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Volunteers Caroline Stutts and Dawn Murphy marked the t-shirts of second grade students as they completed their laps.



Justin Edwards, age 6, getting his completed laps marked by Principal Maureen Marshall who dressed as the Frozen character "Olaf" for the occasion.

PHOTOS BY VERONICA BRUNO/  
THE GAZETTE

## They're Off to Rock-n-Run

### Stratford Landing Elementary PTA raises more than \$56,000.

Like Elsa sings in the Disney hit movie "Frozen," students from Stratford Landing Elementary "let it go" and ran their hearts out to raise funds for their school. Maureen Marshall, principal for the school, even dressed as the heart-warming character Olaf from the movie as inspiration.

Volunteers, parents, school staff and fellow students cheered as the youths completed their laps in the school field for the Rock-n-Run event on Friday, Oct. 17. Organized by the school's PTA, the fundraiser helps the school purchase additional classroom needs such as laptops, library equipment, musical instruments, classroom furniture, school supplies, as well as Science Fair items.

This year the run raised more than \$56,000 towards these costs. If interested in donating, go online via the school's PTA page: <http://stratfordlanding.my-pta.org/>.

— VERONICA BRUNO



Second graders Sam Cahill, age 8 and Atiima Senthill, age 7, round the corner of the track.



Walker Ferry and Ava Wynn, age 7, jumped at the chance to race for their school.



Keyden Hoppper and Caden Fazackerley, both age 6, make a run for it.

## Recommendations For Route 1

### Bus Rapid Transit by 2026, Yellow Line Extension by 2040.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Extending the Yellow Line to the Route 1 corridor isn't exactly building another Rome. But it may take that long.

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) has been holding public meetings announcing the results of a year-long comprehensive study on how to improve overall transit and land use between Huntington and Woodbridge.

Route 1 is a federal highway, Del. Scott Surovell reminded people at the third such meeting on Oct. 9 at the South County Center on Route 1, so completing such a study is necessary to be eligible for federal backing for redevelopment plans.

"We passed a transit bill last year, the largest tax increase in VA

history, to help buy the land," said Del. Mark Sickles. "It's the ultimate state-local-federal project: All three levels of gov have to work together. Not any one can do it on their own."

"I think we need to get more money from NVT (Northern Virginia Transportation Authority)," said Surovell. "We need to get the feds to step up to the plate, not just the Federal Transit Administration. We need to get Fort Belvoir to the table. They play a big role in what's going on around here, in terms of our traffic growth and transit growth."

In the meeting's main presentation DRPT consultant team Project Manager Jason Mumford from AECOM laid out the group's recommendation: implementing a hybrid of two transit alternatives.

The first is Bus Rapid Transit,

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## EF-0 Tornado Hits Near Belle Haven

The NOAA National Weather Service (NWS) reported a minor tornado touched down around lunchtime Oct. 15 in the Belle Haven area and followed a tree-damaging path 1.5 miles towards Alexandria city. The NWS estimates the total life of the tornado occurred between 12:23 and 12:26 p.m., and only reached a maximum wind speed of 55-65 miles per hour (classified on the Enhanced Fujita Scale on the low end of EF-0).

The tornado was confirmed by a combination of "rotational ve-

locity couplets" on local Doppler weather radar and a path of downed trees and snapped branches beginning near the intersection of Belle Haven and Hunt roads. That type of destruction carried through the Belle Haven Country Club to I-495 at the George Washington Parkway.

After the three-minute romp, the tornado withered and lifted. No injuries or deaths were reported as a result of the twister.

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# 'This, Sadly, Is Now a Death Investigation'

## Human remains found during Hannah Graham search.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Some time before noon on Oct. 18, a search team from the Chesterfield County Sheriff's department discovered human remains on an abandoned property along Old Lynchburg Road in southern Albemarle County.

Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo addressed the media that night saying the remains have yet to be identified by the medical examiner, though Hannah Graham's parents John and Sue were contacted shortly after they were found.

"This, sadly, is now a death investigation," said Col. Steve Sellers chief of the Albemarle County Police Department. That department is now leading the investigation because of where the remains were found.

"The longer this lingers on, I believe the worse it is for the Graham family," said Craig Maniglia, Graham's softball coach at West Potomac High School. "There needs to be some sort of closure, some sort of goodbye, memorial. Something that lets them try to put the pieces of their lives back together, gets the community healing as a whole going forward."

Maniglia said Graham touched players spanning multiple years, who are all heartbroken and struggling with how else to feel about the situation.

"Any child that's 15, 16, 17, you put something like this in front of them and they don't know how to react," he said. "They're just distraught, looking for answers. I'm not sure they'll ever be answered, to solve the mystery for all the people who say 'Why Hannah?'"

Longo called the five-week search "unprecedented," involving "countless hours,

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**— Craig Maniglia, Graham's softball coach at West Potomac High School**

thousands, by literally hundreds of law enforcement and volunteers in an effort to find Hannah."

"We think perhaps today proved their worth," Longo said.

The second-year UVA student and West Potomac alumna was last seen early in the morning on Sept. 13, on a surveillance tape of Charlottesville's Downtown Mall.

Last month police charged 32-year-old

Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr. with abducting Graham "with intent to defile" following his arrest in Galveston, Texas.

On Oct. 20, Fairfax County Commonwealth's attorney Ray Morrogh announced Matthew was charged by a grand jury earlier that day with three felony counts connected with the Sep. 24, 2005 sexual assault of a Fairfax woman. [See story below.]

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Albemarle County Police are urging any person who may have seen or heard suspicious activity in the area of Old Lynchburg Road to call 434-296-5807.

— TIM PETERSON

# 'We Owed that to the Victim'

## Police charge Jesse Matthew with 2005 Fairfax crimes.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE GAZETTE

The wheels of justice may turn slowly – but, apparently, they keep on turning. And now, nine years after a young Fairfax woman was attacked in her own neighborhood by an unknown assailant, a suspect has been charged with the crime.

A Fairfax County grand jury on Monday indicted Jesse L. Matthew Jr., 32, on charges of attempted capital murder, abduction with intent to defile and object sexual penetration in connection with the Fairfax case.

Already under scrutiny and garnering national attention for his possible role in the disappearance of UVA student Hannah Graham, Matthew is currently being held in the Charlottesville jail on a charge of abduction with intent to defile.

But at a news conference on Monday, Oct. 20, outside City of Fairfax Police Headquarters, Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh said he intends to seek a bench warrant (issued by a judge) this Thursday so Matthew may be brought to Fairfax County to stand trial.

"I am extremely proud of the investigative work that's gone into this case," said City of Fairfax Police Chief Carl Pardiny.



Jesse Matthew Jr.



**2005 police sketch of suspect. He was described then as a black male, 25-35, height 5'9"-6'0," weight 180-220 pounds; black hair, beard and mustache.**

eventually, the trail grew cold. The case remained open, but nothing tangible happened until summer 2010, when a positive DNA match was made tying the murderer of a college student to the Fairfax woman's assailant.

That student was 20-year-old Virginia Tech sophomore Morgan Harrington, who vanished outside a Metallica concert in Charlottesville in October 2009. Morgan's body was found in a pasture, three months later; and in summer 2010, authorities linked her killer's DNA to the person who abducted and sexually assaulted the Fairfax woman in September 2005.

On a Saturday afternoon in March 2012, Morgan's mother, Gil Harrington, stood outside that same Giant Foods store in Fairfax, along with Kim Nelson – whose daughter Bethany was a GMU senior when she disappeared in January 2011. They were there together seeking information about what happened to their girls and doing what they could to prevent similar tragedies from befalling someone else's child.

They distributed informational posters and brochures and warned residents that the 2005 perpetrator had never been caught and might still be in this area. They also shared their stories with anyone who stopped by their table, desperately hoping someone might know even the tiniest de-

tail that might help them find this man.

"We know he has a habit of abduction, sexual assault and murder, and we don't want these habits repeated," said Harrington. "People need to know about him and to be cautious. My daughter's dead, but we want to save other families from going through what we went through. And it makes the pain more tolerable to help someone else; you have to find a new life because the old one is broken."

Accompanying Harrington and Nelson – whose daughter is still missing – was VT employee Kenny Jarels. Basically, he said, "We believe that, if we can find the missing link between the Fairfax and Charlottesville cases, then police can solve them both."

**NOW, POLICE AND PROSECUTORS** hope they've done just that. "The City of Fairfax is a wonderful community and we're fortunate to have a very low violent-crime rate," said Pardiny. "Crimes of violence are shocking to the community and everyone involved, including the police. We're trained to be focused and objective in our investigations, to uncover the facts and evidence of a case, and we're devoted to keeping our community safe."

"Our mission is to prevent crime; but when it occurs, we mobilize quickly to find the perpetrator, so there's not a lot of time to become emotionally involved," he continued. "But later, once the dust settles, the human element kicks in and it makes us want to go home and hug our kids. I am proud of our department and the men and women who serve it."



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# NEWS

## Drone Crashes in Waynewood

**Incident reveals lack of county and state policy on consumer use of drones.**

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

**R**ecently, Kevin Batchelor, a Waynewood resident, had an encounter with an “out of control” drone which took place on his property. His experience could have turned out badly for him, his wife, and 7-year-old daughter. Fortunately it didn’t but lessons learned suggests, according to Batchelor, that something should be done to prevent such drone incidents in residential areas by regulating the growing use and therefore potential threat to the privacy and safety of county residents.

Batchelor first reported his experience with a drone to his fellow residents via a posting to the Waynewood News: “This afternoon while unloading the minivan with my wife and 7-year-old daughter, an ‘out of control’ drone flew over our heads and struck our home with a great big crash. Fortunately, the drone, which had no fairings to protect anyone from the blades, did not strike a person. ... I personally find it unreasonable to fly these in a residential neighborhood with people, especially children outside. Someone could have been seriously injured. We weren’t the only ones outside on this nice afternoon. The fan blades on this thing would easily slice skin

or put out an eye. These should be flown in a model airplane field by adequately trained and responsible people. ... The operator of the drone, another resident in the neighborhood, was using the drone to record video images. ... I returned the property to the owner (who is an adult) via the Fairfax County Police. ... I think others might have the foresight to recognize the safety of others first and refrain from flying an unsafe device in our neighborhood.”

