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# What's In a Name?

Diversity shines in local neighborhoods.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**lexandria: 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."

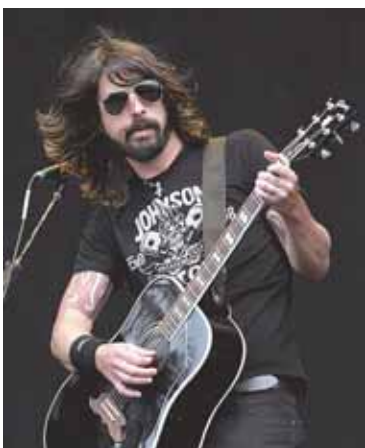


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**Dave Grohl of the Foo Fighters wrote "Arlandria" to pay homage to his hometown neighborhood.**



**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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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.

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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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- Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Thursday, September 4th:**

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- Center for Alexandria's Children, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
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A native of Cheverly, Md., Wilson was raised in Springfield and moved to Alexandria in 2001, though he

lived in the city for two years shortly after he was born. He has a bachelor's degree in business systems from Virginia Commonwealth University and works at Amtrak as a principal system engineer. Wilson votes at the Mount Vernon Center Precinct.

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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.

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We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries. We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, being sure to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a photo. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about

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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](http://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.

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### 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.

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### 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](http://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.

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Visit [www.otbpa.com](http://www.otbpa.com).

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### 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.alexandriawebea.com](http://www.alexandriawebea.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.

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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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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 Washington, D.C., Kapsis was raised in McLean and has a bachelor's degree in politics from Princeton University and a master's degree in teaching from Pace University. She has been a classroom teachers and a director at Teach for America. Kapsis votes at the George Washington School 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.



#### Chris Lewis

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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.



#### ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- ❖ cost per pupil: \$17,000
- ❖ coverage teacher salary: \$74,000
- ❖ total membership: 13,000 students
- ❖ students who speak English as a second language: 24 percent
- ❖ students who live in poverty: 56 percent
- ❖ students who require special education: 13 percent

#### SCHOOLS

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

#### SOURCES OF REVENUE

- ❖ local: 79 percent
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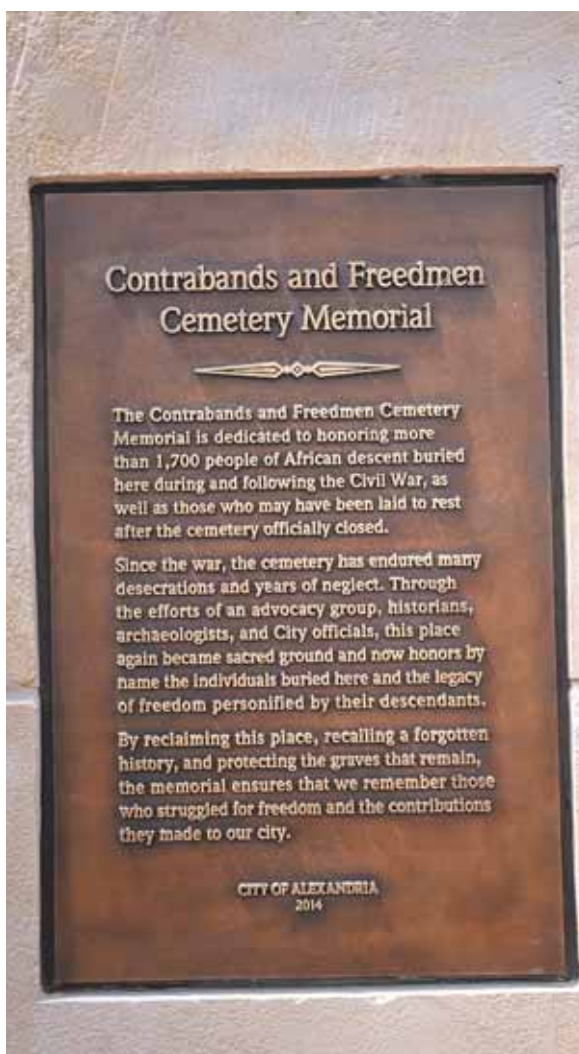
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# PARKS

