



**Jeff Miller officially opens Trinity UMC "A Little Free Library" on Sunday afternoon.**

PHOTOS BY  
LOUISE KRAFFT  
GAZETTE PACKET

## Celebrating National Library Week

**T**he congregation of Trinity United Methodist Church gathered in the churchyard after services on Sunday morning, April 12, for the grand opening of A Free Little Library. The library, a small replica of the 1942 church structure was built by church member Greg Saunders and is dedicated to the memory of the late Mark Leatherman. Mark's brother Jeff Miller was on hand to cut the ribbon. Church members and neighbors donated books and book shelves to house the extra stock.

A Little Free Library is an always-open, "take a book, return a book" gathering place where neighbors can share their favorite literature and stories.



**Logan Williams finds a book she would like to read in the newly opened little free library.**



**The overflow stock is displayed on a table in the churchyard for browsing.**

## Initial Approval

### Planning Commission supports Robinson South parking reduction.

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**hile earlier meetings on the Robinson Terminal South Development tended to primarily pit local citizens against city staff and representatives from EYA, the developer, the proposal of four special use permits for the development drew a mix of reactions at the April 9 Planning Commission Special Public Hearing. After a presentation explaining the changes made to the site, the public responded with some in favor of the proposed buildings, some opposed, and many expressing opinions somewhere in between.

Following the public discussion, the Planning Commission ultimately voted unanimously to approve the special use permits for the site.

EYA is proposing to tear down the Robinson Terminal South warehouse to construct a mixed use development, which includes 26 townhouse units, 66 multi-family residential units, and 11,473 square feet of commercial uses including a 251-seat restaurant. Special use permits and modifications for the site include increasing the density of the housing and allowing a height increase from 30 feet to 50 feet.

**"We need to come up with creative solutions for the needs of parking in this community."**

— **Charlotte Hall, vice president, Potomac Riverboat Company**

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## Field Alternative Falls Flat

### Site on Eisenhower Avenue fails as alternative to TC's stadium.

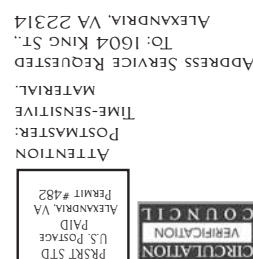
BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

**F**ollowing suggestions expressed at public hearings that a new AlexRenew Field on Eisenhower Avenue be developed as a substitute for the lights and expansion at T.C. Williams' High School's Parker-Gray Memorial Stadium, Alexandria city staff analyzed the suggestion and reported back to City Council with a resounding no.

"This field is not a viable option for high school football events," said Karl Moritz, director of Planning and Zoning.

Moritz explained at an April 14 City Council meeting that the field is being constructed over top of a sewage treatment facility and is elevated above ground on three sides. In addition to causing any additional features to have to be free standing at a matching elevation, the field's structure would be

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# Champions of Charity Philanthropy Summit to honor local leaders.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8), for decades known for his charitable works throughout the region, will keynote the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Business Philanthropy Summit honoring Alexandria's top leaders for their service to the community.

Sponsored by Volunteer Alexandria, the event will be held May 6 at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria.

"I am honored to speak at the Volunteer Alexandria Business Philanthropy Summit," Beyer said. "We are so lucky to live and work in a district where so many business and nonprofit leaders contribute to the city's betterment. The summit is a tremendous opportunity to showcase the best of the civic engagement that makes Alexandria so special."

Co-chaired by Val Hawkins and Duncan

Blair, the Summit is a breakfast event where business and nonprofit leaders gather to network and exchange ideas.

"Summit attendees leave breakfast energized about philanthropy," Hawkins said. "It's an event where they can discuss community needs and celebrate local business philanthropy."

## The 2015 Business Philanthropy Summit Award Winners

❖ Carney, Inc. — John Carney, committed to make a positive difference in people's lives by giving back to the community both as a corporation and as individual employees, is the 2015 Large Business Philanthropist of the Year.

The award is given to an Alexandria business leader in recognition of extraordinary commitment to volunteerism and financial support to the Alexandria community.

❖ Del Ray Business Association — Small

Business Philanthropist of the Year. For more than 30 years the DRBA has produced signature events funded entirely by business sponsors and volunteers.

The award is given to an Alexandria business leader in recognition of extraordinary commitment to volunteerism and financial support to the Alexandria community.

❖ John Porter, ACT for Alexandria — John Porter, who has served since 2009 as ACT's president and CEO, is the 2015 Nonprofit Leader of the Year.

Under Porter's leadership, ACT successfully created an online day of giving to support more than 100 local nonprofit agencies raising almost \$2 million within its first three years.

The award is given to a nonprofit executive who has shown extraordinary leadership for his or her organization, as well as has made a broader impact on the Alexandria community and the region.

❖ Katherine Porterfield, Literacy Council of Northern Virginia — Katherine "Kitty" Porterfield, who has supported the LCNV for many years by leading its board, raising much-needed funds and volunteering countless hours, is the 2015 Nonprofit Board Leader of the Year.

The award is given to an individual for their extraordinary commitment to volunteerism, board service and support of nonprofit organizations in the Alexandria community.

"Volunteer Alexandria is proud to sponsor the 17th annual Business Philanthropy summit," said Volunteer Alexandria board chair Frank Fannon. "Bringing the business community and nonprofits together will help create a better Alexandria."

The Business Philanthropy Summit takes place May 6 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online. Visit [www.VolunteerAlexandria.org](http://www.VolunteerAlexandria.org).

# Businesses Join Local Nonprofits for 24-Hour Charity Drive

## Spring2ACTion emphasizes off-line community building.

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

Five years ago, ACT for Alexandria helped raise \$100,000 for local charities at its first annual Spring2ACTion event. Last year, the orga-

nization raised over \$1 million for 121 local nonprofits. At this year's city-wide event on April 22, ACT for Alexandria's Chief Program Officer Brandi Yee says the goal is to exceed 10,000 donors. Last year, the program had 7,516 total donors to the event, but this year Yee hopes a more public pres-

ence and greater involvement in the community can help bolster that number.

In the past, the event was primarily online. One of the aims of this year's Spring2ACTion is to use donations and arrangements with local businesses to turn the primarily online charity drive into an

offline community event. Sugar Shack on North Henry Street has offered a free donut to anyone with proof of donation on April 22. Holy Cow, Pork Barrel BBQ, and Sweet Fire Donna's have all offered to donate 25 cents from every purchase to a charity of the buyer's choice. All proceeds from

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## CITY HALL BRIEFS

### State of the City

In his State of the City address on April 14, Mayor William Euille reflected on recent Potomac Yard and waterfront development milestones.

"There's an excitement in the air," said Euille. "The state of our city remains strong."

Euille cited the recent release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement as a major milestone for the Potomac Yard Metro development. Euille also regarded the recent decision by the Virginia Supreme Court to uphold the Alexandria Circuit Court's decision to dismiss a lawsuit regarding three citizens challenging the waterfront rezoning process.

Euille praised the work of the Alexandria Police Department in apprehending Charles Severance, currently awaiting trial on suspicion for murdering three Alexandrians. Euille also said he looked forward to the April 18 ribbon cutting at Fire Station 210, currently staffed by a medical unit, and said that getting the station a fire engine was a part of continuing budget discussions.

With regard to recent headlines, Euille also specifically addressed the controversy over proposed alternatives to funding repairs to the City Hall infrastructure.

"We're not selling City Hall," said Euille.

"It's not for sale."

### Jinks Appointed City Manager

Mark Jinks, formerly acting city manager, was unanimously appointed as city manager at the April 14 City Council meeting. Jinks began working for the City of Alexandria in 1999 as a chief financial officer, becoming deputy city manager in 2009 and acting city manager in January 2015 when former City Manager Rashad Young was appointed as D.C.'s city administrator by Mayor Muriel Bowser. Rashad Young became city manager in 2011 with a starting salary of \$245,000, earning \$266,508 before resigning. According to Andrea Blackford, senior communications officer for the City of Alexandria, Jinks' starting salary as city manager is \$245,000, a \$45,000 increase over his salary as acting city manager.

Jinks

— VERNON MILES

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## Clean Sweep

The city's annual Spring Clean-Up program will begin Saturday, April 18. Residents that receive city refuse collection services are eligible to participate in the program, which takes place on four consecutive Saturdays throughout April and May. Residents can place unwanted household clutter, bulky trash and metal items at the curb on their neighborhood collection date. Metals and electronics should be clearly separated from other collection items, as they will be picked up during a separate collection on Saturday. For a complete list of guidelines or to confirm your area pick up date, visit [www.alexandriava.gov/RefuseCollection](http://www.alexandriava.gov/RefuseCollection).



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**Members of Alfred Street depart from the church's 10:30 a.m. service.**



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**The Obama family.**

# Presidential Visit on Easter

## First Family worships at Alfred Street Baptist Church.

BY MARISSA BEALE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**embers of Alfred Street Baptist Church received an unexpected visit from the First Family at the 10:30 a.m. Easter Resurrection service. The church has a history that stretches back to 1803, making it one of the oldest historically black churches in the country. Pastor Howard-John Wesley delivered a sermon titled "Why the Resurrection Matters."

In previous years, President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama and daughters Sasha and Malia have attended worship services at St. John's Episcopal Church, Shiloh Baptist Church, 19<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church and Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church.

"It was definitely kind of surreal for me," said Carla Welborn, who was seated on the opposite side of the sanctuary, in a row behind the First Family. "Felt honored, blessed and privileged to have the President and First Lady and their family worshipping at the same place where you worship. I think you could

feel how proud Alfred Street members were to have them."

President Obama and his family arrived, unannounced, and stayed for the entire service, leaving only shortly before the congregation was dismissed. And while many would agree that their visit was a highlight, Welborn says their presence did not distract from the overall worship service.

"After a while, with the sermon, singing and the choir, you almost got kind of wrapped into the Easter service and kind of forgot they were ... So it wasn't like everyone was staring at them. I think that allowed them to have as much of a normal experience as they could have," she said.

The Friday before Easter, announcements about road closures began to appear. Route 1, which leads into Alexandria, was closed, as well as sections of Duke Street and Alfred Street, near and around the church. The road closures were in effect from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Obama is the second president to visit Alfred Street Baptist Church. Back in November 2000, former President Bill Clinton visited the church during the election season.

"Definitely it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to worship on Easter Sunday with the First Family," said Welborn. "It was just excitement and whether the president was sitting next to you or not, you felt that joy and excitement, and we were just so proud."

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## PEOPLE

# Laugh, Dance and Sweat

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BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
GAZETTE PACKET

The door opens and a crowd streams out the door clutching mats as Pilates Boot Camp is over. Smiles line the lobby waiting to sign in for the next class. Katie walks to the desk and stops to say hello. Paige Lichens, yoga instructor at Mind the Mat in Del Rey says, "Her husband just started." Katie adds, "It has become a usual Friday night event for us."

### PEOPLE AT WORK

Sabrina is a regular but today she has come to get a little relief from a visiting mother. Lichens explains, "Sabrina was fighting her mat."

"Once we got that solved, it helped me tremendously with my stress level," Sabrina says.

Lichens points out yoga is a 5,000 year old practice but Laura Schwartz, director of programming, says it began as a therapeutic method, for war veterans and ballerinas and it evolved into a mind-body exercise. Lichens says they try to find a solution for everyone and sometimes she sees a light go on in their eyes "when they get it."

Lichens says, "we can laugh, dance and sweat." "Get in the child posture, allow hands to reach out. Breathe; feel the transition. Think 'I just had breakfast at the Del Rey café and have to work off the French toast.'" Four rows of multi-colored mats line the dimmed room as Lichen begins the 75-minute Flow 1 yoga class. Reflections stare back from the wall of floor-to-ceiling mirrors. The class has started off with a seated meditation, then a sun salutation moving the body one moment one direction, and then the other direction. Lichens says this is a class for beginners or those who are returning to yoga and is offered three times a week. "I consider myself not a teacher, but a guide. We have people of all ages." Today's class ranges from a teenager and a first time stop-in to a young adult with her mother who has had a hip replacement.

Lichens had been a CPA for 15 years and a recruiter for accounting for nine, but when she broke her back in a skydiving accident, she started yoga, then began teaching two years ago and recently became the director of operations. She took 200 hours of training over four months to become licensed in both yoga and Pilates. She explains that Pilates grew out of yoga; it's core activity — standing up, sitting, and lying down. Now she is "almost done with 500 hours of training. I go to workshops; you never stop training."

Lichens had arrived at 7:45 a.m. and worked all



Yoga students assume the child position in their Flow 1 yoga class at Mind the Mat on Mt. Vernon Avenue.



