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Alexandria director of libraries Rose T. Dawson, invited guests, elected officials and neighborhood children help with the unveiling of the new Virginia State historic marker recalling the 1939 sit-in at the library.

Library Sit-In: 75 Years Later

Seventy-five years ago, on Aug. 21, 1939, Alexandria residents William Evans, Edward Gaddis, Clarence Strange, Otto Tucker and Morris Murray entered the Kate Waller Barrett Library on Queen Street and requested registration forms for library cards. The request was denied to each. After being denied cards, each man picked up a book and took a seat in the reading room and began reading. Two hours later, the police were called and the men were arrested for their act of civil disobedience, sitting quietly in the reading room and reading. The men were African American and the Barrett Library was a segregated whites-only building.

Local attorney Samuel W. Tucker had applied earlier that year for a library card and his request had also been denied. Tucker, who helped plan the protest, represented them in court. The judge never issued a ruling. In 1940, Alexandria opened the Robert Robinson Library for African Americans. Desegregation of the library system began by 1959. Samuel W. Tucker died in 1990.



Ah'Kei reads the newly unveiled historic marker with state Sen. Rob Krupicka.



Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority commissioner Melvin Miller talks with LaVerne Spencer. Spencer was playing around the corner in her cousin's yard on N. Columbus Street when the five men were arrested 75 years ago.



Kwame Ansah-Brew conducts an African storytelling program for the children inside the Barrett Library.

The Great Blue Way

Metroway buses begin using region's first dedicated lanes.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

How It Works

Commuters stuck on Jefferson Davis Highway are now witnessing a sleek new fleet of blue buses pass them by, zipping along in the region's first dedicated lanes as motorists are stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic. The Metroway connects Braddock Road Metro to Crystal City, offering 22 stops with off-board fare collection and real-time information about when the next arriving vehicle will arrive.

"They are specially made with different suspension, different boarding, different seating setups," said Rich Baier, director of the Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Service. "No one else has dedi-

Metroway buses run every 12 minutes during daytime off-peak hours and every 15 minutes in the evening. During rush hour there'll be buses every six minutes between the Crystal City Metro station and South Glebe Road. On weekends, buses will run every 20 minutes. The bus fare is the same as on Metrobus.

cated lanes in the entire state, so I think all eyes are on it."

The transitway has been a source of tension between Arlington and Alexandria, neighboring jurisdictions that have had conflicting visions about how it should work and what kind of vehicles should be on it. Arlington plans to upgrade the transitway to a streetcar in 2020 while Alexandria leaders say they won't even consider a streetcar until 2021. That means

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Mystery Endures

As dedication approaches, full story of Freedman's Cemetery may never be known.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Why did city officials allow a gas station to be constructed on top of an African-American cemetery?

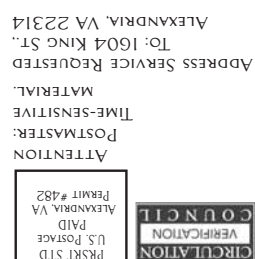
Researchers have spent years combing through the archives for

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New Day at Jefferson-Houston

Massive changes are in the works at Jefferson-Houston School, the long-troubled school near the King Street Metro that offers Kindergarten through the 8th grade.

Not only is the school getting a brand new \$45 million facility, but it's also getting a new principal. This week, Superintendent **Alvin Crawley** announced **Christopher Phillips** has been hired to be the seventh principal in the last 12 years. Phillips is currently principal of Oakland and Southwestern Elementary schools in Suffolk County, where he has worked since 2005.

"Dr. Phillips brings to ACPs extensive leadership experience in school administration and critical teaching experience in the area of math that will be a great benefit to our students as well as a tremendous addition to our administrative team," said Crawley.

Phillips has a doctorate and a master's degree from Regent University. He also has a degree in educational leadership from Cambridge College and a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University.

"We have the opportunity to create a shared vision and school culture as we open this year," said Phillips. "It is through collaboration with the students, staff, parents and community that we will ensure the success of all students."

School officials have scheduled a reception on Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m. for parents and members of the community to meet the new principal.

Party Like It's 1814

It's been 200 years in the making, literally.

This weekend, the city of Alexandria will feature a much anticipated and long-awaited rematch of the War of 1812. That's the one America lost to the British empire, who arrived here to burn down our capital after President James Madison's ill-fated invasion of Canada.

The rematch will be decisively less violent, a friendly competition involving tug-of-war, cricket and a yacht race. The tug-of-war team will feature the firefighters of IAFF Local 2141. The cricketers of the Washington Cricket League will take the field of competition. And Vice Mayor **Allison Silberberg** will join the Old Dominion Boat Club for the yacht race.

"They might have a slight edge in cricket," acknowledged **Gretchen Bulova**, chairwoman of the committee organizing the event. "But our firefighters are very confident and excited about this."

Ice Bucket Challenge

The summer's hottest craze is coming to Del Ray this week, as Alexandria Mayor **Bill Euille** accepts the "Ice Bucket Challenge" as part of the final First Thursday of the summer. Friends and supporters of the mayor have been pushing him to accept the challenge for weeks, although his schedule has made pinning down a time and place complicated. After a couple of unsuccessful attempts, Euille finally hammered out the details to get doused this week.

When asked if he's concerned about having a bucket full of ice water dumped on his head, Euille said he's confident he can take it.

"Over my 30 years in community activism and elected office, I have taken a lot of ice water from constituents," said Euille. "So I can take it."

Euille says he plans to challenge Councilman **John Taylor Chapman**. The Ice Bucket Challenge was created to increase awareness of the disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and encourage donations to research.

Mansion House

The Public Broadcasting Service is considering a show starring Alexandria in the Civil War. The idea, tentatively called "Mansion House," follows the true-life story of the house owned by **Francis Smith**. It was confiscated by Union occupiers and transformed into a hospital.

"The idea has kind of an Upstairs Downstairs feel to it," said **Audrey Davis**, director of the Alexandria Black History Museum. "I think it would be a great opportunity to have really great roles for black females."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

News

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APD officer Bennie Evans and volunteer Ron Rigby help families select backpacks at the annual Firefighters and Friends backpack distribution day Aug. 24 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. More than 550 backpacks filled with school supplies were given to local children in anticipation of the first day of school next week.



Capt. Willie Bailey gives instructions to families prior to the start of the annual backpack distribution day.

Leader of the (Back) Pack

Firefighters distribute backpacks to children in need.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Firefighters and volunteers from throughout the region joined forces at the Charles Houston Recreation Center Aug. 24 to distribute more than 550 backpacks filled with school supplies for children in need.

"Receiving a new backpack with school supplies will help these kids go to school prepared and better able to succeed," said Capt. Willie Bailey, founder of the nonprofit Firefighter and Friends

and organizer of the event. "And we know that getting a new haircut will help them look good and feel good about themselves, which is just as important to their success."

More than 100 children were treated to free haircuts by volunteer barbers as families were entertained by a disc jockey and youngsters played in a moon bounce and enjoyed other games.

"We wanted them to come to a location and just have fun prior to going back to school next week," Bailey said. "That's why we had a lot of different

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Dina Evans, center, hands out organ donor awareness bracelets in memory of her son Cameron, a T.C. Williams student who died suddenly last year. Cameron, a volunteer at last year's event, was an organ donor.



Garry Bailey trims up James Lewis Jr.'s hair in preparation for the first day of school next week.



Maurice Brown-Cotton holds very still as Adryan Glenn finishes up his end of summer haircut.



Shawn Gore with the Alexandria Fire Department hands out key chains for the students receiving backpacks on Sunday morning.



Alexandria Fire Captain Thurston McClain helps Elijah Spottswood with adjustments to his new school backpack.

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Convergence Begins Sculpture Garden

Mounds of dirt now covered in mulch have been spread over the green at the entranceway to the Convergence Church at North Quaker Lane.

Beyond the mounds which will become planting beds, sculptor Karen Swenholt is busy mixing sealant to add to the three pieces she has already completed for the garden in progress. A figure “Mourning” stands by the doorway at the southwest entrance of the church. Nearer to the corner

of Quaker and Oakcrest two figures stand together. Swenholt calls this pair, a 911 memorial “Dust Cries Out.” On the far north side of the green, a lone figure, “Monumental Fool” sits on a long mound of dirt and mulch.

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PEOPLE

Volunteering at the Hospital

BY SHIRLEY L. RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

The glass doors slide open and a smile spreads across Holley Kilcullen's face as a tall curly-haired man approaches the polished marble desk. She looks him in the eye and says, "Welcome to Alexandria Hospital."

She explains that when people come to the hospital, they are under stress from too much traffic, days are too busy and their family or friends are in the hospital.

"I speak slowly to relax a person — it's my primary job to make them feel welcome," she said.

All volunteers undergo training in areas such as basic safety, infection control, privacy concerns as well as specific training for their particular jobs.

A young Hispanic family, dressed in identical green, comes to the Visitor's Desk asking directions for a room on the third floor. Kilcullen tells them to go up the escalator, straight back, turn left: "It's easy, you're almost there." She said, "People have a million questions — where do I sign up for an MRI, where is the records department, how do I get a pre-occupational physical. Sometimes they are in the wrong building. But they are primarily looking for the room where a family member or friend is located. If they don't speak English, I take them there."

She points to a telephone with two receivers. "We have a wonderful international line with 50 languages so if we need someone who speaks Swahili for instance, we can get them on the phone and they can translate for the visitor or patient." The translators who are on site are medically trained so they can properly translate which is more accurate than relying on a family member.

The desk starts to get busy as a man on crutches hobbles up for his turn, followed by an exuberant young adult with her mother and father who had all come to visit her sister and new baby. "Is this the first baby, boy or girl; isn't that wonderful." Another woman bursts past the desk talking to no one in particular. She just learned her daughter is getting discharged and is racing to get the car. "People comes in waves," Kilcullen said, "but nothing is predictable; that's why I have so much fun."

"Do you see that?" Kilcullen asked. "It's a companion bracelet that allows early or late hospital access without need for a name tag and with only one required sign-in a day." The woman, sporting a red kerchief, had fastened her companion bracelet on



Holley Kilcullen greets a visitor, welcoming him to Inova Alexandria Hospital.

the Redskins eyeglasses strap around her neck. As Kilcullen looks up to help the next visitor, she is surprised to see a familiar face. "He is the pastor from my daughter's church," she said.

Kilcullen has been volunteering from 1-5 p.m. on Fridays for about three and a half years. Before that she worked at the Alexandria Red Cross chapter for 20 years. But when the chapter moved she decided to start all over and look for a new opportunity. She went to an Alexandria volunteer site. "There were so many possibilities" she said, "but I picked five and interviewed and went to visit each. And, here I am." When she first arrived she really wanted to be able to talk to patients in their

rooms. "I did that for a while but then I realized that most of them don't need someone but don't know how to kindly tell you to go away. I like the contact with people; that's what I love about the job I'm doing now."

She first began volunteering as a summer job in high school working for New York Hospital and was a floor clerk interacting with patients. "I like hospitals." "We like to get our sheets ready," she said as she dated the sticky Visitor's passes in advance. "Every four hours we get a census sheet with the patients names and room numbers updated. Alexandria hospital has great diversity, both cultural and economic. "Sometimes it is difficult to understand a person's pronunciation," she said. If that happens she asks them to write it down.

According to the Rev. Patricia Dickson, director of Volunteer Services, Kilcullen is one of about 350 active volunteers, and this grows in the summer when students join the group. They do everything from emergency room preparation which improves efficiency, to manning the gift store, delivering flowers to patients' rooms, filling up information packets, and assisting mothers with lactation.

Dickson said the volunteer program changed dramatically when they decided 5-6 years ago to form a transportation department and at the same time to bring their volunteer program into the 21st century. They made structural changes that allowed the hospital to find the best place for everyone by matching their particular talents to the various needs. "We got very creative. Hospitals run on volunteers who are so giving, so faithful and add to the gentleness of hospitals," she said.

And, she added, the job at the front desk is very important because it is the first contact the visitor has with the hospital.

Holley Kilcullen gives directions to visitors who have come to see a patient at Inova Alexandria Hospital: "Just up the escalator, down the hall, it's easy."

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Joyce Bradby Summers and Deborah Bradby-Lytle join their sister author Marie Bradby and Julian Haley at the Charles Houston Community Center Hall of Fame on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 24. Bradby's latest book is on display in the entryway of the center.

Returning To Be Honored

Alexandria native, journalist and writer Marie Bradby returned home this week to be honored at the National Book Festival in Washington D.C. Bradby's latest book "All Aboard! The Belle of Louisville" has been selected as the book to represent the state of Kentucky at the national festival. The children's book weaves a story around the Belle, the oldest, operating, Mississippi river-style steamboat in the world. The Belle is celebrating her 100th birthday this October in Louisville, Ky.

Bradby grew up in Alexandria and attended Lyles Crouch Elementary School, Minnie Howard Elementary and graduated from T.C. Williams High School. She began writing books for children after the birth of her son in 1985. She found that there were few books featuring children of



Alexandria native and author Marie Bradby with her newest children's book "All Aboard! The Belle of Louisville."

color at the time.

Her first book published for children, "More Than Anything Else," won the International Reading Association Award and became an ALA Notable Book. For more information on the author visit www.mariebradby.com.

Scholarship Fund Adds Staff

The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria has hired Julie Naughton, a resident of Alexandria since 1997, as strategic engagement specialist.

Naughton has been an active in the Alexandria community for many years. Her service to the community includes ACPS Communication Advisory Committee member, Family Involvement Committee co-chair for the George Washington Middle School PTA, Community Involvement chair for the George Mason Elementary School PTA, and a board member for Bienvenidos, among other roles.

Her previous experience includes consulting at nonprofits and private sector firms, advising on strategy and research, and con-



Naughton

ducting qualitative surveys that improve program performance. In 2014, she designed and conducted a pilot evaluation study for SFA. The Scholarship Fund plans to use Naughton's ability to consult with parents in Spanish, as they lead their students to success in higher education.

Naughton holds a BA in speech communication from Drake University and a PhD in communication from University of Colorado. She and her husband, Kurmit Rockwell, have three children in ACPS.

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PEOPLE

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Mark Steinberg, local resident of over 20 years, plays a game of toss/catch with his grandson, Aidan, in a park along the waterfront. He thinks Alexandria is a “great, beautiful city ... lots of activities and parks ... plus near the river.”



Kia Terry, grew up in Alexandria and now volunteers for approximately 3 years for the F.A.C.E. program, loves the “atmosphere, support and family engagement ... would like to raise children” here.

What do you like about Alexandria?

From left, co-workers from the building inside the square where Trader Joe's is located were finishing up lunch in the courtyard. Ashlynn Valicoff who lives in Alexandria absolutely loves the city's “walkability.” She doesn't have a car and thinks its easy to travel around without one. Manqing Tao, has lived in the area for 8 years and thinks the “little town has everything ... waterfront, shops, cozy (feel).” Lizz Chiarelli, has lived in Alexandria for a year and admires the “walkability as well” but also likes the bike trails and “recognizing people from her neighborhood” when she walks down the street.



