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Fort Hunt Elementary School's annual "Dance Around the World" offered a chance to celebrate and learn about the 65 nations represented by the school's students. Principal Thomas Fitzpatrick, led the Parade of Nations through the gymnasium and school hall.



Artie the Fox, the school's Mascot, was a popular visitor at the family event.

## 'Dance Around The World'



Children are still having fun dancing the Macarena, 11 years after it became an international hit.



Young guests have fun dancing with Marie Lopez, a Spanish LTC teacher at Fort Hunt Elementary. Lopez's dress reflected her time spent in Spain.



Mother and daughter, Fawzia (left) and Sadia Lodin, attended the Dance Around the World celebration wearing colorful clothing from Afghanistan.

## Volunteer Stars Shine Brightly

24th annual event recognizes community champions.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

**K**athy Hertz, a longtime volunteer in Clifton, spent more than a week in Lesbos, Greece just after Christmas with her cousin. The two of them volunteered in and around a refugee camp for individuals being funnelled to Athens and hopefully back to Germany or other European havens.

"This could be me in a different time and place," Hertz said of the refugees, "running for their lives, strangers in a strange land."

Hertz was recognized for her work with the Daily Points of Light Award, as well as the volunteer service award for Adult Over 250 Hours at the 24th Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards breakfast on April 8.



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**Mount Vernon High School senior Eunice Kwarteng (left) accepts the award for Youth Volunteer. Kwarteng has been a volunteer with the Community Preservation and Development Corporation since 2012. She is a tutor and mentor for more than 100 youth in the community and has created and run adult programs.**

"Volunteering is activism," Hertz said, "standing up for what you believe in. I accept this on behalf of everyone who goes outside of their comfort zone for the greater good."

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**Kenny (center) and Nancy (right) Hegland accept the Family Volunteer award on behalf of the Hegland Family. The Heglands volunteer at United Community Ministries in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria, giving more than 2,400 hours together in 2015. They developed and help operate a rear dock management system to help better process the thousands of pounds of food going into the UCM food pantry.**

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## Opening Day Ceremony

Fort Hunt Little League President Barry Meuse welcomed everyone to the Opening Day Ceremony. The Carl Sandburg gymnasium was filled with 630 players and their families, ready to begin the new season.



Kate Lavanga led the players in taking the Little League Pledge.



State Sen. Scott Surovell was a guest speaker. He played in Fort Hunt Little League, as a youth. The senator encouraged the players to thank their parents and coaches, for all of their efforts.



The Royals marched behind a banner, for a little extra team spirit.



Adrianna DeLorenzo, a sophomore at West Potomac High School, led everyone in singing the National Anthem. Along with her active involvement in the school's artistic programs, Adrianna is also a member of the JV Softball Team.

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Front, from left: Mount Vernon High School senior Eunice Kwarteng and Carmela Dangale, in sixth grade at Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School, accept the Youth Volunteer Group award on behalf of Stony Brook Junior Volunteers. The Stony Brook group is comprised of more than 50 members ages six to 17 who work on service projects in the South County area, including making holiday cards for seniors, transforming an abandoned plot of land into a community garden and gathering thousands of toys to donate to less fortunate children.

## Volunteers Awarded

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In a statement for the occasion, state Sen. George Barker (D-39) said, "Almost no one else would do what (Kathy) did. She accomplished what she set out to do, helping those with the least."

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova was on hand for the awards, held at the Waterford at Springfield, along with each district Supervisor. Together, they honored the 178 group and individual nominees for volunteer service awards with an official proclamation declaring April 8, 2016 "Volunteer Recognition Day" in Fairfax County.

"In Fairfax County, we have a culture of engagement," Bulova said. The day was meant for people in the community to "observe with friends, celebrate and promote volunteerism."

Each Supervisor named a community champion — one outstanding citizen or organization — and then winners of more than a dozen competitive volunteer service awards were announced by host Jeff Goldberg of ABC7/WJLA-TV.

Elise Neil Bengtson, chief executive officer of Volunteer Fairfax encouraged everyone in the audience to "share the gift of time, talent, wherever they are needed."

Visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).



Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia won the competitive award for Adult Volunteer Group. Girls on the Run is a 10-week session for developing running as well as life skills that culminates in a non-competitive 5-kilometer run.

## Neighborhood Gala To Benefit Hollin Meadows STEM

With the \$50 million rift between the Fairfax County Public Schools adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2017 and the advertised transfer from the Board of Supervisors still looming, parents and community supporters of Hollin Meadows Elementary hope to protect their school's highly valued STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and outdoor garden programs.

On April 30, the Hollin Meadows Partnership will host the sixth annual Neighborhood Gala fundraiser at a private resi-

dence close to the school in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria. The tented event raises money through admission tickets, raffles, a silent auction of more than 150 items and outright donations.

Last year, Neighborhood Gala donations reached around \$55,000.

At Hollin Meadows, they have a special full-time STEM teacher as well as a 10,000 square-foot outdoor garden.

"The garden is really amazing," said gala committee member Jennifer Lipner, who has a second grader and incoming kinder-

gartner at Hollin Meadows. "We have a part-time garden coordinator who helps plant, harvest, measure and weigh. It's a great learning opportunity and gets the kids outside."

Lipner said the garden harvest has been so bountiful in the past that the school has donated dozens of pounds of sweet potatoes and provided lettuce for its annual Thanksgiving feast.

With about 50 percent of Hollin Mills, a Title 1 school, eligible for free and reduced meals, Lipner said the programs are also

critical for teaching about healthy eating habits.

"It makes a big impact on the community," she said.

The Sixth Hollin Meadows Neighborhood Gala to benefit the STEM and outdoor garden programs is scheduled for April 30 from 7-11 p.m. For more information or to bid on a silent auction item, visit [www.biddingowl.com/hmpgala](http://www.biddingowl.com/hmpgala). Hollin Meadows Elementary School is located at 2310 Nordok Place in Alexandria.

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## OPINION

# Beware of Scams

BY PAUL KRIZEK  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



Recently, I attended a presentation at the Hollin Hall Senior Center by our Fairfax County Police on the growing threat of scams targeting seniors, sponsored by Mount Vernon at Home. This is an issue that I championed this legislative session in Richmond — combating these scams and protecting seniors are among my top priorities. Almost 20 percent of Fairfax County homes have residents over 65 years of age, so our community is a tempting target for con artists and flim flam men.

We all need to be hypervigilant and recognize that it is OK to hang up the phone or not to answer the door, and certainly it is a good idea to call the non-emergency police number for our Mount Vernon station, 703-691-2131, if you are at all dubious or concerned.

There are many scams aimed at seniors via the internet, over the phone and in person. Amazingly, just while I am writing this, I received a “robo call” encouraging me to press 1 to get a free “senior alert” product of some sort. I can’t tell you more because I promptly hung up, which I recommend you do as well.

Likewise, be very careful of the “woodchucks,” those guys who will cut down that “dead tree or limb” and end up charging you hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars. Same goes for the guy who says he is “in the neighborhood” and just wanted to save you some money while he “seals your driveway” or “repairs your roof.” Ask for a written estimate and tell him that you are going to get two more estimates. A legitimate business (and one with a license) expects that.

Some of the scams include the popular IRS robo calls that look real on your caller ID because they use a 202 - Washington, DC, area code. Remember, the IRS will never call you. They write to you only. Do not call them back or engage with these con artists on the phone. Hang up!

There is the “warrant for missing jury duty” scam. And, the caller pretending to be your grandchild who is in trouble out of state and supposedly “needs bail money.” That one almost tricked my Dad. These guys are good, so don’t feel stupid if they take

your money, but do let someone else that you trust know what happened. Too many of us are too embarrassed to come forward after being taken in. But, we can all fall prey to these con artists.

