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Current and former students, faculty, administrators, parents, family and friends celebrate the 75th anniversary of Browne Academy on May 6.

## Browne Academy Turns 75

One of Virginia's first racially integrated schools celebrates with arts, picnic and assembly.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Independent school Browne Academy didn't begin its daylong celebration of the institution's 75th anniversary trumpeting the fact it was founded as one of the first racially integrated schools in Virginia.

Instead, the first three hours on May 6 included multi-genre musical performances by students

from preschool through eighth grade, the entire breadth of the student body.

Arts and hands-on learning is an important focus at Browne, Head of School Peggy Otey said.

New York City educator Marion Browne founded the "Brownie School" in 1941 to teach preschool through third grade. Today the integration, Otey said, "is not a big deal. It's just a part of who we are."

Diversity is among the founder's core values the school still keeps, which also include excellence, character and community.

First grade teacher Kimberly Gayle knows as much as any about the lattermost. She's been at the school 15 years and has two "lifer" children who attended for their entire primary and middle school education.

"It's a big family," Gayle said. "You personally

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Third grade students Sydney Bonner (left) and Om Sharma (right) decorate three-dimensional food maps to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Browne Academy.



Peter Aliferis, the first Board of Trustees Chairman when Browne Academy became an independent school, said part of the richness of the school's community is its longevity.

## Meals Tax? Ballot Possibility

Supervisors debate language of possible ballot question for voters.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE GAZETTE



Bulova



Herry

Is the question of a meals tax ready to be put on November's ballot?

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors met May 3 in budget committee to debate whether to include a Meals Tax Referendum as part of the 2016 General Election.

"If this is approved, it will be new revenue. It's diversified revenue," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay. "I want to put it on the ballot. Ask the voters."

"We have an opportunity here," said Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck.

"This is a tool used by cities and towns within and adjacent to Fairfax County," said Hunter Mill Supervisor Catherine Hudgins. "It is time for Fairfax County to join these counties and begin diversifying our revenue sources."

"We have a coalition of groups to advocate for the meals tax," said Chairman Sharon Bulova. Bulova advocated designating 80 percent of the money collected in a meals tax to Fairfax County Public Schools, and 20 percent to capital improvement projects.

School advocates are front and center in supporting a meals tax, believing it will help bridge funding shortfalls.

"The community is ready to support this," said Pat Hynes, chairman of the Fairfax County school board, and the representative from Hunter Mill.

**NOT SO FAST.** Springfield Supervisor Pat Herry ensured another point of view.

"There is an advocacy group forming on the other side, chambers and restaurants," said Herry, pointing out that it is actually in addition to a six percent sales tax already collected on meals.

"Certainly from the chamber's point of view, we don't want to see any tax that singles out any industry," said Jim Corcoran, president of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

A potential four percent meals tax could create \$96 million annually in additional revenue for the county.

"Let's look at the equation on both sides," said Corcoran.

"It does not send the right message to businesses," many who make Fairfax County their headquarters, he said. "We have developed a business-friendly environment, internationally."

A "domino effect" could quickly erase revenue generated by the meals in loss of business and tourism, said Corcoran.

"The average taxpayer is not going to get tax relief. We're hearing our real estate taxes are getting higher and higher. This isn't going to alleviate that," said Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth.

"If people think the meals tax is coming on top of an increasing property tax, it will fail. Maybe it

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**Past and current presidents of the Belle Haven Women's Club (front row, from left): Mary Elizabeth Duke, Reae Sargent, Judy Williams, Burson Snyder (current), Lura Nell Mitchell, Jane Andreae, Barbara Hayes. And (back row, from left): Isin Ludlow, Kathy McCarthy, Molly Singerling, Gayla Reed, Betty Heilig, Bryn Burke, Dedre Fiske, Betsy Micklem, Susan Neithamer, Kathy Nealon, Christine Washington, and Kara Cosby.**

## Women's Club Marks 80 Years

### Honors 19 past presidents.

The Belle Haven Country Club was the setting on Thursday, May 5 for a Food and Wine Pairing in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Belle Haven Women's Club.

The club was founded in 1936 "to foster interest in the development of the cultural, physical, and civic life of the community."

More than 80 members attended the gala event which recognized the 19 past presidents who were in attendance for their service to the community.

The evening also included a short business meeting during which a slate of new officers was elected for the 2016-17 program year. Current Belle Haven Women's Club President Burson Snyder congratulated the incoming President Alison Christmas.



**2015-2016 Belle Haven Women's Club President Burson Snyder passes the gavel to President-Elect Alison Christmas.**

## Meals Tax? Ballot Possibility

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should fail," said Braddock Supervisor John Cook.

The Board of Supervisors would have to adopt a Resolution directing the County Attorney to file a petition with the Circuit Court by July 26.

Under Virginia state law, the county could keep 100 percent of revenue generated by a meals tax.

State code permits counties to impose a meals tax if voters approve it in referendum.

The Board of Supervisors was scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, May 10 to continue debating the potential ballot question and its wording, including potential allocations of funds.

In 2008, Loudoun County held a referendum for a meals tax in November 2008 to fund new school construction, but it failed by a 70-30 percent vote.

In 2013, Henrico and Middlesex counties approved meals tax referendums. A similar effort in Chesterfield failed to pass.

"The meals tax ballot questions that have been approved are the ones that tell you where the money is going, and where it will go to schools and capital

### \$96 Million Revenue

A one percent meals tax in Fairfax County would generate an estimated \$24 million in new revenue in Fairfax County; at the maximum 4 percent rate, a county meals tax would generate approximately \$96 million annually.

The following jurisdictions imposed a four percent meals tax on top of the 6 percent sales tax. Note: Montgomery County, Md. does not impose a meals tax but imposes a sales tax of 6 percent.

Locality	Sales Tax	Meals Tax Rate	Estimated Meals Tax Revenue (Millions)
Alexandria	6%	4%	\$17.8
Arlington	6%	4%	\$37.1
Falls Church	6%	4%	\$2.9
Fairfax City	6%	4%	\$6
Herndon	6%	4%	\$2.1
Vienna	6%	4%	\$2.5
(Vienna's tax includes a lodging tax)			
D.C.	0%	10%	\$378.9
(reflects FY2015 data)			

improvements," said McKay.

If voters approve a meals tax, implementation could occur by July 1, 2017.

## Yes, Se Puede

### Hispanic Leadership Alliance awards scholarships to 14 seniors.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

**W**est Springfield High School senior Fernanda Justiniano-Rivero fought back tears as she thanked her mother for everything.

"She worked three jobs, barely raised me, would come home and be so tired," Justiniano-Rivero said. "But she still would bring me gifts, ask me if I did my homework. I used to pretend we would travel the world and it be just us, I would live in a fairy tale."

When Justiniano-Rivero graduates in June, she will be the first in her family to attend a post-high school institution, a feat she and 13 other Fairfax County seniors were recognized for at the school system's Gatehouse Road headquarters in Falls Church on May 9.

For the 11th year, the Hispanic Leadership Alliance awarded scholarships to highly motivated and successful Latin American students whose "dreams are simple, but profound," said Alliance president Jane Cruz.

"The students told powerful stories of childhood and adolescent trauma, and detailed how they had overcome the effects of it," Cruz said of the 38 application essays her organization received from 18 schools around the county. "Their stories were more poignant and more heart-wrenching than in previous years, showing the empowerment that comes from self-motivation, from a deep understanding of their worlds."

