

**Metro Transit Police gather outside the King Street Station for National Night Out.**

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## Police Connect with Citizens

**A murder, a non-fatal shooting, and mysterious “shots fired” calls around the Braddock Metro Area dampen National Night Out celebrations.**

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

It's been a mixed week for law enforcement in the Braddock neighborhood. On the one hand, the Braddock Road Metro Neighborhood had another shots fired incident late on Aug. 1 that resulted in a man hospitalized with non-lethal gunshot wounds. On the other hand, on Aug. 4 many local residents braved light rain for face painting and snow cones. Alexandria Police came together with the Sheriff's Office and the Fire Department to celebrate National Night Out across the city, but in many ways the neighborhood is still reeling from the unsolved murder of Shakkian Elliot-Tibbs over one month ago and the recent shooting.

While the first community meeting on July 8 had to be moved from a smaller room in the Charles Houston Recreation Center into the main gymnasium, the July 29 meeting, held in the gymnasium, could have been held in the smaller room. While the



**Police Chief Earl Cook addresses local citizens at July 29 Community Meeting.**

first meeting was attended by hundreds of local residents filling the bleachers, the 70 or so residents at the July 29 meeting barely took up one section. Many of the faces were repeats of the first night.

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**McGruff the Crime Dog with Mayor William Euille**



**Thomas “Jay” Johnson hands over a hot dog to Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.**

## Shared Vision

**Chairs of boards and commissions express unity in need for more affordable housing.**

BY VERNON MILES  
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City Council may be gone for the summer, but the inner workings of the city government are just getting started. On Aug. 3, in the basement of the Human Services Building, the heads of various boards and commissions across Alexandria met to discuss their priorities as they prepare for the 2015-2016 City Council session. While each group had a number of individual issues they're working to address, every single organization represented at the table said there's one problem in Alexandria that dwarfs all others: affordable housing.

“We're looking for overlaps,” said Kate Garvey, director of the Department of Community and Human Services. “We look at what are the priorities, as individual boards and commissions, and as a group.”

It wasn't really much of a surprise that Katherine Dixon, chair of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, said that increasing the amount of affordable housing units and increasing education on affordable housing opportunities in Alexandria was a priority. More surprising was hearing this priority echoed by groups like the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission, the Commission on Aging, and others around the table.

According to Sean McEneaney, chair of the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commis-

sion, affordable housing is the organization's highest priority. McEneaney reinforced his commission's goal of equipping and empowering families in Alexandria to provide for their children, and said available affordable housing is pivotal in accomplishing this.

Carol Downs from the Commission on Aging said her group was primarily focused on not having services cut during the upcoming budget season. After that, Downs said the commission would also focus on increasing the diversity of their leadership and push for additional funding for a nurse case manager. Downs said the Commission on Aging also had a focus on affordable housing, though it was slightly different from the objectives of the other organizations. The Commission on Aging's priority is funding for long-term-care supportive services to enable aging at home with priority given to existing facilities.

Perhaps the most enthusiastic outcry for increased affordable housing came from Joseph Valenti, representing the Economic Opportunities Commission. The Economic Opportunities Commission develops programs to provide outreach to low-income residents, which Valenti said is only possible if those residents have homes in Alexandria they can live in.

“If you pressed me for three priorities, I'd probably say affordable housing,” Valenti paused, then continued, “affordable housing,

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## Police Investigate Shooting

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a shooting that occurred in the 1000 block of First Street on Saturday, Aug. 1. At approximately 10:14 p.m., officers responded to a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, a 31-year-old male non-city resident, suffering from injuries to the lower body. He was transported to a local hospital. The victim's injuries were identified as several non-life-threatening gunshot wounds at the hospital. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact Det. William Oakley at 703-746-6606.

Other recent police activity included:

❖ Saturday, Aug. 1: The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a robbery in the 200 block of S. Reynolds Street.

❖ Thursday, July 30: The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a robbery in the 6000 block of Edsall Road.

❖ Wednesday, July 29: The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a commercial robbery in the 500 block of South Van Dorn Street.

## Newest National Landmark

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria was named by the National Park Service as one of four newly designated national historic landmarks on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

The designation recognizes the sites as places that possess exceptional value and quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States. According to the park service release, "The George Washington Masonic National Memorial stands among the most architecturally significant projects to honor George Washington and one of the boldest private efforts to memorialize him. The Grand Lodges of the states and territories, which usually operate independently, joined forces to build this national memorial. This eclectic building combines neoclassical architecture common to American memorials and civic buildings with a modern skyscraper design."

The other newly named national historic landmarks are First Peoples Buffalo Jump, Cascade County, Mont.; Lafayette Park, Detroit, Mich.; and Red Rocks Park and Mount Morrison Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, Jefferson County, Colo.

## Schedule Changes at DASH

On Sunday, Aug. 9, DASH will implement the following schedule changes:

### AT1 WEEKENDS:

❖ Weekend route will terminate at Van Dorn Metrorail Station and no longer service Eisenhower Valley

❖ Weekend service between Van Dorn and Eisenhower Metrorail Stations will be provided by the DASH AT5 route

### AT5 WEEKENDS:

❖ Weekend AT5 route will be extended to Eisenhower Metrorail Station

### KING STREET TROLLEY

❖ Increased service to every 10-15 minutes for improved frequency and capacity

## Help Sought in Missing Person

The Alexandria Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in locating Reyam Abed. She was last seen in the 5300 block of Essex Court around 3 p.m. on Aug. 3.

Abed is a 23-year-old white female, 5'6", 120 lbs. with brown hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a red shirt and blue jeans. Her family is concerned for her welfare and would like information about her whereabouts.

Those with information regarding her location are asked to contact the Police Department at 703-746-4444.



Abed



## Firehouse Festival

The Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association hosted the Friendship Firehouse Festival on Saturday, Aug. 1, with craft booths, fire engines and an open house at the Friendship Firehouse Museum.



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Alexandria Fire Chief Robert Dubè cut the ceremonial first piece of cake for the Friendship Fire Company's 241st birthday — established in 1774.



Sagen Dockery, with brother Brendan, explores the inside of a fire truck.

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CORRIN REID  
GAZETTE PACKET



Inside the museum, on display was one of the historic artifacts, the Suction Engine built in 1851, by Mr. Rodgers of Baltimore.



A mascot from Burke and Herbert Bank, one of the many vendors/sponsors, gave out gifts. A food truck was on-hand as well.



Becky Robinson, marketing coordinator with Virginia529, was on hand as a first-time vendor/sponsor with the festival. Virginia 529 is a state of Virginia agency that administers programs to help families save for higher education. Their booth included a prize wheel for giveaways.

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The Bacon Brothers in a pop-up performance at Sugar Shack on Saturday, July 18.



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## A Sweet Surprise

### Bacon Brothers' pop-up performance supports charities.

Through Kevin Bacon's non-profit organization Six Degrees, he and other celebrities are making continual efforts to give back to the community through charitable and social opportunities to connect on a more personal level with the people and fans. "Social networking with a social conscience" according to Bacon in a statement on his website, [www.sixdegrees.org](http://www.sixdegrees.org).

He and his band appeared in a pop-up performance of "Footloose" at Sugar Shack Donuts, 804 N Henry St., on Saturday, July 18. They were in concert at the Birchmere Music Hall on July 16.

"Many said it was a fantastic way to kick off their

Saturday morning," said Liane Tackill of Sugar Shack who was working at the time of the pop-up performance. "Kevin's energy was amazing and the performance was upbeat, fun and everyone in the place was singing and dancing along with them."

Through Bacon's efforts with Six Degrees and his band's charity tour, he made surprise visits and performed around the D.C. Metro area including Sugar Shack, Port City Brewery, the nonprofits No Kid Hungry in Alexandria and City Blossoms in the District. "How generous of him to consider us a place to publicize; music is right in your backyard," said Lola Bloom of City Blossoms.

Sugar Shack hopes the pop-up brought light to the different services the shop provides for the community, such as Donuts for Doing Good and their involvement with the Carpenter's Shelter, which accepted the donation of proceeds of the maple-bacon donuts sold on the day of the visit.

See [www.sixdegrees.org](http://www.sixdegrees.org)

— HANNAH GRIFFITH



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Alfred Street Baptist Church collected 250 bookbags filled with school supplies for students at Jefferson-Houston School.

## School Supplies Drive Underway

Alexandria City Public Schools' Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Center and Community Partners for Children (CPC), an Alexandria nonprofit organization, kicked off their annual Back-to-School Drive for school supplies for students.

In partnership with local businesses, FACE is collecting backpacks, spiral notebooks, wide-rule notebook paper, pens, pencils, crayons, erasers, two-

pocket folders, pencil pouches, scissors, rulers, and school supplies for all age groups. These supplies will then be distributed to ACPS students through each school's social workers.

Anyone wishing to contribute may help as follows:  
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## PEOPLE

# Water Taxi Must Go On

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BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**B**last, blast ... BLAST! Captain Alex Skubel is backing out the first water taxi of the day from the Port of Alexandria. "How many on board?" Eighteen for the first run of the day with 122 capacity but he adds they don't sell that many tickets. However, it is very busy at this time of the year. He powers up to 10 knots; it will be 20 minutes to the first stop at Gaylord Hotel and Convention Center and

**PEOPLE AT WORK** then on to National Harbor. He fills out his log for the Coast Guard and checks the gauges for pressure, voltage, tides and the two generators.

Skubel is dressed in his black shorts, crisp white shirt with four gold bars on the shoulder. He explains he likes the autonomy of being on the boat. It is almost like a desk job, but you are going somewhere. Skubel started school at Virginia Tech but he didn't enjoy it too much. He had been a deck hand in the summer but went full-time after he left Virginia Tech. His training led to getting a license that required 360 days on the water as well as captain training.

He is out on the water and a large boat has gone by kicking up waves. "We are going to rock a little. Please be seated or hang on." They have landed at Gaylord with the large silver coach seats on the Ferris wheel whirling around in the background. He announces to the passengers they will be there for three minutes. He checks; there are 19 on board, seven new passengers. Skubel said, "I have to be very strict on time. If I wait for one more, there is always one more coming."

