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**Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School students celebrated the 50th anniversary of their school at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 7.**

## Shout It Loud

**Supervisors congratulate Mount Vernon Woods on 50-year milestone.**

BY KEN MOORE  
THE GAZETTE

**M**ount Vernon Woods Elementary School students turned the Board of Supervisors auditorium into a concert hall Tuesday morning, April 7.

Students sang the school song: "Shout it loud, Mount Vernon Woods, shout it loud, Mount Vernon Woods. We are strong and we are free, Mount Vernon Woods is good for me."

The Board gave three dozen students 12 seconds of applause.

"I'm not going to apologize for my tears, I am so proud of our students, I am so proud of them," said Dr. Pamela Simpkins, principal of Mount Vernon Woods, which opened in 1966.

The Board of Supervisors recognized the school for its 50th anniversary.

"I grew up right next door to Mount Vernon Woods as a youngster," said Supervisor Jeff McKay. "I spent a lot of time in the building and on the grounds with youth sports and other things. It's been such a vital part of the community, its embedded in the community that it serves. There's more than 700 students there."

Reading a proclamation congratulating the school, its students, teachers, parents and administrators, McKay gave a history lesson, too, edu-

cating the auditorium how "the school was built on a tract of land called Muddy Hole Farm, one of five farms that made up the original Mount Vernon Estate and Woods Plantation," McKay said.

"This 50th anniversary is special and Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School is a real special school on the highway," he said.

Simpkins called her school a place "where teachers are dedicated, students are inspired to learn, and parents are engaged in their child's education."

"Our mission and vision can be encapsulated in three words," she said. "Pride, persevering, and positive: pride in ourselves, persevering in our efforts, and positive in our outlook. We have 701 students who are learning to make education their priority and phenomenal teachers who are committed to making our students positive future a reality."

A few weeks ago, McKay was at a public meeting regarding the park across the street from the school, Muddy Hole Farm Park. "We get plenty of adults that come and testify about their opinions on what they think the park should be."

But what made

the meeting special, he said, was the way the elementary students also engaged in public advocacy, drawing their own testimony of what they envisioned for the park across the street from the school.

"They are actively involved in the community and everybody was delighted to see that," said McKay. "Many of the students had it right. What they drew and wanted in the park is exactly what we are going to do."

"Thank you for this special recognition," said Simpkins.

**"I'm not going to apologize for my tears, I am so proud of our students, I am so proud of them."**

**— Dr. Pamela Simpkins,  
principal, Mount Vernon Woods**

## 'Blue Sky' Projects: Build or Renovate?

**Fairfax County Public Schools hosts Region 3 community meeting.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

**M**ount Vernon residents Cathy Hosek and Shelly Good-Cook spent their Wednesday night in the Hayfield Secondary School cafeteria, engaging in discussion about how to improve their area schools and community.

After Fairfax County Public Schools adopted its Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020 in January this year, the school system has been working to engage the community more in explaining the planning projects for addressing existing and projected facilities needs.

April 8 at Hayfield was the third of four community engagement meetings where School Board chairman Tammy Derenak Kaufax and members of county staff explained some of the facilities and

enrollment challenges and planned programs addressed in the Capital Improvement Plan for Region 3 (Edison, Hayfield, Lee, Mount Vernon and West Potomac pyramids). Mount Vernon District School Board representative Dan Storck also gave remarks at the Hayfield meeting.

According to Storck, schools in the Mount Vernon area will receive \$150 million for renovations and facilities improvements over the next four years. This meeting was meant to both explain some of the options for using that funding and hear community feedback on what projects and school programs citizens and parents feel are most important.

"The key issue is overcrowding," said Hosek. "The Mount Vernon community has been underserved."

Two primary options proposed  
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## Democrats Debate

**South County Federation hosts supervisor candidates' forum.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

**M**embers of the South County Federation civic association welcomed the four Democratic candidates to replace Gerry Hyland as Mount Vernon District supervisor for a debate during their April 14 meeting in the South County High School Library.

Karen Corbett Sanders, who's running for the Mount Vernon District School Board seat Dan Storck will vacate, said a few words about

seeking "equity and excellence" for area students prior to the debate.