"Assume the child position, breathe, feel the transition," Paige Lichens guides the students back and forth to the table position and back to the child in the Saturday morning class.

alone getting supplies to all floors, making sure the floors are clean, lining up the mats and handling the phones. She is also in charge of the retail phase. Then last night she taught hot, gentle yoga. "I teach five classes and often put in 12-hour days."

When the economy slows down, "the business takes a dive. I love Marilyn Monroe's quote that when you're hurting financially, you focus on food." People may not come as often, but yoga is like your life, she says. "You can take a break and come back."

Lichens explains sometimes people find their body has changed so they offer a large variety of classes. "I had a woman this morning who was taking the pre-natal class and said she had to accept what is physically going on and do different classes. And we have elderly people with balance problems who get therapeutic assistance from certified instructors during the week. And a hot room on the top floor."

"Straighten the legs, inhale coming forward. Repeating the same motions can make your mind wander. Let it go." They move on to "flap like a seal-ARE" Half an hour to go. Shhhh, class in progress.



Laura Schwartz, director of programming at Mind the Mat yoga studio in Del Rey, beckons Danielle Locher to step up and sign in for the Flow 1 class.

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET



Emma's Espresso & Wine Bar was designed and developed by local architect Bob Larson.

## Emma's Espresso & Wine Bar Opens

The aroma of freshly brewed coffee drifted through the breeze outside of the newly opened Emma's Espresso & Wine Bar on Saturday morning, April 11. Friends, neighbors and members of the City Council showed up for the official grand opening and ribbon cutting. Located at 104 Hume Avenue, Emma's is named for the 1925 Emma P. Hume subdivision where the business resides. Local architect Bob Larson developed the building which also house several apartments. Emma's features a selection of espresso, coffee, tea, cookies, pastries, light fare, sandwiches, salads, soups and wine and beer. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday and Monday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more



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The owners of Emma's Espresso & Wine Bar Jackie and her mom Connie Desrosiers save a piece of the grand opening ribbon.

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LOUISE KRAFFT  
GAZETTE PACKET





# Field Alternative Falls Flat

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unable to support additional weight, meaning any structures would have to also include their own supports.

According to Moritz, hosting high school football games at the field on Eisenhower Avenue would mean adding a press box, bleachers, locker rooms, a sound system, goal posts, and other structures. The only feature available at the AlexRenew Field currently unavailable at Parker-Gray Memorial Stadium is nighttime lighting, which city staff says they were unable to confirm would be sufficient for nighttime football games.

For Councilman John Chapman, the lack of bleachers and seating was more than a reason the field would be insufficient as an alternative to Parker-Gray Memorial Stadium, it was a concern about any field.

"I'm challenged by the fact that there's no seating there," said Chapman. "When we build fields, we should plan to have people there."

James Spengler, director of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities, said that most of the fields around Alexandria do not have bleachers, and that parents predominantly bring their own lawn chairs. Spengler said the city can provide light-weight aluminum bleachers, but that the Parks Department has not seen a demand.

"Expanding use of this facility is not viable," Moritz reiterated. "This site is extraordinarily constrained. We would have to put structure on stilts adjacent to the site but not on the tank."

Moritz said that he did not have an exact cost estimate, but said city staff believed it would reach into

several millions of dollars.

While Parker-Gray Memorial Stadium has access to 400 parking spaces at T.C. Williams, Moritz also noted that the site would only have 35 available parking spaces at the site with another 38 spaces available on adjacent public streets. There would also be no space available at the site for bus parking.

"Parking makes this impossible," said Councilwoman Del Pepper, expressing concerns that having only 73 parking spaces would mean parents have no choice but to drop their students off at the facility and leave. "At first, this looked like a possible solution, but the way you've presented this there's just no room here."

Size limitations in the area also meant that the field would have a sharp cut-off at the football field end-zones.

"You could play a football game here," said Spengler, "but you'd need to be careful with field goals and extra points, because it's going to go off the roof."

Any changes to the field would also have to be approved by the Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew), which owns the property. While Moritz says the city has not officially reached out to the AlexRenew about the potential expansion of the field, he said the property owners had expressed deep reservations about the proposal.

Mayor William Euille dismissed the idea of a public hearing on the proposal.

"We don't want to have a public hearing where we

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Alexandria South

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# Citizens Divided over Development's Impact

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One of the more controversial modifications to the property was the proposal to reduce parking at the location from 262 spaces to 242 spaces.

EYA was granted a reduction of 29 spaces for the commercial parking, leaving a total of 48 spaces in the parking garage section servicing the 251 seat restaurant at the site. The current parking requirement is 63 spaces, 34 spaces for the restaurant's 135 indoor seating and 29 spaces for the restaurant's 116 outdoor seating, but a city staff report notes that having both indoor and outdoor seating capacity filled was unlikely and cited the Mount Vernon Overlay District's 20 outdoor seating exception as precedent. Valet parking was offered by EYA as an additional parking efficiency, which would allow commercial parking to take advantage of tandem spaces. According to the staff recommendation, the valets would be prohibited from parking vehicles on the public streets. The valet parking was set to be reviewed after six months by the Departments of Planning and Zoning and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services to determine compliance, followed by annual reviews.

The recommendation included an analysis of parking deck occupancy within a five-minute walking distance from the site and included lot space lost from removing parking on The Strand due to the construction of the new Old Dominion Boat Club. The Parking Demand Analysis, prepared by Wells and Associates Inc, found that nearby parking garages reached nearly 70 percent of their occupancy during the week, 79 percent occupancy on Fridays, and 81 percent occupancy on Saturdays.

Some noted that the high levels of occupancy in nearby garages contradicted the city staff's support for reducing parking options at a new development.

The development would maintain the required two spaces to each multi-family unit. The Wells and Associates' parking study found that 52 percent of owner occupied



**Dirk Geratz, a principal planner with the Department of Planning and Zoning, presents EYA Robinson Terminal South proposal to the Planning Commission.**

households owned only one or no vehicle, with an average of 1.5 vehicles per household. The staff recommendation indicated that the excess residential spaces could be used to accommodate visitor parking. Parking changes would also include 17 tandem parking spaces for residents, meaning extra-long parking spaces that can be built to facilitate two cars.

EYA President Robert Youngentob said that the buildings had been reduced in scale and mass since the initial proposal to the city and added that the new developments at Robinson Terminal South are more in keeping with the Old Town visual aesthetic than the current abandoned warehouses. The scale, mass, and general architectural character was endorsed by the Old and Historic Alexandria District Board of Architectural Review.

"These buildings do a good job of interpreting [Alexandria's] history," said Youngentob. "They reflect the character and scale of streets surrounding the property."

Greg Hutchins, a 12-year resident of old town, said he's walked over every square foot of Old Town and believes he knows the area pretty well.

"What EYA's team has proposed is thoughtful and appropriate," said Hutchins. "It's a contemporary design inspired by historical context ... We should have a waterfront of the future, for the future."

John Woods, an engineer who noted that he had no connections to this project or any of the involved parties, said that too many times he'd seen well meaning citizens and politicians destroy good architecture proposals.

"I support this project from an architectural standpoint," said Woods. "It's the best thing given the [project's] cost of construction."

Robert Atkinson, an urban designer, said that the warehouses have kept the waterfront from reaching their development potential.

"The fact that Alexandria doesn't have a waterfront that reflects the community ... is a shame," said Atkinson. "We don't need repetitive architecture. We need to leave our mark."

John Long, president of Alexandria's Chamber of Commerce, said that EYA's proposal fit the rich history of commercial activity on the waterfront and was in general

conformance with the small area plan's commitment to public access.

Arthur Tamayo, president and CEO of Guest House Events, presented the rare voice of the millennials in the waterfront discussion.

"The plans are a much needed amenity," said Tamayo. "The current warehouse is a blight [on the waterfront], in my millennial opinion ... I imagine this will attract more of my generation here. There's potential here for a host of possibilities."

But many Old Town residents insisted that they weren't fighting to keep the Robinson Terminal South Warehouses around, they just don't believe EYA's design proposal is the right fit for the neighborhood.

"This development has no connection to Old Town," said Townsend Van "Van" Fleet, president of the Old Town Civic Association. "Alexandria's old and historic district is under siege. The mass and scale of these structures visibly dwarf the surrounding buildings. Alexandria is in the long, slow business of killing the goose that laid the golden egg. EYA needs to regroup and give us something we can be proud of."

Susan Askew, a resident of the nearby Wolf Street, said she was in favor of revitalization in the area but had objections to aspects of EYA's project. In particular, Askew and others said they believed the parking reduction in the development exacerbated the parking problems in Old Town.

Nearby businesses also expressed concerns about the proposed parking reduction. Trey Lamont from Chadwicks neighborhood bar said the parking reduction would ultimately hurt businesses in the area. Chadwicks sits on the Strand, directly across from a public parking lot being replaced by parking for the Old Dominion Boat Club.

"We depend on business from all over Alexandria," said Lamont. "Parks don't bring people to Old Town, but parking spaces will."

Charlotte Hall, vice president of the Potomac Riverboat Company, said she wasn't planning on speaking that evening, but that she held deep concerns about the capacity of the garages.

"We need to come up with creative solutions for the needs of parking in this community," said Hall, who described a recent scenario where her business was impeded because there was insufficient parking in the garages for their clients. Hall proposed using boats capable of parking 300-400 cars. It's not an ideal solution, but Hall says something needs to be done. "We have hit rock bottom."

In the Planning Commission's discussion, Chair Mary Lyman said that despite voting in favor of the special use permits, parking in Old Town needed to be addressed.

"We need to be sure we've thought this through carefully," said Lyman. "I'm seeing some disconnects in what we're being told."

Karl Moritz, director of Planning and Zoning, said that the city is currently developing long-term strategies to manage parking space in Old Town. EYA's proposal for Robinson Terminal South will be voted on at City Council's April 18 meeting.

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# Time To Spring2ACTion

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Whole Food's Wine Wednesday will go towards sponsored charities.

According to Yee, each nonprofit conducts their own fund raising campaign. ACT for Alexandria helps smaller nonprofit groups, like groups from Matthew Maury Elementary School and Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy attempting to raise funds to renovate their playgrounds, form effective campaigns. ACT for Alexandria was founded in 2004 and, according to a 2013 form 990, has a budget of \$2 million, \$1.4 million was spent in grants to other community organizations, and \$738,374 spent on salaries and compensation of current officers and key employees.

Yee says an element of competition underlies the whole event. In 2014, Spring2ACTION gave \$31,950 to nonprofits that won in certain categories. The group offers a \$5,000 grant to the nonprofit that raises the most funding. Last year, faith-based community organization Casa Chirilagua raised \$85,000 in 24 hours. Other \$5,000 prizes are awarded to groups with the most donations and groups with the most unique donors. Smaller prizes are awarded to runner-ups in each category, a specialized leaderboard for art groups, and various localized competitions.

Wright to Read is one of the organizations participating in this year's Spring2ACTION event. Wright to Read provides tutoring and mentors to Alexandria students who read at one grade level below their peers. The organization offers one-on-one relation-



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**Brandi Yee, ACT for Alexandria chief program officer (second from left), with Cecily Pawlak (left), Lori Morris (second from right), Ellen Folts (right) from the Bruhn-Morris Family Foundation, promoting Spring2ACTION.**

ships between mentors and students, which last an average of three years, through which mentors help develop reading strategies. Leigh Nida, executive director of Wright to Read, has been with the nonprofit for nine years and said the organization screens and trains volunteers to take students to a library and help them find books that interest them.

"I have seen the challenges and rewards mentors face," said Nida. She noted that the biggest challenge many mentors face is seeing the difficult home life of many students. "There can be an overwhelming aspect. Mentors want to be involved, but there's a

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# OPINION

## Seeking Economic Equality for Women

BY DON BEYER  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-8)

### COMMENTARY

I have been surrounded by strong women all of my life. My grandmother was a suffragette, economics professor, labor leader, and advocate for most of her 98 years. My mother is famous in the intellectual disability community for her work with the ARC. One of my four incredible sisters has been CFO in our family business for a generation. My oldest daughter shares management responsibilities for our largest store, and my wife has long been a powerful voice for women in business.

I am committed to doing all I can to help create the new American economy. We can begin by addressing women's economic equality. Every step we take toward ensuring greater economic strength for women will mean great strides for middle class families.

Women are now the sole or majority breadwinner in over 40 percent of American households with a child under the age of 18. And a growing percentage of women are single mothers: More than half the women under 30 who give birth do so outside of marriage and consequently serve a significant economic role for that child.

Yet women still have no guarantee of equal pay for equal work, struggle disproportionately with the burden of finding affordable child care or coping with inadequate workplace policies on family leave, still need greater reproductive health protections, and are less likely than men to be part of some of the more lucrative career paths, such as math, science, and engineering.