In a follow up interview, Batchelor added: “The device seemed dead and as I approached the device it began to start up again and it almost hit me in the face ... there were four blades spinning around; no protection; it could have done damage to me. ... My wife picked up the camera that was attached to the drone.... I called the Mount Vernon District Police Station. A police officer came and interviewed me and then returned the device to the owner. ... What was most shocking is the lack of safety on the drone and the apparent lack of requirement for a private individual to fly it in a safe area. There should be an established permitting and/or licensing process to ensure that personal unmanned airborne vehicles are operated by competently instructed individuals who are adequately trained and insured. ... Individuals operating in residential areas should expect to be prevented from operating in ways that could infringe on others privacy and safety.”

Supervisor Gerry Hyland’s Office initially referred questions about drone policies to the Office of the County Attorney. That office responded to county

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## NEWS

# Outreach Saves Fifth House

## Fire Department smoke alarm program credited.

**F**airfax County firefighters have been making more house calls than usual. And it's paying off.

In the case of a basement fire in the early morning of Oct. 13 at a house on Remington Drive in Alexandria, they might not have gotten the call until it was too late if it weren't for the fire department's Safety In Our Community (SOIC) outreach program.

Every Saturday, three seasons a year, on-duty firefighters from each of the county's 38 stations spend several hours going door to door in their "first due" response zones. They offer safety tips like best practices for candles and fireplaces, as well as check that smoke alarms are installed and powered properly.

When firefighters visited the Remington Drive house the first time, the alarm was out of order, so they replaced it.

Because the alarm went off successfully, residents were able to get out of the house before the fire spread from the basement, and called 9-1-1. Within five minutes, Woodlawn units from Station 24 were the first on the scene. Firefighters were able to contain the blaze to the basement.

This was the fifth documented case of a fire where SOIC had previously replaced a faulty alarm.

Damage to the house totaled \$30,000, according to Fairfax County Fire and Rescue spokesman Dan Schmidt. But, he said, "it could've been greater, with injury or death even."

"You can put all the PSAs out in the world," said Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity, "but when you get a knock on the door and a firefighter offers to do a home inspection, that's when you're going to listen and pay attention."



Since SOIC, the brainchild of Fire Chief Richard Bowers, started in June 2013, his troops have had to repair or install smoke alarms in 55 percent of the houses they visit. They replace a lot of batteries too.

"A lot of people will take a battery out because they need a battery, and won't replace it," said Schmidt, a spokesman for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue department. "It's amazing how often you see it."

The replacement alarms had previously been purchased with funds donated from local businesses, but the fire department recently secured a \$130,000 grant from FEMA to distribute alarms with 10-year lithium ion batteries that are virtually untamperable.

— TIM PETERSON

## CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

**BURGLARY**, 4100 block of Main Street, Oct. 18. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

**BURGLARY**, 2000 block of Laura Mews Place, Oct. 14. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

**ROBBERY**, 3900 block Sonora Place, Oct. 7, 10:13 p.m. The victim was sitting when three males approached him. One suspect displayed a handgun and took property. The victim did not require rescue.

**BURGLARY**, 7800 block of Richmond Highway, Oct. 6. An officer responded to a commercial alarm and discovered someone entered a business and took property.

**BURGLARY**, 5800 block of Blaine Drive, Oct. 4. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

**ROBBERY**, 8400 block of Richmond Highway, Oct. 4, 1:10 a.m. The victim was walking when he was approached by a man. The suspect displayed and knife and took the victim's property. The victim did not require rescue.

**TRAFFIC PURSUIT**, 8200 Gleaves Court, Oct. 1, 8:38 p.m. While on patrol a police officer observed a robbery suspect driving a vehicle. The officer attempted a traffic stop but the suspect

fled onto Interstate 395. Officers pursued the vehicle to the area of Richmond Highway and North Kings Highway, where the suspect attempted to flee on foot. Officers apprehended and arrested the suspect. Charges are pending.

**LARCENIES**  
1600 block of Belle View Boulevard, merchandise from business.

6600 block of Richmond Highway, property from business.

8200 block of Russell Road, beverages from business.

7900 block of Audubon Avenue, wallet and property from vehicle.

8400 block of Frye Road, beverages from business.

6200 block of North Kings Highway, equipment from vehicle.

6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business.

6800 block of Richmond Highway, beverages from business.

7900 block of Richmond Highway, purse from vehicle.

8600 block of Sacramento Drive, jewelry from residence.

2900 block of Arlington Drive, wallet from business.

8400 block of Fort Hunt road, property from school.

8200 block of Russell Road, beverages from business.

7200 block of Lockheed Boulevard, cash from residence.

6500 block of Quander Road, phones from school.

7400 block of Mount Vernon Square

Center, cash from business.

7700 block of Richmond Highway, phone from vehicle.

1600 block of Belle View Boulevard, merchandise from business.

3800 block of Burlingame Place, bicycle from residence.

Frye Road/Richmond Highway, cash and property from residence.

6700 block of Harrison Lane, property from residence.

3700 block of Janna Lee Avenue, bicycle from residence.

7900 block of Janna Lee Avenue, property from residence.

7400 block of Mount Vernon Square Court, beverage from business.

8500 block of Old Mount Vernon Road, phone from school.

7300 block of Richmond Highway, beverage from business.

7700 block of Richmond Highway, property from business.

8200 block of Russell Road, property from business.

5800 block of Woodlawn Green Court, license plate from vehicle.

7900 block of Fort Hunt Road, beverages from business.

3400 block of Little Hunting Creek Drive, electronic equipment from residence.

6500 block of Tower Drive, property from vehicle.

7600 block of Richmond Highway, electronic equipment from vehicle.

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## CRIME

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7700 block of Richmond Highway, bicycle from business.

3100 block of Sherwood Hall Lane, cash from business.

6200 block of North Kings Highway, merchandise from business.

7600 block of Richmond Highway, property from business.

7900 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business.

1600 block of Belle View Boulevard, merchandise from business.

7700 block of Fordson Road, electronic equipment from residence.

2300 block of Huntington Avenue, merchandise from business.

8200 block of Richmond Highway,

beverages from business.

5200 block of Cedar Road, bicycle from residence.

8400 block of Madge Lane, phone from residence.

3000 block of Marl Pat Drive, property from residence.

6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business.

6600 block of Richmond Highway, property from business.

7300 block of Richmond Highway, beverages from business.

8400 block of Frye Road, beverages from business.

2300 block of Huntington Avenue, merchandise from business.

5100 block of Old Mill Road, property

from vehicle.

2300 block of Huntington Avenue, merchandise from business.

2500 block of Parkers Lane, property from vehicle.

#### STOLEN VEHICLES

6800 block of Richmond Highway, 2004 BMW.

6300 block of Richmond Highway, 2000 Toyota Camry.

6700 block of Tower Drive, 2009 Ford E150 van.

2000 block of Laura Mews Place, 2014 Toyota Landcruiser.

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## News

# No Oversight On Drone Use

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policies regarding drones: "Fairfax County currently has neither a policy regulating drone use nor a policy work group to develop guidelines for regulating drone use. ... Authority to regulate the use of such drones is vested in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This preemption is not only limited to the integration of unmanned aircraft into the national airspace system but also the issuance of certificates of authorization to operate unmanned aircraft systems. Given the preemption, Fairfax County cannot regulate either the operation or registration of unmanned aircraft. There is currently no law in Virginia regulating photography by drone or unmanned aircraft. ... Any image taken by drone, however, would be subject to Virginia law regulating photography in general.

"Two Virginia statutes are relevant to the question: The first, Va. Code 8.01-40, prohibits the unauthorized use of a person's name or image for advertising or other commercial purposes. Though the statute does not prohibit a drone from taking a picture of a person in a home or backyard, it provides some protection against the unauthorized use of the image. The second Va statute, Va. Code Ann. 18.2-386.1 generally prohibits any person from creating any videographic or still image of a non-consenting person in a state of undress or nudity if, among other things, the nonconsenting person had a reasonable expectation of privacy. ... The expectation

of privacy depends, to a large extent, on the current state of technology and practices regarding its use. Because technology and its common use changes over time, what constitutes a reasonable expectation of privacy changes over time. ... If overflight of unmanned aircraft becomes commonplace, it may impact the reasonableness of any expectation of privacy."

Hyland said: "The use of quadcopters and drones not only opens up an array of uses for recreational or public safety uses, but also opens up a new discussion of property and privacy rights. Local governments should closely monitor the FAA and weigh in as they promulgate new regulations."

State Del. Scott Surovell, upon learning of the Waynewood incident, expressed concern that there were no drone use standards to protect the privacy and safety of residents. He did refer to two pending drone bills introduced in the last General Assembly session to protect the privacy of individuals.

He has asked the Richmond legislative staff to draft a local option statute banning the use of drones in Fairfax County. However, he said that before he acted on such a proposal he would first consult with Supervisors Hyland and Jeff McKay and others on the scope of the legislation before deciding on what, if anything, he would do in the upcoming legislative session. He did not believe that a presumption of FAA preemption should deter legislative action on the state level.



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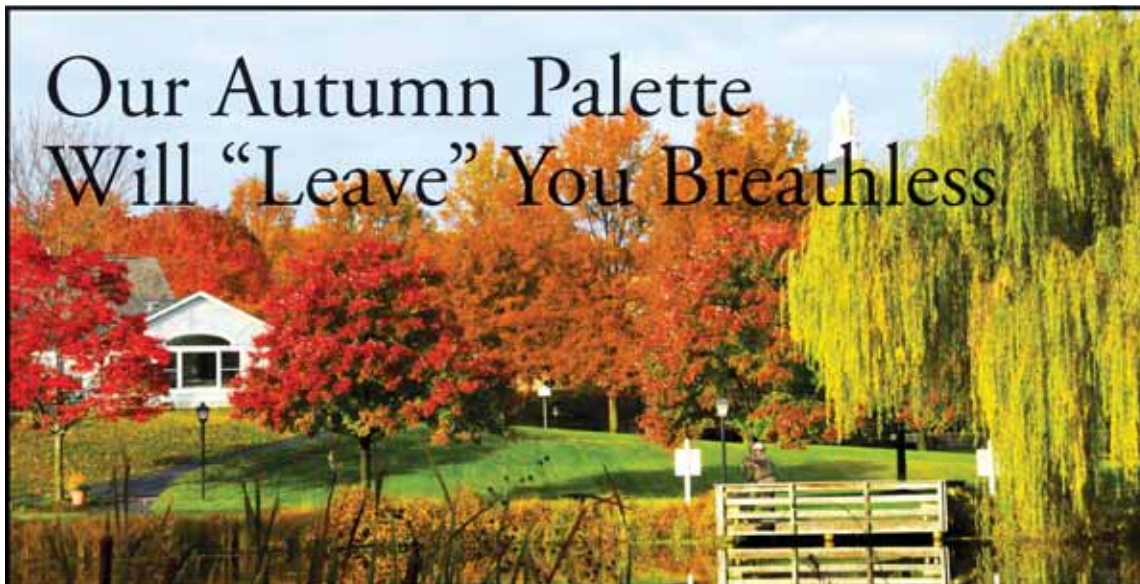
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# OPINION

## Yes to Fairfax Transportation Bond

### \$84 million for pedestrian, bike and trail improvements.

Of more than 75 projects included in the current proposal, on the ballot for Nov. 4, all but seven are designed to make Fairfax County safer and more inviting for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Voters will decide on Election Day whether to authorize \$100 million for:

- ❖ Spot road improvements to increase roadway capacity, reduce congestion, improve safety, and improve transit access (\$16 million)

- ❖ Pedestrian improvements to improve capacity, enhance safety and complete missing pedestrian links that connect neighborhoods, and improve access to schools, Metrorail stations and activity centers (\$78 million)

- ❖ Bicycle improvements that include developing new bicycle facilities, constructing trails, adding bicycle parking and enhancing accessibility (\$6 million)

Fairfax voters have a long history of approving bond questions for local transportation, schools and parks. This should be no exception.