In standard fashion, Storck, Planning Commission member Tim Sargeant, small business owner Candice Bennett and small business owner and Fairfax County Human Services Council appointee Jack Dobbyn each gave opening remarks, answered questions moderated by Federation president and Lorton resident Nick Firth and delivered closing comments.

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**Fort Hunt Little League held opening day ceremonies at Red Stevens Field at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 11.**



**Woodlawn Little League is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this season.**

## Opening Day

**I**t was a day to “play ball” and 1,200 boys and girls showed up in Mount Vernon to do just that. Saturday, April 11, was opening day for the Fort Hunt, Alexandria-Potomac and Woodlawn Little Leagues. Ceremonies were held all morning on fields throughout the district. The concluding ceremony for Woodlawn Little League was held at the John McNaughton Memorial Fields on Pole Road. This season Woodlawn LL is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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**The Mount Vernon High School Marine Corps JROTC presents the colors at the Woodlawn LL opening day ceremony.**

# Four Debate Issues in District Supervisor Race

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tion ranged from transportation challenge priorities and land use planning to schools funding and promotion of the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.

Firth was generally pleased with the event. “We had some candid answers and some different answers,” he said, “which you try to draw out with the questions.”

Viewpoints didn’t differ much when it came to questions of continuing to look to the Federation as a resource in land use issues (all supportive), bringing sewer to Mason Neck (all opposed), transportation priorities (all acknowledge Route 1 needs expansion and more public transportation) and increasing funding to schools (Richmond isn’t funding as much as they should be).

One of the clear differences among the candidates was in opinion of the handling of the financial challenges of the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. In particular, Dobbyn repeatedly referred to Fairfax County wasting \$30 million on bailing out the arts center while the others were more supportive of the investments that have gone into keeping it running.

In response to the question of how, as supervisor, they would continue to promote

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**South County Federation president and Lorton resident Nick Firth (right) moderates a debate among Democratic candidates for Mount Vernon supervisor: (from left) Tim Sargeant, Candice Bennett, Jack Dobbyn and Dan Storck.**

the health of the Workhouse, Dobbyn said, “I wish they had thought of that the first time.”

Bennett said it’s important to continue to “build it up” and improve communication and marketing. “We could make this an arts

destination.”

“It’s been an expensive gem,” said Storck.

Sargeant agreed marketing could be improved, along with further investment, and praised it as an effective “adaptive reuse of historic structures.”

Firth added to the Workhouse discussion: “It was previously a sinking ship, now it’s just floating. We need more community entities to come on.”

On the question of filling commercial space vacancies along Route 1 and creating more jobs in the area, Storck referenced the history, tourism and “tremendous health care infrastructure” in Mount Vernon, saying “We’re not Tysons, we’re not Reston.”

Sargeant spoke to his Planning Commission experience working on transit-oriented development and the “challenge with what we’re going to do where space is zoned for office.” Dobbyn was in favor of bringing in “young startups” to the area, rather than a larger firm like Deloitte.

Alternatively, Bennett would try to attract larger businesses to the Route 1 corridor that would have a “trickle down effect” on foot traffic other businesses need to survive. Bennett also brought up working to fight Sequestration cuts that are stifling some job growth.

The Democratic primary election is scheduled for June 9. In October, Firth said the Federation will hold an inter-party debate.

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# To Build or Renovate?

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include reopening Virginia Hills to relieve overcrowding in the Edison and West Potomac pyramids, and building a new elementary school in the Mount Vernon Woods-Riverside area off Route 1 to serve the West Potomac and Mount Vernon pyramids.

Hosek was more in favor of the new school, calling the alternative proposed renovation a "Band-Aid."

"Nobody looks at this area, why?" said Good-Cook, who lives in the Riverside Estates area and believes the schools are a major factor in retaining and attracting residents. "A lot of my neighbors leave and go to other areas. We'd rather draw people in than have them turned away."

Kaufax said the sessions are meant as a valuable brainstorming opportunity for the school system to feel the pulse of the community.

"We thought this is the right time to consider 'blue sky' project options," she said. "Maybe repurpose an existing school to make another governor's school?"

