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The "Lobster Crew" Capt. John Niemiec, Emily Dickert, Clarke Slaymaker, Anne Harris, John Harris, Kathy Harris, Brendan Harris, Tony Green and Capt. Will Bailey.

## A Cracking Success

### Hyland's 24th Lobsterfest fundraiser fends off foul weather.

How does it feel to chauffeur over 500 head of fresh lobster, direct from Maine? John Harris, co-organizer of Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland's 24th annual Lobsterfest knows.

For about the last quarter-century, Harris has been meeting the Maine overnight hauler and bringing the treasured crustaceans to Justice Snowden Farm to meet their doom, and a few hundred of Hyland's friends, supporters and colleagues.

Feeding those hungry backers and company also requires a near-Biblical 600 ears of corn and 100 quarts of seafood chowder, prepared by Hyland himself. Members of the Fairfax County Fire Department oversee the boiling — not steaming — of the clawed fellows, a semi-industrial operation requiring vast stainless steel kettles and propane tanks that responded much better to this year's



The Monroe sisters: Aleigh, Hannah and Julia arrive together at the farm.

sunlight and stiff breeze than various precipitation in previous years.

"It's gone beautifully, not only because of the weather, but also because of the friends and supporters I've had over the years continue to come and enjoy themselves," said Hyland.

"It's an opportunity for me to thank the people who have put me here," Hyland continued. "But to also, I've had people come up to me, bring matters to my attention. And that's wonderful,

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Gerry Hyland greets Bea Bobotek outside the registration tent.



Vince and Julie Auletta head over to the tent with trays laden with lobster, muscles, fresh corn, clam chowder and a brownie.

## 'A New Day Has Dawned'

### Same sex marriage begins in Virginia.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

At 10:01 a.m. on Oct. 6, Cathy Baskin of Ravensworth Baptist Church in Annandale received her usual New York Times set of alerts. "I read it 15 times," said Baskin. "This can't be true."

Around 11:30 a.m., the Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax started seeing social media alerts as well. And she received an email blast from People of Faith for Equality in Virginia, the Richmond-based group that's been organizing clergy members around the state to be prepared for this moment.

The U.S. Supreme Court had announced it would not review five cases that sought the freedom to marry. The decision effectively allows rulings supporting same sex marriage to take effect in the Tenth, Seventh and Fourth Circuit courts, and rejects bans on gay marriage in Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Virginia's Fourth Circuit made the formal mandate at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, meaning marriages could commence immediately.



The Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax performed the first same sex marriage at the Fairfax County Courthouse on Oct. 6 in the courthouse courtyard.

"A new day has dawned," Attorney General Mark Herring said in a statement, "and the rights guaranteed by our Constitution are shining through."

"I'm glad; I would've preferred that they actually take a case and settle the law," U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) said in an interview just after the mandate was announced. "Equal protection under the law means just that. Whether you're gay or straight, you're entitled to equal protection. I think that's what this is all about."

Horton-Ludwig didn't have any other appointments after the morning, so she made the short

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## Storck To Host Education Meeting

Mount Vernon District School Board member Dan Storck is hosting an Education Town Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7-9 p.m. in the Walt Whitman Middle School lecture

hall. Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza and Region 3 Assistant Superintendent Debi Tyler will attend to listen to residents' comments on the public schools.

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# Focusing on Transportation Priorities

Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance presents regional priorities at 10th annual event.

By ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**“W**hat You Need to Know about Transportation in Five Minutes or Less” was the working title of this year’s Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance (NVTa) seminar and reception held on Sept. 30 at Capital One’s auditorium in McLean.

With the often confusing alphabet soup of Virginia’s transportation-related agencies, organizations, alliances, boards, and commissions it was good that the NVTa meant five minutes per speaker. No one could make sense of the Commonwealth’s transportation current state of affairs, its history, or plans for the future in 300 seconds.

Thankfully, the NVTa gathered the key players from those various organizations and gave each five minutes to make a presentation in keeping with the theme of their 10th Annual Seminar – “Regional Priorities

and Prioritization.” The speakers were all recognized authorities on the subject and stayed on point with materials and comments that were accessible to audience members less in-the-know on all of the details of each agency and the projects they impact, as well as the most subject-knowledgeable in the audience. Bob Chase, president of the NVTa, in his role as moderator, for the 10th time, made the introductions, kept the speakers within their time budgets, and directed the Q & A session following the presentations.

According to the NVTa members, the seminar title was carefully chosen. Chase made reference during his opening remarks to a document published earlier this year



**Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey L. Layne, Jr. was the final speaker of the evening.**



**Enjoying the moment before getting down to business are, from left, David Birtwistle, CEO of the event’s organizer, the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, and NVTa President Bob Chase, who also served as the event moderator.**

by the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board titled “Regional Transportation Priorities Plan” that “listed no actual priority projects. I’m not sure how

we get to solving problems if we have no priorities,” said Chase. “The good news is that efforts are underway in Virginia to ad

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**Fordson Place Shopping Center shops offered discounts and giveaways at its grand opening.**



**From left: Bill Stetser and Ingrid Strawser of Gum Springs, Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation executive director Edythe Frankel Kelleher and Elizabeth Hagg, Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization deputy director, celebrate the opening of Fordson Place by dancing the “YMCA.”**

## Fordson Place Shopping Center Holds Grand Opening

**L**ookout, Starbucks: There’s a new Peet’s in town. Peet’s Coffee and Tea was one of six new shops at Fordson Place Shopping Center that held a grand opening celebration Wednesday Oct. 1.

“We’re very excited about these new retail establishments,” said Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation executive director Edythe Frankel Kelleher. “They’re very popular in the community and neighborhood-oriented.”

Andrew Bennett of Mount Vernon was at the opening, getting his daughter Johanna’s hand painted with a heart.

“I like Peet’s coffee,” said Bennett. “It’s nice to have something new, besides Starbucks. We stopped for a snack at Pollo Campero and it was really good. It’s great to not just have the same

old stuff.”

In addition to satisfying the daily need for coffee, the other shops round out requirements for human survival: Verizon Wireless, Pollo Campero (a chicken restaurant with influences spanning Latin America), Paisano’s Pizza, Hair Cuttery and the Vitamin Shoppe.

Located at 7707 Fordson Road, opposite the Mount Vernon Plaza Shopping Center, Fordson offers commuters and local residents alternatives on the less commercial east side of Route 1.

“The commercial lots on this side tend to be more shallow,” said Kelleher, “so it’s less of an opportunity to develop in general until you get up the highway, say, to the Walmart.”

Merchants National Properties and Marx Realty completed construction on Fordson earlier this year.

— TIM PETERSON



**Andrew (right) and Johanna Bennett (middle) of Mount Vernon get some free skin art at the grand opening of the Fordson Place shopping center.**



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The Rev. Keary Kincannon and Sharon Emory pose with props at Rob Cannon's Hope Grows Gala photo booth.



Karen Booker, committee co-chair, poses at Rob Cannon's photo booth. His shop Rob Cannon Photo is on Washington Street in Alexandria.

PHOTOS BY ROB CANNON

# Gala Supports Rising Hope

Charity bash raises \$55,000.

BY ED SIMMONS, JR.  
THE GAZETTE

Seated at the reception table outside the Singleton Ballroom, Rising Hope's star volunteer Sharon Emory was up to her elbows on Friday evening, Oct. 3, plowing through sheet after sheet of names as she checked in droves of guests flocking to support the Hope Grows Gala held at the Waterford

in Springfield.

"She's the Queen of the Gala," Rising Hope's pastor, the Rev. Keary Kincannon, told the crowd after dinner.

Most guests came from churches throughout Northern Virginia paying \$100 a ticket for an evening of food, dancing and auctions, all to support Rising Hope Mission Church which aids the poor along the Route 1 corridor. Last year 750,000 pounds of free food was distributed thanks to donors. With its food pantry, clothing closet, emergency aid, hypothermia shelter, Celebrate Recovery program and noon chapel

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# Seeing Red and Blue

Colleagues say Gerry Connolly's vision central to productivity.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

**G**erry Connolly doesn't have 20/20 vision. His round wire-framed spectacles and cropped salt-and-pepper mustache have long accessorized his look, whether sporting a black pinstripe suit or a billowy navy University of Virginia windbreaker (his daughter Caitlin Rose is an alumna).

But when the Star-Texaco storage facility at the Pickett Road tank farm started leaking oil that seeped into groundwater near his Mantua home, he could see with great clarity something needed to be done.

"It was quite a drama," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman and then-Braddock Supervisor Sharon Bulova. Bulova got to know Connolly in his capacity as president of the Mantua Citizens Association. "Gerry was magnificent in going to bat for his community. He was a calm, strong voice during that time."

That was nearly two decades ago, before Connolly's career in public office began in 1995 when he was elected Providence District supervisor on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. In 1999 no one opposed him for re-election and in 2003 he became chairman. He was re-elected in 2007, before being elected to Congress the first time in November 2008. "He's a pretty quick study of problems," said state Sen. Richard Saslaw (D-35). "He's a pretty bright guy, but the experience accounts for a fair amount of that. There's not many problems he hasn't seen." Friends and colleagues who've known and worked with him over these years say it's his vision that drives his service-oriented work. He can see a finish line and methodically goes about reaching it.

"Gerry's not afraid to go out on a limb for something that he thinks is right," said Bill Bouie, chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board and longtime friend of Connolly. "He's a guy of true conviction."

Bouie and Connolly each attended seminary earlier in life, and each ended up pursuing a different sort of public service.

**"HE'S GOT A PASSION** for parks," said Bouie. "He uses our parks and trails. He's the father of the Cross County trail. It was his vision to connect the entire county."

More than the parks and rec centers, Bouie said a needs assessment found trails were the Park Authority's most in-demand amenity. The full trail now touches every magisterial district in the county, "which is no easy feat," said Bouie.

"Gerry, along with the trail advocates, heard that message loud and clear. He went into action to make sure we were able to provide such an amenity."

Another, more expansive, example of what Bulova said is Connolly's "commitment to getting things done" is the first phase completion of the \$5.6 billion Metro Silver Line rail extension.

**"WITHOUT HIM** we wouldn't be here to-

**Local, state and national officials at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Silver Line July 26 this year. Connolly (far right) was instrumental in bringing the project to completion. "Without him we wouldn't be here today," said Richard Sarles, Metro's CEO and general manager.**

day," said Richard Sarles, Metro's CEO and general manager, at the July 26 ribbon-cutting in Reston.

Bringing the vision of the new rail to life was a lengthy process, spanning Connolly's time as an elected official, across various levels of government.

"There was period of time when the project was in danger of falling apart again because of funding issues and discord on the [Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority] board," said Bulova. "Gerry moved the Silver Line forward during a really rocky time."

"I had real clarity," said Connolly, "I can't imagine our future without it. We have to have this."

I think it's a transformative investment that's going to change the Dulles corridor and anchor this part of northern Virginia to the core of Metro. That's absolutely essential for our economic future."

He didn't do it alone, but what colleagues describe as his "personable" and appropriately "light-hearted" and "serious" demeanor helped him engage across party lines and public offices.

"He had a lot of interaction with Secretary [of Transportation Ray] LaHood and



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Congressman Wolf, in bipartisan fashion," said Eileen Filler-Corn, Virginia House delegate from the 41st district. "Just focusing on trying to reduce the cost."