Here are a few specific policies I want to work on in Congress to attain these goals:

- ❖ Raising the minimum wage, including tipped minimum wage. Today's minimum wage employees earn almost 25 percent less than they did fifty years ago, when adjusted for inflation. The majority of the beneficiaries of this improved policy would be women: Nearly 60 percent of minimum wage workers are women.

- ❖ Equal pay for equal work. Women working full-time earn roughly 77 cents for every dollar their male counterparts make. The pay gap is even larger for Latinas and African-American women.

- ❖ Paid family and medical leave. Over 20 years ago, Congress passed the Family and Medical Leave Act, giving many U.S. employees 12 weeks of job-protected, unpaid leave

for qualifying medical or family reasons, such as the birth or adoption of a child, a family illness, or family military leave. It is high time we guaranteed paid leave for such circumstances. Today, only the United States and Papua New Guinea offer no paid maternity leave. I am cosponsoring legislation that would grant six weeks of paid family or medical leave to federal employees.

- ❖ STEM education and training. Jobs in science, technology, engineering and math, or the STEM fields, pay more and often have faster career ladders than other career paths. Women in these fields earn a third more than their non-STEM counterparts. We must look for ways to stop the historic underrepresentation of women in these fields by recruiting women and girls to these educational paths, connecting them role models and mentors, and supporting policies that help retain them in these jobs.

Perhaps the most important initiative, however, is changing the way we think about women in the workforce. We have abundant evidence that women make an enormous difference to our GDP, our profitability, and our quality of economic life. My grandmother would want to know that every American woman has an equal opportunity to make that difference.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## City Hall Not for Sale

To the Editor:

There is no plan to sell, privatize, redevelop or otherwise dispose of Alexandria's City Hall.

The acting city manager has proposed that the city taxpayers spend \$56.5 million over the next eight years on a renovation of City Hall. While long overdue, this project comes at a challenging time for major city infrastructure investment.

With significant education, sewer, transportation and recreation infrastructure bills coming due, the voters of our city should expect their City Council to pause and consider all options when making an investment of that magnitude. That may mean reducing the scope of the renovation, different financing models, alternative ways to transition into the

new space, or other ideas.

That does not mean the City Council wishes to privatize the seat of our municipal government. It does mean the City Council is fulfilling its fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers who pay the bills.

**John Chapman, Tim Lovain, Del Pepper, Paul Smedberg and Justin Wilson**  
Members of the Alexandria City Council

## No Reason To Change

To the Editor:

What an interesting election our local race is shaping up to be. On one hand we have a tested mayor in Bill Euille who has shown a steady hand guiding the city during turbulent times. On the other hand we have two challengers with good intentions but major flaws. Allison Silberberg is a wonderful person with a big heart, but she has shown she really doesn't have the qualifications to be mayor. Kerry Donley has good ideas on economic development but seems to have a lack of concentration, bouncing in and out of public office. One has to wonder why these two are challenging Mayor Euille.

As vice mayor, Allison has sometimes had to lead City Council meetings, with rather lackluster results. She has trouble expressing herself in coherent thoughts, and often must be corrected on the facts by her colleagues on City Council. So far, I have not seen her enunciate what her vision of Alexandria's future is, much less what City Council can do to get Alexandria positioned for that future.

Kerry Donley has proven to be forceful in his vision and pronouncements, and can even be overly aggressive in promoting a specific course of action. While



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## OPINION

# Two Perspectives

Jacqueline "Jacque" Walker and Danny participate in the Wright to Read mentoring program. Here are their views on mentoring:

### From Danny

I nominate my volunteer, Ms. Jacque, to be mentor of the month. We have been working together now for over a year. I look forward to seeing her every week. Sometimes, I wish I could see her more.

We read "Di-ary of a Wimpy Kid" books and stories that have a lesson to

them. She helps me with my reading and with my homework. I have learned from Ms. Jacque that reading is fun and that it is important.

We have lots of fun aside from tutoring. We have gone to Bertucci's and to eat frozen yogurt. I enjoy it when we play bananagrams. We also have fun at Wright to Read events. I enjoyed when I got my face painted as spider man at the annual picnic.

Ms. Jacque is a good mentor. She is nice and kind. She makes my life exciting!

### From Ms. Jacque

What started out to be a service activity for another organization became a life-changing experience. Danny has not only captured my attention, but he has captured my heart. He is polite, well-mannered, and excited to achieve. I have learned what a critically important role I play not only in his educational development, but also in helping him to grow and set goals and plans for his future. Danny loves learning and is growing in his confidence weekly.

Wright to Read has offered many enrichment activities that both Danny and I have enjoyed. One in particular was a trip to Huntley Meadows Park. We had read and studied about owls. It was exciting to see what we read come alive when we went to the park and lis-



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### Mentor Jacqueline "Jacque" Walker with Danny

tened to the live presentation about owls.

My student, Danny, loves contest and challenges. Wright to Read has supported his passion for competition and come up with several different contests that motivate Danny to read. It's really true. Even children can have significant influence and be a source of change. I've learned that caring through our actions and deeds offers the students a hope for a bright future. "Encouragement" is a key to unlocking exciting, new adventures and opportunities that await them.

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## News

# Field Alternative Falls Flat

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mislead people and [they] think there's viability here," said Euille. "This is not being looked at as an alternative for T.C. Williams' [sports]."

William Goff, who had initially proposed the concept, said he was disappointed with the council's decision. Goff believed parking could be made available at the nearby Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) parking garage. In the

hallway after the decision, Moritz told Goff that he wasn't as confident that the city would be able to use those spaces, particularly with the PTO being a 24-hour office.

Kathy Harkness also expressed disappointment with the Council's decision. Harkness says the AlexRenew field isn't intended to be a permanent alternative to the Parker-Gray Memorial Field, just a stopgap while the city considers other alternatives.

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## HISTORY

# Four Alexandrians Died in Pursuit of John Wilkes Booth

BY BRAD PENNEY

**A**pril 1865 was one of the most eventful months in the history of our nation. During that month, Americans experienced the collapse of Petersburg and evacuation of Richmond; the Confederate surrender at Appomattox and end of the Civil War; the assassination of President Lincoln and the pursuit and killing of his assassin, John Wilkes Booth; and — on the day after Booth's death — the worst maritime disaster in our history: the loss of 1,800 lives in the explosion of the Mississippi River steamboat Sultana (greater loss of life than the Titanic in 1912).

We will hear a lot about these events this month, but one tragic incident during that eventful month will remain largely forgotten: the marine disaster on the Potomac during the night of April 23rd and 24th that killed 87 men, including four civilian firemen from Alexandria working for the Quartermaster Corps to scout on the river for any sign of Booth crossing the Potomac.

The Quartermaster Corps is the supply and support service to the army — which is typically safe duty. The firemen were part of a contingent from Alexandria on a canal barge named Black Diamond whose mission was to patrol the Potomac. Military intelligence correctly anticipated that Booth would attempt to cross the river into Virginia during his escape. On the moonless night of April 23, a much larger ship, the Massachusetts, struck the port side of the anchored Black Diamond, killing a total of 87 men on both ships. The four civilian casualties from the Black Diamond killed in pursuit of Booth were Peter Carroll, Samuel N. Gosnell, George W. Huntington, and Christopher Farley. They were the only casualties in the search for John Wilkes Booth.

This is their story.

The assassination of President Lincoln on April 14, 1865 occasioned an unprecedented outpouring of grief, and also gave rise to fears that the assassination would trigger violence aimed at destabilizing the Union government by Confederate sympathizers. The manhunt launched by the government in the days after April 14 was the largest in U.S. history; 10,000 federal troops and even many civilian resources were deployed in pursuit of Booth and his accomplices. Secretary of War Edwin Stanton per-

**A monument has been erected in the Soldier's Cemetery in this place, by the members of the Government Steam Engine Company, over those of their company, who were lost from the steamer Black Diamond, near Blackstone's Island, in the Potomac, last April.**

— *Defet: Saturday, November 11, 1865 Paper: Alexandria Gazette (Alexandria, VA)*

sonally led the manhunt and advertised a \$100,000 reward (\$1.5 million in today's dollars) for information leading to the arrest of Booth and his accomplices.

Union troops were sent to southern Maryland and ultimately to Virginia to search for Booth, in response to federal intelligence information. Among those searching for Booth on that Sunday night April 23 was the contingent from the Quartermaster Corps, patrolling the river on picket duty in search of a vessel ferrying Booth across the Potomac. But, unknown to the Quartermasters, Booth and his accomplice David Herold had already crossed the Potomac on April 22 and were asleep in a cabin in King George County, Virginia.

What is largely forgotten and overshadowed by the momentous events of April 1865 is the story of the pursuit of Booth by civilian employees of the Alexandria Fire Department (formally the "Government Steam Fire Department"), who were chartered by the U.S. Quartermaster Corps and who were working for and at the direction of the military in the search for Booth.

There were two ships were involved in the tragic events of April 23-24, 1865: the USS Massachusetts and the Black Diamond. The Massachusetts was a steam ship built in Boston in 1860. Approximately 400 former Union prisoners of war crowded onto the Massachusetts, which was moored in the Potomac River at Alexandria on Sunday, April 23, 1865. The men were heading that evening to Norfolk where they were to be deployed for further military duty in North Carolina. Onboard the ship were veterans from New York, Maine, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

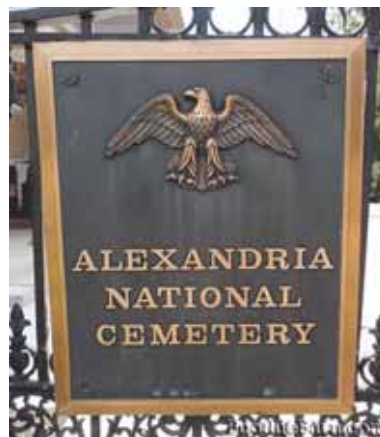
The Black Diamond was an iron hull steam propeller canal boat (or barge) built in 1842. Before being chartered by the Quartermaster Corps during the war, the Black Diamond's normal duties were transporting coal between Washington, D.C. and Alexandria. As noted, the crew of 20 consisted

of men from the Alexandria fire department.

After the assassination of President Lincoln, the Black Diamond was assigned patrol duty on the Potomac River, keeping an eye out for the assassin, John Wilkes Booth, if he attempted to cross the river. During the night of April

23rd and 24th the ship lay at anchor in the Potomac about a mile south of St. Clements Island.

It was a clear, windy and moonless night. The Black Diamond was said to have had only had one light showing, not unusual for a ship on picket duty, and wasn't seen in the darkness as the Massachusetts made its way downriver toward Norfolk. At around midnight on April 23, not far from the mouth of the Potomac, the Massachusetts and its 400 passengers and crew collided with the Black Diamond and her crew of 20, the Massachusetts striking the port side of the Black Diamond. Many of the soldiers on board the Massachusetts began to panic and either jumped into the water or were thrown overboard by the force of the collision, which had struck the Black Diamond in the boiler. While more than 100 of the men in the water were ultimately rescued, 83 from the Massachusetts died and many of their bodies were never recovered. According to eye witness accounts at the time, the Black Diamond quickly took on water and sank in only about three minutes, except for its smoke stack and pilot house (no attempt could be made at salvage). According to an 1866 House of Representatives report on the tragedy, both pilots lost their maritime licenses as a result of the incident.



Out of the 87 people who died when the Massachusetts crashed into the Black Diamond, only four casualties were from the Black Diamond. They were the aforementioned Peter Carroll, Christopher Farley, Samuel Gosnell, and George Huntington. Within 24 hours of their deaths on the Potomac, Booth was also dead.

The four Alexandria firemen chartered by the Quartermaster's Department were civilians, however they were accorded the honor of burial in the Soldier's Cemetery in Alexandria (located at 1450 Wilkes St.), now known as Alexandria National Cemetery, the predecessor to Arlington Cemetery as a burial place for Union soldiers.

In 1922, the federal government placed a granite boulder in Alexandria National Cemetery commemorating the deaths. In the 1950s the deteriorating headstones for each of the four men were replaced by new markers bearing the same design as those used for Union soldiers buried at Alexandria National Cemetery.

In the years after the Massachusetts/Black Diamond tragedy, the facts of the incident were largely forgotten and a number of the very few records mentioning the deaths of the Alexandria firemen inaccurately state that they drowned in the Rappahannock River while in pursuit of Booth.

St. Clements Island attracts seasonal tourists, because of the association as the "birthplace of Maryland," but there are no markers or plaques on St. Clements telling the story of the Black Diamond and the Massachusetts. The granite boulder at the Alexandria National Cemetery remains the only reminder of the tragedy.