### Vote

The importance of voting, and the difference just a few votes can make, is on display in Virginia, where close elections decided by a fraction of a percent of total voters have set the stage for some big changes.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4. But you don't have to wait until then.

In person absentee voting is underway at Fairfax County Governmental Center and seven satellite locations thru Nov. 1.

Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Conf. Rooms 2/3, Fairfax, 22035. Now - Oct. 31, Monday thru Friday - 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Satellite Voting Locations:

Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, 22310

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For more information, call 703-222-0776 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

You'll need photo identification to vote either on Election Day or absentee. Any registered voter can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

— MARY KIMM

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### EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Byers' Legacy

To the Editor:

When retired Col. John R. Byers passed away in July 2012, I suggested to the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) that the Williamsburg North Park on Collingwood Road be renamed in his honor. He lived in the neighborhood and walked by the park on a daily basis. This week while driving past the park, I was delighted to see that a new sign (see accompanying photo) has been placed renaming the park in his honor. The process of renaming the park was lengthy. With Supervisor Gerry Hyland's support and the unanimous support of the Planning Commission, the FCPA Board approved the renaming.

No one could be more deserving of such an honor as was Col. Byers. There is not enough space in the Gazette to reproduce his obituary. He was a 1951 graduate of West Point and served over 30 years in the Army in three wars.

He won numerous military decorations. In our community he served four decades on the MVCCA's Planning & Zoning Committee and was Mount Vernon's Planning Commissioner for 21 years, 10 of them as vice-chairman. In that role, he played a part in numerous decisions concerning local parks. He led the effort to build Mount Vernon Hospital and played a key role in transforming the former Lorton Prison into the community that exists and thrives today with residences, schools, an art center and a championship golf course. He was a member of every Area Plan Review Task Force for the Mount Vernon District and was chairman of the Land Use Committee of Supervisor Hyland's Visioning Task Force. He was named MVCCA citizen of the year in 1994 and was named Lord Fairfax in 1997.

At the time of his death just short of his 86th birthday, he was actively serving on six county boards and authorities. His efforts in the civic community over four decades have left a last-



**Williamsburg North Park on Collingwood Road has been renamed in honor of ret. Col. John R. Byers.**

ing legacy that his neighbors see every day. I hope a dedication ceremony will soon occur where the legacy of Col. John R. Byers can be celebrated one more time.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

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**Senior Choice Expo.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. Free admission and refreshments. Call 703-781-2462 or [seniorschoicealexandria@gmail.com](mailto:seniorschoicealexandria@gmail.com) for more.

**Financial Workshop.** 7-8:30 p.m. Kingstowne Centre for Active Adults, 6488 Landsdowne Center. Learn about saving, planning and securing the future. Space limited, registration required. Call 877-926-8300 or visit

[states.aarp.org/financialsecurity](http://states.aarp.org/financialsecurity).

#### THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 16-17

**Mental Health First Aid.** 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Public education program from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Wellness and Health Promotion. Over a two-day course, certified instructors help people learn to assist someone developing or experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. \$25. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47).

#### MONDAY/OCT. 20

**Tavern Toddlers.** Every Monday (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.

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**Caregiver Seminar.** 3-4:30 p.m. at Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Learn about scams and financial crimes against seniors. Free. Call 703-768-6700 for more.

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 23

**Support Group.** 6:30-8 p.m. at Bryant

Alternative High School. Fairfax County is providing free Support Groups for Kinship Caregivers. Call 703-324-5447 for more.

#### FRIDAY/OCT. 24

**Food Day Event.** All day event at Mount Eagle Elementary School, 6116 N Kings Highway. Real Food For Kids (RFFK), the parent advocacy group working to improve school food in Fairfax County Public Schools, will hold its fourth annual event. Visit [www.realfoodforkids.org](http://www.realfoodforkids.org) for more.

#### SUNDAY/OCT. 26

**Immigration Documentary.** 5-7 p.m. at Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, SEE BULLETIN BOARD, PAGE 12

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[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm).

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the plans ahead of time and to share  
comments. The public comment  
period will remain open through  
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### THURSDAY/OCT. 30

**Innovations in Transportation**

**Summit.** 8:30 - 10 a.m. The  
Hampton Inn and Suites, 5821  
Richmond Highway, Alexandria.  
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speakers will report on the newest,  
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<sup>2</sup>The Washington Post, Washington Bestsellers Paperback Nonfiction General, April 20, 2014.



# Bus Rapid Transit by 2026?

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oriented in center lanes of Route 1 all the way to the Occoquan River. Their projected timeline showed this option operational by 2026.

"It's the more cost effective alternative and can be implemented more quickly and efficiently," said Mumford.

The second part of the hybrid is extending the Metro Yellow Line to Hybla Valley, operational by 2040.

"This has a higher ridership and higher potential to attract the economic development that's planned for the northern part of the corridor," Mumford said. "They're good for different reasons."

"I'm not very happy about the time frame," said Surovell, "but I am happy about what they're recommending. It would help make our community the kind of place people want to live for the next 50 years."

Edythe Kelleher, executive director of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, was also at the meeting. "I share the reactions from many community members, that they would like to see transit come more quickly than 2040," she said. "When there's investment in transit infrastructure, the property owners start to believe it."

The DRPT still needs to make its final recommendation to an executive steering com-

mittee at the end of October. Then the project can go forward to the Board of Supervisors.

"We still have some work to do, but it is moving in the right direction," said Senator Linda "Toddy" Puller. "I look forward to us all being able to move about our community in a more comprehensive way and without as much traffic as we've had."

"I'm anxious to make improvements as well," said Sickles. "It's our job to help push this thing."

Lee District supervisor Jeff McKay referenced the numerous previous studies collecting dust in his office when he took over. "Hopefully this is the last study we see," he said, "and the first one we fully implement. The onus on us to make sure that happens."

"This is not just about what the road looks like, not just about the transit options," said Surovell. "It's about our quality of life, property values, how our community looks."

To see the video of the meeting and find out more information on the study and the DRPT recommendations, visit <http://route1multimodalaa.com/participate-in-public-meeting-3/>.



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# Connect Four Complete ballot of 11th District candidates faced off in Lake Ridge.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

It wasn't so much a down and dirty debate as a no-frills four-way question-and-answer session. Not that AARP and the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA), two of the sponsors of the "Meet the Candidates" series billed the Oct. 14 event as such. Tuesday's meeting was the penultimate of seven events in the series.

The roughly 100 voters in attendance at the Westminster continuing care retirement community dining room had the opportunity to witness the rare occurrence of all four District 11 congressional candidates present under the same roof, answering the same questions.

Those who missed the proceedings can see video of the nearly two hours (with a recess in the middle to switch the camera tape) on the League of Women Voters' YouTube page.

Suzanne Scholte (Republican), Gerry Connolly (Democrat, incumbent), Joe Galdo (Green) and Marc Harrold (Libertarian) approached the dais microphone in ballot order, starting with Scholte. Each candidate was given three minutes for an opening statement, then two minutes per question to deliver a response.

Olga Hernandez, organization director for LWVFA, posed a battery of questions to the panel of candidates, including suggestions from the audience.

Candidates weren't generally afforded the opportunity to respond directly or rebut another candidate's claim, though Scholte and Connolly wasted no time in taking their first opportunities to indirectly butt heads over the Affordable Care Act, known as "Obamacare."

"We've never had something like this," said Scholte in her response to the question "What is one thing you would change about the Affordable Care Act," "where the parties didn't work together for a solution. That's why it's been such a disaster."

"I couldn't disagree with my opponent more," Connolly said in turn. "I'm proud of



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

**From left: 11<sup>th</sup> District candidates Suzanne Scholte, Gerry Connolly, Joe Galdo and Marc Harrold participated in a four-way question-and-answer program at the Westminster in Lake Ridge.**

having voted for the Affordable Care Act. It is transforming lives in America as we speak. 7.3 million people who were uninsured are now insured. And another 3 million people are accessing Medicaid. And there would be 400,000 more of them here in Virginia if my opponent's party would only stop blocking that expansion down in Richmond."

Scholte also called out Connolly for siding with his party and voting for the Sequester. In his subsequent response, the incumbent responded directly that "I opposed it. Last year I was the only one of northern Virginia congressmen to vote against the continuing resolution to fund the government, because I said it baked in sequestration."

Galdo and Harrold each came to the plate with more direct responses to the Affordable Care question than each other, favoring reforming and repealing Obamacare, respectively.

"I would change it to a single-payer plan," said Galdo, "put it under Medicare. Rather

than going through insurance companies, increasing the cost and complexities of the system, that would simplify it and lower costs."

"I believe it is a step towards a single-payer system," Harrold said. "I don't think there's a real way to favor Obamacare without realizing that it's a slippery slope. It's a huge encroachment on a major portion of the economy."

For the bulk of the questions, that ranged in subject from ideas to stabilizing Congress and strengthening Social Security to stances on new voter identification laws and federal funding for Planned Parenthood, the four candidates responded in large part as advertised. Scholte and Connolly touted their individual successes while picking apart the other's party's deficiencies.