After the final community engagement meeting on April 15 at Walt Whitman Middle School, Derenak Kaufax said, staff will "synthesize" all the written comments and ideas from the four meetings and post the results on the school system's website.

For more information on the Fairfax County Public Schools Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/cip.shtml>.



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

**In a breakout session, parents and community members debated pros and cons of building a new elementary school off Route 1 to serve the West Potomac and Mount Vernon pyramids versus reopening Virginia Hills to relieve overcrowding in the Edison and West Potomac pyramids.**



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# OPINION

## Counting Homeless; Solution Is Housing

Results of the annual census of homeless show progress, persistence of the problem, and some worrying trends.

**O**n the night of Jan. 28, 2015, there were 1,204 people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax County area. Of those, 715 were people in 213 homeless families, with 431 homeless children; 347 of those children were under 12. Sixty-two percent of the adults in these homeless families are employed, but don't earn enough to avoid becoming homeless. Domestic violence was identified as the cause of homelessness for 41 percent of the people counted in homeless families. Women made up 78 percent of the adults in homeless families.

Men accounted for 77 percent of the single homeless people.

Of the single homeless people, 55 percent, 268 people, are identified as having serious mental illness; 203, or 42 percent were identified as chronically homeless.

Twenty-five percent of the single homeless individuals were employed.

Eight percent were veterans. Four percent, or 21, were former foster children.

Some troubling trends:

This year, 123 or 25 percent of the single homeless people were over 55.

This year, 52 or 11 percent of the single

homeless people were transitional adults, aged 18-24.

This year, 58 percent of homeless individuals in families and 43 percent of single homeless people counted were African American. This is disproportionate to the overall African American population of 9.7 percent.

This year marks a reduction of 21 homeless people, or approximately 2 percent reduction over the previous count in 2014. It is a decrease of 34 percent since 2008 when there were 1,835 literally homeless people counted, including 1,091 in families. The Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness credits its adoption of housing first and rapid rehousing models, heightened prevention efforts and prioritizing housing for longest and most vulnerable homeless for continuing decrease.

What's needed is more affordable housing, more housing affordable to those with very low income, more affordable housing designated for formerly homeless people with the supports they need. Without a commitment to more affordable housing, it will be impossible to continue to reduce the number of homeless people in the region.

It's critical to note that those who are literally homeless are a small part of the prob-

lem. In terms of preventing homelessness, literally thousands of families live at risk of becoming homeless in our region. Very high housing costs combined with the growth of low-wage service jobs mean that many families are one unexpected bill away from homelessness. Nonprofits in the county play a huge role in preventing homelessness by responding to crises.

As the development of the Silver Line brings a wave of new residential construction in the county, we must insist that affordable housing be a part of that growth.

— MARY KIMM

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## Mother's Day Photos

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Fairfax Won't Charge Officer

To the Editor:

This is a story of two governments handling of whether to hold police officers accountable when they have clear evidence the officer shot and killed an unarmed citizen. In Charleston, S.C., after a video showed the officer in Charleston shot his victim in the back as he was running away, that officer has been charged with murder by the state's South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and now has been fired. The officials in South Carolina acted swiftly to bring charges to hold the officer accountable, with Charleston's mayor adding "When you're wrong, you're wrong." The officer is innocent until proven guilty in a court

of law and it appears he and the people of South Carolina will get their day in court. On the surface, it seems the national media now has its best police accountability poster child example to date.

In Fairfax County, a police officer shot a man while he held his arms up in the doorway of his home. He was calmly speaking with the of-

ficers, was charged with no crime, his girlfriend had reported a domestic disturbance and then left his townhouse unharmed. Shortly after John Geer informed the officers he was going to lower his hands to scratch his nose, officer Torres shot him in the doorway of his home.

Six witness statements all agreed, including the four police officers who witnessed Torres shooting Geer. In a rare bright spot in this story, kudos to those four individual officers for telling the truth, even if it was bad for their fellow officer. Police and county leadership managed to keep those statements hidden from public view for almost a year and a half. Living in a suburb of Washington D.C., we are familiar with the concept that the cover-up is worse than the crime, which makes what happens next so much worse.