Working together with LaHood, Wolf, 8th District representative Jim Moran and senators Warner and Kaine, Connolly and company secured a \$1.9 billion TIFIA (Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act) loan from the Department of Transportation for the second phase of the Silver Line.

"A lot of people go into politics to make a point," said Filler-Corn. "I think Gerry goes into politics to make things happen."

"My philosophy about being in this job is making a difference," Connolly said, "getting something done for people, for my community."

Del. Mark Keam (D-35) jokingly said Connolly's constant presence around his district makes constituents "spoiled." "I see him probably one to two times per week," said Keam. "Most people know him by name. He's the epitome of a representative."

Part of Connolly's vision philosophy derives from the WWII-era Lutheran minister and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The minister died in a Nazi prison, having chal-

lenged the conviction of a collapsing arts, academic and religious establishment.

"How passionately do you believe in what you say you believe?" said Connolly. "He had clarity about that in a very difficult time. It took a lot of courage and he gave his life for it. That was a profound insight to me."

**THOUGH HE DIDN'T ENTER** the clergy, Connolly made humanitarian work an early priority in his time on the Board of Supervisors, committing to end homelessness in Fairfax County. He led the adoption of a homeless coordinator and housing initiative, part of a systematic policy.

Louis Crandell was a Fairfax County waste water lab tech before a work-related fall left him with frontal lobe brain damage, living on disability compensation. Crandell spiraled downward with substance abuse after charges filed against him in North Carolina cost him his benefits. He found himself living in a tent in the woods.

Linda Wimpey, founder of the homelessness outreach organization FACETS, recommended Crandell meet Connolly and ask for help.

"I tell you, it was like magic," said Crandell. "It's a direct result of Mr. Connolly that I'm not on that forest floor right now."

Connolly and his constituent services staff investigated Crandell's charges (which were ultimately dropped) and insurance situation, and helped Crandell find another job and subsidized housing. Crandell now volunteers with FACETS and at First Baptist Church on Braddock Road.

"He was so pleased with this whole set of initiatives that bettered his life," said Connolly, "that came into our office and framed it as 'I am a walking advertisement for all you were advocating.' It works."

"He says his door's always open," said Crandell. "That's literally the truth."

## Q&A WITH GERRY CONNOLLY

**Q: What do you think are your top three accomplishments in office?**

A: ♦ The Silver Line. I wasn't alone, but I'm very proud of my championship of the Silver Line and the fact that it's up and running and succeeding. It took 19 years to sort of get people to reimagine it and get it built. It was a long, tough struggle.

♦ My environmental record: I got the first comprehensive environmental plan adopted in the history of the county. Out of that grew lots of different things, one was the cross-county trail.

♦ My work in IT. I've worked a lot with our business community to promote high tech. At the federal level, I've co-authored the first major comprehensive rewrite reform of how the federal government procures IT (FITARA). That would've been an obscure topic for us, except for the roll out of the health care website, right?

**Q: If you're re-elected, what be would your top three priorities?**

A: ♦ I'm going to continue to push my FITARA (Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act) bill until we succeed.



♦ I will work to make Congress more functional. I'm seeking out Republican partners, working across the aisle. Every bill I've introduced, pretty much, I've always got a Republican co-sponsor.

♦ As the chairman of the Sustainable Energy and Environmental Caucus, I hope to continue building on what I've done on the environment.

**Q: Give our readers three reasons they should vote for you on election day.**

A: ♦ I get things done. I'm not somebody who rests on promises. I've got a record.

♦ I'm a fighter for our region, our quality of life and our economic interests.

♦ I have a vision for where I'd like to see our country move: to stay competitive, to reinvest in itself. We have to invest in education, research and development and infrastructure. We're giving up our future to the competition. We're now investing only 2.4 percent of our GDP in infrastructure. It used to be 6 percent. In China today it's 9 percent.

**Q: How would you show off northern Virginia to an out-of-town friend?**

A: The four new stations on the Silver Line in Tysons. Or the Mosaic District, to eat in one of the restaurants there. Or Reston, it's such a vibrant community with lots of good restaurants there as well. I also like taking people to our historic locations, Mount Vernon, Gunston Hall or Civil War battlefields.

**Q: Tell us something you think people**

**would find surprising about you.**

A: I spent 20 years in the private sector in IT, working for two companies. They were both federal contractors in IT and defense and life sciences, broad spectrum. It gave me a great perspective when I look at contracting issues.

**Q: Who are some of your heroes?**

A: ♦ Saint Thomas More, Chancellor of England under Henry VIII, sacrificed his life rather than give in to the idea that Henry could break with Rome and become the head of the Church of England. He's a model of great courage and principle.

♦ A Lutheran minister theologian named Dietrich Bonhoeffer fought against the Nazis in Germany and lost his life in a Nazi prison because of his involvement in the anti-Hitler movement. He was one of the few voices of courage in the church, Catholic or Lutheran, in Germany. He saw the establishment collapse in front of this irrational passion known as National Socialism and concluded we have to match that passion with our own: How passionately do you believe in what you say you believe? It better be high if you're going to counter that.

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Fifty-two-year Mount Vernon resident John I. Morton (left) and Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland (right) catch up under the tent on Justice Snowden Farm. "A man from Maine came down and taught us how to do it," said Morton. "We thought it would be a good fundraiser, and it has been. I've been to every damn one of 'em."



Fairfax County director of health Gloria Addo-Ayensu (right) and event co-chair John Harris cross paths to talk about the food at Hyland's 24th Lobsterfest fundraiser. "It's always a fun event. It's great to come out here to see people and support Gerry. I don't come to this part of the county very much. This is my seventh time."



Manny Gonzalez of Mount Vernon and Christian Gonzalez of Dale City savor the waning afternoon sun, and the shellfish. "I know the owner of the farm and it's our third year coming. The food's awesome. We're saving the best for last. And the chowder's good too."

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# Lobsterfest Fundraiser Fends Off Foul Weather

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because then that means you're accessible; they have something on their mind, and they want to talk about it. I like that."

— TIM PETERSON

**U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (right) and Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland address the crowd of shell-shuckers at Hyland's 24th annual lobster-themed fundraiser on Oct. 4.**



Mark Richburg of Kingstowne, with son Ethan (left) and daughter Ava (right). "We come every year. Our grandparents live next door to Hyland. And we come for the food ... the lobster is so tender."

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**Gerry Hyland stirs a kettle of his famous clam chowder.**



**Live lobster handler Emily Dickert pulls out another one of the four pound lobsters.**



**Clarke Slaymaker pulls out on of the special lobsters.**



**Kathy Harris has been running the 'Kitchen' at the Lobsterfest for the past 24 years.**



**Gerry Hyland and his daughter Gigi.**

**Snowden Farm owner Bill Bock and Gerry Hyland.**



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From left: George Mason University freshman Megan Crenshaw, GMU freshman Emily Simpson, GMU freshman Evan Baines, the Rev. Dr. David Lindsey of Little River United Church of Christ in Annandale, the Rev. Hank Fairman of Little River United Church of Christ, Jon Fleming of Centreville, Cathy Baskin of Ravensworth Baptist Church in Annandale and Patricia Burton of Reston all came out to the Fairfax County Courthouse to support the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to turn down same sex marriage ban appeals on Oct. 6.

## Same Sex Marriage Proceeds

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drive from their church to the Fairfax County Courthouse. "It was obvious to all of us whoever could get over the courthouse should do that. It was very fortunate," she said.

In her robe and stole, Horton-Ludwig saw a couple getting their license. Then, she said, "I just went up to them and said 'Excuse me, I wanted to wish you congratulations. I'm here if there's anything I can do for you.' They decided they did want to get married today. That was just a joy."

The first couple at this courthouse was Yvonne Landis and Melodie Mayo of Falls Church. They were going to do the ceremony in front of the building until a staff member suggested they use the central courtyard.

"It was a huge honor, very exciting," said Horton-Ludwig. "This is a day that a lot of us have been working very hard for for a long time. It's just incredibly joyful that we finally have marriage equality in Virginia, that we can honor and recognize that legally. It was really powerful."

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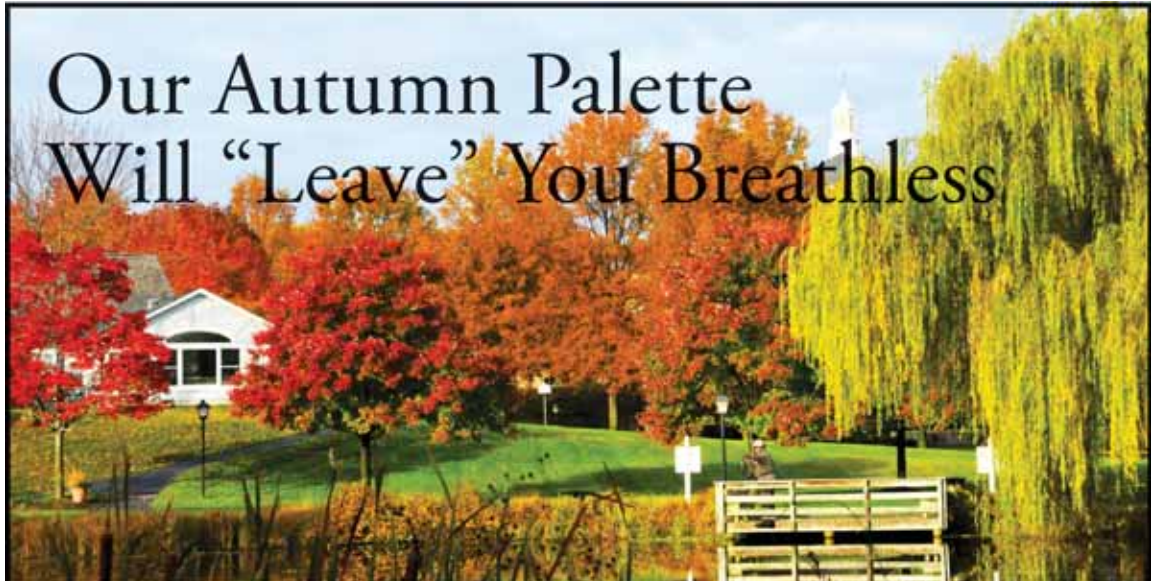
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# OPINION

## Ebola? Whooping Cough? Enterovirus?

### Wash your hands, get your flu shot.

There is plenty to be fearful about. Local outbreaks of whooping cough, due to some parents opting out of vaccines; whooping cough can be deadly for infants. Enterovirus, an upper respiratory illness mostly affecting children, which can become very serious very quickly for some children. The spectre of ebola killing thousands of people in West Africa, and also possibly arriving via any international airport.

But there are a few things you can do to protect yourself and those around you from likely the biggest infectious health threat in your neighborhood, influenza.

The flu will kill thousands of people in the United States this flu season, ranging from October to May. Over 30 years, the average number of deaths was more than 20,000 annually according to the CDC, although the number ranged from 3,000 to 48,000.

Flu vaccination is cheap, easy and effective. Getting vaccinated was associated with a 71

percent reduction in flu-related hospitalizations among adults of all ages and a 77 percent reduction among adults 50 years of age and older during the 2011-2012 flu season.