Galdo was understated and pragmatic, drawing agreement from other candidates with his simplified two-step assessment for Social Security. "One is lift the ceiling on Social Security taxes," he said. "That would create additional revenue for the Social

Security trust fund. The second is create more jobs. The more people you have working, the more are paying Social Security. That's our problem now."

Harrold was straightforward yet affable, and consistent in applying the filter of: Is this something federal government should be involved in, if any government?

"I thought about running as the pro-traffic candidate," he dead-panned to a question about transportation expansion. "It didn't poll well."

There was little dissension among the panel in support of transportation infrastructure expansion, like extending the Metro Yellow Line, favoring immigration reform, decrying the partisan unproductiveness of the current Congress and perceiving the new voter identification laws in Virginia as discriminatory and threatening to fundamental civic rights.

"What could the new law be designed to do other than suppress votes?" said Connolly. "The claim is it is designed to make sure there's no voter fraud. There is no voter fraud in Virginia."

Whereas Planned Parenthood was one of the more divisive questions: Scholte did not support federal funding, citing the abortions facilitated by Planned Parenthood as her central disagreement. Connolly referenced his voting record against the proposals to defund the organization in Congress and drew rare applause from the otherwise calm crowd with his favoring a woman's right to choose.

Galdo supported funding on the grounds of the "valuable health care services" provided by Planned Parenthood, despite his personal disagreements with abortion in the majority of cases.

Harrold joined Scholte in not favoring funding, if only from the small government stance. "In the public discourse," he said, "the question is whether public funding should be used. It is intimate and because it's intimate, it should be left without any government interference."

At the end of the formal program, voters had the opportunity to meet the candidates face-to-face and ask additional questions.

## Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation Hosts Transportation Summit

Transportation trends like super streets and roundabouts may not be the perfect fit for every roadway and intersection in northern Virginia. But the goal of next week's Innovations in Transportation Summit, hosted by the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC), is to see how these updates are successful in other states and countries, and how they could be adapted here.

"Perhaps the Huntington Avenue intersection doesn't need to be a separated grade interchange," said SFDC executive director Edythe Kelleher. "That's one place that the new things could help address."

The summit will feature transportation planning experts Tom Biesadney (Fairfax County Department of Transportation),

Robin Antonucci (Wells & Associates) and Karina Ricks (Nelson/Nygaard).

The SFDC, a non-profit that's been helping promote the redevelopment of Route 1 since 1982, generally hosts two summits per year. Past summit subjects included mixed use development and "Vibrant Streets."

The events can serve as a networking and educational opportunity for members of local industry, engineers, architects, community real estate agents and construction, but Kelleher stressed community members are encouraged to attend.

"It's great to have people come in," she said, "so that when and if these different alternatives are actually proposed, there are people who have heard of them."

The SFDC Innovations in Transportation



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**SFDC executive director Edythe Kelleher speaks at that organization's 2014 Economic Outlook Summit. SFDC will host its second summit for the year on Oct. 30.**

Summit will take place Oct. 30 from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 5821 Richmond Highway in Alexandria. The sum-

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Richard Fiske is the narrator in "The Rocky Horror Show."

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"The Rocky Horror Show's" Music Director Christopher A. Tomasino rehearses with Paige Taylor (Magenta).



Melissa Berkowitz (Janet) and Adam Newland (Brad) rehearse.

## LTA Stages 'The Rocky Horror Show'

**Campy rock and roll musical to play from Oct. 25 to Nov. 15.**

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE GAZETTE

It's time to do the time warp! Just in time for Halloween, the Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging the campy musical, "The Rocky Horror Show," from Oct. 25 through Nov. 15, 2014. The spoof of old-time horror flicks that inspired the 1975 cult film follows an innocent couple, Brad and Janet, as they seek shelter at an old castle on a dark and stormy night. It is there that they meet a mad scientist who has been experimenting with creations of his own.

The film version starring Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry and Barry Bostwick is one of the most successful and longest-showing midnight movies of all time (almost 40 consecutive years). It became the Saturday-night show famous for audience participation with patrons dressing in costumes, shouting back dialogue, singing the rock songs, and throwing "props" at the screen.

Director Kristofer Kauff said at its core, "Rocky Horror" is an homage to the B-horror films of the 1940s, '50s and '60s, like "The House of Wax" and "The Creature From the Black Lagoon," among others. One thing that kept popping into his mind was to direct the play in live 3D, he said, fol-

lowing the lead of "movie houses and drive-ins with audiences wearing those 3D glasses, eating popcorn, screaming and laughing at the screen." He added: "Live 3D theatre is not an easy task, and I certainly did not want to pull focus from the actors, music, dancing and story being played on stage."

Finding an arc for the characters on stage was also a challenge, he said. "It's important that actors understand their relationships and why they are doing what they are doing, or the audience will never truly buy in to what is happening in front of them."

Jay A. Cohen, co-producing along with Richard Schwab, said that "Rocky Horror" is a classic that was too tempting for him to pass up. "Rocky Horror" represents all my old friends going crazy and lining up in drag to see the movie, and now I have a chance to relive it and make it and reclaim some of that craziness," said Cohen.

For those who went to see it in the 1970s and 1980s, Cohen said, "it's a chance to reconnect with those wild and carefree evenings of people getting crazy, and for the 'Rocky Horror virgins,' it is a chance to see what all the fuss was about — and get in touch with that little freak that's inside all of us."

Actor Matt Liptak plays Riff Raff, the slightly unhinged assistant to the mad scientist Dr. Frank N. Furter, who is best known for singing "The Time Warp" song. "The role of Riff Raff, like all the roles in this show, are so iconic, that our main goal has been to find that balance between the film's por-

trays and our own staging and style," he said.

As far as challenges, he said the music is pretty much non-stop from start to finish. "On top of the one-song-after-the-other feel, it's all very fast-paced and in-your-face rock music," he said.

He hopes the audience has a good time, regardless of how absurd the whole thing is. "It's twisted, comical, sexual and bizarre but it's also 'Rocky Horror,' and I think if the audience comes in ready for a zany ride, they won't be let down."

Patrick M. Doneghy plays the role of the magnetic Dr. Frank N. Furter, a man of science who comes from another world in search of love — to no avail. "So he has decided to do what any mad scientist would do. He is going to make his perfect mate," he said.

Doneghy said the show is a love letter to old horror movies, and that he would like the audience to see in Frank touches of those old-school B-movie villains and heroes. Above all, he said, "I hope the audience has fun. Lots and lots of fun."

Paige Taylor plays the role of Magenta, an alien who acts as a servant and who has an unusual relationship with her brother. "They feel abused and taken for granted and you see their anger and rebellion grow as the play goes on," she said.

She said the challenge was that "Rocky Horror" is such a cult classic that it was hard to get away from a lot of the same stereotypical ways of playing the characters. "Being a fan of the show myself only fueled me

to step away from the original character and allow myself to find my own version of her," she said.

Richard Fiske plays the narrator who is an academic studying and explaining these strange people and their unconventional customs. He said, "This ain't Shakespeare. We want to get the Alexandria audience's canes a-tappin', to suspend disbelief (and judgment, better and otherwise), cast decades aside, throw the top down and careen down a dirt road toward the creepy castle in the moonlight."

Because LTA is producing a live performance, however, the audience is asked to limit their participation. The following "props" will not be allowed: water pistols, candles, rice, lighters, matches, noisemakers, confetti, toilet paper, toast, cards, hot dogs, and prunes. One public performance — the midnight show on Friday, Oct. 31 — has been designated a "participation performance." Audience members at this performance are encouraged to bring newspapers, flashlights, rubber gloves, and bells. Dressing up for any performance is encouraged, as long as the costume is appropriate and does not block sight lines of other patrons.

*The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., is staging "The Rocky Horror Show" from Oct. 25 through Nov. 15, 2014. The show runs Wednesdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m.; with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. There is a mid-night show on Friday, Oct. 31. \$25-\$30. Call 703-683-0496 or visit thelittletheatre.com.*

### 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 separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit [www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html](http://www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html).

**"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) for more.

**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.

**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



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**Play.** Runs Oct. 10-25. 8 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Fort Hunt Road. Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile" will be presented. Visit [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Oct. 26 at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 101 Eisenhower Ave. "All Creatures Great and Small" is an animal themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofit organizations receive a percentage of each sale. Monday-Thursday, noon-7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit [TheDelRayArtisans.org/AWLA](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/AWLA) for more.

**National Treasure Tour.** Through Oct. 31. 1-3 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A tour dedicated to the behind the scenes filming of "National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets." \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Oct. 31 at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N Washington St., Suite 100. The artwork of Wendy Band, Sharon Frey and Linda Lowery in the small group show: "Three Artists, Three Visions" will be displayed. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit [TheDelRayArtisans.org/PrudentialPenFed](http://TheDelRayArtisans.org/PrudentialPenFed) for more.

**October-long Star-Spangled Banner Exhibition.** George Washington's Mount Vernon has partnered with Maryland Historical Society to display Francis Scott Key's original draft of the Star-Spangled Banner in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center in commemoration of the poem's bicentennial. The exhibition of the manuscript will be surrounded by panels describing Mount Vernon at the time the poem was written.

**Art Exhibit.** Runs through Nov. 3 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. "Beyond the Edge" Contemporary Portraits by Leslie Nolan Reveal will be on display. Call 703-683-1780 Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

**Photography Exhibition.** Through Nov. 9. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during performances. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. "The Man in the Bowler Hat" is an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html).

**Young at Art.** Through Nov. 21 at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345 for more.

**Multiple Exposure Gallery.** Oct. 14-Nov. 23 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. See the diversity of styles and the artistic, personal vision of the Torpedo Factory's fine art photographers. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Runs Nov. 7-30. "Nourish & Flourish: The Food Show" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This member show reflects and illuminates the ways food influences us all. Thursday, noon-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon-9 p.m. Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Jan. 2 at 1717 King St. and 300 S. Washington St. BB&T Bank hosts an exhibition of portraits of African American and women Living Legends of Alexandria at its Old Town branches. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com) for more.

**New Exhibit.** Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George

Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Alexandria Cars & Coffee** invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

**George Washington's Mount Vernon** has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Visit [www.PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://www.PresPassport.Monticello.org) for more.