After Geer was shot in his doorway, he fell back into his home, shutting the door. Geer was left there bleeding out for well over an hour; police kept Geer's father and best friend who were on site from going to his aid. Only after bringing in a tank to ram through the unlocked door did they allow medical aid to be rendered all too

late. Police released almost no facts other than Geer was shot, and immediately went into PR spin mode saying police were "advised was armed with a firearm," which was much later revised to "displaying a firearm that he threatened to use against the police." These statements were carefully crafted to

imply Geer was some kind of police-hating crazed gunman. Police leadership was apparently counting on the statements from the officers on the scene to remain sealed, since they said Geer was unarmed and not threatening. After all, police and county leadership had successfully kept those statements secret for well over a year. The police chief withheld evidence about the shooter from investigators, both the local prosecutor and the federal prosecutor. The federal prosecutor successfully sued Fairfax police to force them to turn over the evidence.

After well over a year of no justification, information, or action, the frustrated Geer family filed a wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of his two teenage daughters. Fairfax police refused in court to give the family any information about Geer's death, citing execu-

tive privilege, the law enforcement exemption from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and claiming there is an ongoing investigation after acknowledging the investigation had stopped. Is this my county leadership? Sounds like a storyline for the TV show "Scandal", where half-truths, lies, discredit and blame the other guy, and PR distractions are routine and expected. Fortunately, the judge recognized their ruse and ordered the information be released. Seventeen months after the incident the public finally saw this was an open and shut case from the start. Like the Trident dentists, 4 out of 5 officers on the scene said it was a bad shoot.

Despite this, Fairfax Police Chief Edwin Roessler, former police chief and current Deputy County Executive for Public Safety David Rohrer, county attorneys David Bobzien and Cynthia Tianti, and county Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova appear more concerned with protecting the county from the wrongful death lawsuit instead of voluntarily releasing information or holding the officer accountable.

Fairfax leadership apparently

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# LETTERS

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hoped the case would simply fade away. After all, that tactic had worked for previous cases where lethal officers were kept on the payroll after they made bad decisions to shoot and kill unarmed Fairfax County citizens like David Masters, Sal Culosi, and others before them.

In Charleston, the police officer was charged with murder, arrested and fired in less than a week. In Fairfax, no job loss, no indictments, no arrests, no charges, no grand jury. Nineteen months and counting.

After over a year and a half of persistent public outcry, Fairfax County supervisors created a commission to review police disclosure and use-of-force policies. While I applaud the efforts to change disclosure policies, I am not content to have my local government merely tell me that one of their police officers has killed yet another unarmed civilian. More to the point, I don't want my daughter to learn justice is just a pipe dream, watching a police officer walk away with no consequences after he shoots me in my home. Is it acceptable we are simply informed about lethal officers, or should they also be held accountable? Nineteen

months later, with thousands of pages of incriminating evidence forced into public view, Officer Torres is still employed by the police department, and no charges have been filed. One of the grievances Virginian Thomas Jefferson cited in the Declaration of Independence was: "... armed troops among us: For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States." What we have now in Fairfax County is the same protection from punishment for murder, but Fairfax officials can't even be bothered with the window dressing of the "mock trial," they just don't bring charges. No one should be above the law. It is not anti-police to call for an independent investigative organization evaluating potentially wrong actions of our police, especially when they have lethal consequences. Not only should we have a transparent path with a fair hearing to clear officers of wrongdoing when things look bad initially, but there also needs to be consequences and accountability when officers are proven to have acted badly.

**Keith Harmon**  
Alexandria

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## CRIME

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**ROBBERY**, 8200 block of Russell Road, April 6, 7:48 p.m. A man entered a restaurant, took merchandise and fled without payment. An employee confronted the suspect outside the restaurant. The suspect assaulted the employee and took property from him. The victim did not require rescue.

**ROBBERY**, 8600 block of Sacramento Drive, April 5, 12:35 a.m. The victim was walking when three men approached him. One suspect displayed a handgun and the other suspects assaulted and took property from the victim. The first suspect then fired a single gunshot into the air. All three suspects then fled on foot. The victim was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

**CHECKPOINT**, Richmond Highway/Dawn Drive, April 4. Officers conducted a DWI checkpoint searching for drunk drivers. Seven hundred and twenty vehicles passed through. One driver was charged with DWI. Five summonses were issued.

