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## Friendship Firehouse Festival

Five-year-old Kate Woyicki points her fire hose at the windows on the simulated flaming cardboard house in the alley beside Friendship Firehouse on S. Alfred Street. The firehouse is celebrating 150 years of the Alexandria Fire Department. The event is also raising funds to preserve two antique fire vehicles. More photos, page 6.

## National Debate Hits NoVa Infrastructure

Local politicians take sides in Presidential feud.

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

If Hillary Clinton is elected, the economy will grow by 10.4 million jobs nationwide while under a Trump administration, the economy would lose 3.4 million jobs. This was the finding of a recent report by Moody's Investors Service economist Mark Zandi.

On Aug. 8, outside the Court House Metro entrance in Arlington, U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8), state Del. Charniele Herring, and economist Jared Bernstein used the study as the centerpiece for a press conference about how a Clinton administration would grow jobs and see more investment in local infrastructure. But



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**U.S. Rep. Don Beyer and state Del. Charniele Herring**

others, like Beyer's Republican opponent for the 8th District seat, say there's more to the economic impacts of the Clinton plan than the study and press conference would make it seem. The 8th Congressional District includes Alex

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## Barbara Ross Dies

Former deputy director of Planning and Zoning helped shape city.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Barbara Ross, former deputy director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, died Aug. 9 at her home in Alexandria. She was 70 years old.

Ross worked on local land use, planning and zoning issues for over 30 years and was



known as a dedicated and well-respected public servant.

"Barbara's contributions in creating and preserving quality neighborhoods in Alexandria were substantial," said

City Manager Mark Jinks. "She

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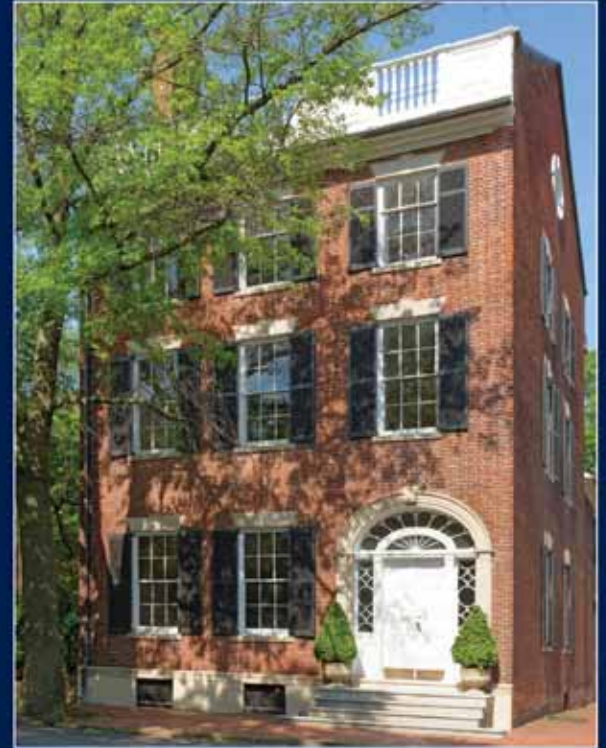


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**Fidget and owner Elizabeth Dorton (at left) listens to Hattie Lawver (right) read "Fancy Nancy."**



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**Caroline Schofield (left) reads to Maggie Flynn (right)**

## Paws to Read

Encouraging confidence in reading to puppies.

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**aggie doesn't talk back. Caroline Schofield, a second grader, can read to Maggie without judgment or being corrected. Maggie lays next to Caroline, occasionally wagging her tail and resting her head against the girl's left while Caroline reads from a book.

Paws to Read is a program run through the D.C. nonprofit PAL, People. Animals. Love. PAL runs various programs that arrange for elderly, sick, or others in need to receive visits and support from dogs and puppies. At Paws to Read, children in first through sixth grade at all range of reading ability can come to the library and read to a furry friend.

All dogs with Paws to Read are registered therapy dogs. They are universally friendly and calm around children as well as other dogs. Five dogs were present for the Aug. 9 Paws to Read session at the Duncan Branch Library in Del Ray. Each of the children

at Paws to Read is paired with a dog for a 15-20 minute session. The children select books, though some pick ones they're told the dogs particularly enjoy.

"She was so excited," said Teresa Schofield, Caroline's mother. "She's an avid reader and she's been dying to have

a dog ... I think this really helps with them read confidently and helps with their presentation."

Aug. 9 was Caroline's first time at the program, but others in attendance are regulars at the events. Martha-Helene Stapleton's daughters, Veronica and Catalina Dodson, have been coming to Paws to Read for years.

"We don't have a dog, so this is their pet time," said Stapleton. "It gives them presentations skills. It helps them develop their voice, and the voice of characters. I tell families that are new to the area about this. Not enough parents know about this."

"We love the program," said Robin Sofge, Youth Services manager for the library. "It helps promote literacy. The dogs are friendly and the kids look forward to it. The dogs won't criticize them or say they pronounced something wrong. It's a positive experience for everyone."

Henry Dorton has been working with Paws to Read since 2010. Henry Dorton would bring his dog to the nursing home to see his father, who had dementia, and found that many of the elderly citizens in home loved seeing the dogs. He registered his dog as a therapy dog and joined PAL.

"The program isn't designed to teach kids how to read, it just gives them a no pressure environment for them to want to read," said Henry Dorton. "Some kids come in every month, and if they come in often, they

**"I tell families that are new to the area about this. Not enough parents know about this."**

— Martha-Helene Stapleton

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## Seniors at the Wheel

Accident highlights need for alternative travel options.

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**ccording to police, at 10 a.m. on Aug. 2, Leonard Wainstein, a 92-year-old Fairfax resident, was looking for a parking spot at a bank in Old Town Alexandria. A few minutes later, one parking attendant was injured and Jeremais Herrera Rodriguez was struck and killed by Wainstein's car as it suddenly careened down Swift Alley. Why Wainstein accelerated down the alleyway is unknown at this time, but Deputy Police Chief David Huchler said he did not believe it was a malicious act. Wainstein is now charged with two counts of reckless driving.

While the details of the moments leading up to the crash remain unknown, it's possible that Wainstein's age may have played a role in the incident. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), more than 5,560 "older adults" were killed in automobile accidents in 2012 and 214,000 were injured. And the number of older drivers is increasing over time. There were 36 million licensed older drivers in 2012, a 34 percent increase since 1999. As more and more elderly drivers take the roads, more and more families need to begin considering whether it's time to find other options.

Recently, Virginia has made changes to begin to limit accidents caused by elderly drivers. On Jan. 1, 2015, a law went into effect that required everyone 75 or older to visit the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) every five years instead of the standard eight. Rather than renew by mail or online, citizens are required to visit a DMV site in person to get a new picture and take a vision test. However, the DMV does not require any other type of testing for drivers over 75.

Mary Lee Anderson, executive director of Senior Services of Alexandria, discouraged making assumptions about older drivers based solely on their age, but said there are signs concerned family member can look for to see whether or not driving ability is beginning to be impaired.

"Look at the state of their vehicle," said Anderson. "If you're noticing scratches or dents, that might be giving you a warning sign. Ask to be a passenger if they're going somewhere. If you're going to a movie, might want to say 'how about I come along with you?' and see them on the road."

Greg Bischak, an Alexandria resident, said there were signs he began to notice when his parents started to get older.



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**Jeremais Herrera Rodriguez, victim of car crash.**

"There were cognitive indicators," said Bischak. "There was some forgetfulness, lack of awareness, not reacting right away, not just in a car but other situations."

Bischak and his family tried to get the keys away from his parents as much as possible, but in 2004 they were on their way to a dental appointment when they were involved in an automobile accident. It wasn't clear who was at fault, but both of Bischak's parents had serious injuries.

"It took [my mom] a long time to recover from it," said Bischak. "My dad died six months later. It's unclear whether it was related to that, but there's no doubt the accident had a huge psychological impact. Mom had debilities and ultimately needed hip replacement surgery. It was a slide towards the end for both of them."

Bischak said independence was important to his parents and might have been in denial about the effects of their aging.

"[Looking back,] we'd all be more emphatic with them about the danger of an accident," said Bischak. "This is where denial gets in the way. If you don't think you're losing cognitive abilities, you aren't going to listen to that. Having these stories, it's important to get out there to have testimonials."

Brandy Brubaker, public relations and media liaison for the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, said the DMV-sponsored

granddriver.net can be a useful tool for starting the conversation about an elderly family member's driving ability. Granddriver.net offers driver safety tips, signs of an impaired driving ability, and practice tests for older drivers.

"These are things a mature driver can look for in their own driving skills to see if they're still as sharp a driver as they used to be, or for family who might be concerned," said

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### Senior Taxi Service

Elderly Alexandrians can enroll with the Senior Taxi Service, which offers discounted fares for seniors who enroll through the City of Alexandria Division of Aging and Adult Services by calling 703-746-5999.





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## NEWS

# Senior Drivers at the Wheel

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Brubaker. "It gives you a way to start that conversation."

Brubaker says in more extreme cases, individuals with concerns about seniors driving can contact their local DMV to see about recommending their family member be reevaluated.

"People that are concerned about driving ability of drivers of any age can make reports to us about folks they think might need to be reviewed," said Brubaker. "We review cases of individuals, maybe they have a health or medical condition that may hinder their driving. We get reports from all different kinds of people. If we have a reason to believe [there's an] unsafe driver we have right to intervene. Reports can come from law enforcement, medical officials, concerned citizens and family or friends. We look into the report, see if it has merit, and we can require a driver to complete a screening or can require them to do a written exam."

The DMV website specifies that reevaluations can also include driving tests. Following reexamination, the hearing officer can decide on restrictions, probation, suspension or revocation of a driver's license.

According to Anderson, having the conversation with an elderly family member about giving up driving can be difficult.

"[Driving] means that they can maintain their independence and that they don't have to rely on their family or friends," said Anderson. "It's always a difficult conversation for a family to have with a senior who may be reluctant."

Anderson said one of the most important parts of that conversation is being prepared with alternatives for travel.

"Alexandria actually has very viable transportation options for seniors other than driving their own car," said Anderson.

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Senior Services of Alexandria also offers a DOT Para-Transit program for citizens who are unable

or have difficulty using public transportation. The program offers Americans with Disabilities compliant curb-to-curb taxi service seven days a week. One-way fares within Alexandria or five miles outside city limits is \$3, while trips outside those limits are \$5. The program has 1,500 registered clients and provides 50,000 rides annually. Anyone with questions about the program can call 703-836-4414, extension 116 or email [transport@seniorservicesalex.org](mailto:transport@seniorservicesalex.org). Seniors can enroll in the program or learn more at [seniorservicesalex.org/programs/transportation](http://seniorservicesalex.org/programs/transportation).

"They can go to any destination in City of Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax," said Anderson. "It's a great option for those whom city transportation isn't a possibility. You can go to family and friends or the grocery store and there's no income eligibility."

Anderson also encouraged residents to look into city DASH bus services and to utilize the King Street trolley.

"There are so many transportation options," said Anderson. "Because it's a small city, it makes us unique in being able to get around. It's good to be equipped with information about these services. Give them options recognizing their need to be able to get out and about. Approach it in a positive fashion. It's important to be respectful

**"There are so many transportation options. Because it's a small city, it makes us unique in being able to get around."**

— Mary Lee Anderson, Executive Director, Senior Services of Alexandria

of their dignity and their desire to remain independent. That's a very strong motivation."