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- Monday/Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Alexandria Chapter House, 123 North Alfred St.

- Tuesday/Sept. 2, 2:30-8 p.m. at Alexandria Chapter House, 123 North Alfred St.
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AFTER SCHOOL FUN

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently accepting registrations for the 2014-2015 School Year Power-On and Power-Up after school recreation programs. Organized by age groups, youth will maintain a full schedule of age-appropriate activities incorporating play, learning, cultural enrichment and positive social interaction. Activities include creative and performing arts, homework time, sports, fitness, holiday and family events and much more. Call 703-746-5414 for more information or visit alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

- Power-On for grades K-6 is offered weekdays from 2:30-6 p.m. at John Adams Elementary School, Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, Charles Barrett Recreation Center, Charles Houston Recreation Center, Cora Kelly Recreation Center, Mount Vernon Recreation Center, Patrick Henry Recreation Center and William

- Ramsay Recreation Center.
- Power-Up for grades 6-8 is offered at Francis C. Hammond Middle School, weekdays from 3:15-6 p.m. A transportation option is available for students attending George Washington Middle School.

PUBLIC INPUT

The City of Alexandria is seeking community input on existing walking and bicycle issues and needs, and ideas for improving the environment for walking and biking. An online survey and interactive map can be accessed from the project webpage www.alexandriava.gov/pedbikeplan. Visit alexandriava.gov/PedBikePlan for more on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 23-31

Mount Vernon Recreation Center Closed. The City of Alexandria's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is scheduling repairs at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. from Saturday, Aug. 23 through Sunday, Aug. 31. For additional information on improvements and cancellations, contact Elsie Akinbobola, at Elsie.Akinbobola@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-5475.

Getting Ready for School

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activities planned."

Organizations supporting the event included Charles Houston Advisory Board, Passport Nissan and Infiniti of Alexandria, SENTEL Corporation, Apple Federal Credit Union, Bennie and Dina Evans, Alexandria Fire Department, Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria Sheriff's Office, Fairfax Fire and Rescue Department, Alexandria Pest Services, Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue, Nationwide Credit Corporation, Promax Realtors of Springfield, AUSA - George Washington Chapter and Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority.

In addition to school supplies, each backpack contained a new pair of colorful socks in memory of Cameron Evans, a T.C. Williams student who died suddenly last year.

"Cameron was a volunteer here at last year's event," said Cameron's mother Dina as she handed out organ donor awareness bracelets. "He always loved funky socks so we thought this would be a way to honor him and also bring awareness to organ donation since he was a donor when he died."

The event at Charles Houston was the first of three area distribution days, which included Gum Springs Recreation Center Aug. 26 and Penn Daw Fire and Rescue Station 11 on Aug. 28. In total, more than 3,000 backpacks have been distributed as part of this year's Firefighters and Friends backpack



PHOTO BY JOHN BORDNER/GAZETTE PACKET

Lauren Bradford is all smiles as niece Kyla Powell, 9, daughter Da-Miya Bradford, 4, and son Tyler Edwards, 1, show off their new backpacks and toys Aug. 24 at the Charles Houston Rec Center.

drive.

"I can't thank our volunteers and sponsors enough for all their help in making today a success," Bailey said. "Serving the community and helping kids feel more confident as they head back to school is why we are doing this."

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OPINION

ACPS Goal: Excellence in Action

By ALVIN L. CRAWLEY, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year. I hope you are as excited as I am about all the great things in store for our students this year. I am delighted to begin this school year with you as your new superintendent.

My experiences and conversations while meeting with students, parents and teachers since I arrived at ACPS have truly enlightened me. The talent, potential and sincere desire to succeed among our students and staff are extremely encouraging. Getting to know all of you and this community has been an exhilarating experience that I plan to continue throughout my tenure.

Through thoughtful planning and sound implementation, we can make a difference in the lives of Alexandria's children. We have be-



Crawley

gun that work by consolidating our middle schools, placing a keen focus on instruction, building a new Jefferson-Houston School, adding space at George Mason Elementary School, and providing tablet devices to all our high school students for increased learning opportunities in classrooms. We will continue to move forward in a direction that will help us reach our goal of becoming a consistently high-performing school division.

One of the first things students and teachers alike said to me during my initial school visits is that they want a superintendent who is vis-

ible. I will continue to spend as much time as possible in schools working alongside and talking with our students and staff. I invite you to join me in working to provide an excellent education for our students. Your support at any level, your feedback and your constructive criticism are extremely valuable.

COMMENTARY

I believe every child deserves a champion. The success of our students and future of our community requires each of us to be a champion. I am ready for the challenges we will face and the achievement we will make on this journey.

Please join me at PTA meetings, scheduled Coffee and Conversations, School Board meetings and other school events. I look forward to working with each of our ACPS families. When people mention ACPS, I want them to think of Excellence in Action. Together we will make that happen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Success Can Be Attained, Again

To the Editor:

To the community's pleasure, ACPS has just announced a new principal for Jefferson-Houston School. Christopher Phillips comes to Alexandria from Suffolk Public Schools, and his credentials and achievements seem impressive.

In response to Jennifer Topping — whose letter about Jefferson-Houston appeared in last week's Gazette — and in fairness to the incoming principal, may I correct the record?

Her letter referred to the "past

10 to 11 years of failing to meet testing benchmarks." However, that's not quite accurate. Based on tests administered in the spring of 2008, Jefferson-Houston was fully accredited by the state for school year 2008-2009 with no warnings in any academic areas. This was no fluke: data for the years leading up to 2008-2009 shows that the school steadily improved every year until reaching accreditation.

The school's accreditation status in 2008-2009 is confirmed in Board of Education public documents as well as an Aug. 29, 2008 e-mail from Dr. Morton Sherman to the Jefferson-Houston commu-

nity. In that message, the just-appointed superintendent expressed pleasure not only at Jefferson-Houston's recent accreditation by the state but also because the school made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The letter can be found online at <http://tinyurl.com/k32syms>.

The record shows that accreditation was achievable at Jefferson-Houston just a few short years ago — and the community looks forward to Dr. Phillips demonstrating that academic success can be attained again.

Leslie Zupan
Alexandria



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S. Royal Street at Gibbon.

Paving and Re-paving

To the Editor:

Who in Alexandria City Hall authorized South Royal Street between Franklin and Gibbon streets to be paved, and then no more than three weeks later on Aug. 25, authorizes the gas company to dig up the new pavement?

Joyce McCallister
Alexandria

Editor's note: According to Craig T. Fifer, director of the city's Office of Communications & Public Information, the city notifies Washington Gas of its resurfacing schedule on a regular basis, so this type of situation can be avoided. In this case, Washington Gas chose not to align their non-emergency work with the resurfacing schedule. The city is requiring the company to restore the road surface from curb to curb, so there will be no taxpayer impact.



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OPINION

National Senior Citizens Day

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

National Senior Citizens Day was established 25 years ago when President Ronald Reagan designated Aug. 21 as a day to recognize the contributions older adults have made throughout their lives, encouraging everyone to celebrate the vital role senior Americans play in the national community.

To commemorate this special day, Senior Services of Alexandria's staff fanned out all over the city in support of our senior community.

SSA joined a festive crowd on Queen Street for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the 1939 Alexandria Library civil rights sit-in. As one of the community's

SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

non-profits in attendance, SSA provided information about the many programs and services offered for Alexandria's seniors and reminded

everyone they will need a valid photo id in order to vote in the next election.

SSA's Meals on Wheels volunteers from St. Coletta, St. Johns and community volunteers picked up healthy meals from Jeffrey's Catering and delivered them to homebound seniors in need. This program operates seven days a week, and even provides special holiday meals thanks to the generosity of the Ronald M. Bradley Foundation.

Over at the Durant Center, SSA and the Goodwin House Foundation welcomed 67 senior artists who



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Jane Marcus and Mary Lee Anderson from Senior Services at the Library Sit-in Anniversary event talking to seniors in attendance about the programs and services offered in the city.

submitted over 200 pieces of art to the 28th annual juried "Young at Art" exhibition. The show runs through Nov. 20, with viewing hours Monday - Friday, 5 - 10 p.m., at the center, located at 1605 Cameron St.

If you'd like to support more programs for seniors and learn the latest walking craze, come to the "Robust Walkathon" on Sept. 24 at Ben Brenman Park. Dr. Dan Kulund will lead participants in a series of exercises aimed at increasing flexibility, balance and endurance. The Walkathon's goal is to raise funds for three annual senior events sponsored by the Successful Aging Committee. To find out more and to register for this fun event go to www.seniorservicesalex.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Port City Playhouse Presents 'Black Hole'

Explores loss and grief, control and compulsion, love and forgiveness.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
GAZETTE PACKET

Port City Playhouse will begin its 2014-15 season on Friday, Sept. 12, with the premiere of "Black Hole" by Jean Koppen. The opening of this show marks the culmination of Port City's first "Playwright Incubator Project," in which the company sponsored the development of a new work by a local playwright.

Directed by Joanna Henry, "Black Hole" is a drama dealing with the themes of loss and grief, control and compulsion, love and forgiveness. It focuses on estranged family members coping with their mother's death, their father's hoarding, and their own feelings of resentment and the need for spiritual comfort.

Playwright Koppen said she was motivated to write a story about the complex nature of family relationships. "I wanted the audience to experience characters and situations that could be interpreted differently based on their own viewpoint," she said.

"My favorite theater experiences are ones in which I'm compelled to debate with others after the play ends about who I thought was the hero and why."

When she completed her first draft, Koppen shared it with her friend, director Joanna Henry, to get her opinion. Henry was enthusiastic and wanted to share it with Port City Playhouse as a theater organization that she knew was interested in trying new things. Port City mirrored Henry's enthusiasm for the script and offered to workshop the script with its troupe of actors and a dramaturg, a theater pro-



Actors Maya Brettell, Frank Pasqualino and Jennifer Lyons Pagnard rehearse a scene from "Black Hole."

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fessional specializing in play development, eventually selecting the play for production.

"As soon as I read it, I knew it was a play I'd like to direct," said Henry. "My father had passed away a few weeks before I read 'Black Hole' so many of these sentiments were fresh and raw to me. It touched me on so many levels."

"We'd meet, read and discuss the play, give and receive feedback, insight, comments, and then Jean would do rewrites. A few weeks later, we'd meet again and repeat the process," said Henry.

She added, "It was exciting for me as director to be there from that first draft to this performance. We were the ones creating and developing the characters."

"Working with Port City on their first Incubator

Project is one of the most exciting and fulfilling experiences I've had in my adult life," said Koppen. "The opportunity to collaborate with talented actors and production staff has enabled me to refine my script in a way I could never have accomplished alone."

The goal of the Playwright Incubator

Project was to move the Port City Playhouse into the direction of fostering local talent in ways other theatre companies were not accomplishing, said Frank Pasqualino, president of Port City Playhouse.

"It's a great collaboration that began with long conversations at a table and then brought us to performing the piece," said Nicky McDonnell, who plays the central role of Jane. "It's a first-time experience for me to be a part of something from the get-go."

In the play, McDonnell's character, Jane, is beginning a slow descent into loss, grief and regret. "The loss of her mother and then having to tackle the contents of her childhood home with nothing but resistance from her father begins to take its toll," she said.

"We hope 'Black Hole' is perceived as a very real play about real people in real situations," she said.

Lars Klores plays the role of Drew, a heavy drinker and husband to Jane. His challenge was to take an ordinary guy like Drew and find the inner points in his performance that would make the character interesting to an audience. "It was tempting to take one aspect of Drew, like his alcohol consumption, and blow it up into something notable, but that wouldn't have been true to the script," he said.

Jennifer Lyons Pagnard plays the role of Patty, the devoted stay-at-home wife of Jim

and mother to two children. She said that although Patty is a light-hearted, chatty person, she has a deeply emotional side as well. "It's been a challenge to keep her bubbly and positive, but not over the top," she said. "I hope [audiences] will be moved by it, because it's so true to life."

Maya Brettell plays the role of Christina, the sweet and smart teenage daughter of Jim and Patty. "Christina is a fairly mature teenager with great manners, but sometimes she's too polite at the wrong times," said Brettell. "In scenes where I'd be tempted to stand up for myself, she is either unaware that she's being taken advantage of or allows it for the sake of being agreeable."

Pasqualino plays the role of the recently-widowed Marty, said, "I'm hoping the audience ponders the dynamics of family relationships. Every member of a family has their own unique perspective on how they're perceived by the rest of the family... sometimes this does not sync with reality."

"Black Hole" performances are Friday-Saturday, Sept 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and Tuesday, Sept 23, at 8 p.m., with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. on Sept 20 and 27 at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and students. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.org.

Details

Port City Playhouse will follow "Black Hole" with three more productions: "In the Next Room," Sarah Ruhl's examination of sexual repression in the Victorian era; "Shining City" by Conor McPherson, a haunting tale set in contemporary Dublin, in which the hint of a ghost story overlays a study of human relationships; and "Stick Fly," Lydia R. Diamond's look at the unique experiences of upper-income African-Americans.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

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.

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/ 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/ for more.

Multiple Exposures Gallery. Through Aug. 31, 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 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.

"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.

Art Exhibit. Through Sept. 8, 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 for more.

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,

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with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html.

Art Exhibit. Through Sept. 21 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 closed Mondays-Wednesdays. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780 for more.

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/ for more.

Through My Eyes. Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 1:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join people from Washington's world as they go about their daily activities, making several stops along the way. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit 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/ for more. **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/ for more.

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 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.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-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.forward.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/ for more. **Second Thursday Music.** Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Art Classes. Fall registration has begun at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Register by Friday, Aug. 29 to take advantage of the early bird discount. Art at the Center is located at 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org class listings and registration information.

Creating and Portraying a Living History Character. This four-part workshop taught by an experienced first-person interpreter will demonstrate how to research and develop a first-person character, select appropriate period clothes, offer practice sessions in character, and provide an opportunity (and goal) to step out onto the "stage" during Gadsby's Tavern Museum's 2014 Candlelight Tour Program. Meant for beginners, participation in all four classes is recommended. Classes are held at Gadsby's Tavern

Museum, 134 N. Royal Street 2-4 p.m. on Sundays, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7. Cost is \$40 for the series, \$12 per class as space allows; tickets must be purchased in advance either through the online shop at <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> or by calling 703-746-4242. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

The Artist's Way: a Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity. A 12-week course in discovering and recovering one's creative self. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m. informational meeting, then small groups will be formed and continue every Wednesday, Sept. 17 through Dec. 10. Using the principles, practices, and guidelines from the book, "The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity," by Julia Cameron, anyone who is interested will explore their own contemplative creativity as individuals in one or more small-group settings, depending on numbers. Free and open to the public. Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Call 703-549-1450, visit www.historicchristchurch.org or email parishlife@ccalex.org.

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://herbpedersen.com>,

www.carlenecarter.net or 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/performance/ 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 for more.

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Sunday
11am - Yacht Race | Noon - Signature Event
For more information visit: VisitAlexandriaVA.com/1812



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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 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.