**BURGLARY**, 8000 block of Russell Road, March 31. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

**ATTEMPTED ROBBERY**, 5900 block of Mount Eagle Drive, March 25, 9:59 p.m. The victim was walking along a path of the Mount Eagle Park and was approached by four men. The suspects pushed the victim to the ground and demanded money. There were no injuries and nothing was taken. One of the suspects was described as black, about 5 feet 7 inches tall, thin build, wearing a hoodie, all dark clothing, and a scarf over his face. The three other suspects were described as black, about 6 feet

tall, medium build and wearing hoodies, dark colored clothing and with scarfs covering their faces.

**ROBBERY**, 5800 block of North Kings Highway, March 25, 2:02 a.m. A man entered a convenience store, displayed a knife to an employee and demanded property. The suspect took cash and property and fled. There were no injuries. The suspect was described as black, between 6 feet to 6 feet 3 inches, thin build, and wearing a black jacket with a hood, black ski mask covering his face, dark colored jeans and carrying a black back pack.

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# Moving for Academic Excellence

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

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

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 life-long 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 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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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ourconvergence.org).

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**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](http://www.theartleague.org/school/search_browse.php).

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.nvda.org](http://www.nvda.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.

at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. The Orchestra performs the world premiere of conductor David Teie’s transcription of Brahms’ Piano Quartet No. 3. There is a \$25 suggested donation. Visit [www.eclipseco.org](http://www.eclipseco.org).

**Sandra Y. Johnson Quintet.** 4 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 North Alfrid St. The local jazz singer will perform. Suggested donations are \$15. Visit [www.meadechurch.org](http://www.meadechurch.org).

**“Rara Avis” Opening Reception.** 4-6 p.m. at Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Attend the reception for “Rara Avis,” an exhibition of bird-centric works of Beverly Ress, Langley Spurlock and Martin Tarrat in the Athenaeum Gallery. Free. Visit

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

## MONDAY/APRIL 20

**Art of Ballroom Dance.** 7 p.m. at Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Gary Stephens 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.alexandriafilm.org](http://www.alexandriafilm.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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## Aldersgate Church Community Theater Announces Auditions for



Saturday, April 18th, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

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1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria 22308

Roles for 9 males & 7 females. Auditions will be cold readings from the script, bring known conflicts, rehearsals will begin in May. Performance dates July 3—19.

See [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org) for details.



# ENTERTAINMENT



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 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

**"Mosaic" Exhibit.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at The Associates Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St. The Tag Gallery Presents its first all-member show. Free to attend. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more information.

### 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.mvhs theatreats.com](http://www.mvhs theatreats.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.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 15-17

**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 Cumbey, 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.

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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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# All-State Outfielder Zyzyk Transitions to Catcher

**Towson signee changed positions to help team.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

**T**en months removed from a trip to the Conference 13 championship game, the Mount Vernon softball team prepared to enter the 2015 season anchored by all-state outfielder Stormy Zyzyk and promising young pitcher Susannah Anderson.

But as the Majors' first scrimmage in mid-March approached, it was obvious to Zyzyk that the team had a flaw capable of hindering what could be an otherwise successful year.

Zyzyk, who has also pitched for Mount Vernon, felt the lack of a seasoned catcher on the roster was affecting Anderson's confidence in the circle. Having already signed to play college softball at Towson University, Zyzyk felt her senior season was more about helping the team than proving her individual talents.

So No. 5 approached head coach Dan Coast with the idea of moving from center field to catcher.

"Being a pitcher, I know it can be difficult to stay under control and have confidence while you're on the mound if your catcher isn't up to par," Zyzyk wrote in an email. "So I could see [Anderson] getting a little down on herself or even holding back due to us really lacking in a catcher. So I thought it'd be the best option and could really help out our team. I also saw it as an opportunity to challenge myself and grow as I have nothing to lose really and I already know where I'm going to college. I guess you could say I was just concerned. It's not that the players who we were trying to convert to catchers couldn't get the job done, it's just they didn't really have the knowledge of the game compared to me because I've been playing for so long.