The story of the Black Diamond/Massachusetts tragedy and the four civilians who died in pursuit of John Wilkes Booth remains largely forgotten. Their deaths — and the deaths of the other 83 men who perished in the collision at sea on the night of April 23-24, 1865, have no less valor than all who sacrificed their lives during America's bloodiest armed conflict. Having lost their lives as civilians as a result of the pursuit of President Lincoln's killer, they, too, deserve their rightful place in the retelling of the dramatic events of April 1865.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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pursuing a goal, he steps roughshod over any dissenting voices. Surprisingly for someone which such apparent single-mindedness, he appears to wander in his personal interests and ambitions. After a term as mayor, he bowed out of local political office and made a seeming detour with a three-year stint as athletic director at T.C. Williams High School. Later, he rejoined banking, his initial profession, and even later ran again for City Council and

served one-term as vice mayor. Now two and half years later, he is once again running for city elective office. If he's elected, will he remain committed for a three-year term, or will he once again get sidetracked to something else?

Bill Euille has been mayor for 12 years. In that time, while the Washington-area experienced a recession and the effects of the Federal sequestration, Alexandria has held its own in the region. Our residential property values barely registered the effects of those two events which were catastrophic

in neighboring jurisdictions. We were able to gracefully accommodate regional growth pressures. We retained our status as one of the most desirable communities to live in. And we've made progress in defining a sustainable future for Alexandria, one in which residents don't have to shoulder the entire burden of paying for infrastructure and community amenities. The current budget proposal is for a balanced budget with no tax rate increase. And we've retained our AAA bond rating, allowing us to obtain funds more cheaply. While firmly working to po-

sition Alexandria where it should be, our mayor is also a listening mayor. He strives for unity and consensus, although that is often difficult. What some see as slow progress, others see as progress achieved without harming the fabric of our community. Many of our neighboring jurisdictions are struggling, and we are riding high.

Why would we change course now? My vote is with Bill Euille.

**Anne Gray Haynes**

Alexandria

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## LETTERS

### A Positive Campaign

To the Editor:

I believe that electing Allison Silberberg as the next mayor of Alexandria is the most reasonable, respectful, and logical choice that an intelligent and informed voter can make. We get the government that

we deserve. As a professional educator of 43 years, I am impressed with her stance on education. She believes that changing the lives of children can be done one child at a time through the mentoring program,

which she has done. Her passion for the poor is evident every time she votes for more affordable housing. Allison believes that our working professionals such as police officers, hospital workers, and teachers

should be able to afford to live in Alexandria. Allison believes that eminent domain should be used only extreme cases. While she loves to see more open space and beautiful parks, she worked with other city officials to see that an amicable solution for the Old Dominion Boat Club was reached. As soon as she was elected to the City

Council, she studied our city's budget. She was and remains appalled at our city's debt. We must find a way to pay down our debt. Allison actually believes that the city works for the people. The program "Call-Click-Connect" while not perfect should make this city work for its citizens.

Allison believes that government is of the people. She instituted monthly coffees where anyone can come and voice their concerns. It is here where she has brought the Old Town residents and the West Enders

together to listen to both sides of the issues from resident-only parking to a brand new empty firehouse. As Allison listens to the people she serves, she attempts to reason with her fellow colleagues, but has on more than one occasion fearlessly cast her one vote knowing that she will stand alone. I for one applaud her courage and hope that, in the next vote, she gains more support.

Allison believes in preserving the natural history and historical buildings of our great city. When she learned of the great state of disrepair of our City Hall, she simply stated: "Fix it." Can anyone imagine our continuous Farmer's Market from the days of George

Washington without the historical buildings surrounding it?

Finally and most important of all, as we were lining up behind her in the St Patrick's Day Parade, she gave us all a stern lecture. "We will not run a negative campaign." We will not tear down what has gone before

us. We just have a different view of what Alexandria can become. I believe that if you really take the time to know and talk with Allison and she is quite accessible, you will make no better choice than voting for Allison as our next mayor.

**Terrie Simpson**  
Alexandria

### No Longer 2006

To the Editor:

We're not in 2006 anymore.

Way back in 2006 a small, very small, group of mostly non-elected men got together to devise the massive build out of the City of Alexandria's waterfront. The only public goal was money production with the best producers being hotels, restaurants, and crowds of people arriving in droves to park on fully metered streets and tax-

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able garages. Nice package, but that was in booming 2006.

Attempting to convert the Old and Historic waterfront, homes, and street grid to a 21<sup>st</sup> century tourist center is now taking place in the year 2015 — post-crash, post-sequester, and post-Moran Congressional earmarks. No more Federal dollars and no money in Richmond ... and the best our current governor could drum up was a low-cost loan for the metro. This is not surprising. Washington D.C. is a one company town (government), and that town has been hit hard.

To compound this injury, City Hall seems not to have gotten the message that a plan devised in boom times will hit the skids in a slow down. But this small group of people are still madly rushing to produce a banal and homogenous looking wall of architecture that will severely damage the life blood of the Old and Historic District — its unique and irreplaceable ambiance. The character of the proposed development on the waterfront bears great similarity to the long-failed urban development that remains an eyesore at city center. Both old and new are out of scale, both stylistically hackneyed, and cut corners on quality by adding more density than can be supported. At least the urban renewal of the '60s allowed for adequate parking.

City Hall today remains locked in an operating mode that requires large amounts of Federal funding, State allowances, a rapidly expanding economy (not one still in recovery), and private investors who are willing to give more than they get because they can afford to. Today, investor cash remains tied up in low risk instruments or closely held. It is not freely flowing into the marketplace.

The cost of flood mitigation and the contingency fund for Alternative B of the Potomac Yard Metro are emblematic: a couple of years ago flooding could be stopped for \$8 million — today \$33 million; the Metro contingency cost has risen from 5 percent to 20 percent of construction cost. Was it under bidding, bad math, poor deal making? Or, all of the above in order to make a rosy picture to artificially boost support?

That happy swinging year of 2006 is long gone and unlikely to reappear any time

soon. Perhaps the group who mapped out the destruction of the waterfront would like to meet again to revisit their strategy and their numbers? Or, perhaps, the guys' 2006 vision will go under as the Potomac continues to rise, and the FEMA-mapped floodplain, which it is all built on, fills up like a child's sandy hole at the beach.

**Kathryn Papp**  
Alexandria

## Go to the Theatre

To the Editor:

I recently performed at Bishop Ireton High School in the musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone." I can say, without any reservation, that it was one of the best experiences of my life. When I first entered high school, it made me very nervous, as high school is very large and overwhelming as a whole. But in theatre, I found a very welcoming group of friends who are some of the kindest and supportive people I have ever met.

Theatre has also helped me gain some skills in some areas that I lacked in. For instance, in theatre, diction and pace are crucial to deliver lines to the audience. Flexibility is also necessary, as we had to change some scenes the week before opening night. I would've never learned those skills without theatre. Teamwork is also vital. The actors of a show must know all their lines and choreography. Not only that, but stage crew must always be vigilant. Every prop must be in the right place, and every sound must be perfect. Everyone must work together in order for the show to soar.

Theatre is good for the whole community. It provides inexpensive entertainment for a large number of people and like any good form of entertainment, takes the audience into a different world. I remember on closing night there was a completely packed audience. The box office was beginning to offer standing space simply because the auditorium was filled. Everything went perfectly. Our Cappies critics think so too. We even got a review in the Washington Post. I would urge everyone to try theatre at some point, or at least attend more shows.

**Ethan Ladd**  
Alexandria

## Decision Now Rests with Council

To the Editor:

If there was ever an occasion to disband a City Commission and reappoint a new one, it occurred last Thursday, after the Planning Commission's consideration of the Robinson Terminal South development. Regrettably, the decision to approve the plan was unanimous, with Stewart Dunn proposing the motion for approval.

For six hours, the Planning Commission, the city staff, and EYA's parade of experts discussed mostly non-critical issues on the development in question. It was obvious that this obfuscation was a "red herring" to divert the attention from citizen concerns expressed in the public hearing about the project's overall mass, scale, and general inappropriateness within the Old and Historic District.

The fact that there was such citizen concern should have sent EYA back to the drawing board, but it has been evident that EYA and city staff have determined all along that nothing was going to deter this development from being approved.

The three monolithic, glass-walled condo buildings evoke the west end of Alexandria, or even a more mundane section of Miami Beach. Moreover, these buildings "wall off" the waterfront from any view for an entire city block. The 26 town houses in this development have extremely redundant architecture, and are evocative of the Lofts developments just opposite the Wythe Street Post Office. The Lofts are suitable for a non-historic area of Old Town, but not for the waterfront. A good example of a non-historic development that is compatible with the Old and Historic District is Harborside.

At least an hour of the public hearing was taken up by the commission and EYA discussing the social activities that can be scheduled in the development's site to include their frequency and cost per activity. This is supposed to be a part of a neighborhood adjacent to the Harborside and Waterford housing areas. The last thing those neighbors need is an increased amount of noise and commotion.

A legion of residents spoke to the cumulative effect of anticipated developments on the already overstressed parking situation. The Waterfront Plan calls for a comprehensive Transportation Management Plan be-

fore the approval of any new development, but no such plan exists. This begs the question of the legitimacy of the approval for the Carr hotel and the validity of EYA's request for reduced parking. During the hearing, Charlotte Hall (the vice president of the Potomac River Boat Company) stated that her company was not able to secure sufficient parking for her customers who were boating to the Nationals' ball game on opening day, which calls into question the claim that excess parking is available.

There are two groups independently working on aspects of the parking situation. The Old Town Area Parking Study Group is trying to address the overall problem, while the Parking Standards for New Developments Group is independently attempting to reduce parking ratios in new developments. Moreover, EYA is trying to figure out how they can get a parking reduction in its Robinson Terminal South parking garage. Parking studies for Old Town are out of sync with the current and future parking situations and far from reality. Despite all of this, one member of the Planning Commission focused on "bike share" for the site, and even stated that people would ride bikes to the new restaurant within the development, obviating the need for cars.

One of the most contentious events of the evening occurred when the BAR staff stated that economics was not a factor in allowing a no setback design on the Union Street side of the Wolfe Street condo building. However, at a previous BAR meeting, Bob Youngentob (one of the EYA principals) stated that economics was in fact the reason for having no setbacks in this situation. Either honesty, integrity and truth in our city government officials are rapidly diminishing, or their memories are failing at an alarming rate.

Hopefully the City Council will be more understanding as to the suitability (or lack thereof) of developments in the Old and Historic District. The City Council should concentrate on the most important issues at hand, which are mass, scale and architectural style of the project. The side issues of bikes replacing cars, social activities, and EYA's parking reduction request should only be considered by the City Council after the most serious concerns are addressed.

**Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet**  
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# Moving for Academic Excellence

Researchers say frequent physical activity can lead to success in school.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

Inside an elementary school classroom in Bethesda, Md., a class of third grade students is divided into small groups and given a task: to cross a desert using a limited supply of tools that often include a jump rope, a foam noodle or a scooter. The mission: devise a plan to cross the desert without touching sand.

This classroom exercise at Norwood School requires cohesive collaboration, quick analytical skills and, most of all, creative physical movement.

"This type of activity is so much more than who has the most points on the scoreboard or how to kick a football," said Jane Martens, physical education coordinator at Norwood School. "It shows the direct relationship between movement and academic success, particularly when it comes to focus. Twenty minutes is long enough for little ones to sit and focus on academics. After that they need movement to refocus their attention."

Martens and other educators and researchers cite substantial evidence that physical activity can boost academic performance, including grades and test scores. In fact, many say the recent trend of sacrificing physical education for the sake of academics is counterproductive.

"Unfortunately, with an increased focus on academic standards of learning and budget dilemmas, physical education and outdoor play have often been among the first things to be cut," said Ivy Beringer, Ph.D., assistant dean, early childhood education and substance abuse, Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "Based on research findings this appears to be counterproductive to the development of the whole child. Even when there is limited time in the daily schedule for physical activity and outdoor play, teachers can engage children in classroom activities designed to get them moving."

Experts say aerobic exercise has the greatest effect on academic performance, and elementary school students benefit most from being physically active.

"Some of the largest cognitive benefits were linked, in order of importance, with mathematical achievement, IQ and reading achievement, all critical components of the standardized testing movement," said Dominique Banville, Ph.D., director, division of health and human performance at George Mason University in Fairfax. "Physical education is the only subject in school specifically dedicated to not only make students move during class time, but also to provide them with knowledge that will allow them to be active outside of school."

"Based on the most recent research, the more active we can get students within a day, the better prepared they will be to concentrate on these math problems or that text they need to read or that essay they need to write."

The effect is physiological as exercise increases one's energy level, increasing one's capacity for cognitive activity. "Exercise increases blood flow to the brain and has been shown to increase one's ability to focus," said Beringer.

