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Backing Police Auditor, Civilian Panel

Supervisors discuss independent oversight recommendations from Ad Hoc Commission.

By Tim Peterson
The Gazette

Details of an independent auditor for Fairfax County police and a civilian panel to review cases of alleged Fairfax County Police Department abuse of authority or misconduct are still being hammered out. However there was general agreement among county supervisors at the July 19 Public Safety Committee meeting they're in favor of moving forward with the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission to create both entities for accountability.

The meeting was held to discuss the recommendations from the commission's Independent Oversight and Investigations subcommittee, so that a formal board matter accepting them can be drawn up in time for a vote this fall.

Public Safety Committee chair Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) opened the meeting with a moment of silence, and then a big picture perspective on the need for reforms to aspects of the county's policing.

"We need to be bringing people together," Cook said. "How do we further connect the community and our law enforcement, have that dialogue."

In reference to creating a civilian review panel, Cook added Fairfax County would "do what other jurisdictions are doing, and hopefully do it better."

TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW of independent and civilian review of law enforcement, Independent

Monitor Nicholas Mitchell with the City and County of Denver Office of the Independent Monitor spoke to the Fairfax County Government Center conference room. Mitchell also spoke as a board member of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.

"There's the proposition as citizens we're obligated to ensure powers are being consistent with the Constitution and our system of laws," Mitchell said. "And the proposition with granting of power, comes respect and accountability to the community."

Mitchell said there is no one model for civilian review boards, and that most large cities and an increasing number of medium and smaller-size cities are forming them. Some are formed preemptively, others in the wake of critical incidents involving police.

Jack Johnson, chair of the Independent Oversight subcommittee, reviewed the recommendations word for word. He explained they were voted through unanimously, including the representatives from law enforcement and FCPD.

Under the recommendations, independent oversight of Fairfax County Police would be undertaken by an independent auditor and civilian panel. The auditor would handle use of force cases that resulted in death or serious injury. The civilian panel would look at other alleged FCPD abuse of authority or misconduct. Residents could bring a complaint directly to the Civilian Review Panel, which would refer the case to the FCPD for investigation. See Backing Police, Page 5

"We're on the same page. There is no conflict."

— Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler

Sharing Their Fresh Air

Families host children from underserved New York City communities.

By Tim Peterson
The Gazette

At 11, Rickay Martin of Queens has already done Washington, D.C. With her host family, the Thompsons of Springfield, she's visited The Spy Museum, The White House, George Washington's Mount Vernon.

Now when she comes to visit each summer for 10 days, she prefers to spend down time with the Thompsons: going to the Hunt Valley pool, shopping, baking.

Vanilla cupcakes from the box are her favorite.

"I like feeling like part of the family," Martin said.

As one of nine children back in Queens, the living space can be a bit cramped. This summer, her sixth coming to visit the Thompsons, she'll get to stay in her own room.

"We adore her," said the Thompsons' mother Karen. "In my mind she's still six years old, starting swim lessons ... we taught her to ride a bike. She goes everywhere with us."

Martin and the Thompsons are participating in a program run by the Fresh Air Fund, a non-profit that provides free summer experiences and year-round academic opportunities for children in challenging living situations in the five boroughs of New York City.

Dating back to its founding in 1877 the program has served more than 1.8 million children. They're selected based on financial need



Photo contributed

Mike Thompson (right) of Mount Vernon builds a tool box with Victoria Rodriguez (left), who's staying with his family as part of the Fresh Air Fund program.

and registered with social service and community organizations in New York City.

These Fresh Air boys and girls spend seven to 10 days with host families in more than 300 communities on the east coast and in southern Canada over the summer.

In northern Virginia, there are three separate sessions, according to co-chair for the area Felicia Caulk of South Riding. Caulk's family has been hosting children through Fresh Air for four years.

"We try to have family gatherings," she said, "so we all see each other every year."

Caulk said the 16 families in the region that host children over the course of the summer are cultivating the concept of northern Virginia being a "Friendly Town."

A tour bus with about 20 children bound for families around northern Virginia arrived at the Container Store parking lot in Tysons on Wednesday July 13.

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Clerk of Circuit Court Discusses Job to Chamber

Frey is in his fourth eight-year term.

By Gerald A. Fill
The Gazette

Addressing the July 14 Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast meeting, John T. Frey, Clerk of the Circuit Court, reviewed the duties and responsibilities of his office and answered questions.

Frey, a Republican, was reelected this past fall to his fourth eight-year term as Clerk of the Circuit Court. He supervises 165 employees who support the largest judicial circuit in Virginia.

He is the former president of the National Association of County Recorders, Election officials, and Clerks. In addition, he received an award for Public Official of the Year in 2006 for his commitment to excellence in local government.

Frey grew up in Fairfax County and has served in office since 1992. He lives in West Springfield with his wife Sheila. He is the father of two children; Robert, and Stephanie. His Constitutionally required office is perhaps the least known in the county.

Prior to his speech he was asked why his office remains an elected position and not an administrative one appointed by the Chief Judge as in some other states. He responded by saying the office is required by the Virginia Constitution and furthermore there is no apparent movement to change the office to an appointed one. Secondly, he believes that because it is an elected position the Clerk's Office is typically more accountable and responsive to the needs of the people and not the Chief Judge such as in those states where the position is an appointed administrative one.

In his address to the chamber attendees Frey highlighted his duties as Clerk of the

Circuit Court. Among them he discussed the following:

- ❖ Efficiency in processing thousands of marriage licenses (6,200 annually),

- ❖ Processing concealed gun permit applications (7,000 annually),

- ❖ Digitizing and filing court records; electronic filing of land records,

- ❖ Responses to requests to expunge personal records which affect pre-employment security clearances,

- ❖ Compassionate and creative management of jury duty commitments while still adhering to the law requiring jury duty,

- ❖ Management of 18,000 annual court cases.

- ❖ Responsible for carrying out over 800 statutory mandates.

As an example of his office's continuing effort to improve its functions In 2013, Frey's online marriage license pre-application process was recognized by the Public Technology Institute as a "Significant Achievement" in the 2013-14 Technology Solution Awards. His innovation cut substantial time off the marriage application process which was previously completed manually.

Although he is a Republican, Frey likes to view his office as a bi-partisan one, continuously working toward efficiency and responsiveness to the changing needs of the public. In a rapidly growing county which he points out is increasingly Democratic party-dominated, he takes pride in his long



Holly Dougherty, Executive Director, Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, and John T. Frey, Fairfax County Clerk of the Circuit Court, 19th Judicial Circuit.

record of election success, and attributes it to his dedication to good management, a bi-partisan approach to his courthouse job, and a reputation for coming up with creative solutions to problems.

Asked about the most rewarding part of his Clerk of the Circuit Court position, Frey said, "I very much enjoy the opportunity to help people with their problems and make the court system responsive to their needs."

The worst part? "I don't look forward to employee disciplining," he said. "The overwhelming number of my employees are loyal, conscientious, and effective. Those

'The Colonial Courthouse'

Built in 1799 the Colonial Courthouse now serves as a Courthouse Archives Center available to the public for scholarly research, for history buffs, and others wanting to know more about Colonial history and the ancient court records and land grant papers.

Two archivists which are part of the Circuit Court staff, serve as hosts for tours for the public free of charge every Friday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are also available to the public by appointment from Monday to Thursday. They also serve as genealogy consultants for those interested in performing genealogy research.