Get a flu shot. Make sure everyone in your family gets a flu shot. Most people with health insurance can get the vaccination without paying anything for it. Getting vaccinated doesn't just protect you, it also protects the people around you who might be more vulnerable, including young children, people over 65, pregnant women, people with other health conditions like being in cancer treatment or with chronic upper respiratory problems.

### EDITORIAL

Quoting the CDC:

"Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. Over a period of 31 seasons between 1976 and 2007, estimates of flu-associated deaths in the United States range from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people. During a regular flu season, about 90 percent of deaths occur in people 65 years and older. "Flu season" in the United

### More on Flu and Flu Vaccines

**Centers for Disease Control**  
www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm  
**Fairfax County**  
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/flu/  
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alexandriava.gov/Flu  
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health.arlingtonva.us/flu/

States can begin as early as October and last as late as May.

"During this time, flu viruses are circulating at higher levels in the U.S. population. An annual seasonal flu vaccine (either the flu shot or the nasal spray flu vaccine) is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get seasonal flu and spread it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community."

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm>

— MARY KIMM

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### More about Voter Photo IDs

To the Editor:

Thank you for your informative editorial about the new Photo ID requirement (October 1-7, 2014) and the opportunity for those who do not have acceptable Photo IDs to obtain free ones for voting purposes from any general registrar's office.

The Fairfax County Office of Elections is not arranging transportation for people to get to the office, though some organizations may be.

The county is taking the photo ID equipment out to libraries, government centers, in-person absentee voting sites, and other locations to enable citizens to get the IDs more easily. The schedules of locations and times are on the Office of Elections website.

People who apply for a Photo ID too late to receive it in the mail can ask for a temporary photo ID. It will be accepted as a valid ID for voting.

Registered voters going to the polls on election day who do not have an eligible photo ID can vote a provisional ballot and then go to the Office of Elections by noon on the Friday after election day, obtain a temporary photo ID, and have their provisional ballot

counted.

**Sidney Johnson**  
Voter Service Director  
League of Women Voters  
of the Fairfax Area

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### THURSDAY/OCT. 9

**Meet the Candidates.** 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6432 Fort Hunt Road. Meet 8th Congressional District candidates Micah Edmonds (R) and Don Beyer (D). A full breakfast buffet will be served beginning at 8:00 a.m. Program begins at 8:30 a.m. \$25 per person for Chamber members and their guests; cost \$35 per person, non-chamber. Visit [mtvernon-leechamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/october-business-breakfast-1351](http://mtvernon-leechamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/october-business-breakfast-1351).

**Public Meeting.** 6-8 p.m. at the South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation will continue to explain the Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis project. Visit [www.Route1MultimodalAA.com](http://www.Route1MultimodalAA.com) for more.

**Pesticide Discussion.** 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. A discussion will be held about pesticides such as neonicotinoids and their effect on pollinators. Visit [www.vnps.org/potowmack](http://www.vnps.org/potowmack) for more.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 10

**School Open House.** 9-11 a.m. at

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# News

## Charity Bash Raises \$55,000

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services and hot lunches, the mission helps 8,000 people yearly.

Emory set a record of 190 guests, 50 more than last year, and after expenses her event earned \$10,000 more than last year – for a total of \$55,000.

“I felt fabulous,” she said after counting the proceeds.

Her sixth consecutive gala, she’s been a Rising Hope volunteer for 16 years. Supported by Rising Hope’s Fund Development Committee co-chaired by Karen Booker and Herb Brynildsen, with right-hand help from Rising Hope staffer Kat Roman, Emory devoted months to the gala’s preparations, booking the Waterford in February, then spending all of July sending out 750 invitations and August and September making up elaborate gift baskets for bidders with Cassandra Wells helping.

“We worked right up to the last day,” Emory said.

Highlights of the evening were numerous. Leigh Rosenmund’s framed needlepoint of the names for Jesus earned a high bid of \$575. Top donors giving \$3,000 were Ahrens Accounting & Tax Services, Aldersgate United Methodist Women, and Cindy and Keith Davis.

Giving personal testimonies were Rising Hope members Samantha Jacobs and Perry Taylor. Jacobs told how Rising Hope helped



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**Perry Taylor gave his testimony about living in his car and seeking work.**

get her and her three children back on their feet after being homeless. Taylor told of his struggles living in his car and how Rising Hope has backed him in his quest to qualify for his journeyman’s electrician license.

With her 2014 Hope Grows Gala racking up a huge success, Emory will cool her heels a few days then head to Honduras Oct. 16 “to visit the little girl I sponsor.” Her name is Mildred and she is 10; Emory has sponsored her for the past five years working with Compassion International.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## ACCT Stages 'Murder on the Nile'

Company tackles Agatha Christie's "whodunit" mystery for a fun roller coaster of a ride.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE GAZETTE

**A**ldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) is staging Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile" Oct. 10-26. Mixing romance, money and betrayal on an exotic cruise, the murder-mystery play is based on Christie's 1937 book, "Death on the Nile."

This edge-of-the-seat, "whodunit," directed by Roland Branford Gomez, was made into the successful 1978 film starring Peter Ustinov, Bette Davis, Mia Farrow, Maggie Smith, David Niven and Angela Lansbury.

Unlike the book, the play does not use either of Christie's sleuths, Hercule Poirot or Miss Marple. But this play has a crime solver of its own, Canon Ambrose Pennefather (Cal Whitehurst), who is the guardian of the richest girl in England, Kay Ridgeway Mostyn (Annie Ermlick). Kay has just eloped with the penniless Simon Mostyn (Richard Isaacs) and they are on board the paddle steamer called *Lotus* for a honeymoon cruise up the Nile.

They are being stalked by Kay's former best friend, Jacqueline de Severac (Claudia Love Petty), who Simon jilted to marry Kay. The other passengers on the cruise include the wealthy snob Miss Ffoliot-Ffoulkes (Bonnie Jourdan) and her niece, Christina Grant (Kirsten Apker); a young Communist, William Smith (Charles Lourens); Dr. Bessner (Del Pendergrast), a German psychologist; and Kay's maid, Louise (Gabriela Coro) who all manage to get mixed into the intrigue. The passengers are herded by the Steward (Charles Dragonette) and harrassed by Beadsellers. McNaught (Howard Soroos), the *Lotus*' captain tries to keep the ship afloat and underway, despite the plots and counter-plots.

Claudia Love Petty plays the role of Jacqueline DeSeverac, part of the main love triangle that drives the story. She is engaged to Simon Mostyn who then meets Kay Ridgeway, previously Jackie's best friend. Simon and Kay fall in love and marry, and



From left: Canon Pennefather (Cal Whitehurst) and his ward, Kay Ridgeway Mostyn contemplate her rather hurried marriage to Simon in "Murder on the Nile."

Jackie is left alone with her misery. "Being more than a little deranged and quite vulnerable, she follows them on their honeymoon where the story begins," said Petty.

"The character was immediately someone who got under my skin," she said. "I picked up her sense of need easily and then then emotion just came."

She hopes that the audience is able to follow the "whodunit" roller coaster as the story unfolds. "When the audience can grasp the possible suspects and then deduce on their own who they think actually did it, its more fun when the murderer is revealed," she said.

Annie Bradley Ermlick plays the role of Kay Ridgeway Mostyn, a wealthy socialite. "I feel Kay lives in the moment and looks brightly towards the future while others are stuck and can't move forward and are trying to avenge the past," said Ermlick.

She said in the movie and TV version, Kay is portrayed as more arrogant, snobby and cold, so "One of my challenges is to make sure that the audience likes me so that they care if I am dead."

As far as audience takeaways, she said, "It would be nice if they walked away with knowing that selfish decisions can have a domino affect that hurt many people and being obsessed by hatred can result in ruin

your life."

Bonnie Jourdan plays the role of Miss Ffoliot-Ffoulkes, a snobbish, self-centered woman. "People will love to hate her and laugh at her expense, I hope," said Jourdan, who has worked with director Roland Gomez and appeared in at least 12 shows at ACCT and Little Theatre of Alexandria.

She said her challenge is making sure that she gets her lines. "At age 90, it is not as easy as it has been in the past, but I seem to be meeting the challenge."

Cal Whitehurst plays the role of Canon Ambrose Pennefather, a worldly Anglican cleric.

"Despite his worldliness, the Canon has a deeply spiritual side, is concerned for the welfare of people's souls, and is a Biblical scholar," he said.

At the same time, he enjoys the good things in life and his chief occupation is raising money from wealthy donors.

He said one of the challenges, because the play is a "whodunit," is to keep the audience wondering if the Canon might be the killer.

He adds: "I don't think Agatha Christie meant for her work to cause people to ponder universal philosophic questions. Just that audiences will come out of the show thinking what a good time they had follow-



From left: Canon Pennefather (Cal Whitehurst) and Dr. Bessner (Del Pendergrast) work on solving the mystery in "Murder on the Nile."

ing the twists and turns of the plot."

Charles Dragonette plays the role of the Steward, a character spoken to in the third person, insulted and underestimated but who has the best working knowledge of the relationships around him and how they need to be managed.

He offers this minor spoiler alert: "Pay no attention to what the Steward says, but try to grasp what he knows and thinks by what he notices and overhears," he says.

Gabriela Coro plays the role of the devious maid Louise Bourget. "Louise is an ambitious woman who has seen what money can buy through her Madam Kay's lifestyle," she said.

Besides the French accent, her challenge was to portray a person who is caring but at the same time selfish. "The change of hints and emotions can be difficult to delivery sometimes," she said.

She adds, "I hope everyone who comes to see the show gets a good thrill, that the mystery keeps people guessing and interested in the characters."

Director Roland Gomez's goal was to bring audiences as close to Egypt as possible — to make it as realistic as sailing on the Nile. "We have a wonderful cast of actually quite professional performers mostly; I hope this is an example that there is community theatre out there that is as good or almost as good as the available professional theatre in the Metro area."

Co-Producer Becky Patton (with Jayn Rife and Eddy Roger Parker) added: "I hope (audiences) will enjoy the depth and texture of the production, appreciate the time and effort the actors, designers and crew have put in, and understand that all of us are here because we love community theatre."

"Murder on the Nile" will be running Oct. 10-26, on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with a Saturday matinee on Oct. 18 at 2 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. The venue is Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Tickets are available at [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org).

### CALENDAR

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

#### ONGOING

**Doggy Happy Hours.** 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold

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#### "Metamorphosis" Juried Art Exhibit

Runs through Sunday, Nov. 2, Thursday noon-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday noon-9 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m. Del Ray Artisans Gallery. Transformative art embodying 'change'. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

**Art Display.** Through Oct. 5 at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College. Electronic Aesthetics by sculptor Eric Celarier and painter Glen Kessler will be on display, and viewing is free and open to the public. Open Friday-Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Exhibition of New York.** Through Oct. 12 at 105 N Union St. studio 312. View work by French impressionist Danny Conant and Shadow Series by E. E. McCollum. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and

Thursdays 2-9 p.m. Call 703-683-2205 for more.

**Hacking Objects of Desire.** Through Oct. 19 in the Target Gallery. Norwegian Sámi artists Joar Nango, Silje Figenschou Thoresen, and Sigbjørn Skåden examine pertinent questions about commercialism and globalism.