Skubel says it is very calm today. He says he looks at the weather hour by hour but it is so inaccurate. "I keep an eye on the radar. And with the wide-open river ahead," his hands move across the river, "I can see weather a long way away." He says the company has the same approach as the postal service, that the water taxi must go on. He says he has been in zero visibility fog with 40-60 knot winds. Skubel remembers one squall that was almost hurricane status with waves crashing over the stern. Fortunately he was not out there but another boat was coming in, and the power was out on both sides of the river and the



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

**Alex Skubel flips the wheel and checks the gauges as he backs the water taxi out of the Port of Alexandria for the first trip of the day at 10:45 a.m.**

only lights visible anywhere were on the boat. The ticket person had a flashlight writing tickets by hand. He said, "Passengers sometimes get a little nervous, but we know how to be safe."

Skubel says they have had their fair share of incidents, people getting sick, etc. and they have had a few people fall off the dock because they don't see the gap. But no one has fallen off the boats, and they have installed safety precautions.

As he heads into National Harbor he points out the huge screen where people sit on the concrete steps and watch sports events. "They watched the women's soccer championship there." As he slowly maneuvers toward the dock, he says he uses mostly throttle to get in. He turns the wheel to port. "I have a lot of control with the throttle." He points out the channel is very narrow here. At low tide it is only several inches deep. "That's why we have to take the south channel, the long way around." He announces to the passengers, "we will be exiting off the back of the boat once the gangplank is in place."

"Stern clear," the deckhand calls up. Twenty-five on board leaving National Harbor under Woodrow Wilson Bridge back to Alexandria. Skubel says a lot of tourists from the U.S. and all over the world ride the water taxi as well as a few who live in the community. "I had a chef who commuted to the Gaylord Resort and a shoe salesman who went back and forth." The boat passes by an orange triangle indicating the edge of the channel. Skubel was on the first crew of the water taxi when it was established in 2008. "When I started, it was a ghost town in National Harbor." Now he works 10 months of the year when the boats are operating, with a varying schedule since he also captains the Georgetown, Mount Vernon and Nats boat trips. "It's always a fun trip. We stay on the boat until the game is over. We can hear the crowds yelling in the distance. But it isn't always so much fun coming back depending on the outcome of the game." Today on the Lady Josephine he will work eight hours with five round trips to Maryland and back. The last trip returns at 11:30 p.m. "Some would prefer it to be later. It is quite a light show at night."



**The water taxi heads to the Gaylord Resort and Convention Center with the Capital Wheel turning outside his large window.**



PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

**Bill and Alison Rausch browse a selection of hand-made bath and body products at Ladyburg, a specialty skin care store now open at 105 S. Union St. in Old Town.**

## Luck Be a Lady

**Ladyburg bath and body apothecary opens in Old Town.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**F**or Crystal and Fred Wellman, there was never any doubt that Alexandria is where they were meant to be.

"This is the kind of community we have always wanted to be a part of," said Crystal Wellman, owner of the newly opened Ladyburg, a bed and bath apothecary. "We always said if we opened another store it would be here."

Ladyburg is located at 105 S. Union St. in the space formerly occupied by Firehook Bakery. The shop specializes in hand-made soaps, bath and body products.

"This is a fabulous addition to Alexandria," said Alison Rausch as she browsed the store with her husband Bill. "I've already done some shopping and the products are fantastic."

The Wellman's opened their first Ladyburg store in 2012 in Fredericksburg, where they create custom soaps and skin care products. "We make most of our products ourselves," Crystal Wellman said. "Otherwise we get our inventory from other handcrafted artisans."



**Handmade bath and body products are available at Ladyburg, now open at 105 S. Union St.**



**Fred and Crystal Wellman welcome shoppers to Ladyburg on July 23.**

Married for 20 years, Fred Wellman is a 1987 West Point graduate and retired Army communications specialist and Crystal Wellman is an aesthetician and skin care professional.

"Our body creams all come unscented," Crystal Wellman said. "We have a blending bar so that customers can create their fragrances."

Ladyburg also carries a large selection of organic baby products as well as ready-to-go gift baskets. The couple hopes to eventually host bridal showers, classes, teen parties and ladies nights out.

"We are so excited to finally be open in Alexandria," Fred Wellman said. "We wanted to be where we would feel connected to people and our Old Town location provides that. Anyone can make a product but making it an experience is what makes a difference to a small business and we feel we can do that here."

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# Police, Residents Gather

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One new face was Chief Earl Cook, who was unable to attend the first meeting. Cook told the community that there wasn't anything more they could share on the murder investigation. Cook appealed to the community, saying that there was likely someone in the area who knew something about this crime who hadn't come forward yet.

With regard to the frequent shots fired calls coming out of the Braddock neighborhood, Cook repeated comments made before the murder that many of the calls were likely backfiring cars or fireworks, even while police at the July 8 meeting indicated that the gunshots fired in the murder and the weeks leading up to it were likely connected to a conflict between two groups of individuals. Cook also said the department has made special efforts to remove weapons from the streets, though did not specify how many the department has collected. Cook mentioned that these efforts are being coordinated with Fairfax County Police as Cook says the police believe the groups responsible for the shots often travel back and forth between the Fairfax and Alexandria.

As a result of the murder and the shots fired calls, Cook says the police will maintain an increased presence in the neighbor-



**Mark Souder (left); Thomas "Jay" Johnson, president of the Volunteer Fire Department (center); and Willie Squires (right) cook hotdogs and hamburgers outside the Mount Vernon Recreation Center in Alexandria for National Night Out.**

hood until the end of the summer, but warned that the department would not be able to keep up the increased presence indefinitely. According to Cook, if they maintain a heightened presence in Braddock much longer than that, there's a chance it could negatively affect police work in other parts of the city. Cook said this is especially true with fall coming around, which often brings an uptick in crimes.

The July 8 meeting, which had started as a community meeting centered around the murder, had largely spiraled into a discussion of economic and racial tensions between the neighborhoods near the Braddock Metro station. In response to the

local strife noted at that meeting, Cook said that residents need to come together and go to civic association meetings and engage each other as a community.

"We're not the answer to this problem," said Cook, "but we want to be a part of the solution."

Some in the audience had suggested instituting a crime-stoppers program, some suggested a neighborhood watch program, but this drew sharp criticisms from other members of the local community.

"What you don't want is crazies," said Benjamin Lomax, noting that he felt an armed neighborhood watch was an overreaction. "Trayvon Martin was killed by a com-



**Melissa McMann from the Braddock Metro Citizen's Association paints the face of Nevaeh Paris, a local resident.**

munity watch person."

On Aug. 1, just a few days after the community meeting, a 31-year old non-city resident was found on the 1000 block of First Street. The victim was taken to a hospital, where the injuries were identified as non-life-threatening. According to a police report, the victim was subsequently arrested for prior assault offenses. Crystal Nosal, chief public information officer for the Alexandria Police, said the charges were originally filed by the Drug Enforcement Administration. According to Nosal, there is no indication at this time that the shooting on Aug. 1 was related to the murder of Elliot-Tibbs or to the other instances of shots fired.

## Boards, Commissions Agree on Need for Affordable Housing

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and affordable housing."

According to a local Department of Social Services Report for 2014, released to the board by Suzanne Chis, the executive deputy director for the Department of Community and Human Services, 12,916 Alexandrians, or 9 percent of the local population live in poverty in Alexandria. 3,921 children, 15 percent of children in Alexandria, live in poverty. While this is slightly lower than the 15.7 percent of children across the state living in poverty, it's higher than the 9.6 percent throughout Northern Virginia.

But in many cases, more funding towards affordable housing is just part of the problem. Carter Batey, chair of the Social Services Advisory Board, said language and culture can often be a barrier to helping some who qualify for affordable housing to actively seek it. Alan Dinsmore, also from the Commission on Aging, said he's experienced this firsthand in trying to get the city's Hispanic immigrants enrolled into affordable housing programs, whom he said often have a very different interpretation of "independent living" programs. According to Batey and others at the meeting, illegal immigrants in Alexandria often believe law



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**The chairs of Alexandria's boards and commissions**

enforcement will use social services programs to arrest and deport them.

Monika Jones, chair of the Human Rights Commission, said that one way of helping to get groups like Alexandria's immigrant and Hispanic communities involved in the various boards and commissions is the move the meetings out of city hall and into the neighborhoods. Jones said her organization plans to host more meetings at the Beatley Central Library or at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. Others were not quite as convinced that this transition would ac-

complish what Jones hoped it would.

"I hate to be the person who says 'it's already been tried and it doesn't work,'" said Mollie Danforth, chair of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, "but the Parent Teacher Association Council held meetings everywhere throughout the city and it didn't work. You need to start with people in those communities who have expressed a desire to be more involved."

Danforth faces her own set of steep challenges. In addition to making housing more affordable, Danforth said the housing in the

city needed to be more disability-accessible. On a larger scale, Danforth said there are still major parts of the city that are inconvenient or even dangerous to those with visual impairments or in a wheelchair, like brick sidewalks and diagonal streets. One of the more unusual problems Danforth said her commission hopes to address in this budget cycle is equipping Alexandria's emergency shelters with recharging stations for electric wheelchairs. Currently, Danforth said no emergency shelter in the city are equipped to handle citizens in electric wheelchairs and are sometimes turned away.

Unsurprisingly, most of the commission chairs believed the only solution to the affordable housing and other social services crises throughout the city is an increase in funding. This past year, Danforth said City Manager Mark Jinks fairly successfully pitted the groups against each other during the budget cycle. This year, Danforth and other chairs said the groups hope to present more of a unified front.

"Instead of fighting over what our slice of the pie is going to be, we need to grow the pie," said Batey.

"We're down to the bone here, even into the marrow on our services," said McEneaney. "We've cut, and we can't cut anymore."

# NEWS

## School Supplies Drive Underway

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the donation boxes at the locations listed below.

❖ Volunteer to help sort school supplies on between Wednesday, Aug. 19 and Friday, Aug. 21, at T.C. Williams High School. To volunteer, email Krishna.leyva@acps.k12.va.us.

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Nature's Nibbles – 2601 Mount Vernon Ave.  
St. Elmo's Coffee Pub – 2300 Mount Vernon Ave.