"I hope to travel to developing countries and help other people

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**Hispanic Leadership Alliance vice president Teddi Predaris (left) awards the Scholarship for Leadership to Mount Vernon High School senior Stefany Amaya (right). Amaya is graduating with an IB diploma and 4.0 grade point average. She plans to attend George Mason University and study for foreign relations and or criminology.**



**Dr. Francisco Duran (left) presents the Community Service Scholarship to Bryant High School senior Catalina Cueto Araya (right). Araya took additional online courses in order to earn an advanced diploma and graduate with a 3.82 GPA. She plans to study psychology and become a psychologist.**



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON

**Hispanic Leadership Alliance president Jane Cruz (center) presents scholarships to (from left) Mount Vernon High School senior Rosemary Morataya Grimaldi, Lake Braddock Secondary School senior Renata Urbina de la Flor, Robinson Secondary School senior Daniel Tortoza López and West Springfield High School senior Fernanda Justiniano-Rivero.**



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## NEWS



Second grade teacher Katie Rasmussen reads to her class on Browne Academy's 75th anniversary.



Back, Kelly (left) and Carroll Hebron (right) wanted to send their children Drew (front left) and Dani (front right) to Browne Academy because of the community, academics and focus on developing the whole person.

## Browne Academy Turns 75

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know the kids, their names, their parents. You have a vested interest in their families."

With an average class size of 12, making that personal connection is more feasible than in larger public school classrooms. That drew Kelly and Carroll Hebron of Kingstowne to enroll their daughters Dani and Drew in the school.

"It's incredibly diverse and very warm," Kelly Hebron said. "The girls love coming to school every day."

Carroll Hebron also appreciates the way the school keeps students aware of the broader community,

working with local charitable organizations including United Community Ministries.

"That was exciting for me," Carroll Hebron said. "They focus on the whole person. And certainly the academics. We haven't seen anybody surpass it."

Though May 6 was about celebrating the history of Browne, Otey said, "We're focused on the future."

Next fall, Otey expects to open new "maker spaces" for students to put the school's inquiry-based thinking into practice in an open art and design workshop-type setting.

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who can't help themselves," said Falls Church High School senior Katherine Cespedes Escalera, who received the Engineering Scholarship. "My parents helped me and I want to help other people."

Escalera plans to study engineering at George Mason University in the fall.

Herndon High School senior Diego Flores wants to help other people through his love of science as well. After spraining a ligament in his knee and undergoing reconstructive surgery, he was inspired to pursue physical therapy as a vocation.

"This is a really great moment," Flores said, "that gives us more hope we can achieve, that more of the work is paying off."

Marvin Figueroa, senior policy advisor for U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D), gave a keynote speech explaining how his family moved to the Bronx, New York City from his native Honduras. He wanted to work to help support the family, but his mother told him he had a different objective.

"My contribution to the house would be I was the first college graduate," Figueroa said. And he did, earning a scholarship to Vanderbilt University and then completing a master's degree at Harvard.

"My story is our story," said Figueroa. "Please continue moving forward."

Fairfax County School Board members Dalia Palchik (At-large) and Sandy Evans (Mason) also attended the awards banquet.

Palchik herself was tearful hearing the students' stories. "They're so driven, so caring, so grateful," she said, "to their teachers and parents, who work really, really hard."

With all the obstacles students face, Palchik continued, it's difficult not to give up. "So many people do. It's great we highlight what's going well, it's lovely to celebrate." Mount Vernon High School senior Rosemary Morataya Grimaldi came to the United States with her family when she was 10.

"These are the blessings that inspire you to keep going, to get up in the morning even if you went to bed at three," she said. "To show my parents their sacrifices were worth it; their efforts are worth so much, are so valuable, so we can get higher education and be successful."

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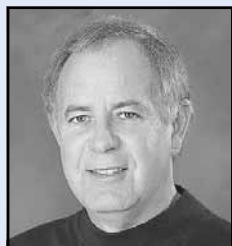
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# Helping Victims of Teen Sex Trafficking

## More coordination needed between agencies.

*This story concludes this series on child sex trafficking in Northern Virginia.*

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE GAZETTE

**W**hat happens when a sex trafficking victim is rescued? It can be a long bumpy road littered with suspicion, chaotic coordination efforts, lack of rehabilitation facilities, inadequate sensitivity toward the victims and insufficient funding. While there are many organizations and agencies committed to solving these issues, there is no systematic approach involving all of the players to address the recovery of the victims, according to local experts.

**RECOVERY** Melissa Snow, a child trafficking specialist for National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) which is the congressionally-mandated national clearinghouse for missing and exploited children, said D.C., Maryland and Virginia are lagging behind most states in developing specialized residential placement services for survivors of child sex trafficking. There is currently only one residential facility located in Bristol, Va.

Snow said it can get complicated “because in order to operate a residential placement for children, you have to have a license through the Department of Social Services and in most states they have been reluctant to specialize.”

Snow and others agree coordination of services is a key to a successful recovery. Snow said part of her role is to assist law enforcement and child welfare workers with coordination of victim-centered and trauma-informed recovery planning. Snow said, if specialized victim assistance and response has not been coordinated in advance, there is a high potential for re-victimizing the child.

Sensitization to the victim is another important ingredient to easing the victim back into a new life. “The victims feel very devastated and confused so we need to make sure all of the service providers are sensitized,” Snow said. “This includes the social worker, law enforcement, therapist and community based advocate. We should be, ‘oh my gosh — we are so glad we found you. We have been looking so long.’ Not sending the message it’s your fault. We should expect that kid to run back to the trafficker. We should ask ourselves what are we giving her to get her to stick around.”

Deepa Patel, director of Trauma and Hope in Springfield, said the victim is often treated like an offender instead of a victim.

Fairfax County Detective William Woolf agrees that the victim gets blamed — “it’s you, you, you. There is no talking about what goes into it, and how they are permanently traumatized.”

He said law enforcement needs standard training on how to recognize the signs of trafficking and how to sensitively treat the

recovered victim so they don’t react and return to trafficking.

**ALTHOUGH FAIRFAX COUNTY** is at the forefront with a human trafficking detective, no other jurisdictions in Northern Virginia have an equivalent position. And in a world of law enforcement priorities with murders, robberies and rapes, this is often at the bottom of the list.

“There is nothing like seeing someone stepping out of a tragic moment where they have been existing second-to-second in survival mode,” Snow said. “There is an overwhelming amount of pain and suffering minute-to-minute in their new reality.”

Snow recalls taking two survivors, both of whom had children by the trafficker, to the hospital: “A trail of people just kept coming into the hospital room that weren’t necessary for their health care. I realized they were coming because they were curious.”

What convinced the girls to change and become someone unrecognizable to their own parents and friends? Sometimes these girls were running away from fractured families or abusive relationships.

One girl told Patel, whose specialty is sex offenders and gang violence, that her current situation “wasn’t so bad; it was better than her last pimp or her family.” The trafficker can become her new family and sometimes the father of her children. Sometimes it was just a lonely teenage girl who didn’t fit in with her friends, or had family issues and gradually and unintentionally got caught up in a system and then found she couldn’t get out.

Patel said, “The victim struggles to form healthy relationships, to understand the boundaries of a normal relationship.” With appropriate intervention they are still at risk but may be a lot better off. Still, it can take years.

“One of the biggest barriers for me is funding sources from state, local and federal. They fail to understand how intensive treatment can be and in 4-5 months say we can’t fund you anymore. They expect me to build relationships and then cut off the funding,” Patel said.

Arlington County Police Capt. Tom Trumble, head of the Narcotics and Prostitution Unit, said their officers get sensitivity training by Detective Danny Orr who is assigned to prostitution cases, but Arlington doesn’t really have the issues of teen sex trafficking right now. Orr said there have been 71 arrests for prostitution and 99.9 percent of those are internet-driven.

“I always offer help with the Polaris resource, but nobody takes advantage of that. They know what they are getting into and are prostitutes to make money,” Orr said.

Crystal Nosal, senior public safety information officer for the Alexandria Police Department, said that Detective Betty Sixsmith is “the resident expert on child sex abuse.”