Online scams are legion. For example, you may recently have gotten an email with the subject line “Get Protected.” The email describes that the Social Security Administration (SSA) is supposedly offering great new features to help taxpayers protect their personal information and identities. It sounds so good that you may be tempted to click on the link provided — don’t be fooled.

It’s a scam!

Scammers pretending to be from the SSA send out the email offering new features to help consumers monitor their credit and learn whether someone is engaging in unauthor-

rized use of their Social Security number. It sounds very official and may even mention the “SAFE Act of 2015.”

The Social Security Administration is not offering such a program. It’s actually a “phishing” email designed to get you to click on the link. Doing so could cause “malware” to be installed on your computer, like viruses and spyware.

The link might also take you to a “spoof” site designed to look like the SSA’s website and ask you to provide personal information, like your Social Security number and bank or credit account numbers. It’s all very clever. Be alert. And never click on any links.

Unsure about whether it’s for real? Here are a couple clues: “hover” your cursor over the address link in the email. If it’s fake, you’ll see that the address is an unrelated .com address, not the .gov address it appears to be. Sometimes it may be in your junk folder. If so, that’s because your email filters recognized that it wasn’t for real but they can’t catch everything.

If you’re unsure if an email is coming from the government, call or email them yourself. But use an email address you find yourself, not the contact info listed in the email sent to you.

During the 2016 session, I was the patron of HB620, which would have allowed financial institutions to hold suspicious transactions for a period of time until it could verify the validity.

I look forward to continuing to work on this and encourage all residents to contact me regarding this important issue if you have an idea for how to curb senior exploitation. You may reach me at delpkrizek@house.virginia.gov.

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### THURSDAY/APRIL 14

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#### Democratic Caucuses. Noon-2 p.m.

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# OPINION

## Award-Winning Connection Newspapers

### Still striving to be the Connection to your community.

Connection Newspapers won dozens of awards from the Virginia Press Association for work done in 2015. Award winners were announced on Saturday, April 9, at an awards banquet in Richmond.

While the papers won awards in many categories, the common underpinning was community journalism, accessibility of information, and reporting on critical issues like transparency in government.

**EDITORIAL** Thematically, the papers won multiple awards for stories and sections that were informative and helped make communities, events and resources more accessible to our readers.

Examples included Ken Moore's reporting on Robert Simon's role in Reston, which included coverage of Simon's 101st birthday, Simon's ongoing influence, and his obituary. The series won first place.

Print newspaper obituaries play a vital role in local communities, reflected in Jeanne Theismann's first place award for three obituaries in the Alexandria Gazette Packet. Earl Lloyd was born into "the cradle of segregation" yet persevered to become the first African American to break the color barrier in the NBA.

Dr. Robert Wineland,—"Dr. Bob," was a WW II veteran and survivor of the Battle of the Bulge. He was a beloved local doctor for more than 60 years. And Ferdinand Day was the first African American to be elected to chair a public school board in the state of Virginia.

We are lucky to have cartoonist Steve Artley to skewer and edify many issues, including his first place cartoon that suggests Alexandria could solve parking and housing problems by placing both on barges in the Potomac River.

Jean Card, Renee Ruggles and Laurence Foong have collaborated over several years on the Insider's Guide to the Parks, which won awards in Mount Vernon and Vienna/Oakton, capping several awards for informational graphics.

Our Newcomers and Community Guide to Arlington was described as "Informative, well written, with good use of graphics." Winners included Steven Mauren, Eden Brown, Vernon Miles, Shirley Ruhe, Laurence Foong.

Sarai Johnson, Hope Nelson, Shirley Ruhe, and Steve Hibbard won second place for entertainment pages in the Alexandria Gazette Packet, weekly coverage of arts, entertainment, food and things to do in Alexandria.

Reporting on elections, the environment, health and fitness, and organizations that are designed to help others also garnered awards.

Kenny Lourie won for his ongoing column writing about living with cancer. Lourie both lives and writes with humor and perspective. The judge said, "Though filled with heavy subject matter, the author hooks readers by using

his first-person perspective, humor and emotion to describe the events of his life. These columns grab your attention from the first paragraph."

Abigail Constantino's photo that shows the great aunt of Natasha McKenna at a protest of McKenna's death in custody, won second place for general news photo. Eudora Paul's sign displays McKenna's last words: "You promised you would not kill me."

Tim Peterson's coverage of McKenna's death won second place in In Depth/Investigative. Peterson garnered the most awards of any Connection staff member, winning seven.

Mary Kimm's editorials on lack of police transparency and local government accountability won second place for editorial writing.

Kemal Kurspahic's opinion pages in the Herndon Connection won third place.

Jeanne Theismann, whose profile includes that she "dreams of one day writing headlines for the New York Post," won second place for headline writing in the Alexandria Gazette Packet. Headlines: Some Like It Haute, — story about the 10-year anniversary of a boutique warehouse sale; Soul Providers, a story about volunteers recognized for service to seniors; Something to Wine About,— on the opening of a new wine cellar; Luck Be a Lady,— on the opening of a new bath apothecary called Ladyburg; To the Rescue, about— a nonprofit started by firefighters to collect toys for underprivileged children.

— MARY KIMM

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### Awards

- ❖ Tim Peterson, Mount Vernon Gazette, Second Place – In-depth or investigative reporting on the death of Natasha McKenna, a 37-year-old woman with a history of mental who died while in custody of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Judge: "Painstaking, persuasive reconstruction of events leading to the death of a troubled woman. ... This careful, thorough reporting is welcome."
- ❖ Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Renee Ruggles, Mount Vernon Gazette, Third Place – Informational graphics, Connection Insiders Guide to the Parks
- ❖ Steve Artley, Alexandria Gazette Packet, First Place – Illustration. Cartoon: "Alert the council, we've managed to solve the parking problem and the public housing issue in one swoop." Judge's comment: "Excellent image to poke fun at a growing problem. Excellently delivered in a single image."
- ❖ Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet, First Place – Personal service writing. Three obituaries: Earl Lloyd, Dr. Robert Wineland –and Ferdinand Day. Judge's comment: "... an outstanding job ... She provides a wonderful context to the lives of people who may be overlooked in the typical press. Her insights into these individuals reflects her research into the subject and her analysis of the character of that individual. When I go, I hope she writes about me."
- ❖ Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet, Second Place – Headlines. Judge: "Clever yet informative."
- ❖ John Bordner, Alexandria Gazette Packet, Third Place – Feature photo,

- Fireworks light up the sky July 11, 2015 as musicians from the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra to celebrate the 266th birthday of the City of Alexandria.
- ❖ Marilyn Campbell, Alexandria Gazette Packet, Third Place – Personal service writing, stories on fitness.
- ❖ Sarai Johnson, Hope Nelson, Shirley Ruhe, Steve Hibbard, Alexandria Gazette Packet, Second Place – Entertainment pages
- ❖ Vernon Miles, Alexandria Gazette Packet, Third Place – Government writing
- ❖ Jean Card, Sarai Johnson, Steven Mauren, Arlington Connection, Second Place – Special edition, Children's Connection. Judge: "Clean, crisp, appealing. The design flowed throughout this section."
- ❖ Steven Mauren, Eden Brown, Vernon Miles, Shirley Ruhe, Laurence Foong, Arlington Connection, Third Place – Special edition, Newcomers and Community Guide. Judge: "Informative, well written, good use of graphics."
- ❖ Ken Moore, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, First Place – Feature writing portfolio included a trip to the farmers market, remembrance of Latin teacher Christine Sleeper and celebration of the one-year birthday of the Silver Line.
- ❖ Marilyn Campbell, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, Second Place – Health, science and environmental writing
- ❖ Kenneth Lourie, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, Second Place – Column writing. Judge: "Though filled with heavy subject matter, the author hooks readers by using his first-person perspective, humor and emotion to describe the events of his

