

So much brotherly love between these two, right? Well, you should see the state of our rugs and furniture after their fights... but we love them sooooo much. d'Artagnan is the white and red cat, Terracotta is the entirely red one.

— NICOLETTA SHANE

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Second Embark Richmond Highway Meeting Held

More than 200 attended the session at West Potomac High School.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

More than 200 community members came out to West Potomac High School Monday night, July 25, for the second Embark Richmond Highway informational meeting.

Embark is the multi-agency, multi-phase, multi-year initiative for completely redeveloping the Richmond Highway corridor for multiple forms of public, private and human-powered transportation, as well as economic and residential harmonious growth.

This spring, an advisory group appointed by Supervisors Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon, former) worked on assessing existing conditions along the highway and moved forward with gaining guidance for policy for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Metrorail — two of the largest transportation revitalization of the corridor.

At the July 25 meeting, Embark group members described the current ideas for BRT stations, street grid networks around community

business centers and cross sections of streets that include the public transportation as well as road widening and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

After the presentation, which is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/embarkrichmondhwy/meetings/community/7-25-2016/presentation.pdf, the community was invited to move to the school's cafeteria for an informal question-and-answer and feedback session with members of the advisory group, county staff and elected officials.

Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, attended the presentation and thought Supervisors McKay and Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) set the right tone about the importance of planning comprehensively with a positive vision for the future.

The staff is getting the transportation and land use components right including frequent transit, a network of local streets, safe street designs for pedestrians and bicyclists, and good urban form - with

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Quander Road Stream

Massive sediment runoff flowing into Dyke Marsh.

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It's safe to say Dyke Marsh should not be orange. Yet about two years ago, that's what members of the group Friends of Dyke Marsh who lived in the River Tower condo building observed.

"Dyke Marsh is turning orange," Friends group president Glenda Booth said. "Totally orange."

Though Dyke Marsh extends off the east side of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, Booth said there's a sometimes forgotten portion of the marsh, "a tidal wetland, largely undisturbed," to the west of the parkway.

After Booth and the Friends group brought the issue to Fairfax County's attention, they linked the orange coloring to sediment runoff from a stream running through Mount Vernon Park, beginning behind the intersection of Dartmouth and Swarthmore drives in Alexandria.

Charles Smith, Branch Chief with the Fairfax County Watershed Projects Implementation Branch, Stormwater Planning Division, said the forest has likely been stable since 1900, but around 2000, there



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Stormwater runoff due to impervious surfaces in the nearby community has contributed to marine clay breaking loose and flowing down to Dyke Marsh.

started to be more frequent and larger storms. Impervious surfaces in the 60-year-old community also prevented much of the water from being absorbed into the ground around the houses.

Trees came down, and around 2005, Smith said clay around the stream started to break loose and flow down to the marsh, and eventually depositing sediment and nutrients into the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.

To correct the problem, Fairfax County hired Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc. to design a stream reconstruction and Angler Environmental to carry

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Embark Richmond Highway Draws 200

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buildings built to the sidewalk rather than set back,” Schwartz said.

But Schwartz added the coalition is urging Fairfax County to integrate specific policies and financing strategies to preserve existing affordable housing, avoid displacement and add new affordable housing in the area of Route 1.

“Just because the garden apartments with affordable units may not be within the defined commercial areas of the plan,” Schwartz said, “doesn’t mean that investors won’t see the value in these apartments and bid up their prices and rents.”

Barbara Byron, Fairfax County Director of the Office of Community Revitalization, said the goal is to have a comprehensive plan amendment prepared to go before the Board of Supervisors by December 2017. That amendment would set the overall vision and population densities required to bring in BRT and Metrorail.

“We want to be sure that BRT, when it comes, will be successful,” Byron said. “That means showing planned density. We know it won’t be Tysons density, but it shouldn’t be Burke density, either.”

Some have complained that the process isn’t moving fast enough, that it doesn’t have the same perceived thrust of the development and addition of Metrorail to Tysons.

Supervisor McKay said there has to be a balance in taking the time to address myriad complex concern in order to “do this comprehensively,” as well as keeping the effort on schedule.

“We’ve waited in line a long time,” McKay said. “We don’t want a simple, easy fix. Route 1 has had enough cheaper, easier fixes. We need holistic revival. It took decades in Tysons. Density doesn’t get built overnight.”

Supervisor Storck addressed the timeline that has BRT coming to the corridor within



(Left) Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) talks with Mount Vernon resident Gerard Lewis (right) after the Embark presentation July 25 at West Potomac High School.

10 years.

“We need to speed this up, like to see BRT first runs in five years,” Storck said. “That’s unacceptable to me, and other elected officials in Fairfax County. This community is ready. They’ve been ready for years.”

Storck said planning should happen faster, but question remains how to balance faster planning with totally comprehensive planning.

The third community meeting will be scheduled some this fall. The main project website for Embark Richmond Highway is located at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/embarkrichmondhwy.