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

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

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

**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.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 23

**Fashion Show and Luncheon.** 10 a.m. at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club. The Yacht Haven Garden Club will be presenting their 31st annual fashion show. Fashions for women of all sizes will be provided by Bloomingdales. Contact Terra at [admommy@verizon.net](mailto:admommy@verizon.net) or 703-340-4555 for more.

**Dine and Drink.** 5:30 p.m. The Westin, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria. Awareness event 3-5:30 p.m. in lobby. 10 percent of all dinner and bar proceeds benefit the Vola Lawson Breast Cancer Memorial Fund. Visit [alexandriavva.gov/uploadedFiles/dchs/WebBoxes/2014BreastCancerAwareness.pdf](http://alexandriavva.gov/uploadedFiles/dchs/WebBoxes/2014BreastCancerAwareness.pdf).

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band. \$25. Visit [www.johnjorgenson.com](http://www.johnjorgenson.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Halloween Concert.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Lane. The Alexandria NOVA Band will perform. The concert is free and open to the public. Call 703-845-6252 for more.

**Evening of Music.** 8 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band-Trombone Quartet will perform. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) for more.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 24-25

**Halloween Pumpkin Hunt.** 5:30 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Alexandria's ghosts and goblins will fill the Lee-Fendall House garden with hundreds of colorful toy-filled Halloween pumpkins for local children to discover. Other activities include crafts, refreshments, spooky stories and a costume parade. Admission is \$12. Call 703-548-1789 or visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org) for more.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 24

**Brewing History.** 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A special beer dinner, brewing demonstration and private mansion tour. Learn more about how beer was brewed in early America. \$95. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Steep Canyon Rangers. \$29.50. Visit [www.steepecanyon.com](http://www.steepecanyon.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Special Halloween Tour.** 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. For one night only, Alexandria Colonial Tours will end its

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## SATURDAY/OCT. 25

**Historical Tour.** 9 a.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Step back in time to John Carlyle's 1780 Funeral. Call 703-549-2997 or visit [www.novaparks.com](http://www.novaparks.com) for more.

**Le Tour d'Alexandria Library.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Alexandria Library is hosting its second annual bicycle tour of all library locations. Registration is required.

Call 703-746-1754 for visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more.

**Capturing an American Icon.** 2:30-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to area of the estate no available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Walking Tour.** 1-3 p.m. Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred St. The "We've Been Burned: Alexandria's Firefighters During the Civil War" walking tour will explore firefighting during the Union occupation. Tour four of the five firehouses and learn what happened if there was a fire in the occupied city. 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) for more.

**Breast Cancer Event.** 6:30 -8:30 p.m. at Sugar House Day Spa and Salon, 111 N. Alfred St. Guests will enjoy polish changes, hand massages, organic facials and hair styling. There will also be raffle prizes including gift cards and other products. Visit [sugarhousedayspa.com](http://sugarhousedayspa.com) for more.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 25-26

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

## SATURDAY/OCT. 25-SATURDAY/NOV. 15

**The Rocky Horror Show.** Through Saturday, Nov. 15 at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. See the classic, campy musical that inspired the classic cult film. Admission is \$25-\$35. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Call 703-683-0496 or visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 25-SUNDAY/NOV. 30

**Photography Exhibit.** Through Nov. 30 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Inspired by FotoWeekDC, this all-media exhibition investigates alternative applications of photography and challenging new contexts for creating images. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 25

**Trick or Treat with the Boo-tiques.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. More than two dozen shops of the Old Town Boutique District will be handing out treats. Visit [oldtownboutiquedistrict.com](http://oldtownboutiquedistrict.com) for more.

**Fall Fun.** Noon-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. There will be pumpkins for sale and decoration, a photo

## 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.

- ❖ **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; Branden 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 Marilyn Spindler, paintings

booth for children and parents to pose for spooky pictures, pony rides, moon bounces, a cake walk and lunch is included. Call 703-765-6118 for more.

## Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade.

2 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ave. This parade has historically attracted thousands of participants. Adults, children and dogs are all welcome to join. Visit [www.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.com) for more.

## Concert.

4 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Lane. New Dominion Chorale and Orchestra, conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, will open its 24th season with a performance of G. F. Handel's pastoral opera, "Acis and Galatea." Call 703-442-9404 or visit [www.newdominion.org](http://www.newdominion.org) for more.

**Historical Haunt Tour.** 6-10 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N Fairfax St. Revisit the funeral of Alexandria co-founder John Carlyle and learn about early American mourning practices. Call 703-549-2997 or visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 26

**Doggy Trick or Treat.** 1-3 p.m. at The Dog Park, 705 King St. Pet owners will be able to visit local business that will be handing out various treats. Call 703-888-2818 or visit [www.thedogparkva.biz](http://www.thedogparkva.biz).

**Halloween Parade.** 2-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue, south of Bellefonte Ave. This parade has historically attracted thousands of participants. Visit [www.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.com) for more.

**Second Vocal Competition.** 2:30-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Partners for the Arts will be holding their final vocal competition round. This event is free and open to the public. Visit [www.partners4thearts.org](http://www.partners4thearts.org) for more.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 28

**Pumpkin Coloring.** 5-7 p.m. at Whole Foods Market, 1700 Duke St. Children ages 5-9 will have the opportunity to paint a pumpkin. Visit [www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/alexandria](http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/alexandria) for more.

## THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 30-31

**Poe in Alexandria.** 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Watch as actor David Keltz returns to the Lyceum to reenact famed storyteller Edgar Allan Poe's visit to Alexandria shortly before his death. Admission is \$15. Call 703-746-4994 or visit [www.alexandriava.gov/](http://www.alexandriava.gov/) Lyceum for more.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 30

**Doggy Howl-o-ween Costume Contest.** 5 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Celebrate Halloween and the finale of the Doggy Happy Hour series with Doggy Howl-o-ween, where up to 50 contestants will strut down the catwalk in the outdoor courtyard, modeling their Halloween finest. Call 703-842-2790 or visit [www.jackson20.com](http://www.jackson20.com) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Laurie Anderson 'Language of The Future.' \$39.5. Visit [www.laurieanderson.com](http://www.laurieanderson.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## Bark or Treat Halloween Canine

**Cruise.** 7 p.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The Potomac Riverboat Company invites guests with costumed-pup in tow to cruise around the Potomac River on this 40-minute ride to Halloween tunes. Halloween doggie treats will be provided, as well as a photographer to capture the morning's festivities. Visit [www.potomacriverboatco.com](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com) for more.

**Book Talk Program.** 7-8:30 p.m. Martha Washington Branch, 6614 Fort hunt Road, Alexandria. The program is to promote a community outreach through American literature with a new released book about the Middle Eastern affairs. Call 703-768-6700.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 31

**Annual Fashion Show.** 10:30 a.m. at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. The Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital will celebrate the 142nd anniversary of the founding of the hospital at their Annual Fashion Show. General admission is \$50. Contact Lynda West at 703-836-8853 for more.

**Trick-or-Treat.** 3:30-6:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join the costumed cast for the opportunity to trick-or-treat in the historic area. \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

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

**Halloween Ball.** 8-11 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Revel in an evening of merriment among art at the Halloween Costume Ball, where guests will be entertained with music, food, drink, a silent movie and work by local artists. Costumes are required. Call 703-838-4827 or visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**Community Fun Days.** Hopkins House, 5904 Richmond Highway. Activities will include games, balloons, face painting. Visit [www.hopkinshouse.org](http://www.hopkinshouse.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 1

**Inviting Native Pollinators.** 2-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. University of Maryland entomologist Mike Raupp explain what threatens native pollinators and teaches you how to invite pollinators into your landscape. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Sinead O'Connor. \$69.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

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### SUNDAY/NOV. 2

**Art Show Reception.** 1:00-3:00 pm. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Come to the Horticulture Center and Historic House at Green Spring Gardens and see the work of artist Don Joseph DiFiore, photographer Chris Fedderson and artist Erika Ridgway. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Capturing an American Icon.** 2:30-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to areas of the estate not available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

**Choral Evensong.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S.Pitt St. An inspirational all saint choral evensong will be held with a reception to follow. Donations and non-perishable foods will be accepted for St. Paul's Lazarus Ministry. Call 703-549-3312 or email grant@stpaulsalexandria.com.

### MONDAY/NOV. 3

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Singer Songwriter, Richard Marx will be performing. Tickets go on sale July 25. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

### TUESDAY/NOV. 4

**The Hello Girls.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A surprising World War I story written and told by Ellouise Schoettler. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 6

**Richmond Fine Arts Flowers and Tea Getaway.** 11:30 a.m.-6:30p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Get away to Richmond for a guided tour of the 12th Fine Arts & Flowers exhibit, dazzling floral design interpretations of masterpieces from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Eclectic Guitars: featuring Eric Johnson and Mike Stern. \$45. Visit www.ericjohnson.com, www.mikestern.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

**Presidential Salon with James Madison.** 3 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. President James Madison, as portrayed by John Douglas Hall, shares his thoughts about events 200 years ago to the day at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Guests are invited to share their opinion on the War and ask questions during this intimate conversation with the President. \$15 per person. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern or call 703-746-4242.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 8-9

**Orchestra.** 4 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents "Premiered at the Opera House" with The Metropolitan Chorus, featuring Carmina Burana. Visit www.sonovamusic.org for more.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 7

**Concert.** 7:30-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Soprano Elizabeth Kluegel will perform. Tickets are \$25. Call 703- 765-0063 or visit solaconcert.eventbrite.com for more.

**Orchestra.** 8 p.m. at Rachel M Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Lane. The NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra 20th Anniversary Concert will include Symphony No. 1, by Beethoven, The Hebrides Overture, Mendelssohn and Songs from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess. Tickets are \$20. Visit musicreunion.org for more.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 8

**Holiday Craft Fair.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St. Proceeds from the sale of tables to vendors will benefit FCC's outreach ministry. There will also be a pancake breakfast that morning. Contact Sherri Carpenter at cbikerchic@hotmail.com or 703-963-0072 for more.

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# PEOPLE



## Crowning the Queen

**Mount Vernon High School principal Nardos King crowns 2014 Homecoming Queen Iris Rivera at halftime during Saturday's football game against Falls Church. Luke Kraynak was also crowned King.**

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GAZETTE

## Marking National Fire Prevention Week

The fire stations in Fairfax County held an open house on Saturday, Oct. 11 as part of National Fire Prevention Week. Station personnel gave tours of each facility and the equipment. The first National Fire Prevention Week was Oct. 4 - 10, 1925 as proclaimed by President Calvin Coolidge. Since then it has always been observed in the week with the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. It was Oct. 9, 1871 when the Great Chicago Fire occurred. The fire burned more than 2000 acres in 27 hours. It destroyed 17,000 structures, left 100,000 residents homeless and killed nearly 300.