### OLD TOWN AREA

Alexandria Bar Association – 520 King St., Suite 202  
Alexandria City Hall – 301 King St., Main Lobby & 2nd Floor  
Delta Career Education Corporation – 99 Canal Center Plaza  
MPR Associates, Inc. – 320 King St.  
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Station 205 – 1210 Cameron St.  
Station 206 – 4609 Seminary Rd.  
Station 207 – 3301 Duke St.  
Station 208 – 175 N. Paxton St.  
Station 209 – 2800 Main Line Blvd.

### OBITUARY

## Betty Wick

Betty Wick, 81, of Alexandria, died on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015. Beloved mother of Lynn Wick and Scott Wick, of Alexandria, loving grandmother of Jennifer Wick of Alexandria; sister of Allan Butler and Charlotte Fowler. Predeceased in death by one son, Dale Wick.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at, Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria where funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow at the church hall. Interment will be private at Mount Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria

Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington St., Alexandria, is handling the arrangement. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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# LETTERS

## Thoughts on Confederacy

To the Editor:

On the question of how Alexandria can deal constructively with the remnants of the Confederacy:

A park should be established at the site, on Duke Street, of the most craven crimes, the slave markets. With beautiful trees and flowers to mitigate the stark horror of the memories associated with this place, brief descriptions can tell the story.

The streets now named for Confederate generals can be given the names of some of the slaves known to be linked to this market.

In the big, national picture: Reparations. Just say yes!

And as for the statue, I hope it will be preserved in a museum.

There is, for me, not a trace of "Mission Accomplished" triumphalism in this statue. On the contrary, the figure seems to look on the past and the future with sadness equal to their tragedies. Whatever may have been the intention of those who commissioned it, and indeed the conscious intention of the artist himself, about whom I know nothing, the statue has always captured for me precisely the feeling I have for the Civil War.

**Elisabeth Vodola**  
Alexandria

## Adaptive Reuse of Ramsey Homes

To the Editor:

Next month, City Council will consider the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority appeal of the Parker Gray Board of Architectural Review's unanimous denial of its request to demolish the 15-unit scattered-site public housing complex in the Parker Gray historic district, known as Ramsey Homes. Some are framing this case as historic preservation versus affordable housing, implying it is a zero sum game. However, that is a false dichotomy as both aims can, and should, be achieved.

The solution for Ramsey Homes is exactly the route the city took with regard to the old Health Department building at 509 North Saint Aseph St. In 2012 when the city sought to sell off unneeded property, it asked the Old and Historic District Board of Architectural Review (OHAD BAR) to examine the property. The OHAD BAR concluded the building, which is composed of a central core that was built between 1944-1947 and two additions added in the 1970s, to be architecturally and historical significant, and recommended preservation. A June 2012 memo from the city manager to City Council argued that the building should be preserved and adaptively reused. Among the reasons city staff cited for preserving the building were fact that it remained remarkably intact, exemplified the city's institutional architecture program from the post-war period, represented the work of a well-known regional architecture firm, and that the building was "in scale with the surrounding historic and more recent townhouses buildings." Today, the building's exterior walls remain but the interior has been completely gutted so that the building can be reconfigured into nine luxury townhomes.



Like the old Health Department building, Ramsey Homes were also built in the 1940s, but in this case they were built as housing for African American defense workers. As such, the Ramsey Homes are significant as an important example of the Federal Government's effort to provide housing for African-American war workers, as well as helping us to understand the role that African Americans and Alexandria played in the war effort. The city cited Ramsey Homes as a contributing resources in the Uptown/Parker-Gray Historic District listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. The Parker Gray BAR also unanimously voted in April that the site met four of six criteria for preservation.

Like the old Health Department building, Ramsey Homes were also designed by a notable local architect, Delos H. Smith. Smith, a member of the original Alexandria BAR, was a noted ecclesiastical architect whose work included two annex buildings at St. Paul's Church, 228 S. Pitt St, as well as the US Capitol Building Prayer Room. Smith specialized in Colonial Revival and Federal Revival styles, making the design of Ramsey Homes in the International style all the more interesting and unique.

Like the old Health Department building, city staff also emphasize among the reasons for preservation that Ramsey Homes help to "maintain the scale and character of this area of the district which is comprised of predominantly two-story buildings ..."

Like the old Health Department building, City Council should opt for preservation and adaptive reuse of Ramsey Homes. Just as was done with the Health Department building, the exterior features of Ramsey Homes, its scale, green-space and mature trees, and character can be retained, while the interior of the buildings are completely gutted and remodeled to provide quality affordable housing. City Council should support this win-win solution.

**Heidi Ford**  
Alexandria

## Leader or Sore Loser?

To the Editor:

It is time for Mayor Euille to man up, endorse his party's nominee for mayor, and direct all

supporters to desist in their efforts to conduct a write-in campaign. He needs to decide whether his legacy will be that of leadership or that of a sore loser.

**Roland Frye**  
Alexandria

## Examining Fiscal Policies

To the Editor:

A recent letter praised city officials for a good bond rating. Believing that a AAA Bond rating is a sign of how great the finances of the city are being run shows a basic lack of understanding of public financing. A Bond rating directly affects how much the city has to pay to borrow money and is an indication of the level of risk an investor assumes in providing that funding. In other words, the higher your Bond rating, the easier it is to borrow money. The current Alexandria administration has subscribed to a borrow, build and hope strategy and adjusted city fiscal policies to maintain or improve the city's Bond rating rather than make responsible decisions that buy down the city's debt and reduce the future burden on the city taxpayers.

Under the current administration the city's debt has risen from around \$100 million to over \$525 million today. Do not confuse actions that increase the ability to borrow with actions that are in the best interest of the taxpayers. Think of it like applying for more credit cards when you can't pay the debt on the cards you currently have. The city is on the verge of drowning in debt as we approach a mandatory infrastructure recapitalization need that can only be solved by increasing the city debt or changing the way the city does business ... your choice, more taxes and less services to pay for the debt service or better fiscal management. I vote for a new administration and a new strategy.

**Richard Platt**  
Alexandria

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# LETTERS

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## City's Envable Balance Sheet

To the Editor:

One Republican City Council candidate recently referred to "debt that continues to escalate at a problematic rate."

Another Republican City Council candidate last week asserted, falsely, that the council had revised its debt policy guidelines downward.

An independent City Council candidate recently spoke of the city's "burdensome" debt.

Unfortunately, the recently concluded mayoral primary was dominated by false assertions about Alexandria's debt.

Reading the letters to the editor, you would suspect that Alexandria is teetering along with Greece, Puerto Rico and Detroit on the edge of a financial abyss.

Those that seek to govern Alexandria would be well-served to review the city's most recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), prior to disseminating their baseless assertions about the city's financial state.

The CAFR showed this reality: Alexandria has the lowest debt of any jurisdiction in Northern Virginia.

The Virginia Constitution limits local debt to 10 percent of the assessed value of real estate. Alexandria imposes a far more stringent local limit of 1.6 percent. This year,

the capital budget approved by this council came in at 1.31 percent. No other jurisdiction in Northern Virginia reaches a level that low. That's precisely why Alexandria enjoys membership in an elite class of jurisdictions holding the AAA/Aaa bond rating.

Yet this City Council has not been satisfied with the strong fiscal position of the city. It was this current City Council that proposed and adopted a new "Cash Capital" funding policy last year to ensure that during difficult budget times debt is not used as an escape valve to avoid tough choices.

Clearly doomsday chatter about our city's financial condition has its political advantages.

Yet it's been good governance, not politics, that has given Alexandria a balance sheet that is the envy of the region.

**Justin M. Wilson**  
Member of the  
Alexandria City Council

## Deferred CIP Projects?

To the Editor:

In response to my letter to the editor about the budget that was published last week in the Alexandria Gazette, Councilman Justin Wilson suggested that I was in error concerning the debt guidelines, and that these guidelines had not been altered.

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# Lessons To Be Learned

BY SARAH BECKER

**“W**e shall never have a science of history until we have in our colleges those who regard the truth as more important than the defense of the white race,” W.E.B. Dubois wrote in 1935. Recently much has been written regarding the importance, or lack thereof of Confederate symbols. The Confederate seal, for example, includes an image of a rebellious George Washington on horseback.

## COMMENTARY

Virginia seceded from the union effective May 24, 1861. One week before the final vote President Abraham Lincoln, accompanied by Secretary of State William Seward and New York publisher Thurlow Weed, made “a tour of observation down the Potomac.” The Confederate flag floated over the city of Alexandria, but Lincoln “did not think it would wave there long.”

“If the Union is dissolved for any existing causes, it will be dissolved because slavery is interdicted or not allowed to be introduced into the ceded Territories; because slavery is threatened to be abolished in the District of Columbia, and because fugitive slaves are not returned to their master,” Senator Henry Clay (Whig-KY) said in 1850. “War and the dissolution of the Union are identical and inseparable.”

On May 24, 1861 — the secession vote assured — the Federal army, including Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth, steamed across the Potomac River. When the soldiers disembarked, Alexandria became the first southern city occupied. Ellsworth, a former Lincoln law clerk, was killed in a hotel skirmish.

Col. Ellsworth entered the Marshall House (now Hotel Monaco) and tore down a rooftop Confederate flag visible “by spyglass from the White House.” Proprietor James W. Jackson shot the invading Ellsworth “at point-blank range.” Immediately after, Jackson was killed.

A significant event, the Smithsonian collections include a fragment of the Confederate flag, Jackson’s shotgun, and a piece of the Marshall House’s bloody floor. The Marshall House burned in February 1873 and “scarcely a vestige of the place” remained.

The War Between the States, the Civil War ended with Confederate General Robert E. Lee’s surrender on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox. Reconstruction ended with the Compromise of 1877. The Civil Rights Act of 1875, as argued by black Congressman Robert Brown Elliott (R-SC), was landmark.

“The eradication of slavery throughout a country containing 4,000,000 slaves, estimated by their mas-

ters as property worth \$1,200,000,000-\$1,500,000,000 is difficult,” Robert Dale Owen, chairman of the Union’s American Freedman’s Inquiry Commission wrote in 1864.

The U.S. Supreme Court invalidated the Civil Rights Act of 1875 in 1883. A year later Alexandria’s R.E. Lee Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans formed. In 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson — the equal but separate doctrine — became law, and lynching continued without remedy. Virginia segregated its trolley seats, added the poll tax in 1902.