## 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

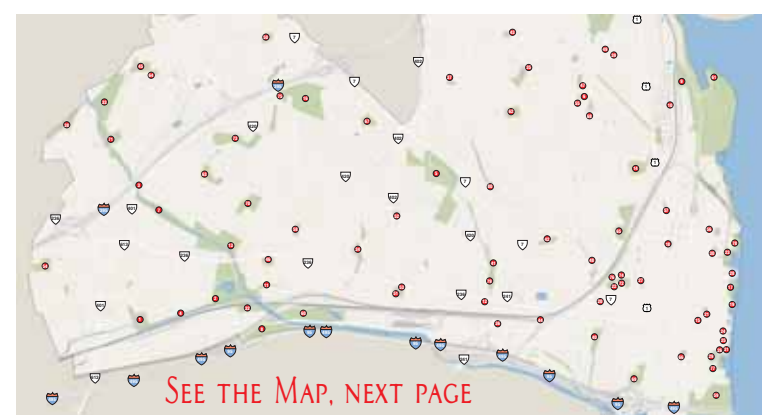
**23 Oronoco Bay Park**  
100 Madison St.  
Historical/Destination  
Size: 5.08 acres, Features: Event space, parking, picnic areas, and walking/biking/jogging trails

**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





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**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

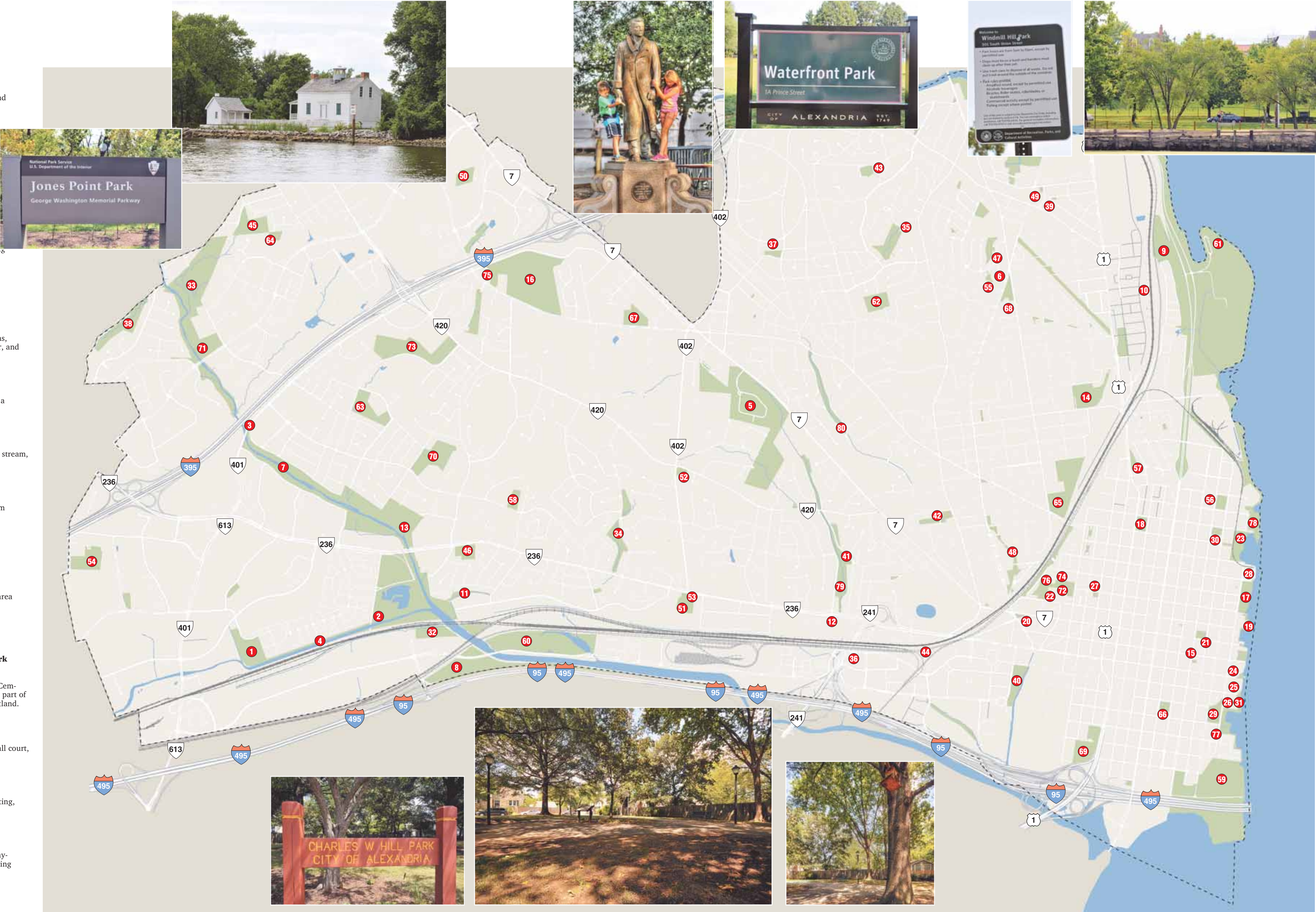
**40 African American Heritage Memorial Park**  
500 Holland Lane  
Neighborhood Park  
Features: One-acre 19th century African American Cemetery, memorial sculptures, park design includes part of the original landscape of the cemetery and a wetland.

