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World War II veterans are joined Aug. 20 by volunteers from Team Red, White and Blue at American Legion Post 24 for a V-J Day celebration honoring the service of the veterans.

Eyewitnesses to History

WWII veterans gather for V-J Day celebration.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

At 91-years-old, Air Force Col. Kim Ching (ret.) was the youngster among World War II veterans who gathered Aug. 20 at American Legion Post 24 in Old Town to commemorate Victory Over Japan Day, otherwise known as V-J Day.

"To those of us who served in the Pacific The-

ater, V-J Day will always be Aug. 14," said Pearl Harbor survivor Jay Groff. "It's the day that Japan surrendered even though the formal ceremony took place in September."

Due to time differences and the international dateline, some countries observe V-J Day on Aug. 15 while President Harry Truman declared Sept. 2 the official day of observation in the U.S.

Doug Gurka, a Vietnam veteran and commander

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Col. Kim Ching (USAF ret.) talks about witnessing the signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender aboard the USS Missouri in 1945 to mark the end of World War II.



WWII veteran Robert McLaughlin signs a poster commemorating V-J Day.

What's Shaking Old Town?

Neighbors rattled by Robinson Terminal South demolition.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Robinson Terminal South is going through demolition, and neighbors say they can feel it. While developer EYA proved that the vibrations from construction work falls within the standard set by City Council, local residents argued that a stricter standard be put in place. On Aug. 19 in City Council's Sister Cities room, the Ad Hoc Monitoring Group on Waterfront Construction met to bring residents and developers to the same table to discuss the problems.

Katy Cannady, representing the

Old Town Civic Association, and several Old Town citizens speaking at the meeting said that the vibrations from the construction were rattling nearby homes. Citizens shared accounts of dishes being broken and doorways damaged. But representatives from developer EYA said the vibrations were expected.

"We said from the beginning that construction will create vibrations," said Adam Hayes, director of engineering for EYA. "That's the nature of the work we do. This is in the plan and we follow the plan."

"It is normal to feel vibrations
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On Display

The expanding scope of Alexandria's public art projects.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Traffic Control boxes are metal containers. They help make sure the traffic lights run smoothly, but they've never been accused of being beautiful. That changed in 2015 when the City of Alexandria Office of the Arts created a public art program where 12 boxes would be wrapped in art. The program returned and spread across the city in early 2016. The Traffic Control Box art is one of the most visible public art projects from the Office of the Arts, but Diane Ruggiero, deputy

director for the Office of the Arts, has higher sights.

On Aug. 22, the Office of the Arts hosted a Public Art Annual Workplan Meeting to look through potential sites for public art projects. Every year, the group meets to lay out a slate or projects for the next two fiscal years. Ruggiero said the main question facing the group is whether to continue focusing on smaller street art or push for bigger, more involved projects.

"We're looking at things like traffic boxes, but do we want to do more or look at other projects?"

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Neighbors Rattled by Robinson Terminal South Demolition

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and [feel] concerns about the impact on your home,” said David Miller, president of Seismic Surveys “But typically, the home can withstand more vibration than the people in it.”

So far, Miller said he was unaware of any claims of damage being filed yet and presented data about vibration levels from the site, but residents say their experiences have been different. Some residents said they’d

“We said from the beginning that construction will create vibrations.”

— Adam Hayes, director of engineering for EYA

tried to reach out by phone or email to EYA but were ignored.

“Who cares what the numbers are?” said Bert Ely, co-chair of the Friends of the Alexandria Waterfront, “There are damages.”

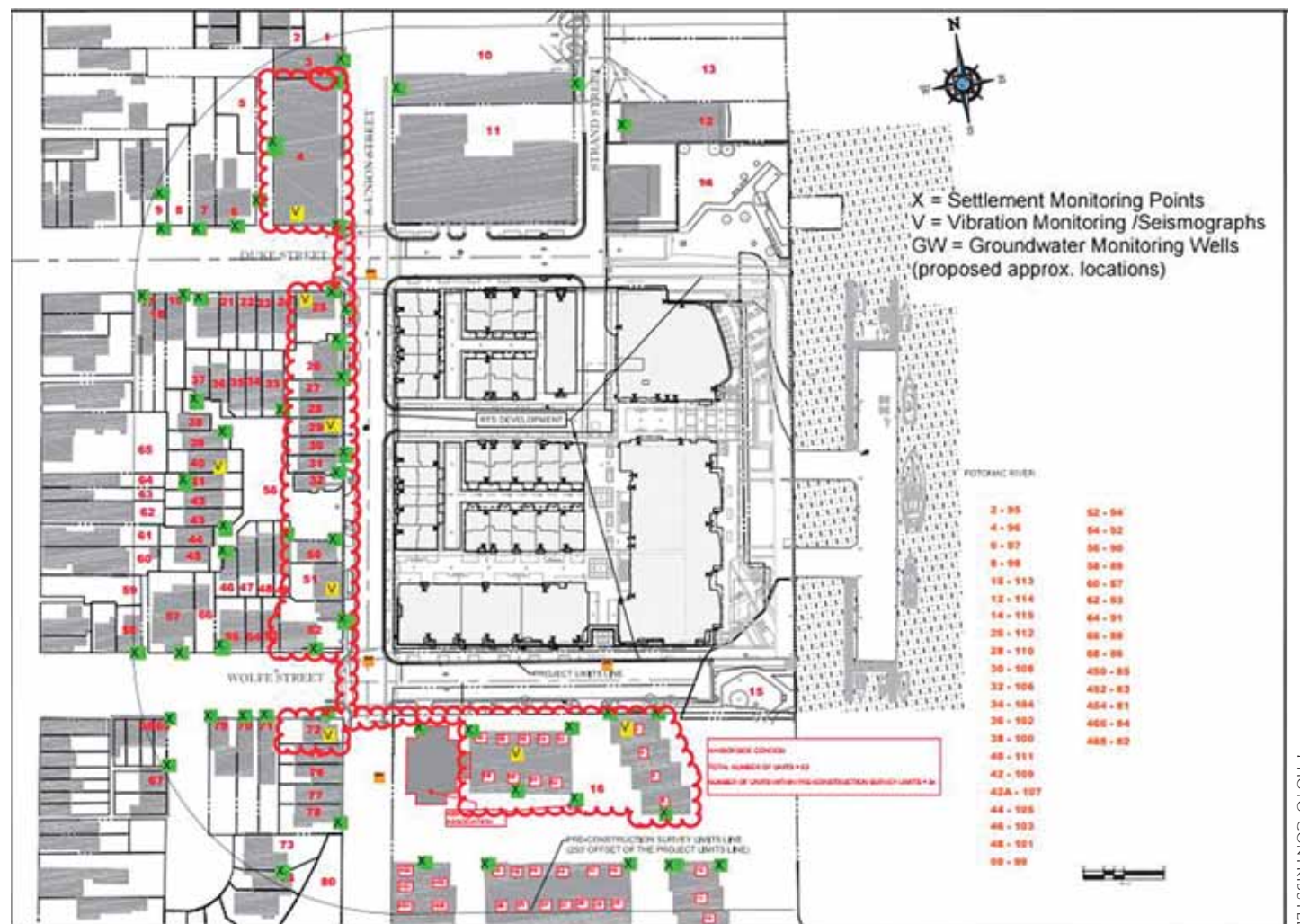
“This is about greed, and we need to know if the city is a part of that,” said Nick Kunesh, one of the residents who said his dishes were being rattled by the vibrations coming from the construction site.

Ultimately, members of the Ad Hoc Monitoring Group said they believed EYA needed to do a better job responding to the local community.

“If the developers had been more communicative and helped us understand, you wouldn’t have all these people here,” said Barbara Saperstone, representing the Waterfront Place Homeowner’s Association. “You need to regain our trust.”

Saperstone also said she was wary that once EYA and the neighboring Carr hotel were finished with construction they would be equally unresponsive to claims of damage from homes settling.

Pete Mensinger, special project manager for the Plan Review staff, said the best course of action for both groups would be for the developer to check on what damages already existed in the nearby homes so there wouldn’t be debate later about what was pre-existing.



Map of the homes affected by Robinson Terminal South vibrations.

“Who cares what the numbers are? There are damages.”

— Bert Ely, co-chair of the Friends of the Alexandria Waterfront

“We want to make sure we stop and look at the damages to report them now,” said Mensinger. “That way we can create a benchmark of what’s existing now. We need to establish a baseline for current damage. [EYA] will keep a record of seismic activity, so people in homes: record the date and

time of damages.

The representatives from EYA agreed to checking homes to establish a baseline for current damages. Ely and other Old Town residents suggested that construction at the site be halted while those surveys were being conducted. Other residents threatened to picket the site and sue the developers.

“I figured this was where it was headed,” said Rex Muller, project manager for EYA LLC. “That someone would say ‘stop development,’ but we can’t. The approval process had an agreed upon standard. If there are people here feeling vibrations or experiencing damage, we want to take care of that, but it’s unrealistic to say that [we should not develop]. That site cannot be developed without people feeling it.” Mayor

Allison Silberberg attended the meeting as an audience member but stepped forward to try and help the group reach a compromise. EYA agreed to publish weekly updates about the seismic activity from the site. The developer also agreed to focus on areas of the project that didn’t involve heavy vibrations until the survey results were collected. After hearing from residents who said their homes adjacent to those covered by current seismological surveys were also being affected, EYA agreed to extend the survey to connected structures.

The next meeting will be held on Sept. 12. Anyone seeking to file a complaint about construction is encouraged to call the Help line: 703.746.HELP or use the city’s call.click.connect link on the City webpage.