“Hundreds of visitors have journeyed to Alexandria,” The Washington Post reported in 1902, “and the two places that attracted the largest number of strangers were Christ Church, where George Washington and Robert E. Lee worshiped, and the corner where the Marshall House stood.”

On May 24, 1929, four of 11 surviving Confederate veterans placed a plaque on the wall of the rebuilt hotel. It reads: “The Marshall House Within This Building in the Early Morning of May 24, 1861 James Jackson Was Killed by Federal Soldiers While Defending his Property and Personal Rights, as Stated in the Verdict of the Coroner’s Jury. He was the First Martyr to the Cause of Southern Independence. The Justice of History Does Not Permit His Name to Be Forgotten. Not in the Excitement of Battle, But Coolly, and for a Great Principle He Laid Down his Life, an Example to All, in Defense of his Home and The Sacred Soil of His Native State, Virginia.”

“In proportion to population, more Negroes than whites fought in the Civil War,” DuBois concluded. Yet the Negro was not rewarded. He was subordinated a second time, by Jim Crow from 1896 until 1954-1964. White and or black: to whom does the phrase “lost cause” irrevocably refer?

Alexandria’s marketing message — the hometown of George Washington and Robert E. Lee — is a century old. General Washington emerged from war a victor, General Lee the vanquished. In an increasingly diverse country today’s Confederate lesson is not fidelity. It is economic development, poor white and slave; status, legal and social; and conflict resolution postwar. It was, after all, Union General Ulysses S. Grant who got Lee’s treason charges dropped.

“Treason is an event that occasions me equal regret and mortification,” General Washington wrote in 1780. “But traitors are the growth of every country and in a revolution of the present nature ...” Confederates believed revolution an inherent right; their war America’s second revolution. Appomattox, Washington and Prince Streets’ Confederate statue, now ponders the meaning of growth.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Mr. Wilson was indeed correct in that the city did not alter their debt guidelines in order to close the \$31 million deficit on the operating budget. As it happened, two Alexandria City senior managers (Rashad Young and Mark Jinks) both came to the Federation of Civic Associations and made the case that the city should stop using cash capital from the operating budget to finance portions of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Instead, the money should be borrowed, due to the low interest rates and the projected deficit. However, in order to do this, the city would need to change their debt ceiling guidelines. As far as I am able to determine, the cash capital transfers to the CIP from the operating budget were in fact reduced. My question then becomes, if the city did not borrow more money, then how was the CIP funding gap closed?

Moreover, when one reviews the city’s budget memo that explains all of these changes, it raises even more questions. The memo suggests that the CIP projects were deferred to a later date. That raises the question as to how the CIP projects will be financed at a later date, or are they deferred indefinitely? Also in this same budget memo, there appears to be some one time technical accounting changes of a substantive nature, along with some significant maintenance deferrals.

Additionally there is a statement in the budget itself that suggests that the payment for the Potomac Yard Metro need not be included into the debt guidelines because “these bonds will be completely repaid without any general fund dollars.” Given the developer’s revised financial commitment, and Metro’s fiscal issues, coupled only with only a loan from the state, this is an overly optimistic state-

ment and technically wrong.

I wish to thank Mr. Wilson for his input, but we live in a different world than we did in 2008, and pushing the fiscal problems into the indefinite future is probably not a good idea. If the city is constantly managing to solely achieve the AAA rating, it is akin to a teacher instructing students to pass the standardized tests, and nothing more.

**Townsend A.  
“Van” Van Fleet**  
Alexandria

## Where to Spend

To the Editor:

A self-congratulatory announcement from the city arrived via e-news about the low interest rates our triple A bond rating has earned us. According to the mayor, it’s all due to good management. In actual fact, just as with an individual’s credit rating, a large part is due to calculations about the city’s ability to repay.

The rating agencies are aware of income levels and worth of taxable private property in Alexandria. An important decision point is always, “Could those taxpayers afford to pay more?” Just as wealthy people who pay their bills can borrow more at good interest rates, so can Alexandria. If congratulations are in order, they should go to those who are paying the taxes.

It is good policy to try to reduce our municipal debt as the Democratic candidate for mayor, Allison Silberberg, has advised. Money spent on interest payments, even at low rates, is not money available for other purposes, such as park land, library books, after school programs or a myriad of other non-infrastructure items that most citizens value.

**Katy Cannady**  
Alexandria

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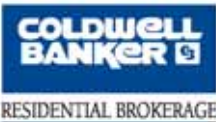
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## LETTERS

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### Overlooked

To the Editor:

While I do not live in Alexandria I was in the west end of the city recently giving a contribution to City Council candidate Monique Miles from my organization, the Virginia Federation of Republican Women. I am sure Herve Aitken ["Is City 'Well-Run,'" letter, July 30-Aug. 5, Gazette Packet] did not mean to slight or forget her as he listed all the other Republicans in the race. Ms Miles is a wonderful representative on my organization — highly educated with political experience and a positive message with concrete plans for the city. For those who are worried about the direction of the city, Ms Miles is a constructive change in leadership. For those not disposed to change, she is a person with committed passion for the city. She is a practicing lawyer who has been involved with politics most of her life and who is also a long-time community activist. She deserves attention from this publication and she would be a wonderful addition to the City of Alexandria leadership.

**Linda Bartlett**  
Annandale

### One-Party Rule

To the Editor:

It's difficult to understand the response of some of our local politicians to the voting outcome that put Allison Silberberg in the running to be the next mayor of Alexandria. Unless it's just a knee jerk reaction to losing absolute power and absolute control ... the greatest danger of one-party rule. And unlike the two-party madness across the river, our council and mayor have reacted most violently against their own residents. By exercising super majority votes that despite public discussion are set in advance.

It is now even more apparent that any slight variance from certain city opinions can provoke near hysterical reaction. Some want to form a PAC, mirroring the worst of what has happened nationally. The power of the pocketbook to "buy" votes is undeniable. Some poor losers want to re-run the entire vote ... don't get what you like the first time, just throw it out. In the end the Euille campaign spent more than three times what either the Donley or Silberberg campaigns did. Apparently, some people still believe that holding a write-in campaign ... with even more donor money ... will change the result.

The question is why do these dissenters refuse to accept a fairly

cast vote, done legally, and within all standards of good ethical practice? Past mixed party councils have rarely shouted at one another, voted on the basis of ideology, or put together programs skewed toward extremes. In fact, it is one-party rule (Republican or Democrat) on the dais that results in dictatorial behavior. The "enemy" is always residents, who advocate for actions that when undertaken actually prove to be superior to super majority opinion in the long run.

So, it appears to be fear of losing absolute power and control that is driving the current reaction of questioning a fair, legal, representative voting outcome. There has been no call for a recount, no appeal to the courts ... because it is highly unlikely either would change the voters' decisions.

It is dismaying to see our city pols mimicking national parties' political tactics. We are a small city with diverse communities, and strong and proud civic advocacy and activism. This is our most valuable heritage, and one that Alexandria is justly famous for. Bad losers and big money won't serve us well ... complex, long-term problems need cautious, well-reasoned, and comprehensive decisions. So, let's respect the voters' choice for Allison Silberberg and look closely and wisely at the candidates up for vote Nov. 3. It could be a new day.

**Kathryn Papp**  
Alexandria

### Let's Do Better

To the Editor:

Over the past few days in our local news, I have read various opinions over an important topic facing our city: Can our city do better?

I want to unequivocally state that I know we can do better. That is why I am running for Alexandria City Council.

I have enjoyed this recent discussion because quite frankly, vigorous debate is missing from the halls of City Council. When one party controls all the seats on the council, it is far too easy to fall into "group think." Democracy functions best when ideas are thoroughly debated and vetted. When all viewpoints are heard, compromise can lead to great solutions. I call for more rigorous debate when we contemplate the future of our city.

Alexandria is truly a fantastic place to live. Great people are the key ingredient to a great standard of living that includes great city services. Unfortunately, our city services are not free and far too much

## A Junior View of Senior Services

BY JANE CLINGER

SUMMER INTERN, SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

**W**hen I began my internship at the Senior Services of Alexandria, I only really knew about the Meals on Wheels program, which I had volunteered at with my mom when I was much younger.

However, I quickly learned that there is much more to this organization. I did deliver meals to homebound seniors through Meals on Wheels like before, but I also brought "Animeals" to seniors with pets. I helped to stock senior information corners throughout the city to provide seniors with the knowledge of our programs available to them.

When delivering groceries to a senior as part of the new Groceries to Go program, a client gave me freshly grown tomatoes from her garden as a thank-you, and I got to have a conversation with a 101-year-old woman through the Friendly Visitor program that told me about growing up in the Great Depression.

These kinds of personal connections I made with beneficiaries of SSA are what set this internship above anything else I could have done this summer. I got to see first-hand the invaluable work that every single staff member, board member, and volunteer working with the organization does on a daily basis, and the larger impact this work



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**From left: Dolores Viehman, SSA volunteer coordinator, Jane Clinger, SSA intern and MaryAnne Beatty, SSA outreach director.**

has on seniors of Alexandria. The truly rewarding part of my internship, though, has been the chance to make an impact on the lives of the seniors in Alexandria who deserve our respect and compassion. For this reason, I strongly encourage you to take a few hours out of your morning to volunteer in any way you can for SSA. Thanks to everyone at Senior Services who taught me that Meals on Wheels is not the only program they have, and for giving me an amazing summer experience.

*Jane Clinger is a rising senior at Maret School in Washington, D.C. and she interned for Senior Services this summer. For more information about Senior Services and to volunteer go to [seniorservicesalex.org](http://seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-4414.*

of the burden for paying for those services falls on our middle class homeowners. It is my belief that we need to do more to implement smart strategies to limit our city expenses and create a friendly business environment to attract more businesses that increase revenue.

This election cycle I challenge you to hold candidates accountable for putting forth concrete solutions to important problems. Over the next few months, you can find my ideas to some of these issues on my website (<http://www.moniquemiles.com/>). I look forward to the debate and discussion.

**Monique Miles**  
Candidate for  
Alexandria City Council

### No to Write-in

To the Editor:

If you live in affordable or low-income housing, why would you possibly write-in a vote for the mayor? Under his leadership the AHRA housing stock has plummeted in favor of market rate housing and soon gobs of relatively speaking, "affordable housing" apartments will soon go bye-bye in the Beauregard corridor and likely Arlandria.