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.

Bill Kirchen. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$29.50. Visit 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 for more.

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.

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 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.

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.

MONDAY/SEPT. 1

International Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria. This multicultural festival features ethnic foods and drinks, live entertainment, children's rides and games, bingo, and a raffle with a grand prize of \$10,000. Festival proceeds benefit local non-profit groups as well as the Shepherd's Gate grant program. Free admission. Visit <http://gs-cc.org/getinvolved-intlfestival.php> for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 2

Stained Glass. 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. Artist Joseph Cavalieri combines modern elements with time-honored processes used by

Medieval stained glass artists. He will be showing images of his hand-painted and silk-screened stained glass works and will do a demonstration of silk screening on glass. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com.

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.dannconant.com or www.eemccollum.com for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

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 for more.

History Presentation. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. British naval historian Andrew Lambert presents "When John Bull Came to Town: Alexandria in the War of 1812." \$10 per person. Seating is limited. Purchase tickets at shop.alexandriava.gov or call 703.746.4242 for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 5-OCT. 5

Electronic Athletics. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Opening reception is Sept. 6, 4-6 p.m. Schlesinger Center, Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East

Campus Lane. Exhibit of artwork by Eric Celarier and Glen Kessler. Free. Visit <https://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/calendar.html>.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Euge Groove performs live. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or 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 for more.

Dedication Ceremony. 10 a.m. at the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial along Church Street, just west of the intersection with South Washington St. The City has created a new webpage for the event on the homepage of the Office of Historic Alexandria, at www.historicalexandria.org. Visit for additional activities surrounding the dedication.

All the President's Pups. 10 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Bring dogs to explore the Estate and learn about canine life at Mount Vernon. \$5 for dogs, in addition to estate admission for humans. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Dance. Lessons at 6:30 p.m., dance at 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St., Alexandria. Country-Western themed dance with music provided by a DJ. Smoke and alcohol free. Bring your own refreshments. NVCWDA members, \$10; non-members, \$12;

children under 18 with a paying adult, \$5. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941 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 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.asleepatthewheel.com or 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 or www.Birchmere.com for more.

SEPT. 9-OCT. 14

Art Gallery. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. In "Architectural Interpretation," artists create fiber art inspired by architecture. Free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

WEDNESDAY/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.



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Ricardo Coleman, Roger Yawson, Tiara Hairston, Aerika Saxe, Jonathan Fair and Jessica Pryde perform in the Little Theatre of Alexandria production of "Ragtime." The oldest continuously operating theater in the Washington area, LTA has been entertaining audiences for 80 years.

Carolyn Griffin, shown with Broadway legend Maurice Hines, co-founded MetroStage Theatre 30 years ago.

Alexandria's Washington Balalaika Society turns 25.

State of the Arts

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It was 80 years ago, before the first stone was put in place for the Jefferson Memorial and Shirley Temple had yet to make her screen debut, that a group of Alexandria theater lovers formed a play reading group and began rehearsals in a rickety former blacksmith's shop in Ramsey Alley.

More than 300 full-scale productions later, The Little Theatre of Alexandria, considered the oldest continuously operating theater in the Washington, D.C. area, leads a list of more than 16 arts organizations celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2014.

"When I was working on my masters in arts administration, Alexandria was used as an example of what a rich arts environment means to a community" said Robin Parker, a member of the Alexandria Arts Forum. "From classical music like the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association, Eclipse Chamber Orchestra and QuinTango to incredible choral groups like The Alexandria Singers and the Alexandria Choral Society and even a Russian Balalaika orchestra, there is something for everyone here."

Other arts organizations celebrating milestones in 2014 include the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, which debuted 70 years ago, The Art League, which is turning 60, and the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Asso-

ciation, which celebrates its Golden anniversary later this year.

"It's exciting to see how the arts in Alexandria is available for all ages to participate," said Parker, who applauded Arts on the Horizon for young children, Mount Vernon Community Children's Theater for teens, and LTA, Port City Playhouse and MetroStage for award-winning regional theater.

Rounding out the list of organizations celebrating milestone anniversaries are the Torpedo Factory Art Center (40 years), MetroStage (30 years), Alexandria Commission for the Arts (30 years), Washington Balalaika Society (25 years), First Night Alexandria (20 years), Choreographers Collaboration Project (15 years), Durant Arts Center (10 years), Arts in City Hall (10 years), the Performing Arts Center at Episcopal High School (10 years), Art on the Horizon (5 years) and the Youth Arts Festival (5 years).

"Alexandria even has its own hand bell choir — the Virginia Bronze," Parker added. "Add to that the absolutely amazing visual arts at The Torpedo Factory Arts Center, Del Ray Artisans and The Art League. The list is astounding."

We are so lucky to have such incredible arts in our own backyard."

For a complete list of Alexandria Arts celebrations taking place in 2014, visit www.visitalexandriava.com.



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The Choreographers Collaboration Project celebrates its 15th anniversary in 2014.



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Maestro Kim Allen Kluge leads the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, which is celebrating its 70th season.



The Art League will celebrate 60 years in 2014.

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Mystery Endures as Dedication Approaches

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minutes of a meeting or documents or any kind of clue that can help shed light on that subject. But again and again, they've come up empty. Even now, as city officials prepare for the dedication ceremony for Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, the full story remains a mystery.

"This is a significant gap in our knowledge of the site," said Audrey Davis, director of the Alexandria Black History Museum. "We've never been able to find anything."

The story of the cemetery begins during the Civil War, a time when slaves were fleeing plantations across the south. Because Alexandria was in Union hands, the city faced a refugee crisis. The escaped slaves were known as "contraband" because of the tenuous legal position surrounding the peculiar institution. In 1864, the superintendent of contrabands confiscated property across from the Catholic cemetery to be used as a cemetery.

"When the war was over the federal government just walked away," said Lance Mallamo, director of the Office of Historic Alexandria.

The cemetery fell into disrepair as Old Town expanded around it. In the years after the war, a brickyard and a railroad encroached. The cemetery appeared on maps as late 1939, so it's clear that city officials knew it was an African-American graveyard in the 1950s when they allowed a Flying A

gas station to be constructed on the site. City officials have been unable to find documents that would provide the minutes of the meeting where that decision was made, leaving it a mystery for the ages.

"It's important to remember that the 1950s was a time of segregation," said Davis. "African-American life was not valued as much then as it is today."

THE CEMETERY property was acquired by the city as part of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, a time when city leaders started planning to right the wrong that had been committed back in the 1950s. But the process leading to the creation of the park had its own controversy. When members of a city-appointed selection committee chose artist Ed Dwight to create a sculpture, the Public Art Committee overturned their decision and selected Mario Chiodo instead.

"It's a robbing of the African culture," said Dwight at the time. "And it's shameful."

The reason given for disqualifying Dwight was that members of the committee disagreed with the traditional African symbols that were on the base of the sculpture. Because some people might interpret the symbols as religious, the committee believed that Dwight violated the rules of the competition. So they handed the commission to Chiodo. Dwight said nobody from the city called him to explain that his submission was in violation of any of the rules. If he

Events

♦ Sept. 3, 6 p.m.: The Alexandria Black History Museum will offer an exhibit to preview the Alexandria Freedmen's Cemetery. A reception will take place at 6 p.m.

♦ Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m.: The Alexandria Black History Museum will offer lectures from Black History Museum Director Audrey Davis and City Archeologist Francine Bromberg.

♦ Sept. 4, 10:30 a.m.: The Alexandria Black History Museum will present a lecture by Office of Historic Alexandria director Lance Mallamo and a walking tour by former Alexandria Archeologist Pam Cressey.

♦ Sept. 4, 2 p.m.: The Alexandria Black History Museum will present a lecture by artist Joanna Blake on the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial Bas Relief.

♦ Sept. 4, 3 p.m.: The Alexandria Black History Museum will present a lecture by artist Mario Chiodo about the sculpture "The Path of Thorns and Roses."

♦ Sept. 4, 6 p.m.: The Charles Houston Recreation Center will present "Journey to be Free:

Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial Descendent Banquet."

♦ Sept. 5, 10:30 a.m.: Former City Archeologist Pam Cressey will present a walking tour, "Alexandria Civil War Neighborhoods, South; Alexandria National Cemetery."

♦ Sept. 5, 10:30 a.m.: The Alexandria Black History Museum will present a lecture by Office of Historic Alexandria Director Lance Mallamo on "Civil War Neighborhoods South; Alexandria National Cemetery"

♦ Sept. 5, 2 p.m.: The Alexandria Black History Museum will present a lecture from Steven Shephard on Archeology at the Freedmen's Cemetery

♦ Sept. 5, 7 p.m.: The Lee Center will present a musical performance narrated by historian C.R. Gibbs titled, "Journey to be Free: Descendants Returning to Alexandria"

♦ Sept. 6, 1 p.m.: Dedication ceremony will take place at the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial on South Washington and Church Street.

had received a call, the artist said, he would have explained that the African symbols that appear at the base of his design are mostly secular.

"What are cemeteries about if they are not about religion?" asked Dwight. "The idea that they would even suggest that these slaves be stripped away from their religion, to me, is just insane."

CHIODO'S SCULPTURE is set on a twisting vine of thorns and roses with a figure at the bottom looking up. The next figure

is starting to make his way up the twisting vine, and he is touching the foot of a dead child. Above that, a woman holds a baby in one arm while reaching toward figures representing sacrifice and hardship with a rose. The final figure is standing on his toes holding a rose that has yet to bloom.

"That unbloomed rose represents freedom, that it's there but it has not come yet," said Chiodo. "Standing on his tiptoes, he is obviously avoiding the thorns on the path that he's walking on because it was not easy. It was very difficult."

Metroway Buses Begin Using Region's First Dedicated Lanes

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commuters are going to have to get off the Arlington streetcar and onto the Alexandria bus, at least for the foreseeable future.

"We opted not to go with the streetcar because it's too expensive," said Mayor Bill Euille. "But the entire transitway is designed to be accommodating for both bus and light rail."

LEADERS ON BOTH sides of Four Mile Run have tried to downplay the conflict, which reached a boiling point in early 2012.

That was when Arlington decided it would no longer participate in a study with Alexandria that city leaders were hoping could score \$40 million to \$120 million worth of federal funds for the project. Alexandria elected officials accused Arlington of backing out of an agreement to share the cost of the study.

"I think that it is a show of bad faith on the part of the Arlington County Board," said then Councilwoman Alicia Hughes at the time.

"That is not the way you operate in a regional cooperative."

Since that time, the two neighboring jurisdictions have decided to go separate ways. Arlington will move forward with its plan of have a streetcar line along its portion of the transitway. And Alexandria will keep the bus-rapid transit vehicle. That means riders will have to be mindful of which vehicles go to which stops, a system that will be starkly divided between Arlington and Alexandria.

"You may have to transfer and get off and go somewhere else. It just depends on where you start and where you end up," said Arlington County Board Chairman Jay Fiset. "Let's say you are going from

King Street to Crystal City. You just stay on the bus."

THE BRIGHT 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 off-board 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. And although it has less than a mile of dedicated lanes now, city leaders see the project as the wave of the future.

"As Potomac Yard [develops], more and more of it will be placed in dedicated lanes," said Baier. "So the eventuality is that 80 percent of the right-of-way that BRT is in will be in dedicated lanes."

Last weekend, shortly before the buses began to roll, leaders from across the region participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the launch of the new system.

The ceremony featured representatives from Federal Transit Administration, Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority as well as leaders from Arlington and Alexandria. Despite the behind the scenes tug-of-war between supporter of streetcars and advocates for bus-rapid transit, all the leaders said they were excited about opening the region's first dedicated lanes.

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



SPORTS



T.C. Williams senior captain Emily Moncure finished with three assists in four games during the two-day Under the Lights tournament at Lee High School, Aug. 25-26.



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Head coach William Heresniak led the T.C. Williams field hockey team to a 3-0-1 record and a Pool C championship during the two-day Under the Lights tournament, Aug. 25-26 at Lee High School.

TC Field Hockey Wins Pool C Championship at Tourney

Titans finish 3-0-1, outscore opponents 10-0.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Following the T.C. Williams field hockey team's fourth and final game of the Under the Lights tournament at Lee High School on Tuesday, Aug. 26, head coach William Heresniak praised the two-day event and what it offers from a team-building standpoint.

"This whole tournament is fun," Heresniak said Tuesday. "You've got two days, you get four games, but [during] the

in-between time, the down time, the kids can jell, the kids can form a whole family. ... For us every year, it's awesome to come here because we can establish that early."

While the Titans bonded off the field, they also found the time to take care of business on it.

T.C. Williams went undefeated during tournament action and won the Pool C championship. The Titans finished 3-0-1 and did not allow a goal in four games. T.C. played its first three games (all victories) without seven players, including five starters, who were attending a leadership conference, according to Heresniak.

On Monday, T.C. Williams defeated Annandale, 3-0, and Hayfield, 5-0. The following day, the Titans beat Osbourn Park, 2-0, and played to a scoreless tie with Oakton.

"The wins, it just gets the snowball rolling," said Heresniak, explaining the effect tournament success has on the rest of the season.

Senior midfielder Avery Olson led T.C. Williams with three goals during the tournament. Sophomore forward Paige Dow and junior forward Claire Bilodeau each had two goals.

Junior forward Mimi Hyre, freshman midfielder Sophie Johnson and senior midfielder Riley LaValle each had one goal.

Moncure, Johnson, and junior midfielder Alex Milliken each had three assists. Junior forward Celia Holubar had one.

On defense, Heresniak praised junior defender Philomena Fitzgerald and sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Leckman.

"I can attribute the defense to Philomena Fitzgerald, who is one of our defensive

mids," Heresniak said. "She was just solid the whole time. We only played three in the back and she was right in the middle. She took care of stuff that came through, she possessed the ball on steals coming through, distributed up front, she was the reason [behind our strong defensive effort]."

"... Each team that we played put a couple shots on us, but my goalkeeper, Sarah Leckman, she was solid in goal. I couldn't ask for better [performance from] both for [them]."

The Titans' three senior captains are Moncure, forward Meredith Caine and midfielder Megan Laychak.

Battlefield won Pool A with a 3-0-1 record. Robinson went 4-0 and captured the Pool B championship.

T.C. Williams will host Falls Church at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 29.

Marchers Make Music High school bands already in practice.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
GAZETTE PACKET

Everyone pictures the high school football team practicing and drilling in the waning weeks of summer vacation. Few give a moment's thought to the marching band which practices and drills with the same dedication in those weeks before the school year begins.

Two of the most successful band programs are found in Alexandria's T. C. Williams High School and Arlington's Yorktown High School, the former under Director Carlos Gonzalez and the latter under Director Brian Bersh.

Bersh and Gonzalez reject the idea that performances at school football games and at off-campus events are merely "dress rehearsals" for more serious musical affairs, such as the competitions organized by the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association. To look on half-time concerts that way, according to Bersh, "would be doing a

disservice to the students."