Upcoming Trials Commonwealth Attorney’s Office braces for a flurry of murder trials.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Fall 2016 and early 2017 are scheduled to be a busy time for the Commonwealth Attorney’s Office. Over the next few months, the Commonwealth Attorney’s Office will prosecute 10 murder cases.

“My office has a truly unprecedented amount of murders going on right now,” said Commonwealth Attorney Bryan Porter said in an email. “We have never had this many ... We have never had more than four

murder codefendants at anyone time to my knowledge.”

The North Side of Old Town Murders

❖ CW v Rashad Adkins: Set for a jury trial the week of Jan. 23, 2017. Adkins is charged with the murder of Shakkian Elliot-Tibbs, a 22-year-old Woodbridge Resident murdered July 2, 2015.

❖ CW v. Brian Bolar: Set for a jury trial the week of Oct. 3, 2016. Bolar is charged with the murder of Leon Williams, a 37-year-old father of two on Oct. 8, 2015.

❖ CW v. Dijuan Clark: Set for a preliminary hearing on Sept. 26, 2016. Dijuan Clark is charged with the murder of Saquan Hall, a suspect in the investigation of Clark’s brother, Pierre Clark’s, murder. Hall was killed on July 2.

The Pit

❖ CW v. Alvaro Saenz-Castro: Set for sentencing on Oct. 20, 2016.

❖ CW v. Reinaldo Portillo Membrano: Set for a hearing to select a trial date on Oct. 13, 2016. Saenz-Castro and Membrano are charged with the murder of Jose Luis Ferman Perez on Nov. 9, 2015. In April, Leidi Granados Gutierrez pled guilty as an accomplice and was committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Cora Kelly

❖ CW v. Boris Rosa Castro: Set for sentencing on Oct. 27, 2016.

❖ CW v. Edwin Guerrero-Umana: Set for jury trial the week of March 6, 2017.

❖ CW v. Jonathan Gomez-Sorto: Set for a hear-

ing to select a trial date on Sept. 15, 2016.

Castro, Guerrero-Umana, and Gomez-Sorto are all charged in connection with the murder of Edwin Almandarez on Nov. 28, 2015.

S. Alfred Street Robbery/Homicide

❖ CW v. George McGee: Set for a jury trial the week of Sept. 19, 2016.

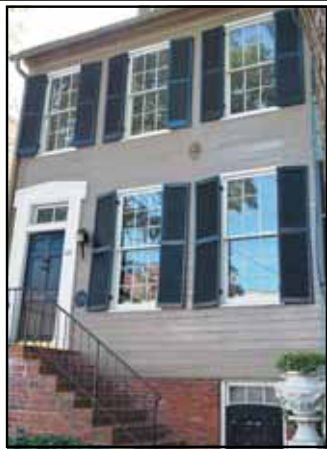
McGee is charged with the murder of Melaku Abraha, who was robbed on March 28, 2016, and died as a result of his injuries on April 1.

West End Domestic-Related Murder

❖ CW v. Clarence Terry: Set for a hearing to select a trial date on Aug. 25, 2016. Terry is charged with the murder of Shakeel Baldon on May 5, 2016.

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Expanding Scope of Alexandria's Public Art Projects

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said Ruggiero. "We like having those inexpensive, quick turnaround types of projects."

But Ruggiero said the Public Art program is already taking on bigger projects such as the redesign of the Simpson Park Playground near the Mount Vernon Recreation Center and the city's work reconfiguring Lake Cook. Both projects, Simpson Park

there's a space where it says 'public art here,'" said Ruggiero. "The way that we're doing this project is not traditionally how it's done. This has been fun for everybody. We're excited about this concept."

At Lake Cook, city staff is planning on reconfiguring the four-acre lake near Eisenhower Avenue to help with the city's stormwater runoff.

"They're building capacity there, but also making it more user friendly," said Ruggiero. "The plans are to put in a path with some boardwalk to make use of the lake. The lake is stocked with fish by the state, so this will provide extra fishing opportunities. Similar to what we're doing with Simpson Park ... we're working to integrate public art into the design for the site."

Ruggiero said the group is continuing to look through the city's Capital Improvement Plan for projects, like Simpson Park and Lake Cook, that could include public art. But the city does not have a traditional public art program Ruggiero says other cities have, so the Office of the Arts has to lobby for allocated funding in every year's budget.

Ruggiero says one of the next big upcoming public art projects is a collaboration with Gadsby's Tavern. The project, called Time and Place, focuses on art that implements



Traffic Control box redecorated as public art.

posals to be presented in September.

Michele Longo, curator of education at Gadsby's Tavern, says the staff there is excited to see the new proposals for public art.

"One of our big goals is to generate dialogue about stories that might get missed and help attract new audiences to historic sites; people who don't think of themselves as history as much as art people," said Longo. "We're excited to work with [the artists]. It's very much a team process."

Longo said artists have shown a particular interest in the complicated and labor intensive process of bringing ice to the tavern and the mostly undocumented lives of the slaves who lived and worked at the tavern.

Ruggiero said as the group looks around for the next public art project, most of the focus is on the Four Mile Run Conservatory in Arlandria and the Burke Branch Library.

Ruggiero says both are areas where the city currently has no public art on display. And yet, Ruggiero says both are popular stops for city residents or those just passing through the area.

On Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in City's Hall's Sister Cities Room, the group will meet again to decide which projects to propose to City Council in the fall.

"One of our big goals is to generate dialogue about stories that might get missed and help attract new audiences to historic sites."

— Michele Longo, curator of education at Gadsby's Tavern

Playground in particular, have public art built into the redesign rather than set aside as an afterthought.

"The artist has been a part of the design team since the beginning of the project ... where usually the design team puts together a site and

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Crews of the four international sailboats hoisted their champagne glasses in a toast to sailing and good sportsmanship before the races.



The start of the first international race, with the boats tacking upwind toward the Wilson Bridge.

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Old Dominion Boat Club Hosts Sailing Regatta

The Old Dominion Boat Club, drawing on its 135-year history, held its first ODBC Cup Invitational Regatta on Saturday, Aug. 20. The highlight of the races was the international division featuring crews from Great Britain, Australia, Canada and the United States. The USA sailboat won the four-race series on the Potomac.

Each international crew sailed equivalent S2 7.9 class boats on a course between the Wilson Bridge and Reagan National Airport. The start/finish line was a buoy opposite the Boat Club's south pier. Aaron Boesenecker skippered the winning USA boat, "Too Many Cooks," which was sponsored by the ODBC. John Stanley-Whythe led the second place British craft, Australian Pete Leavy's crew was third, and Canadian Paul Dubras skippered the Canadian boat.

In pre-race ceremonies at 9 a.m., the ODBC regatta committee assembled the sailboat crews on the club's dock. Alexan-



Members of the winning crew, representing the USA, include Bob Gotthardt, second from left, skipper Aaron Boesenecker, Judith Eastwood, and LaDonna Curzon. Mayor Allison Silberberg, right, and ODBC president Richard Banchoff, left, presented the championship trophy.

dria Mayor Allison Silberberg offered brief remarks, and everyone hoisted a champagne toast to successful races. The mayor

also helped present awards during a post-race cookout at 5 p.m.

Silberberg provided the inspiration for the

regatta when she served as an honorary crewmember of the ODBC boat that raced against a British-crewed sailboat during the 2014 Labor Day weekend. That race was part of a series of US-UK competitions that formed part of the city's commemoration of the British Navy's raid on Washington during the second year of the War of 1812. In her post-race remarks, she urged the Boat Club to host regular regattas in the future, and the club's Regatta Committee took her advice to heart.

Five years after its 1880 founding, the Boat Club staged its first rowing regatta, one featuring its own members. In 1887, the ODBC hosted a commonwealth-wide State Regatta, formally called the Virginia Association of Amateur Oarsman. During the Aug. 20 sailing regatta, area high school athletes who form the 2016 ODBC Select Crew team rowed down to the club during the opening ceremony to show support for the sailing crews.

— MICHAEL K. BOHN

Memorial Service Planned

A Funeral Mass celebrating the life of Roland Branford Gomez has been scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27 at 11 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. Gomez died Aug. 11 at the age of 86.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
Roland Branford Gomez

MSA Names New Board Members

Metropolitan School of the Arts of Alexandria recently expanded its Alexandria/Kingstowne campus to include its Academy and studio classes, upon closing its Lorton campus. Alexandria/Kingstowne MSA headquarters now provides newly renovated space for its Academy, studios and soon-to-be constructed Black Box theatre. It also welcomed four new board members, including: Jeff Lovett of Motley Fool of Alexandria; Cos Dimaggio of Tauri Group of Fairfax Station; Kusuma Aralere of Gainesville; David Patterson of Tech Enabled Solutions in Leesburg; Jim Anderson of Fairfax Station, of the Anderson Company; and Peter Van Aartrikj of the Aartrikj Company in Alexandria. See www.metropolitanarts.org for more information.



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From left: Cos Dimaggio of Tauri Group of Fairfax Station; Kusuma Aralere of Gainesville; David Patterson of Tech Enabled Solutions in Leesburg; and Jeff Lovett of Motley Fool of Alexandria.

News



PHOTO BY JOHN BORDNER

WWII veterans Robert Augustad, Kim Ching, Jay Groff and Warden Foley at the American Legion Post 24 Aug. 20 commemoration of V-J Day.

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of American Legion Post 24 in Alexandria, spearheaded the gathering, which included 11 veterans from WWII along with many more from Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Iraq and Afghanistan.

"These are America's heroes," said Col. Mike Mixon (USAF ret.). "I am standing on the shoulders of giants."

Volunteers from Team Red, White and

Blue joined members of Post 24 to assist the veterans, who shared some of their wartime experiences.

"When we heard the news of Japan's surrender, we weren't sure if it was a joke," said Ching, who was a teenager living in Pearl Harbor when it was bombed in 1941. "But standing aboard the USS Missouri as the formal surrender was signed, we realized that the war was finally over."