Beyond transportation around the city, Anderson said it might be useful for aging residents, or family of aging residents, to look at programs like home delivery of groceries.

"Take advantage of all the city has to offer if you have an older family member," said Anderson. "We have a groceries delivery program that we instituted a year ago for those with disabilities for whom shopping is difficult. You can take advantage of a program like Peapod or, if they don't want to pay a delivery fee or aren't computer savvy, we call every two weeks and take orders. That's a way for an individual who wants to be in their own homes but can't do shopping on their own. Go to the city website or to our website and there's a plethora of opportunities on educating yourself before you talk to that senior so that they can maintain their dignity and you can have a positive personal relationship."

## BULLETIN BOARD

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### SATURDAY/AUG. 13

**Know Your Rights: Police Encounters.** 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Get trained on Mobile

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### MONDAY/AUG. 15

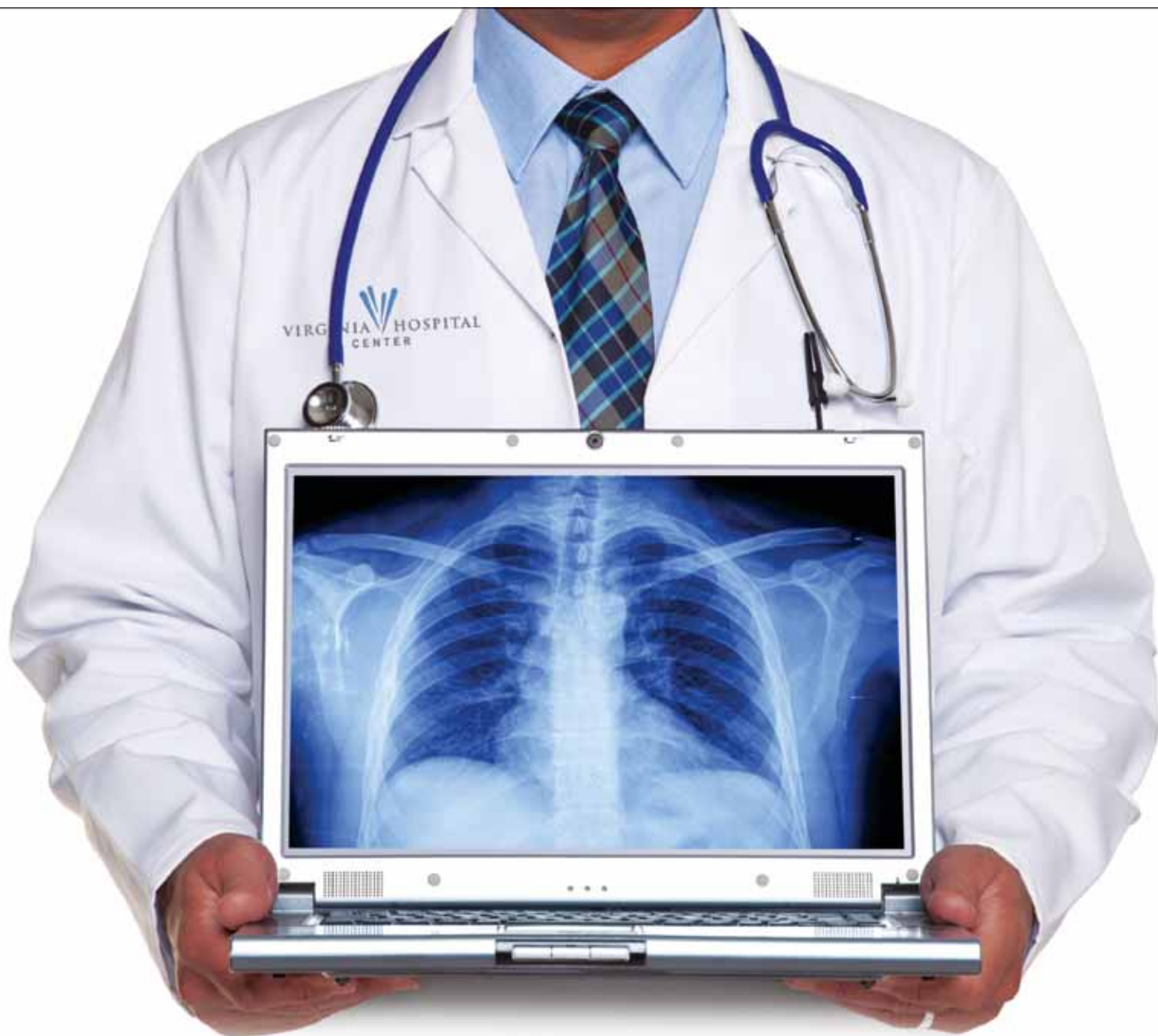
**Ad Hoc Monitoring Group on Waterfront Construction.** 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Council Work Room, 301 King St. Contact Jack Browand, [jack.browand@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jack.browand@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5504.

**Foster Parent Orientation.** 6-7:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701

Seminary Road. The City of Alexandria will hold a free information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer questions and explain the requirements to foster and/or adopt. Call 703-746-5858 or email [Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov).

### WEEK OF AUG. 15

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



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## PEOPLE



**Byron Andes, deputy chief of operations for the Alexandria Fire Department, explains the Amoskeag Steamer, in the fleet since 1866, worked on steam which it created in two minutes. Steam drove the pistons, and the steam-retarding chamber provided a constant stream of water for the firemen. It was pulled by two horses and had a driver plus a fireman on back to work the drag brake. Motorized apparatus came in about 1910-12 to gradually replace these vehicles.**



**Sam Schovv finally gets his turn in line to climb high into the modern firetruck and try his hand at pretend driving. His mother warns, "Don't touch any of the buttons or knobs in the truck." His 3-year-old sister, Macy, decides to forgo the opportunity and watch from ground level.**



**By 10 a.m. the line extends into the street for the chance to wear the captain's jacket and put out the fire, window by window, in the cardboard house. Success is met by cheers from the crowd.**



## Friendship Firehouse Festival

**The crowd arrives early for the Friendship Firehouse celebration Aug. 6. Special events lined S. Alfred Street with community booths, a hands-on firefighting opportunity for children, free shiny red helmets, antique and modern fire trucks on display and the sale of limited edition firemarks to support the conservation fund. Proceeds from this event and others will help fund the preservation of two firefighting vehicles through efforts of the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association. The Rodgers Suction Engine, built in 1851 and the Prettyman Hose Carriage, built in Alexandria in 1858 are currently located in the Friendship Firehouse Museum.**



**Fiona Berry, 6-years-old, watches Volunteer Firefighter Scooter Slade as he demonstrates bystander CPR on a rubber dummy at the Friendship Firehouse celebration on Saturday. Fiona says she is "pushing air." Slade asks Fiona what number to call if there is an emergency and she announces, "911."**



**It's not always all about the fire hose. Sometimes it's the firehouse Dalmatian that fascinates the tots.**

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SHIRLEY RUHE  
GAZETTE PACKET

# The Many Faces Of Firefighting

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**O**n a normal day Durant Cephers would be working at Firehouse 206 on Seminary Road. But it is Aug. 6 and he is on S. Albert Street at the Friendship Firehouse 150th anniversary event. "Today it's public outreach. Over there she is demonstrating CPR and we're answering all the questions people have

about our operations," he said.

## PEOPLE AT WORK

Cephers stands in front of a portable, folding tank that has been filled with water. "These would be used in rural operations," he said. "The tank is stored flat in the fire truck until ready to be deployed and then it would be inflated and filled with water from a river or reservoir."

He adds that this is the same way they fought fires when he served as a firefighter in Iraq. They had no fire hydrants. "We had several 600-gallon bladders lined up with one hooked up to the engine. And the engines have 750 gallons of water on them as the tanks get set up."

Although Cephers' firefighting experiences have been different, he says one prepares for them in the same way. Cephers was fighting fires overseas in Iraq from 2008-2011. He says a lot of what they did was medical response to a sprained ankle or cuts in a metal shop or an IED injury. Most fires were small and uneventful.

Now he works in the City of Alexandria municipal system with fire hydrants and modern equipment. And there are challenges from high-rise buildings to regular residential, from Metro to elevator emergencies. Cephers says his dad was a firefighter overseas and when Cephers turned 16 he started thinking about responsibility. "What should I do, other than being a jock?" He hung around the firehouses in Baltimore where he grew up and in Montana with his father. "Then when I was in col-



**Durant Cephers, a firefighter stationed at Firehouse 206 on Seminary Road, is working at the**

lege, I volunteered for the U.S. Forest Service in Montana. We had big wildfires there," he said.

Now he works a rotating schedule where he is on duty 24 hours every other day for five days followed by four days off.

So what do firefighters do when they aren't out on call for an emergency or a fire?

"We have a routine," he said. "We usually bring our own breakfast and eat together, then have a morning conference call with the department to get details on what is happening that day." They check out the lights and fire equipment to make sure everything is working well. "We go to the grocery store to buy food for dinner and work out in the gym in the firehouse." He says after lunch they have drills. "Since we are a rescue company, we drill on things like what happens if a car runs into a building, what if a window washer gets stuck up on the side of a building and you have to use ropes. Maybe someone is stuck in an open trench at a construction site or trapped in the sewer system."

Some days are harder than others with long, drawn-out operations, hours of investigating, a lot of hard labor. "But the days you can help somebody and see the impact, it is satisfying," he said, "It can be something as simple as a flooded basement and keeping it from taking over the house."



**Durant Cephers illustrates a portable, folding water tank filled with about 600 gallons of water. He says this would be used in a rural area where they had no fire hydrants or in Iraq where he served as a firefighter from 2008-2011.**

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GAZETTE PACKET



## PEOPLE

# His First Romance Novel

**Kelvin Terrell writes  
“Karma: The War  
of Love.”**

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS  
GAZETTE PACKET

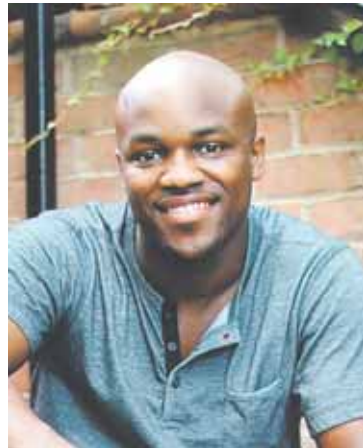
**A**lexandria actor/producer Kelvin Terrell hopes to use profits from his first novel “Karma: The War of Love” to start a scholarship foundation for the city’s youth.

“What’s more important to me about this book is what it represents. It’s an opportunity to do something for my community and to teach kids something that I wish I had known before when I was their age,” he said.

Through his merit-based program, students can earn scholarship funds by maintaining academic excellence in their classes. In addition, they can also earn a chance to begin to fulfill their dreams, whether it be studio time or being mentored by a professional athlete, by completing various volunteer projects within the community.

“I want to give them everything they need to pursue their hopes and dreams of becoming an actor, entertainer, or sports star,” he said.

Terrell also wants his program to reflect



Kelvin Terrell

the diverse demographics and social economic background of his hometown. Growing up in public housing in Alexandria with his family, he never thought that he would be an actor/producer and definitely not a writer. However, he credits the creativity and imagination that his early environment fostered in him as the driving force behind his success within the entertainment industry.

“We had to be creative. We didn’t have playgrounds. We had to use milk crates for a basketball hoop if we wanted to play basketball,” he said.

Although he considers himself more of an

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## LIVING LEGENDS

# Janet Barnett: 'Get Involved in Community Service'

Offering advice for those seeking to be active in the city.