One example of the type of historical documents on file at the Colonial Courthouse for the public to view is the Last Will and Testament of General George Washington and the Will of Martha Washington. Clerk of the Circuit Court John Frey distributed copies of these historic documents to the attendees as a

personal keepsake. The Colonial Courthouse is located at the corner of Route 123 and Route 236 in Fairfax.

that are not and require discipline are few and far between but nevertheless make the job more difficult for me in order to fulfill my responsibilities to do a good job and get rid of those that do not meet our standards of ethical and administrative efficiency."

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is a position required by the Virginia State Constitution: Article VII, Section 4, and Article VI, Section 8.

Fairfax County School Board Elects New Chair, Vice Chair

The Fairfax County School Board has elected Sandy Evans (Mason District) as chair and Jane Strauss (Dranesville District) as vice chair for a one-year term. The chair and vice chair assumed office at the July 14 School Board meeting. They were elected by School Board members during the Board's annual organizational meeting.

Evans, who was elected to the School Board in March 2010, served as vice chair during the 2015-16 school year. She is the former chair of the School Board's School Health Advisory Committee and served on the Board's Transportation Task Force.

Evans is a member of the steering committee of the Northern Virginia Healthy



Sandy Evans



Jane Strauss

Kids Coalition; founding member of the Fairfax Education Coalition; and co-founder of Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal (SLEEP).

She served as the legislation committee chair of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs and as president of the Sleepy Hollow Elementary School PTA, and is a former staff

writer for the Washington Post. Evans earned her bachelor's in journalism from the University of Maryland-College Park.

Active in education for over 30 years, Strauss is a former elementary and pre-school teacher.

She obtained an M.A.T. from Harvard Graduate School of Education and her B.A. in history from George Washington University.

Strauss is past president of the Franklin Sherman PTA and the Fairfax County Council of PTAs and past chair of the council's education and budget committees.

She has served on numerous education and youth affairs committees including the FCPS Career and Technical Preparation Task Force, the Division Planning Committee, the Citizens Bond Committee, and the Fairfax

Framework for Student Success. A mother of four FCPS graduates, her Board service was from June 1991 to 1993 and from 1996 to the present. She served as Board vice chair in 2000 and Board chair in 2001 and 2011.

In addition to the chair and vice chair, members of the Fairfax County School Board, whose terms run from 2015 to 2019, are: Jeanette Hough (at-large), Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill District), Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee District), Ryan McElveen (at-large), Megan McLaughlin (Braddock District), Ilryong Moon (at-large), Dalia Palchik (Providence District), Karen Corbett Sanders (Mount Vernon District), Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield District), and Thomas Wilson (Sully District).

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Fairfax County Park Authority Discovery Trail Map – Presidential Edition.

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Which U.S. President made a daring escape from the enemy through Riverbend Park? What does the house at Hidden Pond Nature Center have in common with the White House? Which commander-in-chief saved Sully Historic Site from demolition? The answers to these questions and more can be found in this year's Fairfax County Park Authority

Discovery Trail Map – Presidential Edition. Now in its third year, the free Discovery Trail Map summer fun activity encourages students age 17 and younger to explore 12 distinctive parks and explore their unique features and connections to U.S. Presidents or their administrations. Students who visit eight of the 12 featured sites will receive tickets to more park fun valued at nearly

\$90 and will be entered into a drawing for one of three bicycles and helmets donated by Spokes, Inc. through the Fairfax County Park Foundation. Discovery Trail Maps will be available at any staffed Fairfax County park, RECenter, nature center, historic site and golf course (while supply lasts) and any Fairfax County Public Library (while supply lasts).

Instructions for participating in the activity are included on the map. The promotion runs through Monday, Sept. 5. Parents/guardians of the bike winners will be notified by e-mail and/or phone. Bike winners will be publicly announced in September. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

School Board Transgender Regulations in Limbo

Fairfax County Public Schools are holding off on implementing new regulations regarding transgender and gender non-conforming students. The delay, a July 19 FCPS release said, is in order for the School Board to further evaluate legal issues surrounding the regulations, including a pending case involving another Virginia school district and the Supreme Court. It was announced after the conclusion of a closed work session Monday, July 18. Board members received the regula-

tions from school system staff at the beginning of July, more than a year after the previous board voted to add "gender identity" to the FCPS non-discrimination policy (Policy 1450). The regulations are meant to "establish procedures and guidelines for schools to support gender non-conforming and transgender students that are in-line with the policy and legal requirements." "While the regulation is temporarily on hold, Policy 1450 remains in effect and the board remains committed to this policy of

nondiscrimination," recently elected School Board Chair Sandy Evans said in a statement. "Consistent with the policy and current practice, FCPS continues to accommodate the needs of transgender and gender non-conforming students in a way that protects the dignity and privacy of all students." As an add-on motion to the policy change in 2015, that board decided once regulations were drafted, the current board would review them. The topic was scheduled for a work session on July 21 — a discussion by the board that would've been open to

the public but not to live public comment. With the regulations implementation on hold, they will no longer be discussed the work session. The regulations as they stand are available to view online at www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ABTMFL5AD482. More information is available through the FCPS Office of Communication and Community Relations: 571-423-1200. — Tim Peterson



Protesters repeatedly interrupted the July 19 Public Safety Committee meeting calling out "Black lives matter."



Photos by Tim Peterson/The Gazette

Neither the independent auditor nor civilian review panel would conduct an independent investigation of the complaint, but would refer the case to the Chief of Police and he would refer it to the Internal Affairs Bureau for investigation. Or as Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova put it: "It's another portal complaints can come from."

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Or as Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova put it: "It's another portal complaints can come from."

Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler said the recommendations are fully supported by his department. Roessler embraced independent oversight as an important part of trust with the community. "We're on the same page. There is no conflict."

Det. Sean Corcoran, president of the Fairfax Coalition of Police Local 5000 and a member of the Ad Hoc Commission, said despite the unanimous commission vote for an auditor and civilian review board, there are more details that need to be taken into account before moving forward with the recommendation.

"There's concern about fiscal costs," Corcoran said. "Our internal affairs is strapped as it is right now."

The supervisors reviewed a draft job description for the auditor, who would be a full-time county employee, and language that would formally set the scope, organization and process of the Police Civilian Review Panel.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) echoed

Corcoran in calling for the group to take more time dealing with the "devil in the details" rather than rushing forward with the recommendations.

"Can we get there in a fiscally responsible way?" Herrity asked. "What's this going to cost us? In distraction? Time taken? Someone needs to make some estimates."

Herrity questioned whether both an auditor and civilian review panel were necessary, and if there might be a better way to "get transparency without creating bureaucracy."

Randy Sayles of Oak Hill was a member of Ad Hoc Commission Use of Force subcommittee and attended the majority of the full meetings. He sat in the front row of Tuesday's meeting. Sayles said he thought the day's discussion did a "good job" capturing the work of the commission on independent oversight.

With regard to the composition of the civilian review panel, Sayles said he would like to see language requiring a law enforcement representative have a seat at the table. They could be retired, just not from Fairfax County.

"To speak up and give that perspective," he said would be an important addition. "That's a recommendation I'm standing by to this day."

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 13 at 3 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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See you next year, Thursday, June 8, 2017!