Both directors expressed agreement on the benefits of a school marching band. The students gain love of music and the arts, proficiency on an instrument, the meanings of teamwork and discipline, and the importance of accepting responsibility. For the school, the marching band is a focal point of unity and pride on the part of students, faculty and administrators. The school band also is an ambassador to the community. Most neighbors and the public at large do not have children in the local high school, and rarely have reason to visit. A parade or other event featuring the marching band may be the only contact nearby residents have with the school, but once seen and heard the young musicians generate a reservoir of goodwill.

Bersh said that "Northern Virginia is known for the quality of its music programs" including bands. Gonzalez explains that the area is "rich in resources" for bands, pointing to the several military service bands and to their numerous current and retired mem-



T. C. Williams High School Marching Band, practicing under the direction of Carlos Gonzalez.

bers residing here.

Neither Gonzalez nor Bersh sense a decline in the number of school marching bands in Northern Virginia. However, both observe a growing difficulty in maintaining competitive units.

The cost of transportation, buses for stu-

dents and trucks for equipment, has risen sharply. Bands also must pay for arrangers, staff, uniforms, instruments and copyright permits. Quality has been maintained only through "the strong support that comes from our booster programs and community donations," said Bersh.

Alexandria Surrenders – August 1814

BY TED PULLIAM

This is the eighth 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. 24, 1814, the day of the Battle of Bladensburg, Alexandria Mayor Charles Simms called an urgent meeting of Alexandria's Common Council, the town's governing body, to discuss what to do as the British approached Alexandria by land and by water. As they met, worried Alexandrians in homes all around town debated whether to stay or flee.

Council members knew the British army was approaching Washington by way of Bladensburg and the British navy was some 30 miles below Alexandria sailing up the Potomac River. They also surely remembered that in a similar situation the previous year, the British navy destroyed Havre de Grace, Md., and that only a month ago, the British were on the lower Potomac burning buildings and welcoming slaves aboard their ships.

They also knew that General William Winder, the commander of the District of Columbia land forces, had ordered the Alexandria militia out of Alexandria, along with all the town's cannons, except for two lacking ammunition. Earlier that day, the Council had sent a deputation to General Winder to determine how he planned to defend Alexandria. His response was not encouraging.

Without militiamen, with only two useless cannons, and without help from the federal government, the Council realized it had no defense against the British army should it come to Alexandria and the only thing that lay between Alexandria and the British navy was Fort Washington. Thus, the Council passed a resolution: "That, in case the British vessels should pass the fort, or their forces approach the town by land, and there should be no sufficient force on our part to oppose them with any reasonable prospect of success, they [the Council] should appoint a committee to carry a flag [of truce] to the officer commanding the enemy's force about to attack the town, and



SHIP MODELER AND PHOTOGRAPHER JOHN PROTHERO-THOMAS

38-gun frigate H.M.S. Seahorse, the flagship of Captain James Gordon's British navy squadron. This image, according to its creator Englishman John Prothero-Thomas, is the photo of a model ship about five inches long made of "a balsa wood core planked with individual scale planks of stiff paper." It is set on a sea of balsa wood covered with wallpaper and swirling model paste to create the look of waves.

to procure the best terms for the safety of persons, houses, and property, in their power."

Events moved faster than the Council had anticipated. By the end of the 24th the British army had defeated the Americans at Bladensburg and was in Washington burning buildings. General Winder and the American army had retreated well west of the city. President Madison and his cabinet were scattered throughout the countryside. The Alexandria militia's position was unknown.

The next morning, Aug. 25, a delegation of four Alexandrians appointed by the Council crossed the river and found one of the two commanders of the British forces, Rear Admiral George Cockburn, at his headquarters across from the smoldering Capitol. The four men were the Rev. Dr. James Muir, minister of the congregation known today as the Old Presbyterian Meeting House; Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick, a medical doctor who had attended George Washington in his last illness; Jonathan Swift, a prominent merchant, and William Swann, a young lawyer.

Unsure of the army's next move, they asked Admiral Cockburn, who had destroyed Havre de Grace, what treatment their town might expect if the army cap-

tured it. His reply: "[A]ll I have to say is that we want provisions . . . , but . . . for every article we take, you shall be allowed a fair price." Considering this response the best they would get, the delegation returned to Alexandria.

Meanwhile, Georgetowners had been trying to surrender to the British for two days. Not finding anyone on the 24th, they located Major General Robert Ross, the British army commander, on the 25th and offered to hand over their town if their houses were spared. Ross said he would think about it.

The following morning, the 26th, Alexandrians awoke to find that the British army had left Washington during the night. Its departure apparently nullified Cockburn's pronouncements. Now the town would have to wait for the British navy, steadily advancing upriver, and its confrontation with Fort Washington. Later that day, the Council cautiously appointed a delegation of three, Mayor Simms, Jonathan Swift, and Edmund J. Lee, former Council member and uncle of young Robert E. Lee, to approach the commander of the navy squadron with a surrender flag, if the squadron passed the fort.

They did not have long to wait. The next day, the 27th, the British were opposite Fort Washington. As the Council later wrote:

"The citizens [of Alexandria] looked with great anxiety to [the fort] for protection; but, to their great surprise and mortification . . . the fort was abandoned, and the magazine blown up by the United States' garrison on the evening of the 27th, without firing a single gun."

The following morning Alexandrians standing on their waterfront wharves saw smoke rising in the north from the remains of the Capitol burned by the British and to the south, British ships. By 10 a.m., according to a report of the Council, part of the British squadron had passed the fort. The Council met again and passed a resolution saying, "... the Common Council has considered itself authorized from extreme necessity ..." to make an arrangement with the enemy to ensure the town's safety.

The committee appointed earlier took a small boat to meet the British squadron's commander, Captain James Gordon, on his flagship Seahorse to learn his surrender terms. Gordon was only 31, but he had served as a captain under British naval hero Lord Nelson and wore a wooden leg to replace one lost to a French cannonball. Gordon said when he arrived at Alexandria, he would let them know.

The next morning, Alexandrians found seven warships with a total of over 100 cannons plus mortars and rockets approaching the town or moored "but a few hundred yards from the wharves, and the houses so situated that they might have been laid in ashes in a few minutes," according to the Council's report.

That morning, Captain Gordon sent Mayor Simms his terms. He would not destroy the town nor molest its inhabitants if the Alexandrians would not fight and would surrender all naval stores, shipping in the harbor, and merchandise in town intended for export. He gave the town one hour to reply. The Council, having no other choice, agreed.

The British promptly began removing ships from Alexandria's wharves and tobacco, cotton, flour, wine, and other commodities from the town's warehouses.

MAIN SOURCES:

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In accordance with the General Conformity Regulations under the Code of Federal Regulations Chapter 40 Part 93.156, the Draft GCD was issued for a 30-day public comment period. No comments were received on the Draft GCD; therefore, the Commission staff is issuing this notice to announce the Draft GCD is now the Final GCD. The GCD was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the Clean Air Act, and addresses air emission impacts associated with the Project. The FERC staff concludes that the Project will achieve conformity in Maryland and Virginia. Copies of the Draft GCD were previously mailed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Virginia Department of Environment, and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

The GCD was placed in the public files of the FERC on May 15, 2014, concurrently with the Environmental Assessment, and is available for public viewing on the FERC's website at www.ferc.gov using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for distribution and public inspection at:

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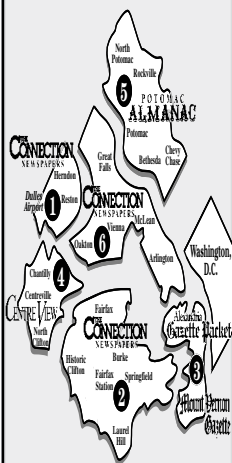
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On Sunday, August 24, 2014, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed surrounded by family. Bootsie is a native Alexandrian, a graduate of St. Mary's Academy and a long-time member of St. Rita Catholic Church. She is survived by her children: James E. Jr., Elizabeth Anne, Teresa Gayle and Joseph F. Hall, siblings: Jean Kaus, Joseph Duncan, Bonnie Parrish, Sharon Walter and the late Gail Berthiaume and Donna Lowe, grandchildren: Patrick, Erin, Ashley Elizabeth, Caton, Eric, Brian, Segar, Ben and the late Lauren Elizabeth, great-grandchildren Braiden, Cameron, Haley Colgan, Liam and Athan. Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewella Dr. Alexandria, VA on Thursday, August 28, 2014 from 4 to 8 PM. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Rita Catholic Church, 3815 Russell Rd. Alexandria, VA on Friday at 11 AM. Interment Ivy Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kelley Cares Foundation, 520 E. Luray Ave. Alexandria, VA 22301.

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What's In a Name?

Diversity shines in local neighborhoods.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria: it's a community that shares its name with 14 other cities across the country and another 16 around the world. But from the waterfront to the West End, the hometown of U.S. President George Washington and Civil War General Robert E. Lee is more than just cobblestone streets and historic townhouses.

"The rich history is just a part of what makes Alexandria such a great place to live, work and play," said Burke and Herbert vice president Walter Clarke. "Whether it's a headliner show at The Birchmere or a treat at Alexandria Cupcake, there are so many wonderful places tucked away on our city streets."

While there are volumes written about the city's celebrated past, there is an edgier side of the city that attracts artisans and even inspired musician Dave Grohl of Foo Fighters fame to write "Arlandria" in homage to his hometown neighborhood.

At 15.4 square miles and with a population of just under 150,000, Alexandria attracts more than three million visitors annually with nationally recognized events such as the Scottish Walk and Del Ray's Art on the Avenue, founded 19 years ago by resident Pat Miller.

"Without a doubt, it's the people that make Alexandria so special," said Miller, a 30-year resident who also founded the Del Ray Farmer's Market. "People really know and talk to their neighbors."

It doesn't take long for a newcomer to realize that Alexandria is a city that loves its cultural festivals and parades, starting with the largest George Washington birthday celebration in the country followed by the nation's first St. Patrick's Day Parade on the first Saturday in March and the traditional Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot.

But beyond the traditional tourist diversions and occasional sightings of notable residents like U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D), it's the people that make Alexandria so unique.

"This is a very distinctive community,"



PHOTOS BY JOHN BORDNER

More than three millions visitors frequent the historic streets of Alexandria each year.

said Clarke, who is also the incoming chair of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. "We have wonderful restaurants like the Warehouse and Landini's but it's the diverse people that gather throughout our community that make the city so unique."

For the record, rock legend Jim Morrison, Willard Scott, "Nashville" star Chip Esten and "Saturday Night Live" alum Casey Wilson also hail from Alexandria, which is made up of neighborhoods such as Old Town, Rosemont, The Berg, Arlandria, Del Ray, the West End, North Ridge and the Carlyle.

For first-time visitors, the city's most obvious landmark is also considered by many to be one of its best kept secrets.

"The George Washington Masonic Memorial is the best kept secret in town," said Douglas Goist, who moved to Alexandria from Brooklyn five years ago.

"Everybody sees it but very few go to the top. But they should because the view overlooking Alexandria and into Washington is spectacular."

Other Alexandria treasures are local artists like Pat Palermino, Artfully Chocolate Bistro's Eric Nelson or Todd Healy, whose distinctive images of the city's streetscapes can be found in his popular annual calendar.

When it comes to entertainment, do as the locals and head to the Birchmere, take in a concert by the Alexandria Symphony



The Cherry Blossom is a focal point along the Alexandria waterfront.

Orchestra or see a show at MetroStage, The Little Theatre of Alexandria or Port City Playhouse.

If you're looking to perform yourself, a variety of classes are available for children and adults at LTA's home on Wolfe Street, where actor Dermot Mulroney and Academy Award winner Marcia Gay Harden honed their craft.

"So much of our nation's history took place in Alexandria," Clarke said. "But with coffee shops like Misha's or Buzz Bakery, the water taxi and the many retailers that line King Street and the Avenue in Del Ray, those of us who live and work here know there is so much more to this place we call home."

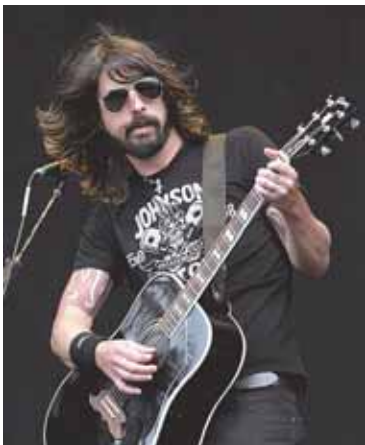


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Dave Grohl of the Foo Fighters wrote "Arlandria" to pay homage to his hometown neighborhood.



The Birchmere music hall features world-renown bluegrass, country and jazz entertainers.



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Performances at Port City Playhouse are part of the vibrant arts scene in Alexandria.

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Mayor Bill Euille

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A native of Alexandria, Euille is a 1968 graduate of T.C. Williams High School. He was first elected to City Council in 1994 and elected mayor in 2003. He was reelected without opposition in 2009, and beat independent candidate Andrew Macdonald in the election of 2013. Euille has a bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration from Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn. From 1974 to 1984, he was an appointed member of the Alexandria School Board. In 1987, he founded William D. Euille and Associates, a construction services firm that serves the federal government. He also owns an interest in two Alexandria restaurants, Mango Mike's and the Majestic Grill. Euille votes at the George Washington School precinct.

Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg

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A native of Dallas, Silberberg has a bachelor's degree in international relations and history from American University and a master's degree in playwriting from the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. An Alexandria resident since 1989, Silberberg is author of the 2009 book "Vision-

aries in Our Midst." She is a former chairwoman of the Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission. Silberberg votes at the Agudas Achim precinct.

Del Pepper

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A native of Omaha, Neb., Pepper moved to Alexandria in 1968. She has a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Grinnell College and did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. She served as a social worker in Cook County before moving to Alexandria and working as an aide to Mayor Chuck Beatley. Pepper votes at the Patrick Henry precinct.

Paul Smedberg

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A native of Hartford, Conn., Smedberg moved to Alexandria in 1987. He graduated from Allegheny College in Pennsylvania with a double major in economics and history. He also has a certificate of graduation from the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership. He works as a director of government affairs for Affymax, a biopharmaceutical company based in Palo Alto, Calif. Smedberg votes at the Lyles-Crouch precinct.

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Community Lodgings' Fifer Learning Center Annex at Brookside, 601 4 Mile Run Trail, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Friday, September 5th:

Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 3600 Commonwealth Ave., 9:30 am – 11:30 am
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A native of Alexandria, Chapman was raised in public housing. After graduating from St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in 1999, he received a bachelor's degree in social studies education from St. Olaf College in Minnesota. He is currently an after-school specialist with Fairfax County Public Schools. From 2006 to 2007, he was president of the Alexandria Young Democrats. Chapman votes at the MacArthur Precinct.

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Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an expanded and updated version of our award-winning Insider's Guide to the Parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an e-mail or call us, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

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Getting Down to Business

Navigating the ABC's of Alexandria.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The acronyms will make your head spin. They run from ACVA to WEBA and represent the citywide organizations and various business associations where you will find the people who work to maintain Alexandria's vibrant and bustling economy.