- life. These columns grab your attention from the first paragraph."
- ❖ Ken Moore, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, Second Place – General news writing for election coverage. "Excellent coverage. ... Balanced and thorough. Effective at conveying why this is relevant for readers."
- ❖ Jon Roetman, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, Second Place – Sports writing portfolio.
- ❖ Kemal Kurspahic, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong, Mary Kimm, Oak Hill/ Herndon Connection, Third Place – Editorial pages
- ❖ Ken Moore, Reston Connection, First Place – Feature series or continuing story, on Reston founder Robert Simon. Judge's comment: "This was an in-depth series, very informative and interesting to read." Moore covered several key moments, including celebration of Founder's Day 2015 and Simon's 101st birthday; later, Moore wrote Simon's obituary and covered the celebration of Simon's life.
- ❖ Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Renee Ruggles, Vienna/Oakton Connection, Second Place – Informational graphics, Connection Insiders Guide to the Parks.
- ❖ Mary Kimm, Great Falls Connection, Second Place – Editorial writing for multiple editorials on police transparency. Judge: "Brings important pressure to bear on people in power."
- ❖ Ken Moore, Great Falls Connection, Second Place – Health, science and environmental writing; stories covering issues of deer, cleanup of groundwater contamination from gas station and tree preservation. Judge: "Excellent and informative."

- ❖ Laurence Foong, Great Falls Connection, Third Place – Informational graphics, Map of Property Assessments. Judge: "A very interesting concept."
- ❖ Ken Moore, McLean Connection, Third Place – Feature writing portfolio. Judge: "Great reads on interesting topics. Who knew there was such a thing as pinball championship, especially out of someone's basement? Pull out information added neat and tidy facts and/or information."
- ❖ Abigail Constantino, Fairfax Connection, Second Place – General news photo, Natasha McKenna's great aunt holds a sign: "You promised you would not kill me." Judge: "Good capture of emotionally charged event."
- ❖ Tim Peterson, Springfield Connection, Second Place – Personal service writing, coverage of three worthy causes. Judge: "This submission quickly makes the reader care about the causes championed in the stories. ... There was good detail presented in such a way as to make the reader want to donate to each of these causes by the end of the story — I was ready to get my checkbook out after reading each one."
- ❖ Tim Peterson, Springfield Connection, Third Place – Government writing, coverage on aftermath of police shooting of John Geer, Virginia General Assembly. Judge: "A very comprehensive look at the Geer case was well-thought out and I was very impressed with the state legislature package."

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## OPINION



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### Little Hunting Creek Cleanup

This past weekend, state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36) and Del. Paul Krizek (D-44) held their 2016 Little Hunting Creek Cleanup near U.S. 1 in Lee District. In coordination with the Friends of Little Hunting Creek, Surovell and Krizek were able to host three different cleanup sites in the Hybla Valley area: Janna Lee Avenue Bridge, Mount Vernon Shopping Plaza behind the Shoppers and Post Office, and Creekside Village Apartments. The three sites totaled over 25 volunteers that collected over 1,800 pounds of trash and 115 trash bags. Volunteers found a variety of items that included three dozen balls, three car tires, one mannequin leg, two toy children's cars, one air conditioning unit, two folding chairs, four bicycles, one small animal skull, one propane tank, and one child's lounge chair. With the assistance of Robert O'Hanlon's tree service, the cleanup volunteers were able to extract 10 grocery carts from the Janna Lee Avenue site.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Vital Upkeep

To the Editor:

I disagree with Mr. Spiegel's expressed concerns [Letter, "Decision on Re-Paving," April 7] about road resurfacing in the Ft. Hunt area. There's no need to "speculate" about how the decision was made — Scott Surovell outlined the reasons why this resurfacing is long overdue in his comments in May 2015 which was widely distributed throughout the district. <http://scottsurovell.blogspot.com/2015/05/weekly-column-major-paving-operations.html>

The county (and the state) invested too little in road repairs in the recent past.

I appreciate that professionals at VDOT were able to make the de-

cision to resurface our streets rather than having it be decided by the local (or state) legislature. Mr. Spiegel seems to be concerned that having professionals do their job is somehow a bad thing — I do not.

Upkeep of infrastructure is vitally important. We owe it to those whose taxes paid for our roads (in some cases 50-plus years ago) to take care of them. We also owe it to ourselves and our neighbors to take care of common areas. It's hard to imagine a more cost-effective infrastructure maintenance procedure than road milling and resurfacing (which reuses the recycled asphalt). I'm no expert, but it seems obvious to me as I walk our neighborhood that patching and tar are not appropriate for

road surfaces that often have cracks every 6 inches or less. Areas that have been recently milled often have potholes and large cracks penetrating deep into the substrate which seems to indicate the maintenance resurfacing may have already been delayed too long. Rebuilding roads from the ground up is far more expensive than periodic maintenance.

There's a well-known aphorism about being "penny-wise and pound foolish." One could make the case here, I think, that arguing against necessary road resurfacing is penny foolish, especially given the small amount that we each pay as citizens and property owners for this vital upkeep.

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BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

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"These houses are historic and they all reflect the homeowners' personalities and interests," said Catherine Thompson of the Hunting Creek Garden Club in Alexandria. "Some are owned by young families. Some have small gardens and some have large gardens."

The Hunting Creek Garden Club teamed up with The Garden Club of Alexandria to organize the Old Town tour, a walking tour which includes five row houses with courtyard gardens. In addition to the private homes, which were all built during the 1700s and 1800s and still retain many original architectural features, tour goers will have access to the Carlyle House Historic Park, Lee-

Fendall House Museum and Garden, George Mason's Gunston Hall and George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens.

"They are all really wonderful and beautiful homes and gardens and we feel very lucky to have them on the tour," said Thompson. "The homes are within two to three blocks of each other, so unlike some other [areas], we run a walking tour."

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— Catherine Thompson of the  
Hunting Creek Garden Club

From large oak trees planted shortly after the Civil War and gardens bursting with colorful blooms from hydrangeas, camellias, rhododendron, crepe myrtles and wisteria to homes with views of the Potomac River and clematis flowing over a pergola, visitors will be treated to vivid spring displays as five Old Town residents open both their homes and gardens.

"People don't expect to have these amazing gardens behind these homes that can appear tiny from outside," said Amy Bertles of the Hunting Creek Garden Club. "One home has two gardens with amazing sculptures that were done by the home owner who is an artist. She decorated her garden with a few of her sculptures."

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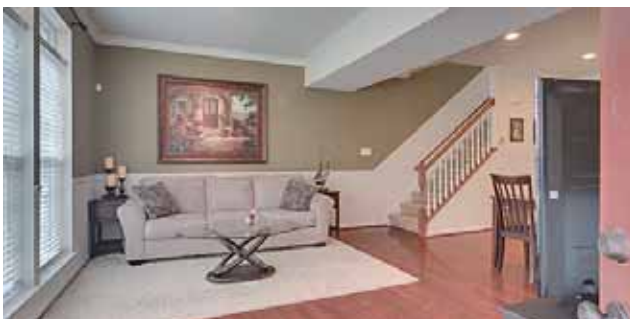
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## Home LifeStyle

# Historic Garden Week in Virginia

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In Arlington and Falls Church, Gothic Revival, Greek Revival, Arts and Crafts and Victorian architecture await visitors who take the tour hosted by the Garden Club of Fairfax. The gardens include four 100-year old holly trees, an herb garden and a garden of Victorian-era plants. Two of the homes are on the National Register of Historic Places and are Virginia Historic Landmarks. The tour also includes visits to Mason Neck State Park, Gulf Branch Nature Center and The Falls Church.