Community Works Together To Alleviate Hunger

Food for Others assemble backpacks of food.

By Shirley Ruhe
The Gazette

Food for Others started its Power Pack Program (P3) in Fairfax County four years ago “after we noticed the need and heard from school counselors. We started with eight schools and are now up to 28,” according to Jessica Cogen, director of development and Outreach of Food for Others. “We are seeking to expand the number of schools served this year to help meet the need.”

The P3 program provides non-perishable food to the most needy school students to supplement weekend meals. Most of the students receiving the P3 are eligible for free or reduced price school lunches. Some of the food is donated and some is purchased. Food for Others receives much of its food from food rescue operations at grocery stores and other retail establishments with food drives providing most of the non-perishable food.

Most of the backpacks are assembled at the warehouse at 2938 Prosperity Ave. by volunteers, “but we do what it takes to get it done,” Cogen said. “Sometimes corporate and service groups put together the backpacks off-site. We have many devoted, active volunteers from all across the community — from all sorts of backgrounds, retirees. There is huge support from donors. People love to donate.”

While most of the backpacks are assembled at the warehouse, delivery to the schools is the responsibility of about 30 regular volunteer drivers.

Vincenza Gitchen, accounting and administrative associate, illustrates a week’s backpack with ravioli and mac and cheese cups, juice, milk, a granola bar and pudding cup. Each P3 contains two items for breakfast, lunch and dinner, two snacks and two drinks. She says the most needed items for

P3 are Chef Boyardee and mac and cheese cups, 100 percent juice boxes, and cereal boxes. She says orders usually go out on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays but some schools have no storage space so they have to do it all on Friday morning. “We have a wide selection of schools and they do it a lot of different ways,” Gitchen said.

Cogen says it is not necessarily “first-come, first serve” on school participation. It depends on finding volunteers who can be matched up with the schools, who are able to pick up packs on a weekly basis and deliver them to the schools. Sometimes it can depend on storage for distribution.

Food for Others is a nonprofit organization that began feeding the poor in 1995. They describe their challenge: “The number of hungry families and individuals is often overlooked because of the affluent reputation of the area. However, 90,000 people in Northern Virginia are in need of help.”

The distribution area is 82 percent Fairfax County and 16 neighborhood sites. Gitchen says the most needed items for these programs are canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit packed in juice, canned chili and family-sized bottles of 100 percent juice.

Annie Turner, the new executive director, says she has been working with Food for Others since 2002 when she volunteered at her local neighborhood food distribution sites through her church. “It was so surprising these sites were within a half-mile of our home. It really opened my eyes up.”

The program has four main activities. Direct assistance is available at the Merrifield warehouse where families can pick up 3-5 days worth of nonperishables as well as milk, eggs and other fresh food. The free emergency food provided at the warehouse is through referral by social service providers. In addition, the USDA TEFAP program provides monthly

food at the warehouse to clients meeting income guidelines. In FY 2015, Food for Others provided 22,517 emergency food packages to families directly from the warehouse. In addition, Food for Others provides food on some weeknights at 16 sites located in low-income neighborhoods. Food provided at the neighborhood sites is available with no referral necessary. They also provide bulk food items to about 20 community-based organizations that in turn distribute the food to families unable to meet their basic food needs. In FY 2015, Food for Others distributed 248,992 pounds of free food through the Community Partners. Finally the P3 program provides elementary school students with limited access to food on the weekends a Power Pack of supplemental food to take home.

The warehouse is open Monday-Friday from 9:30-5 p.m. for people to pick up free food supplies or for donations of food to be dropped off. Cogen says the number of families served is seasonal and now in the summer more are working. Currently about 85 families have been coming to the warehouse on Monday-Friday to pick up emergency groceries.

“Two weeks ago we added the element of client choice,” Cogen said. She says this means the family can either take home the free box of prepackaged groceries or select for themselves from the items they have available. “This gives the clients greater dignity and can allow them to supplement what they already have.” She added that there is definitely an unmet need. There is a rush at the beginning and the end of the month. Turner says as they look ahead they are asking the question is there one change that can make a difference. She adds that when they make a commitment it has to be sustainable: “We don’t want to promise something and then not be able to continue it.”



Vincenza Gitchen, accounting and administrative associate for Food for Others, demonstrates an average supplementary backpack in the Power Pack Program (P3). These weekend packs are provided to the most needy students in 28 elementary schools in Fairfax County during the school year. Each P3 contains two each breakfast, lunch and dinner items, two snacks and two drinks.

Photo by
Shirley Ruhe
The Gazette

Cogen says charitable contributions provide most of the budget for of Food for Others. Recently Cogen says Walmart gave \$35,000 for the general support of their activities. Another recent donation was given by Northrup-Grumman for the school Power Pack program.

Cogen added that Wegmans just

did a cash register drive.

“The community makes this possible; these are just a few examples of recent contributions. Part of our goal is to bring the community together to help solve hunger,” Cogen said.

“Our mission,” according to Turner, “is to be the place where neighbors can help neighbors.”

Food Distribution Sites

Anyone in need of food may come to one of the following neighborhood sites at the times specified.

The only question that is asked is, “How many people are in your household?” People should bring their own grocery bags.

Food for Others also distributes food to areas of need through its Community Partners such as Rising Hope which goes to the warehouse once a week to pick up food. Food for Others has also worked with UCM to distribute food.

Annandale: Thursday

❖ Immanuel Methodist Church: 7901 Heritage Dr., Annandale. **6 p.m.**

Bailey’s and Culmore: 1st, 3rd,

and 5th Monday of the month; every Wednesday

❖ Bailey’s: Parking lot of Bailey’s Shelter, 3525 Moncure Ave., Bailey’s Crossroads. **6 p.m.**

❖ Culmore: 6055 Glen Carlyn Dr., Falls Church. **6:30 p.m.**

Seven Corners: Tuesday, Thursday

❖ Willston: In front of Building #6134 Willston Garden Apartments, off Willston Drive and west of John Marshall Drive, Falls Church. **6 p.m.**

❖ Patrick Henry: Greenwood Drive, west of Patrick Henry Drive near Building #6195, Falls Church. **6:30 p.m.**

Springfield Gardens: Friday

❖ Community Center behind Springfield Plaza at 7224 Commerce St., opposite SunTrust Bank, Springfield. **6 p.m.**

Springfield - Chelsea Square: Tuesday

❖ St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road, in the basement of Fellowship Hall, on side adjacent to Chelsea Square Apartments. **6 p.m.**

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Opinion

Voting, for Former Felons and Others

In a Democracy, we're best served by more voter participation.

Today, the Virginia Supreme Court will hear an expedited challenge to Gov. Terry McAuliffe's (D) restoration of the voting and civil rights of more than 200,000 Virginians who were convicted of felonies, served their time and completed any supervised release, parole or probation requirements.

The restoration of voting rights moves Virginia into the mainstream. Virginia had been one of four most restrictive states with lifetime bans on voting for those convicted of felonies. Fourteen states automatically restore voting rights once the individual's term of incarceration is over, and two states allow absentee voting from prison. Only 10 states have more restrictive policies than McAuliffe's order about voting for people

who have been convicted of felonies. While the perception is that such a move will favor Democrats, in a Democracy, it's better for all when more people vote.