"The main thing that made me decide to volunteer is that it's the job of the catcher to make the pitcher look good and I felt I would be best suitable for that, even though



**Stormy Zyzyk and the Mount Vernon softball team have won five straight after starting the season 0-3.**

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LOUISE KRAFFT  
THE GAZETTE



**Mount Vernon senior Stormy Zyzyk moved to catcher for the 2015 season after earning all-state honors as an outfielder last year.**

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Susannah does a great job of that on her own."

Coast didn't like the idea at first, but realized it was the Majors' best option.

"To take an all-state outfielder and move her to a new position for her final year of high school is never 'Plan A,'" Coast said, "but it had to become 'Plan A' after a few weeks of observation."

While Zyzyk is a talented and successful softball player, she had minimal experience behind the plate and had never caught an entire game. She is also left-handed, a rarity for catchers, meaning she would quickly need to locate a new glove with the season fast approaching.

"The glove was the first thing my coach asked me about because my outfielder's glove was not going to cut it," Zyzyk wrote. "My parents and I researched some first baseman gloves because they're easier to find in stores and we needed one right away. We were able to find a well-broken-in one at a local Dick's Sporting Goods and I had one within days after making the decision to move to catcher.

"Playing catcher is a completely different

aspect than center field. You're directing the complete game from behind the plate. I'm used to being loud and authoritative in center field, so that wasn't hard, but making split decisions in the field, calling where the ball needs to go is still something I'm getting used to."

After getting the OK from her future Towson coaches, Zyzyk transitioned to catcher and opened the season behind the plate against West Potomac on March 18.

Coast said it's the first time in his coaching career that he's had a left-handed catcher. Zyzyk is still improving behind the plate, but her athletic ability and strong arm have helped limit the damage done by opposing baserunners.

"Susannah is a very skilled pitcher," Coast said. "She is a freshman but she throws like a senior with a whole lot of talent. For her, it's critical she has someone who can handle her pitching. Anytime you have a pitcher who doesn't have confidence in her catcher, it affects her performance.

"Susannah is fortunate to have Stormy back there."

Mount Vernon opened the season with

three straight losses, but has since won five consecutive games, outscoring Thomas Jefferson, T.C. Williams, Washington-Lee, Wakefield and Yorktown by a combined 52-4.

"I think things are jelling extremely well," Coast said. "... Susannah has had three shutouts and allowed four runs in the last five games."

Zyzyk said the transition has been challenging, but not as difficult as she expected.

"I'm using different muscles but my body has gotten used to it now ... and I definitely feel it after a game," Zyzyk wrote. "I also get tired a lot easier and I really have to push myself to keep giving 110 percent and staying completely focused."

Fatigue hasn't stopped Zyzyk from producing at the plate. The senior is batting .423 with three doubles, three triples and six RBIs.

Mount Vernon (5-3) will host Edison at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 17. The Majors will host defending conference champion Marshall on May 5.

Zyzyk's willingness to move to catcher "speaks highly of her," Coast said.

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### SATURDAY/APRIL 25

**Morning Market & Community Sale. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** More than a dozen crafters and businesses selling handmade and popular items. Large community yard sale. Epiphany Lutheran Church and Weekday School, 5521 Old Mill Road, Alexandria. Visit [ewsmorningmarket@gmail.com](mailto:ewsmorningmarket@gmail.com).  
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### THURSDAY/APRIL 30

**Scholarship Application Deadline.** Scholarship applications for the 2015 Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce Education Partnership Scholarships are available and graduating high school seniors in Lee and Mount Vernon Districts, who plan to pursue further education in a business-related field, are encouraged to apply for these \$2,000 local scholarships at [www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/Education-Partnership.html](http://www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/Education-Partnership.html) or call 703-360-

6925 to request an application.

### SATURDAY/MAY 16

**"Staying Home."** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. AARP is teaming up with Mt. Vernon at Home, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, and Fairfax County Building for All Committee for a free community workshop. A panel of experts will share practical tips to minimize the financial costs of home modifications, and how to avoid fraud and scams. Registration is free, but space is limited. Visit [www.states.aarp.org/may-16](http://www.states.aarp.org/may-16).