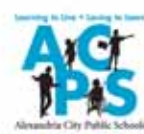
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OPINION

Officer Jim Bazzle: At Parade Rest

BY DANA LAWHORNE

Following the death of retired Alexandria Police Corporal Jim Bazzle in 2003, Dana Lawhorne, then an Alexandria Police detective, honored the contributions of Corporal Bazzle with this tribute published in the Gazette Packet on June 5, 2003. More than a dozen years later and in light of the national focus of policing, this piece offers a still timely perspective on how to develop strong law enforcement-community relations. Today, as Sheriff, Dana Lawhorne still recalls and embraces the legacy of Corporal Bazzle and other law enforcement officers committed to building solid and rewarding relationships with their community members.

I attended Maury Elementary School in the late 1960s. The neighborhood, the school, the people, were like a page right out of Mayberry. I grew up understanding there were three figures of authority that set the tone for clean living. They were School Principal Lillian Beach, Juvenile Court Judge Irene Pancoast, and Alexandria Police Corporal Jim Bazzle. You never wanted to disappoint them.

Ms. Beach would read over the PA very important announcements. Letters written to her from former students were filled with words of appreciation and admiration. It was obvious to me they respected her as much as the rest of us did.

Judge Pancoast was known as an influential force in the adolescent world. I recently ordered carpet from Home Depot. They dispatched a man to measure. During small talk I learned he grew up here. At the age of 17 he found himself in front of Judge Pancoast and she had these words of wisdom for him: "Son, you see that recruiter over there. Go talk to him or else."

He spent 25 years in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Corporal Bazzle was the police officer every kid in town knew and respected. He was bigger than life. He died on May 15. When someone you know dies, it causes you to reflect back and think about how they influenced your life.

Corporal Bazzle was in charge of the school safety patrols in addition to all his other duties. He was a frequent visitor to the school. The highlight of the year was when he had an assembly for all the kids. He preached to us the importance of safety. He played the ukulele while he sang and danced. He told stories, made jokes, and best of all he made you laugh. If you were lucky, you got a piece of candy which he always had in his pockets. He never left home without it. It was the best one-man show in town.

To serve under his command as a school patrol was an honor. He made us feel like we were on the front lines of homeland security. Of course those words had a whole different meaning back then. Entrusted to keep the school safe, set the example for all to follow, take pride in what you do, are just a few of the values I learned as a young boy.

One memory stands out in my mind. When you were on post and a police car was approaching, you had to yell down to the next post, "Cherry Top!" The police cars in those days had a single red light on top. This gave your fellow constable advance notice that a VIP was heading your way. After screaming from Oak Street to Chapman, you had to stand at parade rest while the police car drove by. It was embedded in my mind that you were to respect the police. I did.

Corporal Bazzle broke down all the barriers between the police and young people. He knew how to reach you. You knew he was your



Alexandria Police Corporal Jim Bazzle.

friend. Community policing was invented well before retired police chiefs started writing books about it 25 years later.

Corporal Bazzle retired in 1975. Not one to stand still, he took the job as a crossing guard at Taney and Pegram. He was a fixture on that corner. Known for waving at everyone who drove by, teasing pedestrians, giving out candy, feeding dogs, dishing out kind words, he never let up. If you met him for the first time, you felt like you knew him all your life.

He was that kind of guy.

He lived his personal life in the same way. Married and devoted to his wife Ellen, for over 50 years, a loving and caring father to Betty and Robert, best friends to Charlie, Chip, Chelsea, Karen and Jessica, he was the life of their party. When I visited the funeral home there was a display of photographs depicting his life. It told a story about a man who was constantly surrounded by his family and friends and how he lived his life.

A friend told me the funeral home got crowded that night and the mood was if it was a wedding, a celebration. A good way to remember our good friend.

If Ms. Beach was still at Maury, I'm sure she would turn on the PA in order to make a very important announcement. She would tell the students about the death of Corporal Bazzle and what he meant to all of us. As she did this, the students would be standing at their desks at parade rest. The cherry top that was the top cop deserves no less.

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Ticket Cyclists?

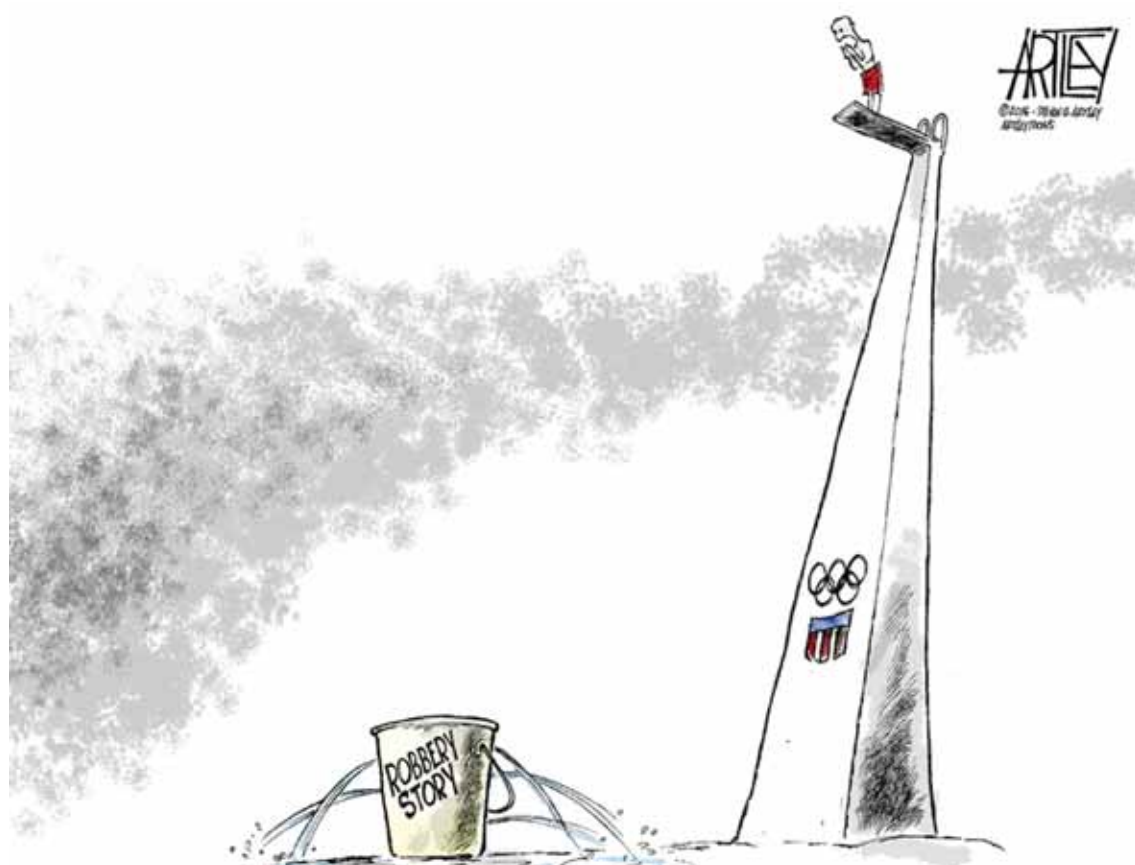
To the Editor:

I am surprised that one person's proposed solution to the bicyclist "problem" in Old Town is to ticket cyclists for running stop signs. Cyclists will not stop running stop signs, just as we cannot stop cars from running stop signs, stop cars from exceeding the speed limit on the beltway, or stop people from jay walking. These things will continue, regardless of the level of enforcement.

The better solution would seem to be to find a way so that bicyclists did not have to stop when traveling through Old Town. On the bike route from Roosevelt Island or D.C. to Mt. Vernon, the only stop signs are in Old Town (except for a couple more between Old Town and Mt. Vernon).

STEVE ARTLEY/GAZETTE PACKET

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OPINION

Lifesaving Conversations Every Day

Take one action for awareness of National Suicide Prevention week #MindsMatter.

BY WENDY GRADISON
CEO, PRS, INC.



Wendy Gradison.

15-24, so the individual and societal toll of suicide is real.

In preparation for National Suicide Prevention Week NSPW which starts Sept. 5, PRS has teamed up with Connection Newspapers to host the second annual #MindsMatter Social Media Campaign.

Visit prsinc.org/mindsmatter. We designed the campaign to encourage the community to pledge to do something that raises awareness about suicide prevention.

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It's 3 p.m. School's out. Like clockwork, alerts start ringing, letting our crisis workers know that young people are out of class, and they need to talk.

"Hi, I don't know who to talk to. I don't know what to do." Every day PRS, a local nonprofit helping those with mental health issues and facing life crises, gets texts like these through our CrisisText Connect textline.

Our trained volunteers respond and engage in life-saving conversations with teens and others who are facing life crises, steering them to help and safety. Having dialogues and making it easier to discuss problems before crisis occurs is key to preventing suicides. After all, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death nationwide and second leading cause for people aged

Our #MindsMatter campaign uses social media as a catalyst for conversation and action to prevent suicide.

Our campaign deputizes the community, providing ways to "pledge" to spread the word, change minds and save lives. This is an especially important way to reach younger people with a message of hope.