According to statistics released by the governor's office, 51.5 percent of those whose voting rights have been restored by McAuliffe's order are white; 45.9 percent are African American. Eighty percent were convicted of nonviolent offenses. Almost half had been completed both their sentences and supervision more than 10 years ago.

McAuliffe said: "If we are going to build a stronger and more equal Virginia, we must break down barriers to participation in civic life for people who return to society seeking a second chance. We must welcome them back and offer the opportunity to build a better life by taking an active role in our democracy."

This action brings Virginia into line with 39 other states, with more than 20 states having less restrictive policies. For example, on Feb. 9, 2016, the Maryland General Assembly re-

stored the vote to all convicted felons immediately upon their release from prison. Previously, people convicted of felonies in Maryland had to complete all parole and probation before they were able to vote.

In Virginia, such individuals still are required to complete their term of incarceration and their term of probation or parole before voting rights are restored.

MEANWHILE, for all Virginia voters, the deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 8, 2016 general election is Oct. 17. You can verify your voter status at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>. This is especially important to do if you have moved or have not voted recently.

In person absentee voting begins Sept. 23. It's an important election, with Virginia playing a critical role in the outcome of the race for U.S. President. There will also be many important local issues on the ballot, along with the races for U.S. Congress.

— Mary Kimm

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Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Courageous

To the Editor:

The Rev. Dr. Keary Kincannon thoughtfully addressed the issues of racial inequality and how race may affect law enforcement encounters in his commentary, "Still Much To Do on Race Relations" [Mount Vernon Gazette, July 14].

Anyone that takes offense with the "Black Lives Matter" message needs to closely read his opinion piece; that the Rev. Kincannon aligns his perspective so well with the teachings of Jesus Christ should give real pause, especially, to those who claim to be of that faith but don't understand the long-festering reality behind "Black Lives Matter" or how to respond.

While I am not a Christian, as an occasional volunteer at the homeless shelter his church houses during the winter, I have seen the positive difference the Rev. Kincannon's outreach ministry and selfless dedication have made for

many of the least fortunate in this area.

Thank you, Rev. Kincannon, both for your courage to publicly speak truth as you see it about controversial issues many of us would rather ignore or deny any complicity in perpetuating, and for your many years of loving service to the neediest among us in the Mount Vernon community.

Ken Pilkenton
Alexandria

Re-think Systems

To the Editor:

Every year in Fairfax County, we hear from our Board of Supervisors (BOS) that programs must be cut and taxes must be raised to balance the budget. Perhaps a more appropriate approach would be to closely examine county operations and eliminate wasteful practices.

The county operates a Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP). The RTAP assists

communities in addressing traffic issues. Among the ways community traffic issues are addressed by the RTAP are traffic-calming measures, cut-through restrictions, through-truck restrictions, and posting of signs concerning fines for speeding and to encourage watching for children. The Fairfax County website explains the procedures that must be undertaken to initiate review by the bureaucrats in the RTAP. Looking at those procedures, they can involve a request from a homeowners' association (HOA) or in the absence of an HOA a letter signed by 10 residents.

Interestingly, the guidelines consider a civic association to have the same standing as an HOA. An HOA is mandatory and their bylaws and regulations are recorded in the land records of each property within their jurisdiction. An HOA is empowered to enact and enforce rules and regulations such as architectural covenants, parking restrictions, limitations on flag display, and many others. By contrast, a civic association is voluntary and can only suggest community policies, it cannot impose them. It is my understanding that to convert a voluntary civic association to an HOA, every property within the proposed jurisdiction must approve. One dissenter can veto the proposal. Thus, giving a voluntary civic association the same standing as an HOA is inappropriate.

In the Stratford Landing community adjacent my home, the Stratford Landing Citizens Association (SLCA) is a voluntary civic association. Several residents have

lodged appropriate complaints concerning an epidemic of speeders. The SLCA Board has now voted to request the RTAP begin examination of imposition of traffic-calming infrastructure. Since the SLCA is not an HOA, it is ridiculous that it should be able to set the bureaucratic wheels in motion with no input from residents at large. It would be equally ludicrous for 10 residents (fewer than 2 percent of the homes) to be able to start the process as well.

According to the RTAP procedures, when a request is received the bureaucratic machinery goes into action and after they have decided what they think ought to be done, they request a vote of the entire community to approve or disapprove. Perhaps we could save a lot of money if the community as a whole were first asked whether they generally want the county to assess traffic-calming options before the bureaucracy commences work. If the community opposes, there is no need to proceed. For example, perhaps the community would prefer requesting increased police presence and speed traps.

This is but one example of putting the cart before the horse, spending a lot of time and money creating a plan for traffic calming before even knowing if the majority of the community would consent to installation of speed bumps, speed humps, speed tables, raised pedestrian crosswalks, median islands, etc. The BOS should restore the position of the cart behind the horse.

H. Jay Spiegel/Mount Vernon

A Musing

I have a favorite T-shirt that has the following printed across the front: "George Washington For President." The shirt should be worn by people who, in this election year, desperately want to vote for a candidate who has attributes akin to those of President Washington. These include honesty, high intelligence, forceful speaking, a touch of humility combined with a carriage of strong conviction, someone who would never be bribed to vote on a congressional bill one way or another. I look for someone who believes that "government of the people, by the people and for the people" is the basic foundation of our nation. In the upcoming election study carefully, do not blindly vote for "whoever is the candidate of my party," but the candidate who is most like President George Washington, the Father of our precious nation.

— Bart Hewitt

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Obituary

Joceile Milligan Nordwall

Joceile Nordwall, a lifelong dancer, loving Navy wife, mother of three sons, and grandmother to seven, died of brain cancer on May 24, 2016.



Born in Denver, July 12, 1937, she was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Gatewood and Maxine Milligan, in-laws David and Lois Nordwall and sons Eric and Paul. She studied dance and Spanish at Colorado College, graduated Phi Beta Kappa and was a lead dancer in the school's ballet. She married high school classmate Bruce Nordwall, who had just graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy. His career as a Navy carrier pilot led to 10 moves in the following 26 years

as they raised three boys and ended in Alexandria.

Trained as a classical ballerina, she pursued her love of dance by teaching ballet to children and adults, and also embracing sacred dance. She introduced sacred dance to a number of congregations using dance to express God's love for people, and the people's response to God through the joys and trials of life. As more churches formed sacred dance groups,

Joceile led collaborations that increased the acceptance and quality of dance in worship. She served as president of the Potomac Chapter of Sacred Dance for four years.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, 2006 Belle View Blvd, Alexandria.

Bulletin Board

Email announcements to 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.

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.

SUNDAY/JULY 24

"Christmas in July." 10 a.m. at United Community Ministries, 7511 Fordson Road. Wear something festive to celebrate the day and donate to the Back to School Drive for United Community Ministries. Either donate a backpack or supplies. Supplies needed include: 10-pack thick markers, 12-pack colored pencils, 24-pack crayons and college-ruled loose leaf paper and composition notebooks. Donate by Aug. 4 and help 800 children have the backpacks and supplies they need to start the school year.

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Creating a College Packing List Sorting out the essential from the unnecessary.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Gazette

When a Chantilly family prepared to send their daughter to college, their process was threefold: packing up her childhood bedroom, setting up her college dorm room and getting organized in the process. They enlisted the help of professional organizer Jodie Campbell Jacobs of SOUPerior Organizing in Springfield. Jacobs discarded, preserved and streamlined, helping the family create a list of items that their daughter would need for college.