"You are our vision of what makes Alexandria great," said ACVA President and CEO Patricia Washington at a business symposium earlier this year. "You are the people investing the time, resources and hard work it takes to succeed, and in the process, build a strong financial foundation for this city."

Whether you are new to the city or a long-time resident, following is a primer that explains the ABC's of Alexandria.

ACVA

The Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association, as the city's tourism marketing agency, attracts visitors to the city through a sales and marketing program contributing to the economic health of Alexandria.

ACVA's advertising campaign last year reached 100 million households, with the website reaching 1 million visitors. The ACVA organizes promotions including the twice-yearly Alexandria Restaurant Week and the special-offers booklet Key to the City.

The ACVA Visitors Center is located at 221 King St. with administrative offices at 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400.

Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com

AEDP

Founded in 1992, the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, along with the other economic development organizations in the city, defines and markets Alexandria as a creative, diverse, knowledge-based community with a high quality of life. AEDP's goal is to support existing and future businesses, development and economic growth in Alexandria as to ensure that businesses are successful and that the city is competitive.

625 N. Washington St., suite 400.
703-739-3820 or www.AlexEcon.org

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

Alexandria is home to one of the largest chambers in the Greater Washington region, with 850 professional business members and partners employing more than 49,000 people region-wide. Founded in 1906, it serves as the voice of the business community in the City of Alexandria through lobbying efforts at the local, state and federal levels. In addition, the chamber offers a variety of programs and services to assist members to promote and expand their business.

801 N. Fairfax St. #402
703-549-1000 or www.alexchamber.com

DRBA

The Del Ray Business Association is run by volunteers who are themselves business owners. Started almost 40 years ago, DRBA now has more than 200 members. The business association sponsors several events in the Del Ray community each year. There is



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Patricia Washington

a monthly luncheon featuring speakers of interest to the membership. Members of the association are available to mentor new businesses and advocate in support of business friendly policies with Alexandria officials, the Planning Commission and City Council. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

OTBPA

Open to all businesses of any type, OTBPA is a result of a merger of two organizations – Old Town Business (OTB) and King Street Metro Enterprise Team (KSMET).

OTBPA's most visible project is the annual Alexandria Retail Coupon Book.

As an advocate for the importance of keeping Alexandria beautiful, the plaza at Commerce and King Streets, with benches and lighting and now a sculpture, came about with KSMET funding and lobbying.

Visit www.otbpa.com.

SBDC

The Alexandria Small Business Development Center is Alexandria's economic development program that focuses on small businesses. It's those small businesses that comprise the largest segment of Alexandria's economy, but their potential is often hindered by lack of information or expertise. All Alexandria SBDC services are provided without cost.

The key message is that Alexandria SBDC offers individual and confidential assistance without cost to City of Alexandria businesses and Alexandria residents with businesses elsewhere.

625 N. Washington St., Suite 400.
703-778-1291 or www.alexandriasbdc.org

WEBA

The West End Business Association is comprised of West End Businesses and those that do business on the West End of Alexandria. WEBA provides members with networking opportunities, education and growth opportunities and representation before the city and economic development officials on matters important to the West End of Alexandria.

Visit www.alexandriaweba.com.

Eisenhower Partnership

The Eisenhower Partnership is a group of commercial and residential property owners and occupiers along the Eisenhower Avenue Valley corridor. The Eisenhower Valley is defined as the 4.5-mile east-west corridor, which parallels the city's southern border along Cameron Run. The Valley is anchored in the east by the Patent and Trademark Campus and in the west by the Victory Center development/Van Dorn Metro Station.

Visit www.eisenhowerpartnership.org.

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Issues Facing Alexandria

❖ **Mayoral Race:** Former Vice Mayor Kerry Donley says he is “actively planning” on running for mayor against incumbent Democrat Bill Euille, who has already announced he will be running for a fifth term. Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg acknowledges that she is also considering a campaign for mayor, creating the possibility of a competitive three-way primary next June.

❖ **Potomac Yard:** By the end of October, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is expected to release a draft environmental impact study for the Potomac Yard Metro station. The document will detail three alternative designs, which range in price from \$200 million to \$500 million. Members of the Alexandria City Council are expected to vote on a locally preferred alternative early next year.

❖ **Waterfront Purchase:** Alexandria 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.

❖ **Jefferson-Houston School:** Test scores that will be released later this year show Jefferson-Houston School is failing yet again, with scores declining dramatically in writing. Student performance at the school, which offers Kindergarten throughout the 8th grade, have been so low for so long that state officials threatened to organize a takeover until the ef-

fort was ruled unconstitutional. This fall, students will enter a new \$45 million facility and the old 1970 building will be demolished.

❖ **Waterfront Floodwall:** City leaders are planning to raise the elevation of the waterfront to six feet in an effort to prevent nuisance flooding. The elevation was originally recommended in a 2010 consultant study, which later became part of the waterfront plan although planners have yet to issue cost estimate. Critics say raising the elevation of the waterfront will end up trapping water on the land, denying it an opportunity to drain and swamping the pumps designed to get rid of it.

❖ **Raw Sewage:** State and federal regulators have set a deadline of 2035 for fixing the city's combined sewer problem, a legacy infrastructure that mixes storm-water runoff with raw sewage. When Alexandria receives as little as 0.03 inches of rain the system dumps untreated waste into the Potomac River at four outfall points in Old Town. City officials estimate Alexandria discharges anywhere from five million gallons to 10 million gallons of human waste each year.

❖ **Growing Debt:** In the last decade, the city's debt has more than doubled from \$200 million to more than \$500 million. If city officials decide to move forward with constructing a new Metro station at Potomac Yard, which could range from \$200 million to \$500 million, Alexandria will exceed all three of its self-imposed debt limits. Budget officials say the credit rating agencies on Wall Street view the plan as a solid investment despite the debt, maintaining the city's double AAA bond rating.

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Who's in Charge: School Board

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A native of San Francisco, Graf has a bachelor's degree in English literature from California State University, Chico, and a master's degree in technical communications from Northeastern University in Boston. Currently a stay-at-home mother, she is a former technical writer and a previous manager of writers and editors. She has three children in Alexandria City Public Schools. Graf votes at the Mount Vernon precinct.



neering from West Virginia University and a master's degree in paralegal studies from Georgetown University. He is currently a project engineer for the Department of Defense. He has two boys in Alexandria City Public Schools, and a daughter who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 2010. Campbell votes at the Durant precinct.

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A native of Minneapolis, Booz has a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in women's studies at Carleton College in Minnesota. She also has a master's degree in social foundations in education from the University of Virginia. Booz is the director of civic education at the Center for the Constitution at James Madison's Montpelier. Booz votes at the Maury precinct.



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A native of Versailles, Ky., Williams has lived in Alexandria since 1992. He was first elected in an August 2008 special election after the resignation of former School Board Chairwoman Claire Eberwein, and was reelected in 2009. Williams received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of the South and a juris doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law. He is currently part of IBM's Governmental Programs group, where he is responsible for IBM's global intellectual property policy. His home precinct is George Mason Elementary School.



District C

Ronnie Campbell

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A native of Brookfield, Mass., she has lived in Alexandria since 1985. She was first elected in 2006, and was reelected in 2009. She graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School and attended Worcester State College. A longtime employee of the U.S. Postal Service, Campbell is currently a sales associate. She is a former member of the School Board's Budget Advisory Committee, the board of the Virginia state Parent-Teacher Association and the first assistant director to the Fairfax District PTA. Her home precinct is John Adams Elementary School.



Pat Hennig

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A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Hennig has been a resident of the West End since 1975. She served as a member of the first elected School Board from 1994 to 1997. She served on the School Board Special Advisory Committee and the Substance Abuse Education and Violence Prevention Advisory Committee, the Budget Advisory Committee and was a founding member of the Alexandria Police Youth Camp Foundation. She votes at the William Ramsey Center.



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A native of Alexandria, his family has lived in the city for four generations. He has a bachelor's degree from Harvard University. He is a former state director for GenerationEngage and former Senate staffer with U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy. He is currently deputy director of the Office of Legislative Affairs for the Federal Communications Commission. He votes at the Beatley Library precinct.



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- ❖ total membership: 13,000 students
- ❖ students who speak English as a second language: 24 percent
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- ❖ students who require special education: 13 percent

SCHOOLS

- ❖ elementary: 12
- ❖ middle: 5
- ❖ Kindergarten to 8th grade: 1
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- ❖ alternative: 1

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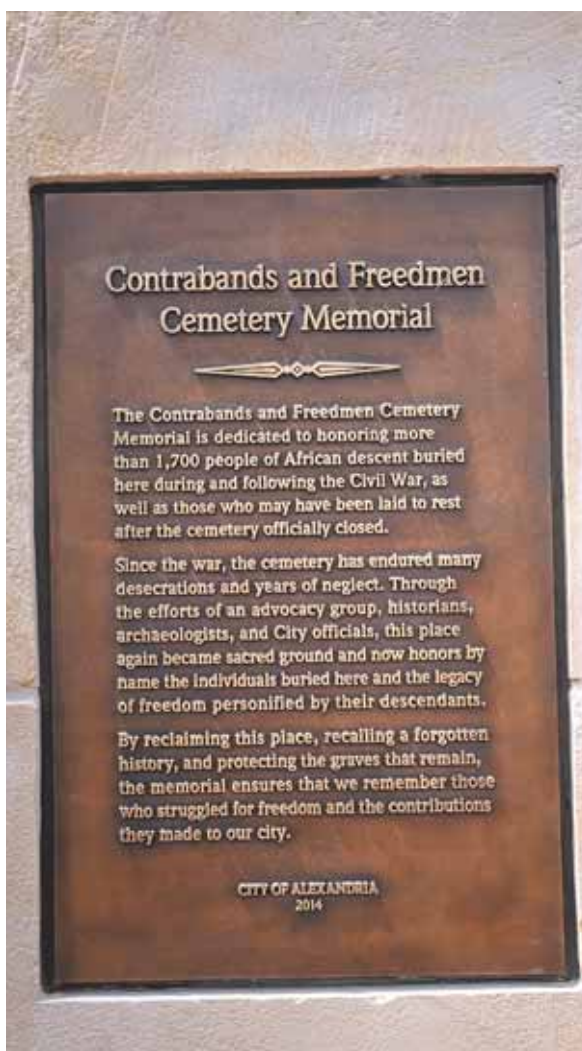
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A SAMPLING OF ALEXANDRIA PARKS

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1 Armistead Boothe Park
520 Cameron Station Blvd.
Citywide Park
Size: 10.81 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, picnic pavilion, restrooms, tennis courts, and walking/biking trails.

2 Ben Brenman Park
4800 Brenman Park Dr.
Citywide Park
Size: 59.3 acres, Features: ADA accessible picnic benches and pathways, Amphitheatre, athletic fields, dog park, parking, picnic pavilion with grill, playground, pond, restrooms, and walking/bicycle trails.

3 Brookvalley Park
5599 Holmes Run Parkway
Citywide Park
Size: 22.03 acres, Features: Garden plots, natural area, playground, picnic areas, walking/bicycle trail, home to Bicentennial Tree.

4 Cameron Station Linear Park
5131 Brawner Place
Citywide Park
Size: 7.56 acres, Features: Biking/walking/jogging trail

5 Chinquapin Park/Forest Park
3210 King St.
Citywide Park
Size: 52.89 acres (Chinquapin: 32.08 acres; Forest Park: 20.81), Athletic fields, basketball courts, garden plots, picnic area with grill, parking, playground, tennis courts, recreation center with an indoor swimming pool, and wooded area.

6 Four Mile Run Park
3700 Commonwealth Ave. and 4131 Mount Vernon Ave.
Citywide Park
Size: 46.75 acres (an additional 1.47 acres has recently been acquired

and a planning process is currently underway for the additional land), Features: Athletic fields, basketball, biking/jogging/walking trail, bird and river watching, fishing, playground, picnic benches, and seating.

7 Holmes Run Scenic Easement
Holmes Run Parkway
Citywide Park
Size: 8.02 acres, Features: Natural wooded area, walking and biking paths.

8 Joseph Hensley Park
4200 Eisenhower Ave.
Citywide Park
Size: 21.66 acres, Features: Softball fields, soccer field, restrooms, on-site parking, picnic area, park shelter with grill.

9 Potomac Greens Park
700 Carpenter Road
Citywide Park
Size: 18.47 acres, Features: Playground, seating area, wooded area with trails

10 Potomac Yard Park
2501 Potomac Ave.
Citywide Park
Size: 23.4 acres, Features: ADA accessible picnic tables and pathways, special events area with outdoor stage, athletic fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts, picnic area, interactive fountain, ADA playground, stormwater management ponds, and walking/bicycle trails, passive seating areas and historical interpretation. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily

11 Tarleton Park
4420A Vermont Ave.
Citywide Park
Size: 6.14 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, nature area with

trails, open play area, playground, walking/biking trails, and sitting area.

12 Witter Recreational Field
2700 Witter Drive
Citywide Park
Size: 13.7 acres, Features: Athletic fields (two synthetic turf rectangular), cemetery, park shelters, parking, and restrooms

13 All Veterans Park
4725 Duke St.
Citywide Park
Size: 37.78 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, trail, observation deck to view Bicentennial Tree.

14 Eugene Simpson Stadium Park
426 E. Monroe Ave.
Citywide Park
Size: 9.94 acres, Features: Baseball fields, basketball court, dog exercise area, garden, playground and tennis.

15 Armory Tot Lot
208 S. Royal St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.18 acres, Features: Playground/tot-lot, sitting area.

16 Fort Ward Park
4301 W. Braddock Road
Historical/Destination
Size: 43.46 acres, Features: Amphitheater, dog exercise area, museum, park shelter, parking, picnic areas, playground, and restrooms.

17 Founders Park
351 N. Union St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 4.67 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, volleyball court, benches, walking paths.

18 Freedmen's Cemetery
638 North Alfred Street

Historical/Destination
Size: 0.43 acres.