Properties are chosen for the tour by local garden

clubs. "They're looking for properties that they know the public will enjoy," said Karen Miller Ellsworth of the Garden Club of Virginia and director of Historic Garden Week. "They're looking for beautiful interiors, an interesting history and a really nice garden."

In addition to its aesthetic appeal, Historic Garden Week, which 3,300 Garden Club of Virginia members spend more than a year planning, has a significant economic impact. "[Visitors] travel from 30 states and foreign countries and 25 percent ... spend the night and average \$1,207 on their [Historic Garden Week] trip," said Miller Ellsworth. "As a group, they spend \$2 million in Virginia each spring. The cumulative economic impact over the last 45 years is an impressive \$425 million."

Historic Garden Week began in 1927 when the Garden Club of Virginia organized a flower show and raised \$7,000 to save trees planted by Thomas Jefferson at Monticello. Money raised from the Historic Garden Week tours fund the restoration and preservation of nearly 50 of the Commonwealth's significant historic public gardens as well as a new initiative with Virginia's state parks.

Old Town tour tickets are \$45. Group tours for 10 or more people are \$40 per person. Single-site tickets are \$25. Tickets may be purchased on tour day at any of the homes and at the Alexandria Visitors Center. Advance tickets are available for \$40 per person at [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org) and at the Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St., Alexandria.

Arlington-Falls Church tickets can be purchased online by credit card until April 24 by visiting <http://gardencluboffairfax.blogspot.com/> or [www.vagardenweek.org/main/tickets](http://www.vagardenweek.org/main/tickets).

## Historic Garden Week

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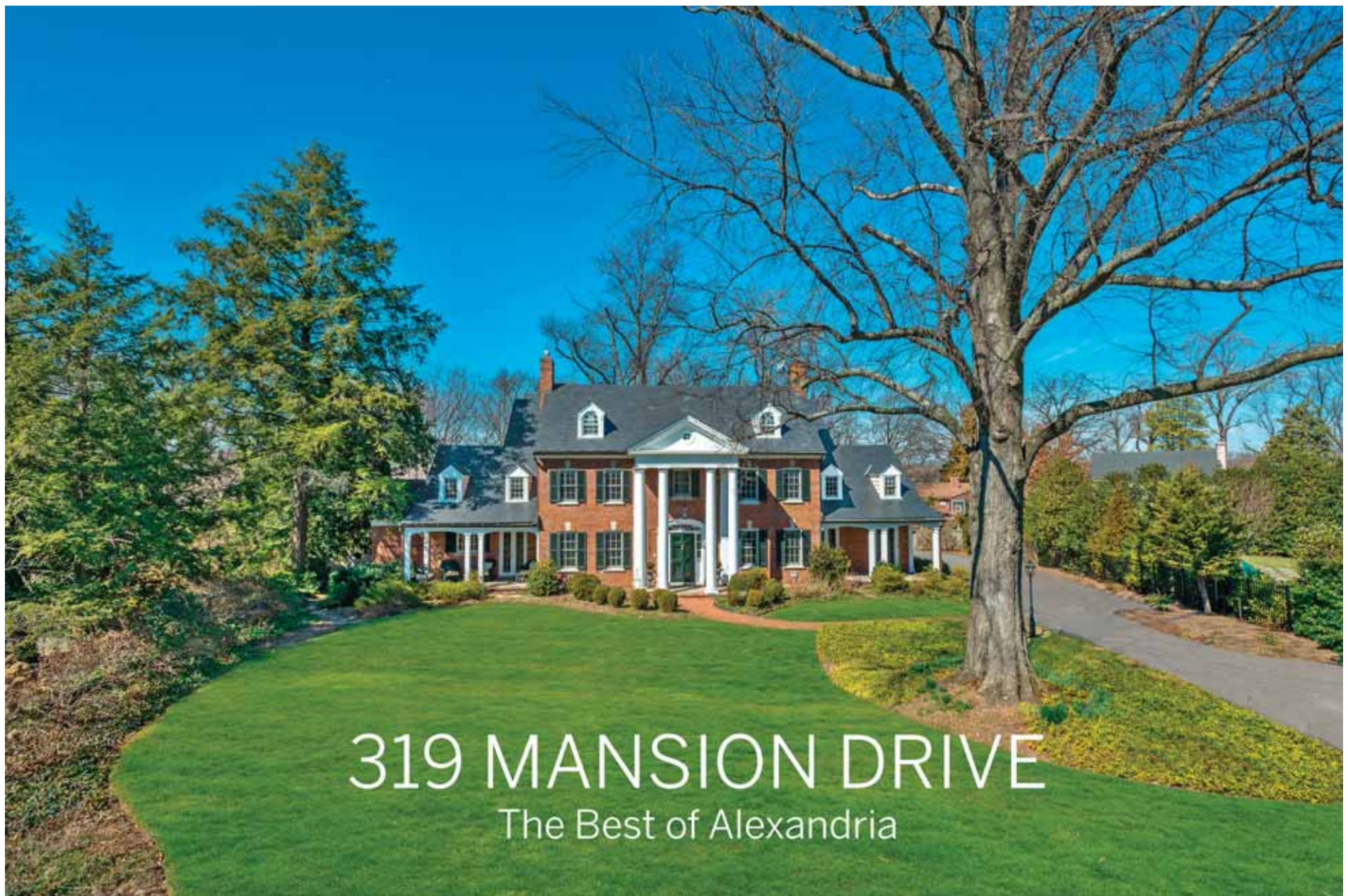
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## Meet the Chef: Pawel Podbielski

### The Making of Filet de boeuf Wellington

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE GAZETTE

**C**hef Pawel Podbielski sprinkles flour on the counter so the pastry won't stick. He is making Filet de boeuf Wellington, a customer favorite, at Le Refuge on Washington Street. "Last Saturday night I made 12 of these and they all sold out," he says. "I'm getting this pan nice and hot and then I'll add Kaola gold oil because it's no trans fat and has a buttery taste."

He has portioned out pre-cut whole tenderloins, puts a little salt and pepper on both sides and then sears each side to rare. "Now I'll let it rest for about an hour so it won't make the pastry soggy." Podbielski heats up an adjoining skillet and tosses in white mushrooms. "Another minute and a half just to get good color." He strains off the oil and adds a bit of veal demi glace to coat the mushrooms.

"While the meat is resting it gives me time to get the egg wash ready." The whites of five eggs slip through his fingers into a bowl as he whisks 2 yolks and three whole eggs together for the wash. "I'll probably use the whites for meringues." The skillet on the stove has been replaced with a large saucepan bubbling with chunks of potato, cucumber and onion with a splash of vinegar for the cucumber soup, on today's menu as part of the cold soup trio. "The trio includes a small cup of red pepper, gazpacho and cucumber soup." Victor Flores places large red peppers directly on the flames of two burners to give them a nice crust. Then they will be submerged in an ice bath so the skins will slip off easily.

Hugh Fregnan is sautéing shredded purple and white cabbage in one skillet and slices of zucchini in another for the side dish to accompany the Wellington. "It will be on the plate with a little pureed carrot," Podbielski said. Podbielski visits the oven and pulls out a large tray of pate au choux that will be filled with ice cream and splashed with chocolate sauce for dessert.

Podbielski moves to the counter and places two tenderloins side by side on one of the pastry sheets. He reaches for a small square of duck mousse. "When we get whole ducks in, we make the mousse in house."