**Saving Mount Vernon.** Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 3:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Visit the rarely seen basement and wander the

historic area to learn the heroics of the estates caretakers. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

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

**Play.** Runs Oct. 10-25. 8 p.m. at

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### Hard Times Open Mic Nights

**Hard Times Café continues the tradition of open mic nights every Tuesday night at 9 p.m. when the second floor of 1404 King St. transforms into an intimate club setting that offers acoustic musicians, poets and comics a late evening opportunity to try out new material and socialize with other artists. To encourage new talent to participate, Hard Times is offering a chance to win three hours of recording time at the Inner Ear studio in Shirlington. Sign up for a set and put your name in the box for a drawing to be held Oct. 28. Call 703-837-0050 and ask for the manager to get more information.**



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### CALENDAR

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

#### Second Thursday Music.

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

**The Monday Morning Birdwalk** has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

#### CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Tavern Toddlers.** Every Monday from Oct. 20 (except Federal Holidays) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have fun in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. \$7 for a group of three. Visit [www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern](http://www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern) or call 703-746-4242.

**Pottery Classes.** 1-4 p.m. at Alexandria Clay, 2389 S. Dove St. Try

it classes Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and Nov. 16. Call 703-672-2419 for more.

**Sewing Classes.** Introduction to Machine Sewing for Kids. Sewn Collage for Kids: Thursdays through Oct. 23, 4:15-5:45 p.m. or Saturdays through Oct. 25, 10-11:30 a.m.; Sewn 3-D Creations for Kids: Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 or Saturdays, Nov. 8-22, 10-11:30 a.m. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org/registration-fall2014.htm](http://www.artatthecenter.org/registration-fall2014.htm) to register.

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

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

#### TORPEDO FACTORY ASSOCIATE ARTIST GALLERY

**Studio 12.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. About 20 artists will be showing their work

in two-week exhibitions through the end of 2014. This dynamic pop-up gallery provides an opportunity for many of the associates to have their work on view. Visit [torpedofactory.org/events/](http://torpedofactory.org/events/) for more.

❖ **Opening Reception.** 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9. Celebrate the opening of the Associates Gallery and meet the artists involved in this special series of events.

❖ **Oct. 6-19:** Kara Hammond, painting; Barbara Muth, paintings; Julie Patrick, photographs; and Val Proudtkii, photographs.

❖ **Oct. 20-Nov. 2:** Ellen Kolansky, paintings; Maria Simonsson, fiber sculpture; Ann Noel, paintings; and Ellen Delaney, paintings

❖ **Nov. 3-16:** Bev Andrews, ceramics; Ellen Delaney, paintings; Gail Spencer Saour, paintings/mixed media; and Jo Ann Tooley, photographs

❖ **Nov. 17-30:** Erika Cleveland, fiber art; Brandon Newton, paintings; Susan Sherwin, paintings; and Fierce Sonia, mixed media

❖ **Dec. 1-14:** Felicia Belair-Rigdon, collage; Liz Roberts, paintings; Val Proudtkii, photographs; and Carol Talkov, mosaic

❖ **Dec. 15-28:** Fritz Des Roches, paintings; Barbara Muth, paintings; Norma Hintze, ceramics; and Marilynn Spindler, paintings

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

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

## 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](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 9

**Free Concert.** 8 p.m. at Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band "An Evening of Music for Brass Quintet," with the Blue 82 Brass Quintet, featuring members of the Concert Band will perform. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) for more.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 10

**Urban Aspect Opening Night.** 6:30-9 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Urban Aspect is the newest exhibition concept. This exciting group show will feature selected works by the hundreds of artists who entered an online call for entries this summer. Visit [www.principlegallery.com](http://www.principlegallery.com) for more.  
**Live Music: Bob Schneider.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount

Vernon Ave. Performance by Bob Schneider. \$29.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500 for more.

**Photography Exhibition.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during performances. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane. "The Man in the Bowler Hat" is an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html)

## SATURDAY/OCT. 11

**Stay Active 10K and 5K.** 10K starts at 8 a.m., 5K starts at 9 a.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Benefits the effort to eliminate homelessness in the community and chance for some great physical activity. \$30 participation fee. Free parking. Visit <https://runsignup.com/rockandstroll>.

## Rock and Stroll to End

**Homelessness.** 8 a.m. at John Carlyle Square Park. Six nonprofits throughout Northern Virginia, will come together to host the event, which includes a 10K/5K timed run, 1K Fun Run/Walk as well as a festival of activities for all ages as a way to raise awareness and funds to support those at risk. Visit [runsignup.com/rockandstroll](https://runsignup.com/rockandstroll) 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.

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

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**Ulysses S. James conducts the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic during a rehearsal at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.**

# Bach to Basics

## WMPA to lead off classical concerts at Masonic Memorial.

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THE GAZETTE

It is one of Alexandria's landmark buildings, yet to some the George Washington Masonic Memorial is still shrouded in mystery.

"I don't think many people are aware of the incredible performance hall tucked inside the Masonic Memorial," said Robin Havens-Parker, executive director of the Alexandria-based Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. "It's a wonderful and convenient place to hear some of the best classical music available in Northern Virginia."

All three of Alexandria's classical music orchestras — the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra — will be presenting fall concerts at the majestic venue, helping make classical music more accessible to local residents.

Ulysses S. James, director and conductor of the philharmonic, had high praise for the space.

"I enjoy performing in the Masonic Memorial because of its lush and rich acoustical properties," James said. "Additionally, the seating is such that the orchestra is center on the floor surrounded by the audience, with some audience members being seated as close as five feet from a musician. The setting creates an intimate experience that allows the audience to feel the music in a totally different way. It is a lovely space with the feeling of a concert in the round."

Kim Allen Kluge of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra agrees.

"The George Washington Masonic Memorial is a very special place to share music," Kluge said. "It is so beautifully intimate and feels like the audience is on the stage with the musicians."

Each of the three Alexandria orchestras has upcoming concerts at the Masonic Memorial: On Sunday, Oct. 12 at 3 p.m., The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic kicks off its season featuring music from Ulysses S. James Composition Competition winner Anthony Iannaccone, Rachmaninoff The Rock, Fantasy for Orchestra, op.7, Mark Edwards Wilson Meteora and Nicholas Flagello Concerto Sinfonico with The Washington Saxophone Quartet.

On Sunday, Nov. 16, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will present Brahms Double Concerto (Madalyn Parnas, violin and Cicely Parnas, cello), Beethoven Symphony No. 7, Horner Music from Braveheart (1995).

On Sunday, Nov. 23, the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra will open its 23<sup>rd</sup> season with Baroque Concertos, J. S. Bach: Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B Minor, BWV 1067, Telemann: Concerto in G Major for two violas, TWV 52:G3, Vivaldi: Concerto in B Minor for four violins, RV 580, J. S. Bach: "Brandenburg" Concerto No. 6 in B-flat, BWV 1051.

"These amazing groups are collaborating to promote classical music in Alexandria," Havens-Parker said. "We want to provide quality music and education to all Alexandrians, especially those who have never experienced the thrill and inspiration of live classical music."

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Open House.** 10 a.m. 5 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax St. In recognition of National Pharmacy Month, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum will host an open house. Call 703-746-4356 or visit [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org).

**Wreath Laying Ceremony.** 11 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Ceremony and program presented by Black Women United for Action's. Free to the public. Visit [www.bwufausa.org](http://www.bwufausa.org) for more.

**Annual Art Safari.** Noon-4 p.m. at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Resident and visiting artists lead young visitors in creative activities across a variety of media, including clay, papier-mâché, fiber and printmaking. Email Kate Parnell at [kparnell@torpedofactory.org](mailto:kparnell@torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Walking Tour.** 1-2:30 p.m. Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Explore Alexandria's firefighting history on the "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting History" tour. Participants learn about volunteer firefighting in Alexandria, three devastating fires and five volunteer fire companies. The tour begins at the Friendship Firehouse, goes east of Prince Street and returns to Friendship via King Street. For ages 10 and older. \$6 for adults, \$4 ages 10-17. Reservations are required, space is limited. Call 703-746-4994 or visit [www.friendshipfirehouse.net](http://www.friendshipfirehouse.net)

**Firefighting History Walking Tour.** 1-2:30 p.m. at the Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 South Alfred St. Explore Alexandria's firefighting history. Call 703-746-4994 or visit [www.friendshipfirehouse.net](http://www.friendshipfirehouse.net).

**St. Aidan's Oktoberfest.** 3-7 p.m. at 8531 Riverside Road. Live music from an oompah band, specialty sausages and beer and silent auction. Call 703-360-4220 or visit [www.staidanseiscopal.com](http://www.staidanseiscopal.com).

**Concert.** 7 p.m. Church of St. Clement, 1701 North Quaker Lane. Focus Alexandria presents Anne Hills in a CD release concert for her new recording "Tracks." Admission is \$18, \$15 for advance sales and members. Visit [www.focusmusic.org/venue\\_alexandria.php](http://www.focusmusic.org/venue_alexandria.php) or call Herb Cooper-Levy, venue host.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 12

**Concert.** 3-5:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. Oleg Kaskiv on the violin and Oksana Skidan on the piano will perform. Call 703-746-4994 for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Whispers perform. \$75.00. Visit [www.thewhispers.com](http://www.thewhispers.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

**Beginner Halloween Cookie Class.** 10 a.m. at La Cuisine, 323 Cameron St. Take this class to learn how to decorate spooky cookies from Katrina Tines. The cost of the class and materials is \$120. Visit [www.lacuisineus.com](http://www.lacuisineus.com) for more.

### MONDAY/OCT. 13

**Lani Hall: In The Mood.** 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$45. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

### TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14-15

**Live Music.** 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jake Shimabukuro '2014 Uke Nations Tour.' \$45.00. Visit [jakeshimabukuro.com](http://jakeshimabukuro.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 14

**Open Rehearsal for New Singers.** 7-9 p.m. at West Potomac High

School Choir Room, 6500 Quander Road. Southside Singers is a new community choir looking for voices, just in time for the holiday season. Ability to read music and choral experience is helpful but not required. Visit [www.facebook.com/SouthsideSingers](http://www.facebook.com/SouthsideSingers) for more.

**Beer Tasting.** 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Port City Brewing Company has partnered with Gadsby's Tavern Museum to launch its newest beer, Long Black Veil. This black India Pale Ale was inspired by the famous and mysterious tale of the Female Stranger, who died at Gadsby's Tavern. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for more.

**"All Mozart" Benefit Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Schlesinger Concert Hall on the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St.. The NOVA Community Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Mark Whitmire. The program will include Mozart's Solemn Vespers of the Confessor, K. 339; Concerto No. 10 for two pianos, K. 365/316a, with Christine Hagan and David Hagan, pianists; and the violin Concerto in G, K. 216 (Movement 1), with Sean Ganous, violin. Free admission for NVCC students, faculty and staff with NOVA ID and for anyone under 18. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and are available by calling 703-845-6097 or emailing [mwhitmire@nvcc.edu](mailto:mwhitmire@nvcc.edu)

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

**Lecture.** 7:30 p.m. at the historic Lloyd House, 220 North Washington St. Alexandria Civil War Sesquicentennial lecture series will begin with a presentation titled, "The Paradox of Robert E. Lee" by author R. David Cox. Call 703-746-4554 or visit [www.historicalexandria.org](http://www.historicalexandria.org).