BY JORDAN WRIGHT

Janet Barnett likes being involved in her community. She caught the bug when her children, Susan and Louis, were in the Alexandria school system and she became a volunteer for the PTA. "I didn't have as many opportunities then as I do now," she said.

Back then she was the first director of the Chinguapin Park Recreation Center with the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, later becoming deputy director of the department. Barnett credits former Alexandria City Manager and community activist Vola Lawson with teaching her always to be mindful of the citizens who live here.

Afterwards she became executive director of Senior Services of Alexandria from 2007-2013. "I'm so pleased with Senior Services of Alexandria. It grew and got better. If a program did not work, after careful study, we eliminated it and moved on," she said.

During her tenure, she expanded the Meals on Wheels program to seven days; created SSA's Friendly Visitor program which provides personal visits to seniors; established the Senior Resource Center and started their Speaker Series.

Alexandria attorney Deborah G. Matthews describes Barnett's commitment this way: "With her boundless energy Janet has worked hard both in her former posi-

tion as executive director of Senior Services of Alexandria and now with SYNERGY HomeCare to help seniors in Alexandria. She seems to know everyone and is quick to use her connections to help others."

After 32 years of working in city government, she has been able to devote more time to volunteer activities, at her synagogue and with the Board of Lady Managers. Barnett continues to serve the city as president of the Old Town Business and Professional Association where she has learned the challenges for small businesses, and sits on the board of Agenda:Alexandria, an organization whose mission is to provoke non-partisan discussion on topics affecting the citizens of Alexandria.

She currently is active in fundraising for the Boys and Girls Club and adds membership to the Rotary Club as another organization she has chosen to support. Her work on the board of the Alexandria Police Foundation has helped raise over \$400,000 to build the new Fallen Officers Memorial at police headquarters in the city's West End.

Of her work on the King Street tree lights program, the Jamestown Celebration, Sup-



Janet Barnett

PHOTO BY STEVEN HALPERSON/TISARA PHOTO.

per Under the Stars and the King Street Arts Festival, she said, "When I look at our city and see the actions taken around the city, I see how much things have changed. I feel like I was one of the pioneers. We always kept in mind the delicate balance of the neighborhoods and the visitors to the city. I learned to understand what's involved in big events and I was fortunate to work with smart people on these projects."

A longtime resident, Barnett attended

## Living Legends: The Project

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Minnie Howard and Frances Hammond High School and has seen the city grow, "We used to take the 4A bus to downtown Alexandria and go to Shuman's Bakery and Hayman's, Penney's and Lerner's. Woodward & Lothrop on North Washington Street was another favorite stop," she recalled. She used to think those were long walks but now she logs four miles with a friend every Saturday.

Her advice to young people looking to get involved, "Be confident and be proud of who you are. Surround yourself with people you see as being successful – people who respect the police, firefighters, medics, and our military." And she recommends encouraging those who have not been involved in community service before, "become invested and take ownership of whatever project you undertake."

# Kelvin Terrell Writes 'Karma: The War of Love'

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actor than a writer, he does write poetry when he feels the inspired. One day as he was re-reading through his old collection of poetry, he realized that if he ordered the poems a certain way that they told a story.

"I was actually doing plays at the time and I thought maybe I'll turn these into a play," he said.

Upon more thought, he decided that a novel might appeal to a wider audience. While the poems did provide him with a basic outline for his story, he was completely unsure as to how to structure his narrative.

"I didn't know where to start or finish. I just knew I had a story to tell at the end of the day. So I had to do a little research," he said.

He began researching various literary genres and websites such as Createspace.com and Writer's Digest.com to learn about plot structure and how to captivate readers.

"Google was truly my best friend," he

said.

Within two or three months, he finished writing the novel, which was released in June.

In "Karma: The War of Love", the main character Terry possess all of the qualities of a great significant other, except commitment. He is a womanizer who never wants to settle down until he meets his perfect match: Shannon. Ultimately, both Terry and Shannon must determine whether they will commit to each other and their blossoming relationship.

"The way I wrote the book is a narrative as if we are sitting down discussing my dysfunctional relationship over a cup of coffee," he said.

The main character is a composition of various individuals and experiences he has

come across in his life. Unlike many modern novels that tend to be very detail-oriented, Terrell wanted to offer readers a thought-provoking novel.

"I wanted people to be engaged to the point where they are thinking about their situations in life and about people that are similar to the characters in this book. It's a short quick read but I really want people to think about their lives and how they conduct themselves," he said.

Terrell said that he wants readers to become aware of the type of energy they are putting out into the world such as putting out positive or negative energy. The novel also de-

scribes the complexity of being in a relationships and the give-and-take dynamic within them.



"Karma: The War of Love" is available at various online book retailers and through the author's website: [www.k-terrell.com](http://www.k-terrell.com).

Terrell, a native of Alexandria, said he has many fond memories of growing up in Alexandria. In particular, he remembers visiting Alexandria's waterfront with his family and playing youth football and on the football team at T.C. Williams High School.

After graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in accounting from Hampton University, he was recruited by M & T Bank's management program. He worked with various branches in Columbia, Md. and Northern Virginia. From there, he began working with Wachovia/ Wells Fargo.

In 2012, he decided focus on acting and producing while bartending on the side. He has worked various local web series such as "Anacostia" which was nominated for three Emmys and "DC Yuppies" on YouTube.

Currently, Terrell is focusing on producing and acting in his own productions. He is presently producing two feature films and a web series.





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# OPINION

## Laser Focus on Safety

**While Metro lapses can't be excused, it's much safer than driving; maintenance-related safety issues also plague area bridges and roads.**

**I**ntense scrutiny on the safety and maintenance record of the Washington region's Metro system is resulting in continuing revelation of lapses, and ongoing inconvenience with repair schedules shutting down entire lines and the end of late night service.

Reporting on Metro accidents, derailments and incompetent and/or inadequate maintenance might even lead commuters to choose to climb in their cars instead. Wouldn't it be safer to drive, if Metro can't get its act together to even inspect the tracks?

No, not even close.

Riding commuter rail is 10-30 times safer than driving, according to several studies, and even small increases in transit ridership result in significant decreases in overall commuting deaths

Public transit overall has lower crash rates per unit of travel, reports Todd Litman in an analytical research paper, A New Transit Narrative, published in 2014 and cited by the National Center for Transit Research. Intercity and commuter passengers have about 1/20th the traffic fatalities per 100 million passenger-miles as automobile travel, he writes. Urban rail passengers have about 1/30th the fatalities as car travel, and bus passengers about 1/60th the traffic fatalities per 100 million passenger-miles as automobile travel.

"Transit travel has about one-tenth the traffic casualty [injury or death] rate as automobile travel, and residents of transit-oriented communities have about one-fifth the per capita crash casualty rate as in automobile-oriented communities," reports Litman. "People tend to underestimate automobile travel risks and exaggerate public transit risks."

Meanwhile, Virginia has 1,063 structurally deficient bridges, according to the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, citing data from the U. S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration National Bridge Inventory, 2015. Maryland's number of structurally deficient bridges is 306, and the District of Columbia has 10 structurally deficient bridges, according to the same report.

In fact, a bridge used by 78,000 vehicles a day, including thousands of Northern Virginians commuting daily into D.C., the Memorial Bridge, is so corroded it has major weight restrictions, buses are not allowed to use it, and it would likely have to be closed within a few years, had Congress not recently allocated \$90 million to the National Park Service for emergency action towards a \$250 million rehabilitation project.

Risk and safety are complex issues. You're safer taking Metro than driving, much safer on a commuter bus. And one thing we do know, if you are riding in car, buckling your seatbelt makes you much safer.

— MARY KIMM

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Not Very Surprising

To the Editor:

So, the Robinson's Terminal developer cannot see making money building his hotel despite all the concessions he got from the city. How come I am not surprised? Several letters were published by very smart people outlining the

economic folly of the whole endeavor but, no, the city wanted its hotel. "We need the revenue," bleated the councilors.

How about reducing expenses first? Did it ever occur to any of them? The next step will be for the developer to bring out the begging bowl, asking for more concessions; at our expense. Why don't the council members use the threat they used against the Old Domin-

ion Boat Club (for no reason, in my book) of eminent domain and take over the land to create a park for the Alexandria residents, something most want.

And the money? A new concept, though most of us will recognize it: how about reducing expenses before spending future revenues? There are a lot of very smart people, often retired from the government, the military,

law firms, used to managing large projects/budgets/manpower living in the city who would be happy to help.

Thank you for your attention.

**Francois Duret**  
Alexandria

## A More Business Friendly City

To the Editor:

At almost every ribbon cutting we attend, we hear from business owners about the challenges they faced in getting their doors open. That is why we at the Chamber were quick to offer our full support when the Department of Planning & Zoning proposed Small Business Zoning Text

Amendments earlier this year. These amendments would streamline the process for businesses to obtain Special Use Permits to operate in the city.

And on June 18 City Council did indeed vote 6-1 in favor of these changes.

Per the Small Business Zoning website, the approved changes are as follows:

- ❖ Allow administrative review of Special Use Permits for certain uses that previously required a hearing;
- ❖ Allow certain uses requiring a Special Use Permit to be permitted by-right;
- ❖ Update various use categories

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## OPINION

# Through Children's Eyes

BY TIM AND NATALIE CLEWELL

In early 2015, we were matched with Angie and Jeremy through Wright to Read. We had no idea what an adventure we had signed up for. Angie and Jeremy are awesome kids who work really hard to improve their reading skills. In the year and a half since we started our weekly meetings, Angie has tackled books that are more and more challenging while working on her writing and comprehension skills. Jeremy has also taken on tougher books, and is always enthusiastic to learn new words. Their determination to improve is supported by their parents who do a great job making sure that they read at home and are always prepared for our next tutoring session.

Beyond the reading support, one of our favorite things to do is to have new and fun experiences with Angie and Jeremy. We have done everything from visiting the Lincoln Memorial, taking a trip to the National Zoo, trying sushi, and playing mini golf. Birthdays are always a big celebration, because it gives us the chance to eat donuts and cupcakes!

Tutoring Angie and Jeremy has been awesome. We feel like meeting with them is the best part of our week because we get to share in their progress as they gain confidence in their skills, and also get to see the world through a kid's eyes once again. All of our friends and family hear us brag about how great these kids are and how much fun we have together. We know that these kids will do amazing things, and look forward to continuing to meet with them in the years to come.

### Angie's Answers

Every Saturday Natalie and I read books together. We have been working together for over one year.

We have read "The Mouse in the Motor-cycle," "Mercy Watson," "Bunnicula," and other chapter books. One thing I learned from Natalie is how to not skip words and how to read with flow. I have enjoyed going to eat sushi, visiting the Lincoln Memorial and visiting the Natural History Mu-



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**Volunteers Tim and Natalie Clewell with Angie and Jeremy.**

seum. I also like going to the library and checking out books. Natalie has helped me improve my reading.

### Jeremy's Answers

Each week, Tim and I, we read and we talk. One of my favorite books that we have read is "Rikki Tikki Tavi." A special thing we have done together is gone to the zoo. One of my favorite books is a poem book by Shel Silverstein that Tim gave me for Christmas. The poems are funny!