He spoons a layer of mushrooms on top of the mousse and folds a second pastry sheet over the tenderloins, tamping it down to get the air out. With a small pizza cutter Podbielski cuts around the tenderloin to make a circle, brushing the top with egg wash to give a nice color. Then, he cuts a small crescent to pinch in a design on the top of the crust. "I like to make them look nice."

"I'll brush butter on the cooking platter so the pastry won't stick; I'm pretty generous. Then I'll put it in a 400-degree oven for as long as the customer ordered. If they want it rare, it's in the oven just until the outside is a nice golden brown. If they order it well done, we walk a tightrope on the pastry getting burned." He finishes it off with a ladle of madeira sauce and the side of cabbage and zucchini.

"We have a lot of regulars who order the same thing every time. More power to them. Sometimes we get particular orders and we go above and beyond to satisfy them." Fregnan adds, "We have a group that comes in once or twice a week and we make special order potatoes for them."

Podbielski says he has been at Le Refuge about eight months. He came from a few other places including Monty's Steak House and most recently To Your Taste Catering. "I went to school to learn how to fix cars and worked in a shop for a while but that wasn't for me. I fell into restaurant work and loved it. But if you'd ask me what I was going to do in high school, I'd never have said a chef."

Jean Francois Chaufour, owner of Le Refuge for 33 years, shakes his head. Today part of the electricity went off and the three dozen soft-shelled crabs for the lunch special haven't arrived yet. Chaufour arrived in America from Beaugency France in 1976. He worked in D.C. as a waiter with his wife Francois and then became owner of Le Refuge, because he explains, "in France they don't give young people a chance. It's much better here."



Sears five-ounce tenderloins and white mushrooms



Brushes egg wash on pastry, below: decoratif on each Wellington



Right: Plates up sautéed cabbage and zucchini side. Below: Grand finale madeira sauce



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#### ONGOING

**Exhibit: "Intersection of Art and Architecture."** Through April 16, gallery hours at the Torpedo Factory

Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. For National Architecture Week, the American Institute of Architects will have a display in the main hall featuring architectural designs created by institute members. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Save Our Ship Tours.** Through April 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every 30 minutes. Special behind-the-scenes tours are being offered of an 18th-century ship, before it is moved to a

conservation facility. Reservations required, \$10 suggested donation. Visit [www.shop.alexandriava.gov/SelectEvent.aspx](http://www.shop.alexandriava.gov/SelectEvent.aspx).

**"Honk Junior: A Children's Musical."** Through April 16, 5 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at Carl Sandburg Theater Arts Department, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. This musical is based on the story of the Ugly Duckling. Tickets are \$5. Contact

[joycewn@gmail.com](mailto:joycewn@gmail.com) for more. **Georgia Nassikas: "Oils and Encaustics."** Through April 24, Thursday, Friday, Sunday 12-4 p.m., Saturday 1-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. In her wax and oil paintings, artist Nassikas explores the intersection of the abstract and the representational. She focuses on the elemental lines, shapes, and colors at the core of nature. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Art Exhibit: "It's Black and White!"** Through April 24, gallery hours at The Associates Gallery (TAG), 105 N. Union St. The Associates Gallery will feature two member artists in "It's Black and White!" in a complementary scheme of black and white rendered in two-dimensional and three-dimensional work. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more. **Art Exhibit.** Through April 24, gallery



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hours at St. George Gallery, 105 N. Alfred St. Ethiopian artist Daniel Taye will display his art. Taye is known for landscape, abstract and figurative work. Free. Call 703-299-9495 for more.

**Broadway Gallery April Artist Showcase.** Through April 27, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Featured will be the pastel and mixed media paintings of local artist, Lynn Goldstein. Free. Visit [www.broadwaygallery.net](http://www.broadwaygallery.net) for more.

**Art Exhibit: "The Shape of Water."** Through April 30, gallery hours at Sonoma Cellar, 207 King St. "The Shape of Water" features paintings by Oenone Hammersley. Free. Visit [www.oenonehammersley.com](http://www.oenonehammersley.com) for more.

**Exhibit: "Creatures from the Sea."** Through May 1, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans interpret real and imagined "Creatures from the Sea." Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit: "Misfits."** Through May 1, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Artist Teresa Oaxaca's latest paintings blend together portraiture and still life in elaborate, tightly cropped compositions. The modern master poses 21st Century individuals in Victorian and Baroque costumes, paired with dolls, bones, teacups, fresh flowers, and masks. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

**Spring 2016 City of Alexandria Tree Sale.** Through May 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Ave. Trees and shrubs available for purchase include White Oak, Scarlet Oak, American Holly, Flameleaf Sumac, Eastern Red-Cedar, Maple

Leaf Viburnum, Blackhaw Viburnum, and American Sweetgum. All trees are \$20. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 15

**Space Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children are invited to a space-themed storytime as part of "All Alexandria Reads." The picture book selection "Mousetronaut" by Mark Kelly will be read. Free. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more.

**Spring Sportsfest.** 5:45 p.m. girls' soccer, 6:30 p.m. baseball and softball, 7:30 boys soccer at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Watch four simultaneous games, meet the athletes, and more. Although adults will get charged the usual \$5, they will only pay that once if they decide to move amongst the sports (those who paid for the annual pass will get in free). All West Potomac students will be admitted for \$1 if they bring a canned good (free if they are a passholder and bring a canned good). Admission is free for younger children if they wear a school or youth sport shirt. Email [jonwillmott@yahoo.com](mailto:jonwillmott@yahoo.com).

**Twilight Time.** 7-8 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Over the years, Historic Huntley was used as a summer retreat, grain farm, and an encampment for the troops of the 3rd Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. It was eventually converted to a dairy farm but later abandoned. See the restored house and learn about its history during this program for adults. The cost is \$6. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm).

**Community Swing Dance.** 7:30-9:30

p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music conducted by Owen Hammett. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 15-16

**"Hairspray Jr."** 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, additional 1 p.m. performance on Saturday at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. GWMS presents Hairspray Jr. inspired by Baltimore's John Waters original film, adapted for the stage by Thomas Meehan, Mark O'Donnell, Marc Shaiman, and Scott Whitman and directed by Robert McDonough. Tickets are \$5. Contact Robert McDonough at [robert.mcdonough@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:robert.mcdonough@acps.k12.va.us).

**"Guys and Dolls."** 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Mount Vernon High School Theatre students perform the musical "Guys and Dolls." Tickets are \$7 for students, \$8 for seniors, military, and Mount Vernon High staff, and \$10 for everyone else. Visit [www.mvhstheatrearts.com](http://www.mvhstheatrearts.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 16

**Fashion Show Luncheon.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Event begins with shopping and silent auction followed by buffet, fashion shows, and more. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Visit [www.aldersgate.net](http://www.aldersgate.net) for more.

**Film Screening: "The Right Stuff."** 1 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. In honor of 2016 All Alexandria Reads choice, "The Astronaut Wives Club" by Lily Koppel, watch the film adaptation of



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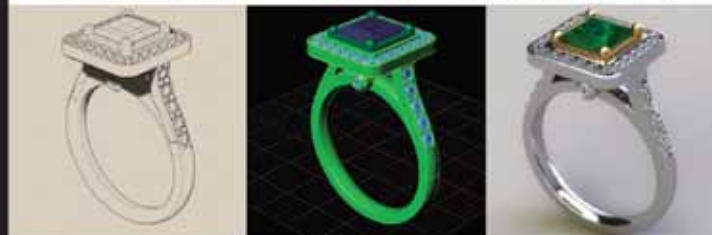
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**Planet Fitness Ribbon-Cutting.** 2 p.m. at 8796D Sacramento Drive. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held with giveaways, raffles and food. Free. Visit [www.planetfitness.com](http://www.planetfitness.com).