The lessons that students learn from physical education are lifelong and extend beyond an elementary school spelling test or a middle school science project.

"In addition to promoting concentration in the classroom, it gives children an opportunity to develop competence in using their growing bodies," said Christine Pegoraro Schull, Ph.D., professor, early childhood education, Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "Everyone needs to learn how to run, stretch, climb, be agile and use rules in a group. In a fundamental way, it teaches children to not be sedentary."

Parental involvement is critical, say educators, particularly in schools where physical education is limited. For example, parents can suggest ideas for brief movement activities that are interspersed with academics, volunteer to lead such activities or form focus groups to brainstorm ideas to increase movement.

"Movement is so important that parents need to be more vocal about it," said Martens. "Parents need to be informed about what they're losing when they take away physical activity and movement."

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## ONGOING

**Art Show.** Through May 3 at Cove, 805 King St., Alexandria. Cove will partner with ArtSee to open the doors of their Alexandria location for a reception featuring the work of Alexandria artist, Pete McCutchen. The work on display shares McCutchen's "Geometrics" series. Visit cove.is for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Sunday, May 3 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Two new exhibits will be on display at the Multiple Exposures Gallery by artists Susan Meyers and Colleen Henderson. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

**"The Latin Beat."** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. The Potomac Fiber Art Gallery will display an exhibition of Central and South American jewelry, sculpture, clothing and wall pieces. Free. See www.torpedofactory.org.

**Nine Paintings from John Chapman.** Through May 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Nine unique paintings by the Virginia born artist John Gadsby Chapman (1808-1889) illustrating landscape scenes important to George Washington's biography are on view. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

**"Paws 'N Claws for Art."** Runs through May 31 at Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans and Animal Welfare League of Alexandria teamed up to present this animal-themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofits receive a percentage of each sale. Also showing, but not for sale, will be UpCycle's Fur-Vor project community-based student-recycled dog art. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW for more.

**"Intricacies" Exhibit.** Through Sunday, May 31 at various times at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Artist-Photographer Nina Tisara unveils her "Intricacies" exhibit, a collection of mosaics. Visit www.ourconvergence.org.

**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 for more.

**Fifty Years of Collecting.** Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit

## George Washington Middle School Goes 'Into the Woods'

George Washington Middle School students will perform a 60-minute, family-friendly adaptation of the Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine musical "Into the Woods" on April 17, 18, 24, and 25 at p.m., as well as 1 p.m. on the 18th and 25th. The musical has come to popularity after being made into a film starring Anna Kendrick in 2014. The play is a humorous twist on traditional fairy-tales in which characters like Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood meet and interact. The play will take place at the school, located at 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$5. Call 571-218-0951.



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

**Second Thursday Music.** Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

**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.

**Art for Life.** Third Thursday of every month. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. Hyatt Regency Crystal City has partnered with the National Kidney Foundation for a program highlighting a different artist each month for a year.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Tiny Dancers 2015 Summer Camps.** Each session includes daily instruction in ballet, a snack, fine motor exercise through a theme-related craft and a favorite story with dress-up dance interpretation. The session culminates with a recital and reception for family and friends. Tiny Dancers is a program designed for ages 2-12, featuring a performance based ballet, tap, jazz and musical theater curriculum. The Alexandria studio is located at 621 S. Washington St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-739-0900 or visit www.tinydancers.com for more.

**Art League Spring Classes.** Registration is open for the Spring

Term of fine art classes at The Art League School. The Spring Term begins the week of April 6, with more than 200 classes and 50 workshops to choose from. Classes are available for ages 5-adult for all skill levels. Browse course catalog and register at www.theartleague.org/school/search\_browse.php.

**Art League Summer Camps.** Registration for Summer Art Camp 2015 is now open. Art Camps run Monday to Friday, June 22-Aug. 21. Camps are available for ages 5 and older, with morning, afternoon, or all day options. Subjects include: drawing, cartooning, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, fiber arts, clay animation, and Basic Art Camp (a new medium each day). \$155-\$345. Visit www.theartleague.org/content/art\_camp for more.

**Encore Chorale Summer Choral Institutes.** Encore Summer Choral Institute at Washington College in Chestertown MD runs from June 14-18 and Encore Summer Choral Institute at Chautauqua Institute in Chautauqua, NY from from Aug.30-Sept. 4. Sponsored by Encore Creativity for Older Adults, the nation's largest choral singing program for adults 55 and older, the institutes attract adult students from all over the country, at all levels of vocal experience, for a week of intensive choral music study. For information and pricing, call 301-261-5747, email info@encorecreativity.org or visit www.encorecreativity.org.

**Summer of Smiles.** The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Summer Fun Guide, is now available. Summer camps and activities are available for youth ages 2-17 and include sports, dance, creative arts, computer, chess, enrichment, nature, adventure, Out of School Time (residents only) and classic camps. The guide has an index listing camps by week offered and age group. Registration opens Wednesday, March 18 for City of Alexandria residents and Friday, March 20 for nonresidents. Interested participants may register online or in-person at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St.

The Summer Fun Guide is available for download at www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation. Free printed brochures will be available at City Hall, recreation centers, and public libraries. Call the Registration and Reservation Office at 703-746-5414.

**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 or call 703-746-4242.

**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. Drop-in for the session and bring 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 for a schedule.

## THROUGH APRIL 26

**"The Island."** Various times at MetroStage, 1201 N Royal St. The Island is set on Robben Island in South Africa where two political prisoners labor during the day and perform "Antigone" by night. Visit www.metrostage.com.

**"Art and Story."** Through April 26 at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Del Ray Artisans presents artworks illustrating the power of art and story. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW for more.

## THROUGH APRIL 25

**Art Exhibit.** The Torpedo Factory, The Associates Gallery, studio 319, 105 North Union. Ceramics artist Bev Andrews, painter Ann Noel, mixed media artist Gail Spencer Saour and fine arts photographer Jo Ann Tooley will present work for an exhibit titled "Layers." Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

## THROUGH MAY 17

**"COMPARTMENTALIZED."** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and during performances at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 5000 Dawes Ave. The exhibit, featuring Lang's assemblages of photography, digital photomontage, and found objects will be on display. Free. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com.

## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 16-19

**Spring Book Sale.** Members preview on Thursday, 4-8:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Books are \$3 or less unless specifically marked. Find hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books, and audio-visual items. All genres. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

## APRIL 16-MAY 31

**Art Exhibit.** Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. "Rara Avis" is an exhibition of bird-centric works of Beverly Ress, Langley Spurlock and Martin Tarrat in the Athenaeum Gallery. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 16

**Book Signing.** 7:30 p.m. at Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Author Mary Kay Andrews will meet fans and sign copies of her books. Free. Visit



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## FRIDAY/APRIL 17

**Principle Gallery Reception.** 6:30-9 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. The Gallery will celebrate the opening of the “Tempo & Pause” exhibit with artists Valerio D’Ospina and Greg Gandy. Free. Visit [www.principlegallery.com](http://www.principlegallery.com).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 17-18

**“Into The Woods Junior.”** 7 p.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Middle School students take on the Stephen Sondheim Musical with adaptations for a younger audience and actors. \$5. Call 571-218-0951.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 18

**Garden Tour Marketplace.** 10 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Tour the galleries and garden and shop the marketplace where 12 vendors will be selling clothing, plants, and gardening tools. Free to attend. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Tea Tasting.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Attendees will learn about and taste several types of Chinese Pu-Erh tea. Tickets are \$25. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**Paw Impressions.** 1-3 p.m. at Unleashed by Petco, 283 South Van Dorn St. Make an impressions of your pet’s paw on clay. Free. Visit [www.unleashedby.petco.com](http://www.unleashedby.petco.com).

**Exhibit Reception.** 3-5 p.m. at The Target Gallery, 105 North Union St. Eunsook Lee will discuss her exhibit of blacklight threads sealed and laminated alongside images and

other materials. Free.

[www.torpedofactory.com](http://www.torpedofactory.com).

**“COMPARTMENTALIZED” Opening Reception.** 6-8 p.m. at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 5000 Dawes Ave. Attend the opening reception for Zofie Lang’s “Compartmentalized Exhibit.” Free. Visit [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com).

**Country-Western Dance.** 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a benefit dance to raise funds for the Fisher House Foundation. Admission is \$20. See [www.nvcda.org](http://www.nvcda.org).

**Collective Delusion.** 9:30 p.m. at John Strongbow’s Tavern, 710 King St. Local band plays rock songs from ’70s-present. Admission is free. Visit [www.collectivedelusion.net](http://www.collectivedelusion.net).

## APRIL 18-MAY 31

**Eunsook Lee: “Dispersed Family.”** Gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 North Union St. Eunsook Lee’s exhibit of black light threads sealed and laminated alongside images and other materials will be on display. Admission is free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.com](http://www.torpedofactory.com).

## SUNDAY/APRIL 19

**Alexandria Animal Hospital Open House.** 1-4 p.m. at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. This event will feature hospital tours, food, a microchipping booth and more. Free. Visit [www.vcaalexandria.com](http://www.vcaalexandria.com).

**The Beau Soir Ensemble.** 2 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St. A flute, viola and harp trio with perform. Free. Call 202-607-6000.

**Eclipse Chamber Orchestra.** 3 p.m.

## FOOD & DRINK

**Emma’s Espresso and Wine Bar** will open a location at 104 Hume Ave., at the intersection where Commonwealth and Mt. Vernon avenues meet.

**Bastille**, a new restaurant in Alexandria has opened its doors at 606 N. Fayette St. Chefs Christophe and Michelle Poteaux’s French-style menu is available from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for lunch and 5-10 p.m. for dinner daily, with weekend lunch and brunch from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Guests may also visit the bar from 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. daily, with weekday happy hour from 5-7 p.m.

**Bistrot Royal**, 1201 N. Royal St., is a new French restaurant open for lunch from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and dinner from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; for brunch from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and dinner from 4-8:30 p.m. Sundays.

**Old Town Farmers Market.** 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email [oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov](mailto:oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov).

**Del Ray Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Contact [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net) for more.

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

## MONDAY/APRIL 20

**Art of Ballroom Dance.** 7 p.m. at Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Gary Stephans teaches the art of a variety of skills. Admission is \$15. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## TUESDAY/APRIL 21

**Honoring the Past.** 12:45 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Join the Director of the Alexandria Black History Museum as she takes you through the 20-year process from rediscovering to reopening and remembering this part of Alexandria’s story. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov)

for more.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 23

**“Coming Back to the Hoop.”** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. The Alexandria Film Festival hosts a screening of “Coming Back to the Hoop” about a woman who returns to competitive basketball after a 40 year hiatus. Free. Visit [www.alexandriafilmm.org](http://www.alexandriafilmm.org).

**“The Mad Wooing.”** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Celebrate Shakespeare’s birthday with a staged reading of Kimberley Lynne’s new play, “The Mad Wooing.” Admission is \$15. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Alexandria Sesquicentennial Lecture.** 7:30 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Stephen Smith will present a lecture on varied perspectives on Abraham Lincoln’s life. Free. Visit [www.alexandria.gov/historic](http://www.alexandria.gov/historic).

## APRIL 23-MAY 2

**“The Addams Family.”** Various times at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. West Potomac will present their production of the popular Addams Family franchise. Tickets are \$10-35. Visit [www.westpotomactheatre.org](http://www.westpotomactheatre.org).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 24

**Family Fun Night.** 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Bring the whole family to Family Fun Nights for swimming and fun for all ages on Friday evenings. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes and fun on the ‘Aqua Challenge’ floating obstacle course. Participate in

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Jo Ann Tooley's "Tracks" (left) and Julie Patrick's "Hurricane Neon" will be displayed at TAG April 26-May 3 as part of the gallery "Mosaics" exhibit.

## The Associates Gallery Reveals 'Mosaic' Exhibit

The Associates Gallery (TAG) at the Torpedo Factory is launching an exhibit featuring eleven of its members, who work in mediums as varied as drawing, ceramics and textiles. Entitled, "Mosaics" the exhibit will run April 26 - May 3. TAG is celebrating with a reception on April 26 2-4:30 p.m. Both the exhibit and reception will be held at Studio 319, 105 North Union St. Gallery Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. It is free to attend. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more information on the artists and the exhibit.

swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. \$4 per person. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/c/10280](http://www.alexandriava.gov/c/10280) for more.

**Art Product Demonstrations.** 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. at The Art League, 105 N Union St. A representative of Winsor & Newton will be giving demonstrations of watercolor and oil paints. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 24-25

**"Into The Woods Junior."** 7 p.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Middle School students take on the Stephen Sondheim Musical with adaptations for a younger audience and actors. \$5. Call 571-218-0951.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 25

**Raptor Rapture.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Belle Haven Park. See live raptors up close in celebration of Earth Day. Free. Call 703-765-5233.