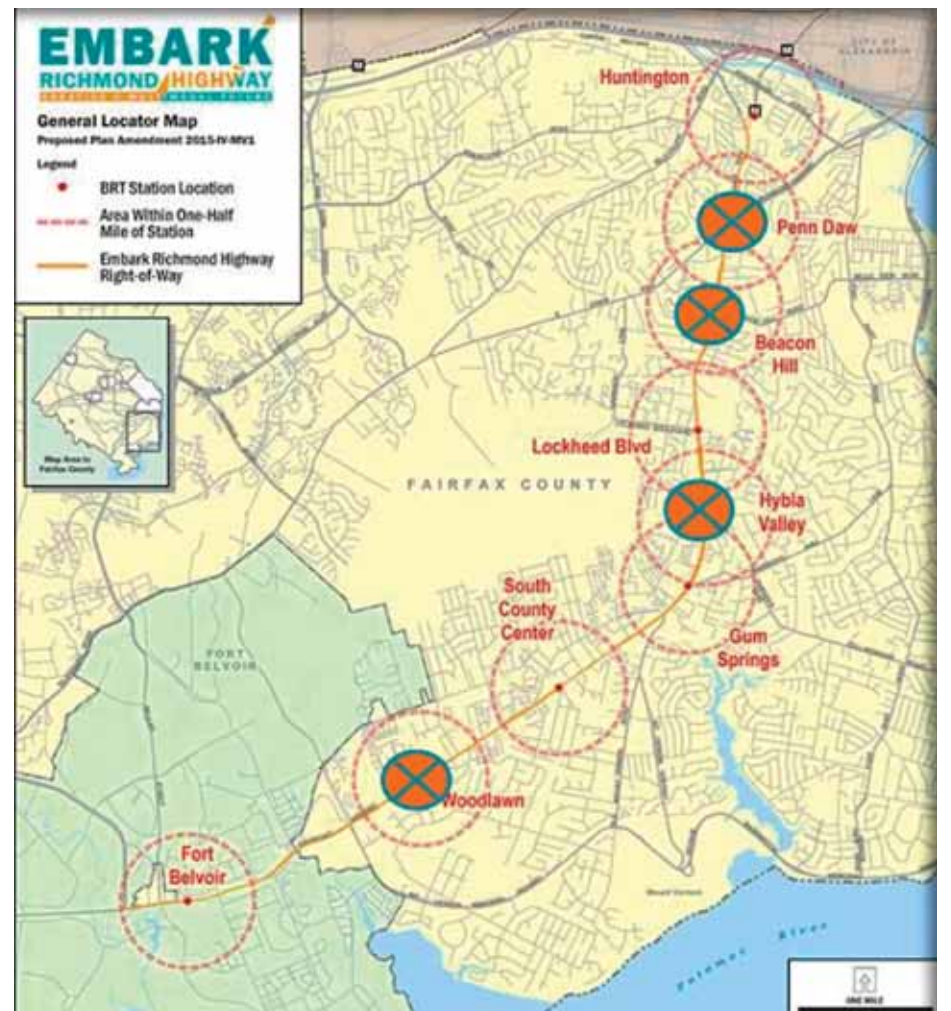


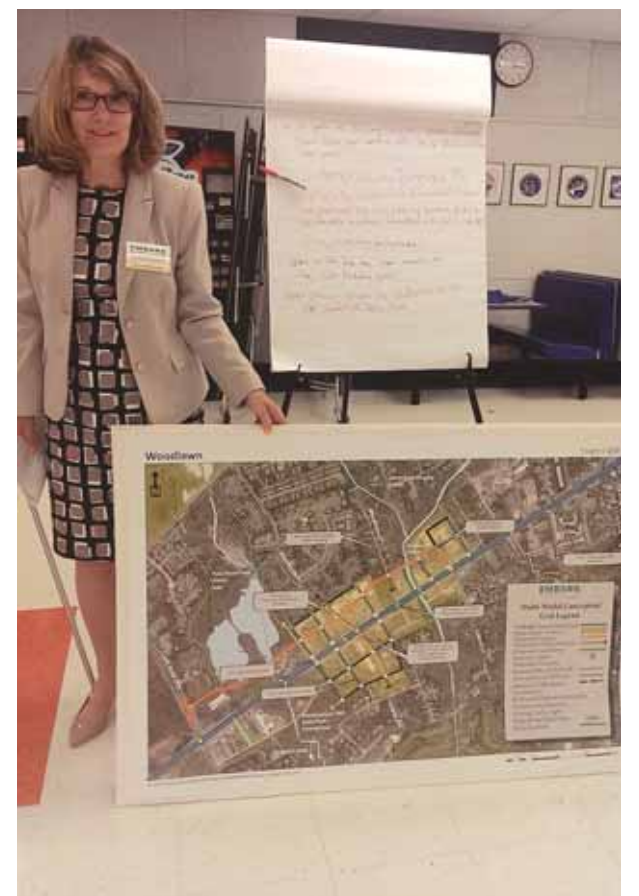
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The Embark Richmond Highway team is proposing four “street grid network” locations along the highway that would include Bus Rapid Transit stations, block size to accommodate development and provide safe walkability.

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A map of one of the proposed street grid network sites includes routes for the various modes of travel and transportation as well as open space.



Marianne Gardner, Fairfax County Director of Planning Division, packs up a presentation slide and community input writing pad.

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News

Quander Road Outfall - Mt. Vernon District Park



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Stream reconstruction to correct eroded soil outfall through Mount Vernon Park is scheduled to begin Aug. 8.

Reconstruction Coming

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 out the project.

Construction is scheduled to begin Aug. 8, with the work entrance being put in and some clearing operations. Trees will have to be taken down, Smith said, but there will be restoration planting.

THE ERODED CHANNEL is going to be elevated around 15 feet at the outfall, to within five feet of the surrounding land. Total project length is about 920 feet.

Mike Marsala, senior design engineer with Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc, said the stream fill-in would be a combination of rocks, rock structures and wood sills that will become embedded organically in the environment.

Smith said the vicinity of the stream is one of the last remnants of coastal plan land in the area. Cherry oak, sassafras and pink azaleas are among the unique native species.

"This is one of the best chunks left in Northern Virginia," Smith said, "a lot of unusual wetland plants."

Smith said the site will be restored with native plants "to provide habitat and stabilize and rebuild soils."

Booth, Smith, Marsala and representatives from Fairfax County Park Authority and other government agencies surveyed the site on July 25 for a preconstruction meeting.

Smith said "Pardon Our Dust" flyers should be distributed to community members this week.

"I'm encouraged," Booth said. "They've come up with a design to correct the problem and improve the structure for the health of the marsh and the area. We're very grateful for the county's support and funding."

Construction cost is \$760,000 for the project, which is expected to be completed around the end of April 2017. Total cost including design and other fees is \$1,340,000, Smith said.

The project website is located at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwater/projects/quander_road.htm.



(Left) Charles Smith, Branch Chief with the Fairfax County Watershed Projects Implementation Branch, Stormwater Planning Division, and (right) Mike Marsala, senior design engineer with Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc., said the stream fill-in would be a combination of rocks, rock structures and wood sills that will become embedded organically in the environment.



Mike Marsala, senior design engineer with Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc, said filling in the 'Grand Canyon' at the top of the Quander Stream outfall project will be the most challenging aspect.

NEWS



Remember to 'Move Over'

On Tuesday, July 19, shortly after 8 p.m., a police officer from the Mount Vernon District made a traffic stop on southbound Interstate 95 near the exit for Route 1. The officer activated his blue emergency lights and pulled the motorist over on the right shoulder of the highway. As the officer exited his cruiser and still had his hand on the driver's door, a vehicle traveling southbound in the far right lane struck the driver's door, injuring the officer. The striking vehicle stopped

and the driver was eventually issued a summons for violating section § 46.2-921.1. This law requires all vehicles to either move over a lane or, when unable to change lanes safely, to slow down and cautiously pass emergency vehicles with flashing lights. The law was designed to protect police, fire and other public safety officials who frequently work on the side of the road. The officer was transported to a local hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

NEWS BRIEFS

Board Approves Financing to Preserve Affordable Housing in Huntington Area

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has approved the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) to make a loan of up to \$5.65 million to Christian Relief Services of Virginia (CRSVA) for the acquisition of a 113-unit apartment complex, Huntington Gardens, in the Lee District.

Huntington Gardens will be preserved as affordable housing for at least 30 years. The property will provide 28 units for chronically homeless individuals with special needs. The remaining units will be affordable to households with incomes at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income.

"Stable, affordable housing is central to the health of individuals, families, and communities," said Robert Schwaninger, FCRHA Commissioner and Chair. "The acquisition of Huntington Gardens is an important step in helping to build long-term stability and economic success for individuals and families with within Fairfax County."

"The preservation of Huntington Gardens will provide an affordable housing resource for some of our most vulnerable populations as well as for individuals and families with modest means living close to transit with many job opportunities," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (Lee District). "I am glad to support the FCRHA in its mission to preserve affordable housing in Fairfax County. Partnering with our private sector nonprofits helps us leverage resources. This is a smart investment."

Financing for this project will be provided to CRSVA in the form of a deferred loan from the FCRHA. This action support the Housing Blueprint, a housing strategy that reflects the philosophy that affordable housing is a continuum ranging from the needs of the homeless to those of first-time homebuyers. It further the county goals of providing affordable housing options to low and moderate income families and those with special needs.

Police Investigate Thefts of ATM Machines

Detectives are investigating a series of ATM thefts that have been occurring around the region, including Fairfax County. Between June 18 and July 20, there were six reported cases. Five reported incidents involved stolen ATMs; one incident was a report of a stolen vehicle that detectives believe to be a part of the ATM thefts.

Detectives have released surveillance footage from one of the ATM thefts that occurred in July. The suspects can be seen prying the business' doors open then using physical force to break the ATM from its place and slide it out of the store.

