job well done. City employees, friends and family and a few special guests congratulated the staff



The finale brought all of the participants to the stage.

and performers for an amazing production as well.

When children are allowed to express themselves freely, something exceptional is bound to happen. This production bears witness that all things are possible with team work, creativity and determination. We strive hard to stay true to keeping our participants fully engaged throughout the summer and during the school year. So as you look for after-school opportunities for your child, please take a look at some of our enrichment and inclusion programs that will be located at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. For more information, contact us at 703-746-5550 or register at [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov).

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## SPORTS



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A team from Belle Haven Country Club won the USTA U14 Intermediate Mid-Atlantic championship last weekend in Charlottesville. The team advanced to the regional tournament by winning the state championship two weeks ago in Virginia Beach. They will compete in the national USTA Junior Championships in South Carolina in October. From left are Grace Winfrey, Mia Elsheikh, Olivia Mullaney, Cavin Reed Winfrey, Wyatt Moll, Gordon Turner and Coach Mike Smith.

## Football Season Openers

The start of football season is quickly approaching.

T.C. Williams, which last season qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 1990, will open the season at home against Dunbar of Washington, D.C. at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Bishop Ireton will travel to face Park View at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 29. The Cardinals will host Bishop O'Connell on Sept. 6.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes will travel to face Fredericksburg Christian School at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30. The Saints' first home game will be Sept. 20 against Georgetown Prep.

Episcopal will host Flint Hill at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13.

## Aces Reach Playoffs

The Alexandria Aces reached the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League playoffs in 2014 for the second consecutive season.

The Aces entered the postseason as the No. 5 seed after posting a 23-17 record in the regular season. Alexandria defeated No. 4 Gaithersburg 5-3 in the opening round on July 28, but lost its next two games. The Baltimore Redbirds went on to win their third consecutive league title.



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T.C. Williams senior quarterback Darius Holland runs through a practice drill.

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### Obituary



**Nancy Harrower McKendree, 78**, of Williamsburg, passed away on August 8, 2014. She was preceded in death by her father, F.D. Harrower; mother, Elizabeth Dogherty; and brother, Rev. David Harrower.

Nancy worked as a Dental Assistant for Dr. F. Paul Grosso, D.D.S., in Alexandria, VA for 30 years.

She was an active supporter of the International Champion Barbershop Chorus, the Alexandria Harmonizers.

In Alexandria, VA, Nancy also volunteered at St. Pauls Episcopal Church Altar Guild.

Nancy enjoyed the Daingerfield Island Sailing Club, Alexandria, VA, in which she was a sailboat racing owner and skipper and sailing instructor. She also was involved in Burgee design, production, and sale, as well as sail covers production and repair.

In Williamsburg, VA, she was a member of Bruton Parish Episcopal Church, where she volunteered with the Church Altar Guild, the Bruton Book and Gift Shop, and provided Communion Service to "Shut-Ins." She was a valued volunteer.

She is survived by her husband, John D. McKendree.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 3PM, at Bruton Parish Church, 331 W Duke of Gloucester St, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Interment will follow in the church yard.

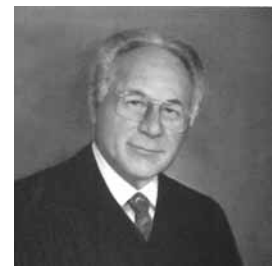
Memorial contributions may be made to Williamsburg Landing Benevolence Fund, 5700 Williamsburg Landing Dr., Williamsburg, VA.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.nelsencares.com](http://www.nelsencares.com).

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### OBITUARY THE HONORABLE MARTIN VAN BUREN BOSTETTER, JR.



The Honorable Martin Van Buren Bostetter, 88, died peacefully at the home of his daughter Lisa in Alexandria, Virginia, Friday August 8, 2014. Judge Bostetter was born in Baltimore Maryland in 1926, Son of Martin V. B. Bostetter and Louella Jane Rice. He attended Mount Vernon High school in Fairfax County, Virginia and after serving in the United States Navy during World War II, attended the University of Virginia where he obtained his B.A. Degree in 1950 and his LL.B. Degree in 1952. He met his wife Joanne Rushworth in 1954 and they were married in 1955.

Starting in 1952, Judge Bostetter's entire legal career has occurred within an eight block radius in Old Town Alexandria. He began the practice of law in the City of Alexandria, Virginia and in 1952 he was appointed Special Assistant to the City Attorney, serving in the capacity of City Prosecutor. He resigned from that position in 1957 to become Associate Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Alexandria, where he served for a period of two years, resigning in 1959.

Judge Bostetter was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court in 1959 and served as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, having been appointed Chief Judge on February 1, 1985. When he retired in 1999, after 40 years of service, Chief Judge Bostetter was the longest sitting full-time bankruptcy judge in the United States. The Federal Courthouse located at 200 South Washington Street in Alexandria was renamed and dedicated in his honor in 1998 as the Martin VB Bostetter, Jr. Federal Courthouse, the first time a Federal Courthouse had been named after a Bankruptcy Judge.