**Military Appreciation Night.** 5 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road. Hayfield School Boys Lacrosse hosts 2nd annual Military Appreciation Night. The event will also raise funds for Fisher House at Fort Belvoir, a "home away from home" for military families when a loved one is undergoing medical treatment." Free admission will be offered to all military members and dependents with valid military ID. Young military dependents without ID must enter the stadium with military parent/guardian. Admission is \$5, free for children under 6 and seniors over 60. Visit [www.hawksathletics.org](http://www.hawksathletics.org).

**John Smith.** 7 p.m. at Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane. Folk musician John Smith has released seven solo albums. Tickets are \$18, \$15 in advance and for Focus Music members. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org).

## APRIL 16-MAY 29

**Lisa Kellner: "Always Into Now."** Gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Kellner's site-responsive Paintings in Space use the room as a canvas. She creates organic, ethereal forms from silk. Viewers experience the intimacy of being absorbed with a room-sized painting. This is the first exhibition as part of the Target Gallery's New Media Invitational and is funded, in part, by March150 participants. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

## APRIL 16-JUNE 30

**The von Brahler Ltd. Gallery: "Circuitous Roots."** Gallery hours at 7931 E. Blvd. The von Brahler Ltd./Gallery, announces the Opening of an Exhibition, "Circuitous Roots: A Celebration of Art" at George Washington's River Farm on the Potomac, home of the American Horticultural Society. The exhibition will honor artists represented by VBG over three decades, including Vladimir Ovchinnikov, Yuri Kokoyanin, Nikolai Antuychin, Armen Kankanian, Tatyana Zhurkov, Otari Shiuk, Mark Coffey, Nathan Leibowitz, and James Mathias Sanders as well as Liberal Studies' Artists from Georgetown University, Anna Katalkina, Nan Morrison, Anne Ridder, Robert Murray and Rana Ryan. Free. Contact Robert F. Murray at 703-798-8686.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 17

**Wagon Ride.** 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Journey through less visited areas of the park to discover the historic role this area once played from World War II through the Cold War. Tickets are \$7. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/).

**Music in the Gallery.** 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The music of the contemporary flute and guitar duo MIN features flutist Saïs



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**217 S. Fairfax St.**

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❖ **116 Prince St.** This Federal brick townhouse dates back to 1770. Originally it was sold as a joint property with 118 Prince. It served as a residence as well as a warehouse to several merchants until it was purchased by Jonathan May in 1827.

Tickets are \$45, group tours for 10 or more people are \$40. Single site tickets are \$25. Visit [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org) for more.

Kamalidiin and guitarist Rick Peralta performing a chamber music program. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

**NOVA Community Chorus.** 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. NOVA Community Chorus (Dr. Mark Whitmire, Director) will join the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Orchestra to present a concert of music to celebrate the arrival of Spring. Tickets are \$20. Call 703-845-6097 or email [mwhitmire@nvcc.edu](mailto:mwhitmire@nvcc.edu).

## MONDAY/APRIL 18

**Family Genealogy.** 2-3:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Learn some tricks of the trade when it comes to genealogical searches. Get tips on how to start or advance a genealogical exploration to learn about ancestors and discover their stories. The cost is \$30. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm).

**Film Screening: "Home."** 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Worlds collide when Oh, a life form from another planet, befriends a human girl named Tip. Free. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Lecture: "The Women's Movement in the 1960s."** 7 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. A lecture by Dr. Leigh Johnson, Interim Director of Composition at Marymount University, who will speak on the elements that contributed to the early second-wave Women's Movement. Free. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for more.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 19

**Creative Exploration Open Studio.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Children and parents are invited to learn simple art techniques together. Each workshop

is \$30 for parent/caregiver and child. Visit [www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes/](http://www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes/).

**Genealogy and Maps.** 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Tracking five generations of a family as it migrates across the country, genealogist Sharon Cook MacInnes, Ph.D., talks about using maps to locate ancestors, track migrations, reveal family relationships, and uncover historical context. Free. Visit [www.mvgenealogy.org](http://www.mvgenealogy.org) or call 703-768-4101.

**Train Like an Astronaut.** 3:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Get moving with NASA-inspired activities used to exercise the same body parts as astronauts do in training and on missions in space. Grades K-5. Free. Call 703-746-1721.

**Mount Vernon Lions Meeting.** 6:30 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner at Pema's Restaurant, 8430 Richmond Highway. Learn what the Lions do for the community. Call Andrea Corsillo 703-960-4973.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 20

**Antiques Club Meeting.** 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Speaker will be Terry Tkeciak, who will be discussing pearls, their qualities, size, luster, nacre and color. She will also suggest the best ways to take care of pearls and how to spot fakes. Free. Call 703-360-4979.

**Sister Cities Spring Soiree.** 5:30 p.m. at La Bergerie, 218 N. Lee St. Laurent Janowsky, owner of the renowned La Bergerie restaurant and wine distributor Olivier Lotterie, formerly of Caen, will team up to pair dishes with French wines. With special guest, Deputy Mayor of Caen, Catherine Prada. \$50. Visit [alexcaenspringsoiree.eventbrite.com](http://alexcaenspringsoiree.eventbrite.com).

**Save Our Ship Happy Hour.** 6-9 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Spend an evening on the historic waterfront during Alexandria's Spring2Action Giving

Day aboard the Potomac Riverboat Company's Miss Christin. Enjoy appetizers from King Street Blues, a cash bar, and join the "A" fleet launching their Donation Power Hour to raise funds to save a recently discovered 18<sup>th</sup> century ship. Free, \$10 suggested donation. Visit [spring2action.razoo.com/Saveourship](http://spring2action.razoo.com/Saveourship).

**Swing Dance.** 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. All Wheel Jive will provide the music. Tickets are \$10. Visit [www.gottaswing.com](http://www.gottaswing.com) for more.

## WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 20-23

**Duncan Library Book Sale.** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday preview, 10 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Friday, 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Thousands of books for sale, most between \$1 -\$3. Adult, teen and kids books, plus CDs and DVDs. New selections put out daily. All proceeds benefit the Duncan Library; sponsored by Friends of the Duncan Library. Free. Email [duncanbooksale@gmail.com](mailto:duncanbooksale@gmail.com).

## APRIL 21-MAY 29

**"Black Pearl Sings!"** 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Black Pearl Sings! is about two women in Depression-era Texas: an ambitious Library of Congress musicologist, searching for the African roots of slave songs, and the discovery of the musical gifts of an African American woman. Tickets are \$55-60. Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 22

**Family Fun Night.** 6-9 p.m. at Chingquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes on the "Aqua Challenge" floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. Tickets are \$4. Visit [www.shop.alexandriava.gov](http://www.shop.alexandriava.gov).

**"Phantom of the Opera."** 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Chapel, Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road. Watch the restored 1929 silent horror masterpiece "The Phantom of the Opera" with live improvisation by acclaimed organist Dorothy Papadokos. Not for children younger than 10. Free. Visit [www.vts.edu](http://www.vts.edu) for more.

**Concerts by Mozart.** 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. The Blessed Sacrament Festival Orchestra will be joined by hornist Tim Huizenga, clarinetist Parker Gaimes and pianist John McCrary. Each will perform a concerto by Mozart. Free, but donations accepted. Call 703-998-6100 Ext: 103.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 22-23

**"Hairspray Jr."** 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, additional 1 p.m. performance on Saturday at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. GWMS presents Hairspray Jr. inspired by Baltimore's John Waters original film, adapted for the stage by Thomas Meehan, Mark O'Donnell, Marc Shaiman, and Scott Whitman and directed by Robert McDonough. Tickets are \$5. Contact Robert McDonough at [robert.mcdonough@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:robert.mcdonough@acps.k12.va.us).