### THURSDAY/OCT. 16

**Members Preview Fall Book Sale.** 4-8:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. \$10 memberships available at door. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more.

**Art Performance.** 7 p.m. at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Norwegian Sámi actress Sara Margrethe Oskal will use storytelling and yoiks to tell three traditional tales in a mix of Sámi and English. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Evening of Music.** 8 p.m. at Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band-String Ensemble presents "An Evening of Music for String Ensemble," featuring members of the Air Force Strings. This concert is free and open to the public. Contact 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) for more.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 17

**Fall Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 18

**Fall Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit

[www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more.

**Burgundy Fall Fair.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Family fun for all ages: Haunted House, pumpkin painting, moon bounce, live music, craft mart, used book and kids' closet sale, food tent. Free admission. Proceeds from activity tickets and food and merchandise sale benefit student financial aid. Rain or shine. Visit [www.burgundyfarm.org](http://www.burgundyfarm.org) or call 703-960-3431.

**Photography Exhibition Opening Reception.** 3-5 p.m. Artist's talk at 4 p.m. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. Opening reception for "The Man in the Bowler Hat", an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Raven's Night 2014 'Sci-Fi Phantasm.' \$25. Visit [www.ravensnight.com](http://www.ravensnight.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

**Concert.** 7 p.m. Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 2849 Graham Road, Falls Church. Focus Falls Church presents Jennifer Cutting, Andrew Dodd and Lisa Moscatiello, of Ocean Orchestra. Admission is \$18, \$15 for advance sales and members. Visit [www.focusmusic.org/venue\\_alexandria.php](http://www.focusmusic.org/venue_alexandria.php) or call Herb Cooper-Levy, venue host.

**Mediumship Demonstration.** 7-9:30 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. Barb Mallon will conduct two mediumship demonstrations with inspiration, validations and messages from the other side. Call 703-549-7413 for more.

**Fall Concert.** 8 p.m. at Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St. Visit [www.alexandriachoral.society.org](http://www.alexandriachoral.society.org) for more.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 19

**Book Signing.** 10-11 a.m. at Lorien Hotel and Spa, 1600 King St. Author Joy T.J. Riley will be signing copies of her new book "Get Your Joy in the Morning." Call 703-894-3434.

**Fall Book Sale.** 1-4:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**Art Exhibit.** The last day to see three indigenous Norwegian artists examine pertinent questions about commercialism and globalism as they re-appropriate everyday objects to reflect the worldview of the Sámi people at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An Evening with Andy McKee. \$25.00. Visit [www.andymckee.com](http://www.andymckee.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

**Intermediate Halloween Cookie Class.** 2:30 p.m. at La Cuisine, 323 Cameron St. Venture beyond decorating a pre-cut cookie shape and learn how to draw shapes on a cookie, create more intricate designs and fashion layering effects with royal icing from Katrina Tines. The cost of the class and materials is \$120. Visit [www.lacuisineus.com](http://www.lacuisineus.com) for more.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 21

**Harris Teeter Grand Opening.** 5:30 p.m. at The Kingsley, 735 St. and Asaph St. Celebration to include ribbon cutting ceremony and sampling event. Visit [locations.harristeeter.com/va/alexandria/133](http://locations.harristeeter.com/va/alexandria/133) for more.



# HOME SALES

In August 2014, 132 homes sold between \$1,599,000-\$116,500 in the Mount Vernon area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,599,000-\$269,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

| Address .....                      | BR | FB | HB | Postal City ..... | Sold Price ..... | Type .....        | Lot AC. | PostalCode ..... | Subdivision .....          |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1806 EDGEHILL DR .....             | 4  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$1,599,000      | Detached          | 0.39    | 22307            | BELLE HAVEN                |
| 7103 MARLAN DR .....               | 5  | 4  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$1,420,000      | Detached          | 0.28    | 22307            | MARLAN FOREST              |
| 9322 OLD MANSION RD .....          | 5  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$1,300,000      | Detached          | 0.37    | 22309            | RIVERWOOD                  |
| 4205 KIMBRELEE CT .....            | 5  | 4  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$1,070,000      | Detached          | 0.71    | 22309            | OXFORD                     |
| 3808 KINGS HILL CT .....           | 5  | 4  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$975,000        | Detached          | 0.32    | 22309            | DAWSON WOODS               |
| 1210 HUNTLY PL .....               | 4  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$950,000        | Detached          | 0.39    | 22307            | MARLAN HEIGHTS             |
| 1110 ARCTURUS LN .....             | 5  | 4  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$950,000        | Detached          | 0.50    | 22308            | WELLINGTON MANOR           |
| 4201 KIMBRELEE CT .....            | 5  | 4  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$900,000        | Detached          | 0.40    | 22309            | OXFORD                     |
| 8538 MONTICELLO AVE .....          | 4  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$806,275        | Detached          | 0.14    | 22308            | VERNON ON POTOMAC          |
| 7418 PARK TERRACE DR .....         | 4  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$800,000        | Detached          | 0.43    | 22307            | VILLAMAY                   |
| 1318 GATEWOOD DR .....             | 4  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$795,000        | Detached          | 0.38    | 22307            | VILLAMAY                   |
| 1619 COURTLAND RD .....            | 4  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$790,000        | Detached          | 0.49    | 22306            | HOLLINDALE                 |
| 2101 MASON HILL DR .....           | 5  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$750,000        | Detached          | 0.35    | 22306            | HOLLIN HILLS               |
| 3704 CARRIAGE HOUSE CT .....       | 4  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$749,500        | Detached          | 0.40    | 22309            | RIVERWOOD                  |
| 3100 WATERSIDE LN .....            | 4  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$737,500        | Detached          | 0.30    | 22309            | RIVERSIDE ESTATES          |
| 6909 BAYLOR DR .....               | 3  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$720,000        | Detached          | 0.27    | 22307            | WESTGROVE                  |
| 9300 MAYBROOK PL .....             | 4  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$720,000        | Detached          | 0.36    | 22309            | MT VERNON GROVE            |
| 7818 EVENING LN .....              | 4  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$685,000        | Detached          | 0.29    | 22306            | HOLLIN BROOK PARK          |
| 8815 NORTHERN SPRUCE LN .....      | 5  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$685,000        | Detached          | 0.25    | 22309            | WOODMILL ESTATES           |
| 1113 PRISCILLA LN .....            | 4  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$675,000        | Detached          | 0.41    | 22308            | PLYMOUTH HAVEN             |
| 8519 DOTER DR .....                | 3  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$670,000        | Detached          | 0.29    | 22308            | WAYNEWOOD                  |
| 7801 DAVENPORT ST .....            | 3  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$669,000        | Detached          | 0.34    | 22306            | HOLLIN HILLS               |
| 6418 10TH ST .....                 | 3  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$665,000        | Detached          | 0.16    | 22307            | NEW ALEXANDRIA             |
| 8320 FELTON LN .....               | 3  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$662,500        | Detached          | 0.29    | 22308            | COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC     |
| 6418 CYGNET DR .....               | 4  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$660,000        | Detached          | 0.19    | 22307            | BELLE HAVEN TERRACE        |
| 6303 GOLF COURSE SQ .....          | 4  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$635,000        | Townhouse         | 0.07    | 22307            | OLDE BELHAVEN TOWNE        |
| 6507 BLUEBILL LN .....             | 5  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$625,000        | Detached          | 0.23    | 22307            | BELLE HAVEN EST            |
| 8645 PLYMOUTH RD .....             | 3  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$620,000        | Detached          | 0.48    | 22308            | PLYMOUTH HAVEN             |
| 7551 LINDBERG DR .....             | 5  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$610,000        | Detached          | 0.11    | 22306            | GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS   |
| 6425 PRINCETON DR .....            | 3  | 2  | 2  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$610,000        | Detached          | 0.20    | 22307            | BELLE HAVEN TERRACE        |
| 8305 CEDARDALE DR .....            | 4  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$603,000        | Detached          | 0.29    | 22308            | COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC     |
| 7612 WOODRIDGE CIR .....           | 3  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$588,000        | Detached          | 0.51    | 22308            | WELLINGTON HEIGHTS         |
| 1781 DUFFIELD LN .....             | 3  | 4  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$580,000        | Townhouse         | 0.07    | 22307            | BELLE HAVEN ON THE GREEN   |
| 2504 LONDONDERRY RD .....          | 4  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$578,000        | Detached          | 0.27    | 22308            | STRATFORD LANDING          |
| 1208 MORNINGSIDE LN .....          | 4  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$570,000        | Detached          | 0.52    | 22308            | WELLINGTON HEIGHTS         |
| 8016 KARL RD .....                 | 4  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$563,900        | Detached          | 0.42    | 22308            | KIRK                       |
| 2107 SHENANDOAH RD .....           | 3  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$562,000        | Detached          | 0.31    | 22308            | KIRK                       |
| 8207 MOUNT VERNON HWY .....        | 4  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$555,000        | Detached          | 0.30    | 22309            | DONIPHAN PROPERTY          |
| 4100 NELLIE CUSTIS CT .....        | 4  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$555,000        | Detached          | 0.51    | 22309            | MT VERNON FOREST           |
| 8209 CHANCERY CT .....             | 5  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$545,000        | Detached          | 0.25    | 22308            | WILLIAMSBURG MANOR NORTH   |
| 8645 GATESHEAD RD .....            | 4  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$540,000        | Detached          | 0.35    | 22309            | MT VERNON MANOR            |
| 8426 CHERRY VALLEY LN .....        | 5  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$540,000        | Detached          | 0.24    | 22309            | RIVERSIDE ESTATES          |
| 2509 RYEGATE LN .....              | 4  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$535,000        | Detached          | 0.30    | 22308            | STRATFORD LANDING          |
| 4211 SONIA CT .....                | 3  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$533,000        | Detached          | 0.07    | 22309            | MOUNT ZEPHYR COMMONS       |
| 6824 LAMP POST LN .....            | 4  | 3  | 2  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$525,000        | Detached          | 0.19    | 22306            | STONEYBROOKE               |
| 7908 FAIRFAX RD .....              | 3  | 1  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$525,000        | Detached          | 0.27    | 22308            | HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE        |
| 8705 BALKSTONE LN .....            | 5  | 2  | 2  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$525,000        | Detached          | 0.36    | 22309            | MT VERNON MANOR            |
| 8621 GATESHEAD RD .....            | 4  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$520,000        | Detached          | 0.41    | 22309            | MT VERNON MANOR            |
| 3806 COBBLESTONE CT .....          | 5  | 3  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$509,900        | Detached          | 0.27    | 22306            | STONEYBROOKE               |
| 4328 STREAM BED WAY .....          | 4  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$509,000        | Detached          | 0.19    | 22306            | STONEYBROOKE               |
| 7725 FRANCES DR .....              | 4  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$488,000        | Detached          | 0.56    | 22306            | HYBLA VALLEY FARMS         |
| 6508 CAVALIER DR .....             | 3  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$485,000        | Detached          | 0.17    | 22307            | BUCKNELL MANOR             |
| 7938 WELLINGTON RD .....           | 4  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$480,000        | Detached          | 0.20    | 22308            | HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE        |
| 8004 BAINBRIDGE RD .....           | 2  | 1  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$480,000        | Detached          | 0.23    | 22308            | HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE        |
| 2002 JAMESTOWN RD .....            | 3  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$479,500        | Detached          | 0.28    | 22308            | HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE        |
| 7008 BROOKINGTON CT .....          | 3  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$479,000        | Detached          | 0.29    | 22306            | STONEYBROOKE               |
| 6718 WILLIAMS DR .....             | 4  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$470,000        | Detached          | 0.18    | 22307            | BUCKNELL MANOR             |
| 8008 HAMILTON LN .....             | 3  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$470,000        | Detached          | 0.23    | 22308            | HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE        |
| 7565 GREY GOOSE WAY .....          | 3  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$463,000        | Townhouse         | 0.05    | 22306            | GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS   |
| 7650 AUDUBON MEADOW WAY .....      | 3  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$460,000        | Townhouse         | 0.05    | 22306            | HUNTLEY MEADOWS            |
| 6714 SWARTHMORE DR .....           | 4  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$458,000        | Detached          | 0.17    | 22307            | BUCKNELL MANOR             |
| 5925 MONTICELLO RD .....           | 3  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$450,900        | Duplex            | 0.08    | 22303            | JEFFERSON MANOR            |
| 8529 RICHMOND AVE .....            | 4  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$450,000        | Detached          | 0.43    | 22309            | MT ZEPHYR                  |
| 5704 LOFTHILL CT .....             | 2  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$440,000        | Townhouse         | 0.03    | 22303            | LOFTRIDGE                  |
| 2916 LEE AVE E .....               | 4  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$440,000        | Detached          | 0.22    | 22306            | MEMORIAL HEIGHTS           |
| 2912 HUNTINGTON GROVE SQ .....     | 4  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$437,999        | Townhouse         | 0.04    | 22306            | HUNTINGTON GROVE           |
| 5962 BERKSHIRE CT .....            | 3  | 3  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$433,000        | Townhouse         | 0.05    | 22303            | BERKSHIRE EAST             |
| 8312 RAMSGATE CT .....             | 4  | 2  | 1  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$429,000        | Detached          | 0.36    | 22309            | RIVERSIDE TERRACE          |
| 3408 LITTLE HUNTING CREEK DR ..... | 4  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$427,000        | Detached          | 0.34    | 22309            | SUNNY VIEW                 |
| 2451 MIDTOWN AVE #804 .....        | 2  | 2  | 0  | ALEXANDRIA        | \$417,500        | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors |         | 22303            | MIDTOWN ALEXANDRIA STATION |
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# Bishop Ireton QB Dickinson Finds Success on the Move