An investigation determined in all cases that suspects utilized stolen vehicles to carry out ATM thefts

from various businesses in the early morning hours. Further investigation determined the suspects later abandon the stolen vehicles nearby and flee the area.

In all cases, the suspects were described as black, approximately 175 to 200 pounds, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, and wore dark-colored clothing with their faces covered. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Detective S. Brown at the Franconia District Station at 703-277-2464 or call 703-277-2464. You can also contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

and was treated at a local hospital.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY: 7600 block of Richmond Hwy, July 20, 1 a.m. Officers responded to a business for a burglary alarm. An investigation determined a man had forced entry into the store, took property and fled. The suspect was described as black, 30 - 45 years old, 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet 2 inches, wearing a gray jacket and dark pants.

STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERY: 2500 block of Windbreak Drive, July 15, 11:55 a.m. An officer observed a moped being operated with equipment violations.

The officer attempted a traffic stop but the operator and passenger discarded the moped and fled on foot. Both suspects were apprehended shortly after. The investigation is ongoing and charges are pending.

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

ROBBERY/ASSAULT: 2900 block of Arlington Drive, July 21, 1:09 a.m. A man reported that while he was walking, four men exited a vehicle, allegedly assaulted him and took property. The suspects were described as black and were in a silver sedan-style car. The victim had non-life-threatening injuries

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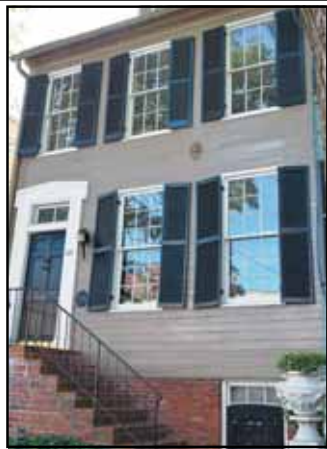


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The wetlands restoration project at Huntley Meadows Park will be among the honorees this weekend when the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) holds its summer meeting in Long Beach, Ca. It has been selected as a winner of a NACPRO Environmental/Conservation Award.

Huntley's central wetland is the largest non-tidal wetland in Northern Virginia and attracts regionally rare wildlife, but silt and aggressive plants had reduced the wetland habitat by 33 percent prior to the construction project. The goal of the project was to expand the wetland and improve management of water levels. Park personnel thought it would take three years to judge the project's success and determine whether wildlife would return, but just seven days

of rain in October 2013 sparked a tremendous return of birds and other wetland dwellers.

The area has become paradise for wildlife and wildlife watchers, and professionals from other states and countries have come to study Huntley's success. It serves as an outstanding example of environmental stewardship with impact on water quality, wildlife and wildlife viewing.

Other previously announced NACPRO honorees from the Park Authority include the Spring Hill RECenter renovation and expansion project and the Colvin Run Mill Partners in Preservation Campaign. Former Park Board chairman and long-time member Harold L. Strickland will receive a professional lifetime achievement award.

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SCHOOL NOTES

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Dylan Reynolds, of Alexandria, was named to spring 2016 dean's list at Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pa.).

The following Alexandria area students have been named to the dean's list at Washington University in St. Louis for the spring 2016 semester: **Quintin Frerichs** is enrolled in the university's School of Engineering & Applied Sci-

ence. **Reese Frerichs** is enrolled in the university's School of Engineering & Applied Science. **Daniel Wasserman** is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

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

Students named to fall 2015 dean's list at Mary Baldwin College (Staunton, Va.) include **Shantelle Jennings** and **Phoenix Wilson**, both of Alexandria.

Michael Chong made dean's list at Mercer University (Macon, Ga.) for the fall 2015 semester. Chong, of Alexandria, is a sophomore studying in the Townsend School of Music.

Enrique Ramirez, of Alexandria, was recently initiated into the honor society Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest collegiate honor society for academic disciplines. Ramirez was initiated at Michigan State University.

Phoenix Wilson, of Alexandria, as

part of the Executive Committee for SGA, was elected Judicial Board Chair at Mary Baldwin College (Staunton, Va.).

Sibet Duryea Partee, of Alexandria, is one of five University of Virginia students who have received grants from the University Award for Projects in the Arts program. Partee is a second-year major in poetry writing who is enrolled in the Distinguished Majors Program in English, and is writing her thesis on the form and literature of podcasts in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Caroline S. Caplen, a sophomore music major with a minor in equine studies, was awarded an Alumni Legacy Scholarship at Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, Va.). Caplen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Caplen of Alexandria.

Daniel Finn, of Alexandria, a graduate student at Saint Joseph's University, was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the national business honor society during the 2016 spring semester.



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OPINION

Help Children Arrive at School Prepared

Many opportunities to contribute; tax-free back-to-school shopping is Aug. 5-7 across Virginia.

The first day of school each year is fraught with anticipation and anxiety. Many local students will be concerned about what they wear, who they will see, what it will be like. They've already had multiple shopping trips, online and otherwise, to be sure they have the supplies and extras they need.

We live in an area where many, if not most, families have the means and desire to do almost whatever it takes to give their children the best chances for success.

But for thousands of students, families lack the financial resources to equip them for success on the first day of school and beyond.

In our affluent area, there are many poor families, families who are barely making it, families who are not able to indulge their children in a shopping spree before school begins, families who are already having trouble making up for the meals their children would be getting at school.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 27 percent of more than 184,000 students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 50,000 children in Fairfax County who are going through the summer without their usual access to breakfast and lunch. For many of those children, having a fully equipped backpack on the first day of school is out of reach.

In the City of Alexandria, about 60 percent of the Alexandria Public Schools students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 8,000 of the city's 13,000-plus students.

In Arlington, more than 32 percent of the county's 23,000-plus students are poor enough to receive subsidized meals; more than 7,000 students.

Help these students get started on the right foot by contributing to one of the many local backpack drives.

Virginia sales tax holiday for school supplies and clothing is Aug. 5-7, 2016. Purchases of most school supplies, clothing and footwear are exempt from the Virginia sales tax. Each

eligible individual school supply item must be priced at \$20 or less, and each eligible article of clothing and footwear must be priced at \$100 or less. See www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday.

Where to give in Fairfax County

❖ **Fairfax County Collect for Kids** is a public private partnership that provides local children from economically challenged families with the school supplies they need to begin the school year, and has provided more than 100,000 supply kits and backpacks since 2010.

Collect for Kids is made possible through a partnership with Kids R First, Fairfax County Public Schools, the Fairfax County Office of Public and Private Partnerships, Apple Federal Credit Union and numerous community-based organizations (some listed here) and businesses in the Fairfax County area who are working together to provide supplies in a more cost-effective and efficient way. See collectforkids.org/resources.

❖ **Cornerstones** is working to provide backpacks and other necessities to 3,500 Reston and Herndon area students. You can buy backpacks and other items online and have them delivered to Cornerstones. Or deliver the backpacks to Cornerstones Administrative Office Aug. 8-12, 2016, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston. In addition to backpacks, Cornerstones also requests donations of new underwear for elementary school age children, and Payless gift card donations (\$25) so young clients can get a new pair of shoes. Contact Cornerstones at 571-323-9568 or volunteer@cornerstonesva.org. Visit www.cornerstonesva.org/donations/drives/back-to-school/

❖ **United Community Ministries'** annual Back to School campaign is underway. Donations are needed by Friday, Aug. 5. A gift of \$40 completely outfits one student. Please drop checks and backpacks off at UCM's main office (7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, 22306) weekdays from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. If your group

needs to make special arrangements for a large donation, please contact Emily Griffin. For more information, contact Emily at emily.griffin@ucmagency.org or by 571-255-8973 or visit www.ucmagency.org/back-to-school-2016.html.