In a couple of years when the Waterfront is redeveloped, we'll have more tourists flocking to Old Town and the residents won't be able to leave their homes for fear of not being able to park unless they are lucky enough to have a

driveway.

We have a mayor who welcomes our ethnic diversity population which is very nice, but that needs a larger commitment to our public schools to rebuild our aging elementary schools. Additionally, we need to fund the schools to allow for much-needed classroom space due to increasing enrollment, and also allow proper funding of programs to deal with the vast ethnic populations in the school system.

As for the power plant, I'm sure someone could dig up an article where the mayor said the property would be open space when the plant was closed. Now it seems the only real open space there will continue to be the George Washington trail.

Last, it's been nearly two months now and westbound Braddock at Mt. Vernon Avenue has not been striped.

So tell me why I should vote for Mayor Euille should he launch a write-in campaign?

**Ruben "Bill" Duran**  
Alexandria

### President Calling

To The Editor

It isn't often that one receives an invitation to join the President of the United States on a conference call. Grassroots leaders, activists and many organizers around the country got to hear the President discuss an issue about which so many are concerned: The P5 +1 nuclear deal with Iran and what it means for our country and

international communities throughout the world.

It was a honor to be one of the many participants. As an activist, I took the time to call in even on my prepaid phone. I was a little concerned about not having enough minutes to stay connected as it was an important issue for a safer world. The President emphasized the United States' alliance with Israel, the importance of strengthening and improving its alliances with other countries for a more peaceful world and that we do not have to go to war.

If we all get involved for a more secure and safe environment, our children and their children will have a better world. Thank Mr. President Barack Obama and Organized for Action (OFA).

**Geri Baldwin**  
Alexandria

### Correction

To the Editor:

I want to make a correction to my last letter ["A Matter of Respect," July 23-29, Gazette Packet] and apologize for my mistake. The woman CNN showed texting during the Pledge of Allegiance and identified as the First Lady was a look-alike, not Mrs. Obama. Thank you to another reader who alerted the Gazette Packet editor who, after checking several other sources, arrived at the same conclusion. My criticism of anyone showing disrespect to our flag, which represents our country, stands.

**Ellen Latane Tabb**

# Teams in Training Getting in shape while raising money for charity.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**R**ain poured from a gray March sky. Drenched racers wound their way through Washington, D.C. before spilling across the finish line at R.E.K. Stadium, their running shoes heavy and soaking wet.

"We were freezing cold and shivering the entire time," said Ann Goettman of McLean. "We looked like we'd been through a car wash."

Goettman and others on her team of would not let the elements deter them from completing the 2015 D.C. Rock'n'Roll Half Marathon. They'd spent the last four months running, walking and lifting weights as part of a

Team in Training (TNT) fundraising effort to support the Alexandria, Virginia-based Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). Participants pledged to raise money for a charity in which they believe by training for and competing in marathons, triathlons, cycling and hiking. In turn, they get access professional fitness coaches who guide them as they set fitness goals, boost their endurance, lose weight, and get toned taut.

"You have an opportunity to give back from a philanthropic perspective, but you're also putting yourself out there to get in the



PHOTO COURTESY OF LYNNE O'BRIEN

**The LOL team in training crosses the finish line at the Nike Women's Half Marathon in Washington, D.C. McLean residents (from left) Chris Fraley, Mary Ellen Overend, Barbara Overstreet, Dorothy McAuliffe (McLean and Richmond. First Lady of Virginia), Lynne O'Brien, Beth O'Shea, Lauren O'Brien (Denver Colo.), Kim Aubuchon and Terry Lineberger.**

best shape," said Jaclyn Toll, Deputy Executive Director of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

"It brings you together with other like-minded individuals, people who are into the combination of philanthropy and health and wellness."

A central figure on Goettman's team is Lynne O'Brien. In fact, the group came together in O'Brien's honor after she was diagnosed with leukemia three years ago. Daunted by the challenge, but motivated

by the prospect of hope, she ran her first half marathon in 2013.

"A huge benefit is that we were all getting in shape and were uniting around a cause," said O'Brien. "I lost weight and it was great for my stamina and overall health. I'm 53 and it's great to know that I can run a half marathon."

The coaching staff, says O'Brien, has an effective program that whips racers into shape before each event. Lessons range from using proper form during a workout,

stretching to prevent injury and hydration and nutrition to sustain the level energy necessary to complete race.

"They break it down into small parts, and on one day we'll fast run for shorter distance and the next day," she said. "They get pretty specific. They're telling you how to move your arms and hold your head and even how you should step."

The metamorphoses are often beyond the physical. "In terms of their outlook on exercise and their new found love of long distance exercise and endurance, the transformation unbelievable transformation," said Skye Donovan, Ph.D., department chair and associate professor of Physical Therapy at Marymount University in Arlington volunteers as coach for TNT.

One of the factors in the evolution of the mindset of the team members is camaraderie and the knowledge of a higher cause.

"New drugs are coming down the line," O'Brien said. "Doctors say it's an exciting time for them. Since I was diagnosed three years ago, five new drugs have come into the market."

Many train for and endure physical fetes that seemed unattainable at first thought. "I am not an athlete, I'm a busy, 53-year-old mom of five kids. I'm busy," said Beth O'Shea of McLean. "But the next thing you know I'm getting myself in shape, meeting new people and going on long walks."

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## ONGOING

### Hollin Meadows

**Summertime Writing Nights.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays through Aug. 17 at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Families and elementary students kindergarten-third grade can read, write and talk with teachers. Free. Email [Hollinmeadowses.KeepInTouch@fcps.edu](mailto:Hollinmeadowses.KeepInTouch@fcps.edu).

### Paintings by Stanley

**Agbontaen.** Through Aug. 28 at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive. The Maryland-based international artist's depictions of scenes are painted on oil canvas. Free. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter).

### Leigh Merrill: "Cloud

**Seedling."** Through Aug. 30, during gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Texas-based artist Leigh Merrill shows photography and video in her solo exhibition Cloud Seeding. Merrill's work examines the construction of desire, fiction and beauty in urban landscapes by digitally compositing thousands of images and videos into imaginary spaces. Admission is free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

### Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery Juried Show.

Through Aug. 30, 10 a.m.-5



## 'Cloud Seeding'

Leigh Merrill's new exhibit at the Torpedo Factory's Target Gallery, "Cloud Seeding" is a compilation of photographs that have been digitally assembled to create new locations. The exhibit is on display through Aug. 20. The opening reception is on Aug. 13. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.



From left: "This Place" and a video still from "Cloud Seeding"

p.m., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Studio 18. View parade-themed artwork. Admission is free. Visit [www.potomacfiberartgallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberartgallery.com) or call 717-359-7724.

**Cool Yoga.** Wednesdays through Sept. 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Participate in group yoga sessions taught by Prasada Yoga's Maureen Clyne and enjoy refreshments provided by St. Elmo's Coffee Pub and other local eateries. Suitable for all levels. Bring mat, towel and water. Free. Call 703-671-2000.

### "Fields."

Through Sept. 6, during gallery hours at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Abstract Artists David Carlson and Pat Goslee make art based on their interests in spiritual exploration and energy fields. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

### Art Exhibit:

#### Sultry

**Colors.** Through Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. The Enamelists at The Torpedo Factory collaborate for an exhibit filled with sultry colors and patterns. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/event/sultry-colors/](http://www.torpedofactory.org/event/sultry-colors/) or call 703-838-4565.

### Exhibit:

#### "Scapes."

Through Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, 105 N Union St. View the annual August landscape exhibit juried by Elizabeth Peak. Free. Visit

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

**Exhibit: "Taking Shape."** Through Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, 105 N Union St. This exhibit features three-dimensional works by Art League member artists. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

### Special Family Museum Tours.

Saturdays through Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Flexible tours and hands-on activities provide a deeper experience into the social and political life of Alexandria in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Tickets are \$5 for adults (\$4 with AAA card), \$3 children ages 5-12, and children ages 4 and under as well as Alexandria Public School and Blue Star families receive free admission. Coupons accepted. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

### Baseball Boat to Nationals Park.

Through Sept. 26 at various times. Leaves from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Baseball fans can avoid heavy traffic and cruise along the Potomac to Nationals Park. Tickets are \$20 one-way and \$25 round-trip, Monday-Thursday, \$28 roundtrip Friday-Sunday. Visit <http://www.potomacriverboatco.com>.

**Doggy Happy Hour.** Tuesdays through Oct. at 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Enjoy discounted drinks and treats with one's dog. Free. Visit [www.jackson20.com](http://www.jackson20.com).

### Water Taxi to the National Mall.

Through Nov. 1, at various times at Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Cruise from Old Town to D.C. on the *Miss Sophie*, while stopping view some of the area's most popular attractions. Tickets are \$28 roundtrip and \$14 one-way for adults. For children under 12, tickets are \$16 roundtrip and \$8 one-way. Visit [www.potomacriverboatco.com/](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com/).

### Mount Vernon in 3-D: Then & Now.

Through Nov. 20 during regular operating hours at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Visitors will have the chance to travel back in time, and in 3-D, to see how the estate appeared more than 100 years ago through a special photography exhibition. The exhibition is included in the regular admission fee of \$17 for adults, \$16 for seniors, \$9 for youth and free for children younger than 5. To view the historic stereoview images as well as the modern 3-D anaglyphs, visit [www.mountvernon.org/3D](http://www.mountvernon.org/3D).

### Journey to Be Free: Alexandria

**Freedmen's Cemetery.** Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A new exhibit tracing the 150-year history of the long-forgotten Freedmen's Cemetery, its rediscovery and how the new Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial was created at the site. Call 703-746-4356.

### Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812.

Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria's citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit [www.leafendallhouse.org](http://www.leafendallhouse.org) or call 703.548.1789.

**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 value. Visit [www.PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://www.PresPassport.Monticello.org) for more.

**Fifty Years of Collecting.** Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

**Dinner for the Washingtons.** 12 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour

that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

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

### The Monday Morning Birdwalk

takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, 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.

**Civil War Sundays.** 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit [www.alexandriarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriarchaeology.org).