**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





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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





# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

## Attend First Night Alexandria

By ANN M. DORMAN, CMP  
MEETINGS & EVENTS OF DISTINCTION

**T**he best New Year's Eve Celebration in the mid-Atlantic Region happens in Alexandria.

Do you know that Alexandria is celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of First Night on Dec. 31, 2014? Don't miss the best New Year's Eve party in the region. We will host 23 indoor venues with multiple stages featuring performances from 7 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. There's a fantastic finale beginning at 10 p.m. in the zero block of King Street followed by fabulous fireworks on the Potomac River at midnight.

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park, walking to their favorite venues and award-winning restaurants. Links with details will be available in November at [www.FirstNightAlexandria.org](http://www.FirstNightAlexandria.org) and #FNA20th.

First Night Alexandria is the largest, safest, indoor, family-friendly, budget-friendly New Year's Eve celebration of the performing arts in the Greater Washington Metropolitan area. Purchase your admission badges online by Dec. 17 for \$15. The price goes to \$20 on the 18<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>!

It's a celebration for all ages and ethnicities, showcasing the area's best singers, dancers, actors, magicians, visual artists and musicians.

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](http://www.FirstNightAlexandria.org) and #FNA20th.

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

#### 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](http://www.actforalexandria.org).

#### ALIVE!

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#### 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.aachhomeless.org).

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## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

# 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.*

**T**hat'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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org).

### Senior Services of Alexandria

Support services for elders enabling them to age with dignity. 703-836-4414 or [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com).**

## Connect and Contribute

**Service and citizen's associations lead community participation.**

**A**lexandria 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.

### ROTARY CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA

P. O. Box 320666  
Alexandria, VA 22320  
[www.alexandriarotary.org](http://www.alexandriarotary.org)

### KIWANIS, KIWANIS OF DEL RAY

[www.alexandriakiwanis.org](http://www.alexandriakiwanis.org)

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P.O. Box 1836  
Alexandria, VA 22313  
[www.alexjaycees.org](http://www.alexjaycees.org)

### VOLUNTEER ALEXANDRIA

123 N. Alfred St., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
703-836-2176  
[www.volunteerallexandria.org](http://www.volunteerallexandria.org)

### NORTH OLD TOWN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 25571  
Alexandria, VA 22313  
703-549-5849  
[www.notice-alexandria.org](http://www.notice-alexandria.org)

### OLD TOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 1213  
Alexandria, VA 22313  
[www.oldtowncivic.org](http://www.oldtowncivic.org)

### DEL RAY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

1601 Mount Vernon Ave.  
Alexandria, VA 22301  
703-549-0225  
[www.delraycitizen.org](http://www.delraycitizen.org)

### FOUNDERS PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

[www.alexandriafounderspark.org](http://www.alexandriafounderspark.org)

— JEANNE THEISMANN



# NEWCOMERS GUIDE

## Services for Seniors

**S**enior 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:transport@seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-4414, ext. 15.

Senior Services of Alexandria  
Mary Lee Anderson, Executive Director  
700 Princess Street, Mezzanine Level  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-836-4414  
[www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org)

homeless people. Around the country, operates the affordable housing units. [info@christianrelief.org](mailto: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](mailto:ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com) or [www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org](http://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 a 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