"I helped them clean out what they already had so they could get a better idea of what they needed to bring to school," said Jacobs. "I told her not to bring too much personal stuff. Going off to college is a new chapter in your life and you want to decorate the new space for the new stage."

Though it is the middle of summer, many families are preparing their rising college freshmen for a new school environment and the requisite lifestyle adjustments: sharing a cramped living space, awkward walks down a hallway to a shared shower and doing one's own laundry.

A COLLEGE PACKING LIST can help organize the transition, but students should find out before arriving on campus the items that are necessary, such as a microwave oven, mini-refrigerator, television, bed linens and laundry bags, as well as those that are questionable, such as extension cords, multi-plug adapters and toaster ovens.

"Students frequently arrive on campus bringing their pet, such as a snake, turtle or dog," said Yolanda Gibson, D.A., associate dean of First Year Experience at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. "Unless you have an approved service animal, be mindful of your community and roommate. Also, most college campuses won't allow you to burn items, such as candles and incense."



College students move into a residence hall at Marymount University.

Gibson, who is in the midst of coordinating new student orientations for Marymount, recommends that freshmen get a packing list from their university or college and reach out to the person with whom they'll be living.

"Students often come to campus with televisions without consulting their roommate," said Gibson. "You don't want to have two televisions in a dorm room. Be sure to communicate with your roommate before moving in."

When it comes to deciding what goes on a packing list, professional organizer Susan Unger of ClutterSOS suggests starting with a generic list, such as one created by one's college or a home merchandise store. "There's no need to reinvent the wheel, you can start with one of those and then personalize it to your own needs," she said.

One factor to consider when creating a packing list is the distance between one's hometown and their college campus, says Jacobs. "If you live within driving distance, for example, you can think seasonally and only bring what you need until your next

visit home then swap out items," she said. "Don't bring a ton of sweaters that are going to take up space if you don't need them right away."

Organization is critical to managing a significant downsize, such as moving out of family home into a shared residence hall, said Jacobs.

"Maximize the space you have," she said. "When it comes to sharing a dorm room or bedroom in an apartment, look at all the unused space that you normally look past, like the space under the bed."

Risers, for example, can elevate a bed creating space for stackable storage bins that hold items such as extra towels, sheets and clothing.

"These things allow you to maximize every use of space possible without causing a traffic jam," said Jody. "You can't build more space, but you can maximize the space you have."

Jacobs also advises resisting the urge to super-size. "You don't necessarily need the Costco size of shampoo, you can buy more whenever you need it," she said.

Think vertically advises Unger. "For example, use the backs of doors to hang a shoe organizer," she said. "These can be used for items other than shoes such as toiletries, snacks and school supplies. Consider using hanging shelves in your closet for the folded clothing. Use a double hanging rod to double your hanging space."

Use a shower caddy to corral all your bathing needs." One of those shower items might be a pair of waterproof thongs since many students will have to share a communal bathroom.

Since dorm living means sharing a space, make sure all personal items are identifiable. "Be sure to label everything, especially things like phone chargers since they can easily get mixed up," said Unger.

Both Unger and Jacobs recommend hooks that attach to a wall with an adhesive. "They can be removed later with no wall damage," said Unger.

ONE ITEM that Jacobs says many people don't think about is a lockbox or safe that is fireproof and waterproof. "Keep documents like your social security card, certain medications and anything that you consider valuable," said Jacobs. "Since most freshman are going to live in a shared space, a lot of people will be going in an out of your dorm room or apartment, so it's great to have a space to put your lockbox where only you have access to it."

Jacobs suggests storing that safe or lockbox in a place that is out of view and inconspicuous. "If someone goes looking, it's not the first thing they will find," she said. "You can put it on closet shelf under a stack of sweaters or under the bed in a storage bin."

Finally, not all shopping needs to be done in advance. "Our word of advice is to wait to purchase some of the items until you get here," said Joey Allen, communication and events manager, Housing and Residence Life at George Mason University in Fairfax. "There is usually time on move in day and the days after to go shopping for items."

School Notes

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Preston Jones, of Alexandria, was named to the president's list at Bluefield College (Bluefield, Va.) for spring 2016.

Caitlin Gillard, of Alexandria, has been named to the Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, Pa.) dean's list for the spring 2016 semester. Gillard is a communication studies major.

Patrick S. Chuong, of Alexandria, graduated from McDaniel College (Westminster, Md.) with a Bachelor of Arts in business administration.

Lazreta Kote, of Alexandria, graduated from McDaniel College (Westminster, Md.) with a Bachelor of Arts in accounting economics.

Soraya Farage, of Alexandria, was initiated into the honor society Phi Kappa Phi at George Mason University (Fairfax, Va.).

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MONDAY/JULY 25

Embark Richmond Highway. 7-9 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Fairfax County will hold a community meeting on the plans and work currently underway on the Embark Richmond Highway project. Embark Richmond Highway is being undertaken to support the county's long term planning goals of expanding transit service, improving the county's pedestrian and bicycle systems, and building more dense, mixed-use, transit-oriented developments that attract residents and businesses, create more jobs and increase tax revenue. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/embarkrichmondhwy/ 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.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

Family Support Group. 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Gartlan Center, 8119 Holland Road. Opportunity for discussion, information and support for families with members experiencing symptoms of mental illness. Professionally facilitated. Program varies, may include guest speakers, movies. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required. Free. For more information contact Nga Nguyen at 703-799-2726, TTY 711.

Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For family caregivers of older adults. Discuss "Keeping Organized as a Caregiver: What Works?" Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Free. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices.



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Entertainment

Sharks and Jets Take over LTA Stage

“West Side Story” sets a Romeo and Juliet story on the gang-riddled streets of 1950’s New York.

By Steve Hibbard
The Gazette

The Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) is presenting “West Side Story” from July 23 to Aug. 13, 2016. The musical features a Romeo and Juliet story on the gang-ridden streets of 1950’s New York, dominated by the Sharks and the Jets. Two teens from the warring gangs meet and fall in love, causing tension between their respective friends. Can the two lovers survive when hate and ignorance are unwilling to yield?

The American play is based on a book by Arthur Laurents, music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and conception and choreography by Jerome Robbins.

LTA’s choreographer Stefan Sittig has a long-time association with “West Side Story.” He’s danced in four different productions of it, playing the roles of Tony, Action, Baby John and A-Rab, and understudying Riff. “I know every note of this score and almost every line of text,” he said. “Of all the shows I have ever been associated with, this one is the one I know the best — the one I am most intimate with.”

Sittig has choreographed over 60 productions in a variety of venues, including Off-Broadway, internationally and down the East Coast for colleges and community theater. But he’s never had the chance to choreograph this show that he knows so well. “What was also very appealing to me was the chance to work at LTA again after the success of ‘In the Heights’ last season and all the fun I had choreographing ‘The Rocky Horror Show’ in 2013, also at LTA,” he said. He also wanted to work with director Susan Devine again, whom he’s worked with before on ‘A Chorus Line’ and on ‘Flora the Red Menace.’

“Susan and I have a good rapport — she gets me — she loves directing dramatic shows and I love choreographing them, so we work well together. So, the combo of getting to work at a wonderful theater and with a director I know and respect, and on a show that is so close to me, well that was just too good to pass up,” he said.