### WEDNESDAY/MAY 20

**Learn About Medicare Part D.** 3-4:30 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Mount Vernon At Home** is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteer time to assist older adults aging in place in their homes. Volunteers are needed for local transportation to medical and personal appointments, errands, and

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### 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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### 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 ACP's 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 ACP's 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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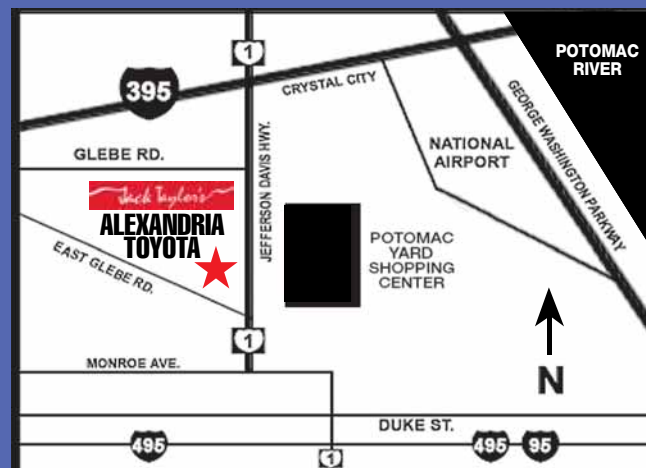


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Throughout!**

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**OPEN SAT!**

**4408 Tarpon Ln  
\$549,950  
Stunning Yacht  
Haven Opportunity!**

Fabulous updated home with dramatic open floor plan at remarkable price! Spacious four level home with major updates including brand new custom kitchen, 3 full updated baths, gorgeous hardwood floors on 2 levels, walk out lower level. Large deck overlooks beautiful half acre level lot. Walk to Mt. Vernon Yacht Club. Nothing like it for close to this price! **OPEN SAT 1-4!** GW Pkwy S, past Estate; L-Forest Haven; L-Tarpon Ln.



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Opportunity!**

Huge Opportunity! Brick home on gorgeous half acre lot across from Mt. Vernon Country Club. Two miles from back gate to Fort Belvoir. Potential for investor or buyer willing to expend some sweat equity. Location perfect for rental property! Truly amazing price for neighborhood.



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**8106 Orville St  
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Property!**

Expanded 4 level home with open floor plan. Gorgeous custom glass walled sunroom overlooks beautiful wooded grounds. Fabulous features: large kitchen, hardwood floors, 4BR, 3.5BA, expanded master suite, family room with brick fireplace, potential in-law suite. Deck and hot tub. Workshop with electricity. Convenient to everything via new Jeff Todd Hwy.



**SOLD!**

**3705 Carriage House Ct  
\$798,500  
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Renovation!**

Wow factor abounds! Better than new featuring dramatic open floor plan, breathtaking white kitchen with gas cooking, 3.5 beautifully updated baths, gorgeous newly stained hardwood floors. Extensive recessed lighting, 4 bedrooms, brand new thermal windows, newly finished lower level with full bath. 2 car garage. Prime cul-de-sac location.



**SOLD!**

**4720 Dolphin Lane  
\$809,900  
Southern Charm  
Abounds!**

Stately Virginia Colonial in gorgeous setting near river and Yacht Club. Distinctive two level Columned Veranda. Fabulous floor plan and exceptionally large room sizes. Features include 3 finished levels, 4BR, 3.5BA, 2 FP, custom master suite, gorgeous hardwood floors on two levels and side load 2 car garage. Home is in exceptionally pristine condition—a uniquely attractive property!



**CONTRACT!**

**9201 Cherrytree Drive  
\$564,950  
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Small Price!**

Most home for the \$\$ in premier Mt. Vernon neighborhood! Exceptionally spacious 5 bedroom, 3 bath home with bright, open floor plan in pristine "move-in" condition! Major updates include roof, windows, HVAC, kitchen & more! Other features: hardwood floors, chef's kitchen, gas cooking, heat & hot water heater. Sunroom and custom deck overlook magnificent grounds. We invite comparison—nothing like it on market for close to this price!



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