In addition to being an accomplished jurist, Judge Bostetter has also held several other distinguished positions. In 1957, he was appointed by the City of Alexandria as one of the original Commissioners to serve on the Juvenile Detention Commission for Northern Virginia and served as its Chairman from the inception of the Commission until 1974. In 1959, for his civic contributions to the City, the Alexandria Junior Chamber of Commerce awarded him the Distinguished Service Award as the "Outstanding Young Man of the Year 1959", and the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria designated him as an honorary member. In 1960, he was nominated by the Alexandria Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the Ten Outstanding men of the United States for his work on the Juvenile Detention Commission.

He has also served as: past president of the Alexandria Bar Association, past president of the Alexandria Junior Chamber of Commerce, past president of chairman of the Board of the Alexandria Sertoma Club, past president of the Alexandria Hospital Corporation, the Alexandria Mental Health Clinic, the Alexandria Community Chest, the Alexandria Boy's Club, and past Chairman or the Board of Food for the Hungry, Inc.

In 1986, he was appointed by US Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger as chairman for the committee to expand and improve the educational programs for all bankruptcy judges. Justice William Rehnquist, upon assuming the position of Chief Justice of the United States, reappointed Judge Bostetter to continue as chairman of that Committee until his term expired in 1989.

Predeceased by his wife Joanne in 2001, he is survived by 4 children and 6 grandchildren: Martin VB Bostetter, III of Alexandria, David William Bostetter of Alexandria, Jonathan Andrew Bostetter of Fort Meyers FL and Lisa Bostetter Tracy and her husband David Tracy of Alexandria.

The six grandchildren are Alexis Ann Bostetter attending Radford University, David William Bostetter, Jr., Preston Linwood Tracy, Gabriella Lee Bostetter, Graham Bostetter Tracy, Morgan Elizabeth Tracy and his brother James Calvin Rice, his wife Sandra and their children.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 15, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Convergence Church, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302. Interment private. A guest register may be found at [www.everlywheatley.com](http://www.everlywheatley.com)

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The former mayor said he's disappointed that the process for constructing a new Metro station at Potomac Yard seems to be intractably delayed, and that he believes the Eisenhower West study is moribund. He added that he believes the tax base is not growing fast enough, adding that the city's expenses have exceeded its revenues for seven out of the last eight years. And even though Euille has publicly talked about having a balance of residential and commercial properties in the city, financial records show the opposite has taken place.

"If you look at the primary results for Congress, that is potentially a referendum on the mayor," said Donley. "He got 14 percent of the vote."

**A POTENTIAL** campaign between Euille and Donley for the Democratic primary would be a battle for each to claim the mantle of being pro-business and pro-development. Both Euille and Donley supported the waterfront plan and the Beauregard small-area plan, two planning efforts that some critics say have valued the interests of developers over the interests of historic preservation and affordable housing. That's why supporters of Allison Silberberg, who was critical of both the waterfront plan and the Beauregard plan, are trying to get her to enter the race in the event that Donley challenges Euille.

"I am incredibly flattered that people I know and even people I don't know have

**"The mayor did not perform well, and rivals are circling"**

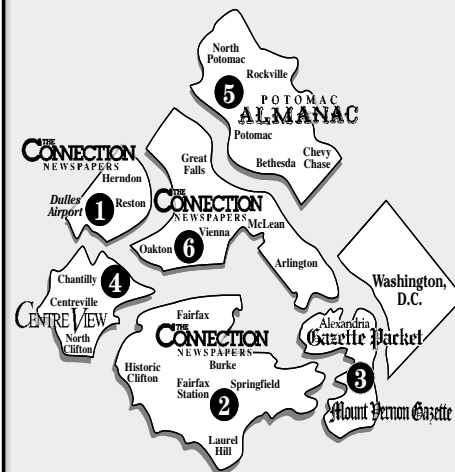
— Stephen Farnsworth, political science professor at Mary Washington University

been encouraging me to get into this race," said Silberberg, who became vice mayor in 2013 after she received more votes than any other candidate for City Council. "Right now, I'm focused on being vice mayor and doing the best job I can for the people who brought me to this point."

The race for Congress opened the floodgates among Democrats, many of whom have been eyeing the seat for years. At one point, the race had 13 Democrats vying for attention. One of the first candidates to announce his candidacy was Euille. His campaign was seen by some as following in the footsteps of Moran, who was mayor when he defeated incumbent U.S. Rep. Stan Parris (R-8) in 1990. But Euille won only two precincts in Alexandria.

"Despite our best efforts and the hard work that my campaign put in, if folks don't come out to vote that affects the outcome," said Euille. "There were people weeks after the election saying to me that they would be voting for me and supporting me. I would say to them that it's too late, and they would say they thought it was in September."

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