**Firefighter/paramedic Christopher Adkins demonstrates the use of a firehose to his nephew Timmy and Timmy's mother Crystal Adkins at the Mount Vernon Station on Sherwood Hall Lane.**

**The firehose was aimed at a small painted house façade.**

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LOUISE KRAFF  
GAZETTE



**Burgundy Farm students dance around on the stage at the end of the fair.**

## Fall Fun at Burgundy Farm

Hundreds of children and their families flocked to Burgundy Farm Country Day School for the annual Fall Fair on Saturday, Oct. 18. With games, sales, a chance for alumni to reconnect, a haunted house and even barnyard tours, the day offered a variety of family fun.



**Kindergartener Juliet and friends paint pumpkins.**



**Emma, Emi, and Kate, all fourth graders, perform as part of the Lower School Glee group.**

PHOTOS BY  
MECHAN WILLIAMS



**Dave Evans serves up his famous chili and other food from La Prima Catering.**



**Brentan and Noah, both kindergarteners, roll for a big score with 5<sup>th</sup> grader Mia, center, and 6<sup>th</sup> grader Stella, right, watching.**





Cameron Run above Telegraph Road

# Urban Kayaking in the Mount Vernon District

BY MARTIN TILLET  
MOUNT VERNON RESIDENT

**R**ecreational opportunity abounds in the northern border of the Mount Vernon District in the form of urban kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding and perhaps even wind surfing on the slowly moving flat water that is within the confines of the Hunting Creek, Quander Brook and Cameron Run watershed. On Monday, Oct. 20, in the

**PART I** early afternoon of a mild, partly sunny day, I joined my friend Lee Ranta from Fort Washington, Md. on a kayaking adventure on a stretch of water between the George Washington Parkway bridge crossing Hunting Creek and the Beltway bridge crossing Cameron Run above Telegraph Road.

Amid the stark contrast between raw nature and the infrastructure of highway, metro rail, towering utility structures and the cityscape outlines of the Eisenhower Valley and Huntington Road development, are stretches of serene flat water environments where all manner of aquatic life abounds. Hours of pleasure awaits those seeking some time to connect with nature or to just get a good workout paddling this course between the two bridges. On this day, my friend and I, after much study and examination of the south bank shoreline, decide to try and launch from a place on the banks of Cameron Run in the area of Huntington Park. The park lacks any kind of launch facility for small watercraft thus making it a challenging effort to enter the water, especially for two older gentlemen that aren't as limber or fleet of foot as they once were.

The first thing one can notice upon entering the water is the abundance of fish and minnows easily viewed in the shallow clear waters. This is observational evidence of an overall good water quality with the only obvious pollution being an abundance of unsightly trash in the form of plastic con-

tainers and bags along many stretches of the banks. Someone has made efforts to clean up this form of unsightly trash as there were several locations along the banks where there were large collections of filled plastic trash bags waiting to be collected. How frustrating it must be to collect so much unwanted trash to only have more flushed into the system over and over again as it originates from nearby urban streets into stormwater drains leading to these waters.

Once in mid stream, our attention is drawn to birds like the belted kingfishers with their distinct call as they fly between perches on tree branches hanging over the water. Gliding directly above is an American Osprey looking for an opportunity to dive in and capture a meal. Rafts of ducks are scattered throughout the calm waters. Canada geese are standing on gravel bars next to the shoreline or amid shallow areas. Egrets and great blue herons are wading in marshy areas in search of minnows.

Cormorants are perched on logs with their wings stretched out in the sun to let their wing feathers dry. Most of these birds go about their business, undisturbed by our presence as we quietly glide by.

We first follow the water to the west from our point of disembarking going beneath the metro rail line between Huntington and Eisenhower stations then beneath the massive electrical transmission lines going into Alexandria. The walls of the sound barriers are on the north side and keep out most of the noise of the traffic rumble on the other side. Metro trains pass above and looking up one sees riders looking down at the water and the two lone kayakers below. As we approach the bridge at Telegraph Road, pedestrians on the recently completed walkway and bicycle path coming from Eisenhower Valley are seen trekking towards Huntington Road. Some wave and stare down at us from above as we pass below.

Beyond the bridge at Telegraph Road is

an especially quiet stretch of water surrounded by parcels of wooded land. Trees like river birch and sycamore are noticeable along the shoreline. Farther away from the shore are other mature trees common to eastern forests like maple, oaks and hickory. Tracks from raccoons, deer and other mammals can be seen in the mud and sand along the banks. A lone aquatic turtle is resting on a log taking advantage of the sunny location to warm itself up. The presence of birds in and out of the water and among the trees is noticeable all along this stretch. How fortunate we are to glide silently through this beautiful setting visually unaware that we are surrounded on either side beyond the wooded stretches by massive assemblages of concrete and steel. We approach the Beltway bridge crossing over Cameron Run where it enters the Eisenhower Valley but are stopped by water too shallow to continue on without having to disembark and portage to a more navigable spot. Knowing that only a short distance ahead is a series of step dams we decide to turn around and explore the waterway to the east of where we made our entry into the water at Huntington Park.

The banks along much of the water are lush in vegetation. Jerusalem artichokes are in full bloom with their large bright and cheery yellow flowers. Wild asters are blooming in abundance and there are still in bloom the purple flowers of pickerel weed in marshy areas along with the mature narrow leaf cattails emerging from shallow marshes. These native plants are being challenged by invasive species like phragmites, Japanese knot weed and porcelain berry and Asian bittersweet vines competing for space and sunlight along the shoreline.

Gliding east, the beltway is on our left. The previous concrete sound barrier walls change to metal walls which are not as effective in keeping out the noise but still the



Eisenhower Valley from Cameron Run

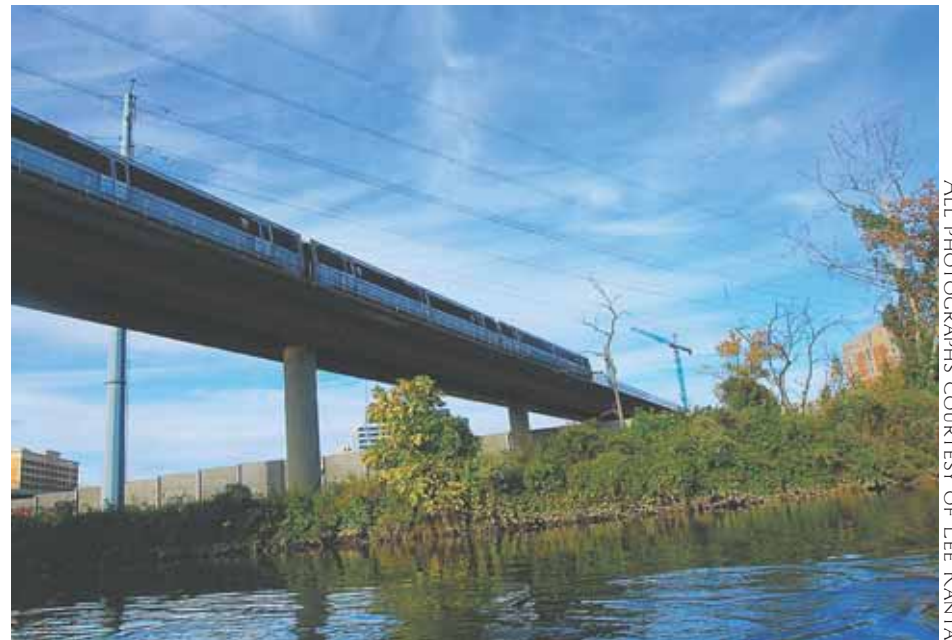
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Cameron Run along the beltway



Huntington Metro

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# A Journey through Local Waterways

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noise is not as intolerable as it would be without any walls at all. We pass by the Riverside apartments with its huge oxidizing steel bulkhead on the south bank. Stormwater pipes are observed poking through the steel walls of the bulkhead draining directly into the waters carrying parking lot sand, grit, and automotive residues along with discarded trash into the waterway. Perhaps one day in the future, should this area be redeveloped, a new system that captures trash and treats the water from all pollution due to this imperviousness can replace the aging and out of date infrastructure currently in place. Just past the Riverside apartments is the Ourisman Dodge dealership with many shiny new cars sitting on bare ground lots just yards away from the edge of the water.

High above are large systems of complex structures composed of concrete and steel engineered to connect traffic from Alexandria and the beltway to the west onto the Wilson Bridge and to U.S. Route 1. These are truly a form of surreal complexities from

life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This part of the journey is a dreamlike passage through the interface of nature and civilization. Within moments we are passing under the U.S. Route 1 bridge with rush hour traffic above. This is perhaps the safest crossing ever achieved during rush hour on this infamous highway.

A short distance to the right is where Quander Brook empties into the place where the waters of Cameron Run and Hunting Creek are intertwined. The channel is navigable to the south passing behind the Hampton Inn and the adjacent office building before becoming too shallow just below the crossing at Fort Hunt Road. The banks are lush with growth and there is a mix of marsh vegetation on the sides of the brook. Our presence in this narrow stretch of water sends ducks and herons into flight with them circling around and landing back in Hunting creek behind us to the north. This lower reach of Quander Brook is particularly strewn with plastic debris giving testimony to the out-of-date and inadequate stormwater facilities along U.S. Route 1 to the south leading to the headwaters of

Quander Brook in the residential community of Spring Bank where I live. The old infrastructure serves a purpose to direct water from U.S. Route 1 and hundreds of acres of impervious parking for commercial and residential areas directly into this watershed but also acts as a direct conduit for transporting trash thoughtlessly disposed of by people and commercial establishments not assuming the personal responsibility of properly managing the wastes they create or generate through manufacturing, consumption and final disposal. Though this unsightly and unwanted form of pollution in this environment is ever present in spite of annual cleanup attempts to remove such debris from our waterways, there is still beauty among the thriving natural components of this desecrated ecosystem.