## 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 story with dress-up dance interpretation. The session culminates with a recital and reception. Tiny Dancers is designed for ages 2-12, featuring a performance based ballet, tap, jazz and musical theater curriculum. The studio is at 621 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-739-0900 or visit [www.tinydancers.com](http://www.tinydancers.com).

### Art League Summer Camps.

Registration for Summer Art Camp 2015 is now open. Art Camps run Monday to Friday through 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,

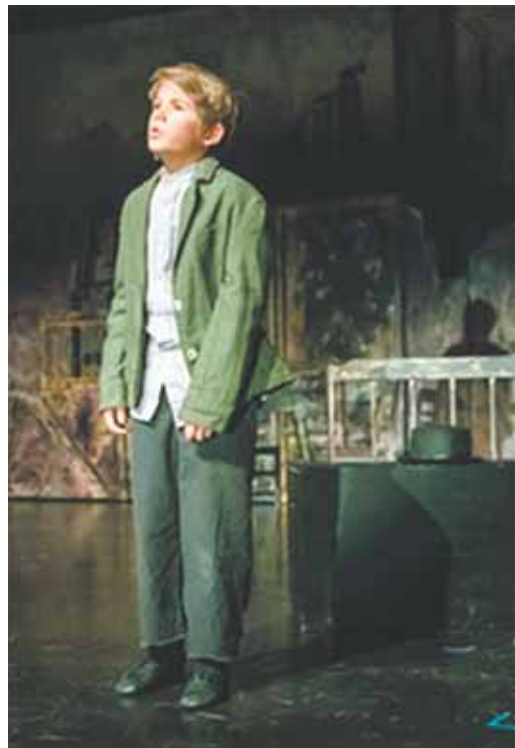


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## Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre's production of "Oliver."

## Auditions for 'Mary Poppins'

Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold auditions Monday, Aug. 10, for a production of "Mary Poppins." Auditions will take place at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. Ages 8-10 tryout from 5:30-7 p.m., ages 11-18 from 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Visit [www.mvcc.org](http://www.mvcc.org).

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## Special Family Tours this Summer at Gadsby's Tavern Museum



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Special Family Tours, led by Junior Docents grades 4-7, will be offered every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. through Labor Day weekend. A more flexible tour format will allow families to start a tour as soon as they arrive and move through the museum at their own pace. Young guests will also be able to partake in hands-on activities at the end of the tour. Activities included with regular admission: \$5 adults (\$4 with AAA), \$3 children ages 5 to 12, and 4 and under are free. Alexandria City Public School families and Blue Star Families are free and coupons, including the Key to the City, accepted. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for more.

and Basic Art Camp (a new medium each day). \$155-\$345. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.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. 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.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. 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.

**Community Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

**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.

**Community Yoga.** Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit [www.532yoga.com](http://www.532yoga.com).

### AUG. 3-24

**Broadway Musical Dance Workshop.** 3:45-4:45 p.m. Mondays at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Dance class involving jazz and Broadway music. All skills levels welcome. Free; donations accepted. Register by calling 703-765-4573.

### THURSDAY/AUG. 6

**Tim Cretella Performance.** 5 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Singer-songwriter Tim

Cretella will perform. Free. Visit [theblackwallhitch.com](http://theblackwallhitch.com).

**Visiting Artist Program: Gale Walker and Betti Pettinati Longinotti.** 5 p.m. at studio 333 and 316 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Hear from artists who are participating in the Visiting Artist Program at the Torpedo Factory. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Judith HeartSong's Salon: An Artful Conversation.** 6-8 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Join this monthly meeting of artists, writers, and arts professionals who come together to bond and network. Free. Visit [salonartfulconversation.com](http://salonartfulconversation.com).

**First Thursday.** 6-9 p.m. along Mt. Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Attend a Music and dance festival on Del Ray's main street. Free. Visit [www.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.com).

**Kasey Chambers.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Country and country-pop music from Australian-born artist Kasey Chambers. Tickets are \$35. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

### FRIDAY/AUG. 7

**Purple Heart Day.** 12:40 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Mount Vernon celebrates Purple Heart Day with a musical performance by the U.S. Army Brass Quintet and the U.S. Army Band. The ceremony will feature remarks from "General Washington" and other military officials. RSVP to Melissa Wood at [mwood@mountvernon.org](mailto:mwood@mountvernon.org) or 703-799-5203.

**FLY-Summer Performance.** 6 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center. 4915 East Campus Drive. The Metropolitan School of the Arts will be performing. Free. Call 703-339-0444 or visit [www.metrofinearts.com](http://www.metrofinearts.com).

**"Au Naturel" Exhibit Opening Reception.** 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. Attend the opening ceremony for the "Au Naturel" exhibit. Free. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

**Bruce Givens Performance.** 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Acoustic artist Bruce Givens will be performing. Free. Visit [theblackwallhitch.com](http://theblackwallhitch.com).

**Rachel Kline and Oklahoma Car Crash.** 7:30 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 Quaker Lane. Local musicians perform in honor of a tour launch. Tickets are \$5-7. Visit [www.ourconvergence.org](http://www.ourconvergence.org).

**Kim Waters.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount

Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Music by Maryland-born saxophonist and jazz performer Kim Waters. Tickets are \$35. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

### Four Mile Summer Movie Festival.

Movies start at dusk and are shown at the Four Mile Conservatory Building, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. National Community Church's Inaugural summer movie festival is co-sponsored by the City of Alexandria. Film schedule is as follows: Friday, Aug. 7, "McFarland USA" and Friday, Sept. 11, "Cool Runnings." Bring a blanket or chair. Free. Visit [www.theaterchurch.com](http://www.theaterchurch.com).

### AUG. 7-30

**"Au Naturel" Exhibit.** First Thursdays, 12-9 p.m., Thursdays, 12-6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 12-9 p.m., Sundays, 12-6 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. View artwork made in the "Au Naturel" or minimalist style. Free. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/ AUG. 7-9

**Arts on the Horizon presents: "Space-Bop."** Friday -10:30 a.m.; Saturday - 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Sunday - 10:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Join Arts on the Horizon for a sneak peak of "Space-Bop," set to open in February 2016. "Space-Bop" takes place under the stars and employs a hip-hop artist to tell a story that will help children appreciate the beauty of the night sky. The show is geared towards infants and toddlers. Tickets are \$3. Visit [www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org](http://www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org)

### SATURDAY/AUG. 8

**Cooking Event.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Old Town Farmers' Market, Market Square, 301 King St. Sample food from Chef Antonio Carluccio, from Carluccio's Restaurant. Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/OldTownFarmersMarket](http://www.alexandriava.gov/OldTownFarmersMarket).

**Canine Cruise.** 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The family dog is welcome to join in on an hour-long cruise through the Alexandria Seaport. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for children. Dogs ride free. Visit [www.potomacriverboatco.com](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com).

**Irish Festival.** 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park. The Ballyshaners of Alexandria will host a full day of Irish music, dance, food and more. Visit [www.ballyshaners.org/festival](http://www.ballyshaners.org/festival).

**One Love Festival.** 12-6 p.m. at Braddock Road Field, 400-594 E Braddock Road. This community event is held in honor of Lenny Harris to continue his legacy.

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**Jane Austen Ball.** 8 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Listen to live period music and watch or perform a variety of English Country dances. Tickets are \$45. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern](http://www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern) or call 703-746-4242.

### SUNDAY/AUG. 9

**Performance by Peter Omelchenko.** 7 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S Washington St. See Peter Omelchenko perform, accompanied by pianist Jonathan Laird. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Visit [www.balalaika.org](http://www.balalaika.org).

**Collective Delusion.** 7 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. Local band plays songs from the past and present. Admission is free. Visit [www.collectivedelusion.net](http://www.collectivedelusion.net).

### MONDAY/AUG. 10

**Mount Vernon Children's Theatre Auditions.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. Auditions for the production of "Mary Poppins." Ages 8-10 tryout from 5:30-7 p.m., ages 11-18 from 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Visit [www.mvccct.org](http://www.mvccct.org).

**Beer Science Class.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Port City World Headquarters, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Take a "mini class" on the principles of yeast and fermentation as they pertain to beer. Admission is \$20. Visit [www.portcitybrewing.com](http://www.portcitybrewing.com) for more.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 12

**Levi Stephens Performance.** 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Singer-songwriter, Levi Stephens, will be performing. Free. Visit [theblackwallhitch.com](http://theblackwallhitch.com).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 13

**Art Exhibition Reception.** 6-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Texas-based artist Leigh Merrill will be hosting a reception and Q&A at her photography and video solo exhibition Cloud Seeding. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.com](http://www.torpedofactory.com) for more.

**Dog Days of Summer.** 6-9 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Adoptable dogs and pet care information will be available at this Second Thursday Art Night, also featuring dog-based art, gallery exhibits and one-man band Alex W. Young. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Opening Reception: "Scapes" and "Taking Shape."** 6:30-8 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, 105 N Union St. Meet the artists. Refreshments will be served. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

**Preservation Hall Jazz Band.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Listen to traditional New Orleans-style jazz by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. Tickets are \$35. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

### FRIDAY/AUG. 14

**Austin Ellis Performance.** 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Artist Austin Ellis will perform. Free. Visit [theblackwallhitch.com](http://theblackwallhitch.com).

**Titan Takeover Teen Night.** 7-10 p.m. at Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 W Reed Ave. Featuring foods, events and giveaways. Free; food and raffle tickets are available for purchase. Recommended for teens. Text "Titan" to 30644 or email



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## Torpedo Factory's Dog Days of Summer

Adoptable dogs and pet care information will be available at this Second Thursday Art Night at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Find dog-themed art, gallery exhibits and one-man band Alex W. Young from 6-9 p.m. on Aug. 13. Admission to Second Thursday is free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

[kim.hurley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kim.hurley@alexandriava.gov) by Aug. 12 to attend.