The #MindsMatter pledge outlines activities that people can do to make a difference and spread awareness before, during and after the week. Anyone can take the pledge by visiting www.prsinc.org/mindsmatter or the Connec-

tion Newspaper's social media pages. Examples of activities people can pledge to do include:

- Following PRS Facebook and Twitter pages
- Submitting a selfie showing support of National Suicide Prevention Week
- Participating in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's walk on Sept. 24, or the National Alliance on Mental Illness walk on Sept. 24
- Taking a stress test
- Sharing the campaign with family and friends
- Setting a personal goal to improve mental health
- Reading and sharing stories about individuals who have survived a suicide attempt and/or helping individuals cope with thoughts of suicide
- Signing up for a suicide prevention workshop

Each year, more than 42,000 Americans die by suicide. Despite this statistic, for every death, 278 people manage to move past thoughts of suicide and survive. By participating in the #MindsMatter campaign, you can play a role making it okay to discuss suicide and mental health issues openly. Take the pledge. It may just save a life.

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OPINION

Rio Shows Why Investing in Clean Water Is Necessary

BY JOHN HILL
CHAIRMAN,
ALEXANDRIA RENEW ENTERPRISES

Recently, U.S. Olympic marathon swimmer Haley Anderson discussed with NPR her 6.2-mile open-water swim off Copacabana Beach at the Rio games. One point of discussion: swimming for more than two hours in heavily polluted water during which Anderson expected to swallow several mouthfuls of water.

To host the Olympics, Rio pledged collect and treat 80 percent of its overall sewage. Because of this failed promise, some 1,400 athletes were at risk of becoming ill from contact with contaminated water according to an Associated Press study. Levels of disease-causing microbes are so high, swallowing just three teaspoons of water could cause illness.

While this sounds extreme, the Potomac River was in similar shape just 60 years ago. The river was considered a national disgrace and contained one gallon of disease-laden sewage for every six gallons of water.

Fortunately, the Potomac is in significantly better shape today. Just this March, the Potomac Conservatory gave the river its highest grade ever as part of its annual report card. The region's wastewater utilities, including AlexRenew, have played an instrumental role in bringing the Potomac's water quality to its highest level in several generations.

Our investments in infrastructure allow us to protect public health and the environment because they enable us to clean about 35 million gallons of dirty water every day. In Alexandria alone, we've invested almost \$900 million in our city's clean water infrastructure — that is \$2,768 per customer served by AlexRenew. As we face new chal-

lenges — increasingly strict regulations, aging infrastructure, and a swelling population — this is an investment we will need to continue in the years to come.

For these reasons, AlexRenew's board of directors — volunteers appointed by City Council who live in Alexandria and pay an AlexRenew bill — propose a 1.5 percent annual increase in our overall revenue over each of the next two years starting Oct. 1, 2016.

For typical Alexandria residents, this would mean a \$.61 increase on their monthly bill. This increase, which is less than half the cost of a small Starbucks coffee, ensures that we have the financial foundation to enable people and infrastructure to clean wastewater from Alexandria and parts of Fairfax County in the most sustainable, efficient, and innovative ways possible.

When considering any potential rate increase, our board examines and considers

our city's infrastructure needs for the next 20 years. Planning our investments in advance enables us to be financially sustainable because it prepares us for necessary capital projects. The fact that our rate increases have been relatively modest and consistent over the years is a testament to our ability to anticipate Alexandria's future needs.

Part of AlexRenew's 2040 Vision is to enable local citizens the opportunity to establish a personal connection with local waterways so that we can eat local fish and swim in local streams.

As I watch the Rio games, I'm reminded just how far we've come toward this goal in the past 60 years.

Learn more about the proposed rate increase at www.alexrenew.com/rates. AlexRenew also will hold a public rate hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. in its Environmental Center at 1800 Limerick St., Alexandria.

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Neglected Dog Left to Die

Animal Welfare League offering reward for information.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) was contacted by a couple who had discovered a dog abandoned in a crate under a bush on Patrick Street in Old Town Alexandria. The crate was dirty, containing feces and urine. The dog, a black and brown male Yorkshire terrier mix wearing a purple collar with no tags or microchip, was transported to VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital for emergency care.

An examination of the non-responsive animal revealed a dog, coat matted with filth, suffering from dehydration and labored breathing — a possible case of severe heatstroke. Despite treatment, the dog could not be revived. AWLA has requested a necropsy to confirm the cause of death.

AWLA is asking the public for any information about the identity of this dog and is offering a reward for any facts that lead to the successful conviction and prosecution of the person(s) responsible.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the AWLA End Animal Abuse and Neglect Fund can donate online at www.AlexandriaAnimals.org/donate

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Anyone who would like to donate to the AWLA End Animal Abuse & Neglect Fund can do so online at AlexandriaAnimals.org/donate or by mail to:

AWLA/EAAN Fund,
4101 Eisenhower Ave.,
Alexandria, VA 22304

Visit AlexandriaAnimals.org for details.



CONTACT

Chief Brian Rees
AWLA Animal Services
703-746-5582

- Brown and black Yorkshire terrier / Poodle mix
- Intact male estimated to be about one year of age
- Discovered inside a tan 12" x 18" crate, under a bush on the 800 block of N. Patrick Street



Altered images of Dooley, a dog who resembles the victim. Markings have been manipulated to portray how the Yorkshire Terrier mix may have looked. (Photos courtesy of VCA)



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Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's reward flyer.

nate or by mail to AWLA/EAAN Fund, 4101 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304. This fund is used to provide rewards in criminal investigations of animal abuse and neglect and to provide veterinary care for animals rescued from these situations.

AWLA emphasizes that in situations of extreme heat, animals

should not be left unattended or without access to water. The AWLA asks that rather than allowing an animal to suffer in the city of Alexandria, it be brought to the shelter for assistance. For more information, call Chief Brian Rees of Animal Services at 703-746-5582, or email brees@alexandriaanimals.org.

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Perhaps, as part of the Waterfront redesign in Old Town, a way could be found to have the bike route go along the river. (I agree that the proposed Royal Street solution does not make much sense.)

How about eliminating the north-south stop signs on Union Street, and only have stop signs for east-west traffic? A progressive solution might be to make the West half of Union Street one way south, with the east half being for bicycles only. I see this kind of solution in other cities.

The goal should be to encourage more bicycling, not make bicycling more difficult. If we can get more people out on bicycles, there may even be substantial savings for Medicare over time.

Mike Schauer
Old Town

Missed Opportunity

To the Editor:

Your tepid response to letter writer Mark C. Williams' call (Aug. 18-24, 2016) to suppress opinion — "The Gazette Packet frequently publishes letters with which it disagrees" — missed an opportunity to address a larger issue, namely, the function of letters to the editor in a democratic society as a forum for the free expression of ideas and opinions.

Opinion pages, of which letters to the editor are a subset, are by their very nature vehicles for readers to weigh in on the issues of the day; constrained not by content but by space, decorum, and civil-

ity. Like Mr. Williams I, too, take strong exception with Harold Knudsen's apologia for slavery (letter, Aug. 11-17, 2016) but the way to deal with such a viewpoint is not by silencing it but airing it in the marketplace of ideas.

Craig Taylor
Alexandria

Flooding Unresolved

To the Editor:

Just recently, a great deal of interest has been shown in investigating the after effects of the flooding of Ellicott City, Md. Much like Alexandria, Ellicott City was founded some 244 years ago, and has been overdeveloped to the point that developments are increasingly depositing large volumes of rain water on its streets and in the Potomac at an alarming frequency. Since Alexandria is not too far removed from Ellicott City's area of rainfall, and we are developing at an extremely rapid rate on the waterfront, we should be paying greater attention to our flooding abatement needs.

Some people are under the impression that waterfront flooding only occurs around King and Union streets, but that assumption is wrong. (Although that particular area is flooded a number of times throughout the year, this is mainly due to the city not ensuring that the back flow preventer installed a year or so ago has worked satisfactorily.) As some others may recall, Hurricane Isabel struck Alexandria in 2003, and

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caused a great deal of damage (especially to vehicles) throughout the entire waterfront. Due to this, residents of the Backyard Boats development lost most of their cars parked in their underground garage, and Harborside residents lost a number of vehicles parked inside its street level garage. In fact, I stood in over two feet of water in the Harborside garage the night the hurricane hit.

The Alexandria City Council approved the highly contested Waterfront Plan in which \$33.1 million was allocated for a promenade along the waterfront that will also serve as a major restraint to flooding, according to the city engineers. However, many citizens, (including maritime engineer Tony Kupersmith, who has a great deal of maritime experience) did not agree with the city flooding plan. On a number of occasions, I asked the city to ask the Army Corps of Engineers to come in and review our plans, but to no avail.

We are therefore now at a point where nothing has been done in the last year to curb flooding, which is especially egregious since we have six new major developments beginning to take shape along an eight-block waterfront stretch. The Alexandria City Council should not have allowed all of these developments to occur simultaneously; two at a time would have been more practical and prudent. Although flooding abatement was always highlighted as the principal reason for waterfront development, yet concern for flooding has taken a back seat to high density developments. This needs to be addressed immediately before we suffer the same fate as those residing in Ellicott City. As Santayana has said, "those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet
Alexandria

Questionable Data

To the Editor:

A recent letter pointed to questionable data the city is using to support decisions. An example cited was the inflated number of Bikeshare members.

Another example of questionable data is the data used to justify and evaluate the green King Street bike lanes. Before installation, the city cited 11 cyclists during "peak hour." Seventeen months after installation the city cited 14 cyclists during "peak hour" (week of Sept 14 - 22). "Peak hour" is the highest hourly count during the observation period. Using the highest one hour count does not provide a meaningful measure of actual usage. When residents counted, during five rush hours there was an "average" of only three cyclists per hour and some of those rode on the sidewalk. Most of the time the bike lanes are completely empty. The Bicycle Master Plan includes a performance measure for number of miles of bicycle lanes/facilities installed. Adding a performance measure to determine usage of these lanes was suggested, but not included. When the issue of measuring usage was raised, a City Council member wrote, "For me, as I've said from the beginning, this project was never about usage of the bike lanes, and always about how we improve the safety of the corridor for vehicles, pedestrians and bikers alike." And what was the safety issue on King Street that bike lanes would solve? The chart provided to City Council before installation of the green bike lanes showed total bicycle and pedestrian crashes in the past five years was one pedestrian crash.