19 King Street Park
1 King St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.38 Acres, Features architectural design, farmers market, flower beds, plantings, and sitting areas

20 King Street Gardens Park
1806 King St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.80 acres, Features open play area, playground, park shelter, and sitting area

21 Market Square
300 King Street
Historical/Destination
Size: 1.11 acres, Features: Event space, farmers market, open plaza with fountain and planting beds

22 Old Town Pool
1609 Cameron St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 2.71 acres (0.48 acres Facility Area), Features: Basketball court, parking, picnic area, and swimming pool with handicap accessible wading pool

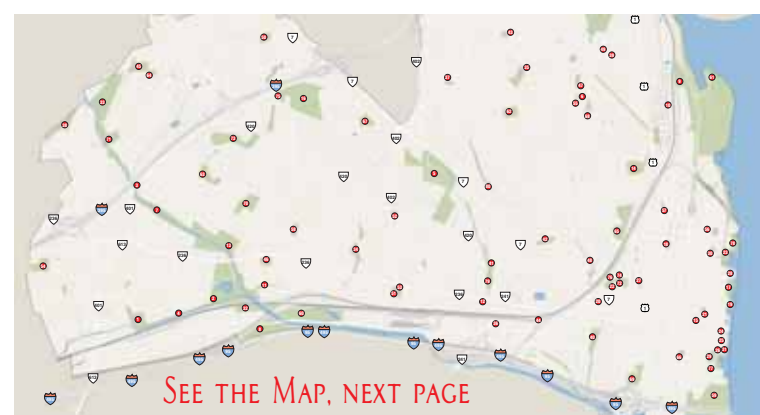
23 Oronoco Bay Park
100 Madison St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 5.08 acres, Features: Event space, parking, picnic areas, and walking/biking/jogging trails

24 Point Lumley
1 Duke St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.38 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area

25 Roberdeau Park
1 Wolfe St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.23 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area

26 Shipyard/Harborside Park
1 Wilkes St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 1.52 acres, Features: Trail and riverside seating

27 Waterfront Park
1A Prince St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 1.37 acres, Features: Boat docking, open lawn space, riverfront seating, and walking trails



PARKS

28 West's Point Park
1 Oronoco St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.07 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area and observation deck

29 Windmill Hill Park
501 South Union St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 3.43 acres, Features: Basketball court, playground, riverfront seating, and sand volleyball

30 Wythe Street Plaza
705 North Fairfax St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.44 acres, Features: Seating area and flower

31 Harborside/Shipyard Park
1 Wilkes St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 1.52 acres, Features: Trail and riverside seating

32 Clermont Natural Park
4551 Eisenhower Ave.
Natural Area
Size: 5.95 acres, Features: Wooded area

33 Dora Kelley Nature Park
5750 Sanger Ave.
Natural Area
Size: 46.61 acres, Features: Environmental programs, sitting areas, walking/biking trail, Nature Center, and wooded natural area.

34 Fort Williams Park
501 Fort Williams Parkway
Natural Area
Size: 8.3 acres, Features: Wooded nature area with a walking path.

35 Monticello Park
320 Beverley Drive
Natural Area
Size: 6.24 acres, Features: Bird watching, dog area, stream, walking trail

36 Old Cameron Run Channel Park
2551 Mill Road
Natural Area
Size: 2.83 acres, Features: A nature area with stream

37 Robert Leider Park
3002 Valley Drive
Natural Area
Size: 1.3 acres, Features: Nature area with trail

38 Rynex Nature Park
1500 North Chambliss St.
Natural Area
Size: 9.32 acres, Features: Heavily wooded nature area

39 3550 Commonwealth Avenue
3550 Commonwealth Ave.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 0.53 acres, Features: Adopt-a-Garden

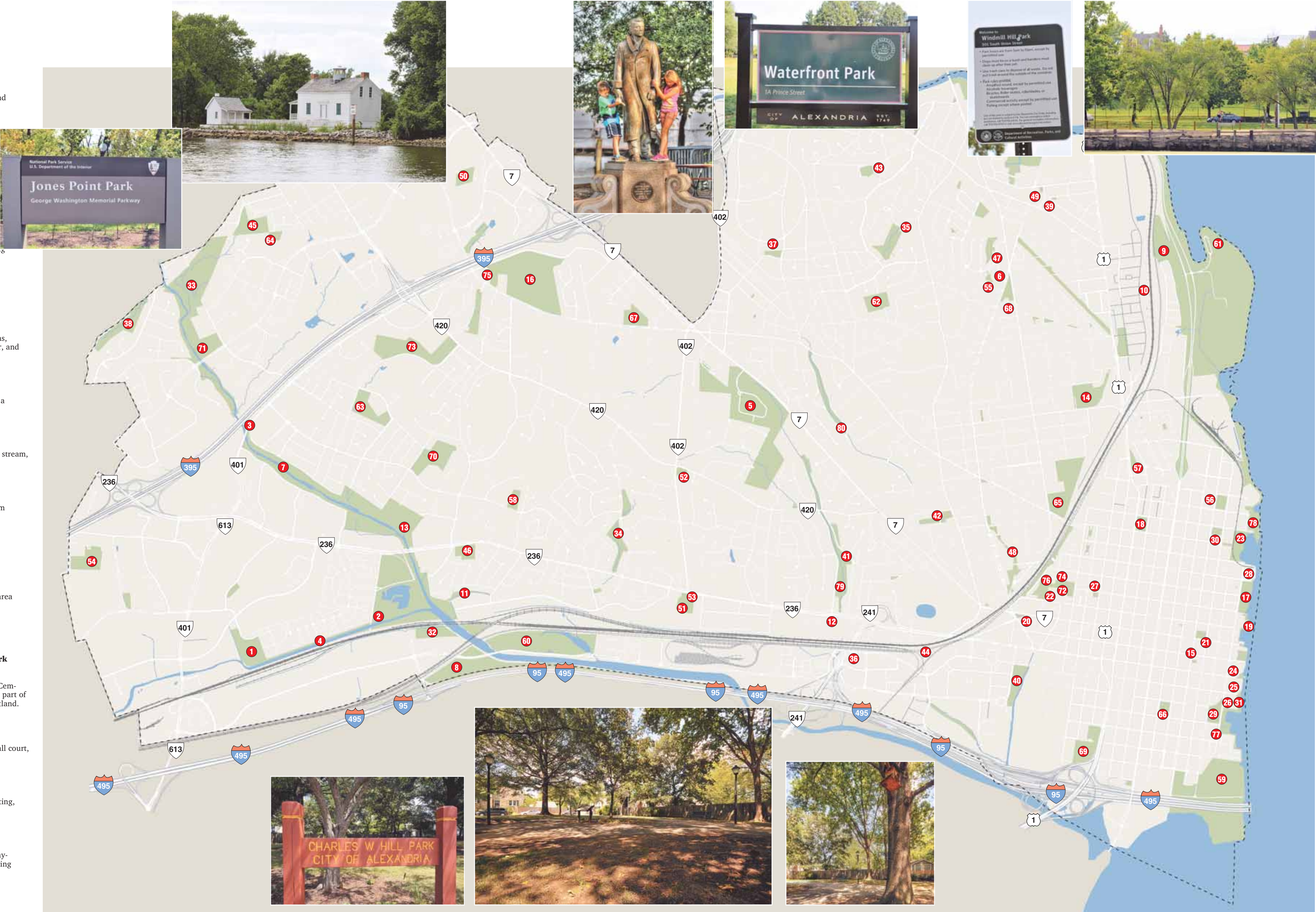
40 African American Heritage Memorial Park
500 Holland Lane
Neighborhood Park
Features: One-acre 19th century African American Cemetery, memorial sculptures, park design includes part of the original landscape of the cemetery and a wetland.

41 Angel Park
201 W. Taylor Run Parkway
Neighborhood Park
Size: 10.34 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, and shelter with grill.

42 Beach Park
201 Rucker Place
Neighborhood Park
Size: 1.42 acres, Features: open lawn area with seating, playground.

43 Beverley Park
620 N. Overlook Dr.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 1.74 acres, Features: Hard court play area, playground with a park shelter and picnic tables, sitting areas, and wooded nature area.

44 Carlyle Dog Park and Tennis Courts
450 Andrews Lane



PARKS



Neighborhood Park
Size: 2.96 acres, Features: Fenced dog exercise area, tennis courts, parking

45 Chambliss Park
2505 N. Chambliss St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 8.16 acres, Features: Parking, tennis courts, wooded nature area with a walking trail

46 Ewald Park
4452 Duke St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 3.88 acres, Features: Basketball court, open space/field, parking, playground, swimming pool and bathhouse

47 Goat Hill Park
33 Kennedy St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 2.47 acres, Features: Playground equipment, sitting areas, natural wooded area.

48 Hoofts Run Park and Greenway
18A E. Linden St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 4.53 acres, Features: Basketball half court, dog exercise area, garden, tennis court, and playground.

49 Hume Springs Park
100 Dale St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 0.53 acres, Features: Playground and sitting areas.

50 James Mulligan Park
3300 28th St.
Neighborhood Park

Size: 3.55 acres, Features: Natural wooded area, picnic area, and playground.

51 Luckett Field
3540 Wheeler Ave.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 3.31 acres, Features: athletic fields

52 President Gerald R. Ford Park
1426 and 1422 Janneys Lane
Neighborhood Park
Size: 1.13 acres, Features: Open lawn and seating areas

53 Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skateboard Park
3540 Wheeler Ave.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 0.99 acres, Features: Skateboard ramps
54 Stevenson Park
300 Stultz Road
Neighborhood Park
Size: 8.49 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, park shelter with grill, playground, and seating

55 Timberland Park
66A Kennedy St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 0.53 acres, Features: Passive park area

56 Montgomery Park
901 N. Royal St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 2.01 Acres, Features: Fenced dog run, tennis courts, tennis practice board, picnic tables, playground, shelter, and water fountain

57 Powhatan Park
1010 Douglas St.
Neighborhood Park

Size: 1.47 acres, Features: Basketball court, playground, and tennis court

58 Taney Avenue Park
4149 Taney Ave.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 2.57 acres, Features: Open play area, sitting areas, picnic area, and wooded nature area.

59 Jones Point Park
1 Jones Point Drive
National Park
Features: Playground, athletic fields, trails, fishing piers

60 Cameron Run Regional Park
4001 Eisenhower Ave.
Regional
Features: Great Waves Waterpark, miniature golf, batting cages, picnic shelter and a special events pavillion

61 Daingerfield Island
1 Marina Drive
National Park
Size: 106 acres, Features: sailing, sailing classes, fishing, field sports and a restaurant

62 George Mason Park
2601 Cameron Mills Road
Shared Use
Size: 5.36 acres (9.40 acres with school), Athletic fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, parking, playground, and sitting area

63 James K. Polk Field
5000 Polk Ave.
Shared Use

Size: 8.44 acres, Features: Located on Polk School grounds, athletic fields, basketball courts, and playgrounds

64 John Adams Park
5651 Rayburn Ave.
Shared Use
Size: 1.54 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, and playground.

65 Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park
1005 Mount Vernon Ave.
Shared Use
Size: 7.09 acres - Braddock Field / 2.61 George Washington Fields, Features athletic fields

66 Lyles-Crouch School
530 S. Saint Asaph St.
Shared Use
Size: 1.39 acres, Features small ballfield and playground

67 Minnie Howard Field
3701 W. Braddock Road
Shared Use
Size: 5.38 acres, Features: Lighted athletic field with synthetic turf, lighted tennis courts, parking, and rest rooms

68 Mount Vernon Field & Recreation Center
2600 Mount Vernon Ave.
Shared Use
Size: 1.58 acres, Features: Athletic fields and tennis court

69 Nannie J. Lee Center
1108 Jefferson St.
Shared Use
Size: 14.6 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, recreation center, tennis courts, and volleyball court

70 Patrick Henry Field
4643 Taney Ave.
Shared Use
Size: 11.56 acres, Features: Athletic fields, tennis courts, wooded area

71 William Ramsay Field
5700 Sanger Ave.
Shared Use

Size: 10.94 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, and tennis courts recreation center with a full basketball court, and adjacent activity/game room.

72 Jefferson Houston Elementary School Park
1501 Cameron St.
Shared Use
Size: 8.44 acres, Features: Basketball court, playground, open field.

73 Hammond Upper and Lower Fields
4646 Seminary Road
Shared Use
Size: 18.91 acres, Features: Athletic fields, running track, asphalt track and soccer field, lit roller blade hockey rink

74 Buchanan Park
1501 Cameron St.
Size: 0.3 acres, Features: Basketball court and playground.

75 Fort Ward Athletic Facility
4421 W. Braddock Road
Size: 5 acres, Features: Synthetic Turf Athletic Field, Tennis Courts and Parking.

76 Metro Linear Park
300 Buchanan Street
Size: 3.83 acres, Features: A pathway connects the Buchanan Street neighborhood community to the Metro Stations at Braddock Road and King Street.

77 Pomander Park
600 S. Union St.
Size: 0.84 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area

78 Rivergate City Park
2 Montgomery St.
Size: 2.84 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting, picnic areas, and volleyball

79 Taylor Run Park
Taylor Run Parkway East
Size: 3.34 acres, Features: Wooded area

80 Timberbranch Parkway
Timberbranch Parkway
Size: 6.19 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, and wooded area



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Attend First Night Alexandria

By ANN M. DORMAN, CMP
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In addition to the Fun Hunt, dozens of other activities are being planned for the afternoon this year. They will be posted in November at www.FirstNightAlexandria.org and #FNA20th.

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ACT for Alexandria

ACT for Alexandria is a community foundation that serves as a catalyst for increasing charitable investment and community engagement locally. 703-739-7778 or www.actforalexandria.org.

ALIVE!

Emergency food assistance, emergency financial assistance, shelter, year-round preschool, furniture and housewares. 703-837-9300 or www.alive-inc.org.

Alexandria Community Services Board

The Alexandria Community Services Board (CSB) is a group of 16 volunteers appointed by Alexandria City Council, which oversees the use of public funds to provide mental health, intellectual disability and substance abuse services through the Department of Community and Human Services. www.alexandriava.gov/mhmrsa.

Animal Welfare League of Alexandria


Pet adoptions, spay and neuter assistance, education and community service and outreach. 703-746-4774 or www.alexandrianimals.org.

Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless

The Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, Inc. offers shelter to homeless people and works in coordination with public agencies, businesses and community groups to give homeless

people the support, shelter, counseling and employment training they need to regain self-sufficiency. 703-525-7177 or www.aachhomeless.org.

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Ending Homelessness in the City of Alexandria

We believe that no one within the City of Alexandria should experience homelessness – no one should be without a safe, suitable, and stable place to call home.

That's the modified vision statement for The Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness in the City of Alexandria (PPEH). This is a collaborative group representing public and private stakeholders that work to plan, coordinate, and implement an effective and efficient continuum of care for people who are currently homeless or at risk of homelessness.

"Ending homelessness is possible in Alexandria City. We have resources. We have good people. And we have a small homeless population. We can make this happen," said Pamela L. Michell, Governing Board chair of PPEH and executive director of New Hope Housing (a nonprofit working

to ending homelessness across Northern Virginia).

Progress has been made in ending homelessness within the past few years. The number of people counted as homeless on a given day in winter dropped from 352 in 2012 to 267 in 2014. New services have been created to make better use of resources. The Homeless Services Assessment Center (HSAC) was launched in 2012 and is now operated by the Alexandria Office of Community Services. This is the point of entry for people seeking emergency shelter and allows for the efficient and effective connection of persons to services through a comprehensive screening and eligibility process.

New housing options for people who are chronically homeless are also available. Chronically homeless individuals are defined as being homeless repeatedly or for a long time in conjunction with a disability,

addiction, or mental health issue that may cause difficulties in finding housing. Chronically homeless adults can create huge bills for tax-payers by frequent use of emergency rooms, jail time, and shelter use. In 2012 Alexandria launched a pilot "housing first" program for up to four chronically homeless adults to be placed in permanent supportive housing apartments and then work through New Hope Housing to engage in needed and desired services. This year the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide funding to New Hope Housing to house eight more individuals.