The two have had many discussions about

plain beautiful melodies,” she said. “Even for the non-musician theatergoer, this kind of detail works its subconscious magic to add layers of pathos, irony, and humor.”

She added: “Even though the script is full of 1950s idioms, it doesn’t feel nearly as dated as most musicals of the 1950s, ‘60s, and ‘70s do today, because the story is eternal and poignant. The music isn’t even remotely dated — it’s as sophisticated a show score as you will ever find.”

She said some of the music is deceptively simple to sing, but difficult to sing well ... “All of this is part of my very favorite thing about music directing: those moments when an actor realizes she does have the vocal range, or he does have the stylistic flexibility, to pull it off. When this talented cast gets in the zone, it’s a joy to see and hear,” she said.

Director Susan Devine said when working on a show like this, one spends hundreds of hours with the material, the music, the dance, the story and the characters. “To invest that much time and energy in a show, I need to love the material and respect the material,” she said. “As we wrap up rehearsals, I still enjoy seeing ‘The Dance at the Gym,’ hearing ‘Tonight’ and ‘Somewhere,’ watching the balcony scene and ‘The Rumble.’”

She added: “Every aspect of ‘West Side Story’ is challenging. However, as with any great show, casting is the most critical challenge. Casting the ensembles of Jets and Sharks who perform so much of the dance is always difficult. We were fortunate with the quality of dancers who auditioned and have assembled fantastic ensembles. And, of course, Tony and Maria have to be amazing performers, which they are.”

As for audience takeaways, she said: “‘West Side Story’ is one of the most loved shows in theatre. It is without peer for its



Photo by Matt Liptrak

Rehearsal for “West Side Story,” which will be presented July 23-Aug. 13.

“West Side Story,” which he combined with his experience on the show, and came up with a physical language that both pays homage to the original Jerome Robbins choreography while still putting a new, different spin on it that is unique to the production. “Those who have seen other productions of ‘West Side Story’ before will be familiar with some of the iconic dance moments from the show ... but they will also walk away feeling like they’ve seen something unique to this production,” he said.

As far as audience takeaways, he added: “I would love it if the audience was able to immerse themselves in the world of this show. The time, the place, the situation of these two young people who are so beautifully naive, unaware of the chaos around them, and who just focus on the love between them, on the positive in this world, on what brings us together rather than on what divides us.”

Music Director Francine Krasowska said nearly every show that she’s worked on offers some opportunity to get outside of her comfort zone and learn and grow, “but this one is the gold standard of musical theater,” she said.

“There is so much to delight in with musical motifs, internal references, re-working of themes, clever counterpoints, and just

music, dance, and story, which is why people see the show over and over throughout their lives. Whether this is their first or 10th time seeing the show, I want the two and a half hours to speed by with music and song and characters that they will want to hear and see again.”

Fred C. Lash, who plays the role of Doc, said he tries to offer both the Sharks and the Jets a safe haven (his drugstore) with this “demilitarized zone” where even a small amount of compromise can be found. He has taken a former gang member under his wing and sees, in Tony, someone who has a chance to escape from his present surroundings and make something of himself.

“I hope the audiences all come away from this production with a true respect for the hard work and tireless efforts put forth by the cast. Each member has put his or her heart and soul into it, with the goal of presenting the best version of ‘West Side Story’ that audiences have ever seen,” he said.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting “West Side Story” from July 23 to Aug. 13. Showtimes are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$27 and \$32. The venue is located at 600 Wolfe St. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

Calendar

Email announcements to 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

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.

“Last Five Years.” Through July 23, 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School - Kogelman Theatre, 6500 Quander Road. Students and teaching artists from Rambunctious Theatre Company and Beyond the Page Theatre Company of West Potomac High School are working in conjunction to produce the show as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.westpotomactheatre.org.

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery:

“Circuses.” Through July 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 105 N. Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the juried show “Circuses.” Artists’ derive inspiration from clowns, animals, trapezes, jugglers, ringmasters, sideshows, crowds and other big house trappings. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.
“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.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Entertainment



Left: Kara Hammond, "Voskhod Interior" and a poster created by James Dean (below).



'Generations: Space History in Art' at Torpedo Factory

Realist artists, James Dean and Kara Hammond, celebrate the early days of space travel and exploration, in a retrospective of technology related work. Dean captured the early times of space exploration through original on-site sketches and personal photographs of the artists working at Cape Canaveral in the early 1960s - 1970s. Artist Kara Hammond will show her paintings and drawings, from the 1990s, of early space technology. "Generations" is open at Studio 306 at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St through July 31. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

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.

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; murmurations 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. "Not a Box" was an opportunity for Art League artists to use a dedicated space in the gallery to create an installation. Juror Alex Paik, an installation artist, selected 12 works for the gallery. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Exhibit: "Decatlect: 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.

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.

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.

THURSDAY/JULY 21

Let's Grow Garden Club: "Bee Quest." 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Test your pollinator spotting skills in the gardens with our pollinator game. Figure out how pollinators help us grow food and what plants they like to visit. Visit bee hives and sample flower honey. Take home some pumpkin seeds for planting. Tickets are \$15 per child. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Reception: "Decatlect: a verb." 4-6 p.m. 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.

FRIDAY/JULY 22

Arlandria Quality of Life Walk. 9-11 a.m. at The Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park, 3700 Commonwealth Ave. This annual event is designed for City Staff and Arlandria residents to collectively walk the Arlandria neighborhood and observe and document areas or issues that need to be addressed or improved. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arlandria.

Closing Reception: "Violent Grace." 6-9 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. This exhibit is a survey of five decades of paintings by Edwards Knippers. Meet the artist. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org.

"Luther Vandross Re-Lives." 6:30-10:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Brencore presents a tribute to the singer. Tickets are \$30-35. Visit www.brencore.com.

"West Side Story." 7 p.m. at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. This musical will raise funds for the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial Visitor Education Center. \$40 suggested donation. Call Tina Barry at 703-683-5778 ext. 1.

Movies Under the Stars: "Finding Nemo." 8:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. 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/JULY 23

Photography Workshop with George Tolbert. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The former U.S. Senate photographer provides tips and techniques. Free. Visit dc.linktank.com/event/workshop-photography-with-george-tolbert.

Superfoods: Avocado, Cauliflower, Coconuts. 2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Culinary expert Nora Burgan demonstrates and shares recipes. See Calendar, Page 17

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Entertainment

Vola's Dockside Grill to Bring Classic, Casual Fare to Waterfront

The restaurant and bar take the place of the former Waterfront Market near the Torpedo Factory.

By Hope Nelson
The Gazette

Saunter toward the waterfront in Old Town Alexandria and you're sure to spy progress afoot near the Torpedo Factory. The former Waterfront Market space at 101 N. Union St., closed since last year, is being transformed into Vola's Dockside Grill and Hi-Tide Lounge, with an aim at opening in August after months of construction.

"The restaurant is going to be a nice, big space (with a) big bar, an oyster bar, and raw bar," said Alexandria Restaurant Partners' Jennifer Motruk. "... It's not complicated, and it's also simple in a way that's classic."

The casual nature of both the restaurant space and the menu will be on display immediately upon diners' arrival. Guests can "eat out of a basket and feel great about it," she laughed.

But don't mistake casual food for pedestrian fare. Fresh, local, seasonal ingredients are the watchwords at Vola's, and many menu items will make good use of the Bay's best.