*Wright to Read provides volunteer-based one-on-one sustained literacy tutoring and mentoring relationships to City of Alexandria elementary school children in need, and collaborates with families, schools and community partners to create a comprehensive support network that guides each child to success. Wright to Read is a member of the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP). AMP was created in 2006 to ensure that quality mentors and mentor programs are available for Alexandria's youth and young adults in need. To learn more about Wright to Read, visit [www.wrighttoread.org](http://www.wrighttoread.org) or to learn more about AMP, visit: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Mentoring>.*

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—Chief Seattle (1788-1866)  
Suquamish/Duwamish chief



## OPINION

# Squad of Volunteers Arrives with a Vroom

BY BARBARA S. MOFFET

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA

**T**he Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) welcomes all kinds of volunteer help, but some assistance arrives with extra fanfare. That's what happened earlier this year when 10 men pulled up to the shelter on motorcycles, clad in identical black-and-green leather vests. Members of the local chapter of the K9

**AWLA** Motorcycle Club, the men share a love for both motorcycles and dogs. They spent two hours in the shelter's community room stuffing special enrichment toys for the shelter's dogs and then toured the place.

"They were super-respectful and engaged — they seemed to adore our dogs, but they liked the cats, too," recalled Stella Hanly, AWLA's community relations adviser.

The K9 Motorcycle Club was started in 1998 in North Carolina by four lovers of pitbulls and now has 32 active chapters nationwide. The club's bylaws require chapters to engage with local animal shelters, donating time and resources to support the animals. Northern Virginia's chapter is made up of members of the military, active and retired, as well as government workers and entrepreneurs, says its president, Steven "Jay" Johnson. Johnson, who retired from the U.S. Army seven years ago, says he fell in love with one of the dogs at the Vola



**Members of the local chapter of the K9 Motorcycle Club gather at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. The men performed several hours of volunteer work for the shelter's animals.**



**Members of the K9 Motorcycle Club prepare "kong" toys for the dogs at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.**

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OWEN "BONEZ" HODGSON

Lawson shelter during his visit there and came close to adopting her.

It was the K9 Motorcycle Club to the rescue again when the AWLA staged its annual Walk for Animals in Old Town in May. Once again sporting their official leather vests and big smiles, members showed up in time to erect tents over registration tables to shelter volunteers from the pouring rain. They then headed out to the Walk route, serving as marshals for the intrepid walkers and their dogs.

"I don't know what we would have done without them," Hanly said. "They really saved the day."

*The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, celebrating its 70th anniversary, is an independent, local, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The AWLA is committed to ending animal homelessness, promoting animal welfare, and serving as an educational resource for the City of Alexandria community. More information is at [AlexandriaAnimals.org](http://AlexandriaAnimals.org).*

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and definitions to clarify and identify certain uses; and

- ❖ Amend the criteria for some Minor Amendments as well as the outdoor dining administrative review.

- ❖ City Council's action included definition updates and clarifications regarding businesses providing pet and animal care, food and beverage production, and light and general automotive services. Other revisions extend the parking exemption for outdoor restaurant seating citywide if located on private property, and Minor Amendments regarding restaurant and business expansions.

These changes will save business owners real time and money.

Those of us in the business community have heard many times about how lengthy the process can be to get a business up and running and so we would like to applaud and thank the six members of City Council who recognized that these amendments were a small but significant step in

helping businesses get their doors open sooner. Your positive action has been noticed and applauded by Alexandria's business community, and the Chamber joins in this recognition.

**Joe Haggerty**

President & CEO

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

## Solve Tour Bus Issue

To the Editor:

Isn't it about time that our great city solve its current tour bus crisis by banning tour buses on our old and narrow streets in the Old and Historic District?

These humongous 45-60 foot buses have great difficulty in safely and efficiently turning corners especially if cars are parked near the intersections. However, the last thing we want to do is to remove corner parking spaces thereby contributing to the overall shortage of residential parking spaces. In addition, Old Town contains a large number of 18th and 19th century residences, and the sheer weight, density and excessive speed of these vehicles causes vibrations that also have an adverse effect on these historic structures. The buses also cause damage to the sidewalks, and on occasion, they even graze some of the residents' parked cars. On many of our narrow streets, Lee Street being a perfect example, there is just no way a citizen's car can traverse safely with a tour bus staring them in the face.

It is also obvious that the tour bus drivers are not being informed concerning the current set of regulations before they come into Alexandria. They continue to park in unauthorized places, block traffic, idle for

very long period of times (adding to the already high levels of pollution in Alexandria), and sometimes display an arrogant attitude when confronted after breaking the law.

In order to solve these pressing issues, Old Town residents have on a number of occasions suggested that tour buses park in a designated location (e.g., Masonic Temple, Eisenhower Avenue), and passengers could be shuttled into the Old and Historic District, which is what the cities of New Orleans, Charleston and Savannah have done. This plan would be a responsible solution to the need to direct and control the tour buses coming into Old Town every day without impacting the businesses in Old Town, which are indeed a great part of the city's economic engine.

Recently the city established a new Motorcoach Task Force which to date has met three times. There are currently five approved loading and unloading locations within the Old and Historic District. These are (1) the Unit Block of King Street, (2) Market Square, (3) in front of Gadsby's Tavern, (4) Washington Street in front of Christ Church and (5) in front of the Lyceum. The Task Force has also considered establishing six additional loading/unloading locations: (1) behind City Hall on Cameron Street, (2-3) on both sides of the 100 block of North Royal, (4) the 100 block of South Union (adjacent to the American Medical Group

Building) and (5-6) the 100 and 200 blocks of North Union (across the street from the Torpedo Factory Condominiums and Cameron Mews). However, at its last meeting the Task Force brought out the fact that many of the newly recommended locations were terrible from a traffic and safety standpoint especially those locations on North and South Union streets. They did however generate an additional site on the east side of the Strand along Waterfront Park which will clearly be a traffic impediment.

Despite the fact that this new Task Force appears to understand most of the shortcomings in having motorcoaches navigate our historic streets, they should be putting their emphasis on developing a plan similar to what has been accomplished in other historic districts. This would be the best solution this Task Force can do for our citizens and merchants who travel our streets most of which were designed some two hundred plus years ago.

**Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet**  
Alexandria

## Keep Jefferson Davis Highway

To the Editor:

As an Alexandria citizen (who hails origi

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## OPINION

# How To Shop a Sidewalk Sale

BY ELIZABETH TODD

CO-FOUNDER OF THE OLD TOWN BOUTIQUE DISTRICT  
AND OWNER OF THE SHOE HIVE

**G**et ready to bargain shop, Alexandria! It is that time of year again, time for the Seventh Annual Alexandria Sidewalk Sale Aug. 13 and 14. That means stores will have the biggest markdowns of the season. More than 60 stores in Old Town and Del Ray participate in this weekend sale and shoppers will find discounts as deep at 70 percent off regular price.

### FROM THE OLD TOWN BOUTIQUE DISTRICT

So how do you make the most of this great shopping weekend and effectively shop a sidewalk sale? Here are a few tips to make sure you enjoy all the great deals and great shops in Alexandria.

❖ **Plan ahead.** Log onto the Alexandria Sidewalk Sale Facebook page to get a list of participating stores. You can find everything you need from fashion, home goods, running shoes, pet products to food and anything else you need. Even some of the local hair salons are getting in on the fun by marking down products and gift cards and doing special promotions on services. So make a shopping list, check it twice and get ready to find some great deals.

❖ **Start Early.** The free trolley in Old Town is starting early this weekend at 9 a.m., and so are many of the stores. Be early to shop the widest selection of inventory. And when you are on your shopping way, check the return policy for sidewalk sale merchandise. Most stores offer either store credit or final sale.

❖ **Don't rush.** Take your time and enjoy the day, parking is free! All metered spots in Old Town are free for the weekend, and in Del Ray it is always free. So take your time and enjoy the day.

❖ **Look for the yellow balloons.** Many of the participating stores will have yellow balloons out if they are participating in the event. So even if there isn't a table outside on the sidewalk, don't worry. Many stores are having an "indoor sidewalk sale" where there is air conditioning to beat the heat.

❖ **Wear comfortable shoes.** The great thing about Old Town and Del Ray is that they are walkable neighborhoods. So make sure you wear you comfortable shoes so you can make it all the way up and down King Street or Mount Vernon Avenue, and don't forget about the side streets where many of our great shops are tucked away.

❖ **Don't be discouraged by the rain.** Come rain or shine this sale is happening. So if mother nature isn't on our side, don't worry, we will all have the same planned markdowns inside — the stores just might be a little more crowded.

❖ **Stay Late.** Although the early bird catches the worm, the late birds can catch some deals too. Arriving early will provide the largest selection of merchandise, but if wait until the end of the day, you might even score some deeper discounts from boutiques trying to move inventory. In addition, some stores put merchandise out throughout the day, keeping merchandise "fresh." Once you shop all the great deals make sure you check out one of our great restaurants. We are never short on places to eat, grab a cup of coffee or a cocktail after a day of exploring.

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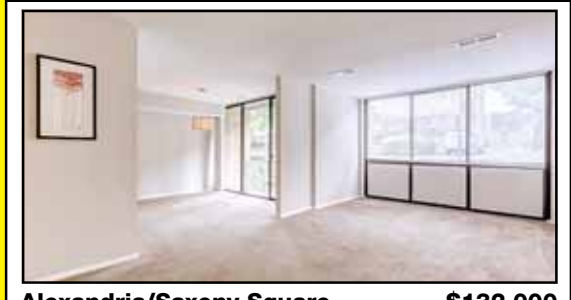
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## OPINION

# Spreading Love and Lifts

BY BREANNE DRISCOLL  
OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Carole's father suffered from a neuromuscular disease and was living alone in his three-story Alexandria home. After a fall last July, Carole and her brother decided that the home was not a safe setting for him anymore and reached out to Rebuilding Together Alexandria to donate four stair lifts that had been installed in her father's home over the years. Carole



worked for the City of Alexandria for 30-plus years and was very familiar with the services that Rebuilding Together offers low-income residents. Several Rebuilding Together homeowners are elderly and have mobility issues, and as a non-profit that keeps people in safe and healthy homes for as long as possible, we were eager to provide these stair lifts to others we serve. We worked with Carole and Area Access Inc., which specializes in health transportation products, to disassemble the stair lifts and install them in the homes of four in-need Alexandria residents. One of the new owners of a donated stair lift had originally requested the lift for her disabled husband so he would be able to

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get up and down the stairs. Her own arthritis worsened to the point where she was walking with a cane and also needed to use the stair lift. Thanks to the installed lift, now they can both move about their home safely and more easily.

Just one donation or one volunteer day served may not change the world but the world will certainly change for that homeowner. As Carole stated, "We are so pleased we were able to assist four low-income homeowners in Alexandria. We have lived in Alexandria since 1951 and it is good to know there are organizations in the city that can assist not only those who have items to donate but also those who need the assistance."

Whether you would like to become a proud donor like Carole or spend an afternoon lending a hand and hammer, please introduce yourselves to us. When our donors, volunteers, and homeowners come together they learn, laugh, and create a stronger, more vibrant community.

For more information, call 703-836-1021 or visit [www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org](http://www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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nally from Chicago and believes in Lincoln's malice toward none sentiments about the war), and a long-serving soldier and a Civil War historian, I want to add some historical perspective toward the importance of the eternal memorial of our Civil War history around Alexandria. I do not believe any notion that Jefferson Davis was a symbol of something wrong. He was not, and he participated in important American Confederate history that should be honored along with all of our American history.