PPEH members include many area nonprofits such as ALIVE, Arlington Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, Carpenter's Shelter, Catholic Charities, Christ Church Lazarus Ministry, Community Lodgings, Friends of Guest House, New Hope Housing, Northern Virginia Affordable

Housing Alliance, Wesley Housing Development Corporation, Salvation Army, and Friends of Guest House; city offices such as the Department of Community and Human Services, the Department of Housing, and the Domestic Violence Program; and other agencies such as the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and Alexandria Housing Development Corp.

Alexandria City is a caring community and there are resources if you need help. If you are at risk of becoming homeless or are currently experiencing homelessness, please call 703-548-0452 to talk to someone about shelter and housing options. This number is the centralized intake number for all Alexandria Shelters.

If you would like to get involved, learn more, or volunteer, please call Jan-Michael Sacharko, New Hope Housing's Development Director, at 703-799-2293 or email jsacharko@newhopehousing.org

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At Home Alexandria

Part of a national "village movement" of small nonprofit groups forming in communities all across the country, At Home Alexandria's (AHA) mission is to help residents ages 55+ in Alexandria live independently and in their homes for as long as they can. AHA provides an array of services like transportation, light home maintenance, errand running, gardening, technical support, snow shoveling, and light housekeeping. It also organizes a variety of social and educational events. www.athomeinalexandria.org.

Carpenter's Shelter

As the largest homeless shelter in Northern Virginia, Carpenter's Shelter serves over 1,000 homeless and formerly homeless children and adults each year. Carpenter's Shelter's care offers continuous services, aiding the chronically homeless and shelter residents through their transition back into independent living. Ninety percent of those who complete the Carpenter's Shelter program never return to homelessness again. 703-548-7500 or www.carpentersshelter.org.

The Campagna Center

The center operates programs that support children in Alexandria by providing services that allow them to arrive at school ready to learn and ensure they are academically successful at each grade level. Programs include Alexandria Head Start, Early Head Start, full-day preschool The Campagna Early Learning Center, extended-day preschools program Afternoon Adventures, before- and after-school tutoring/child care Campagna Kids, tutoring and mentoring with Building Better Futures and education programs for immigrants and refugee families with the New Neighbors program. 703-549-0111 or www.campagnacenter.org.

Center for Alexandria's Children

The CAC is a public-private partnership based on the Children's Advocacy Center Model, which has been shown to improve outcomes for families and victims of abuse. The center provides services for victims and their families and coordinates the response between victims and nonprofits aiming to serve them. 703-838-4381 or www.centerforalexandriaschildren.org.

Child and Family Network Centers

Provides free and fully accredited preschool education for children living in poverty in Northern Virginia, including free family support, literacy, job training, and health programs to the parents of students. Currently, Child and Family Network Centers serve nearly 200 children and their families each year at six program sites throughout Alexandria and Arlington. 703-836-0214 or www.cfnc-online.org.

Community Lodgings, Inc.

Community Lodgings' mission is to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency through transition-in-place housing, affordable housing and youth education programs. 703-549-4407 or <http://communitylodgings.org/>.

Computer C.O.R.E.

Helps low-income adults acquire the technological and life skills they need to pursue their career aspirations; tuition is free, and accordingly, donations are needed. 703-931-7346 or www.computercore.org.

Hopkins House

The mission of Hopkins House is to provide quality educational programs and opportunities to children, youths and their families, regardless of income, to help them achieve their full intellectual, economic and social potential. 703-549-8072 or www.hopkinshouse.org.

Literacy Council of Northern Virginia

Teaches adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking and understanding English. Offers one-to-one tutoring programs for adult learners as well as beginning-level ESOL and Family Learning adult programs. 703-237-0866 or www.lcnv.org.

Northern Virginia Family Services

Offers employments and job training, health care, housing, mental health, foster care and home visitations to new parents. 703-385-3267 or www.nvfs.org.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria

Home repair and maintenance for vulnerable veterans, elderly, disabled and families with children. 703-836-1021 or www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org.

Senior Services of Alexandria

Support services for elders enabling them to age with dignity. 703-836-4414 or www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia

Parent education, public education-re: child abuse and court advocacy for abused and neglected children. 703-820-9001 or www.scanva.org.

Volunteer Alexandria

Aims to offer comprehensive human services to the entire Alexandria community; services include volunteer recruitment and placement, court-referred community service placement, community awareness events and volunteer management

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The Miracle League of Alexandria provides just one of many ways to get involved and volunteer in Alexandria. Visit www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com.

Connect and Contribute

Service and citizen's associations lead community participation.

Alexandria is home to many diverse neighborhoods, each with its own distinctive traditions. As each neighborhood has developed, so have the service groups and citizens associations that provide an opportunity to meet your neighbors and participate in the activities and events that make Alexandria unique. Whether you have five minutes or five hours, consider joining one of the many organizations in Alexandria that help solve problems, improve lives, connect citizens and strengthen the community.

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— JEANNE THEISMANN

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Services for Seniors

Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) is a non-profit founded in 1968 by a group of residents committed to improving the lives of seniors in the community. In partnership with the City of Alexandria, donors, faith communities, and volunteers, SSA provides programs and services including Meals on Wheels, DOT Para-Transit Services, AniMeals on Wheels, and the Friendly Visitor Program. SSA also includes an Information and Education Program made up of a monthly Speaker Series, "Senior Living in Alexandria" cable television show, and Senior Information Corners which offer information about service providers, activities, and resources for seniors and their caregivers. SSA is a link between aging seniors and other community members with a mission to foster independence and self-sufficiency, enabling seniors to age with dignity.

SERVICES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Meals on Wheels – Through SSA's Senior Nutrition Program, the City of Alexandria's Meals on Wheels program and SSA's Meals on Wheels Direct Pay program allow seniors who are unable to leave their homes to shop or who have difficulty preparing a meal to have two health meals a day delivered to their homes. SSA provides meals 365 days a year in partnership with the City of Alexandria, volunteers, and donors.

Volunteers are always needed especially on weekends to deliver meals. The time commitment is about two hours and training is provided. For more information about receiving Meals on Wheels contact mealsonwheels@seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 12. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this program email volunteer@seniorservicesalex.org.

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training. 703-836-2176 or <http://volunteerallexandria.org>.

Friends of Guest House

Offers structure, supervision, support and assistance to female ex-offenders who sincerely want to improve their lives and break the cycle of incarceration. Friends of Guest House offers the only program for women of its kind in Northern Virginia, and receives countless inquiries every year. <http://friendsofguesthouse.org/>.

Christian Relief Services

Incorporated in 1985, in Virginia, through partnership with 14 agencies, Christian Relief Services offers up to 24 months of transitional housing, case management and supportive services for

AniMeals on Wheels – Through AniMeals on Wheels SSA volunteers deliver dog and cat food to income-eligible seniors in partnership with the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

Food is delivered once a month, and seniors have the option of 10 lbs. of dry food or 10 cans of wet food.

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, or receiving this service, email communications@seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 13.

Friendly Visitor Program – SSA screens and trains volunteers who donate their time to bring companionship during weekly visits to elderly people residing in the City of Alexandria. The goal of the program is to relieve loneliness and the feeling of isolation experienced by many of the city's seniors. To volunteer or if you know of a senior who could benefit from a friendly visit, email friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 20.

DOT Transportation Services – For residents of Alexandria unable to use public transport, DOT Transportation provides safe and reliable curb-to-curb taxi services seven days a week in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. SSA's reservationists schedule client rides, which are provided by Diamond Transportation and White Top Cab companies. For more information email transport@seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 15.

Senior Services of Alexandria
Mary Lee Anderson, Executive Director
700 Princess Street, Mezzanine Level
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www.seniorservicesalex.org

homeless people. Around the country, operates the affordable housing units. info@christianrelief.org, <http://christianrelief.org/>, or 703-317-9086.

Assistance League of Northern Virginia

An all-volunteer organization that clothes, feeds, educates and nurtures those in need. Working through six elementary schools and Inova Fairfax Hospital, Assistance League touches the lives of some of the most needy in Northern Virginia. The schools involved include Dogwood Elementary in Reston, Lynbrook Elementary and Garfield Elementary in Springfield, Cora Kelly Elementary in Alexandria and Pine Spring Elementary in Falls Church. Volunteers and donors are always needed. Contact ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com or www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org

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SPORTS

Getting To Know High School Sports

... T.C. Williams

The football team ended a 22-year playoff drought.

School: T.C. Williams High School.

Mascot: Titans.

School Colors: Red, white and blue.

Athletic Director: Steve Colantuoni, 703-824-6860.

Football Coach: Dennis Randolph (eighth year).

The Titans ended a 22-year playoff drought in 2013, reaching the postseason for the first time since 1990. TC finished the regular season with a 7-3 record, earning the No. 9 seed in the 6A North region playoffs. The Titans lost to South County in the opening round.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Bryan Hill.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Kesha Walton.

Boys' Soccer Coach: Martin Nickley.

Rival School: West Potomac.

What happened last year: The boys' soccer team won the 6A state championship, along with Conference 7 and 6A North region titles. The boys' outdoor track and field team won the state championship. The gymnastics team won the Conference 7 title. The girls' basketball team finished conference runner-up and reached the region quarterfinals.

Quotable: "It feels amazing. It's not every day you can be a state champion. It's a really great feeling.

We worked really hard and I think all the hard work finally paid off." — Then-junior Eryk Williamson after the boys' soccer team won the 6A state title.



The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team won the 6A state championship in 2014.



The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys' soccer team won the 2013 VISAA state championship.

... St. Stephen's & St. Agnes

School: St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School.

Mascot: Saints.

School Colors: Red, white, green and gold.

Athletic Director: Stephanie Koroma (girls), 703-212-2776; Andrew Taibl (boys) 703-212-2775.

Football Coach: Bernard Joseph (fourth year).

The Saints failed to win a game in 2013, finishing 0-9.

Field Hockey Coach: Alicia Grater.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Ron Ginyard.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Calvin Crenshaw.

Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Andrew Taibl.

Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Kathy Jenkins.

Rival School: Episcopal.

What happened last year: The boys' soccer team won IAC and state championships. The field hockey team beat Holton-Arms to win the ISL tournament title. The boys' lacrosse team defeated St. Christopher's to win the state title. The girls' lacrosse team finished 29-2, winning the ISL championship and finishing state runner-up.

Quotable: "Until we get past that hump, I'm feeling like Marv Levy and the Buffalo Bills." — Boys' soccer coach Bo Amato, whose teams had reached the state semifinals four years in row but failed to win a title prior to the 2013 season.

... Bishop Ireton

School: Bishop Ireton High School.

Mascot: Cardinals.

School Colors: Burgundy and gold.

Athletic Director: Bill Simmons, 703-212-5169.

Football Coach: Tony Verducci (eighth year).

The Cardinals won two of their first three games in 2013, lost their next five and ended the year with victories over Potomac School and Pope John Paul the Great to finish the season with a 4-6 record.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Neil Berkman.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Derek Campbell.

Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Rick Sofield.

Baseball Coach: Rex Thomas.

Rival School: Bishop O'Connell.

What happened last year: The girls' lacrosse team won WCAC and VISAA state



Kelly Larkin, left, and the Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team won a pair of championships in 2014.

championships. The boys' basketball team posted a winning record and defeated Bishop O'Connell in the WCAC tournament quarterfinals.

Quotable: "It was so surreal. It was amazing. We've been working for 11 months, so we deserved it. It was the greatest feeling in the world." — Charlotte Sofield on winning the WCAC girls' lacrosse championship.

... Episcopal

School: Episcopal High School.

Mascot: Maroon.

School Colors: Maroon and black.

Athletic Director: Jim Fitzpatrick (boys), 703-933-4034; Jen Fitzpatrick (girls), 703-933-4036

Football Coach: Panos Voulgaris (third year).

The Maroon won four of their first five games in 2013, but finished 5-4 after dropping three of their final four.

Boys' Soccer Coach: Rick Wilcox.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Jim Fitzpatrick.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Katrina Reed.

Baseball Coach: Chris Warren.

Rival School: St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

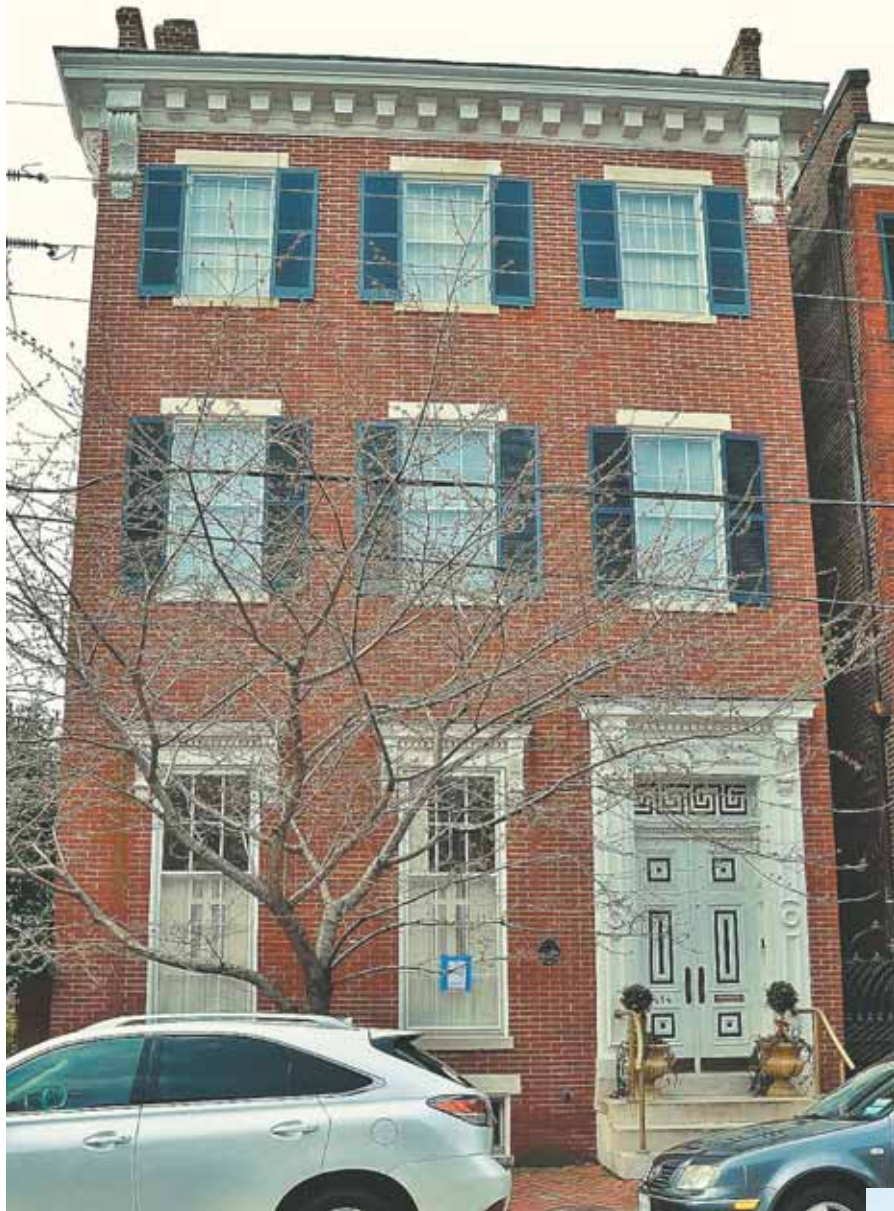
What happened last year: The girls' soccer, volleyball and basketball teams



Former Episcopal running back Nigel Beckford rushed for 312 yards and five touchdowns in a game against Flint Hill in 2013.

reached the ISL semifinals. The boys' basketball beat St. Stephen's & St. Agnes in the IAC semifinals, but lost to Bullis in the championship game. The softball team won the ISL championship.