Senior signal caller has Cardinals at 5-1 after transferring from El Paso.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

With his team down by four points in the second quarter against Flint Hill on Oct. 3, Bishop Ireton quarterback Joe Dickinson rolled to his right and looked for his fullback in the flat.

Dickinson's first option wasn't open, so the senior signal caller looked for the second read in his progression, a receiver running a streak route. A Flint Hill defensive back had the receiver covered, however, so Dickinson considered trying to pick up a few yards with his legs. But before he took off down field, Dickinson decided to look for the receiver running a backside post route. He noticed 6-foot-3 senior Ryan Scott matched up with a shorter Flint Hill defender and decided to attack.

Dickinson cut loose, throwing across his body, and delivered a perfect strike to Scott, who hauled in the pass for a 26-yard Bishop Ireton touchdown.

"I thought my arm strength was good enough [to] get it there," Dickinson said. "It worked out for the best."

Dickinson's touchdown toss helped the Cardinals to a 24-21 victory over the Huskies at Bishop Ireton High School. Dickinson completed 15 of 24 passes for 152 yards and three touchdowns. Two of his touchdown tosses came while he was rolling to his right, including a 5-yarder to Drew Smith early in the fourth quarter.

Friday's victory improved Bishop Ireton's record to 5-1 and was the latest accomplishment for Dickinson, who has found a way to succeed while on the move.

Dickinson, a Fort Belvoir resident, transferred from Chapin High School in El Paso, Texas, to Bishop Ireton in January when his father, James Dickinson, a general in the U.S. Army, was assigned to Washington, D.C. Dickinson, who was born in Kansas, said his family has moved 12 times, including stops in Korea and Hawaii.

The 5-foot-11, 180-pound Dickinson

started playing football as a freshman in Hawaii, where he was a slot back. He moved to El Paso as a sophomore, where he started at quarterback on the Chapin JV team. As a junior, he was the varsity backup quarterback, stuck behind Division I prospect Seth Gonzales, who is now a freshman on the Army football team.

Dickinson moved to the Washington, D.C. area during his junior year. His school choices came down to Bishop O'Connell and Bishop Ireton. O'Connell was set at quarterback, with senior Michael Galvan entering his second season as the starter. Ireton head coach Tony Verducci offered Dickinson an opportunity to compete with three other athletes for the Cardinals' starting quarterback position.

"We called Ireton and Coach Verducci [and] he promised me a chance to play," Dickinson said. "That's all I was looking for was a chance to play."

Dickinson got to work immediately upon arriving at Ireton and eventually won the job during the summer. How did a new kid in school go about competing for the most important position on the football team?

"I think a big thing is just leading by example," Dickinson said. "Talk is cheap. Here, I had to be less verbal. A lot of people do a lot of lip service. [I chose to] just be there for the guys — never missing a workout, never missing a practice, never being late to practice. I think once they see that, they start to think we need to step up. Joe is going to lead us; we're going to back him up. The guys have been great."

Ireton offensive coordinator Joe Blaszkow praised Dickinson for his approach.

"I think if he had come in being loud and talkative, a lot of people would have tuned him out because he hadn't been here for the four years," Blaszkow said. "We have a great senior class, with guys like [receivers] Drew [Smith] and Brenden [Peifer], who have been together since their freshman year, and by just coming in and going about his business and working hard, he's gone about showing [his teammates], I can



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**Bishop Ireton senior quarterback Joe Dickinson has passed for 1,391 yards and 14 touchdowns in six games.**

help you guys and I can be a part of this."

Verducci said it didn't take the Cardinals long to buy into Dickinson as their quarterback.

"I was really impressed with how much of an expectation that Joe's teammates developed without having ever played a game with him," Verducci. "There was such a level of confidence in him ... running the offense, it allowed him to just move forward, further grasping the concepts."

Dickinson delivered once the Cardinals took the field. In six games during his first season as a varsity starter, Dickinson has completed 60 percent of his passes (103-171) for 1,391 yards, with 14 touchdown passes and five interceptions. According to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com, Dickinson is third in the Washington, D.C.-metro area in passing yardage and seventh in passing touchdowns.

"If you were to tell someone that he's never started a game, I think they'd be shocked," senior receiver Smith said. "He fits right in with what we do. He's delivering the balls where they need to be, when they need to be thrown. He's doing a good job."

Smith has been Dickinson's top target, catching 27 passes for 563 yards and nine touchdowns. Scott has 15 catches for 123 yards and a touchdown. Peifer has seven receptions for 117 yards and two touchdowns.

How has Dickinson done it?

"One of his best qualities is his ability to move on from a mistake and not dwell on it," Blaszkow said. "He's got a great head on his shoulders from that standpoint. He did a lot of the work himself, as well, by making his teammates believe in him through his work. He would go out and whether it was the weight room or on the field after school when we'd get together and run, a lot of people started to believe in him from that standpoint."

"... He's an extremely coachable kid. He takes criticism and builds from it. There are some kids you coach, where if you say anything has gone wrong they shut down and he's not that kind of kid. He rises to the challenge. He wants to compete and I think that's one of his other great qualities: he's a competitor."

Off the field, Dickinson said it didn't take him long to make friends, something he attributes to having moved so many times during his childhood.

"That's always probably the toughest thing about being a military kid," Dickinson said. "I learned at a young age, you can make friends here, but you're going to move soon. I was kind of a quieter kid. It kind of forced me to be more outgoing, get to know people. Now it's easy."

Dickinson said keeping up with schoolwork at Ireton has been challenging. Bishop Ireton is the first private school he has attended and he said he had to adjust to the workload.

On the field, Dickinson and the Bishop Ireton Cardinals have earned the No. 2 spot in the VISAA rankings with their 5-1 start. Ireton will host No. 1 Benedictine at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11. Dickinson's performance will likely play a major role in whether the Cardinals can knock off the Cadets.

"I just really want to thank Coach Verducci for giving me a chance," Dickinson said. "I always felt like I've been the underdog, that's why it's great coming to Ireton — because we're always the underdog. I just thank him for that chance because a lot of people wouldn't have taken a chance on me [with no starting experience]."

**Joe Dickinson, right, transferred from Chapin High School in El Paso, Texas, to Bishop Ireton in January.**



**Bishop Ireton receiver Ryan Scott attempts to haul in one of Joe Dickinson's passes during an Oct. 3 game against Flint Hill.**



# Focusing on Transportation Priorities

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dress this deficiency.”

**ANOTHER REASON** why prioritization of projects is critical and was a key focus of the seminar is the passage of HB 2 by the Virginia Legislature earlier this year and HB 599 which addresses prioritization for projects funded through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). As a follow-up to the historic bi-partisan passage of HB 2313 in 2013, which provided significant state funds for transportation for the first time in 27 years, HB 2, “Provides for the development of a prioritization process for projects funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board ... that shall weigh factors such as congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety, and environmental quality.” With real money on the table with which to proceed, and a “wants and needs” list for each locale that far outweighs the funds currently or foreseeably available, some scoring method needs to be developed and implemented to ensure that the state gets the best “bang for the transportation buck” from every project chosen. As speaker Aubrey L. Layne, Jr., the Virginia secretary of transportation said, “Accountability was missing from the process.” By scoring each proposed project and benchmarking it to the requirements of HB 2, Layne noted that the selection process would be fairer and more transparent. According to Layne, even projects already underway and those that are exempt from HB 2 should still be examined and scored.

Nick Donohue, Virginia deputy transportation secretary, provided more detail on the HB 2 Process, praising the “remarkable, unanimous, bi-partisan vote” that led to the bill which took effect on July 1. “The process will be developed over the next 12 months by the Commonwealth Transportation Board,” said Donohue, and applied to “projects based on the (planning document) VTrans 2040 needs assessment toward the drafting of a six-year improvement program.” Donohue, as well as several other speakers, also reminded the audience that many of Northern Virginia’s transportation plans had to also take into account emergency evacuations from the District. “It’s just



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**The panel participates in the question and answer session after each gave a presentation to the attendees of the “What You Need to Know about Transportation in Five Minutes or Less,” seminar. From left are Charlie Kilpatrick, commissioner VDOT; Nick Donohue, Virginia deputy transportation secretary; Doug Allen, CEO VRE; Aubrey L. Layne, Jr., Virginia secretary of transportation; Camelia Ravanbakht, interim executive director, Hampton Roads Transportation Planning; Renee Hamilton, NoVa District deputy administrator, VDOT; Hal Parrish, mayor, City of Manassas and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority board member; Richard Sarles, out-going CEO/general manager, WMATA, and Helen Cuervo, NoVa District administrator, VDOT.**

one more of the realities our region faces.”