Nosal added detectives who are working



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE

**Sarah Freeman, Sexual Violence Counselor for Fairfax County.**

in this area get sensitivity training but it is not part of the requirements for general investigation. She said Alexandria has prosecuted three cases of teen sex trafficking in the last two years but it is “just not being reported to us as a huge problem. We have had no reports from the schools, nothing through Backpage online recruiting.”

Sarah Freeman, sexual violence counselor for Fairfax County, said she sees a trickle of adult sex trafficking clients. Fairfax County offers 10 free individual sessions with a sex violence counselor and/or a women’s support group. Anybody is eligible.

“We don’t see children because to build a relationship with a child in 10 weeks and then just send them on their way would be unethical,” Freeman said, but she said one can do a lot to address trauma in an adult in 10 weeks.

But Chris Davies, supervisor of Counseling Services for Fairfax County, said people take different paths to recovery. For some, therapy is a reminder of their recent trauma or they can’t deal with it and all of the other stresses they have to deal with at the same time.

“We want to offer them a menu of options and choice, the opposite of the life they had when they were controlled by the trafficker,” Davies said.

Freeman said, “There aren’t really any good overall statistics on what happens to the sex trafficking victims, and I wish we knew more about how many of them recovered.”

The NCMEC numbers show that one in five runaway children are trafficked for sexual purposes. Seventy-four percent of these were missing from child welfare care. “This says to me that we have a pathway to prevention. We can do a much better job. Every kid in child welfare should be getting messages about teen sex trafficking,” Snow said. Part of this issue, she said, was addressed by the enactment of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act in 2014. It required when children run away that it be reported by child welfare to law enforcement and to the NCMEC.

**FORMER U.S. REP. FRANK WOLF**, who was active in human trafficking issues when he represented Virginia’s 10th Congressional District, said we need to crack down on the Internet that is used for recruitment of young victims. He recounts his efforts

“There aren’t really any good overall statistics on what happens to the sex trafficking victims, and I wish we knew more about how many of them recovered.”

— Sarah Freeman, Sexual Violence Counselor for Fairfax County

with then U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to shut down backpage.com, one of the websites accused of enabling commercial exploitation of minors.

The response from the Attorney General Office of Legislative Affairs on Sept. 13, 2013 indicates, “As a general matter, any prosecution of a website operator for such conduct would require the government (whether federal or state) to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the website operators actually knew or recklessly disregarded the fact that they were accepting an advertisement that offers sex with a child. Sufficient evidence of knowledge of a crime against a child is not indicated where an advertisement on its face is for a legal services offered by someone who appears to be an adult ... Any legislation addressing online facilitation of sex trafficking of minors must be carefully crafted so as to comport with the demands of the First Amendment.”

Last October the U.S. Senate Permanent Select Committee on Investigations, chaired by Rob Portman (R-Ohio), issued a subpoena requiring Backpage to turn over documents relevant to their inquiry into online sex trafficking. A staff report had revealed evidence that Backpage has had a practice of editing advertisements before they are posted by deleting certain words and phrases which likely served to conceal illegality.

Because Backpage refused to comply with that subpoena, Portman and Ranking Minority Member Claire McCaskill (D-MO) introduced a Senate resolution to hold the company in civil contempt, and it passed unanimously on March 17, the first time in 20 years the chamber has taken such an action. On March 30, the Senate unanimously voted to authorize the Senate Legal Counsel to bring a civil action in federal district court in Washington, D.C., to enforce the subpoena issued against Backpage.

Wolf said, “Remember on the Ed Sullivan Show when Ed spun the plate around very fast but as the plate got slower it started to wobble? I feel like we’re at that stage with human trafficking.”

Davies said there is a long way to go with this issue but he sees much more coordination than several years ago: “It is important to know where we have found success. There is a better relationship among people who do the response. Our solution has to be as far reaching as the problem.”



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# OPINION

## America's Anti-Trafficking Efforts...

### ... Hollow victories for public accolade.

BY DR. KIMBERLY MEHLMAN-OROZCO

Each day there is more media on the human trafficking scourge in America with heart-wrenching stories about women, men, and children who are forced, defrauded, or coerced into exploitation. Whether it is the pimped child, the indentured migrant laborer, or the domestic slave, the headlines are always the same "victim saved" and "offender arrested," but this narrative masks the reality of the situation. Despite being arrested, few traffickers are ever convicted of human trafficking offenses and those who are typically receive "slap on the hand" sentences. All the while, the majority of trafficking survivors are re-victimized and criminalized through arrest, prosecution, detention, and/or deportation. These victims are rarely "saved" as the media stories suggest, but rather remain "disposable people" in the shadows of heartland America.

I first became aware of this reality gap while sitting in an audience of anti-trafficking policy makers, law enforcement officials, and service providers, listening to Frank Wolf (R), mem-

ber of the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia's 10th district. There were multiple news agencies recording his speech and taking down notes. He was touting the human trafficking prosecution of Peach Therapy, an erotic massage parlor located in my hometown, midway between my mother's home and my high school. Unbeknown to most in the community that surrounded it, the business was a front for a full service brothel. According to the official Department of Justice press release, the massage parlor proprietor, Susan Lee Gross, was bringing girls from South Korea to New York, and trafficking them down I-95 to my Virginian suburb, for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation.

Representative Wolf portrayed the conviction as a prime example of the efficacy of his federally-funded efforts to combat human trafficking locally. However, prosecuting erotic massage parlors engaged in human trafficking is often described as "playing a game of whack-a-mole;" shut one down and another will pop right back up, sometimes in the same location or under a different name. Victims are often afraid to cooperate with law enforcement and legal representation for offenders will exploit their credibility gaps, such as undocumented foreign national status, drug use, or coerced co-offending. If law enforcement gets too close, offenders will strategically "sell" the business and change the name in order to evade arrest

and prosecution, bringing investigators back to square one.

Not for a lack of trying from law enforcement, but less than .01 percent of human traffickers are ever convicted for their crimes.

The need to combat human trafficking is one of the few issues that all politicians, Republican or Democrat, can agree on. For example, in the race for presidency, Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton, Marco Rubio, and Carly Fiorina (to name a few) have all discussed the need to address the human trafficking scourge in the United States. However, legislators, law enforcement, and victim service providers need to be forthcoming regarding the lack of efficacy of current anti-trafficking efforts. Without an evidence base of support, passing new pieces of costly legislation may not be the answer. America needs to understand that behind the politicians touting arrests for public accolade and the click-worthy headlines on federal prosecutions, human trafficking enterprises continue to flourish in plain sight.

With human trafficking especially, law on the books has yet to translate to law in action.

*Author Dr. Kimberly Mehlman-Orozco holds a Ph.D. in criminology, law and society from George Mason University, with an expertise in human trafficking. She currently serves as a human trafficking expert witness for criminal cases and her book, "Hidden in Plain Sight: America's Slaves of the New Millennium," is contracted for publication with Praeger/ABC-Clío.*

## Make Donations of Heathy Food

BY PAUL KRIZEK  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

This week, I want to take a break from writing about policy and make a short important announcement regarding a dire need in the Mount Vernon-Lee area. United Community Ministries (UCM), which operates a food pantry for residents in need, is having trouble filling its shelves due to overwhelming demand. The good news is that there are many ways we can help to meet this demand.

For example, there is a big community-wide effort, the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Drive that takes place over the next six weeks, and the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive hosted by the National Letter Carriers' Association, takes place this Saturday, May 14.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is the nation's biggest single-day collection event and a great chance to help stock up the local food pantries for the summer months. Last year, UCM received more than five tons of food donations collected by the Letter Carriers' Local Branch 567. Please fill and leave a bag of non-perishable food, such as pasta, canned fruit and vegetables, by your mailbox on Saturday, May 14, and your letter carrier will pick up and deliver your donations to the food pantry.