**Dry Branch Fire Squad and Lou Reid & Carolina.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Music by Dry Branch Fire Squad and Lou Reid Carolina. Tickets are \$25. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Dixie Boys Melody Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Community Church, 6731 Beulah St. See the Dixie Boys Melody perform. Free. Visit [www.mountcalvary.cc](http://www.mountcalvary.cc) or call 703-971-0165.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 14-16

**The Complete Works of Shakespeare.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lee District Amphitheater 6601 Telegraph Road. Matinee times on Saturday and Sunday are at 2:30 p.m. Watch all 37 Shakespeare plays performed by three actors with a comedy twist. Admission is \$10. Mature audiences only are requested due to language. Visit [www.100minutesofshakespeare.eventbrite.com](http://www.100minutesofshakespeare.eventbrite.com).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 15-16

**Trunk Show: Candace Edgerley.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. An artist hosts a meet-and-greet, and displays scarves inspired by a recent trip to India. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

### SATURDAY/AUG. 15

**Sly45 Performance.** 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch Alexandria 5 Cameron St. Sly45 is a Baltimore-based band that plays songs from the '50s and '60s. Free. Visit [www.theblackwallhitch.com](http://www.theblackwallhitch.com).

**Laughing With Art: Blind Contour Drawing.** 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 Quaker Lane. Attend a ladies-only blind contour drawing session. Supplies are provided with the \$45 fee. Visit [www.ourconvergence.org](http://www.ourconvergence.org) for more.

**Marine Chamber Orchestra Concert Series.** 7:30 p.m. at The Schlesinger Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra continues its summer concert series. Free. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter).

**Tank.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Come enjoy some R&B and soul from the singer, songwriter and producer Tank. Tickets are \$25. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 16

**Medical Musical Group.** 3 p.m. at the Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. The Medical Musical Group, an ensemble of doctors, nurses, and medical students, will be performing. There will be a pre-concert beginning at 3 p.m., concert at 4 p.m. Tickets required. Call 800-965-9324 or visit [www.medicalmusical.org](http://www.medicalmusical.org).

**B.B. King Tribute.** 6 p.m. at the Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Blue's artists perform B.B. King's music in a tribute concert. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$30. Purchase at [www.thecarlyleclub.com](http://www.thecarlyleclub.com).

**Edwin McCain (Trio) with Jenn Grinels.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The rock and indie rock artist, Edwin McCain performs. Tickets are \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

### AUG. 18-SEPT. 18

**International Guild of Realism 10th Annual International Juried Exhibition.** During gallery hours at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. The International Guild of Realism is dedicated to the advancement of realism in fine art. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit [www.principlegallery.com](http://www.principlegallery.com).

### TUESDAY/AUG. 18

**"Mayors, Merchants, and Maladies" Event.** 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Callie Stapp, the Curator of Collections for the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Gadsby's Tavern Museum, will discuss 18<sup>th</sup> century pharmacy records. Sponsored by The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. Free. Visit [www.mvgenealogy.org/](http://www.mvgenealogy.org/).

**Southern Tier Beer Dinner.** 7-10 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Attend a dinner accompanied by beers from Southern Tier Brewing Company. Tickets are \$65. Visit [www.unionstreetpublichouse.com](http://www.unionstreetpublichouse.com).

### WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 19-20

**Colonial Market & Fair.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Engage in arts and crafts and participate in the festivities. Free- \$17, depending on age. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 19

**Nick Tierra Performance.** 5 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Rock artist, Nick Tierra, will be performing. Free. Visit [www.theblackwallhitch.com](http://www.theblackwallhitch.com).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 20

**Scott Fallon Performance.** 5 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Acoustic artist, Scott Fallon, will be performing. Free. Visit [www.theblackwallhitch.com](http://www.theblackwallhitch.com).

**Visiting Artist Program: Marcel Deolazo and Sol Hill.** 5 p.m. at studio 333 and 316 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Hear from artists who are participating in the Visiting Artist Program at the Torpedo Factory. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).  
**Chris Stapleton-In The Flex Stage.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$20. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 21-30

**Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week.** Neighborhood restaurants offer specials and deals for customers. Prices and times vary. Visit [www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com](http://www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 21

**Whiskey Tasting and Dinner.** 6:30-9:45 p.m. at the Distillery & Gristmill, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Learn how whiskey was made in colonial times and taste whiskey paired with a dinner. Tickets are \$125 per person. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

**Bruce Givens Performance.** 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Acoustic artist Bruce Givens will be performing. Free. Visit [www.theblackwallhitch.com](http://www.theblackwallhitch.com).

**Anthony David.** 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. R&B singer-songwriter Anthony David performs live, joined by special guest Zo! and Carmen Rodgers. Tickets start at \$35. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit [www.thecarlyleclub.com](http://www.thecarlyleclub.com).

## SATURDAY/AUG. 22

**3rd Annual Artist Materials Market.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Sell, buy, and swap gently used art supplies, tools, materials, and more. There are approximately 20 tables available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve your table for \$25 at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) before Aug. 19.

**Tom Walker Performance.** 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Musician Tom Walker will be performing. Free. Visit [www.theblackwallhitch.com](http://www.theblackwallhitch.com).

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 26

**Tony Martirano Performance.** 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Artist Tony Martirano will be performing. Free. Visit [www.theblackwallhitch.com](http://www.theblackwallhitch.com).

## AUG. 26-NOV. 20

**Young at Art Juried Art Show.** Monday-Friday, 5-10 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Artists 55 and older can contribute their

artwork for the exhibition. On Thursday, Aug. 20, artists can bring their work to the Durant Center from 10 a.m.-noon to be registered and displayed. Artists must fill out a Entry and Artist/Lender Agreement and pay an entry fee of \$20 for up to three works of art, \$5 for any additional pieces. Entry forms can be found at [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org).

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 26

**Port City Beer Dinner at Wildfire.** 6:30-9 p.m. at Wildfire, 2001 International Drive, McLean. Four courses will be paired with Alexandria's Port City Beers. Tickets are \$50. Visit [www.portcitybrewing.com](http://www.portcitybrewing.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 27

**FACE It You Can Paint: Paint Your Own Flower Garden.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Convergence, 1801 N Quaker Lane. Learn simple brush techniques to create garden paintings. \$45 for 1 adult/1 child and \$15 for additional children. Visit [www.metamorphosisaec.com](http://www.metamorphosisaec.com).

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## FRIDAY/AUG. 28

**FACE It You Can Paint: Paint Your Own Flower Garden.** 3:30-5 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N Quaker Lane. Learn simple brush techniques to create garden paintings. \$45 for 1 adult/1 child and \$15 for additional children. Visit [www.metamorphosisaec.com](http://www.metamorphosisaec.com) to register.

**Red Wine Diaries Performance.** 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Acoustic band, Red Wine Diaries, will be performing. Free. Visit [theblackwallhitch.com](http://theblackwallhitch.com).

## AUG. 31-OCT. 18

**Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery Juried Show: "What I Did On My Summer Vacation."** 10-5 p.m., 10-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St., Studio 18. View summer vacation-themed artwork. Free. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com).

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 1

**Tuesday Morning Stroll.** 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Simpson Park Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Residents are invited to visit the garden, receive free seed packets and have their gardening questions answered by experts. Free. Contact [carol\\_kilroy@comcast.net](mailto:carol_kilroy@comcast.net) for more.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 11

**SPARK Health and Fitness Festival.** 4-8 p.m. at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Hosted by SPARK Physiotherapy, LLC., fun and safe games, competitions, entertainment, raffles and giveaways. Free. Visit [www.sparkphysio.com](http://www.sparkphysio.com).

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[www.theaterchurch.com](http://www.theaterchurch.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

**Canine Cruise.** 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The family dog is welcome to join in on an hour-long cruise through the Alexandria Seaport. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for children. Dogs ride free. Visit [www.potomacriverboatco.com](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com).  
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## SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

**Fairfax County NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.** 1-5 p.m. at The Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Numerous organizations and individuals for continued community service will be honored. Eric Broyles, co-author of "Encounters with the Police: A Black Man's Guide to Survival," will be the event speaker. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$600 per table of 10 guests. Payment due by Aug. 23 via [www.evite.me/Wb3XgF4HP8](http://www.evite.me/Wb3XgF4HP8). Email [fairfaxnaacp@gmail.com](mailto:fairfaxnaacp@gmail.com).


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# Episcopal's Jacoby Commits to Navy Men's Lacrosse

## Rising sophomore plays attack/midfield.

After taking a visit to the Naval Academy, Clifton resident and Episcopal rising sophomore lacrosse player Connor Jacoby realized he didn't want to take a "regular college route."

Jacoby recently committed to play lacrosse at the Naval Academy. He plans to first spend one year at the Naval Academy Preparatory School after high school.

"I never really thought about going to the academy until they recruited me and I visited," Jacoby said. "When I compared it to other colleges I visited, I realized I didn't want to take a regular college route ... I wanted to challenge myself academically. I wanted to challenge myself as in ... being a

part of something that's huge. I really wanted to be part of the brotherhood in the Navy."

Jacoby said he spoke with Chapman Jasien, a 2015 Robinson graduate who won two state titles with the Rams and will play for Navy, about his college choice.

"He kind of talked to me about the opportunities you would miss if you didn't go to the academy," Jacoby said.

Jacoby played midfield for Episcopal as a freshman, but could play attack as a sophomore.

— JON ROETMAN

**Episcopal rising sophomore and Clifton resident Connor Jacoby is committed to play lacrosse at the Naval Academy.**



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# Summer Crew Season Ends with Racing in Old Town



**The summer crew student team of all-stars took on the coaches with a strong sprint at the end that brought them within 3 seconds of the coaches. Rowers include Elizabeth Roda (coxswain), Maeve Bradley, Carter Weitekamp, Hannah Posson, Preston Tracy, Stefanos Psaltis-Ivanis, Reed Kenney, Anissa Ashraf, and Caroline Hill.**



**The coaches, most of whom are former T.C. Williams rowers, celebrated their victory over the student boat.**

The Old Town waterfront came alive with hard-fought competition on Saturday morning, Aug. 1, as the Alexandria summer rowers competed in the Blue Plains Sprints, the annual end-of-season competition.

Almost 100 adult and student rowers and coxswains participated in this year's contest. From middle school to adult rowers, novice to experienced rowers, single scullers to boats of eight, Alexandria rowers tested their skills against one another in a 500-meter course that ran from the Mirant Power Plant to the Dee Campbell Boathouse.

About 200 spectators at the Dee Campbell Boathouse cheered on the competition, which ended with the annual "kids versus coaches" race. In a heated competition, the coaches narrowly beat the student rowers for the third straight year.