❖ **Britepaths**, formerly OUR DAILY BREAD, participates in the Collect for Kids Back to School Program each summer and is working to help more than 2,500 students in central Fairfax have everything they need to succeed this fall. Cash donations help purchase supplies at a steep discount. Please donate by Aug. 5. Donate backpacks or calculators by Aug. 5. Larger size backpacks especially needed. Donate cash through Aug. 31. Checks are welcome. Make checks payable to "Britepaths." Please include "Back to School" in the memo line of the check. Mail to: Britepaths 4080 Chain Bridge Road, 2nd Floor, Fairfax, VA 22030. If delivering in person, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., except for holidays. Call ahead at 703-273-8829. Visit www.britepaths.org for more.

❖ **FACETS** is seeking to equip more than 300 students in need with backpacks filled with supplies. Use the checklist at the link below as a guide for purchasing backpacks and supplies. Place purchased supplies in backpacks or other bags and deliver to FACETS. For financial donations, please cut and mail form by Aug. 12. Drop off supplies through Aug. 12, 2016, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, 10640 Page Ave., Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030. Contact FACETS at 703-272-3710 or JDantonio@FacetsCares.org or visit facetscares.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/SchoolSupplyFlyerFY17.pdf

❖ **Northern Virginia Family Service.** Mail checks (payable to NVFS, with BTS in the memo line) to: Northern Virginia Family Service, Attn: Back to School, 10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124. Donations of new backpacks and new school supplies (we unfortunately cannot accept these items after use) will be accepted on July 29, 3-6 p.m.; and Aug. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 13926 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151 (between Buon Appetito and Cafein; please note storefront windows are whitewashed). Contact Pam Boyle at 571-748-2537 or visit www.nvfs.org/backtoschool.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Airport Noise Exaggerated

To the Editor:

This letter responds to the article concerning airplane noise that appeared in the June 30, 2016 edition of the Mount Vernon Gazette.

It seems to me that the unstated goal is the closure of Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). The most effective way to accomplish the foregoing would be for all of the 300 attendees of the meeting to write their congressman and senators and demand

that DCA be closed. Reagan Washington National airport exists because the congressman and senators want it to remain open. Many members of both houses fly to their home districts each week to consult with their constituents. Closing DCA ain't gonna happen. Two alternatives:

1. Quieter aircraft. Noise emanating from departing aircraft has been greatly reduced over the past 20 years. In addition, improved jet engines allow the aircraft to climb much faster to reach cruising altitude. Aircraft landings make very little noise. All that is technically possible has already been done.

2. Move away. Distance from DCA would reduce exposure to aircraft noise.

I live in Stratford Landing, about 18 miles south of the airport. Noise from the major carriers is virtually non-existent. The only aircraft noise I hear is from rare helicopter flights.

I find ludicrous the allegation from a resident of Hollin Hall, about 16 miles south of the airport, that airplane noise was knocking over her drinking glasses, as I do the allegation by councilman Mr. Storck that community approval should have been sought before implementation of

the NEXTGEN air traffic control system. My opinion is that issue of aircraft noise has been settled years ago. The bone is picked clean. Let's move on.

Kenneth L. Kladiva
Mount Vernon

Write

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Ginger McNair:
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One of Ginger's best
adventures was
getting to play with a
wild fawn who wan-
dered into his yard.
Fast thinking dad,
Doug McNair, cap-
tured their exchange
on video. [https://](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18VAGzOL8sk)
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Ginger McNair: Age 11, Plott Hound/Boxer Mix, Reston

SCREEN GRAB FROM DOUG MCNAIR'S VIDEO.

Ginger and fawn playing together.

Senior Dogs: Untold Stories

BY JOAN BRADY

Like many geriatrics, senior dogs in our area are illness survivors and living with a range of conditions including arthritis, hip dysplasia and chronic back pain. But nothing keeps them from enjoying their people, traveling, taking walks, napping and eating as many snacks as are made available.

While primary canine focus is limited to what goes on in their own backyards, some are paying attention to the election. And, if able to talk, they would offer some advice to the presidential candidates.

Sasha Marusin is concerned about the environment, "Pay attention to climate change, it's important for animals and humans." Max Kennedy has an opinion about Trump's pro-

Pet Adoption

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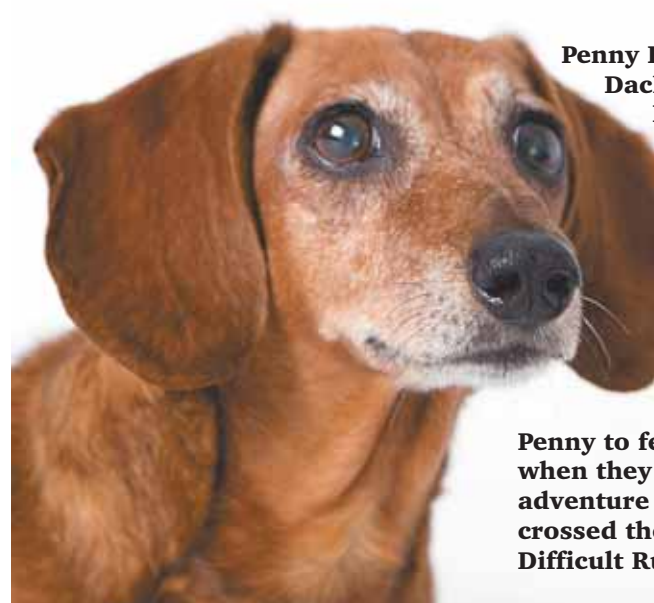
posed wall, "No walls (or leashes!), we all want to run free." Daisy Gilbert wants both candidates to do a better job of getting along, "I accept and love everyone. You should find a way to do the same."

And, quoting Senator Ted Cruz, Buddy Emami offers advice to voters for November, "Vote your conscience."

Daisy Gilbert: Age 10,
Yellow Lab, Great Falls
Beloved by her young
two-legged siblings,
Daisy does all kinds of
tricks for them. She
rolls-over, gives hugs
and balances a treat
on her nose. She
especially loves going
to West Virginia where
she gets to play with
her biological sister.



Sasha Marusin: Age 14,
Border Collie, Great Falls
Sasha likes to hike with
the family, when she
isn't napping. Mom,
Robin Marusin, says that
if Sasha could talk, she
would likely say her
biggest regret was not
having puppies.



Penny Hargroves: Age 12,
Dachshund, Great Falls
Penny has two, two-
legged sisters who
adore her. When
the girls were
little, mom, Cindy
Hargroves, would
send Penny to
wake up the
youngest by
licking her face.
The girls taught

Penny to fetch a tissue for them
when they sneeze. Her biggest
adventure was when she
crossed the stepping-stones at
Difficult Run.



Jazmine Bauman, 10



Rocky Bauman, 3



Matzahball Bauman, 7



Alberta White's miniature poodle Derby was adopted July 5, 2013 from Caring Hearts Rescue in Springfield. Derby celebrated his three-year adoption anniversary and 6th birthday on July 5, 2016.