A recent writer says he wants to "single out Jefferson Davis's bigotry." Jefferson Davis was not a bigot any more than was George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ulysses S. Grant, or Abraham Lincoln. I have read many writings by Jefferson Davis, and

I have never found anything bigoted. All of the men I list lived in a time when slavery was widely viewed as a normal institution. As such, we should not judge these figures by the standards of our own time. To do so is a type of faulty reasoning called "presentism." Washington, Jefferson, and Grant (yes Grant) were all slave holders. The Grants brought two slaves to Washington D.C. in 1864 when Lincoln promoted him to lead all the armies. They were not freed until the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Slavery was not about our modern ideas of bigotry or racism, it was about work. It was also a give and take, and Jefferson Davis was known for a sense of responsibility for the care of his slaves, which is well documented.

Jefferson Davis, George Washington, Tho

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## HomeLifeStyle



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During the winter and fall, the Washington Monument can be seen from the third floor of this home.

## A Home with a View

Alexandria abode has remained in the same family since 1923.



The state-of-the art kitchen of this Alexandria home has high-end appliances and a custom walnut-topped island.

**A**mong the stately homes in Alexandria's Rosemont neighborhood, nestled between Del Ray and Old Town, is a testament to one family's predilection for entertaining. This elegant home has remained in the same family since its construction.

Built in 1923 by William P. Woolls, the home features a state-of-the-art kitchen with custom walnut-topped center island, wine cellar and a glass-enclosed sunroom which overlooks a manicured landscape of more than one-third of an acre.

"Wine enthusiasts will appreciate the temperature controlled wine cellar room ... [and] the three closets in the master bedroom," said Allison Goodhart DuShuttle of the Goodhart Group at McEneaney Associates.

The Washington Monument can be seen from the third floor of the home most easily during autumn

and winter when the trees on the lot have shed their leaves.

The living room has an oversized original fireplace. There are six bedrooms, and the laundry room is located on the main bedroom level.

The home on the market for \$2,350,000 and is located at 307 W. Walnut Street in Alexandria.

— MARILYN CAMPBELL

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## Organized With Style

Practical and chic ideas for making a home back-to-school ready.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**B**efore school begins later this month, taking the time to organize home and school supplies can take the stress out of the transition from a laid-back summer to a structured, schedule-driven school year. Local home design and organizational experts share ideas to help parents add practical organizational tools to their home without sacrificing their sense of style.

"Organizing your home to make this transition smooth can make all the difference in the world," said Chuck Khriel, vice president of FRED Home Improvement in Bethesda. "Giving thoughts to how spaces around your home are used during the school year can help with this organization."

Using space efficiently and creating designated spaces for items like backpacks, jackets, sports equipment and clothing will keep a home organized and prevent the back-to-school necessities from overtaking a home's aesthetic. "For example, if you have a mudroom, specifying spaces for backpacks, shoes and sports apparel takes the guesswork out of where the kids should be storing their stuff when they enter your home," said Khriel. "Consistently storing items in the same place will become a timesaver in the morning as the kids are getting ready for school."

Small home decor items can add a sense of style and serve a practical purpose. "Get a decorative hook to hang their backpack up when you come in," said Sallie J. Kjos of Grey Hunt Interiors in Chantilly. "It doesn't need to look junky or kiddish. Keep in mind, you want it all to be functional for your kids, but flow with your home."

From tests to homework, a new school year often brings an onslaught of paper, stacks of which can create an unsightly scene in a home. "Storage is key," said Kjos. "Get some fabric-covered boxes with lids for your children to stack up next to their desk to put school work in that has been graded in case they need to refer back to it."



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**Storing non-perishable food for school lunches in over-the-door shoe holders makes packing lunches easy and reduces clutter, advises Sallie Kjos.**

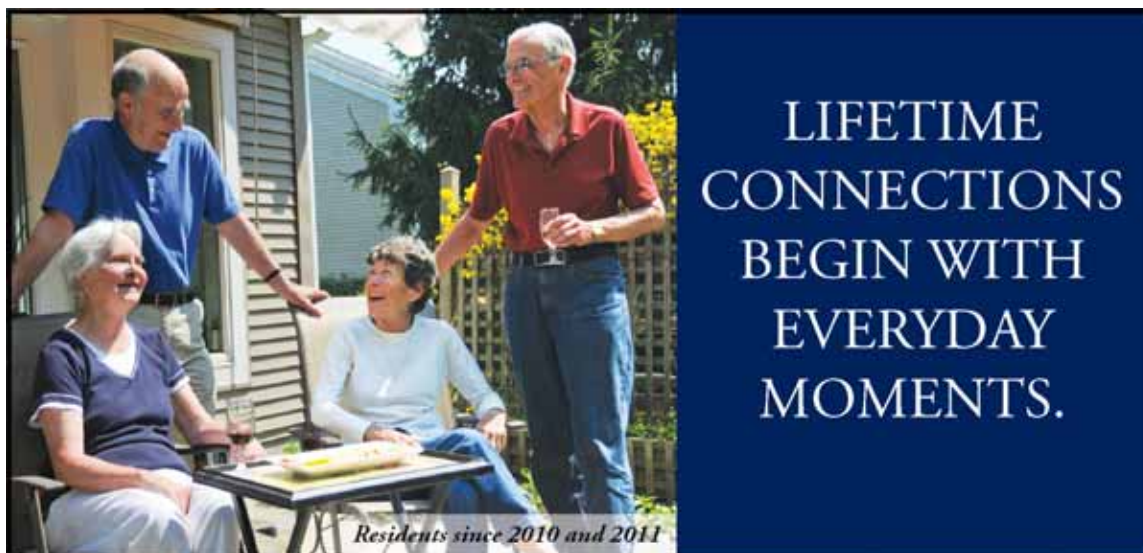
A pegboard is another inexpensive accessory that can be used to organize piles of papers. "You can find them at a hardware store," said Arlington-based personal organizer Bonnie Atwater of Organized for You. "Get them cut to fit into your particular space, like behind a door or over a desk."

Making items visible but tasteful can boost organization without creating a design emergency. "Dry erase calendars and storage cubes in bright colors can go in your kitchen, mudroom or any room that you want to serve as a command central," said interior designer Cyndi Ibach of Elegant Interiors by Cyndi in Alexandria. "When school things are organized in a location where everyone can see them, everyone has access to important information."

For school supply organization, Kjos suggests: "Instead of using pencil holders, get your mason jars out, fill with crayons, markers and pencil to make for a cleaner, more organized look." Remember to add charging stations to your children's desk or study area.

Keep school notices, permission slips and other forms of paper in plain sight without creating clutter. Take an old [picture] frame...and staple ribbon across it in whatever your decor colors are and use paper clips for your child to put up homework assignments, certificates, or other reminders," said Kjos. "You can hang this above the desk."

Kjos also offers an innovative way to organize lunch supplies for easy access. "One of my favorite organizing for school tricks is inside of my pantry door," she said. "I use over-the-door shoe holders and put all their dried food for lunch boxes in there to make packing lunches easier and to reduce all the boxes and clutter in my pantry."



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## LETTERS

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mas Jefferson, and U.S. Grant all thought that slavery took primitive Africans and placed them in a civilized world, and out of the darkness of primitive life. Their belief system was not about harming blacks because of the color of their skin, it was about putting these beings to work in the Christian world. They did not believe that blacks could fend for themselves if set free, and to suddenly set free blacks would have been a calamity akin to releasing small children into the world with no education and ability to thrive. In the decades before the war, pro-slavery people often counter-criticized this exact treatment of blacks crowded in the slums of Boston and New York, with zero prospects. Consider this quote by a northern paper (Keokuk, Iowa) during the war: "this is a government of white men, and was established exclusively for the white race; that the Negroes are not entitled to, and ought not to be admitted to the political social equality with the whiter race. But it is our duty to treat them with kindness and consideration, as an inferior and dependent race." This was 1863, and these sentiments are the same of Washington and Jefferson for sure. Millions of Americans thought this way into the 1860s, to include millions in the north as well, and was a basic tenet of the Democratic Party platform of the period on their view of slavery.

Let us also examine a quote from Lincoln — a Republican. In 1858 Lincoln stated: "I will say then that I am not, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way

the social and political equality of the white and black races, — that I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people; and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality." Today, if someone said this they would be called a bigot and a racist, but in the 1850s and before, this was the understanding of most Americans. This was not a matter of bigotry, it was a matter of knowing (except for the European peoples and their subset which sprung up in North America), other races were still largely tribal hunter-gatherers. What Lincoln thought was the same as Jefferson, Washington, Grant, and Davis.

Jefferson Davis was also a reluctant Confederate president, he was not happy about the breakup of the Union, he had served a career in government, and even selected the Capitol dome we have today, among many important decisions he made. When secession came, he wanted to be a general, not a president, but he did so dutifully and tried to win an independence like Washington had. He was a Jeffersonian Republican and Jacksonian Democrat through and through, not a bigot. He was an important American figure who in fact helped shape the nation we have now. Let's honor him without malice.

**Harold Knudsen**  
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134 SYLVAN CT	5	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,381,474	.....	Detached	.....	0.28	.....	22304	.....	FT WILLIAMS PARK
801 RAPIDAN CT	5	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,350,000	.....	Detached	.....	1.00	.....	22304	.....	ANT HILL
15 CHAPMAN ST	4	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,349,785	.....	Detached	.....	0.14	.....	22301	.....	ROSEMONT PARK
427 DUKE ST S	3	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,339,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	0.03	.....	22314	.....	MAJESTY WEST
217 VIRGINIA AVE	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,295,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.19	.....	22302	.....	JEFFERSON PARK
215 PRINCE ST	3	3	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,225,000	.....	Attach/Row Hse	.....	0.02	.....	22314	.....	OLD TOWN
607 QUEEN ST	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,210,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	0.04	.....	22314	.....	OLD TOWN
706 PRINCE ST #3	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,150,000	.....	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	.....	22314	.....	SWANN DAINGERFIELD
816 CAMERON ST	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,150,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	0.03	.....	22314	.....	CHURCH SQUARE
4022 TANEY AVE	5	5	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,100,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.33	.....	22304	.....	QUAKER PARK ESTATES
104 MONROE AVE	3	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$975,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.15	.....	22301	.....	DEL RAY
204 PITT ST S	2	1	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$970,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	0.02	.....	22314	.....	OLD TOWN
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905 TIMBER BRANCH PKWY	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$849,900	.....	Detached	.....	0.21	.....	22302	.....	TIMBER BRANCH PARK
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921 SAINT ASAPH ST S	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$839,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	0.06	.....	22314	.....	YATES GARDENS
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3612 ORLANDO PL	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$815,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.25	.....	22305	.....	BEVERLEY FOREST
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## MetroStage Prepares New Season

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN  
PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
METROSTAGE

It is always exciting to announce a new season of plays and musicals, and this season will include a world premiere musical, a brand new show for the holidays, and two classic American plays, all featuring the great actors you expect to see on our stage.

We open with “Blackberry Daze,” a world premiere musical adapted from a bestselling novel by Ruth P. Watson. Our own Thomas W. Jones II has collaborated with her to adapt her romantic mystery thriller for our stage. William Knowles’ original score will add yet another dimension to these fascinating characters and Watson’s intriguing story. You all know Roz White from her many appearances on our stage. Also re-

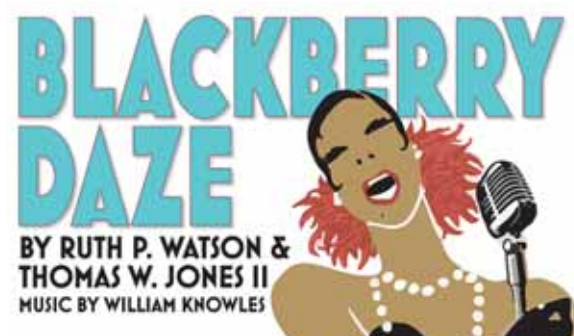
turning are Yvette Spears, the stunning singer who portrayed Sarah Vaughan in “Ladies Swing the Blues,” and Duyen Washington, one of the Award-winning actors in “Gee’s Bend.” We are especially excited to be bringing TC Carson back to D.C. He was last seen here in “Bessie’s Blues” and is most famous for his role in the TV series “Living Single” with Queen Latifah. The lovely young dancer from “Bessie’s Blues,” Nia Harris, returns, and we will be introducing two new young talents, Ayana Reed and Duane Richards.