**"La Fille Mal Gardee."** 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial Theater, 101

Callahan Drive. The students of the Metropolitan School of the Arts will perform their spring concert. \$10; \$7 for children 9 and younger. Visit [www.metropolitanarts.org/tickets](http://www.metropolitanarts.org/tickets).

**"Mothers, Daughters, and Special Friends."** 1 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway. A children's tour will precede an afternoon tea with a program on colonial living. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$15 for children under 12. Contact Helen Parker at 703-497-5927 or [helenandjeffp@verizon.net](mailto:helenandjeffp@verizon.net).

**"If You Lived During Slavery."** 2 p.m. at the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Participants will experience the house from the perspective of its enslaved inhabitants, exploring the unique differences between slavery in cities and on plantations. \$7 in advance, \$10 day of. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

**Ars Nova Chamber Orchestra.** 3 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S Washington St. The orchestra will perform renditions of work by Mendelsohn, Rossini, and Dvorak. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Visit [www.ansolfconducted.org](http://www.ansolfconducted.org) for more information.

**"With Strings Attached."** 7 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S Washington St. Attend a concert of Mozart Weber, Bach & Jazz performed by Anders Lundegard, Terry Guidetti, and the Cherry Blossom String Quartet. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance. Visit [www.calssicalsaxophonist.com](http://www.calssicalsaxophonist.com).

**Live Music: Bodeans.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Honor By August opens. \$29.50. Visit [www.bodeans.com](http://www.bodeans.com), [honorbyaugust.com](http://honorbyaugust.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**"Concerts at St. Luke's."** 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Violinist Marissa Regni and organist Wes McCune will perform Bach, Franck, Handel and more. \$20, \$15 for seniors, and \$10 for students and teachers. Visit [www.saintlukeschurch.net](http://www.saintlukeschurch.net).

### APRIL 25-MAY 16

**"The Odd Couple."** Wednesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sundays. The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. The LTA presents a twist on the traditional comedy with female characters. Tickets start at \$19. Visit

[www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).

### SUNDAY/APRIL 26

**"Mosaic" Opening Reception.** 2-4:30 p.m. at The Associates Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St. Eleven artists are celebrating the launch of a group exhibit. Find more than a dozen works of art and a dozen different desserts. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.com](http://www.torpedofactory.com) for more information.

### APRIL 26-MAY 3

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### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 29

**The Robust Walkathon.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Dr. Dan Kulund will get older citizens moving with low-intensity exercises. Suggested donation, \$10. Visit

[www.seniorservicesalex.org/robust-walkathon-wednesday-april-29](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org/robust-walkathon-wednesday-april-29).

**War.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. American funk band famous for songs like "Low Rider" and "Cisco Kid" will perform. Tickets are \$55. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more information.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 30

**Poem in Your Pocket Day.** 6:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. DASHing Words in Motion contest winners will recite their poems. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Witness to War & Reunion.** 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St., Alexandria. This spring lecture series looks at the end of the Civil War, and its aftermath. "Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-1867," by Leslie Rowland, University of Maryland. \$5. Seating is limited, make reservations in person, at [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4994.

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## FRIDAY/MAY 1

**Opening Reception.** 7-9 p.m. at DelRay Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. During the “MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media” reception, curators Karen Schmitz (Del Ray Artisans) and Judy Gula (Artistic Artifacts) will give several awards for MIX masterpieces and award prizes for best dressed guests in “MIX & Do Not Match” attire. Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).

**Art on the Rocks.** 7-10 p.m. at The Art League, Inc, 105 N. Union St. Local mixologists with create cocktails and appetizers based on a piece of art. Tickets are \$45-55. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 1-2

**“The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.”** 7 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Mount Vernon High School presents musical comedy of six students vying for a spelling championship. Tickets are \$5-10. Visit [www.mvhstheatrearts.com](http://www.mvhstheatrearts.com).

## SATURDAY/MAY 2

**Pohick Church Tours.** 1-3 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway. During the colonial period, Pohick Church was the congregation of many of the area’s most prominent families, including the Washingtons, Masons and Fairfaxes. Free. Visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org).

**“Secrets of the Paper Garden.”** 2-5 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. Learn how to make flowers out of Italian papers. \$35 for members, \$45 for nonmembers, plus a \$15 supplies fee. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).

**Joan & Joni Tribute.** 7 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Allison Shapira & Kipyn Martin with Adrianna Naomi will perform a tribute to folk singers Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 2-3

**Revolutionary War Encampment.** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mt Vernon. View reenactments, attend lectures, and learn more about military techniques from the time of the Revolutionary War. Admission is included in the cost of a general admission ticket. Adult tickets are \$17, youth tickets 6-11 are \$9, children younger than 6 are free and senior tickets are \$16. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

## SUNDAY/MAY 3

**Titan Expo.** 1-4 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The Titan Expo is a community event featuring carnival games, inflatables, bake sale, bingo, car bash, large used book sale, and music by local musicians. Free. Call 703-824-6800 for more.

**Gallery Talk.** 3 p.m. at Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Artist Beverly Ress discusses her work. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**New Dominion Chorale.** 4 p.m. at Rachel M.Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. New Dominion Chorale will present a program of Gilbert and Sullivan and Classic Musical Theater to close its 24th season. General admission is \$30, \$25 for seniors; \$5

students and children; \$20 for groups of 10 or more. Visit [www.newdominion.org](http://www.newdominion.org).

## THURSDAY/MAY 7

**“Mini-MIX-Art Make & Take”** Workshop. 6-9 p.m. at DelRay Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts, a local arts and crafts store, will offer workshops and classes for anyone interested in mixed media. Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).

## SATURDAY/MAY 9

**The Honey Dewdrops, with Buzz Peele.** 7 p.m. at Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane. Folk singers Laura Wortman and Kagey Parrish will perform alongside Buzz Peele. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Visit [www.focumusic.org](http://www.focumusic.org).

**Spring Concert.** 8 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N Quaker Lane. Visit [www.alexandriachoralsociety.org](http://www.alexandriachoralsociety.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/MAY 10

**Mother’s Day Tea.** 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. Lounge at the Magnolia Terrace with catered food and learn the “Language of the Fan.” Tickets are \$30. Visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org).

## MONDAY/MAY 11

**Community Barbeque Bash.** 6-8:30 p.m. at The Waterfront Market & Cafe, 7 King St. ACT for Alexandria is hosting a barbeque. Tickets start are \$35 for children, \$50 for adults. Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/community-barbeque-bash-tickets-15734049967](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-barbeque-bash-tickets-15734049967).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 13

**“Fascinating Birds.”** 7:30 p.m. at The Norma Hoffman Visitor’s Center at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. William Young will give a presentation on the connections between birds and other fields like biology, ecology and literature. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks) for more.

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**Spring Wine Festival.** 6-9 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Mount Vernon’s Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by “George and Martha Washington,” and live jazz on the east lawn overlooking the Potomac River. On Friday admission is \$40, \$46 on Saturday and \$36 on Sunday. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

## TUESDAY/MAY 12

**Annual Excellence in Aging Awards.** 6 p.m. at Vola Lawson Hall, 301 King St. Individuals will be recognized based on outstanding service to senior citizens in Alexandria. Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/aging](http://www.alexandriava.gov/aging),

## SATURDAY/MAY 16

**Sugar House Adoption Day.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 111 N. Alfred St. Washington Humane Society is teaming up with Sugar House Day Spa for an outdoor adoption day event featuring food and prizes. Free. Visit [www.support/washhumane.org](http://www.support/washhumane.org).

**Trace Monotype Workshop.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans,

Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artist Katherine Rand will teach the basics of a printmaking technique that transforms line drawings into prints with textural effects. \$35 for members, \$45 for nonmembers. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org/](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/) monotype to learn more about the class.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 20

**“Zip Through a Tight Space.”** 7 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center 3001 N. Beauregard St. The Jane Franklin Dance Company presents “Zip Through a Tight Space.” VIP tickets are \$100. General admission is \$40-80. See [www.janefranklin.com](http://www.janefranklin.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/MAY 21

**Witness to War & Reunion.** 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St., Alexandria. This spring lecture series looks at the end of the Civil War, and its aftermath. “The Art of Memorializing the Civil War,” by Susan Cumbe, Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site. \$5. Seating is limited, make reservations in person, at [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4994.

## FRIDAY/MAY 22

**Family Fun Night.** 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Bring the whole family to Family Fun Nights for swimming and fun for all ages on Friday evenings. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes and fun on the ‘Aqua Challenge’ floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. \$4 per person. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/c/10280](http://www.alexandriava.gov/c/10280) for more.

## SATURDAY/MAY 30

**Orchestra.** 7 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents “Symphonic Tap” with Capitol Tap. Visit [www.sonovamusic.org](http://www.sonovamusic.org) for more.

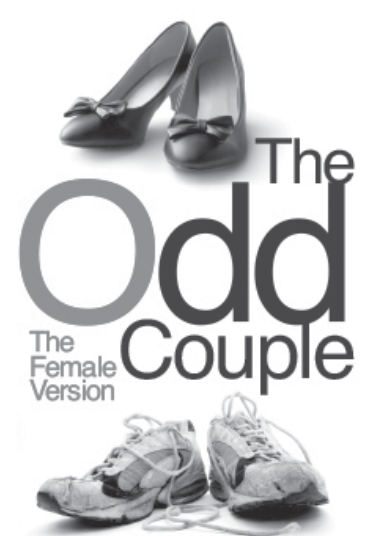
**“Broadway Goes Choral!”** 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Lane. The Symphonic Chorus, Master Singers, Concert Choir, and soloists, will perform alongside a symphony orchestra. Find works from shows by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe, Stephen Sondheim, and more. Tickets are \$10-40. Visit [www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org](http://www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org) for more.

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**Pohick Church Tours.** 1-3 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway. During the colonial period, Pohick Church was the congregation of many of the area’s most prominent families, including the Washingtons, Masons and Fairfaxes. Free. Visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 11

**Witness to War & Reunion.** 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St., Alexandria. This spring lecture series looks at the end of the Civil War, and its aftermath. “Remembering the Civil War,” by Caroline Janney, Purdue University. \$5. Seating is limited, make reservations in person, at [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4994.



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Kayla Duperrouzel and the Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team lost to McDonogh on April 11.



Bishop Ireton's Kelly Larkin scored two goals against McDonogh on April 11.

## Bishop Ireton Girls' Lax Throttled by Top-Ranked McDonogh

**Cardinals suffer first loss, remain focused on championships.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team is still considered one of the best in the nation and the Cardinals' goals remain intact.

But on Saturday afternoon in Owings Mills, Md., the defending WCAC and VISAA state champions were reminded that they can still end up on the wrong end of a blow-out.

In a matchup of the top two teams in the Nike/Lacrosse Magazine national rankings, the No. 1 McDonogh Eagles throttled No. 2 Bishop Ireton 14-4 on April 11.

A goal by Ireton's Kelly Larkin tied the score at 1-all with 19:27 remaining in the first half. But McDonogh scored 10 of the next 11 goals to take a commanding 11-2 lead early in the second half.

The Cardinals finished with as many yellow cards as goals (4).

"McDonogh is a machine," said Ireton senior and University of North Carolina signee Charlotte Sofield, the 2014 WCAC Player of the Year. "They have an awesome starting 12, their next 12 is just as good and they keep coming at you. We want to strive to do that and that's what we're looking for. It was good seeing that in action, but it also gives us a goal. That's what we want to be."

After falling behind 11-2, the Cardinals showed signs of life with back-to-back goals by Sofield and Larkin, cutting the deficit to 11-4 with 19:51 remaining. McDonogh responded by scoring the final three goals of the game.

Kayla Marshall scored a first-half goal for Ireton.

"We have a lot to work on," senior Kelly



Bishop Ireton senior Kelly Mathews (14) reaches for the ball against McDonogh on April 11 in Owings Mills, Md.

Mathews said. "They're a good team. We lost to a good team, we know that. We're not going to get defeated about it because we know what we're capable of and we know we didn't play our best lacrosse game today and our best lacrosse beats a lot of really good teams."

"We have to put it together and play our best game every game."

Ireton entered the contest with an 8-0 record, including wins over nationally-ranked opponents Georgetown Visitation and Roland Park Country. The Cardinals were ranked No. 3 by USATODAY and hadn't lost since April 25, 2014. But Ireton

struggled at both ends of the field against McDonogh, ranked No. 1 by USATODAY, and finished the game down a player after receiving its fourth yellow card.