House Call Grooming Alexandria provides personal grooming for small and medium size dogs under 40 pounds and is now accepting appointments from homes located in Mount Vernon and select Alexandria neighborhoods. Services include full bath, breed standard or custom cuts, nail clipping and more. Appointments can be scheduled Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with limited evening and weekend appointments available, especially for first time customers. Visit www.housecallgroomingalexandria.com or call 703-459-5559.

'Murph' Destined for Stardom, Appears with Hollywood Celebrity Chef

Named in honor and loving memory of Navy Lt. Michael Murphy, "Murph" Snyder has winning ways that made him one of the stars of Chef Vinni Live! Meals & Deals. Now in production, TV celebrity Chef Vinni Villicano has incorporated Murph in the program as the show's mascot. While Chef Vinni shows us how to save time, money, and live healthier, his sidekick Murph performs taste tests and happily affirms Chef Vinni's culinary delights are "Bow Wow Good!"

Murph was rescued three years ago from Puerto Rico, along with his mom and siblings by the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation. Murph's adoptive parents, Terrence Snyder and Sunny O'Malley of Alexandria, raised Murph from the time he was just 8 weeks old. Sunny was looking for a puppy for Terry, and saw sweet Murph's photo on Facebook. She told Terry about him and the rest is history.

When he's not on set, Murph enjoys good food, music, exercise, the company of another golden retriever named Riggs, and spending quality time with his family.

— SUNNY O'MALLEY



Mascot Murph reporting for duty.



Relaxing on hiatus with Chef Vinni.



Cruising the Potomac with his dad, Terrence,



Sunny adopts Murph, August 2013.

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Martina and Steve Salazar's dogs Summer and Bo are dressed up and ready to celebrate Independence Day 2015! Our Summer passed away over Christmas 2015...we miss her dearly. Bo is a rescue and has been with us since June 2014.



Portobella and Snowball

Portobella and Snowball are 5- and 6-week-old bonded stepsisters whose hobbies are fighting each other, licking each other, playing soccer with little paper balls, sleeping on their human's shoulder, and eating.

— WENDY KILPATRICK



This is Teddy and Tessa Benson enjoying the flowers on one of their adventures. Linda Benson owns a small dog exercise company Fun Dog Fitness and takes dogs of all levels out for 1.5 hour walks and hikes around Alexandria.

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3 Cool Menus for Hot Days

Here are three restaurants to refresh you as the mercury soars.

BY HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

There's no denying it: The dog days of summer have arrived in full force. Local thermometers have flirted with the triple-digit mark all week long, and normally bustling King Street has found its sidewalks nearly empty as residents take shelter from the heat. When you're looking for some cooler fare, try these restaurants on for size.

Zento, 693 N. Washington St.

Sushi is always a welcome sight when the outdoor temperatures soar. Cool rice, fresh fish (or vegetables), and crisp edamame conspire to make a filling meal that won't leave you overstuffed or overheated. And when it comes to area sushi bars, you could do worse than Zento in North Old Town.

The sushi menu offers a plethora of options, but for something a little out of the

ordinary, be sure to give the chirashi bowl a try. This rice-based bowl, which is available with fish or in a vegetarian version, is teeming with fresh sashimi and garnishes — or with fresh vegetables and tofu in the vegetarian option. The sushi rice is seasoned beautifully and brings with it just a hint of vinegar and sugar, ensuring the dish has balance with each bite. Equal parts light and hearty, it makes for a complete meal in one tidy package.

The Pita House, 719 King St.

Mediterranean food has a way of transporting diners to the Greek islands, subbing out hot and humid days for more arid climes in one's imagination. Step into the Pita House and you'll be taken straight there nonstop. From sandwiches to salads to entrees, this Old Town mainstay has you covered on a hot summer day.

For the ultimate in refreshment, start your meal with an appetizer of hummus bel fool, hummus topped with fava beans and served

with pita bread. For your main course, the Pita House's Greek salad is one of the best in town and is certainly worthy of your attention; if you're looking for something a little heartier, the chicken shawarma offers up a nice balance of hot-and-cold, roast chicken with cool veggies.

Dairy Godmother, 2310 Mount Vernon Ave.

Double dare you to mosey down Mount Vernon Avenue at night (or midday) and pass by the Dairy Godmother without stopping in! The smells of custard and cones wafts through the front door and onto the sidewalk, beckoning to passers-by. And don't be put off by the sometimes-lengthy line; it progresses quickly and before you know it, you'll have a custard of your very own in your hot little hands.

The flavors change with the day (if you're looking to plan ahead, the shop has a "Fla-



Zento offers up cool sushi on hot days.

vor Forecast" at its website at www.thedairygodmother.com), but vanilla and chocolate remain on the menu nearly all the time. Upcoming treats for the days ahead include Mexican chocolate, banana pudding, and Mozambique — all perfectly great ways to cool down no matter the time of day.

Hope Nelson owns Kitchen Recessionista, www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

CALENDAR

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ONGOING

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.

Caribbean-American Jubilee Arts Exhibition. Through July, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. The Second Art Impact USA Caribbean Jubilee Arts Exhibition is in honor of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month. Free. Visit www.artimpactusa.org for more.

"Violent Grace: A Retrospective." Through July 30, gallery hours at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. This exhibit is a survey of five decades of paintings by Edwards Knippers. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

Art Exhibit: "At Water's Edge." Through July 31, gallery hours at Multiple Exposures Gallery – Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. A photographic exhibit by Maureen Minehan. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit: "Generations." Through July 31, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center – Studio 306, 105 N. Union St. Realist artists James Dean and Kara Hammond bring together their space related works to celebrate the early days of space travel and exploration. Free. Visit www.karahammond.wordpress.com for more.

Summerquest. Various times at various libraries in Alexandria. SummerQuest is divided into three groups: SummerQuest, Jr. (ages 0-5), SummerQuest (ages 6-12) and Teen Summer Reading (ages 12-18). This year's theme is "Read for the Win!"

Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.
"The Beauty of Inflection." Through July 31, gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Julia Bloom and Susan Hostetler have created complementary bodies of work, in both two and three dimensions, inspired by nature; murmurings and birdsongs, and organic grids of color and light. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

"Urinetown the Musical." Through Aug. 1, various times at Ainslie Arts Center – Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road. Winner of three Tony Awards, including Best Book, "Urinetown" is a tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. Tickets are \$30. Visit www.monumentaltheatre.org.

"Not a Box." Through Aug. 7, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Art League artists use a dedicated space in the gallery to create an installation. Juror Alex Paik, an installation artist, selected 12 works. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Exhibit: "Decathect: a verb." Through Aug. 14, gallery hours at The Associates' Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The theme of the show is derived from a series of personal studies illustrating Richard Greenway's progression from when he began painting with oils in 2010. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit: "Streets Meets Glass." Through Aug. 15, 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.

Fort Hunt Concerts. Through Aug. 28, Sundays 7-8 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. A different band performs each week. Free. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp for more.