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors effort is a community-led food drive by a West Potomac Junior, Will Shute, through St. Luke's Episcopal Church. He is looking for neighborhood volunteers to sign up and solicit food dona-



tions to be picked up or dropped off on a certain day, by June 30. I am proud that my 9th grade daughter is participating in this effort. Your high school student can get involved too, please email Will at MtVernonfooddrive@gmail.com.

Some of you may remember I sponsored a food drive for UCM throughout my 2015 campaign, and encouraged people to bring donations of canned food for UCM instead of campaign checks to my volunteer thank-you party last July. Folks were very generous and it was especially timely as once summer begins food is needed especially for those students that depend on the school lunch program for their main meal of the day.

The charity especially appreciates donations of heart-healthy food items, such as low-salt

canned vegetables, low-sugar cereal and whole grain pastas.

I know that there are many other food drive efforts underway too in many of our neighborhoods and via our local faith community. It is truly rewarding to know that our community cares so much to make sure our neighbors who are struggling financially right now have healthy food to eat.

Thanks to many wonderful supporters throughout our community, UCM has served Mount Vernon and Lee since 1969, providing basic needs, counseling and assistance to families in crisis, workforce development services that help adults increase their employability, early childhood education and after-school enrichment programs for vulnerable youth, and the Back Porch Thrift Store for Mount Vernon and Lee area residents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at delpkrizek@house.virginia.gov.

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# LETTERS

## Grateful for Performers

To the Editor:

I am a long time supporter of Alice's Kids, a local charity that provides targeted financial assistance to needy children in the hopes of enhancing their self-esteem. As the Gazette recently noted, Alice's Kids recently hosted a benefit concert that raised \$2,500. I write to warmly and deeply thank four extraordinary young adults in our community for performing a marvelous concert. They are Charlotte and Eric Costentino, Anna Bozard, and Geoffrey Gallante. The level of talent and skill of these performers would be the envy of virtually every adult, and their extensive resumes are impressive for performers of any age, let alone teenagers. But what is most impressive is that they took the time to plan, rehearse and perform not for themselves or to further their aspirations, but to give back to the kids in their community who don't have the advantages that they do. As talented as they all are, their generous hearts and willingness to contribute are the most impressive thing about them by far.

We in the Mount Vernon community are so lucky to have these four young adults as shining examples of the best we have to offer. And I am deeply grateful to them for their efforts on behalf of Alice's Kids and the children that AK's serves.

**Judy Conti**, Alexandria

## Evaluating Appointees

To the Editor:

I understand Supervisor Dan Storck is in the process of drafting a "Statement of Commitment" for all Mount Vernon appointees to boards, authorities and commission to ensure appointees are more available and responsive to residents of Mount Vernon, including Supervisor Storck's guidance and standards for serving in such positions.

This is a promising development, but the proof will be in the pudding. If Supervisor Storck wishes to demonstrate to the community that he is serious about ensuring appointees should be serving, he should first ask each current appointee, most of whom were appointed by his predecessor, to submit letters of resignation. He can then decide upon reviewing the credentials and performance of each appointee which resignations to accept.

For me, it is my view that citizens appointed to boards, authorities and commissions, particularly those impacting private property rights of citizens must demonstrate they have and will strictly abide by the following requirements:

(1) They must demonstrate the ability to recognize and avoid conflicts of interest, including demonstrated ability to recuse themselves where conflicts arise.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Farmer's Market Takes Root in North Old Town

The small but mighty market is ready for an all-year presence.

BY HOPE NELSON  
THE GAZETTE

**T**ucked neatly into the small parking lot on the outskirts of Montgomery Park, a smattering of farm vendors have started selling their wares. For just a few hours last Thursday, the all-week rain took a little break as neighbors celebrated the launch of the North Old Town Farmer's Market.

The small but mighty space will soon play host to half a dozen or more **APPETITE** local farmers and entrepreneurs every Thursday, from 3-7 p.m., says market master Margaret Townsend.

"I'm such a believer in the positive energy of small business," Townsend said.

She says she believes that the market is another way for neighbors to reinvest in their own community and strengthen the neighborhood bonds — and for local businesses to get involved, too.

"We're trying slowly to increase the vitality of this whole area of the park," Townsend said. "I envision people picking things up at the market ... and then perhaps picking up something lovely at (restaurants like) A La Lucia and then having a picnic in the park with their children."

The origin of the market has been a slow and steady effort over nearly five years, Townsend says. From first envisioning the concept to now, the permits, buy-in, organizational hurdles, and more have been slow-going, but the final product was worth the wait.

"We're trying very hard to place farmers from different markets — perhaps who haven't been in Alexandria before, as well as farmers who are familiar to Alexandria. ... We're trying to follow some of the precepts of the Smart Market movement," focusing on farmers who hail from 200 miles or less away and grow their own produce.

One thing you'll notice when visiting the market is the diversity of products. Rather than lining the lot with several vendors selling similar produce, Townsend was committed to a more diverse approach.

"We've been really careful to make sure there's no vendor overlap so there's no competition," she said. Such diversity leads to a plethora of options, ranging from delicious bread to bright, colorful tomatoes. And Relay Foods, an online grocer, has designated the market as a pickup site for neighbors' weekly orders, giving shoppers even more options.

One of the linchpins of the farmer's market so far is Twin Springs, a farm based in Orrtanna, Pa., that is no stranger to Northern Virginia markets. Its stint in North Old Town is a first in Alexandria for the farmers, and Townsend has high hopes.

"We are their first Alexandria market," she said. "They have a strong following throughout the area but have not been able to make it into Alexandria before. I think this is going to be great for them and great for folks who (already) come down to them at Sherwood Hall."

Just a couple of weeks into the market's existence, Townsend has her sights set on even more success this summer. Coming soon: "(A) free yoga in the park program, and we'll be working on some biking events for folks who want to ride their bikes to the market." Townsend's also working up tentative plans for a "Taste of North Old Town" event that would begin at the market and spill over into nearby local restaurants.

But for now, she'll work on getting the market up and running at full capacity. After several preview weeks, the grand opening is slated for May 19.

"(It's) a real heartfelt project because I believe it's so valuable to the community," she said.

*Hope Nelson operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at [www.kitchenrecessionista.com](http://www.kitchenrecessionista.com). Email her any time at [hope@kitchenrecessionista.com](mailto:hope@kitchenrecessionista.com).*



Cherry tomatoes are ripe for the taking at the Twin Springs Fruit Farm booth at the North Old Town Farmer's Market.

Twin Springs Fruit Farm, one of the first vendors at the North Old Town Farmer's Market, offers a plethora of apple varieties.



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Spring onions abound at the North Old Town Farmer's Market.

### CALENDAR

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

#### ONGOING

**DASH for the STASH.** Through May 15. Learn about investing with DASH for the STASH, an investor education contest hosted by the Alexandria Library. Read four game posters at any Alexandria Library location, get a quiz question related to each, and submit your answers to have a chance at winning a \$1,000 retirement investment. Game posters are on display at all Alexandria

Library locations. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1751.

#### Art Exhibit: "Partnerships."

Through May 15, business hours at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. All artwork is available for purchase through Del Ray Artisans. Artists are donating 20 percent of the purchase price of sold pieces in an equal split between Del Ray Artisans and the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital's charity of choice, Veterans Moving Forward. Free. Call 703-751-2022 for more.

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#### Mount Vernon Historic Plant Sale.

Through May 22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. At the Mount Vernon Historic Plant and Garden Sale, historic trees, shrubs and plants as well as a wide variety of annuals, perennials, heirloom tomatoes and herbs — each carefully nurtured in the Mount Vernon

greenhouses—will be available for purchase. Admission is free.

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

**May Artists Showcase.** Through May 28, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery Fine Art & Framing, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Find paintings of several local artists, celebrating the colors of Spring. Free. Visit [www.broadwaygallery.net](http://www.broadwaygallery.net).