"As a defensive team, we like to play an aggressive style," Ireton head coach Rick Sofield said. "We like to go out and we like to challenge people. We want to be disruptive. That's our motto on defense: We want to be disruptive and we want to dictate the tempo. In this game, we were getting called for too many fouls and we didn't adjust our game and we need to be better about that."

Despite the lopsided loss, the Cardinals remain focused on their goal of winning "six

games in May." Ireton needs to win three WCAC tournament games to repeat as champion and three state tournament games to win its second consecutive VISAA title.

When asked if the team's confidence could be affected by Saturday's defeat, Rick Sofield said "absolutely not," and referenced a rough patch last season, when the Cardinals suffered four losses in a seven-game stretch.

"This is a mature group of girls," he said. "Last year, we had a bump in the middle of the season. We lost four out of [seven] games, including a 10-goal blowout to a team, Brighton, from upstate New York, who is very good. We've been through this situation before."

"I told the girls: Our schedule, it's like the NFL — you're not going to go undefeated and win the Super Bowl. You're going to lose some games along the way. If we play our best game today, we can compete better than we did. We didn't play our best game today, we got thumped. We've got to brush it off and get ready for the playoffs. That's what this is about. It's like an NFL season."

Ireton will travel to face Elizabeth Seton (Bladensburg, Md.) at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 16. The Cardinals will travel to Georgia to face Milton High School on April 18. Milton is ranked No. 10 in the Nike/Lacrosse Magazine poll. On April 11, Milton defeated Georgetown Visitation 14-12 in overtime and lost to St. Stephen's & St. Agnes 13-12 in overtime.

Visitation is tied for 18th in the Nike/Lacrosse Magazine rankings and St. Stephen's & St. Agnes is No. 4.

"It's great if we could beat McDonogh," Charlotte Sofield said. "That would be awesome. But the main thing is our six games in May and that's what we want. We want the WCAC championships and we want state championships. That's our end goal. That's what is at the end of the yellow brick road and this is just a stop along the way."



## SPORTS

# Titan Girls Sweep Regatta

**TC boats win every race, retain Ward Wallace Cup**

**T**he T.C. Williams girls' crew team put in a virtuoso performance, winning every race in which they participated, in the Noxontown No. 3 Regatta in Middletown, Del., on April 11.

Winning boats included the girls' first 8, the girls' second 8, the girls' lightweight 8, the girls' freshman 8, the girls' third 8, and the girls' fifth 8. The TC boys spent their Saturday competing in a scrimmage against Westfield and Washington-Lee High School in Bull Run.

The Titan girls faced tough competition at the Noxontown No. 3 Regatta, which hosts some of the best boats on the East Coast. While the TC team finally saw some sunshine after two weeks of poor weather, high winds continued to be a factor for many of the races.

The TC girls' varsity first 8 powered down the 1,500-meter course, beating a field of tough competitors, including Merion Mercy, National Cathedral School, St. Andrew's School and Yorktown. Its time was 5:14.8, nearly 5 seconds ahead of Merion Mercy.

With this win, TC captured the Ward Wallace Cup, a trophy for the annual race between T.C. Williams and St. Andrew's. The first 8 boat includes Brooke Teferra (coxswain), Maria Justiano, Claire Embrey, Katie Murphy, Reed Kenney, Amelia Bender, Maura Nakahata, Maeve Bradley and Kyra McClary. It is coached by Jaime Rubini.

The girls' freshman 8 emerged victorious for the third week in a row, sprinting down the course in 5:55.6. Members of the boat include Camila Cardwell (coxswain), Hope Parsons, Grace Vannatta, Madeline Gyllenhoff, Grace Hogan, Emma Carroll, Tess Moran, Cleo Lewis, and Rachel Sedehi. Titan head girls' coach Patrick Marquardt guides the freshman 8.

The girls' lightweight 8 pulled out a last-minute victory over Merion Mercy, a school that has been a top contender nationally in the lightweight category for several years, with a time of 5:35.4. This is the second major victory for the TC boat in two weeks, as it beat the boat from three-time national champion Holy Spirit last week. Members of the TC lightweight boat include Elizabeth Roda (cox), Rachael Vannatta, Olivia Anthony, Sierra Arnold, Abby Prall, Sarah Scroggs, Caroline Hill, Emily De-Bodene, and LeeAnn Richards. The lightweight 8 is guided by coach Jaime Rubini.

The Titan second 8 also put in a strong performance, winning its race in 5:42.0.



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**The T.C. Williams girls' first 8 sprints down the course, capturing first place and retaining the Ward Wallace Cup, a trophy for the annual race between T.C. Williams and St. Andrew's.**

Members of the second 8 include Paige St. John (coxswain), Anissa Ashraf, Giulia Pastore, Lynn Stevens, Lily Warden, Hannah Posson, Alyssa Forbes, Lauren Kelly, and Harper Jensen. The coach for the second 8 is Gracie Barbara.

The girls' third 8 showed the talent and depth of the TC team, beating nearest competitor St. Andrew's by 10 seconds, with a time of 6:07.6. Members of the Third 8 include Vanessa Hernandez (coxswain), Priya Vohra, Ella Benbow, Fatima Chavez, Isabel Montenegro, Charlotte Carey, Jessica Mellon, Tori Cook, and Cecilia Fernandez. Their coach is Gracie Barbara.

The girls' fifth 8 clinched a clean sweep for T.C. Williams by winning its race in 6:16.1. Members of the fifth 8 include Anne Williams (cox), Brittany Boggan, Catherine Mellette, Osiris Vargas, Jay Falk, Dilma Mejia, Emma Goeas, Lila Greiner, and Chelsea Guevara. Matt Given coaches the boat.

In reporting the results of the race, St. Stephen's head girls' coach Wilson Everhart

said, "Congratulations to TC Williams for sweeping the 8s races today — a truly impressive performance."


Competing in Bull Run, the T.C. Williams boys' crew team had a strong and productive scrimmage against Westfield and Washington-Lee. The scrimmage, which consisted of two-three 1500m pieces for each boat, was held at Westfield's Bull Run facility. The TC boys rowed a lightweight 8, varsity 4, freshman 8, and two novice 8s against different combinations of Westfield and Washington-Lee crews. The race pieces were organized to foster close and competitive racing and tight finishes, which is just how they played out.

The morning was sunny, cool and windy, which made for some bumpy conditions similar to the rest of the spring.


The Titan oarsmen and oarswomen will bring the competition to Virginia next weekend, competing at the Smokey Jacobs regatta in Occoquan. This race should serve as a good indicator of the team's prospects at the upcoming state championships.

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**MacArthur Elementary School students drop food off at the Carpenter's Shelter. From left are Luke Emory, Ronaldo Diaz-Paz (student), Jimmy Ralis (student), Bryce Gaines (student), Catherine Grothus and Alex Evans.**



**Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy students delivered meals on wheels to Alexandria's house-bound elderly. Above are adults Vanesa Holderness and Dereje Tesfaye, and children Easy and Caleb Tesfaye, Brandon Source and Charlie Kasiah.**

## Honoring King through Service

**S**taff and students from two Alexandria City public schools gave up their time on Jan. 19 to give back to their communities in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy delivered meals on wheels to Alexandria's house-bound elderly, while MacArthur Elementary School students took part in a food drive, delivering two full car loads to the Carpenter's shelter by the end of the morning.

Lyles-Crouch guidance counselor Vanesa Holderness said that while the Meals on Wheels Ser-

vice usually operates on weekdays, they count on volunteers to deliver meals on official holidays. More than 36 students and 25 parents turned out to help deliver more than 80 meals city-wide.

At MacArthur, 50 students and their family members greeted members of the MacArthur community as they pulled up to the curb outside the school on Janney's Lane to drop off food and toiletry donations. Later that day a small group of students helped transport the donations in two car-loads filled to the brim to the Carpenter's Shelter.



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**Annie B. Rose House Senior Support Specialist Michele LeFrancois talks with resident Frances Vidal after all the 250 emergency go-kit backpacks are filled.**

## Intergenerational Volunteering

**T**he community room at the Annie B. Rose House was a buzz of activity as students from Burgundy Farm Country Day School joined senior residents to assemble emergency go-kits in January. The volunteers assembled 250 emergency go-kits for the Volunteer Alexandria

Emergency Preparedness Project. Each kit contains a medical record card to be filled in by the recipient, a flashlight, body and hand warmers, a blanket and hand sanitizer. The items were placed in bright orange backpacks and were distributed to residents in the Cora Kelly neighborhood.



**Frances Vidal and Sunny Katz tie the notecards to the completed backpack kits.**



**Student and senior volunteers write out cards for each of the emergency go-kits at the Annie B. Rose House. The cards said: \*Be Informed \*Make a Plan \*Build a Kit and \*Get Involved.**



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## Replenishing Food Pantry

**The students of Grace Episcopal School in Alexandria helped feed those in need and the hungry in Alexandria by creating a gigantic, canned and boxed-food "Bountiful Basket" bunny on March 31. Measuring 28 feet by 34 feet this bunny-shaped structure was made of boxed and canned foods donated by the students and their families. More than 175 cans, jars and boxes of food were used in the construction of the bunny. All of the food was donated to the Grace Episcopal Church Food Pantry, which works in conjunction with the Alexandria Department of Human Services to feed Alexandria families in need.**



## PEOPLE

# Gala Committee Represents 235 Years of Commitment

**T**he 2015 Gala Committee brings 235 years of experience to the task of planning and hosting the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's (SFA) 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala on April 25.

Of the 35 members, 10 have a decade of service with two of them, Loti Dunn and Gila Harris, each serving more than 25 years on the Gala Committee. Since the inaugural gala 29 years ago, holding the SFA's single biggest fundraiser has required a legion of volunteers.

Gala Co-chair Kristi Komai shares her motivation for being part of the committee: "The Gala is a winning event because you win if you like a great party, you win if you believe in giving someone deserving a life changing opportunity, you win if you're the recipient of a scholarship and we all win when our community has

members who are furthering their education."

Located inside T.C. Williams High School, the SFA conducts a college and financial aid advising program as well as administering and raising funds for the nearly \$1 million awarded annually in scholarships to ACPS graduates. One-third of the total dollar amount for scholarships is attributable to this event.

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual SFA Gala, A Splendid Fabulous Affair, is Saturday, April 25, 6 p.m. to midnight at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. To buy tickets, visit [501auctions.com/SFA](http://501auctions.com/SFA).

For more information, contact the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's Executive Director, Beth Lovain at [beth.lovain@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:beth.lovain@acps.k12.va.us) or the Scholarship Fund office at 703-824-6730, or visit [www.AlexScholarshipFund.org](http://www.AlexScholarshipFund.org).



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**2015 SFA Gala Committee, partial group:** Seated, from left, Cindy Anderson, Jane Manstorf, Albie Dickson, Brooksie Koopman, Angela Gannon, Co-Chair Kristi Komai, Kathy Conrad, Co-Chair Laura Cassidy, Jean Kelleher. Standing: Clare Jayne, Sarah Gajewski, Stephanie Clayton, Rosie Wiedemer, Gila Harris, Amy Jackson, Shannon Watson and Alesia Frerichs.



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## New Animal Hospital Opens

Dr. Dana Carr (left) and Dr. Adrienne Hergen, pictured with pups Lola and Widgit, are the veterinarians at the newly opened Shirlington Animal Hospital located near the Shirlington Dog Park. The hospital is partnered with Lucky Dog Animal Rescue and offers discounted services to its foster dogs and free first time exams for their adopted dogs. Hergen, a native of Alexandria, also volunteers at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. For more information call 703-570-6600 or visit [shirlingtonanimalhospital.com](http://shirlingtonanimalhospital.com).

## Encouraging Reading

A life-size Cat in the Hat visited elementary schools across Alexandria City public Schools last month for Read Across America Day. The Dr. Seuss character was greeted by kindergarten, first- and second- grade students at Patrick Henry Elementary School and George Mason Elementary School. The Cat, alias ACPS chief of staff Tammy Ignacio, read "Green Eggs and Ham" out of a rocking chair to groups of children who could not stop licking their lips at the mention of the food.



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# A Rebuilding Block Party

BY KATHARINE DIXON  
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Spring is here so it's time to start having some block parties. That's what we plan on doing during National Rebuilding Day on April 25 when 10,000 volunteers nationwide will be sprucing up homes and communities.

On this national day of service, more than 800 Rebuilding Together Alexandria volunteers will spread out around the city and help neighbors with repairs and upgrades to their homes. The work is fun but also important as more low-income homeowners struggle to maintain their homes. It's also an important way we as neighbors can help each other while revitalizing our community.

This year, we are also taking on a whole block with 100 Booz Allen employees. They will be working on 10-12 homes all on one street by fixing fences, installing doors and windows, repairing bathrooms, clearing yards, installing cabinets and grab bars and more — all at no charge for homeowners in need. Reconnecting neighbors and helping these homeowners feel proud of their block will have a profound, lasting effect on the whole neighborhood.