"We have a fantastic Chesapeake Bay chowder chock full of clams and blue crabs and corn and potatoes," Motruk said. "(The) chowder really great, it's delicious, and sweet when it needs to be sweet, and fill-

ing in a way that prepares you for the rest of your meal."

The kitchen will be helmed by corporate executive chef Graham Duncan, executive chef Santiago Lopez, and chef de cuisine Walter Silva. Duncan, who oversees all five of Alexandria Restaurant Partners' kitchens, has created the menu for Vola's, and Lopez and Silva will be tasked with executing it each day.

Lopez, who has worked his way up through ARP restaurants, is returning to Alexandria from Orlando's Café Tu Tu Tango and has developed a "great insight on flavor profiles, ingredients, and sourcing," Motruk said.

Silva, meanwhile, is venturing across the river from The Riggsby in D.C. to take his spot as chef de cuisine.

"He's got a great culinary pedigree," Motruk said. "He takes the recipes and perfects them to what (diners) want to see and want to taste."

The Dockside Grill component of Vola's is only half of the equation. Tucked away on the King Street side of the building will live a little hidden gem of sorts — the Hi-Tide Lounge, an intimate bar space with only three dozen seats.

Decorated with a "a Mad Men, retro, vintage, tiki ... loungey kind of a feel," Motruk said, the space will be a respite from the world outside — but will also not stand on pretense or pomposity.



Photos courtesy of Alexandria Restaurant Partners

Top: Vola's Dockside Grill will aim to offer a casual, comfortable ambience with unpretentious, locally sourced food. Below: The Hi-Tide Lounge, tucked away near King Street, will sport a mod, "Pan Am"-style ambience.

"You're not in a tourist-trap chain restaurant and you're not in a secret speakeasy — you're somewhere in between," she said. And molecular gastronomists may want to look elsewhere: "We're talking more like frozen drink machines and drinks that you wouldn't mind drinking out of a red plastic cup."

The restaurant's namesake should ring a bell. Vola's honors the late Vola Lawson,

Alexandria's former city manager (and chief animal advocate), whose legacy stretches across the area.

"She dined all over town and she was such an influential and recognized person," Motruk said, and the restaurant aims at paying homage to her history within the city.

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

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from stuffed baked avocado to cauliflower crust pizza. Tickets are \$35 for Fairfax County residents, \$37 for residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/manor.htm.

Del Ray Music Festival. 3-8 p.m. along Mount Vernon Avenue. The 9th Annual Del Ray Music Fest is a celebration of local talent. Free. Visit www.DelRayMusicFestival.com.

Summer Concert. 7-9 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Surprise band performs. Free, \$5 suggested donation. Visit carlylehouse.org.

MONDAY/JULY 25

The Art of Ballroom Dance. 7-7:45 p.m. lesson, 7:45-8:30 p.m. dance at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, meringue, rumba, cha-cha, and samba. For beginning and advanced dancers. Tickets are \$15. Email garystephans@me.com.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/JULY 25-29

Del Ray Artisans Art Camp. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans invites young campers to spend a week creating art with professional artist instruction. All artist supplies, as well as lunch and snacks, are provided. There will also be a one-day only gallery show held on July 30 1-3 p.m. The fee is \$300.

Visit www.delrayartisans.org.

JULY 26-AUG. 28

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery: "Explorations Part I." 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.

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. The public is invited to attend an outdoor movie on a three-story high movie screen. Free. Call 703-746-5592.

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.

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.

TUESDAY/AUG. 2

"West Side Story." 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal 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, 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.

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/.

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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 witty and 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. Students from preschool to graduate level 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.

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 of witty, punny, colorful, silly, 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. 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 you 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 will make and take with the help of florist, Chuck Mason. Reuse the container and design ideas to make your own 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.

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.

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.

Kit Keung Kan Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Celebrate this new exhibit. 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.

THURSDAY/AUG. 11

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

Fall & Winter Vegetable Gardening. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Learn techniques to extend your harvest and even how you can enjoy some of your crops in the dead of winter. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@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 PotomacRiverboatCo.com/canine-cruise.php.

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 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. \$12 for Fairfax County residents, \$14 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

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From left, Sydney, Sarah and Katie Olson spend an evening outside with Victoria Rodriguez, who's spending less than two weeks with the family as part of the Fresh Air Fund program.

Fresh Air Families

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ir boys and girls.

Sarah Olson of Mount Vernon was once one of those host sisters. As a child, her family also welcomed in a child that was her brother's age.

She said the experience was a positive, learning one for the whole family, "teaching us to be appreciative for the things we have."

"The biggest thing is to be empathetic, open-minded," Olson continued. "Consider that everyone has different things going on

and to respect them for who they are."

Olson and her husband Mike have four children of their own, and have hosted someone from Fresh Air for four years. Their current visitor Victoria "Vicky" Rodriguez from the Bronx is spending her second summer with the family.

"She's a great young lady," Olson said. "She gets along great with my family, it's like having an extra daughter, she fits right in and is so eager, so excited just about every little thing."

Olson said they go to the farmer's market every week and Rodriguez is able to pick out things she wants to eat.

"It's an opportunity to experience things they don't do at home, necessarily," said Olson. "To expose them to life outside the city."

Rodriguez also wasn't familiar with the concept of a backyard, a park she could play in at any time.

"Catching lightning bugs," Olson said, "she had never seen them before."

Both Thompson and Olson said their Fresh Air daughters were homesick initially, but they've kept in constant contact with their mothers in New York.

"Her mom is amazing," Olson said. "She calls every day. I send her pictures every day, something we're doing. It's tough, to send your 6 year old away. It takes a lot of trust, faith in the program."

Families who are interested in becoming hosts, or to find out more information about the program, can call The Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003 or visit www.freshair.org.



Rickay Martin (left) from Queens, New York, is greeted by her host family, the Thompsons of Springfield (right).

Volunteer Opportunities

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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

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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.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA.....
Edward Washington Cather II, 80, of Alexandria, died Friday June 24, 2016, at Bridgepoint Hospital in Washington, DC of COPD and heart failure. Ed was born on January 21, 1936 in Winchester, VA to Roy A Cather and Pauline Shoop Cather. Surviving in addition to his wife, Indie, are 3 children, 2 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, a brother Roy and sister-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister Anne Cather Bowie. A summary of his many accomplishments and interests can be found at the Advent Funeral Home website along with online registry and expressions of condolences. www.adventfuneral.com/archives/edward-washington-cather-ii.htm

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-07-04

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors for the provision of an Early Childhood Curriculum.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-07-04 Early Childhood Curriculum will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, August 11, 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 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php>

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

Chris Guy
Procurement Manager

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Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-05-09 Consulting Services for Access Control & Alarm Assessment will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, August 16, 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/> All questions must be submitted before 3:00 p.m., August 4, 2016. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on July 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the address listed above. No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP. ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