Novice, intermediate, and experienced rowers competed in 500-meter races in the early morning of Saturday, Aug. 1. Races included single and double sculls, quads, coxed fours, and eights. Alexandria Crew Boosters sponsored the summer programs, which focused on teaching rowing techniques to novices, improving the skills of intermediate rowers, and giving more experienced rowers diverse experiences, including the use of sculls, boats that require two oars versus the one oars used in sweep rowing.

Lexye Hearing, coordinator for the summer program and a MC for the event, said, "This summer has been a great experience for all of the rowers and coaches. Our novice youth and adults looked great in their first race, the intermediates really improved their technique from the beginning of the summer, and our sculling squad has never looked better."

The most anticipated race of the day was the annual "kids versus coaches" race. The

summer coaches, most of whom are former T.C. rowers, spent the summer helping the rowers develop their skills. They tested the students' skills at the end of the season with a race.

The coaches started the competition by doing a fancy standing shove off from the dock that was likely meant to intimidate their talented students. The students were unfazed, putting up a strong battle from the beginning.

When the coaches moved ahead early, the students rowed even harder, closing the gap so that they finished less than 3 seconds behind the coaches. While the coaches celebrated their victory, they were also proud of the accomplishments of all of the students this summer.

"The scullers showed great improvements in their technique and the youth sweep races were very close. This is the hallmark of a successful summer" said Steve Weir, retired head coach of TC Williams crew who also helps out during the summer.

Hearing, who rowed on a championship team for T.C. Williams, said, "Summer rowing on the Potomac has been going on for many years, and I've been part of this program since 1996. It is a great opportunity for our high school rowers to improve their technique, learn to scull, and maintain their fitness in a relaxed and supportive environment."

Rowing in Old Town will now shift to a fall program for novices and intermediates, as well as the Old Dominion Boat Club (ODBC) Fall Select Crew Program for competitive rowers, both run out of the Dee Campbell Boathouse.

Alexandria's rowing programs provide opportunities for all rowers, regardless of experience level.

Individuals wishing to learn more about crew programs in Alexandria can access information at [www.tcwcrew.org](http://www.tcwcrew.org).

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### ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 15-06-08

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for: Professional Development, Training, and Coaching; Tutorial Services and Products, for Math Solutions. Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 15-06-08 Professional Development, Training, and Coaching; Tutorial Services and Products, for Math Solution – Alexandria City Public Schools, will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, August 21, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8140, or by downloading the RFP 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 3:00 p.m. on August 17, 2015. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPs web site. No RFP 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 RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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### ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID NUMBER 15-07-03

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking bids for partial roof replacement at George Washington Middle School.

Sealed Bids with the notation ITB # 15-07-03, Partial Roof Replacement at George Washington Middle School will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, Tuesday September 15, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Bids appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. ITB documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8162, or by downloading the ITB 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 1:00 p.m., September 8, 2015. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPs web site. A pre-bid conference/site visit will be held at 10:00 a.m., August 18, 2015 at the address listed above. No ITB may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of bids except as may be set forth in the ITB.

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### ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NUMBER 15-07-02

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide a cafeteria and kitchen condition assessment.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 15-07-02 Cafeteria and Kitchen Condition Assessment will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, August 20, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPs website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php>

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### ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID NUMBER 15-07-08

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking bids for the replacement of two 25 ton HVAC units at Francis C. Hammond Middle School.

Sealed Bids with the notation ITB # 15-07-08, HVAC Replacements at Francis C. Hammond Middle School will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, Monday August 10, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Bids appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. ITB documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8162, or by downloading the ITB 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 1:00 p.m., August 7, 2015. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPs web site.

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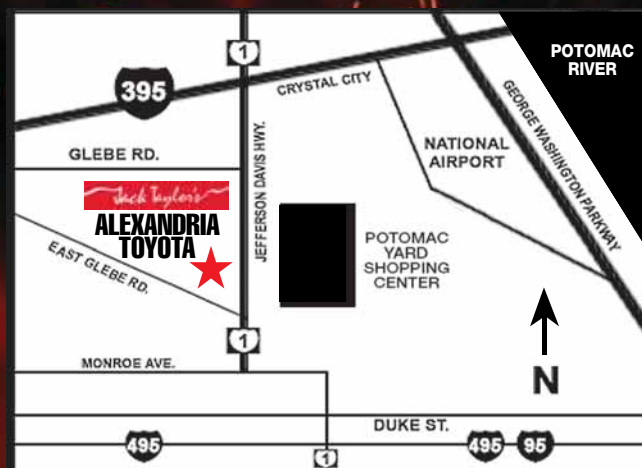
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### TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL



**\$99<sup>95</sup>**

Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month  
FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside  
assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll  
check all battery cables & connections.

Installation additional. Does not apply to hybrid vehicles.  
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### A/C SPECIAL

**\$99<sup>95</sup>**

Includes: Check compressor, add up to 1 lb. of R134a freon,  
adjust drive belts, tighten fittings, check condenser fins &  
check system for leaks.

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**\$32<sup>95</sup>** PER DAY WITH ANY SERVICE

Must be at least 21 years of age with valid driver's license and proof of insurance. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER.  
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### EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR VEHICLE! BG FLUID EXCHANGE SPECIAL

TRANSMISSION FLUSH **\$189<sup>95</sup>**  
POWER STEERING FLUSH **\$139<sup>95</sup>**  
BRAKE FLUSH **\$139<sup>95</sup>**  
FUEL INDUCTION FLUSH **\$139<sup>95</sup>**

FOR TRANSMISSION FLUSH, TYPE T OR WS FLUID ADD \$50.00  
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### LUBE, OIL & FILTER SERVICE SPECIAL

**\$34<sup>95</sup> \$44<sup>95</sup>**

NON-SYNTHETIC SYNTHETIC

Includes: Change oil (up to 5 qts.),  
install Genuine Toyota oil filter,  
inspect & adjust all fluid levels and  
complimentary multi-point inspection  
with print out.

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### POTHOLE SPECIAL 4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT



**\$99<sup>95</sup>**

Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire  
wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.

Includes: Inspect suspension,  
ball joints, struts & shocks, tire  
condition and set tire pressure.

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TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

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### BRAKE SPECIAL \$99<sup>95</sup>

PADS

Includes: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads,  
inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition  
and inspect all hardware. TCMC pads only.

MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.

DOES NOT APPLY TO ALL VEHICLES PLEASE SEE SERVICE ADVISOR  
FOR DETAILS. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON.  
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**Alexandria \$1,249,900**

New Price! Colonial stunner with 4 bedrooms, 4 full and 2 half baths. Serene setting with wonderful landscaping and a private tennis court. Updated kitchen with family room adjacent. Fully finished basement and great location. 4120seminary.mceneaney.com

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**Del Ray \$1,225,000**

Completely renovated Del Ray farmhouse with addition. 6 bedrooms, 4 full baths. Welcoming front porch, open floor plan, gourmet kitchen, luxurious master suite. Lower level rec room with soaring ceilings. Steps to "The Avenue" & walkable to Metro.

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**Old Town \$949,000**

Totally renovated townhouse featuring a sparkling new chef's kitchen with island opening to family room. Hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, new windows, and private patio. 3 spacious bedrooms with new bathrooms. Off-street parking. 537 S Saint Asaph St.

**Babs Beckwith**

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**Rosemont \$1,195,000**

Spacious Victorian, circa 1918, with wrap-around porch, overlooking the park, in the heart of Rosemont. High ceilings, large rooms, light filled and welcoming. Walk to 2 Metros! 4 bedrooms 3.5 baths. 4 finished levels, one car garage. 611 North View Terrace

**Ginger Quinn**

703.731.4139

611northview.McEneaney.com



**Arlington \$1,439,000**

Glorious 5-bedroom, 3.5-bath colonial with monument views! Features include hardwoods, formal dining room, sunny living room, library, deck, updated baths/kitchen, 2-car garage. Au pair suite with separate entry. Mature gardens with pond. Walk to Metro.

**Susan Leavitt 703.855.2267**

**MaryAshley Rhule 860.214.7474**

SusanLeavitt.com



**Del Ray \$849,000**

Just steps from Mt Vernon Ave, this lovely 4-bedroom, 2-bath home is updated & has great outdoor entertaining space. Fresh paint, new landscaping & refinished hardwood floors await new homeowners. Easy walk to the Braddock Metro. 410 E Nelson St.

**Elizabeth Lucchesi**

703.868.5676

LizLuke.com



**Hollin Glen \$725,000**

Gracious, brick-front, center-hall Colonial on sunny corner lot in Hollin Glen. Spectacular landscaping. Bright sunroom with French doors overlooks in-ground pool. Hardwood floors, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, attached garage. 7115 Colgate Drive

**Trebor Lefebvre Whearty**

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**Accokeek, MD \$779,000**

Charming, historic 10+ acre estate! The main house, built in 1800, has 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 5 fireplaces, and an all-weather sunroom, 1-bedroom/1-bath guest house, gorgeous outdoor patios! Minutes to DC, and Old Town! This is Bellevue!

**Michael Makris**

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**Old Town \$624,900**

Exciting condo in the heart of Old Town with 11-foot high ceilings, tall windows, a wood-burning fireplace, and a large eat-in kitchen. Spacious rooms with hardwood floors and custom closets. One off-street parking space conveys.

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**Alexandria \$549,900**

Braddock Heights detached home with 2 bedrooms & 2 baths. Complete main level living offers convenience. Updated eat-in kitchen, landscaped, off street parking, fenced backyard, great location to Shirlington, Old Town & interstate. 1303hillside.mceneaney.com

**Sue Goodhart**

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**Rosemont \$1,349,000**

Experience the changing seasons from this 5-bedroom, 4-bath gracious colonial on quiet street boasting generously proportioned rooms, awesome natural light, and open floor plan! Pleasant stroll to the Metro and Old Town! This is living!

**Sally Z. Harper**

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**Alexandria \$429,900**

1-bedroom + DEN, 1-bath, top-floor, 2-year-old, LEED certified energy-efficient condo. Open living space with hardwood floors. Sleek kitchen with granite & stainless & eat-in island. 1 garage space & storage unit. Just 4 blocks to Metro! 815 N Patrick St #406.

**Wendy Santantonio**

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