## SATURDAY/APRIL 23

**Fort Hunt Preschool Rummage Sale.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at 1909 Windmill Lane. Find baby and children's clothes, toys, books, and

more. Free to attend. Visit [www.forthuntpreschool.com](http://www.forthuntpreschool.com).

**Carlyle House Herb & Craft Sale.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Stock up on herbs and other plants grown in Mount Vernon greenhouses. Check out the selection of items offered by local artisans and crafters. Browse through gently used coffee-table, children's and audio books. Enjoy performances by local musicians. This event is free, however admission to the Carlyle House museum is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children. Visit [www.novaparks.com](http://www.novaparks.com) for more.

**Raptor Rapture.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Belle Haven Park, 1201 Bell Haven Road. See live raptors that were injured and have been rehabilitated, but cannot survive on their own. Free. Visit [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org) for more.

**Nu Xi Zeta Honors Luncheon.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ft. Belvoir Officer's Club, 5500 Schulz Circle, Fort Belvoir. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Nu Xi Zeta Chapter and the Nu Xi Zeta Helping Alexandria Virginia Excel Foundation will award scholarships to deserving graduating seniors from Arlington County or the City of Alexandria at their annual luncheon Nu Xi Zeta Honors, "30 Years and Counting: A Celebration of Partnership, Leadership, and Friendship." Tickets are \$65. Email [nuxizetahonors@nuxizeta.org](mailto:nuxizetahonors@nuxizeta.org).

**Civil War Medicine Living History.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road. Fort Ward will sponsor a Civil War medical living history program presented by Civil War medical historian and interpreter Von Barron, who portrays U.S. Army Regimental Surgeon Captain Turner Kitt. Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/FortWard](http://www.alexandriava.gov/FortWard).

**Screening: "An American in Paris."** 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch 1951 Gene Kelly musical. Free. Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) for more.

**Program: Herb Gardening.** 1:30-3 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Green Spring Master Gardeners will teach participants how to choose and care for the best annual and perennial herbs that will flourish in your garden or container. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library).

**String Players of the National Symphony Orchestra Youth Fellowship.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. A string quartet, solo, and a large string ensemble. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, free for students 18 and under. Visit [www.saintlukeschurch.net/events](http://www.saintlukeschurch.net/events).

## SUNDAY/APRIL 24

**Annual George Washington Parkway Classic.** 8 a.m. at Old Town Alexandria, starting places vary. This course, with lush scenery and river views, takes runners down the George Washington Parkway and through the iconic brick buildings lining the streets of Alexandria. Registration is \$10-80. Visit [www.RunPacers.com/race/parkway-classic](http://www.RunPacers.com/race/parkway-classic).

**Birding for Beginners.** 8 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Learn about the park's birds and some basic identification skills. Program begins with an indoor discussion. Fee is \$8 county residents, \$10 non-county. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Take a Stroll in Simpson Gardens.** 1-3 p.m. at Simpson Gardens, 420 E. Monroe Ave. VCE Master Gardeners will be in the garden to welcome visitors, show off spring blooms and provide information and handouts on pollinators, native plants, herbs and other garden-related topics. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgaralalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgaralalex@gmail.com).

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# West Potomac Baseball Coach Sullivan Reaches 100 Wins

**Wolverines defeat Mount Vernon 9-0 on April 8.**

In many ways, April 8 was a typical night when it comes to playing high school baseball in the spring in Northern Virginia. The temperature was in the low 50s, and brisk winds blew across the recently upgraded diamond at Mount Vernon High School, where the Majors and the West Potomac Wolverines renewed an old rivalry.

This game, however, would be their first conference meeting since the Majors joined Conference 7 and it was far from a typical game for the Wolverines. They were here to get head coach Jim Sullivan his 100th win since taking over the program at West Potomac in 2006.

Senior pitchers Brandon Floyd and Gus Leyden teamed to hold the Majors off the scoreboard and West Potomac secured a 9-0 victory. Floyd got the win, going 5 innings and Leyden closed it out with 2 scoreless. The Wolverines offense stepped up with nine runs and the Wolverines provided Sullivan his milestone win.

Sullivan took the reins at West Potomac in 2006 and has spent the last 11 years building the West Potomac baseball program from a struggling bottom-feeder in powerhouse Conference 7 (former Patriot District) of the Virginia State High School



**The West Potomac baseball team defeated Mount Vernon 9-0 on April 8, giving Wolverines head coach Jim Sullivan 100 career victories.**

League, to a perennial contender amongst some of the most accomplished baseball programs in the state.

Sullivan took over at West Potomac after many years supporting the Alexandria community's Fort Hunt Little League. During his time with the Wolverines, he has coached and mentored, not just hundreds of baseball players, but many more West Potomac High School students through his year-round interactions with students at the school on Quander Road. Sullivan has been

committed as much to the character development of his players, as he been to teaching players how to properly run the bases. "We have always stressed to our players that being good students and good citizens will mean more to their future than how many games we win," he said. "Over the years my coaches and I have tried to be good role models for all the student athletes we have worked with. Although I never expected to be here this long, working with students at West Potomac has been extremely satisfy-



**Jim Sullivan took over as head baseball coach at West Potomac in 2006.**

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ing – even if occasionally frustrating – and the coaches I have had in the program have all been remarkable – starting with Steve Lord who was with me through our not-so-successful early years, to Scott Nelson, who has now been with West Potomac for nine years. I attribute most of the success we have had over the years both on and off the field to Scott and the rest of our staff. I truly believe I have the best varsity and junior varsity coaching staff in the region, if not the state."

## SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

**Hailee Reeder**, of Alexandria, received awards at the 2016 McMurry Student Art Competition, a juried exhibit of artwork now on display in the Amy Graves Ryan Fine Arts Gallery. Reeder received awards for Abilene Frame-n-Art Award for Live for the Light but Remember the Night/2nd Place - Advanced Ceramics/HM - Advanced Ceramics/HM

- Advanced Photography.

**Nasser Yasin**, of Alexandria, has been named to the dean's list for the mid-term spring 2015-2016 academic year at Wentworth Military Academy and College (Lexington, Mo.).

Missouri University of Science and Technology (Rolla, Mo.) has named **Emily Hutcherson**, a freshman studying engineering, to the honor list for the fall 2015 semester.

**Na Zhao** was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in agricultural and applied economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's winter commencement ceremony.

**Carolyn G. Lucas** made the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at DeSales University (Center Valley, Pa.).

Three Walt Whitman Middle School students

received top awards in an essay contest sponsored by the Mount Vernon Rotary Club. **Shannel Fraser** won first place, **Renee Starego** won second place and **Shertal St Luce** won third place. They will be honored at a dinner at the Cedar Knoll Restaurant on May 11 and will receive cash prizes. The students were asked to write essays about the Rotary Club's Four Way Test. This test is for what you should do before you think, say or do something.

Fairfax County Public Schools students won 10 first place awards at the regional competition for National History Day held last weekend at Mount Vernon High School. First and second prize winners in each category and in each age division have qualified to compete in the Virginia History Day contest on Saturday, April 23.

First prize winners included **Joseph McCarthy** of Whitman Middle School in Junior Individual Website for "American Spices: A Cornucopia of Culinary and Cultural Convergence." Among several special awards presented, Joseph won the George Washington Leadership Prize sponsored by George Washington's Mount Vernon for "American Spices."