Collage and Ceramics – Kathryn Horn Coneway. Through Aug. 28, gallery hours at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Free. Visit

www.kathrynconeway.com for more.
"Dotted Space." Through Aug. 28, gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit will feature site-specific installations and a series of artist pop-up books that use dotted lines to demarcate rectilinear spaces. When viewed from a particular angle, the dotted lines seem like three-dimensional shapes, some of which appear to penetrate

and continue through the gallery walls. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.
Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery: **"Explorations Part I."** Through Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 105 N. Union St. Artists' take inspirations from the early explorers: Vikings, Phoenicians, Marco Polo, tall ships, discovery of the New World and more. Free. Visit

www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

Cool Yoga. Wednesdays through Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m. at Just ASK Publications and Professional Development parking lot, 1900 Mount Vernon Ave. Cool Yoga is a community event taught by Maureen Clyne, presented by @home | real estate lounge and design center and sponsored by Senzu Juicery. Each Cool Yoga class ends with a Senzu Juicery "After Party" with complimentary fresh, cold pressed juices. Free. Visit www.prasadayoag.com for more.

Women of Civil War Alexandria Tour. Through Sept. 3, 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Learn more about women's roles during the Civil War in Alexandria. Presented by the National Women's History Museum (NWHM). Tickets are \$15, \$12 for NWHM members. Visit www.nwhm.com/get-involved/event/walking-tours.

Summer Chamber Series. Sundays, through Sept. 11, 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents the 26th annual chamber music series. Free. Visit wmpamusic.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 for more.

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and



Alexandria Celebrates Harry Potter's Birthday

Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday weekend and the release of the newest addition to the Harry Potter franchise — "The Cursed Child" July 30-31. Find a scavenger hunt, family tour, and tours for adults. Visit www.apothecarymuseum.org for a full schedule.

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commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to "be the curator" and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum's collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria's history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/fortward for more.

Alexandria's Nurses & Hospitals During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama "Mercy Street," with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum for more.

"Ancient Art of Movement." 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for

non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

Flamenco Show. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffe & Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria's citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Alexandria Cars and Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward

collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

National Inventors Hall of Fame Exhibit. Through November at The National Inventors Hall of Fame-USPTO campus, 600 Dulany St. The exhibit features the stories of Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame who served their country during World War II and returned home to help build the nation with their innovations. Free. Visit www.inventnow.org.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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

The Monday Morning Birdwalk takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

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



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Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit www.monaco-alexandria.com for more.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Olympic Champions Camp. July 25-Aug. 26, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at Boys & Girls Club, 401 N. Payne St. The Olympic Champions Camp incorporates “Triple Play” to engage mind, body, and soul. Campers participate in reading, STEM, sports, meditation and more. Prices vary. Visit www.bgcgw.org for more.

Theatre Camp. Through Sept. 2, various times at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Offering a variety of camps for age 3 through 8th grade, covering creative play, acting, singing, dancing, musical theatre and improv. Sessions also include comedy, scene study, Shakespeare and drama. Tuition prices vary. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com for more.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

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

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring supplies to draw or paint live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

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

THURSDAY/JULY 28

Jane Austen Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In preparation for the Jane Austen Ball on Aug. 13, learn 18th-century English country dancing. Tickets are \$12 each or \$30 for the series. Call 703-746-4242.

FRIDAY/JULY 29

Film Screening: “Back to the Future.” Movie starts at dusk, activities start at 6 p.m. at Four Mile Conservatory Center, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Visit www.fourmilemovieseries.com.

Movies Under the Stars: “Mrs. Doubtfire.” 8:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Attend an outdoor movie shown on a three-story high movie screen. Free. Call 703-746-5592 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

SATURDAY/JULY 30

Children’s Art Workshop: “The Beauty of Inflection.” 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Julia Bloom and Susan Hostetler have created complementary bodies of work, in both two and three dimensions, inspired by nature. The artists will conduct a workshop for children ages 8-12, to explore various media including making stencils and create work reflecting the nature of the show. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Harry Potter Countdown to Midnight Party. 8 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Potomac Yard, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway. Harry Potter fans are invited to Countdown to midnight and the release of “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child,” a special rehearsal edition script book, which goes on sale July 31 at midnight. Free. Call 703-299-9124 for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 30-31

Harry Potter Birthday Weekend. At Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Saturday features adult-only tours of the museum from 7-10 p.m. that includes an adult beverage, make-and-take activity, photo opportunities and time to explore items familiar from the Harry Potter series and their real-world uses. Event ends in time to join the midnight release of “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child – Parts I & II” at Hooray for Books. On Sunday, celebrate Harry Potter’s birthday with family-friendly tours of the apothecary from 1:30-6 p.m. Hooray for Books will sell Harry Potter merchandise and leading Harry Potter trivia. Tickets are \$15 for Saturday, \$6 for Sunday. Visit shop.AlexandriaVA.gov.

SUNDAY/JULY 31

Dueling Designers. 1-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Two designers simultaneously create original floral arrangements using identical materials. Discover how different creative styles, techniques and approaches to design and materials are revealed. Tickets are \$22, \$45 for the program followed by a traditional English tea. Call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987 to register.

AUG. 1-31

Family Golf Days. All day at Pinecrest Golf Course, 6600 Little River Turnpike. Parents pay for their 9-hole round of golf and their son or daughter (ages 8-17) will receive their round and a pull cart rental for free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/pinecrestgc for more.

Latin Expressions Exhibit. Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Two dozen artists have contributed to an exhibit titled “Magic and Color.” Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 2

“West Side Story.” 7 p.m. at 600 Wolfe St. See a performance of Little Theatre of Alexandria preceded by a reception. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us/events/westsidestory for more.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 3

Babes in the Woods. 9:30-11 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Explore the parks of Northern Virginia with your babies in backpack carriers. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

Summer Reading Puppet Show. 10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens,



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Gadsby’s Tavern Open House on Aug. 6

Explore Gadsby’s Tavern Museum at a free open house on Aug. 6, 1-5 p.m. Learn to dance like George Washington; meet early 19th century cookbook author Mary Randolph; and enjoy tours featuring 18th century tavern foodways. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703-746-4242.



4603 Green Spring Road. Young story lovers are entertained by a puppet show presented by Blue Sky Puppet Theatre. Tickets are \$4 for Fairfax County residents, \$6 for non-residents plus a supply fee. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/manor.htm.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 3-4

War. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. War is currently on a national tour where they are performing both their classic hits and new music from the “Evolutionary.” Tickets are \$55. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 4

Let’s Grow Garden Club: “Sunny Days.” 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Kids will learn why the sun is important to photosynthesis and cook garden-fresh pizzas in a solar oven. Tickets are \$15 per child. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Jane Austen Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In preparation for the Jane Austen Ball on Aug. 13, learn 18th-century English country dancing. Tickets are \$12 each or \$30 for the series. Call 703-746-4242.

AUG. 4-SEPT. 18

Exhibit: Kit Keung Kan. Gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Kit Keung Kan is a Hong Kong-American artist and physicist who interprets traditional Chinese landscape paintings with his passion for the art form as well as his experience in scientific study and research such as relational concepts and objective abstraction. Free. Visit

www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY/AUG. 5

Reception: “FUN-derful.” 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Celebrate a new exhibit featuring humorous art created by local artists. Free. Visit www.delrayartisans.org for more.

AUG. 5-27

Exhibit: “The Silent World.” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays at Gallery @Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. “The Silent World” explores the intricacies of creativity and the effect of society, education, and age on the creative process. Students are asked to respond to the prompt: “95% of the ocean is still unexplored. Make something that’s never been seen before that you think lives in the deep ocean.” Their responses will make up the Silent World Exhibit and lead to conversations about the way our creative nature changes over time. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

AUG. 5-28

Exhibit: “FUN-derful.” Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans invites you to a curated exhibit humorous art. Free. Visit www.delrayartisans.org for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 6

Friendship Firehouse Festival. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the City of Alexandria Fire Department. Held at the historic Friendship Firehouse, the festival celebrates the role firefighters have played

throughout history, especially those of Friendship. The event will feature a collection of antique fire equipment and, courtesy of the Alexandria Fire Department, a display of modern fire trucks and apparatus. The Alexandria Red Cross and the Community Emergency Response Team will also be on hand. Other attractions include craft booths, food vendors and free birthday cake. Free. Visit www.friendshipfire.net.