#### Exhibit: Ethiopian Crosses.

Through May 29, gallery hours at St. George Gallery, 105 N. Alfred St. With their elaborate lattice work and geometric patterns, Ethiopian Crosses have a variety of form, and are a decorative artistic emblem. Free. Call 703-299-9495 for more.

**"Black Pearl Sings!"** Through May 29, 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) for more.

#### "Surrealism: A Photography Exhibition."

Through May 29, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio present a surrealist photographic exhibition pushing the conventions of reality. Free. Visit [www.delrayartisans.org](http://www.delrayartisans.org) for more.

**Lisa Kellner: "Always Into Now."** Through May 29, gallery hours at



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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) for more.

**Exhibit: "A Retrospective Exhibit of Florals and Still Life."** Gallery hours at Goodwin House Alexandria Art Center, 4800 Fillmore Ave. Artist Concetta C. Scott presents her work. Call 703-578-1000 for more.

**Judith Seligson: "A Gap Frame of Mind."** Through June 12, gallery hours at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. The abstract works in this show reflect Seligson's interest in the importance of what lies between objects, events, words, shapes and thoughts. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

**"Nature's Palette: Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists."** Through June 16, gallery hours at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. The exhibition brings together watermedia floral and landscape painters from the area. Free. Visit [www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.org](http://www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.org) or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photography by Soomin Ham.** Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Photographer Soomin Ham exhibits new work. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) for more.

**Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photos by E. E. McCollum.** Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. McCollum's work explores familiarity, simplicity, and the commitment to place in a series of photographs made over the course of a year at a small, suburban pond. Working in black and white, McCollum brings a sense of intimacy to a small, and easily dismissed, landscape. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) for more.

**The von Brahler Ltd. Gallery: "Circuitous Roots."** Through June 30, 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, as well as Liberal Studies' Artists from Georgetown University, Anna Katakina, Nan Morrison, Anne Ridder, Robert Murray and Rana Ryan. Free. Contact Robert F. Murray at 703-798-8686 or [rbgpromo@aol.com](mailto:rbgpromo@aol.com).

**"Who The Wounded Are."** Through July 11 at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. "Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital" is about people who lived and worked at this site in Alexandria and their real life stories that inspired the PBS show, "Mercy Street." Tickets are \$2-12. Visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) for more.

**Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour.** Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series "Mercy Street," accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five

are \$149. Visit [www.dcmilitarytour.com](http://www.dcmilitarytour.com) for more.

**Alleys Tours.** Saturdays, May-October, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Attics and Alleys is a three-hour walking tour featuring the rarely seen spaces of four sites—the Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, and Carlyle House Historic Park. Tickets are \$35. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for more.

### THURSDAY/MAY 12

**Red Day: Visit "The World's Cutest Pups."** 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. at 1701 Duke St., Suite 100. Visit dogs and donate to the Operation Paws for Homes. Visit [www.ophrescue.org](http://www.ophrescue.org) for more.

**Garden Tour & Tea.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will share stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 historic house. Tickets are \$32. To make reservations, call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.

**"Digging In: Understanding Archaeological Protection in Alexandria."** 7 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. The City Archaeology team will explain how archaeological resources are protected and update attendees on current findings. Free. Visit [alexandriava.gov/Historic](http://alexandriava.gov/Historic).

**Artist Meet & Greet.** 7 p.m. at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The Torpedo Factory Art Center has a brand new mural on the loading dock door, facing Union Street. DC-based artist Erin Curtis finished her newest work, "Beaded Curtain," last week. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**How Bugs Make the World Go Around.** 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Michael J. Raupp's presentation will explain how insects and their relatives help make the world go around by providing important ecosystem services, linking members of food webs, pollinating plants, and providing biological control. Free. Visit [www.vnps.org/potowmack](http://www.vnps.org/potowmack) for more.

### THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 12-13

**Browne Academy Spring Musical.** 6 p.m. at Browne Academy, 5917 Telegraph Road. Browne Academy's drama department presents "Seussical, Jr." Free. Call 703-960-3000, ext. 1006 or email [emorrow-schap@browneacademy.org](mailto:emorrow-schap@browneacademy.org).

**Unplugged: A Night of Dance, Film and Theater.** 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. West Potomac Academy Dance and Professional Television Production students are teaming up with West Potomac High School's Beyond the Page Theater Company to produce a dance, theater, and film festival—Unplugged. Free. Contact [cjbetz@fcps.edu](mailto:cjbetz@fcps.edu) or [nemantelli@fcps.edu](mailto:nemantelli@fcps.edu).

### FRIDAY/MAY 13

**The Howard Gardner School Not-So-Silent Auction.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Howard Gardner School, 4913 Franconia Road. Join The Howard Gardner School community for our annual auction to benefit the Fund-A-Student program. Featuring music by The Tyler Rose Band, beverages, appetizers, and a buffet dinner provided by La Prima. Free. Call 703-822-9300 or visit [hgsauction.weebly.com](http://hgsauction.weebly.com).

**Hunger Free Alexandria Benefit Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. The benefit concert will feature Stetson University's Concert Choir who is traveling from Florida and passing through Alexandria and performing here as one stop in a week-long spring tour. Free, donations accepted. Visit [www.hungerfreealexandria.com](http://www.hungerfreealexandria.com) for more.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 13-15

**Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour.** 6-9 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Mount Vernon's Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by "George and Martha Washington," and live jazz on the east lawn. Historic interpreters will conduct tours of the Mansion throughout the evening. The interpreters will discuss Washington's attempts at creating a vineyard and highlight various wine-related items inside the Mansion, including the basement's brick vaults where Washington stored his wine. To accompany the wine tasting, fruit and cheese boxes are available by advance purchase for \$29.99. Tickets are \$40 for Friday, \$48 for Saturday, and \$36 for Sunday. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

### SATURDAY/MAY 14

**In Their Shoes 5K Run/Walk.** 7 a.m. at United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. The Iraqi Children Foundation (ICF), a 501 (c) (3) charity, is hosting its Fourth Annual In Their Shoes 5K Run/Walk to benefit Iraq's most vulnerable children, orphans, street children and those fleeing ISIS. Funds raised through the 5K are invested in emotional care for traumatized children, access to education for children displaced by violence, providing nutrition and health care, legal aid, and more. Registration is \$30 in advance, \$35 starting April 1. There is a discount for groups. Visit [www.iraqichildren.org/in-their-shoes-5k-2016](http://www.iraqichildren.org/in-their-shoes-5k-2016) to register.

**Spring Garden Day.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. More than 40 local garden vendors descend on Green Spring Gardens plants to fill spring gardening needs. Growers and Master Gardeners will help with plant selections and gardening advice. Sponsored by Friends of Green Spring. Free. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Beyond the Battlefield Walking Tour.** 10 a.m. starting at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Discover the real-life stories and locations of soldiers, citizens, and former slaves that inspired the PBS drama "Mercy Street" in this walking tour of Old Town. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.lee-fendallhouse.org](http://www.lee-fendallhouse.org) for more.

**"What's The Point?"** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at 206 S. Union St. Hear all about bricks and mortar at this hands-on workshop about repointing. Free. Visit [alexandriava.gov/Historic](http://alexandriava.gov/Historic).

**Revolutionary War Patriotic Ceremony.** 4 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church Cemetery, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. The George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold a grave-marking ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Abraham Faw. In January 1775, Faw was appointed to the Frederick County Committee of Observation, charged to prevent any infractions of the Association and Resolves of the



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Provincial Congress. In 1777, the State of Maryland contracted with Faw to construct a "proper powder magazine" which, when completed, handled orders for powder from around the state. Free. Visit [www.gwsar.org](http://www.gwsar.org) for more.

## MAY 14-21

**Just Between Friends Kids Pop-Up Sale.** 12 p.m. at Landmark Mall, 5801 Duke St. Clothing, books, DVDs, toys, puzzles, games, baby equipment, and more. Free to attend. Visit [www.easternfairfax.jbfsale.com](http://www.easternfairfax.jbfsale.com).