Before, during and after the holidays we will be presenting “Fully Committed,” by Becky Mode, featuring the incomparable Tom Story. A one man tour de force with an actor playing all 40 characters is just now completing a very successful run on Broadway. New York may have Jesse Tyler Ferguson, but D.C. has the irrepressible Tom Story. I have been trying for a while to get Tom and director Alan Paul (associate ar-

tistic director at the Shakespeare Theatre and the award-winning director of their recent musicals) across the river so this will be a great opportunity to see an acclaimed talent and a great play.

We begin the New Year with “The Gin Game,” by D. L. Coburn with an exciting cast of two MetroStage favorites. Ever since Roz White and Doug Brown played opposite each other in “Uprising,” I had been looking for a play for the two of them. “The Gin Game” is an American classic and made theatre history recently with its Broadway cast of James Earl Jones and Cicely Tyson. Our very own Roz and Doug are up to the challenge, and we are looking forward to a rematch over gin rummy.

“Master Class,” by Terrence McNally, also a classic award-winning play, will close the season with a stunning expose of the life of the artist, in this case one of the most fa-



mous divas in the 20th century, opera singer Maria Callas as she gives students a master class in opera and also in life. A thrilling play with its opera arias, and fascinating insights into the arts on stage and off.

All four plays this season are available with our Flex Pass so that there is maximum flexibility and maximum savings. You can come to every play, pick and choose, bring friends, even come back for a return viewing. It has never been easier, to see great plays, amazing talent and support one of your favorite theatres. We look forward to seeing you at the theatre.

### CALENDAR

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

#### ONGOING

**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.

**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](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

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

**Art Exhibit: “Streets Meets Glass.”** Through Aug. 15, business hours at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. The exhibit features the work of two Del Ray Artisans artists, Joshua Oliveira and Betsy Mead. Free. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW).

**Exhibit: “The Silent World.”** Through Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays at Gallery @Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. “The Silent World” explores the intricacies of creativity and the effect of society, education, and age on the creative process. Students are asked to respond to the prompt: “95% of the ocean is still unexplored. Make something that’s never been seen before that you think lives in the deep ocean.” Their responses will make up the Silent World Exhibit and lead to conversations about the way creative nature changes over time. Free. Visit [www.ourconvergence.org](http://www.ourconvergence.org) for more.

**Exhibit: “FUN-derful.”** Through Aug.

28, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans invites you to a curated exhibit humorous art. Free. Visit [www.delrayartisans.org](http://www.delrayartisans.org) for more.

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

**Collage and Ceramics – Kathryn Horn Coneway.** Through Aug. 28, gallery hours at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Free. Visit [www.kathrynconeway.com](http://www.kathrynconeway.com) for more.

**“Dotted Space.”** Through Aug. 28, gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit will feature site-specific installations and a series of artist pop-up books that use dotted lines to demarcate rectilinear spaces. When viewed from a particular angle, the dotted lines seem like three-dimensional shapes, some of which appear to penetrate the gallery walls. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Cool Yoga.** Wednesdays through Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m. at Just ASK Publications and Professional Development parking lot, 1900 Mount Vernon Ave. Cool Yoga is a community event taught by Maureen Clyne. Each class ends with a Senzu Juicery “After Party” with complimentary cold pressed juices. Free. Visit [www.prasadayoag.com](http://www.prasadayoag.com).

**Family Golf Days.** Through Aug. 31, 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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/pinecrestgc) for more.

**Latin Expressions Exhibit.** Through Aug. 31, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Two dozen artists have contributed to an exhibit titled “Magic and Color.” Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) **“Materialized Magic.”** Through Aug. 31, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. The Torpedo Factory Art Center will house a colony of handmade fabled creatures in the New Project Studio for the month of August. Led by Virginia artists Stacy Cantrell and

Erika Cleveland, more than 130 local volunteers spent nearly a year crocheting, felting, and knitting all of the flora and fauna featured in “Materialized Magic: Mythical Creatures in a Yarn Artistry Habitat.” Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

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

**Call for Artists: “Día de los Muertos.”** Through Sept. 9, 5 p.m. Arlington Arts Center is accepting submission for an annual exhibit. Free to apply Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org).

**Summer Chamber Series.** Sundays, through Sept. 11, 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents the 26th annual chamber music series. Free. Visit [wmpamusic.org](http://wmpamusic.org) for more.

**Exhibit: Kit Keung Kan.** Through Sept. 18, 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](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

**Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour.** Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series “Mercy Street,” accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit [www.dcmilitarytour.com](http://www.dcmilitarytour.com) for more.

**The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History.** Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington

St. On view in the museum’s Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to “be the curator” and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum’s collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria’s history. Free. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) for more.

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

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

**“Ancient Art of Movement.”** 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

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

[www.latascausa.com](http://www.latascausa.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## Second Thursday Music.

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## The Monday Morning Birdwalk

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

## Civil War Sundays.

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

## Doggy Happy Hour.

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

## Baseball Boat to Nationals Park.

Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. The Potomac Riverboat Company offers baseball enthusiasts the chance to avoid the crowds and take a leisurely cruise from Old Town Alexandria to Nationals Park along the scenic Potomac River. Admission: one-way \$20; round-trip \$25 Monday-Thursday; round-trip \$28 Friday-Sunday. Visit www.baseballboat.com for more.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### Olympic Champions Camp.

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

### Theatre Camp.

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

### Community Dance.

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

### Life Drawing.

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

### Community Yoga.

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

## THURSDAY/AUG. 11

**Eat, Create, and Retreat.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Ease Yoga and Cafe, 3051 Mount Vernon Ave. A day filled with

learning, creating and moving that will provide children 7-12 years old with better body awareness, nutritional understanding, well-being. Registration is \$75. Visit www.easeyogacafe.com.

## Latin Expressions Exhibit

**Reception.** 6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Celebrate this new exhibit featuring two dozen artists in an exhibit titled "Magic and Color." Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

## Illustrated Lecture: Alexandria

**Union Hospitals.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. Join historian Peggy Harlow for a presentation on Alexandria's Civil War hospital buildings, including the real Mansion House Hospital, of Mercy Street fame. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

## An Evening wit KaNikki Jakarta.

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

## Jane Austen Dance Class.

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

## 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.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 12-13

### Charity Plant Sale.

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Fairlington Presbyterian Church, 3846 King St. Several thousand plants will be sold at wholesale prices. The proceeds will help Habitat of Northern Virginia build more homes for lower-income families in the local communities it serves including the counties of Fairfax and Arlington and the cities of Falls Church, Fairfax and Alexandria. Free to attend. Visit www.habitatnova.org for more.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 13

### Beyond the Battlefield Tour.

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

### Fall & Winter Vegetable

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

### Canine Cruise.

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

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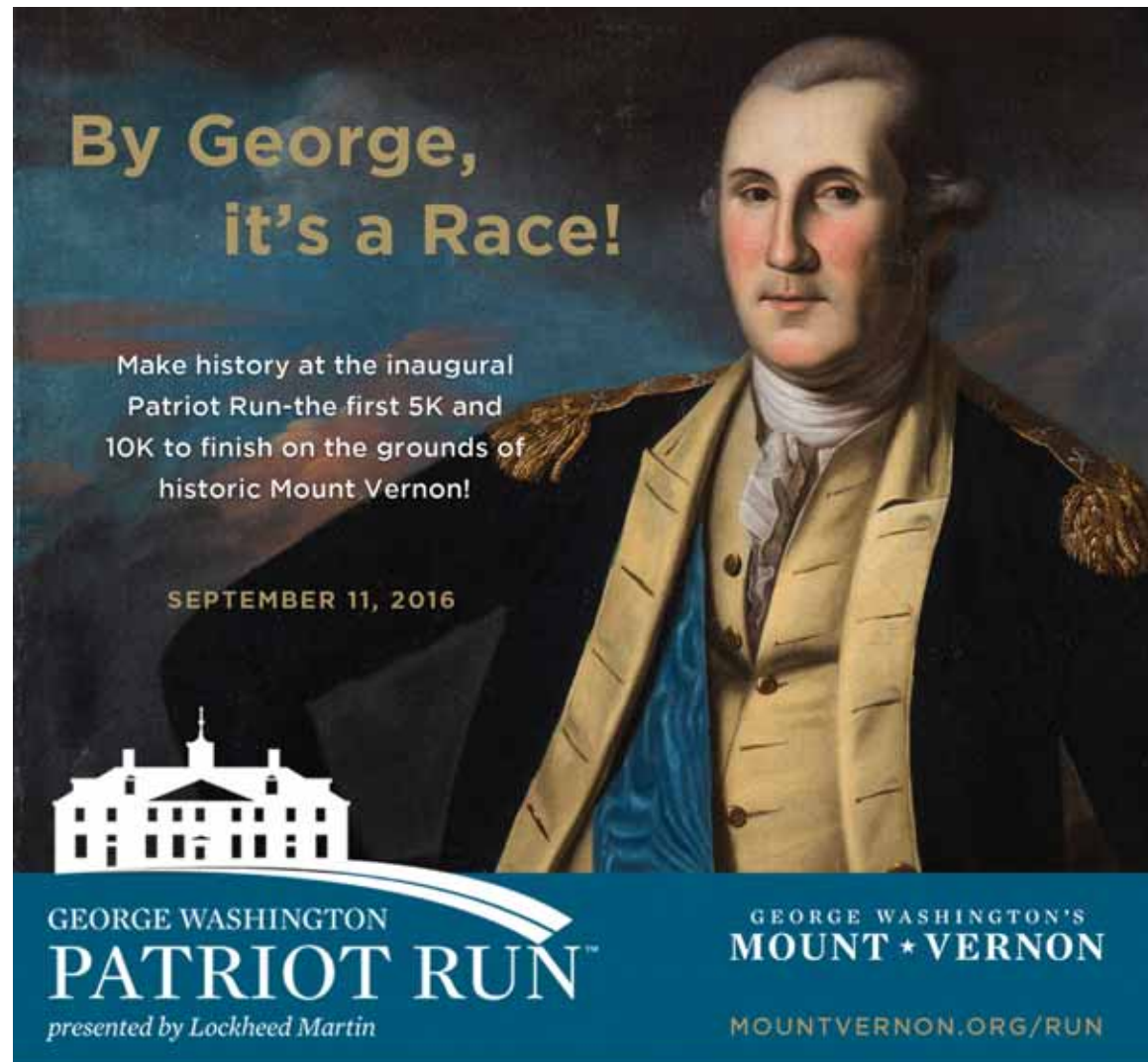
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**Garden Tour and Ice Cream Social.** 3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Stroll the gardens with a master gardener docent. Then come into the Historic House for an ice cream social, a traditional gathering dating back to the 18th century. Enjoy a variety of ices, served with toppings and garnishes. Tickets are \$12 for Fairfax County residents, \$14 for residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks).