While there was much discussion regarding future transportation needs for a region that has grown from two million people in 1970 to more than five million today — with growth projections reaching almost seven million by 2040 — a number of the speakers addressed the status of recent projects and those currently in progress, like Helen Cuervo, Northern Virginia District administrator for VDOT. Cuervo reported on the opening in August of three eastbound lanes as part of the Route 50 widening project, with the three westbound lanes on schedule to open in spring of 2015. FY2014 saw more than 670 lane miles paved in our region, with another 826 lane miles scheduled for paving in FY2015. Express Lanes on 95 were also reported to be on schedule for a late 2014/early 2015 opening, running from Edsall Road in Fairfax County for 27 miles to Garrisonville Road in Stafford County. Cuervo also provided updates on improvements for Route 7 and work on interchanges along Route 28 and other highly

congested byways. The Express Lane project and other projects noted by Cuervo that extend well into Loudoun and Prince William counties from Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria all served as prime examples of the “regional” cooperation that the NVTA believes essential to effectively address the transportation woes of Northern Virginia.

Mayor Hal Parrish of the City of Manassas represented the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the body created by the General Assembly in 2002. Embracing the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park, the authority is responsible for preparing a regional transportation plan and has the power to implement transportation facilities in the plan, acquire land for the provision of transportation facilities, and contract to provide, or operate transportation facilities.

Parrish reported that the authority has already approved 34 projects. The first year of approved projects are valued at

\$209,793,000. He noted that 70 percent of available funds would be utilized for regional projects included in the TransAction 2040 Plan that have been evaluated by VDOT for congestion mitigation or emergency evacuation as called for in HB 599, as well as mass transit capital projects (30 percent would be designated as local funds and distributed to the individual localities for their specific needs). To receive full funding, the localities would be required to enact the local Commercial and Industrial Property Tax at \$0.125 per \$100 valuation, or dedicate an equivalent amount to the transportation fund.

Other speakers included outgoing WMATA CEO and General Manager Richard Sarles, who was awarded with applause from the crowd when he spoke of Metro’s “Eight Car Train Initiative” to add to the current train length and increase ridership significantly. CEO Doug Allen outlined the plans for Virginia Railway Express’s growth, particularly along 395, 95, and I-66.

**SPEAKING OF I-66**, no discussion of transportation in Northern Virginia could be complete without someone addressing the problems on the highway that many consider the most congested in the entire region. Charlie Kilpatrick, commissioner of VDOT, presented “I-66: What’s the Fix and When?” Although the plans do seem to take aim at the goal to “improve multimodal mobility along the I-66 corridor by providing diverse travel choices and to enhance transportation safety and reliability,” most of the proposed works from the Beltway to Haymarket will still be a long time coming. Kilpatrick described the vision of I-66 with two express HOV-3 lanes, three non-tolled general lanes, ramp-to-ramp connections and a Rapid Bus Service with direct access opportunities from Park-and-Ride lots to Express Lanes. But even with much planning and preparation already underway, no construction on this project seems likely before 2017 at the earliest.

The presentation materials of the seminar’s speakers are available on the website [www.nvta.org](http://www.nvta.org), which also contains information on all aspects of transportation in the region and links to related sites.

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**Miller-Smith**  
**Irene Alice Miller-Smith**

Irene Alice Miller-Smith, beloved mother, grandmother and  
great grandmother, was born May 5, 1935 in Fox, AB, Canada  
to Henry and Irene Miller on the family farm in the Cypress  
Hills. She attended school in a one room building 4 1/2 miles  
away from the farm. At 13, she moved to Medicine Hat, AB,  
where she attended high school with her best friend Shirley Es-  
sington. In 1956 she graduated from the nursing school at  
Medicine Hat General Hospital as an RN, whereupon she be-  
gan her nursing career. Starting at Lethbridge Municipal Hos-  
pital, AB, she moved to various hospitals throughout Alberta,  
eventually landing in Vancouver, BC. From there she success-  
fully interviewed by telephone for a position advertised in the  
San Diego Tribune, and in 1964 Irene moved her two sons and  
infant daughter Sheila to San Diego. In 1967, Irene endured  
the death of Sheila, who was only 2 years old. After 10 years  
she settled into Grossmont Hospital where she worked in the  
geriatrics and post-surgery wards. Her greatest joy was pro-  
viding her patients with personal care, embodying the love of  
Christ. She mentored countless nurses and nurse aides  
throughout her career.

Irene moved to Alexandria, Virginia in June, 2011, into the care  
of her son and daughter-in-law to convalesce from a spinal fu-  
sion surgery, and due to the worsening and debilitating effects  
of Parkinson's disease. Irene went to be with her Lord and  
Savior on Sept. 25, 2014 after suffering a bleed in her brain  
and falling into a coma. She died peacefully—surrounded by  
her family's love, and pain-free for the first time in years.

Irene was pre-deceased by her parents; her brothers Norm  
and Bill; her best friend Shirley Essington (née Schlenker); and  
her husband's Rowan Ashton, Duane Emard, Frank Miller, and  
Edward Smith. She is survived by her sons Duane and Len;  
her five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; her sisters  
Sophie, Darlene, and Anne; her brother Al; and, many neph-  
ews and nieces. A Memorial Service will be held at Demaine  
Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA  
22314 on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 1:00PM. Please view  
and sign the family guest book at  
[www.demainefuneralhomes.com](http://www.demainefuneralhomes.com). In lieu of flowers, memori-  
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### TUESDAY/OCT. 14

**Education Town Hall.** 7-9 p.m. in the Walt Whitman Middle School lecture hall. Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza and Region 3 Assistant Superintendent Debi Tyler will attend to listen to residents' comments on the public schools. Hosted by Mount Vernon District School Board member Dan Storck.

**NOVA Registration Closes.** Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's second 8-week term closes. Classes begin Oct. 15. Visit [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu) or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

**Antiques Club.** 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature Bobby Mann, who will be speaking about the identification of ivory. Call 703-360-4979.

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### MONDAY/OCT. 20

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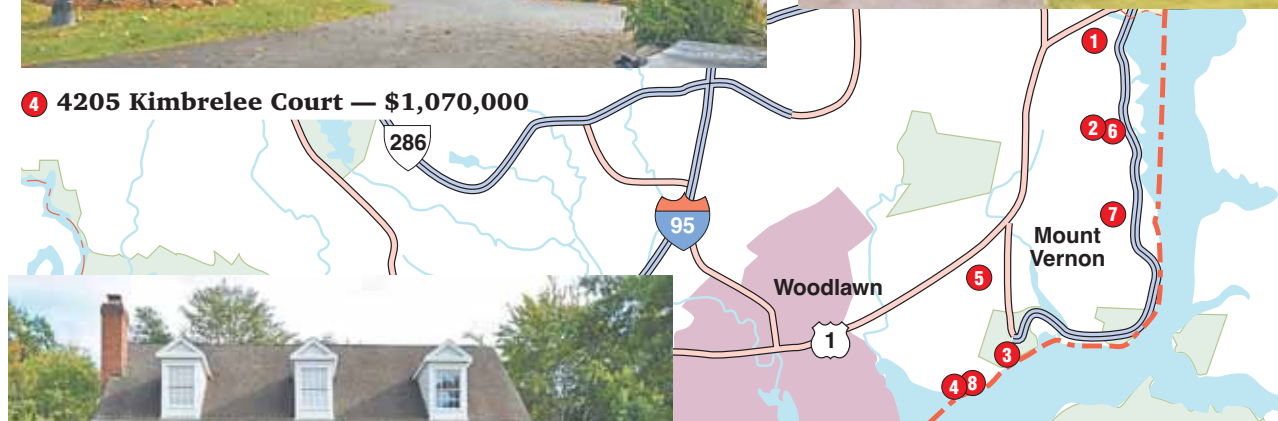
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## Oronoco Condos Almost Sold Out

Size matters in 60-unit residences with panoramic views.

BY VERONICA BRUNO  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he Oronoco Waterfront Residences, condominiums at 601 N. Fairfax St., are almost completely sold out. Only six units are left and sales began in May. Panoramic views of Oronoco Park, Old Town and the Potomac River as well as expansive city skyline views, are at least part of the reason. Then there is sheer size.

“Nowhere else in Old Town are one level condos available up to 3,500 square feet,” said Preston Innerst, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for EYA, a leading developer of urban and transit-oriented properties. “Ample outdoor space up to 1,000 square feet provide a relaxing retreat. Ample amenities and concierge service provide a hotel-like atmosphere.”

The stunning views aside, there are plenty of luxury features that set apart the new addition along the Old Town waterfront, which completed construction just this past summer. It is the first major addition of waterfront housing in Old Town in a dozen years, according to EYA.

Floor plans include libraries for some units and go up to 3,500 square feet for the penthouse residences. Also incorporated into penthouse suites are outdoor terraces up to 1,000 square feet.

The Oronoco was developed from the former Sheet Metal Workers International Association Building. The building has been adapted according to LEED for New Construction standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council and has retained much of the original parking space. Each unit includes two garage spaces and a private storage room.



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**The spacious residences include up to 1,000 square feet of patios and terraces as well as river and cityline views.**

**“THE CHALLENGE WAS** that the floor plans and designs were driven by an existing footprint and shape of the building,” said Innerst. “Residences were designed to maximize views in living area, so utility spaces are thoughtfully tucked along corridor walls.”

The building includes 41 different floor plans to allow for different needs. “We understand that purchasers will have a variety of space needs, such as needing guest space or living quarters for live-in help, or desiring the owner’s suite to be in a separate wing of the home,” Innerst said. “In

some cases, units offer formal and informal living spaces.”

The on-site workout area includes a yoga room and additional meticulous perks include a children’s playroom, a dog-washing station as well as 24-hour security. The outdoor heated pool area also integrates a private clubhouse with a kitchen. A concierge desk is located in the two-story lobby.

Several of the Oronoco condos have been the top sales in the Old Town Alexandria area since they went to market. In the month of August alone, several units sold with the top price being \$3.2 million.

The amenities of the City of Alexandria itself help explain why 90 percent of the condos are sold, Innerst said. “Old Town Alexandria is a vibrant community offering shopping, dining, the Torpedo Arts Center, spas and athletic clubs, a waterfront promenade, immediate access to the Mount Vernon trail for bikers, runners and walkers, Metro access to downtown DC and Reagan National on the Yellow line, and a water taxi to points on the DC waterfront. All are in walking distance and reflect EYA’s mantra ‘life within a walking distance.’”

Prices range from \$1.59 to \$4.49 million.

## Planting for Fall Planning your autumn garden and yard.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s the first few weeks of fall unfold, carrying with them the promise of rich and vibrant colors, many local residents are starting to plan their fall gardens, both ornamental and edible. Pruning and overall garden cleanup will make way for fall plants. In fact, this is the perfect time to clear away summer foliage and plant, horticulture gurus said.

“Because the ground is still warm and air is cool, there is less transplant shock for plants when you take them out of the con-

tainer to plant them,” said Kelly Grimes of Good Earth Garden Market in Potomac, Md. “Now is a great time to put in a landscape.”

The first step is preparing the ground. “You have to amend the soil; that is mixing in compost and soil so the plants’ roots can grab a hold of the soil with compost,” said Grimes. “That really helps any planting.”

Katia Goffin of Katia Goffin Gardens in McLean, Va., likens planning a garden to putting together a puzzle. “Everything has to [look] like it belongs,” she said. “It’s about designing your bed line so it enhances your property, versus ‘I stuck this in my garden and doesn’t it look good?’”