The parking lane on King Street was removed to install these bike lanes, the lane which had provided safety for residents including safe entry to and egress from residents' driveways and safe pickups, drop-offs, deliveries, contractor and guest parking, etc. on this busy street. In spite of providing safety for residents, the city said the parking lane had not been adequately used. And what data supported this conclusion? The chart provided to City Council before removal of the parking lane showed that staff drove down King Street to count parked cars only 20 times in one year and reported "average vehicles parked" based on this minimal data.

Accurate data are critical, but are meaningless if statistically insignificant, interpreted incorrectly, or ignored. As the writer of the previous letter said, the city should "ensure that the information is reliable, valid and, most of all, accurately reflect the topic under discussion." Residents want to have confidence in data used for the city's decisions, especially when those decisions impact their daily lives.

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ONGOING

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 for more.

Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week. Through Aug. 28, 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.

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 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 for more.

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

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

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 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 for more.

“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



Colonial Market & Fair Returns to Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon recreates an early-American marketplace with demonstrations, crafts and entertainment at its Colonial Market and Fair on Sept. 17-18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. More than 40 juried artisans from across the nation will demonstrate their trades and sell their wares. Also, try a hand at 18th century cricket – demonstrations and cricket games will be played throughout the weekend. Free Potomac River sightseeing cruises are available while supplies last. Costumed interpreters will be demonstrating the 18th-century chocolate-making process using an authentic colonial recipe. The event is included with regular admission: adults, \$20; youth, 6-11 \$10; children 5 and under, free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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 for more.

Women of Civil War Alexandria Tour.

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

Call for Artists: “Dia 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 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 for more.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Mount Vernon Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. The flea market features: furniture, art, china, glass, porcelain, pottery, books, photographs, lighting, tools, comic books, vinyl records, novelties and more. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Free. Visit mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com for more.

Carlyle House Family Event. 12-3 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Decorate an 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 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.

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 for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 27-28 Begonia Show and Sale. 9 a.m.-4:30



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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.

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.

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 Prociuous, Mia Bergeron and Elizabeth Floyd. Free. Visit www.principlegallery.com for more.

MONDAY/AUG. 29

The Art of Ballroom Dance. 7-7:45 p.m. lesson, 7:45-8:30 p.m. dance at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, meringue, rumba, cha-cha, and samba. For beginning and advanced dancers. Tickets are \$15. Email garystephans@me.com or call 703-505-5998.

AUG. 29-OCT. 24

Exhibit: “Song of the Woods.” Gallery hours at Green Springs Garden – Historical House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist Mary Exline displays her abstract expressionist paintings. Free. Visit www.artis.com/maryexline for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 30

Night at the Museum. 6:30 p.m. at

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UCM Sacramento Neighborhood Center, 8792 E. Sacramento Drive. Join UCM for Night at the Museum, an inaugural art exhibit featuring art from children and youth enrolled in the summer program at the UCM Sacramento Neighborhood Center. Free. Visit www.ucmagency.org for more.

AUG. 30-SEPT. 25

Exhibit: "A Solo in Abstract." 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Artist Donna K. McGee works in large format abstract acrylics. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

AUG. 30-OCT. 2

Exhibit: "Explorations Part II." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center - Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Artists derive inspiration from contemporary explorations: Africa, the Amazon, North and South Poles, Mount Everest, and more. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

SEPT. 1-OCT. 9

Blackberry Daze. Various times at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. This is an adaptation from the novel "Blackberry Days of Summer" by Ruth P. Watson. Tickets are \$60. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

SEPT. 2-OCT. 2

Art Exhibit: "Fire and Earth." Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Fire and Earth" exhibit celebrates these classical elements in a hybrid show combining a National ceramic cup exhibit with a regional 2-D show, exploring how fire transforms earth. The exhibit is juried by Dan Finnegan, an internationally recognized potter. Free. Visit www.delrayartisans.org/exhibits.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

Tea with Lady Washington. 2-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Step back in time and join "Lady Washington" for a cozy fireside tea as she shares memories of her and the General's life as a young married couple, during the Revolutionary War, and at their beloved Mount Vernon. Following the program, guests are invited to a self-guided exploration of the estate and Mount Vernon's beautiful decorative arts collection. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

SEPT. 4-OCT. 2

Exhibit: "Impressive Expressions: Patterning in Clay." 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Scope Gallery, 105 N. Union St. See clay art that can be touched, held and brought home as a private collection. Free. Visit www.scopegallery.org for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 6

The Twig Thrift Shop Reopens. 10 a.m. at 106 N. Columbus St. The Twig Thrift Shop is full of men's and women's clothing, furnishings, jewelry, household goods, books, art and collectibles. Free to attend. Visit www.thetwig.org for more.

Simpson Park Garden Stroll. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at 420 E. Monroe St. VCE Master Gardeners who maintain Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens invite Alexandria residents and others to stroll by the gardens. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgaralex@gmail.com.

Putting the Herb Garden to Bed. 7-8:30 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Topics covered will include what herbs to prune, pull, protect, and bring inside and herbs that can be planted in fall. Tips and techniques for using or preserving cut herbs will also be offered. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org for more.

SEPT. 6-OCT. 16

Photo Exhibit: "Never Forget." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at Multiple Exposures Gallery - Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The photographs in this exhibit follow photographer Alan Sislen's 15-year photographic journey beginning before 9/11, and continuing today. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

Putting the Herb Garden to Bed. 7-8:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Topics covered will include what herbs to prune, pull, protect, and bring inside and herbs that can be planted in fall. Tips and techniques for using or preserving cut herbs will also be offered. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Gentleman Distiller: Whiskey Tasting & Dinner. 6:30-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. The evening begins with a reception at George Washington's Distillery & Gristmill, where guests will get a first-hand look at how whiskey was produced in Washington's time. The event continues on the estate with a

brief talk by Mount Vernon's resident distiller, followed by a whiskey tasting and seated dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant. Tickets are \$125. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

The Cecilian Players. 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. Violinist Sonya Hayes, clarinetist Parker Gaims, cellist Igor Zubovsky and pianist John McCrary will perform a program including the Clarinet Trio of Robert Kahn and the Second Piano Trio of Saint-Saens. Free, but donations accepted. Contact John McCrary at jmccrary@blessedsacramentcc.org or 703-998-6100 x 103 for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 9-11

Hope Fest. Various times at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Find youth concert and community basketball game. Free. Email Info@cityofhopemetro.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

9/11 Heroes Run. 8:30 a.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. Honor our military and first responders and remember those who died on 9/11 and in the wars since. Registration is \$22.50-80. Visit www.911heroesrun.org for more.

Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Free. Visit www.vnps.org for more.

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

Civil War Artillery Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road. The program features reenactors from the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery, a Union regiment that was stationed at Fort Ward during the Civil War. The unit will interpret the duties and soldier life of typical artillerymen assigned to forts in the Washington area. Activities will include cannon firing demonstrations in the restored Northwest bastion of the fort, artillery equipment displays, and camp life scenarios. Visitors can also view the Museum exhibit, "The Art of the Artilleryman in the Defenses of Washington," which features a variety of original equipment and personal items. Free. Visit www.fortward.org for more.

Lecture: "Bringing Them Home." 11 a.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. In honor of

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the second anniversary of Alexandria's Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, genealogist Char McCargo Bah presents her research on the descendants of this Alexandria landmark. Bah, who served as the official genealogist on the cemetery project has found over 1000 people who are directly related to the contrabands buried at this historic site. Free, \$5 suggested donation. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

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Jonathan Edwards and Seldom Scene. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SEPT. 10-21

33rd Annual Senior Olympics. Various times at various locations. Participants over 50 years old will participate in track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, golf, miniature golf, ten pin bowling, Wii bowling, scrabble, duplicate bridge, cribbage, Mexican train dominoes, pickleball, racquetball, handball, volleyball, badminton, bocce, eight ball pool, cycling, horseshoes, yo-yo tricks, American style Mah Jongg, 5K run and more. Admission varies based on event. Visit www.nvso.us.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

The George Washington Patriot Run. 8 a.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Run the first USATF-certified road race to enter George Washington's Mount Vernon. Organized by Mount Vernon and the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, the race will take runners up the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Return down the Parkway to trace Washington's footsteps through the historic area at Mount Vernon. Registration is \$50, spectator tickets are \$10. Visit www.mountvernon.org/run for more.

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

Pollinators Matter. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Sam Droege, biologist and noted bee expert, U.S. Geological Survey, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, will give a talk on pollinators, their importance, status and threats. He will examine native bee populations and briefly explore the role of other less obvious pollinators such as butterflies, moths, beetles and hummingbirds. Droege manages the U.S. Geological Survey



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'Impressive Expressions' Features Kiln Club Members

Impressionist and expressionist art has taken on a new twist as Kiln Club showcase their work that can be touched, held and brought home as a private collection. The show will run Sept. 4-Oct. 2 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center Scope Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.scopegallery.org for more.



Raku-fired lumbering polar bears by Heidi Schramm of Arlington.