Quotable: "He's a Division I running back. Someone's going to get real lucky when they get him at the next level." — Football coach Panos Voulgaris about Nigel Beckford.



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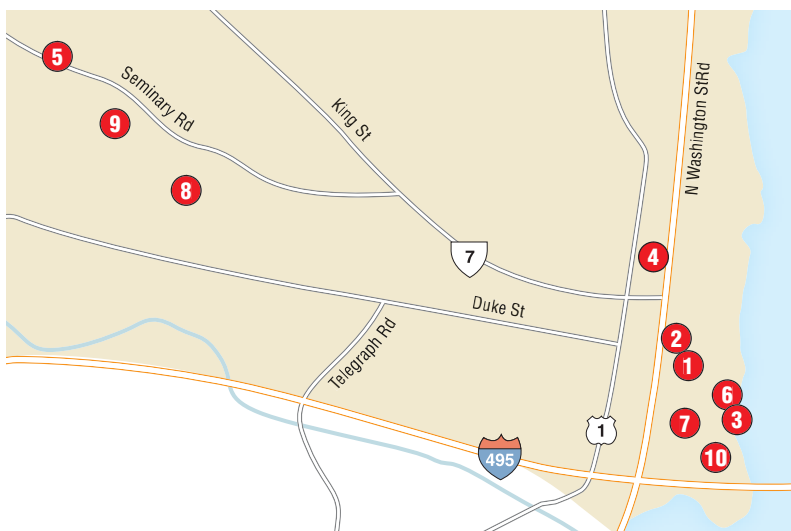
Top Sales, January~June, 2014



2 209 Saint Asaph Street South — \$2,900,000



6 52 Wolfe Street #19 — \$1,800,000



3 16 Wolfe Street #54 — \$2,500,000



10 713 Union Street South — \$1,650,000

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1	414 DUKE ST	5	..	6	..	2	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$3,025,000	Detached	0.13	22314	OLD TOWN	02/07/14
2	209 SAINT ASAPH ST S	4	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$2,900,000	Semi-Detached	0.09	22314	OLD TOWN	01/06/14	
3	16 WOLFE ST #54	2	..	3	..	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$2,500,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	22314	.....	HARBORSIDE	.....	03/18/14		
4	711 PRINCESS ST	9	..	1	..	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$2,200,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.19	.....	22314	.....	OLD TOWN	.....	06/30/14
5	4103 SEMINARY RD	6	..	4	..	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,881,948	.....	Detached	.....	0.96	.....	22304	.....	SEMINARY	.....	06/30/14
6	52 WOLFE ST #19	4	..	3	..	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,800,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	22314	.....	HARBORSIDE	.....	03/14/14		
7	613 ROYAL ST S	5	..	4	..	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,750,000	.....	Townhouse	..	0.07	.....	22314	.....	OLD TOWN	.....	06/02/14
8	505 QUAKER LN N	6	..	4	..	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,730,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.46	.....	22304	.....	MALVERN HILL	.....	06/13/14
9	616 FORT WILLIAMS PKWY	4	..	4	..	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,700,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.49	.....	22304	.....	CHELSEA	.....	04/09/14
10	713 UNION ST S	3	..	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,650,000	Townhouse	..	0.03	22314	BACKYARD BOATS	06/13/14

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9 616 Fort Williams Parkway — \$1,800,000

ENTERTAINMENT

A SAMPLING OF ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

August 2014

FRIDAY/AUG. 29

Big Chalk Draw. 8-10 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane, Mount Vernon. This is a free community art event. Once again school supplies and back packs will be collected to benefit children in need in the area. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org.

September 2014

Wine in the Water Park. 6-10 p.m. Crystal City Water Park, 1750 Crystal Drive. Combines sips and sounds to create an outdoor event featuring interesting wine varietals and music in the neighborhood's signature Crystal City Water Park. Every Friday in September. Visit crystalcity.org.

MONDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 1-7

Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. This exhibition represents the depth and breadth of contemporary functional and sculptural ceramic artworks being created throughout the country. Visit www.workhouseceramics.org/index.php?p=1_15_Clay-National-2014.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

24th Annual Rosslyn Jazz Festival. 1-7 p.m. Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway, Arlington. Artists to headline the festival include Corey Wallace DUBtet (1 p.m.), Ghost Train Orchestra (2:15 p.m.), Brooklyn eight-piece band Red Baraat (3:45 p.m.) and New Orleans Grammy winners Rebirth Brass Band (5:30 p.m.). Free to the public. Visit www.rosslynva.org/jazz for more.

Memorial 5K. 6 p.m. in Crystal City, Arlington. Honors the victims, firefighters, and public safety who responded on Sept. 11, 2001. \$35-40 entry fee. Arlington911race.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Craft and Family Fun Fair. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Mount Vernon. Connect with old friends and neighbors. Cold drinks and luncheon items from the St. Luke's grill will be available, along with a gourmet bake sale featuring cakes, pies, cookies and brownies made by St. Luke's finest cooks. There also will be fresh produce from a nearby farm. Entertainment will be provided by a guest guitarist and two local pianists. For children, there will be a moon-bounce, face-painting and games. Visit www.saintlukeschurch.net or call 703-765-4342 for more.

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 for more.

SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY/SEPT.13-24

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Online registration open. Various venues around Northern Virginia. Events include badminton, volleyball, cycling, a 5k road race, and many more. \$12 per person. Visit www.nvso.us for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 13-14

King Street Art Festival. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Old Town, King Street, Alexandria. At this community

festival, art enthusiasts can discover spectacular paintings, life-size sculptures, jewelry, photography, ceramics and more. Visit www.artfestival.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

Vintage Crystal: Sip and Salsa. 2-6 p.m. 220 20th St. Sip and Salsa brings wines from Spain, Portugal and Argentina together with tastes from restaurants in Crystal City and the region. Live Latin jazz and salsa dancing and lessons round out the action for an afternoon outdoors. Tickets cost \$20 and include wine and food tastes. \$10 designated driver tickets are available and include food tastes. Visit crystalcity.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Mount Vernon Colonial Market and Fair. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fifty colonial-attired artisans demonstrate 18th-century crafts and sell traditional wares such as baskets, woodcarvings, tin and ironwork, leatherworkings, weavings, furniture and much more. Visit www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/colonial-market-fair/

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

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

Mount Vernon Marketplace. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Visit a recreation of an early American marketplace with crafts, entertainment and more. Try your hand at 18th century cricket and enjoy evening programs. Children \$9, adults \$18. Call 703-780-2000; 703-799-8697 or visit www.MountVernon.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Pups and Pilsners. 2-6 p.m. 1400 Crystal Drive, Arlington. Fly solo or bring Fido to the Pups and Pilsners outdoor beer festival. This dog-friendly festival features a beer garden with multiple stations. Visit www.crystalcity.org/do for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Clarendon Day. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Near Clarendon Metro station, 3100 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. A celebration of the Clarendon neighborhood and a showcase for the people who make the neighborhood great with activities, live entertainment and food. Visit www.clarendon.org/clarendon-day.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

Blues and Brews. 5-8 p.m. 2121 Crystal Drive. Come to Blues & Brews and enjoy beverages from the Beer Garden, not to mention drinks hand-selected by experts at Crystal City's Washington Wine Academy and Crystal City Wine Shop. Visit crystalcity.org for more.

October 2014

Clarendon Truck Rally. 6:30-9 p.m. 3140 N. Washington Blvd., Arlington. The Clarendon Truck Rally will be offering sampling of some of the area food trucks Thursdays in October. Each week will feature a few meal



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Alexandria and USA Birthday Celebration at Oronoco Bay Park. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs as the sky lights up with fireworks.

trucks, a sweet dessert truck along with a boutique truck. Visit www.facebook.com/LinkLocale/events.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3-5

Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 George Washington Memorial Pkwy., Mount Vernon. Enjoy live blues and spectacular views of the Potomac River while sampling wine from 16 Virginia wineries. Visitors learn about the successes and failures of our Founding Father's wine endeavors, enjoy live blues music, and meet "George and Martha Washington" on the Mansion's piazza. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 4

Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 2301 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. A multicultural arts festival celebrating the community's diversity through the arts in the Del Ray neighborhood in Alexandria, Virginia. Visit www.artontheavenue.org for more.

15th Annual Mid-Atlantic Oktoberfest. Noon-7 p.m. at The Village at Shirlington, 4001 Campbell Ave., Arlington. More than 60 breweries giving out 4 ounce samples, local food vendors, an authentic German band and authentic Oktoberfest food. \$30 for those who sample beer, includes a tasting glass and 10 tickets. Additional tickets will be sold for \$1 each; free to others. Oktoberfest 2014 will be held rain or shine. Visit www.capacitybrew.com/oktoberfest14.php for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 5

Woodrow Wilson Bridge Marathon. 7 a.m. Starts at Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and ends at National Harbor, Md. Packet pick up Oct. 3, 4-8:30 p.m. and Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the U.S. Patents and Trade Office, 600 Dulany St. Minimum age is 13. Half marathon: \$105, for military: \$95. 6K: \$45, For police, fire and EMTs: \$40. After Aug. 31, prices will increase by \$10. Visit register.wilsonbridgehalf.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 11

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 for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-19

Freedomwalk Festival. The US FreedomWalk Festival is a weekend long, non-competitive, social walking challenge bringing participants of all ages and abilities together for fun, fitness, and international friendship. Different trails will be offered each day, and a variety of distances ranging from 3-27 miles (5-43 kilometers) starting at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 N Fort Myer Drive. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do for more.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 23-26

Marine Corps Marathon. Arlington. Various times and locations through the weekend. A weekend of events leading up to the race. Visit

www.marinemarathon.com/ to register and for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Volunteer Fest 2014. A region-wide day of community service that mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to help nonprofits accomplish tasks that they would not have the time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php for times and locations.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 25-26

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Enjoy autumn activities including wagon rides, wheat treating, 18th-century dancing demonstration, and straw bale maze, and more. Included in estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

November 2014

TUESDAY/NOV. 4

Election Day. General Election. Visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/ and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm

TUESDAY/NOV. 11

Arlington National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony. Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington. About 5,000 visitors attend the annual remembrance ceremonies in the Memorial Amphitheater. Visit www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.

Veterans Day Memorial Service. 11 a.m. at the Rocky Versace Memorial at Mount Vernon Community Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave, Alexandria.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Alexandria Tree Lighting. 7-9 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Annual event featuring lighting the City tree, performances and a visit from Santa to open the Christmas season. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Calendar.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28 -TUESDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas.

December 2014

SATURDAY/DEC. 6

44th Annual Campagna Center Scottish Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Old Town Alexandria, parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets. More than 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend or www.visitalexandriava.com/events/44th-Annual-Campagna-Center-Scottish-Walk-Parade/983/.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

First Night Alexandria. Events take place through out the day at numerous venues around the City of



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Alexandria celebrates Earth Day at Ben Brenman Park. ACPS students crowded near the runway to catch a glimpse at their counterpart's were parading down the runway during the upcycling fashion show.

Alexandria. Visit www.firstnightalexandria.org for more.

February 2015

MID-FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Day.

Fairfax SkillSource Center, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Suite 300 West, Annandale. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free assistance with 2015 Federal and state tax returns for households with a total income of \$52,000 or less. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/vita.php.

March 2015

SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH

Clarendon Mardi Gras Parade.

Annual parade to celebrating Fat Tuesday. Visit www.clarendon.org/mardi-gras/.

April 2015

APRIL - JUNE

Relay for Life. Fundraise participate in all-night-long events to help those affected by cancer through the American Cancer Society. Visit www.relayforlife.org for specific events and details.

SATURDAY/APRIL 18-25

Historic Garden Week. This eight-day statewide event provides visitors a unique opportunity to see gardens, as well as houses with over 2,000 flower arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members. Visit www.vagardenweek.org.

May 2015

SUNDAY/MAY 17

Taste of Arlington. A festival showcasing Arlington's food scene and benefitting the Arlington Food Assistance Center. More than 50 restaurants participate in this community event, outside the Ballston Mall on Wilson Blvd. Rain or shine. Visit www.ballstonbid.com/taste for more.

MONDAY/MAY 25

Memorial Day Jazz Concert. 1-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, Alexandria. A variety of jazz performances take place throughout the concert. Waterfront Park features lawn seating and the attendees may bring lawn chairs and blankets. Food, such as barbeque, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, snow cones and funnel

cakes are available for purchase, but everyone is welcome to pack a picnic lunch. Pets should be left at home. Admission is free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

June 2015

MONDAYS, JUNE-AUGUST

Crystal Screen. 1851 S. Bell St., Arlington. A free outdoor film every Monday at sunset in the summer. Visit www.crystalcity.org/do.

FRIDAYS IN JUNE

Vintage Crystal: Wine in the Water

Park. 10 p.m. Crystal City Water Park, 1750 Crystal Drive, Arlington. Live music and wine-sipping every Friday in June. Visit www.crystalcity.org/do/wine-in-the-water-park21.

July 2015

SECOND SATURDAY IN JULY

USA and Alexandria Birthday

Celebration. Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison Street, Alexandria. Celebrate Alexandria's 265th birthday along the Potomac waterfront with fireworks, cake and live music. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/events/USA-Alexandria-Birthday-Celebration/6607.

August 2015

Summer Restaurant Week. Mid-August, in neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and West End. Menu options vary by location. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com or call 703-746-3301 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/ for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 4

National Night Out. A celebration across America to heighten police awareness and enhance community relations. Visit www.natw.org for local events.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 5-9

Arlington County Fair. Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. S., Arlington. One of the largest free events on the East Coast with competitive exhibits, midway rides and games, entertainment,

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HomeLifeStyle.....9/10/14
A+ Camps & Schools.....9/17/14
Fall Fun & Arts Preview.....9/24/14

OCTOBER

Wellbeing.....10/1/14
HomeLifeStyle PULLOUT:
Deadline is 9/25/14.....10/8/14
A+ Camps & Schools.....10/15/14
Election Preview I10/22/14
Election Preview II.....10/29/14



NOVEMBER

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4.
Wellbeing.....11/5/14

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