Take a few minutes and actually plan out your garden because no matter what you decide to plant for fall, an aesthetically appealing garden starts with an effective strategy. “It is getting a good plan together,” Goffin said. “It is a question of scale and putting it together right. You have to look at your plot of land and decide where you want plants to go and how you want it to look.”

**FOR DECORATIVE GARDENS** and yards, mums and pansies are among fall’s

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Dir.: From I-495, Rt 1 South, R on Lockheed Blvd, L on Fairchild to 7319 on left.

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## 2014 Alexandria Beautification Awards

The Alexandria Beautification Commission announced the 2014 Alexandria Beautification Award winners in a ceremony held on Sept. 15, 2014 at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. The Commission, Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg and Councilman Paul Smedberg presented 25 awards.

The 2014 awardees include: Farmers Market Food Waste Recovery Program; The Asher Apartments; 1201 Colonial Ave.; 910 Green St.; Jones Point Park; 223 Oronoco St.; 3200 Cameron Mills Road; 1305 Dartmouth Road; Fire Station #209; 103 West Linden St.; 310 Mansion Drive; 120 West Maple St.; 563 East Nelson St.; Potomac Yard Park; 30 Rosecrest Ave.; 2 Washington Circle; 729 North Ashton St.; 4401 Ford Ave.; 4302 Fox Haven Lane; 49 South French St.; 4825 Maury Lane; 3912 Taney Ave.; 5337 Truman Ave.; 5669 Rayburn Ave.; and 2307 North Sibley St.

The Commission sponsors the Alexandria Beautification Awards each year, recognizing community member's efforts to contribute to the beautification of their neighborhoods and public vistas with landscaping and overall aesthetic design. Nominations



120 West Maple Street

are made by members of the Commission and the community and are judged by members on the use of plants, texture and color, neighborhood context, marked improvements, and overall appearance.

Winners are limited to properties visible from the public right of way.

The Alexandria Beautification Commission is a 12-member volunteer board approved by the City Council for two-year



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terms. The Beautification Commission represents citizens' values in City beautification matters and coordinates projects to encourage and achieve beautification.

For more information about the Awards program email Cathleen Curtin, Commission Co-chairperson at [AlexandriaBeautification@gmail.com](mailto:AlexandriaBeautification@gmail.com).

### Beautification Winners

**Recycling**  
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**Central Alexandria**  
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 ♦ 1305 Dartmouth Road  
 ♦ Fire Station #209  
 ♦ 103 West Linden Street  
 ♦ 310 Mansion Drive  
 ♦ 120 West Maple Street  
 ♦ 563 East Nelson Street  
 ♦ Potomac Yard Park  
 ♦ 30 Rosecrest Avenue  
 ♦ 2 Washington Circle

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# Fireplaces Can Warm Outdoor Rooms

## Tips for making your outdoor spaces comfy through the fall.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s the air turns crisp and we settle into fall, the time is ideal for creating a cozy setting, whether it's elegant or rustic or modern. Many people have adapted part of their landscape as an outdoor room.

"Outdoor porches whether screened or just covered with a roof are great fall spaces," said Susan Matus, a Potomac, Md.-based architect. "One can cozy them up with pillows and throws and outdoor lights, such as decorative twinkle lights or candles can create great ambiance."

Local designers reveal their favorite accessories and ideas for outdoor rooms and screened porches to help welcome the new season with style.

An outdoor fireplace commands attention and can offer a warm place for reading, napping or chatting with friends, and makes it comfortable to sit outside on a chilly evening.

"I just built a stunning fireplace in a screened-in porch that transformed the space into a three-season room just in time for fall," said Robert Kalmin of Skill Construction and Design, LLC in Fairfax, Va. "Indoor-outdoor rugs and seating in fall colors make the space great for entertaining."

When it comes to outdoor fireplaces, however, there are a few caveats: "If it is a screened in porch, be careful of your ventilation. Whether you have a gas or wood-burning fireplace you have to have noncombustible material for the mantle and it needs to back discharge for smoke," said Kalmin. He says such fireplaces can be added to an



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**Whether it's in an outdoor room or a screened-in porch, a fireplace commands attention and can offer a warm place for reading, napping or chatting with friends.**

existing space in one-to-two weeks.

Accessories in warm, vibrant colors can help can transform an outdoor room from summer to fall. "Adding some cozy throw blankets to outdoor sofas allows you to stay outside on chilly nights," said Kerra Michele Huerta of Apartment Envy. "Also, as it gets darker and cooler earlier in the day, candles are a perfect accessory, adding both warmth and light."

Scented candles can add an aroma of fall. "There are fabulous new pumpkin chaiscented candles by Nast Fragrance of New York that are wonderful," said John Brown of J. Brown & Co. in Old Town Alexandria, Va.

In fact, lighting can transform a screened porch or outdoor room. "To a screened

porch, you can add a ceiling fan with a down light and an up-light," said Kalmin. "The higher light can give you general lighting and the lower lights can create ambient lighting, and can be moved in different directions for setting a mood. There is also a mono-rail track system lighting, where you can install different types of lights depending on the mood you want to create."

**"Indoor-outdoor rugs and seating in fall colors make the space great for entertaining."**

— Robert Kalmin of  
Skill Construction and Design

Whether real or faux, fall produce can also add a seasonal touch to an outdoor room or screened porch, particularly on the mantle or around the hearth. "You can add faux pumpkins, gourds and berries," said Brown. "Squirrels don't like the taste of those."

Don't forget serve wear, particularly when entertaining. "There are trays to carry coffee, tea, dessert in fall colors with fall leaves and birds with pumpkins," said Brown.

Matus suggests a finishing touch for outdoor spaces. "Another option is to hang drapery to create not only a more interior feeling but also drapery can be used to shield from the wind as a thermal barrier," she said.



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**Pumpkins, gourds and other fall produce can also add a seasonal touch to an outdoor room or screened porch.**



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**Lighting can transform a screened porch or outdoor room.**



# Planting for Fall

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best flowering plants. “Mums need full sunlight to open and come in obvious, bold fall colors,” said Grimes. “Pansies will take part sun, are a great color and will continue to bloom through spring.”

Yarrow, asters, sedums, Lenten roses, and coral bells are among the fall plants that Jonathan Storvick, natural resource manager at the Office of Sustainability at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., recommends.

“Fall is a great time to plant larger-sized perennials and container shrubs,” said Storvick. “It also happens to be the time of year when nurseries are trying to get rid of a lot of their stock, so you can find some great deals.”

For example, said Joel Cook of Merrifield Garden Center, in Fairfax, Merrifield and Gainesville, Va., “Burning bushes have beau-

tiful fall colors like orange and fire red. As far as trees, maples like Japanese maples, sugar maple or black gum maple have beautiful colors.”

Another eye-catching option is the yellow twig dogwood. Its “bright yellow branches and twig color ... are also fantastic for winter,” said Mark White of GardenWise in Arlington, Va. “This shrub develops in great clumps and is a wonderful contrast against any red twig. Oval-shaped green leaves turn to orange-red in fall, followed by white fruit tinged with green.”

Grasses, added Katia Goffin, are ideal for fall and can be mixed with other foliage. “You can put evergreens in your yard and add some grasses. There are tons [of grasses] that are flowering and look [good] with evergreens.”

**ORNAMENTAL VEGETABLES** also work well in fall and beyond. “There is decora-

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— Kelly Grimes



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**The fading colors of hydrangea blooms add subtle color..**

tive cabbage and kale, which will grow anywhere and are deer resistant, which is a big factor these days,” said Grimes. “As the temperatures get cooler, they get more color and last in winter.”

Then there are the edible vegetables. Good options are spinach, Swiss chard, arugula, mustard greens and red lettuces, said Storvick, who also suggested “root crops [like] carrots, radishes, parsnips and beets. You can also plant garlic and leeks now for spring harvesting.”

There are a few common mistakes that homeowners make, however: “Planting plants that deer eat and not thinking about the critters that come though your yard is something I see a lot,” said Grimes.

Giving a garden too much water is an-

other frequent mistake, according to Storvick. “Overwatering, especially when the weather starts to get colder, [and] leaving new plants unprotected ... are probably some of the most common mistakes I’ve encountered. Mulching around the base of plants helps protect them from cold and wind, as well as keeping in moisture.”

Also, take care when pruning spring-blooming shrubs and trees, he cautioned: “While a lot of plants prefer winter pruning, a lot of our great spring-blooming shrubs, like azaleas, for example, will only produce flowers on the previous season’s growth, so by pruning in the winter, you eliminate all of the flower buds. For these plants, it’s best to prune them immediately after they’re done blooming for the season.”

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors help each other. That’s what communities have always been about. Long-time Clifton resident Bob Gallagher is rallying his friends and peers to help his neighbor Elsa Armendaris.

Armendaris, a mother of seven, needs funds to repair the badly deteriorated driveway to her home, which is also a local day care center. To help out, Gallagher, who is a principal at Sun Design Remodeling, has organized a tour of three newly remodeled Clifton homes, each the handiwork of a different remodeler.

“The homes are all pretty spectacular in their own right,” Gallagher says. “We’ve found that homeowners really enjoy seeing what their neighbors are doing. But this is also about helping a local person in need; that’s the sense of community which Clifton has always exemplified.”

In addition to showcasing a home recently renovated by Sun Design Remodeling, the tour will feature recent work by Daniels Design and Remodeling and Kohlmark Group Architects and Builders, all active in Clifton and environs for years.



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**Remodeler Ted Daniels added 2,000 square feet to his personal residence on Hunting Horse Drive.**

A native of El Salvador, Armendaris lost her husband, David, to leukemia six years ago and, as the sole means of her family’s support, decided to set up her home as a day care center. When Clifton Elementary closed in 2010, the day care center lost more than half its students. Not long after that, the winding asphalt driveway leading to the house began to deteriorate.

That’s when her friend, Christina Gallagher, whose children had at-

tended the day care center, offered to ask her husband, Bob, for ideas.

“I just thought there must be a way that a community as old and close-knit as Clifton could help one of its own,” said Bob Gallagher, who grew up in Clifton where his father practiced medicine. “My company has learned a lot from doing our own home tours, so a coalition of remodelers already active in Clifton seems like a logical way to reach out to the community.”

**In Clifton’s Colchester Hunt section, architect Tom Flach at Kohlmark Architects checks plans for Steve and Maureen Landry’s Craftsman-style renovation, now getting its finishing touches.**

Remodeler’s Charity Home Tour, Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit [www.RemodelersCharityHomeTour.com](http://www.RemodelersCharityHomeTour.com) or call 703-425-5588 for more.



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Participating artists have arranged an "open house" for the weekend at each stop and relish the opportunity to show off re-

cent work. Disciplines range from traditional painting and photography to layered paper, fiber art, pottery and jewelry making. A diversity of style and vision blossoms in all directions.

Overall, the consortium represents 113 artists; many have been plying their craft for decades; some have received national honors. The tour is free and all are welcome to any of the participating studios. Nichols says that many visitors develop a practical trip plan by following a particular theme.

For more, see [www.greatfallsstudios.com](http://www.greatfallsstudios.com)



Painter Robert Gilbert in his home studio.

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