Bee Inventory and Monitoring Laboratory. He is one of the country's leading experts on pollinators. Free. Visit www.fodm.org for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

Garden Talk: Grow Beautiful Bulbs. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Colorful bulbs can turn an ordinary garden into extraordinary. Planted in mass displays, small groupings or containers, they are a welcome sight in any garden. Learn from master gardeners about a variety of beautiful bulbs and how to plant and care for them. Admission is \$10 for county residents, \$12 for out-of-county residents. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 16-17

Children's Consignment Sale. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Call 703-971-7957 to become a seller, or email CUMC.CCS@gmail.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Lush Autumn Container Workshop. 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. With creative help from

horticulturalist Nancy Olney, pair colorful edibles and showy tender perennials for a lush autumn mix of container plants that are sure to grab attention. Admission is \$35 for county residents, \$37 for out-of-county residents, plus a supply fee. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Scottish Heritage Outlander Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Events will include three Scottish and Celtic storytelling performances during the afternoon, an appearance by the Granfling School of Highland Dance, a concert by the Devil's Tailors, and a bagpiper. Tours of the museum will include references to Outlander, the popular book series and television show. Tickets are \$7, \$3 for children ages 5-12. Visit www.novaparks.org for more.

Case Remodeling Seminar. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Case Mosaic Tile Showroom, 821 S. Pickett St. Case Design/Remodeling experts will help participants gain insight into the latest trends and different levels of kitchen and bath remodeling, as well as project timeframes and budgeting. Free. Visit www.casedesign.com for more.

Barley & Music Fest. 12-6 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park. Attend the first annual Barley & Music Fest to find over a dozen craft breweries, music, and more. Admission to the

festival is free, but drink tickets are \$15 for 5, additional tastes may be purchased for \$1. Visit www.barleymusicfest.com for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 17-18

Colonial Market And Fair. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Visit the 18th century at this colonial celebration featuring crafting demonstrations, puppet shows, military drills, and traditional food and music. Tickets are \$9-17. Children age 5 and under are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Art League Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at King Street Art Festival, Market Square (corner of King and N. Fairfax Streets). Patrons can purchase one of 1,400 hand-made bowls created by the talented artists of The Art League's ceramics department and enjoy a scoop of ice cream, all for \$15 per bowl, with the proceeds benefiting The Art League. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

King Street Art Festival. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at King Street from Washington Street to the Potomac River waterfront. Outdoor Art Festival featuring multiple art vendors on King Street between Washington and Union Streets with over six blocks of artwork by more

than 200 artists. Free. Visit www.artfestival.com/cities/alexandria.

Kingstowne Area Arts Show. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Center, 6450 S. Van Dorn St. Work in a variety of media will be on display. Free. Visit www.kingstowneartists.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Outlander Tea. 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Celebrate Scottish Heritage at the oldest stone house in Alexandria, home of John Carlyle. Attend the tea and fashion show and specialized tour. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

SEPT. 18-24

ReelAbilities Film Festival. Various times and places throughout Northern Virginia. The 5th Annual ReelAbilities Film Festival: Northern Virginia, powered by the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV), is a lineup of award-winning feature and short films and a preview of guest speakers and special events. ReelAbilities is the largest film festival of its kind in the nation dedicated to showcasing films by and about people that experience a disability. Opening and Closing Nights: advance tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for JCCNV members, seniors (65+), and for groups of 10 or more, \$10 students with valid student ID. All tickets are \$20 the day of the opening and closing events. Other ticket prices vary. Visit www.northernva.reelabilities.org for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

Beating the Odds: Using Indirect Evidence to Solve Brick Walls 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Genealogist Vic Dunn talks about using various types of indirect evidence to "prove" relationships when direct evidence is lacking. Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21

Antiques Club Meeting. 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Teresa Tkicik will demonstrate how we can evaluate pearls according to their qualities of size, luster, macre, shape, and color. Members should bring a few pearls from their collections for discussion, a 10x loupe or magnifier, a white light flashlight, and a centimeter tape measure. If not available, other members will share. Free. Call 703-360-4979 for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 23

Civil War Talk. 12-1:30 p.m. at Washington Street United Methodist Church, 109 S. Washington St. Washington Street UMC will host a lunch talk on the church's history as a hospital during the Civil War. The speaker will be church member Mark Tooley, who has written books and articles on the Civil War and church history. Free. Call 703-836-4324 for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

Mount Vernon Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. The flea market features: furniture, art, china, glass, porcelain, pottery, books, photographs, lighting, tools, comic books, vinyl records, novelties and more. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Free. Visit mountvernonflea.market.wordpress.com for more.

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St. Luke's Annual Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Mount Vernon. Connect with old friends and neighbors. Cold drinks and luncheon items from the St. Luke's grill will be available, along with a bake sale featuring cakes, pies, cookies and brownies. Also fresh produce from a nearby farm, entertainment provided by a guest guitarist and two local pianists. For children, there will be a moonbounce, face-painting and games. Visit www.saintlukeschurch.net or call 703-765-4342 for more.

75th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Old Town Alexandria. For the 75th annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour, the public may visit six historic homes and gardens in Old Town Alexandria, all within walking distance of one another. Proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital. Tickets are \$35 through Sept. 25 and may be purchased online. Thereafter, tickets are \$40 and may be purchased at The Twig's Thrift Shop, 106 N Columbus St. Visit www.thetwig.org/homes-tour for more.

Garden Program: All About Figs. 10 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Smithsonian Gardens educator Cindy Brown will share some history and fun facts about figs. Learn how to successfully grow a delicious crop of figs and get a few recipes to try at home. Admission is \$15 for county residents, \$17 for out-of-county residents. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Workshop: Autumn Seed Collecting. 10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Join horticulturist Judy Zatsick to learn the basics of seed saving: when and how to collect seed, cleaning, drying and labelling seed, how to store your seeds and when to plant them for best results. Admission is \$18 for county residents, \$20 for out-of-county residents, plus a supply fee. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Mount Vernon Celebration! A Community Showcase. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parkers Lane. The 2016

Celebration will feature a church choir competition. Inova will provide health screenings and the Bloodmobile will come for a community blood drive. Free. Visit www.celebrationmvl.org.

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Family Fall Festival. 12-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Find activities for kids, live music, food trucks, beer, wine, and more. Tickets are \$20 for adults, free for children 13 and under. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org for more.

Tea with Lady Washington. 2-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Step back in time and join "Lady Washington" for a cozy fireside tea as she shares memories of her and the General's life as a young married couple, during the Revolutionary War, and at their beloved Mount Vernon. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25

Run! Geek! Run! 8 a.m. at Potomac Yard. All proceeds from Run! Geek! Run! will go directly to support the nonprofit Capitol Post. Capitol Post offers veterans in the Washington, DC., region personalized guidance through mentoring, business counseling, and access to key resources, programs, and leaders. Their mission is to establish and cultivate the top community for veterans to start a business, grow a business or explore a new career. Registration is \$30-50. Visit www.rungeekrun.net for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 28

Community Supported Art Pick-Up Party. 7 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Interested consumers/collectors can purchase a "share" consisting of six pieces of locally produced artwork (one from each artist). Shares will include photography, glass, pastels, watercolors and ceramics. Only 50 shares will be available. Shares cost \$250 each and will be distributed at the Pick-Up Party. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Energy Masters Training program, which trains volunteers in energy efficiency, water conservation, and community education and outreach, is seeking volunteers. Alexandria joins program partners Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE), Arlington Thrive, and Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE). The program is accepting applications for community and student apprentice volunteers for the fall training program, which starts in late September. The student apprentice program is open to college students and high school students ages 16 and over. Visit www.ArlingtonEnvironment.org/energy.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 24

Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments. 4 p.m. at City Hall, Room 3008, 301 King St. Contact Marilyn Bruguera, 703-746-4180.

Business Networking. 6-8 p.m. at Cedar Knoll Restaurant, 9030 Lucia Lane. Join Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce for business networking. This is a joint event with the Alexandria Chamber so bring plenty of business cards. This event is \$10 for members of the Chamber and their guests and \$25 for others. Call 703-360-6925 or visit www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 25

Application Deadline. Applications are now being accepted for the Alexandria Marketing Fund, a grant program that provides seed money in the form of matching funds for new and innovative marketing programs. The program also provides grants for the expansion of ongoing or pre-existing programs. To view the Marketing Fund guidelines and online application form, visit alexandriava.gov/



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Catching Scyther

Erik Laughlin, 10, shows mom Amy his capture of the rare Scyther while playing Pokemon Go Aug. 18 near Founders Park. The capture was worth 1,000 CP (combat points) to the duo, who had cycled to Alexandria from Falls Church to seek out new Pokemon Go locations. "We're having a blast," said Amy Laughlin. "This is a great way to meet new people."

MarketingFund. Contact Cynthia Chin at chin@alexcon.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 28

Jazz Worship Service and Forum. 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Manhattan-based pianist/composer Deanna Witkowski presents liturgical jazz in worship at St. Paul's Church. Witkowski will lead a forum after the service, and will also perform at Twins Jazz that evening with a quintet. Call 703-549-3312 or visit stpaulsalexandria.com for more.

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OBITUARY REDMON, DOROTHY MILLER

December 31, 1921-July 15, 2016

Dorothy Miller Redmon, 94, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on Friday, July 15, 2016 with her daughter by her side. She was preceded in death by her husband, Naval Commander Donald Evan Redmon. Dorothy was born in 1921, the youngest of four daughters, to Reverend Edward Lewis Miller and her mother, Anna. Her mother died when she was only five, and she was raised by her beloved father and step-mother, "Bockey". Dorothy loved to tell stories about growing up a PK (preacher's kid), in Maurertown, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley. . . . Some funny things were going on, when the preacher wasn't looking, in that small Brethren Church. After graduating Woodstock High School, "Dottie" as she was known, moved to Washington, DC to live with her sister Margaret, attended Strayer Business College, and worked for IBM. In 1944, while in DC, she met and married the love of her life, Donald Redmon.

Then came their brood of four kids, ten years apart. Mom spent the next thirty years of her life raising kids and participating in many school activities, serving as room mother in many classes. She also volunteered her services in the church office, where the family worshipped at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. When the kids were grown and Daddy retired, the games of golf and bridge took over as pastimes. Mom's holiday table was always surrounded with family and friends, as she stuffed a Great Big Turkey.