The real danger in the untreated storm water emanating from the old storm water infrastructure on U.S. Route 1 is in the form of the unseen chemical pollutants washed into the system that originates from automobile use and careless citizens and business owners in managing dangerous products used in the home or the workplace. This

more ubiquitous and unseen pollution enters these waterways from all over the district and especially in the older developed areas of the county lacking the up-to-date infrastructure that intercepts solid waste trash and treats stormwater runoff before returning it to local streams. Once transported by Quander Brook into Hunting Creek the trash and chemical pollution exits this waterway under the bridge crossing at the George Washington Memorial Parkway and enters the Potomac River estuary flowing south around Belle Haven Park and into Dyke Marsh.

After leaving Quander Brook and paddling awhile around the perimeter of Hunting Creek with the Belle Haven Country Club and Golf Course on the south bank, my friend and I turn west again as it is getting late and there is only about two hours of light before dusk. The light and shadows are ever changing at this time as the sun lowers in the west and we are again passing beneath bridge structures and the imposing yet geometrically and aesthetically pleasing structures of the highway flyovers and ramps.



Highway ramps above Ourisman Dodge

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Quander Brook approaching Fort Hunt Road



# Warner, Gillespie Clash in U.S. Senate Debate

**Stark distinctions on same-sex marriage, immigration, abortion and healthcare.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE GAZETTE

In front of an audience of Northern Virginia business leaders, U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-Va.) and Republican challenger Ed Gillespie honed their attacks on each other during a sharp, wide-ranging debate Tuesday evening, Oct. 7.

While the candidates mostly avoided headline-making confrontations, they drew stark distinctions between their visions of the nation's future, staking out familiar ground on politically-polarizing issues such as same-sex marriage, immigration, abortion and the health care crisis.

The debate, sponsored jointly by NBC4 and the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, was held in the two-story auditorium of Capitol One's headquarters in McLean.

Both candidates quickly established their pro-business positions, vowing to clear the way for greater economic opportunities for Virginians.

"I want future generations to have the same opportunities that I've had. My grandfather was an immigrant janitor. My parents never went to college. And I got to be counselor to the President of the United States of America," Gillespie said in his one-minute opening remarks, taking a familiar swipe at Warner by adding that he "feared we're losing that kind of economic opportunity and upward mobility as a result of the Obama/Warner policies."

"My policies will ease the squeeze on hardworking Virginians and make it easier for them [and] for the unemployed to find work .... Under the Obama/Warner policy, for every net job created in Virginia two people have gone onto food stamps. There



**U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Virginia) and Republican challenger Ed Gillespie shook hands after an hour-long debate before Northern Virginia business leaders on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at The Capitol One headquarters in McLean. The U.S. Senate debate was hosted by The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.**

are 65,000 more women living in poverty today. And 250,000 of us will have our health care plans cancelled as a result of the Affordable Care Act, Obamacare, which the senator still supports," Gillespie said.

**IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT,** Warner positioned himself as the moderate, bi-partisan problem solver who will help break the paralyzing gridlock in Washington. The former governor is seeking another term in Washington, where he said he had a record of working with other lawmakers to push forward pragmatic, "sensible" solutions to challenges like health care costs, crushing student debt, the nation's immigration crisis, and its slow economic recovery from the 2008 recession.

"You know what, on every major piece of

legislation I work on I start with a Republican partner ... I'm so proud that I've got actually more former Republican legislators supporting me this campaign than when I first ran."

Chuck Todd of NBC's "Meet the Press," the debate's moderator, addressed the first question to Gillespie, noting the day's breaking news of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to review the case on gay marriage.

"It is now legal here in the commonwealth of Virginia. You personally oppose gay marriage. Are you comfortable? Can you accept this decision by the Supreme Court not to act?"

Gillespie said it was a matter for the state, not the federal government.

"I love people and respect them for who they are. I believe we are all created in the

image and likeness of God. And as you noted, in my faith, marriage is between one man and one woman ...," Gillespie said.

He added that same-sex marriage "is the law in Virginia today. And — as I do not believe that — a federal law ... is the proper approach, then of course I accept the ruling of ... the decision by the Supreme Court not to take up this decision of the circuit court."

"I support marriage equality," Warner said, when it was his turn to address the question. "I think it is appropriate that we live in a commonwealth that doesn't discriminate."

Debate panelists included Aaron Gilchrist and Julie Carey of NBC4 and Karen Tumulty of The Washington Post, who each asked the candidates two questions.

Carey asked Warner if he thought U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine was wrong when he sought to constrain the president's unilateral power to make war.

"Your own colleague, Sen. Tim Kaine, has said, quote 'You don't ask people to sacrifice their lives until the nation has debated and committed to the mission.' Is he wrong about that?"

Warner said he agreed with Kaine, and also said it was an example of his difference with the president.

"This is where I differ where the president," Warner said. "I believe that we need a more forceful response against Syria and Iraq. I think it is very important that we also ... I've been calling since early March for stronger actions against Mr. Putin in Russia."

Warner and Gillespie repeatedly went back and forth on the "97 percent question." A prominent theme in Gillespie's campaign has been hammering home the statistic that Warner voted with President Obama 97 percent of the time.

"My opponent's whole campaign has been pretty much based on this bogus charge, the 97 percent charge," Warner said after Gilchrist asked both candidates to list how they differed from the President. "I mean, independent political analysts have called

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## Sarvis: Warner-Gillespie Debate 'Disappointing'

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE GAZETTE

After a full day of campaigning at Fort Belvoir on Friday, Oct. 11, Robert Sarvis talked about his campaign for U.S. Senate, and his disappointment in not being invited to participate in Tuesday's U.S. Senate Debate — a major televised debate hosted by The Fairfax Chamber at Capitol One's convention center in McLean.

"The Fairfax Chamber informed us that it was nothing other than 'tradition' to

only invite major party candidates," Sarvis said.

"But this was after we formally requested an invitation, noted that over 145,000 Virginians voted for Robert Sarvis for governor in 2013, and sent them a petition signed by over 1,000 Virginians in support of a three-candidate debate."

"It was disappointing," Sarvis said. "Once again, Virginia voters did not hear from all



**Robert Sarvis**

the candidates on the ballot in Tuesday's debate."

Sarvis noted that neither of the first two debates featured questions about civil liberties and privacy, and he is the "only candidate in the race who will fight to protect all our constitutional liberties, end the mass surveillance of innocent Americans, and rein in America's interventionist foreign policy." "If I had been on stage with my opponents, I would force them to open up and defend their records on these issues," Sarvis said. "Independent and libertarian-leaning voters aren't the only victims of establish-

ment-only debates," Sarvis continued. "Had I been on stage tonight, I could have challenged the spin and hypocrisy of both my opponents. All Virginia voters would benefit from a real debate among all the candidates on the ballot."

"Moreover, my 'Open-Minded and Open for Business' vision resonates with voters who don't identify with either major political party, particularly the majority of millennial voters who are willing to support a candidate who is both fiscally responsible and socially tolerant."



# Warner, Gillespie Clash in U.S. Senate Debate

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it both misleading and not reflective of my record. The National Journal which still does a review of all the votes, not just a subsection, ranks me right in the sensible center.”

Gillespie responded that while “Senator Warner’s press releases are very bipartisan ... his floor votes are very party line ... While he just said he supported the Keystone XL Pipeline, on two different occasions when there was an opportunity to move forward with (the Keystone XL Pipeline), Senator Warner voted to block that from moving forward.”

Warner replied that those votes were “mostly procedural votes ... What he didn’t say as well is when I voted against off-shore drilling is because there was no proceeds coming back to Virginia.”

Tumulty, a former Time Magazine writer, kicked off a spirited debate on immigration reform and the DREAM act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act.)

Supporters argue the latest version of the bipartisan legislation would produce a variety of social and economic benefits, while critics contend that it would reward illegal immigration and encourage more of it, inviting fraud and shielding gang members from deportation.

She asked the question to Gillespie first.

“A moment ago you spoke quite passionately about your own family’s story as an example of the kind of opportunity this country has offered immigrants,” Tumulty said. “Back in April, Mark Herring, the attorney general of Virginia declared that undocumented, qualified immigrants who grew up in Virginia, who graduated from high school in the commonwealth could



**U.S. Senate candidate Ed Gillespie, a Republican and former White House aide, speaks in a debate held in McLean.**

qualify for in-state tuition at universities and colleges in Virginia. Do you agree with this policy?” “I understand it,” Gillespie said. “It’s a state policy. I’m running for the U.S. Senate.”

Gillespie went on to say that the U.S. “should have a means by which we can issue fresh visas to people who are here if they have, you know, not violated any other laws beside our immigration law.”

But he also said any legislative approach begins with securing our borders.

“The fact that we have a porous southern border today is not just an immigration con-



**U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Virginia) speaks in a debate held in McLean.**

cern, it is a national security concern with the growing threat if ISIS or ISIL. And it is a public health threat and a public safety threat with the growing concerns about Ebola ....”

Warner said he agreed the immigration system is broken.

“The thing is, the Senate actually put together a bipartisan plan that would do that ... It more than doubles border security,” Warner said.

Warner said the bipartisan bill dealt with the question about special work visas, and other immigration reform issues.

“How do we make sure we have those tech workers that graduate from George Mason or Virginia Tech, they don’t have to go home, and they simply have to go to Canada for those high-paying jobs now because (Canada) fixed their immigration system ....”

**IN THE MOST CONTENTIOUS MOMENT** of the debate, Warner castigated Gillespie for withdrawing his support of the bill. “Remarkable thing, this bill was supported by 68 senators ... Was it perfect? Maybe not. But we got nothing back from the House. And what I find curious is back when this bill was being debated my opponent, Ed, wrote and said that this bill was both good policy and good politics. Now he said on the campaign trail that he’s against the comprehensive Senate immigration reform bill. And I just wonder what’s changed? Did the policy change or the politics changed?”

“Nothing changed on my end,” Gillespie shot back. “And it’s, you know, PolitiFact, which you cited earlier, looked at my position on immigration reform and said it’s been entirely consistent. And it has been.”

In the past month, several polls have come out showing that support for Gillespie is growing, although Warner still has a commanding lead. A survey from the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University, which came out the same day as the debate, showed likely voters favoring Warner by 12 points on the day of the debate. Gillespie noted his growing support in a brief post-debate Q&A with reporters.

“I feel real momentum ... the race is narrowing,” Gillespie said.