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

**Woven Green Soundscapes with Sacred Mantra Chants.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Ease Yoga and Cafe, 3051 Mount Vernon Ave. This workshop will begin with chanting of sacred sanskrit mantras and then lead into a sound healing meditation. Registration is \$30. Visit [www.easeyogacafe.com](http://www.easeyogacafe.com).

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

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 13-14

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### TUESDAY/AUG. 16

**What's So Special about Special Collections?** 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Leslie Anderson, an expert reference librarian at Alexandria Library, talks about why special collections are so important for genealogists. Free. Visit [www.mvgenealogy.org](http://www.mvgenealogy.org).

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 17

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

**Swing Dance.** 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. Deja Blue is a four-piece blues band based in Northern Virginia. The play list covers Muddy Waters, Albert King, and Little Walter along with the more current sounds of Rod Piazza and more. Tickets are \$10. Visit [www.gottaswing.com](http://www.gottaswing.com) for more.

### THURSDAY/AUG. 18

**Garden Tour and Tea.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour the demonstration



**Falling Water, Kit-Keung Kan, Chinese ink and watercolor on rice paper, 46.5" x 36.25"**

## The Athenaeum Gallery Hosts 'Fall, Waves, and White Water'

"Fall, Waves, and White Water" was created by artist Kit-Keung Kan using the Chinese brush technique. This exhibit features many works where he has written and incorporated verse in Chinese calligraphy which are translated into English in the collateral materials. Kan will lead a workshop for children on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. "Fall, Waves, and White Water" will be on display through Sept. 18 at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

gardens with Master Gardener docents. Hear about Green Spring's history, educational mission and more. Tickets are \$32. Visit Call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987 to register.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 19

**Garden Fresh Garden Dinner.** 6-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Enjoy a four-course meal paired with Port City beers. Tickets are \$75. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

### AUG. 19-28

**Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week.** Various times throughout Alexandria. For 10 days and two weekends, more than 50 Alexandria restaurants offer a \$35 three-course dinner or a \$35 dinner for two. Visit [www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com](http://www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com).

### SATURDAY/AUG. 20

**National Honeybee Day.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Meet a beekeeper, see the inside of a beehive, learn a bee dance, join a bee scavenger hunt and learn how bees are important to our food supply. You can get tips on growing a pollinator garden and purchase your own pollinator starter garden. Tickets are \$12. Call 703-642-5173 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/)

[greenspring/](http://greenspring/).

### Beeswax Votive Candles

**Workshop.** 1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about the materials, wicks, waxes, fragrances and containers needed for making poured beeswax jar candles. Pour two votive candles to take home. Tickets are \$35 for Fairfax County residents, \$37 for non-residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks).

### FootGolf National Championship

**Qualifier.** 2 p.m. at Pinecrest Golf Course, 6600 Little River Turnpike. The tournament combining soccer and golf is open to all skill levels, including beginners. Participants receive a swag bag, food and beverage specials and discounted merchandise. Tickets are \$22 for American FootGolf League members, \$27 for non-members. Visit [www.footgolf.us](http://www.footgolf.us) for more.

**Summer Concert.** 7-9 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Howard University's DuPont Brass performs. Free, \$5 suggested donation. Visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org).

**Country-Western Dance.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. lessons, 7:30-10 p.m. dance at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. See [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) or call 703-860-4941.

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# A Home Away from Home In Heart of Del Ray

At Front Porch: Kick back, relax,  
and have a snack and a beer.

BY HOPE NELSON  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**alk down Mount Vernon Avenue on any summertime weekend, and if the weather's even remotely nice, you're sure to see a crowd congregating on a patio two doors down from the Evening Star Café. Take a closer look and you'll find a microcosm of Alexandria — young families, millennials, retirees, and everyone in between — relaxing together, having a beer, and acting like the neighbors that they are at heart.

You've come upon the Front Porch, a seasonal spot to kick back and casually watch the world go by. An extension of Evening Star (although that's not readily apparent at first glance), it's grown in popularity since its debut three years ago even as the patio space remains static.

"I think the Front Porch is such an energetic environment. People are engaged; they're happy to be there," said Evening Star Executive Chef Keith Cabot. "... That kind of energy, I love."

To be sure, the Front Porch aims to be a home away from home. When you want to get away from the norm but still remain comfortably part of the community, it's there, offering picnic tables and Adirondack chairs to sink into. If you're lucky, you'll snag one of the seats providing a front-row view to the happenings on Mount Vernon Avenue; prop up your feet on the stone wall and take it all in.

"It's really about somebody coming to our house and sitting on the front porch. ... We just want a place for people to come, relax, have a drink, a bite," Cabot said.

And the bites and drinks are worth waiting for. Both the menu and the beer list offer something

## If You Go

**The Front Porch, 2006 Mount Vernon Ave.**  
**Hours:** 5-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

Try this: The bourbon slushie, aka the "Slushmonster." "It's amazing. It's been there from the beginning. It's a recipe that (Evening Star founder Neighborhood Restaurant Group co-owner) Michael Babin's grandmother had. It's bourbon, orange juice, lemon juice, sugar, tea, and it all goes into the slushie machine."

for nearly every taste.

"Eighty percent of the menu is the same (as Evening Star's)," Cabot said. "The Front Porch gets more of a snack atmosphere, so the shrimp hush puppies, the hummus, and the watermelon and tomato salad are some of our biggest hits. ... Lately one of our bigger sellers has been our Korean Fried Cauliflower — we call it the KFC."

While the food is popular, the beers and other drinks are perhaps the crown jewel. The Front Porch has an extensive beer list that rotates incredibly frequently and features some rarities along with some standbys. Some you've heard of; some you surely haven't. And that's part of the point.

"For beer lovers, it gives them new opportunities to see every beer at the peak of its season," Cabot said.

While summer is slowly coming to a close, the Front Porch will remain open as long as the weather holds up, Cabot said. That usually puts its closing date in October, when the space will host an end-of-season party toast the year.

"We try to take it as far as we can — but it is an outdoor space," Cabot said.

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

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### FRIDAY/AUG. 26

**Film Screening: "Zootopia."** Movie starts at dusk, activities start at 6 p.m. at Four Mile Conservatory Center, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Visit [www.fourmilemovieseries.com](http://www.fourmilemovieseries.com).

**Movies Under the Stars: "Alice in Wonderland."** 8 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King 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](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation).

### SATURDAY/AUG. 27

**Swim for Engie.** 8-10 a.m. at Hunting Park Pool, 7000 Canterbury Lane. Alexandria Masters Swimming is holding a swimathon for Inova's Schar Cancer Institute in honor of Engie Mokhtar. It is open to the public of all ages who can swim laps. Registration fee is \$5. Visit [www.crowdrise.com/SwimforEngie2016](http://www.crowdrise.com/SwimforEngie2016).

**Carlyle House Family Event.** 12-3

p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Decorate a 18th century fan, paint a selfie (self-portrait), make a necklace and play colonial games. This event is designed for children ages 3-12, but all are welcome. Free. Visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) for more.

### Ice Cream at Historic Huntley.

1 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Make and enjoy hand-cranked ice cream as Huntley's Harris family may have done. Discover how the histories of ice cream and Huntley follow a similar path from elite luxury to family fare. Tour of ice well and Historic Huntley House included. Tickets are \$8 for Fairfax County residents, \$10 for residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park).

### Face Off 2016 Reception.

1-4 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Three painters will all be painting the same model, live in the gallery. Free. Visit [www.principlegallery.com](http://www.principlegallery.com) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 27-28

**Begonia Show and Sale.** 9 a.m.-4:30

p.m. Saturday, 12-3:30 p.m. Sunday at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The sale offers a wide variety of begonias, including subtropical species. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/events.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/events.htm).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 28

**Children's Art Workshop.** 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Artist Kit-Keung Kan offers a workshop for children based on his art in "Fall, Waves, and White Water." Free. Call 703-548-0035 for reservations.

**Lesson Zero.** 7 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. Free. Visit [www.myspace.com/lessonzero](http://www.myspace.com/lessonzero).

### AUG. 27-SEPT. 23

**Face Off 2016.** Gallery hours at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Face Off 2016 is a live painting demonstration and exhibition of new works by artists Cindy Precious, Mia Bergeron and Elizabeth Floyd. Free. Visit [www.principlegallery.com](http://www.principlegallery.com) for more.

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# National Debate Hits NoVa Infrastructure

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andria, Arlington, and parts of Fairfax, and Republican challenger Charles Hernick says local constituents wouldn't receive benefits from Clinton's plan proportional to what they would be taxed.

For Virginia, the Clinton supporters said the Zandi projection would mean 271,000 new jobs in Virginia.

"There are two visions of the economy here," said Bernstein, former chief economic advisor to Vice President Joe Biden. "One is Hillary Clinton's, which is inclusive and benefits the middle class and lower income people across the income scale ... the other is Trump's pre-Obama economy ... which exacerbates income inequality."

For Beyer, the biggest appeal of the Clinton plan is the added infrastructure improvements. In particular, Beyer said Clinton's plans for new infrastructure in the region would include extensive repairs for the Arlington Memorial Bridge and long-term repairs for the Metro. Beyer said that the Metro system needs better maintenance of their jumper cables, the source of many fires on Metro lines over the last year.

"This is putting us on the path to a stronger future," said Beyer. "This is about improving the quality of life in the region."

Both Beyer and Herring argued that better transportation infrastructure in D.C. will create a better work environment and bet-

ter jobs for Northern Virginia. Herring also made a link between infrastructure maintenance and job creation.

"It is frustrating for constituents to not know how they will get to work," said Herring. "Infrastructure is job creation. Transportation is key to our economy."

Beyer also took a moment to attack Trump's business history and his claims that bankruptcies and unpaid labor was just part of doing business.

"I've been a businessman for four decades," said Beyer, who owns Beyer Volvo, "That's not what we do."

The Trump camp rejected the validity of the analysis. A state-

ment on the Trump campaign website questions the credibility of Zandi's previous reports favoring the 2008 stimulus plan.

"In 2009, [Zandi] claimed that in 2012 we would have 141.4 million payroll jobs if stimulus passed and only 135.8 million without it," said the Trump campaign statement. "In 2012, there were 134.2 million payroll jobs (annual average) or 134.9 million (4th quarter over 4th quarter). Zandi's stimulus projection was not achieved until the [second] quarter of 2015."

Bernstein noted that there was a margin of error for predictive models, but said in general Zandi's projections for economic re-

covery were very close.

"[Zandi] ran these plans through traditional models," said Bernstein. "Anyone doing that would have gotten the same results. When you're looking at mass deportation, you're slashing revenues."

Like many Americans, Hernick finds himself unable to fully support either plan. Hernick is running as a Republican against Beyer in the 8th congressional district and says he doesn't fully support either Clinton or Trump's plans, though he sees benefits and downsides in each.

"I have a lot of concerns with the Clinton plan ... I'm concerned about Trump's tax plan too," said Hernick. "[Clinton's] your classic tax and spend plan. There are a couple of issues with that. Northern Virginia is relatively well off compared to the rest of the country. A lot of those tax receipts come from Northern Virginia for the types of stimulus spending ... But that type of stimulus spending only works when the construction sector is in a bad way, which has largely recovered."

Hernick said the way to stimulate the economy was cutting taxes for small businesses and helping businesses compete on international markets. Hernick suggested that the United States lower its corporate tax rates to meet those in Europe to help make their businesses competitive and encourage more multinational corporations to move to Northern Virginia. But here Hernick also disagreed with Trump's plan. While

Trump's plan includes a 15 percent corporate tax cut, Hernick says he wouldn't cut it by more than 10 percent.