After all, blocks are fundamental to the health of a community because it's here that people know each other's names and look out for each other. In our city of 151,000,

these are diverse blocks often with families and individuals of mixed-income and ages. Some are grandparents, parents with young children, veterans, and some are native to Alexandria and others hail from foreign lands.

With a variety of neighbors of varying backgrounds, some have different means and many older long-time homeowners can't afford to move but have difficulty affording to stay as well. Helping these homeowners remain in their homes is important to strengthening our community and preserving affordable housing.

Just ask Margaret\*, a widowed, long-time city resident and pillar in the community. Margaret is retired, but remains active. She lives in the house she grew up in, moving in to care for her own aging parents who have since passed. Now this great grandmother occasionally needs a little help too. As she and the house aged, the upkeep became more than she could do or afford. With the help of Rebuilding Together Alexandria volunteers, who painted, put in a new microwave and fan, did yard work, and installed safety rails in the bathroom, her home is a safer and healthier place to live, so she can continue living on the block she loves among the neighbors she adores.

If you know of any homeowners who could use help on their block, contact us at [RebuildingTogetherAlex.org](http://RebuildingTogetherAlex.org) or call 703-836-1021.

*\* It is RebuildingTogether Alexandria's organizational policy to not disclose full names of clients.*

## News

# Spring2ACTion

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balance between how much they can take on."

Luisa Reyes, who's been a mentor a Wright to Read for three years, said said she's seen students call their mentors to say that the student is getting ready to graduate from high school or just got into college, and that often these students credit help from mentors with making that possible.

Nida says their goal with funds raised in Spring2ACTion is to be able to get parents more involved.

"If you invite a family out to dinner, it raises the price, but we want parents to be involved," said Nida.

Nida also said Wright to Read has been developing a pilot program to help students access laptops and learn computer based reading and writing skills.

For a list of participating businesses and nonprofits visit [spring2action.razoo.com/](http://spring2action.razoo.com/).

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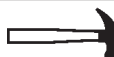
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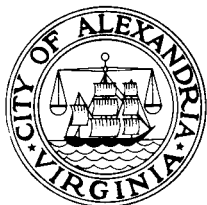
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.  
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AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2015.  
The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2015.  
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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property located at 511, 513 and 515 Oronoco Street to construct and maintain an encroachment for window wells, stoops, bay windows and roofline architectural elements along Oronoco Street and Pitt Street at that location as part of the project known as the redevelopment of the City of Alexandria Health Department approved by the City Council as DSUP 2013-0006 on February 22, 2014. The proposed ordinance permits the new construction approved with the redevelopment of the City of Alexandria Health Department located at 511, 513 and 515 Oronoco Street to include stoops, bay windows, window wells and roofline architectural features to encroachment into the right-of-way as shown in the approved DSUP 2013-0016 approved by the City Council on February 22, 2014.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 052.02 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 2805, 2807, 2807A and 2809 King Street from, R-8/Single Family Zone to RB/Townhouse Zone with Proffers in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council on February 21, 2015 as Rezoning No. 2014-0009 (Implementation Ordinance for the map amendment related to the Alexandria Memory Care Project) The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2014-0009 to rezone the property at 2805, 2807, 2807A and 2809 King Street from R-8/Townhouse Zone with proffer related to the Alexandria Memory Care Project.  
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AN ORDINANCE to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way known as West Uhler Avenue immediately adjacent to 2500 Sanford Street. (VAC No. 2014-0005 approved by the City Council on January 15, 2015) The proposed ordinance vacates the portion of West Uhler Avenue located immediately adjacent to 2500 Sanford Street.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment to Map #11 of the Old Town North chapter of such master plan heretofore approved by City Council on February 21, 2015 as Master Plan Amendment No. 2014-0010 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (513 North Washington Street, The Mill) The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2014-0010 to amend the land use map (Map #11) in the Old Town North Small Area Plan for 513 North Washington Street from RM/Residential Medium to OC/Office Commercial approved by the City Council on February 21, 2015.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 064.02 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 513 North Washington Street from, RM/Townhouse Zone with proffers to OC/Office Commercial Zone with proffers and 515 North Washington from OC/Office Commercial Zone with proffers to OC/Office Commercial Zone with amended proffers in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by City Council on February 21, 2015 as Rezoning No. 2014-0010.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2014-0010 to rezone the property at 513 North Washington Street from RM/Townhouse Zone with proffers to OC/Office Commercial Zone with proffers and 515 North Washington Street from OC/Office Commercial Zone with amended proffers for the project known as The Mill.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-1300 (UT/Utilities and Transportation) of Article IV (Office, Commercial and Industrial Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by City Council on March 14, 2015 as Text Amendment No. 2015-0001 regarding substations in the UT Zone. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2015-0001 to require a special use permit for substations 10,000 s.f. and larger and to address substations that become non-complying as a result of this change approved by City Council on March 14, 2015.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 051.02 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 1101 Janney's Lane from R-12/Single Family Zone to R-8/Single Family Zone and POS/Public Open Space Zone and a portion of the property at 1099 Francis Hammond Parkway from POS/Public Open Space to R-8/Single Family Zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by City Council on March 14, 2015 as Rezoning No. 2014-0014 for the Douglas MacArthur School. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning NO. 2014-0014 to rezone the property at 1101 Janney's Lane from R-12/Single Family Zone to R-8/Single Family Zone and POS/Public Open Space Zone and a portion of the property at 1099 Francis Hammond Parkway from POS/Public Open Space to R-8/Single Family Zone for the Douglas MacArthur School project.  
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 075.03 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and District Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 200 Strand Street (Lot 600 of Subdivision dated November 12, 2014 recorded in the Land Records for the City of Alexandria as Instrument #140046494) from W-1/Waterfront Mixed Use Zone to WPR/Waterfront Parks and Recreation Zone with proffer in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by City Council on March 14, 2015 as Rezoning No. 2014-0006 for the Old Dominion Boat Club Clubhouse project. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2014-0006 to rezone the property at 200 Strand Street (Lot 600 of Subdivision dated November 12, 2014 recorded in the Land Records for the City of Alexandria as Instrument #140046494) from W-1/Waterfront Mixed Use Zone to WPR/Waterfront Parks and Recreation Zone with proffer.  
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AN ORDINANCE to list and designate the Charles M. Goodman House, located at 510 North Quaker Lane, for preservation and protection in accordance with the provisions of Section 10-300 (Preservation of Certain Buildings and Structures over 100 Years Old Outside the Old and Historic Alexandria District and the Parker-Gray District) of Article X (Historic Districts and Buildings) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, and to provide for the listing of this ordinance in Section 10-315 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2014-0012 and Text Amendment No. 2014-0009 to designate the Charles M. Goodman House, located at 510 North Quaker Lane, for preservation and protection as a 100 year old building in accordance with the provisions of Section 10-300 of the Zoning Ordinance and to list this ordinance in the list of 100 year old building designations in the Zoning Ordinance.  
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PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and FY 2016 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development for Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development (HUD).  
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THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

OBITUARY

Robert "Boe" McCleary (Age 62)

Of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer. Brother of Pat and Paul McCleary, and the late Tim and Mike McCleary. Boe will be remembered for his love of hunting, fishing and racing. Services private.

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Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless is proposing to replace antennas of their existing wireless telecommunications facility at the height of 80 feet on the roof of an existing building located at 520 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Geo-Technology Associates, Inc., ATTN: Kirti Rajpurohit, NEPA Specialist, 43760 Trade Center Place, Suite 110, Sterling, Virginia, 20166 or submitted by telephone to Ms. Rajpurohit at (703) 478-0055.

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**ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NUMBER 15-03-10**  
The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking applications for Administered Commonwealth of Virginia Preschool Initiative Programs (VPI). There is a non-mandatory pre-application conference being held on April 21, 2015 at 10:00 AM, at the Alexandria City Public Schools Central Office, located at 1340 Braddock Place, in Conference Room 620-1, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Sealed Applications with the notation RFQ# 15-03-10 Virginia Preschool Initiative Programs, will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, April 30, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Responses appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFQ documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8043, or by downloading the RFQ from the ACPS website at [www.acps.k12.va.us](http://www.acps.k12.va.us), Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services – Current Bids and Request for Proposals. All questions must be submitted before 2:00 p.m., on April 24, 2015. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site. No RFQ may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP. ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFQ and/or reject any or all applications and to waive any informalities in any response. Sharon T. Lewis CPM, CPPB, VCO Director of Procurement & General Services

OBITUARY



**Thomas Arthur Anstrom**, of Washington, DC, passed away suddenly on April 8, 2015 at the age of 33. His cause of death was a heart incident related to a long-standing heart condition. Tom was born at GWU Hospital on May 9, 1981 and grew up in Alexandria, Virginia. He attended Burgundy Farm Country Day School in Alexandria and Edmund Burke School in Washington, DC. While in high school, Tom served as a Congressional intern in the office of Majority Whip David Bonior, during which he gained an appreciation for how progressive efforts in politics could make a positive difference. He went on to Davidson College in Davidson, NC, where in 2004 he received a Bachelor's Degree in History and was selected for the Davidson in Cambridge Program. He also received a Master's Degree in Political Management from the George Washington University. Tom's political heroes were John Lewis and Paul Wellstone, and he drew from them a love for public service and social justice. He had baseball heroes as well – Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, and Lou Whitaker and Alan Trammell and any and all other Detroit Tigers. Immediately after college, Tom went to Charlotte, NC to work on the Presidential Campaign of John Kerry. He then worked in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia, which was the key to Tim Kaine's successful race for Governor. Tom then ran the successful races of Paul Fraim for Mayor of Norfolk and Paula Miller for the Virginia Senate, District 6. He also worked in the Hampton Roads area on the Kellam for Congress Congressional race and in the DC metropolitan area as an account manager for a direct mail firm serving progressive Democratic candidates. Tom then was a political analyst with The Atlas Project, where he analyzed data and wrote reports on the critical issues and details of a number of key election states. Tom loved the diversity and energy of the City of Washington. Interested in making a difference locally, Tom had just begun his first term as a Commissioner of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) C-3, Cleveland Park. Tom is survived by his parents, Decker Anstrom and Sherron Hiemstra Anstrom, his grandmother Carmel Hiemstra, his aunt and uncle Kay and Phil Singer and their children Graham Singer and Lauren Cohee (Brian, Oliver, Elliot), his uncle and aunt Michael and Barbara Hiemstra and their daughter Mariel, and his great-aunt Linda Viotti, and cousins Michelle Viotti, David Viotti (Brooke Frewing, Nate, and Paige), and Paul Viotti, Jr. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ronald and Ann Anstrom, by his aunt Kristina Anstrom, and by his grandfather Clifford Hiemstra. The family would especially like to thank Dr. Steve Shapiro – who was Tom's cardiologist from the time he was a day old until he was 30 – and Dr. Christopher Talluto and their great team from Child Cardiology Associates, as well as Dr. Joel Guiterman, Tom's internist. They would also like to thank the many friends who so enriched Tom's life and the life of his family. Tom will be remembered by all for his intelligence and humor; his love of baseball, politics, and pop culture, twitter, and other social media; his passion for social justice and human and civil rights; and most of all for his kindness, love of life, generosity, gentleness, and grace. A memorial service to celebrate Tom's life is planned for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 10, 2015 at the Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth Street, SW (Waterfront-SEU Green Line Metro stop). The family will provide suggestions at a later date on charities and organizations individuals may wish to support in Tom's honor. For additional information, please visit [www.josephgawlers.com](http://www.josephgawlers.com). Arrangements by Joseph Gawler's Sons.

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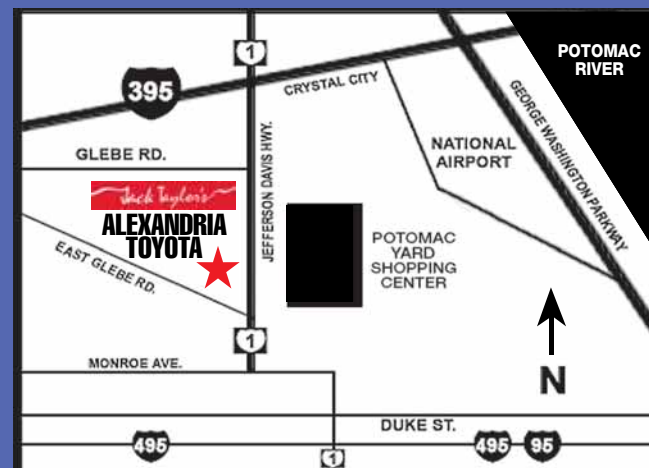


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