Dorothy is survived by her four children: Paula Redmon Baughan (Jack) of Bluffton, SC, Donna Redmon Frank of Richmond, VA, Donald Evan Redmon, Jr. of Tucson, AZ, and Candace Miller Redmon of Santa Barbara, CA. She has five grandchildren: Daniel Baughan, Meredith Frank Dunford, Mathew Frank, Rebecca Redmon and Dustin Miller Redmon, and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on August 30, 2016 at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home in Alexandria, VA. Burial will follow at 3:00PM at Arlington National Cemetery, next to her husband. Donald

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

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide Extended Day Services at Jefferson-Houston PreK-8 school.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-08-07 Extended Day Services at Jefferson-Houston PreK-8 school will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, September 23, 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>

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING is hereby given that Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew) will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on its PRELIMINARY BUDGET for the FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 on Tuesday, September 20th 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at AlexRenew's Environmental Center Building located at 1800 Limerick Street, Alexandria, VA. The preliminary budget is available for examination by the public online at www.alexrenew.com and during regular business hours at the above address. Copies will be made available upon request - phone (703) 549-3381 ext. 2260. August 25th and September 1st

Alexandria Renew Enterprises
BY: Bruce Johnson
Secretary - Treasurer

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OBITUARY

Vincent A. "Chip" Carlin III, Vice Chairman of the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review - Old & Historic District, died unexpectedly in his home on July 29th, at the age of 62.

Chip was born on August 6, 1953 in Maryland to the late Vincent A. Carlin and Harriet Grimes Carlin. Chip grew up locally on Church Street, at the southern end of Old Town. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in architecture, and moved back to Alexandria to practice locally. He renovated his first property on Commerce Street in 1979. Chip later founded his own architectural business, The Carlin Company. Chip is survived by his son, Jack Thomas Carlin Harrell, and many loving friends and family from Virginia to Kentucky.

Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church located at 310 S. Royal St in Alexandria at 12:00pm, followed immediately by a celebration of Chip's life at St. Mary's Lyceum.

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NUMBER 16-08-06

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors for the provision of Academic Intervention Services.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-08-06 Academic Intervention Services will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, September 8, 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>

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The reason for this cause is to notify Igo Chornyy and Genadij Chornyy who are persons having an interest in the estate of Viktor Chornyy of a hearing for the purposes of the approval of a compromise settlement in the above-referenced matter on or about September 27, 2016 at 9:00am in the Alexandria Circuit Court. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that Igo and Genadij Chornyy, interested persons in the settlement of the above referenced cause, cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the persons to be served, and the last known whereabouts of Igor Chornyy was in Ukraine and the last known whereabouts of Genadij Chornyy was in Ukraine or Russia.

Upon consideration whereof, this Order of Publication is granted, and is ORDERED that the above-named interested persons do appear here on or before September 27, 2016 which date is no sooner than fifty(50) days after entry of this Order of Publication.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four(4) weeks in the Alexandria Gazette newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Alexandria, Virginia and that a copy of this Order be posted at the front door of the courthouse wherein this Court is held. Entered this 28th day of July, 2016.

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Green centipede

Centipedes To Compete in Patriot Run

The George Washington Patriot Run, co-sponsored by Mount Vernon and the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Committee, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, and will feature an opportunity for entrants to run in teams known as Centipedes. The Centipede teams will run along side other race competitors as a group of at least 10 physically attached runners and compete in the 10K race to the finish.

The idea of Centipedes is being imported from San Francisco's Bay to Breakers race. The first Centipede ran in the '70s when the U.C. Davis Aggies Track Club decided they were tired of running races in the traditional

manner. The team took a long piece of cloth and cut holes for the heads of the runners and called it a Centipede. The idea caught on and has become a staple of the San Francisco race, known for its whimsy and fun.

The idea has also been gradually employed around the country, and has now arrived in Alexandria. Teams of 10 or more runners will compete against one another to win the Centipede division of the Patriot Run. Costs and rules are posted on the race website at www.MountVernon.com/run.

The Patriot Run will have two USATF-certified courses for 10K and 5K that take runners up and down the scenic George Washington Memorial Parkway and trace

Washington's footsteps into the historic area at Mount Vernon. The race finishes with the Mansion in view. A free children's "Fun Run" will be held near the finish line (registration required).

Centipedes may also issue challenges to other Centipedes for their own special competition in the context of the overall race.

There will be a bag check for all run participants.

All 10K and 5K runners will receive a t-shirt, a finisher medal, and a post-race drink ticket.

Runners may take a finisher photo with "General Washington."

Local Rowing Team Makes a Splash

BY CAMPBELL T. BRIGHT

As the world watched the U.S. Women's coxed 8 dominate in Rio this summer, the local women of Alexandria Community Rowing (ACR) club's competitive sweep team have steadily earned their own gold in local, regional, and national regattas.

Almost every morning before dawn, the club's 175 members can be found gliding over the Potomac River in fiberglass shells housed in the Dee Campbell Boathouse (One Madison Street).

More than two dozen of those rowers — women aged 23-61 with between 3 and 25 years of rowing experience — tackle intense water and land training to prepare a racing season that extends April to November. Coached by Jaime Rubini, the women's masters team rows in boats of 2, 4, and 8 rowers to prepare for the summer sprint (1,000 meters) and fall "head" (5,000 meters) races.

Logging thousands of meters in practice has paid off for this tight-knit team. ACR women have collected 16 first-place medals in more than eight regattas this summer alone. Alexandria's team competed in local regattas in D.C. and on the Occoquan, as well as regattas in Philadelphia and Middletown, Delaware.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Members of the Alexandria Community Rowing club.

The women's 8+ took gold at Stonewall Regatta, Schuylkill Navy Day, Row for the Cure and Occoquan Sprints. First place finishes in the women's 4+ events occurred at Stonewall, Schuylkill Navy, Row for the Cure, Capital Sprints, Occoquan Sprints, and Diamond States Masters Regatta. ACR's women's pair placed first in three regattas.

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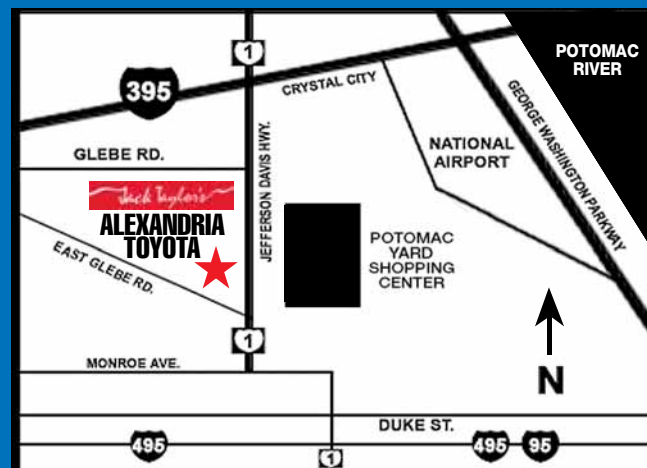
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2016-2017

A hidden gem, Winkler Botanical Preserve in Alexandria boasts a large pond, lodge and outbuildings, trails and bridges around the park.

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9515 Mt. Vernon Lndg
\$975,000

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**Two water privileged homes in
Mt. Vernon on the Potomac!**



9419 Mt. Vernon Cir.
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Custom estate caliber home with classic French Provincial flair. Premier location in Mt. Vernon on the Potomac-the only community in the area with a private marina for the exclusive use of its' residents. Imposing residence with many custom touches including open foyer with double curved stairway, custom white brick exterior, high ceilings, spacious room sizes and oversize garage. Columned veranda overlooks pool and grounds.



3808 Washington Woods Dr.
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There's No Place Like Home

**Alexandria:
From the waterfront
To the West End.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Most visitors to Alexandria know the city as the hometown of such notables as George Washington and Robert E. Lee. Dig a little deeper and you'll learn that Jim Morrison, Mama Cass Elliot, Dermot Mulroney and House of Cards creator Beau Willimon also called Alexandria home.

No longer the sleepy Southern city portrayed in the Disney film "Remember the Titans," Alexandria's cobblestone streets and lively waterfront attracts more than three million visitors every year.

At 15.4 square miles and with a population of just over 150,000, Alexandria hosts nationally recognized events such as the Scottish Walk and Del Ray's Art on the Avenue. But off the beaten paths of King Street and Mount Vernon Avenue are attractions such as the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier and the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

In the West End are the Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site and the Winkler Botanic Reserve, a tranquil nature sanctuary tucked in the shadows of the BRAC center and Interstate 395.

While there are volumes written about Alexandria's historic past, there is an edgier side of the city that attracts artisans and even inspired musician Dave Grohl of Foo



Alexandria is home to 70 major parks totaling 950 acres, including Founders Park along the waterfront.

Fighters fame to write "Arlandria" in homage to his hometown neighborhood.

Willard Scott, "Nashville" star Chip Esten and "Saturday Night Live" alum Casey Wilson also hail from Alexandria, as does Christopher Meloni of "Law and Order SVU" fame. But you can't consider yourself a local until you've listened to Jamey Turner play "Ode to Joy" on his glass harp at the waterfront.

More traditional entertainment can be found at the Birchmere, MetroStage, The

Little Theatre of Alexandria or Port City Playhouse.

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, which performs at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center on the campus of Northern Virginia Community College, is considered one of the finest in the nation.

If you're looking to perform yourself, a variety of classes are available for children and adults at LTA's home on Wolfe Street, where both Mulroney and Academy Award

winner Marcia Gay Harden honed their craft.

But what many consider to be Alexandria's finest attraction is its sense of community and service. Organizations like the Rotary Club, Senior Services of Alexandria or Carpenter's Shelter provide a helping hand to some of the city's most vulnerable citizens.