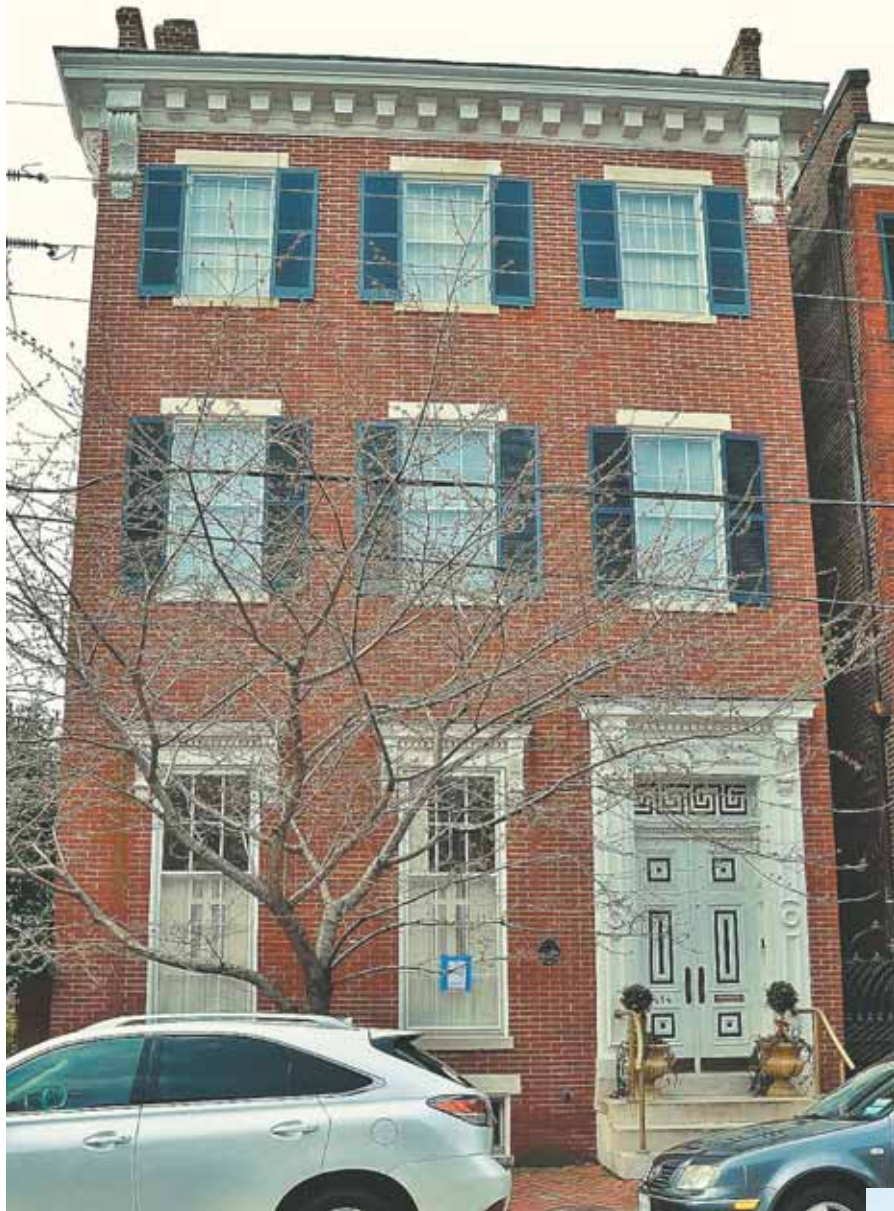


Former Episcopal running back Nigel Beckford rushed for 312 yards and five touchdowns in a game against Flint Hill in 2013.

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.





**1 414 Duke Street — \$3,025,000**

# Alexandria REAL ESTATE

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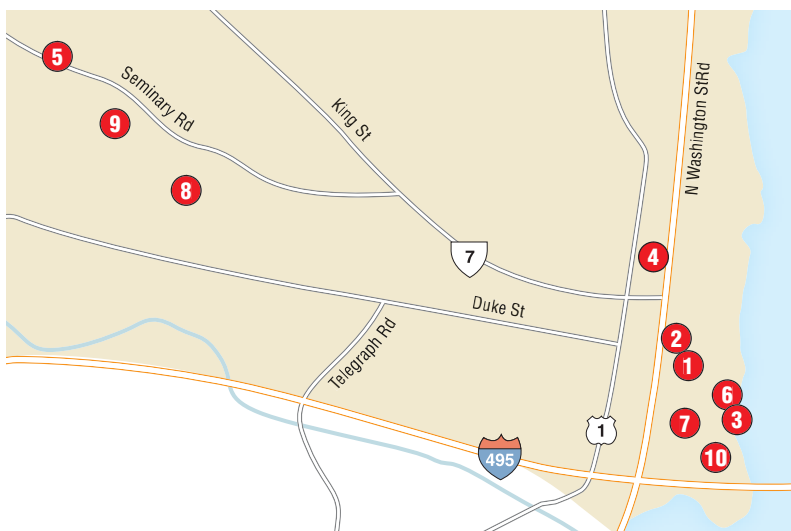
## Top Sales, January~June, 2014



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

### November 2014

#### TUESDAY/NOV. 4

**Election Day.** General Election. Visit [www.sbe.virginia.gov/](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/) and [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend) or [www.visitalexandriava.com/events/44th-Annual-Campagna-Center-Scottish-Walk-Parade/983/](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.crystallcity.org/do](http://www.crystallcity.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.crystallcity.org/do/wine-in-the-water-park21](http://www.crystallcity.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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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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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 I .....10/22/14  
Election Preview II.....10/29/14



## NOVEMBER

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

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