Cold Press Soap Making. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to make cold process soap using all natural, botanical ingredients. This demonstration shows how to safely handle and store lye, how to add fragrance, exfoliants and colorants, and covers molding, curing, and packaging ideas. Take home two bars of soap and soap recipes. Tickets are \$65 for Fairfax County residents, \$80 for non-residents plus a supply fee. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/manor.htm.

Floral Design Workshop. 10 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Large leaves and bold flowers accent the arrangement that you make with the help of florist, Chuck Mason. Reuse the container and design ideas to make a tropical arrangement at home. Tickets are \$38 for Fairfax County residents, \$40 for residents plus a supply fee. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/manor.htm.

Lecture: “A Fine Beginning.” 12-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. In August 1753, John Carlyle and his wife, Sarah Fairfax Carlyle, moved into their new home in Alexandria. That night, Sarah gave birth to a son, William. Visit the museum and learn about 18th century colonial family life. Children can also play 18th century games on the front lawn. Free, \$1 suggested donation. Call 703-549-2997 for more.

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Youth Arts Festival. 1-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. This festival will showcase the talents of youth around the city and serve as a forum of expression for both visual and performing arts. Free. Call 703-549-7115 ext. 370.

Tavern Day Open House. 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Experience Alexandria's five-star hotel of the 18th century, made famous by John Gadsby, whose guests included George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. Explore the museum with costumed guides, learn more about 18th century foodways and enjoy period music and dancing in the historic ballroom. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/summer.

Country-Western Dance. 6:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

Pop-Cultured: Marvel. 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Potomac Yard, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway. Customers can explore the Marvel Universe and enjoy trivia, coloring, cosplay, special offers and more. Free. Call 703-299-9124 for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 7

The Victorian Seaside. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Victorians flocked to the seaside for day trips and holidays but how did the proper Victorian lady preserve respectability at the beach? Hear about Victorian seaside attractions and entertainments, and the bizarre inventions, regulations and fashions that preserved 19th century notions of modesty. Tickets are \$32. Call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987 to register.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 11

Latin Expressions Exhibit Reception. Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Celebrate this new exhibit featuring two dozen artists in an exhibit titled "Magic and Color." Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

An Evening wit KaNikki Jakarta. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Author and poet KaNikki Jakarta will read her own work. Free. Call 205-530-3823 for more.

Jane Austen Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In preparation for the Jane Austen Ball on Aug. 13, learn 18th-century English country dancing. Tickets are \$12 each or \$30 for the series. Call 703-746-4242.

FRIDAY/AUG. 12

Movies Under the Stars: "The Lion King." 8:30 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. The public is invited to attend an outdoor movie on a three-story high movie screen. Free. Call 703-746-5592 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

Beyond the Battlefield Tour. 10 a.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Participants will see locations and stories associated with soldiers, citizens, and the enslaved, including the occupation of Alexandria and emancipation. Stops on the tour will include locations featured in the PBS drama, "Mercy Street." Advance tickets are \$15, \$20 on the day of the program. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

Fall & Winter Vegetable Gardening: Extending Your Harvest. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Learn inexpensive techniques to extend a harvest and how to enjoy some crops in the dead of winter. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgaralex@gmail.com.

Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. With four-legged friends in tow, board a Potomac Riverboat Co. cruise and tour the Alexandria Seaport on this popular 60-minute waterfront excursion. Dogs must be on 6-foot flat leash at all times. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$10 for children, free for dogs. Visit www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com.

Delicious Dairy. 1 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Churn your own butter and taste fresh cheese you can make at home. House tour included. Tickets are \$7 for Fairfax County residents, \$9 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park.

Garden Tour and Ice Cream Social. 3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Stroll the gardens with a master gardener docent. Then come into the Historic House for an ice cream social, a traditional gathering dating back to the 18th century. Enjoy a variety of ices, served with toppings

and garnishes. Tickets are \$12 for Fairfax County residents, \$14 for residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

Garden Party. 4:30-7 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Pohick Church Docent Guild will host a Garden Party. A string quartet and flute and Living History characters will provide entertainment for an afternoon of wine, assorted beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and a live auction. Tickets are \$30. Call 703-339-6572 for more.

Jane Austen Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The evening will feature a variety of English country dances in the historic ballroom, live music, and "iced refreshments." Period costume optional; "after-five" attire encouraged. Tickets are \$45. Visit shop.AlexandriaVA.gov/Events.aspx.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 13-14

Summer Sidewalk Sale. All day throughout Old Town and Del Ray. Participating stores, including The Shoe Hive, Kiskadee, La Cuisine, the Purple Goose, Red Barn Mercantile, and Olio Tasting Room, and will have bright yellow balloon markers outside of their storefronts. Free. Visit www.visitalexa.com/sidewalksale for more.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 17

Babes in the Woods. 9:30-11 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Explore the parks of Northern Virginia with your babies in backpack carriers. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 18

Garden Tour and Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour the demonstration gardens with Master Gardener docents. Hear about Green Spring's history, educational mission and more. Tickets are \$32. Visit Call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987 to register.

FRIDAY/AUG. 19

Garden Fresh Garden Dinner. 6-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Enjoy a four-course meal paired with Port City beers. Tickets are \$75. Visit www.mountvernon.org

AUG. 19-28

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Mary Jacqueline Winborne



God has called one of his angels home to be with him. Mary Jacqueline Winborne departed this life on July 23rd, 2016 at 7:15 a.m.

Home going service will be held Saturday, July 30th, 2016 @ Harvest Assembly Baptist Church, 8008 Fordson Rd., Alexandria, VA 22306.

View will begin at 11 o'clock and home going service will begin at 12 o'clock. Be Blessed, Thank you! – The Winborne Family

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.
-Werner Heisenberg



Lyndall Coffey McCloud, passed on July 13, 2016 at the age of 103 in Charlottesville, VA. Lyndall was born May 6, 1913 in Woodson, VA; she was the daughter of the late Charles Franklin Coffey and Georgia Campbell Coffey.

She was raised in the Rosemont area of Alexandria, VA and completed high school at the old Alexandria High School. Lyndall was predeceased by her husband Walter D. McCloud to whom she was married for over 50 years. She is survived by her brother, Carlton Coffey (wife Elizabeth) of Charlottesville. She was the loving aunt to many adoring nieces and nephews and a special niece, Beverly Beeton, also of Charlottesville.

Lyndall graduated from George Washington University and received a graduate degree from Columbia University in New York. She then worked at the Federal Reserve in Washington, D.C. as an Economist.

Until her retirement in the early 1970s, Lyndall and Walter lived in Vienna and Aldie, VA. They then lived in Marysville, Ohio and Homestead, Florida. Prior to returning to Virginia, Lyndall lived in Alexandria, Louisiana for about ten years. In 2008, she moved to Charlottesville to be near her family.

A Memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2016 in the Hill and Wood Funeral Chapel in Charlottesville. Burial will be held in Milford Center, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to the National Organization of Women (NOW.org), or to Legacy Hospice, 500 Faulconer Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22903 or to the charity of your choice.

Friends may send condolences to her family at www.hillandwood.com

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-07-08

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Strategic Planning/Facilitation Services for the Alexandria City School Board of Alexandria, Virginia. Emailed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-07-08 Strategic Planning/Facilitation Services for the Alexandria City School Board of Alexandria, Virginia will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, August 4, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the email. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8343, 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 submitted proposal 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.

Sharon T Lewis
Director of Procurement

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND CHANGE CERTAIN RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria, Virginia Sanitation Authority d/b/a Alexandria Renew Enterprises, Inc. hereby signifies its intent to change certain rates, fees and charges to become effective **October 1, 2016** and hereby sets the date of **Tuesday September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Authority's administration office, 1800 Limerick Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 for a public hearing to receive comment regarding same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer is hereby directed to have published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Alexandria, for two consecutive weeks, notice of the proposed change in the schedule of rates, fees and charges and the day and time of the public hearing.

The proposed rates, fees and charges are:

Preliminary Schedule of Rates

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	1"	\$62.87	\$67.45	\$72.07
	1-1/2"	\$125.75	\$134.90	\$144.16
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The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Coaching & Support of the International Academy Strategic Planning Process at ACPS Schools.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-07-07 Coaching & Support of the International Academy Strategic Planning Process will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, August 4, 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 703-619-8162, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/>

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WEDNESDAYS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Plant Clinics. 9 a.m.-noon at the Mount Vernon Farmers Market at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Volunteers from the Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association will conduct plant clinics during the 2016 season to answer gardening questions, identify plants and insects, and dispense soil test kits to the general public. They encourage backyard gardeners to bring samples for diagnosis or identification. Visit fairfaxgardening.org for more.

FARMERS MARKET OPEN

The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market is open for the year at the Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 8 a.m.-noon every Wednesday, through Dec. 16. Local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; dairy products and eggs; herbs; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 4

Community Meeting. 8:30-10 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 6055 Richmond Highway. For a small business, a poor online review can hurt the bottom line and drive away customers. Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation's next guest speaker, Kelsey Owen is the Better Business Bureau's Director of Communications and Public Affairs for the Washington DC Metro Region. She brings first hand experience and knowledge in improving and managing a business' online interactions with customers and ratings. Visit www.sfdc.org for more.

WEEK OF AUG. 15

Fitness & Well-being Classes. Inova offers a variety of fitness and well-being classes that are open to the community designed to fit every interest and ability level. Classes include senior classes, mat pilates, yoga, tai chi, core training, cardio kickboxing, and many more! A six week session starts the week of Aug. 15. Register at Inova.org/creg.

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2016 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Online registration will open July 5. Registration forms will be mailed to previous participants in late June and will be available at community and senior centers, senior residences and event venues. The registration fee of \$12, which covers multiple events, remains the same. Three events have an added fee, ten pin bowling, golf and orienteering. Deadline for registering is Aug. 27 (by mail), Sept. 3 (online). Call 703-830-5604 or email nvso1982@gmail.com for more. To volunteer, call 703-403-5360.

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river to Washington to lead our nation. The feeling of history is palpable. Even some of the old stone buildings in Old Town add to the sense of history. I am nearly 80 years old, but I make this bike ride frequently, partly to stay in top shape and to live longer, and partly to "feel" the history of the Alexandria area.

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Alzheimer's Association support groups provide a place for people with Alzheimer's, their caregivers, family members, and/or friends to share information, caregiving tips and concerns. Groups are facilitated by trained group leaders and are ongoing, free and open to the community. Call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time to verify meeting information, obtain directions or other information about the group. A complete list of all groups in the National Capital Area region can be viewed at www.alz.org/nca.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

STEM VOLUNTEERS. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) needs scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and physicians to assist K-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) teachers in the Northern Virginia Area, during the 2016-17 school year. In the 2015-16 school year, the numbers of STEM volunteers in Northern Virginia were: Fairfax County - 40, Arlington - 20, and Alexandria - one. Details of the collaboration are worked out between the teacher and the volunteer, and may involve giving demonstrations, assisting in lab experiments, lecturing on special topics, assisting with homework, etc. The hours are flexible, and volunteers attend a one-day training in September before being assigned to schools. To see how volunteers are assisting their teachers, view the video clips at www.seniorscientist.org. To volunteer, contact donaldrea@aol.com.

Fairfax County's Community Services Board is seeking volunteer office assistants. Volunteers are needed to assist CSB staff with greeting guests, making reminder phone calls, data entry, filing, shredding, stocking shelves, and other duties as needed. Hours are flexible, but would be during normal business hours. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/viva/volunteers.htm for more.

Yoga Teachers are needed. Help improve a person's well-being by teaching yoga classes to adults who are staying in a residential facility. The day/time is flexible, but would be during the week. Prior yoga instruction is required. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/viva/volunteers.htm for more.

The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are

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Fairfax County needs **volunteers to drive older adults** to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Gum Springs Senior Program** in Alexandria is looking for a Line Dance Instructor. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in Alexandria needs Instructors for the following classes: Country-Western Line Dance, Hula Hoop and African Style Dance. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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The **Advisory Board of the Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center** for mental health is looking for volunteers. The board meets the second Tuesday of the month from 9-11 a.m. at Gartlan Center 8119 Holland Road.

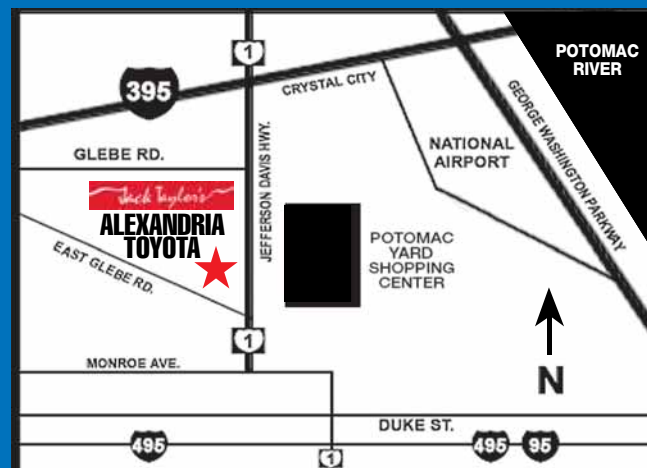
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Mount Vernon At Home is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers to assist older adults aging in place in their homes. Volunteers are needed for local transportation to medical and personal appointments, errands, and grocery store trips; light handyman chores, home technology and more. No minimum number of volunteer hours required. Call Mount Vernon At Home 703-303-4060 or e-mail info@mountvernonathome.org or visit www.mountvernonathome.org for more.

Volunteer Advocates for Nursing Home & Assisted Living Residents needed throughout Northern Virginia. Contact the Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltcombudsman/, or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-5861, TTY 711.

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VENTILATION SERVICE \$49⁹⁵

INCLUDES: Clean condenser fins, check A/C performance, inspect drive belts for tension/wear and replace cabin air filter.

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Synthetic \$10 More

INCLUDES: Change engine oil & filter (up to 5 qts), rotate tires, inspect wear and adjust pressure, measure brake pad thickness & rotor runout, replace cabin air filter (if equipped), replace engine air filter, reset maintenance reminder light (if applicable) and multi-point vehicle inspection.

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