Gerald W. Amacker (Jerry)
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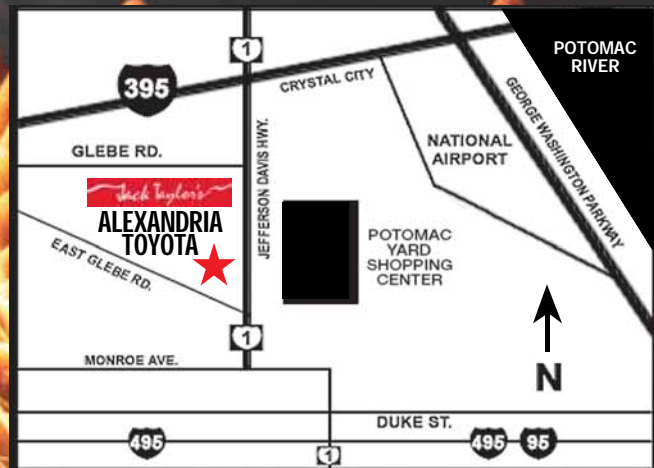
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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**BRAKE
SPECIAL
\$99⁹⁵**

INCLUDES: Install Genuine Toyota
front brake pads, inspect front & rear
rotors & drums, check tire condition and
inspect all hardware. TCMC pads only.
**MACHINE ROTORS
AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.**

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**TRUE START
BATTERY SPECIAL
\$139⁹⁵**

INCLUDES: 84 month warranty, 24 month
FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside
assistance, 60 month protection. PLUS we'll
check all battery cables & connections.
Does not apply to hybrid batteries.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**SUMMER
MAINTENANCE
SPECIAL
\$59⁹⁵**

INCLUDES: Genuine Toyota oil filter, up to
5 qts of conventional oil, inspect windshield
wipers, tire rotation, check tire condition,
check battery (with print-out), inspect and
adjust all fluid levels, inspect air Alexandria
Toyota's 27 pt. inspection & cabin air filters.

SYNTHETIC OIL \$10 MORE. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER
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SUNDAY ONLY SPECIALS
TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
LUBE, OIL & FILTER SERVICE
\$29⁹⁵ \$49⁹⁵

NON-SYNTHETIC SYNTHETIC
PLUS FREE TIRE ROTATION

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**\$20 OFF
ANY FACTORY
RECOMMENDED SERVICE**

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New RAV4s, Priuses
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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
DETAIL SPECIALS
**STANDARD HAND-WASH
& VACUUM**
Recommended Monthly
\$39⁹⁵

Vacuum carpets, floor mats, upholstery & trunk, wipe down dash board,
console & door panels, wash wheels, tires & fender wells, hand wash
exterior door jams, and dress tires.

**QUALITY HAND-WASH
VACUUM & WAX**
Recommended Every 6 Months
\$139⁹⁵

Hand wash exterior door jams, wash wheels, tires & fender wells, hand-wax
or glaze, vacuum carpets, upholstery & trunk, clean interior vinyl & leather,
clean dash board, vents, console, door panels & windows, and dress tires.

PREMIUM FULL DETAIL
Recommended Every 12 Months
\$295⁹⁵

Full exterior & interior detailing, including trunk, shampoo carpets, upholstery &
trunk, clean interior vinyl & leather plus conditioning, wash wheels, tires, fender wells
& door jams, hand wax exterior, buff & polish, wax or glaze application, tar & sap
removal, dress tires, rubber molding & trim, clean dashboard, vents, console plus
door panels, clean interior floor, seatbelts & windows, and engine cleaning.

All details by appointment only.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**LUBE, OIL & FILTER
SERVICE SPECIAL**
\$29⁹⁵ \$49⁹⁵

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

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
VARIABLE DISCOUNT
\$5.00 OFF with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99
\$10.00 OFF with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99
\$15.00 OFF with purchase of \$100.00 - \$199.99
\$20.00 OFF with purchase of \$200.00 - \$499.99
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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
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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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**COMPLIMENTARY
MULTI-POINT
INSPECTION**

INCLUDES: Inspect tires, brakes, wipers,
lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.

Plus Take **15% OFF** your bill if you
choose to perform the repair with us.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT
\$79⁹⁵

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

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

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**WE WILL
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**15% OFF
ANY ACCESSORIES**
• Apparel • Window visors
• iPad adaptors • All weather floor mats
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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**30000 MILES FACTORY
RECOMMENDED
SERVICE**
\$159⁹⁵

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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8708 Plymouth Rd
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New Build Just Completed!

Best of both worlds-classic American Four Square exterior combined with stunning modern floor plan and amenities. Numerous features include open floor plan, high ceilings, top line kitchen and baths, screened in porch, the list goes on. Prime location on half acre level lot in popular Plymouth Haven. Finishing touches just completed!!



3808 Washington
Woods Dr.
\$1,299,000
Absolute
Perfection!



Best of both worlds. Stately colonial exterior combined with stunning bright open floor plan. Enhanced by over \$400,000 in recent expansion and upgrades including: Kitchen, 3.5 Baths, HVAC system and cedar shake roof. Other features include: Three beautifully finished levels and three car garage. Custom "Trex" deck overlooks magnificently landscaped grounds. True one of a kind property!



8803 Mansion Farm Pl
\$668,950
Treetop Wonder-
land

Rare four level contemporary, one of Wessyntons largest models. Prime location on quiet cul-de-sac on elevated lot. Spectacular setting with 4 levels of glass walls and outside decks overlooking vast wooded area from dramatic tree top level. Other features: Large rooms, open floor plan, HDW floors, 4 BR's, Garage. Unique chance to create a stunning retreat with mountainside aura!



4218 Dandridge Terr
\$675,000

New England Style
Colonial!

Magnificent 5 BR, 3.5 BA in prime location on beautifully landscaped lot fronting quiet cul-de-sac. Rare, 3 car garage! Other special features include: 3 finished levels with full walk out lower level, thermal windows, open kitchen to family room, well maintained hardwoods on both main levels, & expansive exterior decking. Home is in pristine, move in condition. Exceptional value!



7512 Ft. Hunt Rd.
\$1,250,000

Mid-century Gem. 6
Gorgeous Acres!

Award winning mid-century home designed and built as personal residence by areas leading architect. Magnificent residence with exceptional floor plan and top quality materials. Carefully crafted to enhance its stunningly beautiful six acre setting. Natural wonderland with stone lined private lane, meandering creek and gorgeous woods and pond.



4107 Adrienne Drive
\$499,900

Stunning home and
location!

Open floor plan, high ceilings and walls of glass capitalize on beauty of rare 3/4 acre wooded grounds. 4 BR, 3 BA home has been substantially updated to include, "Anderson Thermal Windows," baths, refinished hardwood floors, and expanded gourmet kitchen. Large deck overlooks private wooded wonderland. A truly unique property!



9421 Coral Lane
\$775,000
One level living
at its finest!

4520 Dolphin Lane
\$745,950
Great setting!



9310 Allwood Ct.
\$639,900
Unique Opportunity



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8717 Plymouth Rd.
\$1,399,000*

• New Melson II Model- 3,525 sf

- 1/2 Acre Lot in Plymouth Haven
- Open floor plan - High ceilings
- Upgrades throughout
- Finished recreation room & bathroom in basement
- Maximum opportunity to customize



9419 Mt. Vernon Cir.
\$1,299,000

One of the area's most
distinctive properties!

Custom estate caliber home with classic French Provincial flair. Premier location in Mt Vernon on the Potomac-the only community in the area with a private marina for the exclusive use of its' residents. Imposing residence with many custom touches including open foyer with double curved stairway, custom white brick exterior, high ceilings, spacious room sizes and oversize garage. Columned veranda overlooks pool and grounds.



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