## SUNDAY/MAY 15

**Photography Bicycle Ride.** 1-4:30 p.m. at Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Ave. Improve photography abilities with a mobile phone's camera. A short class covering photographic techniques, composition, lighting, the phone's settings, and photographic apps will be integrated into a bicycle ride to sights in Alexandria to put new skills to the test. Area photographic artist Jason Horowitz will answer questions. Other cameras are also welcome. Free. Call 703-746-5525 for more, use code Activity #419801 for more.

**Stories in the Garden.** 4-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Local musicians perform, and tell stories. Free. Visit [www.forthuntpreschool.com](http://www.forthuntpreschool.com) for more.

**"Life: A Comic Opera."** 7 p.m. at Catholic University - 620 Michigan Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. Alexandria playwright Neal Learner presents a public performance of his most recent work. Free. Visit [www.monumentaltheatre.org](http://www.monumentaltheatre.org).

## MAY 15-AUGUST 15

**Art Exhibit: "Streets Meets Glass."** Business hours at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. The exhibit features the work of two Del Ray Artisans artists, Joshua Oliveira and Betsy Mead. Free. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW).

## MONDAY/MAY 16

**Act for Alexandria Community BBQ.** 6-8:30 p.m. at Alexandria's Waterfront Dock, 7 King St. Find food, music, and more. Tickets are \$50, free for children 12 and under. Visit [www.actforalexandria.org](http://www.actforalexandria.org) for more.

## TUESDAY/MAY 17

**My Art/Mom's Art Playgroup.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Fun class for parents and preschool children to enjoy learning simple watercolor techniques together. As mom finishes artwork, the children explore other art materials. Workshop fee is \$35 parent/child (art supplies included). Visit [www.metamorphosisae.com/mama/classes](http://www.metamorphosisae.com/mama/classes).

**Genealogy and The Internet.** 1-3 p.m. at at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Genealogist Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., uses an interactive case study to show both how complex research problems can be solved online and the limits of material online today. Free. Visit [www.mvgenealogy.org](http://www.mvgenealogy.org) or call 703-768-4101.

## MAY 17-JUNE 12

**Potomac Fiber Arts: "Horizons."**

Gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Artists' interpretations of separations between sky and earth, landscapes, seascapes, sunsets, sunrises. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited and for sale. Free. Visit [www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 18

**CryBaby Art Studio.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. CryBaby Art Studio is a special time for new parents to relax and exercise their creativity learning simple watercolor techniques with baby by their side. Workshop fee is \$25 (art supplies included). Visit [www.metamorphosisae.com/mama/classes](http://www.metamorphosisae.com/mama/classes).

**Chamber Golf Classic.** 1-7 p.m. at Laurel Hill Golf Club, 8701 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce will host the 18th Annual Chamber Golf Classic. This is a fundraiser for the Chamber's Scholarship Fund. Tickets start at \$200. Visit [www.mtvernon-leechamber.org](http://www.mtvernon-leechamber.org) for more.

## THURSDAY/MAY 19

**Lauren Bruce Art Show.** 4-8 p.m. at Victoria at Home, 1125 King St. Lauren Bruce displays her oil paintings. Champagne and snacks will be served. Visit [www.victoriaathome.com](http://www.victoriaathome.com) for more.

**Lecture: "What Do You Mean?"** 7 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Listen to a panel of preservation experts discuss the meaning of "cultural significance" with respect to local, national and international places. Free. Visit [alexandriava.gov/Historic](http://alexandriava.gov/Historic).

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## FRIDAY/MAY 20

**Garden Talks with Master Gardeners: Lovely Annuals & Perennials.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Master Gardeners show how soil preparation, mass plantings and the right flower selection can give a lush flowering garden from spring to fall. Tickets are \$10. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 202 9101 or call 703-642-5173.

**Family Fun Night.** 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin 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) for more.

**Reception: "Streets Meets Glass."** 7-9 p.m. at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. Celebrate this exhibit which features the work of two Del Ray Artisans artists, Joshua Oliveira and Betsy Mead, who combined their art mediums for this exhibit. Free. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW).

**Live Piano Concert.** 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. A program of piano sonatas, the "Appassionata" Sonata, Opus 57 by Beethoven and the Piano Sonata Opus 1 by Brahms. Free, but donations accepted. Call 703-998-6100 Ext. 103.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 20-21

**GospelFEST.** 6-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Former Mayor William D. Euille, Master of Ceremonies, will guide the audience through the history of Gospel music through the ages. Songs for the "Alexandria - gospelFEST" will showcase a variety of Gospel music styles, including spirituals, contemporary, traditional, choral, call and response, and praise



"If I explain it to you," Kara Hammond

## 'The Hand Speaks' Now Open at The Associates Gallery

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workshop music. Tickets are \$5. Visit [alexandriava.gov](http://alexandriava.gov) to register.

## SATURDAY/MAY 21

**Hodge Podge Yard Sale.** 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Pohick Episcopal Church, the colonial church of George Washington & George Mason, will be holding its annual "Hodge Podge" Yard Sale. On sale will be furniture, collectibles, household goods, books, clothing and much, much more. All proceeds will benefit the many ministries of Pohick Church, which serves the southern Fairfax and northern Prince William County areas. Free to attend. Visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org) for more.

**Garden Container Potting Workshop.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Bring a 16-inch (or smaller) container to Green Spring Gardens, where horticulturist Judy Zatsick will give a short talk on

successful container gardens. Tickets are \$12. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 287 5801 or call 703-642-5173.

**Daisy Scouts: Flower Garden Journey.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how seeds grow, plant seeds and take some home. Tickets are \$10 per Girl Scout. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 274 6501 or call 703-642-5173.

**Soldier-Led Tours.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Dressed in Union uniform, Museum Curator Brian Briones will present an orientation to the Defenses of Washington and a guided tour of historic Fort Ward, one of the largest of the forts that guarded the Federal capital during the Civil War. Learn about the fort's history, how a Civil War fort was built, soldier life in the



"Duality," Drew Parris

Washington area, and weaponry of the period. In addition to viewing many of the fort's preserved earthen remains, participants will visit the reconstructed Officers' Hut, furnished as a typical quarters in the Defenses of Washington, the fort's reconstructed ceremonial entrance gate, and the fully restored Northwest bastion of the fort. Tours are 90 mins. Free. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) for more.

**Lauren Bruce Art Show.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Victoria at Home, 1125 King St. Lauren Bruce displays her oil paintings. Champagne and snacks will be served. Visit [www.victoriaathome.com](http://www.victoriaathome.com) for more.

**Beneficial Insects.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Beneficial insects play triple roles as pollinators, predators and parasites to help you maintain a healthy yard and garden. Learn how to distinguish friend from foe and how to attract beneficial insects. Free. Advance registration is

requested at [mgnv.org](http://mgnv.org).  
**Junior Scouts: Gardener Badge.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Identify wildflowers, create a bookmark and make a bouquet. Tickets are \$12 per Girl Scout. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 274 4501 or call 703-642-5173.

**Wine on the Water.** 6-8 p.m. at Alexandria's Waterfront between Founder's Park and Blackwall Hitch. Attendees will be able to view wooden boats built by the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's apprentices, listen to live island music and enjoy silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$60 until May 13, \$70 after that. Visit [www.alexandriaseaport.org](http://www.alexandriaseaport.org).

**Ladies Night Out Workshop.** 7-9 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Learn about blind contour drawing and complete your artwork with watercolors. The workshop fee is \$45 (art supplies included). Visit [www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes](http://www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes).