## U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES' BIOS

### Ed Gillespie, Republican

**Family:** Wife Cathy; 3 Children: John, Carrie, Mollie  
**Birth Place:** Alexandria, Va.  
**Home City:** Lorton

**Pets:** 2 dogs - Sunny and Skye

**Education:** Graduated, Catholic University of America

**Political Experience:** Chairman, Republican Party of Virginia; Chairman, Bob McDonnell’s Campaign for Governor, 2009; Counselor to the President, Bush Administration, 2007-2009; Chairman, Republican National Committee, 2004

**Professional Experience:** Communications Consultant, Alexandria, Va.; Former Employee, Family Grocery Store; Policy and Communications Aide, House Majority Leader Dick Armey; Parking Lot Attendant, U.S. Senate Parking Lot

**Religious, Civic, and other Memberships:** Board Member, Catholic University of America; Board Member, Council on Virginia’s Future; Volunteer, Cross-over Basketball and Scholars Academy; Co-Founder, Quinn Gillespie and Associates (QGA); Chairman, Republican State Leadership Committee; Volunteer Basketball Coach, Saint Louis Catholic School

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### Robert ‘Rob’ C. Sarvis, Libertarian

**Family:** Wife Astrid; 2 children: Harlan, Ai-Li

**Birth Place:** Falls Church, Va.

**Home City:** Annandale, Va.

**Education:** MA, Economics, George Mason University, 2013; JD, Law, New York University, 2005; MA, Mathematics, University of Cambridge, 1999; BA, Mathematics, Harvard, 1998

**Political Experience:** Candidate, Commonwealth of Virginia, Governor, 2013; Candidate, Virginia State Senate, District 35, 2011

**Professional Experience:** Co-Founder, Wertago Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), 2008-present; Graduate Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 2011-2013; Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, 2006-2008; Law Clerk, E. Grady Jolly, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 2005-2006; Summer Associate, Kirkland and Ellis, 2004; Summer Associate, Fish and Neave, 2003; Software Developer, Bang Networks, 2000-2002; Technical Assistant, Department of Defense, 1994-1998

**Religious, Civic, and other Memberships:** Member, Virginia Citizen Defense League, 2011-present; Member, District of Columbia Bar Association, 2007-present; Member, New York State Bar Association, 2006-present; Founder, Journal of Law & Liberty, New York University

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### Incumbent Mark R. Warner, Democrat

**Family:** Wife Lisa; 3 children: Madison, Gillian, Eliza

**Birthplace:** Indianapolis, Ind.

**Home City:** Alexandria, Va.

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Education:** JD, Harvard Law School, 1980; BA, George Washington University, 1977

**Political Experience:** Senator, U.S. Senate, 2009-present; Candidate, U.S. States President, 2008; Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia, 2002-2006; Candidate, U.S. Senate, 1996; Chair, Democratic Party of Virginia, 1993-1994

**Current Legislative Committees:** Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Member; Budget, Member; Finance, Member; Joint Committee on Printing, Member; Rules and Administration, Member; Select Committee on Intelligence, Member; Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion, Member; Subcommittee on Economic Policy, Member; Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, Chair; Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance, Member; Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, Member; Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, Member

**Professional Experience:** Co-Founder, Nextel Communications; Former Staff Member, Sen. Chris Dodd, U.S. Senate; Former Employee, TechRiders; Managing Director, Columbia Capital Corporation, 1989-2002

**Religious, Civic, and other Memberships:** Honorary Chair, AmeriCorps Support Group; Member, Board Member, Medical Care for Children Project; Member, Board of Directors, Alexandria Volunteer Bureau; Member, Board of Directors, United Community Ministries; Member, Board of Trustees, George Washington University; Member, Board of Trustees, Virginia Union University; Chair, National Governors Association, 2004-2005; States’ Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, 2003-2004; Chair, Education Commission of the States, 2003-2004; Chair, Southern Governors’ Association, 2003-2004

**Awards and Honors:** TIME Magazine’s Five Best Governors in 2005; Newsweek’s “Who’s Next” issue in 2006; Governing Magazine’s Public Officials of the Year in 2004

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# Mount Vernon Drops Saturday Game to Falls Church

**T**he Mount Vernon football team lost to Falls Church 49-20 on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Mount Vernon High School. The Majors reached the 20-point mark for the third time this season, but couldn't avoid their seventh consecutive loss.

**SPORTS BRIEFS** Mount Vernon's final regular season home game will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 against Hayfield. After hosting the Hawks, the Majors will close the regular season with road games against Yorktown (Oct. 31) and Wakefield (Nov. 7).

## Mount Vernon Field Hockey Earns No. 1 Seed

The Mount Vernon field hockey team earned the No. 1 seed in the Conference 13 tournament, which begins Monday, Oct. 27.

The Majors will host No. 8 Stuart at 7 p.m. on Monday. A win would advance Mount Vernon to the semifinals, where the Majors would host the winner of No. 4 Lee and No. 5 Thomas Jefferson at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

The conference tournament championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30.

Mount Vernon concluded the regular season with a 10-4-2 record, winning four of its final six games.

## SoCo Football Thumps West Po

The undefeated South County football team defeated West Potomac 63-27 on Oct. 17.

The 63 points were the most allowed by a West Potomac team since 2006, when the Wolverines surrendered 74 during an 81-74 four-overtime victory over West Springfield.

West Potomac (2-5) will travel to face Lee



**A referee signals touchdown for Mount Vernon's Joshua McGrigg during a game against Falls Church on Oct. 18.**

(1-6) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24. The Lancers lost to T.C. Williams 40-38 on Oct. 18.

## West Po Field Hockey Loses to SoCo

The West Potomac field hockey team ended its season with a 2-1 loss to South County in the opening round of the Conference 7 tournament on Oct. 20 at West Springfield High School. The Wolverines had won three straight before ending the regular season with a 5-0 loss to the South County on Oct. 16. West Potomac finished the season with an 8-9 record.

**Jessica Miller and the Mount Vernon field hockey team enter the Conference 13 tournament as the No. 1 seed.**



**Mount Vernon quarterback Jordan Artis looks to pass against Falls Church on Oct. 18.**



GAZETTE FILE PHOTO

# Huntley Meadows Dedicates New Outdoor Classroom

**T**he Outdoor Classroom Teaching Pavilion at Huntley Meadows Park was officially dedicated on Wednesday, Oct. 8. The "classroom in the forest" allows the site to expand environmental education programs and specifically, outdoor education. With this facility in place, Huntley Meadows staff can welcome more school, scout, camp and pre-school programs and offer those programs in a location surrounded by trees, sunlight and fresh air.

The project was funded through contributions from seven donors who provided the \$70,000 needed. A combination of private individuals, family grants, international corporations, local civic groups and the Fairfax County Park Foundation came together to make the project a reality. Donors included Ken and Willa Howard, the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park, ExxonMobil, a Mastenbrook Matching grant, The Hunting Creek Garden Club and the Park Foundation.



**Hunting Creek Garden Club; Kathleen O'Shea, volunteer coordinator, Huntley Meadows; Steve Lindblom, volunteer, Huntley Meadows; Kathi McNeil, former president, FOHMP; Meagan Keefe, program manager, Huntley Meadows; Cathy Ledec, president, FOHMP; Norma Hoffman (front), former FOHMP board member; Sara Baldwin, deputy director, Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA); Ed Batton, Sr., Lee District representative, Park Authority Board; Erica Lynnbeck, volunteer, Huntley Meadows; Kevin Munroe, manager, Huntley Meadows; Carolyn Gamble, Friends of Historic Huntley board member; Kylie Starck, naturalist, Huntley Meadows; Karen Sheffield, operations manager, Huntley Meadows, and the Higgins, Rojas, and Runnels families (front row).**

**At the ribbon cutting for the new outdoor classroom at Huntley Meadows are: (from left) Dave Lawlor, resource manager, Huntley Meadows Park; Bobbi Longworth, executive director, Fairfax County Park Foundation; Harry Glasgow, treasurer, Park Foundation; Suzanne Lepple, Friends of Huntley Meadows Park Board (FOHMP) member; Don Carpender; Connie Carpender, FOHMP board member; Ann Stat, FOHMP board member; Ann Irving,**



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## One-Year Anniversary

Owner Suzie Mills with her sister and co-worker Amy Jones celebrated Honest Soul Yoga's one-year anniversary and expanded location at 6470 Landsdowne Centre with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 5. The grand reopening featured free yoga classes, new class demonstrations, face painting for children and an indoor market featuring local food and health/wellness vendors. Honest Soul Yoga now offers more than 70 yoga classes in the new studio space designed with a bamboo style floor. See [www.honestsoulyoga.com](http://www.honestsoulyoga.com).



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## Wegmans Begins Hiring Full-time Employees

Wegmans Food Markets has begun recruitment of full-time positions for its new Alexandria store in Fairfax County, set to open mid-year in 2015. Available full-time openings include everything from customer service and entry-level management to restaurant and culinary positions. The Alexandria store will employ approximately 550 people, 500 of whom will be hired locally. Of these, there are 200 full-time positions to be filled. Hiring for part-time positions will begin at a later date.

Full-time job applicants are invited to apply online at [www.wegmans.com](http://www.wegmans.com) or call

1-877-WEGMANS (934-6267) for more information. Applications will not be accepted at the store or construction site, nor will interviews be conducted there. Wegmans plans to begin scheduling interviews at their Kingstowne employment office later this fall.

The Alexandria Wegmans, a 126,000-square-foot supermarket, will be part of Hilltop Village Center, a retail and office complex located at the intersection of Telegraph Road and Beulah Street. The Alexandria location will be the first in Virginia to feature The Pub by Wegmans, a full-service restaurant within the store.

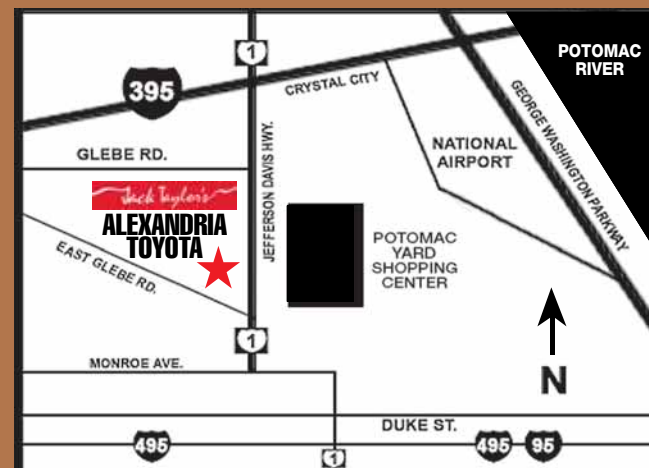


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