"We can't just run on deficit spending," said Hernick. "He doesn't talk about where our spending cut would be, so a 15 percent cut is too far. Folks I talk to in the business

community just want to be able to compete with European businesses. That's a critical issue ... If able to cut corporate tax rate, we will see a pretty quick reinvestment and growth in the economy. Also need to look at new markets and additional tax revenues. I'm OK

with regulating marijuana like alcohol such that it can be sold and taxed. We have to think outside the box and be flexible here. That's an area where I agree with Don [Beyer]."

But while Hernick and Beyer both agree that fixing the Metro needs to be a regional priority, Hernick was skeptical of the benefit Clinton's infrastructure plan would have on regional job creation. For Hernick, one possible solution would involve bringing on business partners to privatize portions of the rail lines.

"Infrastructure is a critical need in Northern Virginia and there's some weak points, particularly the Metro," said Hernick. "To the extent that we need to spend more money on infrastructure, I'm OK with that, but I think they're overestimating the stimulative effect of that ... There's a role there for tax dollars there, but as a stimulus plan that's a joke."

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**— Charles Hernick, Republican running for the 8th District Congressional seat**

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**— Don Beyer, U.S. Representative (D-8)**

## Recalling Former Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning

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also served as a mentor to me and many other city employees in having us better understand our city. She will be missed."

Ross served as deputy director of the Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning from 1993 to 2004. She became deputy director for Land Use and Administration in 2009 and retired in January of 2013. Prior to joining the city staff, she served as a city land use consultant and drafted the 1992 major revision of the city zoning code.

For the first five years of her career with the city, Ross worked with the Alexandria city attorney and planning and zoning director successfully navigating the five year process by which the City Council, the Planning Commission and the community came to consensus on and adopted a new zoning ordinance and master plan for the city.

During her city career she worked on major planning and zoning and historic preservation issues with business owners, residents and community association leaders, the Alexandria City Council, the Planning Commission, the Old and Historic District Board of Architectural Review, the

Parker-Gray District Board of Architectural Review and the Board of Zoning Appeals. In retirement she continued her consulting work on local land use, planning and zoning issues.

"Barbara was just a marvelous person," said Tom Hulfish, former longtime chairman of the city's Board of Architectural Review. "She really knew what she was doing and she knew how to handle difficult situations with finesse."

The daughter of the late Joel and Susan Newman, Ross was born in Miami Beach, Fla. She received her BA in English and MA in literature from American University and taught high school English for six years in Montgomery County. She received her juris doctorate degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago in 1978 and was a member of the Law Review and the Order of the Coif.

She worked for 15 years as an associate and partner in Chicago at the former Ross Hardies law firm (now McGuire Woods) from 1977-1992 and was a member of the Illinois and Florida state bars. In her work with the firm she represented both munici-

palities and developers and worked on impact fee studies, land use and open space protection, historic preservation programs and drafted zoning and subdivision ordinances and land development codes.

As a consultant, Ross was involved in several projects that have become the basis of now commonplace planning tools including development of impact fee legislation in Broward County, Fla., for roads, schools and parks, the first successful fee program in Florida. She also worked on a team in New Jersey that drafted regulations for the Pinelands to implement a state statute requiring five county and 32 town plans to preserve and protect one million acres of New Jersey land between Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Ross is survived by her husband of 14 years, James Derrington, her sister Debra

Newman (James) of Piedmont, Calif., her brothers Richard Newman (Joan) of Edgemont, N.Y., and Larry Newman (Jane) of Stuart, Fla., step children Jamey (Amy) Derrington of Alexandria and Lauren (Courtney) McCunney of Washington, D.C., step grandchildren Arlo McCunney and Olivia Derrington, her sister-in-law Susan Richardson (Steven) of Washington, Mo. and niece and nephews Natalie, Syd David, Joshua and Benjamin.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, Aug. 12 at 11a.m. at the Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Road with interment to follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: The Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, The Gatehouse, 100 Allison St. NW, Washington, DC 20011.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-07-09

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide Low Incidence Curriculum Materials.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-07-09 Low Incidence Curriculum Materials will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, September 7, 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 proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids for the City of Alexandria per specifications will be received in the Office of the Purchasing Division until the date and time designated as follows:

Invitation to Bid No. 00000610, Holmes Run Bike Trail Improvements Project

Non-mandatory Pre-bid Conference: August 17, 2016; 11:30 a.m. prevailing local time, 100 North Pitt Street, Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22314

ITB Opening Date and Time: September 7, 2016, 3 p.m., prevailing local time

For general inquiries contact Darryl K. Jackson, CPPB, Contract Specialist III at 703.746.4298.

The City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject any and all bids, cancel this solicitation, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in procedure. THE CITY REQUIRES ITS CONTRACTORS TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.

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FRANCES CORBALLY DAMICO

Frances Corbally Damico passed away August 7, 2016. Frances was born in Poughkeepsie, New York on September 12, 1925. She was a graduate of Cornell University and George Mason University where she obtained a Masters Degree in Education. Frances designed, developed and directed several infant and child care centers in the Washington D.C. area. After retirement, she resided in Sarasota, Florida where she was a beloved choir singer and active member of Saint Thomas More Catholic Church. Frances was most proud to be called mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was affectionately known as "Mame" to her family. Frances will be treasured as an excellent cook, a skilled painter, a beautiful singer and someone who always lent a hand to her family and friends. She will adoringly be remembered as a loving wife and the world's greatest mother, grandmother and great-grandmother whose smile was beautifully captivating.

Frances is survived by Joseph, her husband of 66 years; son David (Vickie) Damico of Roanoke, Virginia; son Joseph (Pamela) Damico of Libertyville, Illinois and daughter, Catherine (John) Leonard of Evanston, Illinois; eight grandchildren; Lindsay (Joseph) Bianco, Lauren (Luke) Laidley, Lisa Damico, Laura (Nick) Olson, Joseph Damico, Christine Damico, Charles Leonard and Frances Leonard; and four great-grandchildren; Joseph Bianco, Claire Bianco, Lucas Laidley and Jack Bianco.

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Klatt, Felicia K. (94)

On July 30, 2016 in Alexandria, VA. Loving wife of the late Charles A. Klatt. She is survived by Monica Mullholand of Richmond, VA, Pamela M. Dunleavy (Michael) of Great Bridge, VA, Jefferson Mullholand (Kathy) of Henrico, VA, Patricia McTeague of Newport News, VA, Kevin McTeague of Atlanta, GA, Ronnie King, Tommy King, her dear friends Ofir Ledesma and Mauricio Arias, and many more family and friends. She is preceded by her siblings Ellwood King, Marion Toomey, June Mullholand and Mary Claire McTeague. Fay was a world traveler and avid collector of miniatures. She loved art, music and theatre. She was a member of the Immanuel on the Hill Episcopal Church Alter Guild for many years. A Memorial Service to be held on Saturday August 13, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Immanuel Church on the Hill, 3606 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA. Interment will follow at Immanuel Church on the Hill. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Goodwin House Fellowship Program, Goodwin House Alexandria. Additional information may be found at [www.everlywheatley.com](http://www.everlywheatley.com).

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

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Jilly and owner Ina Watson (at left) listen to Raine Smith (right) read from an "Angry Birds" book.

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# Paws to Read

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get better at it. Some kids have taught themselves to read upside down so they can show the pictures to the dogs."

Henry Dorton says the program is a win-win, because his dogs get noticeably happier at the Paws to Read program.

"It's like a fraternity for the dogs," said Henry Dorton. "They get to see the children and their dog friends."

In addition to reaching children to be more comfortable with reading out loud, Henry Dorton's daughter Elizabeth Dorton says she's seen the program teach some children to be more comfortable with the pets. Elizabeth Dorton says some children start the program sitting away from the dog, but after a few sessions are up close and petting them.

"I think the dogs help motivate a lot of these kids," said Ina Watson, at the program with her dog Jilly.

Henry Dorton said some children come in and have favorite dogs they always try to read to, others like going around to different dogs and collecting bookmarks the owners have made about their dogs like trading cards. Stapleton said her daughters were the kind that collect bookmarks, but that Maggie was their favorite. Nicole Seibel said her son Connor Seibel always tries to read to Bramble, a whippet who comes to the events constantly wrapped up in a blanket. Nicole Seibel says her children, Connor and Morgan, have been going to Paws to

Read for years.

"They like having an audience when they read," said Nicole Seibel. "They like talking to the handlers and the dogs. The handlers here are so great, they're so encouraging. Boys are hard to get to read, but this has kept him reading. This is one of those things they look forward to."

Seibel says one of the favorite things she's seen at the program is the respect with which the children treat the handlers.

"When you're raising kids, you hope something you say sticks," said Seibel, "and seeing them with the trainers, being polite, that feels good. It's awesome."

"It really reinforces manners with adults," agreed Gayle Hartman, whose daughter Eliana is particularly fond of a beagle that comes to some of the events.

"My daughter was a reluctant reader but loves dogs," said Hartman. "This helped her reading confidence. It really helped encourage and motivate her. The second or third time we came, she was really excited to read a book. I remember that feeling when she said that. Even having a bookmark from this has helped encourage them to read."

The Paws to Read program is at the Beatley Central Library on the first and third Thursdays of the month, the Burke Branch Library on the third Wednesday of the month, and the Duncan Branch Library on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The programs last from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Parents are asked to call ahead of time to schedule a 15-minute reading slot.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts awarded 54 Washington, D.C. metropolitan area teachers Certificates of Study for their participation in the Kennedy Center's Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA) program at a ceremony and reception at the Kennedy Center.

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❖ Charles Barrett Elementary School — **Marcella Hankins Ahern, Mya Akin, Teresa**

**Breakwell, Cari Del Fratte, Seth Kennard, Stephanie Hope Kessinger, Ellen L. Pattisall, and Kari-Leigh Vega**

❖ John Adams Elementary School — **Alexandra Nicole Bender, Dawn Bingman, Nicole J. Demski, Veronica Doody, Paul George, Juliet Marie Harris, Sandra J. Intrator, Lauren Nicole Schwartz, Jessica Yvonne Shirley, Emily Smith, Kelsey Tappendorf, and Ann Tejeda**

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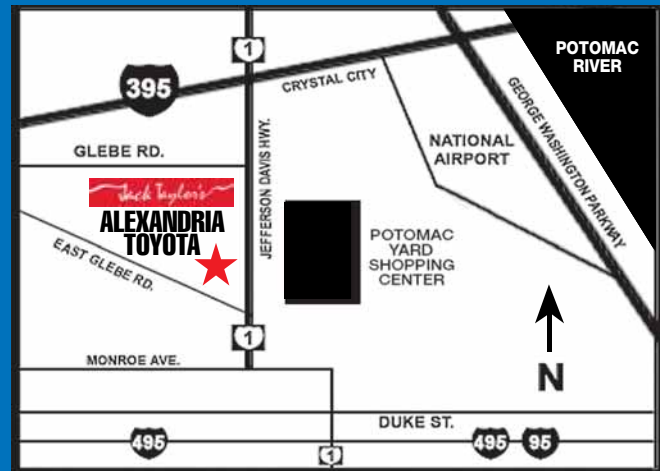
**Khalila Karefa-Kargbo** of Alexandria, a freshman at Randolph-Macon Academy, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. She is the daughter of Karefa Kargbo of Freetown, Sierra Leone and Emerica Karefa-Kargbo of Alexandria.

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