**Raise a Glass, Raise the Chimney.** 7-10 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. According to local legend, Robert Downham, then-owner of the Lee-Fendall House and local liquor wholesaler, lost his license after news spread around Alexandria of his entertaining President Woodrow Wilson with lavish amounts of alcohol at a dinner party. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Prohibition party. Tickets are \$50. Visit [www.leafendallhouse.org](http://www.leafendallhouse.org).

## SUNDAY/MAY 22

**Opening Reception: New Photos by E. E. McCollum.** 2-4 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery - The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. McCollum's work explores familiarity, simplicity, and the commitment to place in a series of photographs made over the course of a year at a small, suburban pond. Working in black and white, McCollum brings a sense of intimacy to a small, and easily dismissed, landscape. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) for more.

**In the Company of President James Madison.** 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. "President Madison" discusses life in 1816. Public questions and opinions related to the salon topics are welcomed and encouraged. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$10 for high school/college students. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for more.

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**Saturday, May 14, 2016**





## Creating Space for Family Oasis

Local designers unveil recent projects and offer tips.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

Lured outside by rising temperatures and blue skies, homeowners are deciding that it's time to spruce up patios, gardens and other outdoor living spaces. Local tastemakers are hard at work transforming winter-worn al fresco spaces into lively oases in time for a season of warm-weather entertaining.

"I have already been extremely active this season working with various clients in the region to focus on their outdoor spaces so that they may entertain outdoors as much as possible, for as long as possible this season," said Philip Smith, design consultant for Offenbachers, an outdoor furniture and accessories company with showrooms in Springfield and Fairfax. "I have looked to fresh, light and natural palettes, making an effort to mix materials whenever possible."

"Outside living areas should be an extension of your indoor space and style, so focus your energy on quality products," said Smith. "Consider accessorizing with throw pillows, rugs, lighting and potted plants, and leverage bright colors to be even more playful and on trend each season."

Smith points to a recent project in which he anchored the client's covered porch with four of their existing white Adirondack chairs, adding fresh pops of color with teal and yellow cushions. "It created a great transition from their kitchen, making it a natural extension of where they say most of their guests gather," he said.

Color is the anchor on a Bethesda, Md. porch that Kelley Proxmire, principal of Kelley Interior Design completely recently. "We used yellow as the main theme and added complementary elements such as plates displayed on the wall," she said. "Adding mirrors to an outside or seasonal space [also] gives it dimension and interest."

Families with luxurious outdoor living spaces are eager to use them often throughout the warm weather months, that's why it's a good idea for homeowners to "invest [and] choose quality pieces that are easy to maintain and can withstand weather, but easily be updated for style as needed over the years," Smith said.

When shopping for outdoor furniture, look for materials that can stand up to longer use and weather elements. High quality fabrics, says Smith, will not retain moisture and attract mosquitoes.

A longer season also means the need to factor in aesthetically appealing heat solutions, such as a fireplace or fire pit. "They serve as a great focal point and can aid in deterrence of mosquitoes," said Smith.

Creating a seamless transition from a home's interior to an outside living area is a trend that Smith recommends. "For another client whose dining space is closest to the patio entry, I actually brought in a new outdoor bench cushion to use in their dining room to tie in the new grey Lloyd Flanders Mackinac seating just outside on their patio," said Smith. "Since they experience a great deal of direct sunlight, then early shading due to their trees overhead, we [added] an underlit umbrella to give the most shade during peak times and offer ambience once the sun sets."

Foliage is another weapon in the war on mosquitoes. "Think succulent plant options to minimize water consumption and excess moisture [and] keep mosquitoes away," said Smith. "Feel free to mix materials and pieces to suit what looks and feels good to you to refresh what you already have."

Michael Winn, principal/owner of Winn Design + Build, transformed the deck of a McLean deck home. He advises those con-



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**Philip Smith, design consultant for Offenbachers, recommends Kingsley Bate outdoor furniture. He advises clients to invest in quality pieces.**

sidering adding such a space to design an outdoor area which can accommodate larger groups of people when entertaining. For example, he suggests "selecting doors, such as a quad-panel gliding door or full-swing French door, to create a large opening for joining the interior and exterior spaces."

Using a variety of levels for decks and patios is a trend that Winn advises homeowners to avoid. "They may look good, but they often limit the functionality of the spaces and can be tripping hazards for unaware guests," he said.

The guidelines for lighting an outdoor space are the same as interior spaces: ambient, task and accent. "All three should be considered for a layered effect," said Winn.

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Updates include landscaping, hardscaping and waterproofing (2015/16), bathrooms (2016), furnace (2016), kitchen (2013), A/C (2004), and replacement windows (2000). Though no known defects, home is being sold as-is.

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# SPORTS



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**Horace Johnson and the West Potomac boys' lacrosse team had their season end with a loss to T.C. Williams on Monday.**

## West Potomac Boys' Lax Falls to TC

The No. 5 seed West Potomac boys' lacrosse team lost to No. 4 T.C. Williams 18-3 on Monday in the opening round of the Conference 7 tournament, ending the Wolverines' season.

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Justin Elmore, Lucas Cochran and Will Narins each scored a goal for West

Potomac.

The Wolverines finished the season with a 4-8 record. West Potomac started the year with wins over Lee and West Springfield, and later went on to defeat Annandale and Thomas Jefferson.

## West Potomac Girls' Lax Earns Region Berth

The West Potomac girls' lacrosse team beat Lake Braddock 16-7 on Monday in the opening round of the Conference 7 tournament. The Wolverines secured a 6A North region tournament berth and advanced to the conference semifinals, where they faced South County on Wednesday, after The Gazette's deadline.

Monday's victory improved West Potomac's record to 11-4.

## West Potomac Boys' Soccer is No. 1 Seed

The West Potomac boys' soccer team enters the postseason as the No. 1 seed in the Conference 7 tournament. The Wolverines will host a game at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 16.

West Potomac finished the regular season with a 10-2-1 record, including 6-1 against conference foes. The Wolverines' only conference loss came against South County, 3-2, on May 4.



**West Potomac girls' basketball senior point guard Tenesha Green has signed to play for Marymount University next year. Green is coming off a strong senior season where she led the team in scoring and rebounding. Green guided the team to a top-four seed in Conference 7 and an entry to the region tournament. Green was named to the all-conference team and was MVP of the varsity squad.**

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## Stamp Out Hunger

Letter carriers across the region are preparing for the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, which takes place Saturday, May 14. Hosted by the National Association of Letter Carriers, it's the nation's largest single-day Food Drive. Pictured at far right is U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) at the Main Office Postal Branch in Alexandria with (from left) Brian McCormick, Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive coordinator for NALC Union Branch 567, along with representatives from two area food pantries that will receive donations: Robert Petitti, executive director of Koinonia Foundation, and Elizabeth McNally, deputy executive director of United Community Ministries. UCM needs volunteers on Monday and Tuesday, May 16 and 17, to help sort and organize the donations at UCM's main office at 7511 Fordson Road. To volunteer, email Emily Griffin at [volunteer@ucmagency.org](mailto:volunteer@ucmagency.org).

## Hospital Back to Normal After Norovirus Case

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital was in an "isolation precaution" protocol after it was confirmed Tuesday, May 3 that a patient had norovirus. The protocol didn't lock down the hospital entirely, but limited visitors to patients and mandated all hospital staff went to strict soap and water hygiene, among other precautions.

"We just wanted to make sure we stop it in its tracks," said hospital spokesperson Curtis McCormick.

McCormick said there have been no additional cases of the contagious, gastrointestinal virus and hospital operations are returning to normal as of May 11.

Information on norovirus is available online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/comdis/norovirus-winter.htm#](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/comdis/norovirus-winter.htm#).

— TIM PETERSON

## McKenna Administrative Investigation Ongoing

The administrative investigation of the Fairfax County Sheriff's deputies involved with the Feb. 8, 2015 in-custody death of 37-year-old Natasha McKenna is still ongoing, Sheriff's Office spokesman Captain Steve Elbert said.