Second place winners included **Noorjahan Sheikh** of Mount Vernon High School in Senior Individual Exhibit; and **Kimberly Teo-Estrada** and **Anna Arzeta** of Whitman Middle School in Junior Group Website.

**Cristina Chilstrom** received the dean's award for academic excellence at Colgate University (Hamilton, N.Y.) for the fall 2015 semester. Chilstrom, an English major in the class of 2016, is a graduate of West Potomac High School.

**Emily Deller** was named to the fall 2015 dean's list at University of the Sciences (Philadelphia, Pa.). Deller, a masters of occupational therapy student, also took part in the 12th annual occupational therapy pinning ceremony on Saturday, April 2.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Mount Vernon Boys' Lax Beats West Potomac

The Mount Vernon boys' lacrosse team earned its first win of the season on Tuesday, beating rival West Potomac 11-10. The victory improved the Majors' record to 1-6.

Mount Vernon will travel to face Marshall at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, April 15 and will host T.C. Williams at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19.

West Potomac (2-4) will host Annandale at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 14.

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**The Mount Vernon crew men's varsity four placed first at the James River Invitational Regatta on April 9. The men's novice four and men's varsity eight also placed first. The women's novice four, women's varsity four and women's varsity 8 all placed second. From left are Edgar Aparicio, Adam Hazard, Imani Griffin (coxswain), John Paul Wharton, and Matt Brenner.**



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### OBITUARY

**Faith Dennis Elliott, 79** of Surfside Beach, South Carolina passed away Saturday, April 9, 2016. Born in Alexandria, Virginia in 1936 to parents Allen and Marjorie Dennis, she attended Maury School and George Washington High School (class of 1955.) She was a member of Alexandria Business and Professional Women and Jobs Daughters. See her guestbook on <http://www.burroughsfh.com/obituary?id=243166>.

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NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. objections should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Section at (703) 746-6709.

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### ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NUMBER 16-04-02

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide 7th – 9th grade Literacy Summer Enrichment Program and Materials.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-04-02 7th – 9th grade Literacy Summer Enrichment Program and Materials will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, April 15, 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>

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all offers and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

Chris Guy  
Procurement Manager

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### ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-03-06

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for a Literacy Intervention Program at ACPs Schools.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-03-06 Literacy Intervention Program will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, May 6, 2016. 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 703-619-8182, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPs website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/>

All questions answered will be posted as an addendum 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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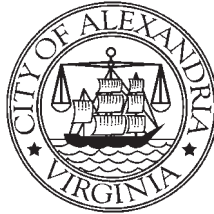


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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 5-2-27 of the City of Code Penalty for Violating the Conditions and Restrictions of the Code of the City of Alexandria for Hauling of Waste Materials, Construction Materials, etc., from a Criminal Penalty to a Civil Penalty.

The proposed ordinance changes the penalty for violations of the regulations governing hauling of waste from criminal penalties to civil penalties and makes some grammatical changes to the text.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 12-2-1 (Establishment; Composition; Appointment; Term of Office; Removal) of Chapter 2 (Alexandria Community Services Board), Title 12 (Education, Social Services and Welfare) of the Code of City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Consideration to amend the Alexandria Community Services Board ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the estimated maximum amount of \$80,535,000; and providing for reimbursement to the City of Alexandria from bond proceeds.

The proposed ordinance authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for various city and school capital projects in the estimated maximum amount of \$80,535,000.

AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, for fiscal year 2016.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2016.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 5-7-37 of Article C (Dogs and Other Animals) of Chapter 7 (Animals and Fowl) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of the City of Alexandria Code.

The proposed ordinance would allow discretion in requiring the quarantine of animals who have been vaccinated for rabies after a bite of a person or of another animal.

AN ORDINANCE to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at 5000 and 5001 Echols Avenue (VAC No. 2014-0003 approved January 24, 2015, as part of the Fillmore project).

The proposed ordinance vacates the cul-de-sac at the end of Echols Avenue adjacent to 5000 and 5001 Echols Avenue. The vacation was approved as part of the project known as the Fillmore for residential buildings at this location.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment approved by City Council on January 30, 2016 to the Potomac West Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2015-0007 to amend the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Vision Plan and Urban Design Standards and Guidelines and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master

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plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2015-0007 to amend the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Vision Plan and Urban Design Guidelines in the Potomac West Small Area Plan to incorporate the updates approved by the City Council on January 30, 2016.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated Development Districts created, consistency with Master Plan, required approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) of Article X (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2015-0006 approved City Council on January 30, 2016 to establish the Oakville Triangle CDD.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2015-0006 to add CDD #24 for the Oakville Triangle and Route 1 Corridor to the CDD regulations Table.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet Nos. 025.01, 25.03, and 35-01 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia." Adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and Zoning Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 2000, 2100, 2200, 2316, 2320, 2412, 2514, 2610, 2700, 2706, 2800, 2920, 3000, 3006, 3014, 3100-3104, 3216, 3300, 3314, 3400 Jefferson Davis Hwy; 400, 405 Fannon Street; 2500 Oakville Street; 300, 403, 405, 420, Swann Avenue; 300, 304, 308, 312, 400, 410, 420, 434, 446 Calvert Avenue; 415-418 East Raymond; 413, 415, 416-418 420, 426-430 Hume Avenue (2900 Jefferson Davis Hwy); 414, 417, 419-421 423 Clifford; 401, 405, 406, 408-410, 412, 415 East Glebe; 522 E. Mount Ida Avenue; 519 East Howell Avenue; and 516, 518 East Bellefonte Avenue from CSL/Commercial Service Low, I/Industrial. R-2-5/Residential to CDD #24/Coordinated Development District; in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2015-0004 approved by the City Council on January 30, 2016 (Oakville Triangle).

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2015-0004 to rezone the property into CDD#24 for the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Vision Plan.

AN ORDINANCE to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at 418 West Braddock Road (VAC No. 2015-0003 approved January 30, 2016).

The proposed ordinance vacates 1455 square feet of right-of-way on the corner of Ruffner Road and West Braddock Road adjacent to 418 West Braddock Road. The vacation was approved by City Council on January 30, 2016.

AN ORDINANCE to revise Title IX (Licensing and Regulations), Chapter 15 (Food Truck Vendors) of the City Code to allow Regulations for On-Street Food Truck Vending.

The proposed ordinance would amend the regulations for Food Trucks to allow a process to approve on-street locations for vending and associated regulations.

PUBLIC HEARING on an ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2016 (FY 2017).

PUBLIC HEARING on the Draft Fiscal Year 2017 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Report of the City Council Naming Committee on a Proposed Plaque to be installed on the Washington Street Urban Deck in Memory of Ronald F. Kirby.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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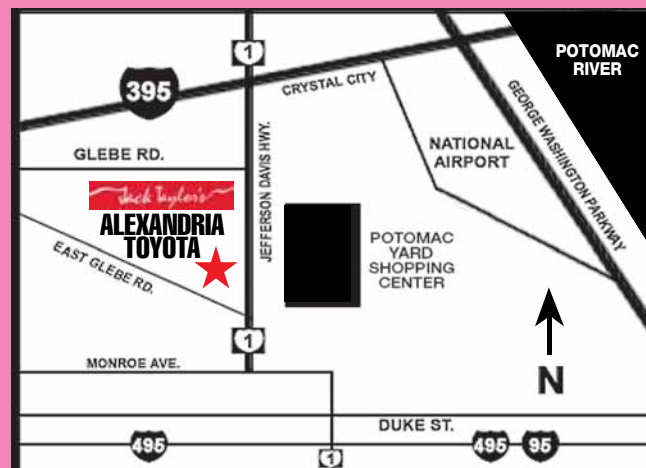
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