McKenna, who had a history of mental illness, was being transported to the City of Alexandria police, who had issued a felony warrant for her arrest. During her extraction, McKenna became combative, spit and kicked. Several deputies attempted to restrain her physically. In the process, they used a taser on the inmate four times. A 48-minute video of the ordeal was released by Sheriff Stacey Kincaid in September 2015.

Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh announced in a Sept. 8 report that he would not be pursuing criminal charges against any of the deputies involved.

The Office of the Medical Examiner had determined McKenna's cause of death was "excited delirium associated with physical restraint including use of conducted energy device." It was an accident, the office said, with McKenna's schizophrenia and bipolar disorder as contributing factors.

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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, May 14, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and reordain Chapter 11 (Aquatic Health Ordinance) of Title 11 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance would amend the Aquatic Health Ordinance to align it with current science and technology to make pool management easier while continuing to protect pool users safety and public health.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article G (Posting of Signs in the Right-of-Way) of Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

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 April 16, 2016 to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Section of the Transportation Master Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2015-0005 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2015-0005 to amend the Transportation Master Plan to include the new Pedestrian and Bicycle Section approved by the City Council on April 16, 2016.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 700 South Pitt Street to construct and maintain an encroachment for a fence at that location for the period of one (1) year. (Approved by City Council on April 16, 2016) The proposed ordinance permits the owner of the residential property at 700 South Pitt Street to construct and use a fence within the City right-of-way for a period of one (1) year.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Tenant of the property located at 535 East Braddock Road (Parcel Address 501 East Braddock Road) to construct and maintain an encroachment for a raised deck and outdoor dining for the Dos Amigos Tex-Mex Restaurant on the sidewalk right-of-way at that location. The proposed ordinance permits the restaurant located at 535 East Braddock Road (Parcel Address 501 East Braddock Road) to establish outdoor seating in the adjacent sidewalk area.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 054.05 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and District Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 699 North Patrick Street from, RB/Townhouse Zone to CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Medium) Zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment approved by City Council on March 12, 2016 as Rezoning No. 2015-0003. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2015-0003, to rezone the ARHA Ramsey Homes at 699 North Patrick Street from, RB/Townhouse Zone to CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Medium) Zone.

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 March 12, 2016 to the Braddock East Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2015-0003 to amend the land use and development framework tables pertaining to the Ramsey Homes property and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2015-0003 to amend the Braddock East Master Plan as it pertains to the Ramsey Homes Property approved by City Council on March 12, 2016.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 054.02 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and District Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 530 First Street (Parcel Address 500 First Street) and 901 North St. Asph Street from CG/Commercial General to CDD#25/Coordinated Development District #25 in accordance with the said zoning map amendment approved by City Council on March 12, 2016 as Rezoning No. 2015-0005 (ABC/GIANT Development Project) The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2015-0005 to rezone the property at 530 First Street (Parcel Address 500 First Street) and 901 North St. Asph Street from CG/Commercial General to CDD#25/Coordinated Development #25 at the site of the current ABC and Giant stores in North Old Town.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated Development Districts created, consistency with master plan, required approvals) of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment approved by City Council on March 12, 2016 as Text Amendment No. 2016-0001 to add CDD#25/ABC Giant Old Town North to the CDD Table. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2016-0001 to add CDD#25/ABC Giant Old Town North to the CDD Table.

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 March 12, 2016 to the Old Town North Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2015-0009 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (ABC/Giant Development Project) The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2015-0009 to amend the Old Town North Small Area Plan Land Use and Height maps of the ABC/Giant project approved by the City Council on March 12, 2016.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-183 (Delinquent Taxes; Penalty and Interest) of Article M (Levy and Collection of Property Taxes), Chapter 2 (Taxation), Title 3 (Finance, Taxation and Procurement), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. The proposed ordinance assesses a late payment penalty of 5% if not paid by the due date and assesses an additional 5% if the payment is not received within 15 days of the due date.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-52 (Assessment of Fee for Courthouse Jail) of Article E (Assessment Of Court Costs and Fees), Chapter 2 (Taxation), Title 3 (Finance, Taxation and Procurement), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. The proposed ordinance increases the fee for the support of the courthouse and the jail from \$2 to \$5.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-6-26 (Sewer Line Maintenance Charge Imposed; Provision for Collection; Liens and Cessation of Water Service for Delinquent Charges) of Division 1 (General Provision), Article B (Sewage Disposal and Drain), Chapter 6 (Water and Sewer), Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. The proposed ordinance increases the sewer line maintenance charge from \$1.25 to \$1.40 for every 1000 gallons of water supplied per quarter.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-102 (Levy and Rate) of Article 1 (Tax on Sale of Cigarettes) of Chapter 2 (Taxation) of Title 3 (Finance, Taxation and Procurement) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. The proposed ordinance increases the City's cigarette tax rate from \$1.15 to \$1.26 per pack.

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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Chris Guy  
Procurement Manager

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## LETTERS

FROM PAGE 9

(2) They must have a record of refraining from imposing their personal agenda when serving in a civic capacity.

(3) They must have a history of abiding by rules, regulations and bylaws of organizations in which they have served in any capacity.

(4) They must have a record of total transparency, always keeping fully informed the constituents they have represented.

(5) They must not have had a history of violating laws and regulations that are enforced by the very organization on which they have served.

(6) They must have a record of complete honesty in their dealings with citizens and the supervisor.

People who do not fulfill all of these requirements should not be appointed and, if currently serving, their resignation should be accepted.

One such appointee about whom I have written numerous letters to the Gazette fails to comply with any of the six criteria set forth above. This appointee has served over two years beyond the expiration of their term in office solely as a result of operation of an arcane Virginia law that permits an appointee to continue to serve beyond expiration of their term so long as they have not resigned or been replaced. The decision as to whether to reappoint this person was deferred by Supervisor Gerry Hyland for fully the last two years of his final term in office, from Jan. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2015. Apparently Supervisor Hyland found the prospect of reappointing this person "radioactive" and punted it to his successor. Supervisor Storck has now delayed the decision an additional four months. With about 130,000 residents in the Mount Vernon District, we can surely do better.

I will be looking to Supervisor Storck's decision on this particular appointment to inform me as to whether he is serious about making sure appointees are suitable, qualified and appropriate for the appointments they wish to attain or, rather, if he is just paying lip service to his constituents. I remain hopeful Supervisor Storck is making a serious effort to upgrade Mount Vernon's appointees to important positions. This one will tell the tale.

H. Jay Spiegel  
Mount Vernon

## BULLETIN BOARD

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commemorative resolutions presented to the families of Ruth Harvey and Kenneth Blunt. Visit [www.mtvernon-leechamber.org](http://www.mtvernon-leechamber.org) for more.

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**Application Deadline.** The Fairfax County Police Department is accepting application for two programs aimed at high school students.

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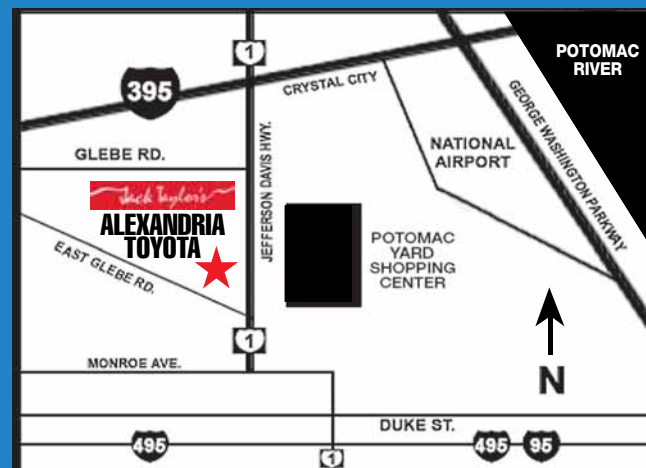
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