So whether you spend a few years or stay for a lifetime, there really is no place like Alexandria to call home.



PHOTOS BY JOHN BORDNER

Market Square is a popular destination for festivals, the Saturday morning Farmers Market or people watching.



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

The Scottish Walk Parade has been named one of the Top 10 Christmas events in the country. Other signature parades celebrate Saint Patrick's Day and George Washington's Birthday.

A Safe Bet? Impact of MGM casino to open Agenda:Alexandria 2016-17 series.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

What are the odds that the opening of the MGM Casino at National Harbor will be good for Alexandria? That is the subject of discussion as Agenda:Alexandria begins its 2016-2017 series Sept. 26 with "Gambling on the Future: What Will Maryland's Casino Mean for Alexandria?"

The nonprofit, non-partisan organization hosts eight sessions each year to encourage informed debate on various issues of concern to Alexandria.

"Agenda will continue its mission of impartially examining all sides of timely, relevant and occasionally controversial issues of interest to Alexandria residents," said board chair Janet Barnett. "Highlights include a look at the effect National Harbor's new casino will have on Alexandria commerce as well as examining the challenges of running a

small business in our city." Originally formed in 1998, Agenda:Alexandria hosts eight dinner meetings a year on a wide range of issues of interest to residents. All programs are held on the fourth Monday of the month and presentations are followed by a question and answer session based on written questions from the audience.

Other upcoming topics include:

- ❖ "Small Area Plans: Are They Worth the Paper They Are Written On?" – Oct. 24
- ❖ "Veterans in Alexandria: Talent Ready to Serve, Ready to Work, and Ready to Grow" – Nov. 28
- ❖ "City Elections: Are We Getting It Right?" – Jan. 23
- ❖ "Dispensing Mercy – Civil War Nurses at Alexandria's Mansion House Hospital" – Feb. 27
- ❖ "Profit or Loss: Stories from Small Business Owners in Alexandria" – March 27
- ❖ "Here Come the Scientists: How Will the New National Science Foundation Impact Alexandria?" – April 24



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❖ "Guns: Taking a Look at the Issues Without Taking Sides" – May 22

Agenda:Alexandria membership is \$35 per year and open to all. Non-members can participate in the individual sessions and everyone has the option to attend the din-

ner or program only portions of the evening. Meetings are held at The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave. For more information, call executive director Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or visit www.agendaalexandria.org.

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A Mayoral Welcome

BY ALLISON SILBERBERG
MAYOR, CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

Hope everyone is enjoying the last days of summer. Soon the air will be crisp and the leaves will be changing color. Alexandria is stunning in the fall.

For those who are newcomers to Alexandria, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to our beloved, historic city!

Founded in 1749, Alexandria is authentic and charming. We have a number of historic districts throughout our city, and Old Town Alexandria is recognized as a national gem with its restored homes and buildings of the 1700s and 1800s, gas lampposts, brick sidewalks, cobblestone streets, and historic markers and ubiquitous plaques that show us where President George Washington's lawyer and physician lived or where Robert E. Lee lived as a boy. Over three million visit Alexandria each year. Historic preservation is a core value here.

With a small town feel, we have an excellent sense of community. We are a city of great neighborhoods. Farmers' Markets thrive across our city. The Old Town Farmers' Market is the oldest, ongoing farmers' market in the country. Known for some of the best culinary talent in the region, Alexandria is for foodies.

We have beautiful parks plus biking and walking trails. Many Alexandrians love gardening, and the city will sell trees at a reduced rate this fall. I ask my



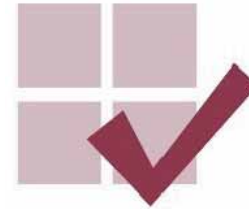
fellow Alexandrians to please plant a tree. Let's "green up" our city and go from our 34 percent tree canopy to the national goal of 40 percent. This is a community-wide and team effort. Please join us in this endeavor. We are a compassionate city with a phenomenal nonprofit sector. If you want to volunteer, we have a nonprofit for you. We are a can-do city. Our citizens see an issue and roll up their sleeves to create change. Here are some fun highlights for this fall. On Sept. 24, the TWIG will host its 75th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. On Oct. 1, the Del Ray Art on the Avenue is fantastic and has a homemade pie contest. Be sure to catch the Del Ray Halloween Parade. It is old-fashioned fun.

On Dec. 3, the Campagna Center's Scottish Christmas Walk Parade will thrill thousands. There is our ever-popular First Night Alexandria on New Year's Eve. Months later, the Ballyshanners' St. Patrick's Day Parade is amazing. These traditions and more create the glue that gives our city an abiding sense of community. I am so honored to serve as your mayor.

At City Hall, we are working hard for all our citizens. I ask you to help us make our great city even greater. Please consider joining one of our 100 boards or commissions. Civic engagement is critically important. The City Council holds a monthly public hearing on a Saturday, and citizens can speak for three minutes about any concern. I welcome your input and host a monthly coffee called "Mayor on Your Corner."

Please let me know if I may ever be of any help. Together, we are making Alexandria even stronger.

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Concept rendering for the new Beauregard Town Center in the West End.



Concept rendering for the planned Fitzgerald Square Park at the end of King Street.



Concept rendering for the Robinson Terminal South development.

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Upcoming Development

A guide to the city's growing pains.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

For residents of Alexandria, developments might seem to spring up quickly, but many of the plans to reshape the result of decades of planning and negotiations. Some long gestating developments, like the open Waterfront, are beginning to bloom within the next year. Others, like the development of the Potomac Yard Metro, are just getting started.

Beauregard Town Center

The redevelopment of the Beauregard Town Center in the West End was part of the Beauregard Small Area Plan approved in 2012, but City Manager Mark Jinks said the marketplace at the time kept the developers from moving forward on the project. However, Jinks said developer JBG Cos. is beginning plans to move forward with the development of the retail and residential complex. The design now is smaller than some of the original plans, but the buildings will still replace the existing 2,600

apartments. According to Jinks, the Beauregard Town Center is part of a longer-range plan to bring transit oriented development into the area.

"[Beauregard Town Center] sits roughly where the current retail center is," said Jinks. "The plan for Beauregard corridor is redevelopment of older garden apartment community into mixed use, transit-oriented development. The Beauregard corridor will be part of the West End Transitway; bus rapid transit like on Route 1 that will run from the Van Dorn Metro station along Beauregard corridor, ending either in Arlington or at Pentagon station."

Jinks said the developer had the right to tear down the existing apartments, but negotiated with the city to preserve 800 units of affordable housing.

Landmark Mall

Landmark Mall is a complicated site. Macy's, Sears, and the Howard Hughes Corporation each own a third of the property, meaning any development will need to take the approval of all three. Progress has been made in 2016, but it's been slow. Jinks said

the latest update came in May when the Howard Hughes corporation showcased the mall to retailers and restaurateurs at the International Conference of Retailers in Las Vegas.

"People are interested in being there," said Jinks. "It's these macro business deals that need to be completed."

But as the project moves forward, Jinks says the site will likely require a level of public participation, meaning the city would pay to redevelop the complex. No exact details on cost have emerged, but Jinks said the city has had "productive conversations" with Howard Hughes about the potential for public participation in paying for infrastructure on the site. Jinks compared the city's potential involvement in Landmark Mall's redevelopment to Arlington County's \$10 million investment of public revenue for garage and transportation improvements for the Ballston Mall.

"For big retail centers, some kind of public participation is a common element of the financing," said Jinks. "We've said for over a decade that may well be needed to make development work."

While no date is set for development, Jinks said he was hopeful the city could proceed in 2017.

Victory Center

The Transportation Security Administration had been planning on moving into the long vacant Victory Center on Eisenhower Avenue, but a lawsuit in 2015 stalled that move and forced the TSA to reconsider its future in Alexandria. Of the eight sites being reconsidered, Jinks says two potential locations are still in Alexandria: the original Victory Center location and a site nearby at the Hoffman Center.

"The [General Services Administration] will be going through all those sites to determine the site that meets all of their specifications and has lowest cost to federal government," said Jinks, adding that the new determination should be made sometime in 2017 with the final move expected in 2020.

North Potomac Yard

With one year left before construction on the North Potomac Yard Metro project gets

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Getting Down to Business

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The acronyms run from AEDP to WEBBA and represent citywide organizations and various business associations that span every corner of the City of Alexandria.

Some, like the Chamber of Commerce, have been around for over a century, while others, like the Capitol Post, represent the needs of the city's shifting demographic.

"Capitol Post offers military veterans and spouses in the Washington, D.C. region personalized guidance through mentoring, business counseling and access to key resources, programs, mentors, and co-working space," said Capitol Post executive director and West Point graduate Emily McMahan. "Our mission is to establish and cultivate the top community for veterans to start a business, grow a business, explore a new career and get involved locally."

In addition to hosting workshops and

events, Capitol Post offers co-working, conference and training space and is the host of business incubator Bunker Labs DC. Bunker Labs DC integrates military veteran entrepreneurs into the greater business ecosystem through connections to potential customers, employees, advisors and investors.

The Capitol Post is located at 625 N. Washington St., Suite 425. 703-652-5377 or www.thecapitolpost.com.

Visit Alexandria

Visit Alexandria is the city's tourism marketing agency and attracts visitors to the city through sales and marketing programs. The Visitor's Center is located at 221 King St. with administrative offices at 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400. VisitAlexandriaVA.com

Alexandria Economic Development Partnership - AEDP

Founded in 1992, the Alexandria Eco-

nomics Development Partnership actively positions and promotes commercial spaces and economic opportunities in the City of Alexandria as the city's primary engine for economic development. AEDP serves as the leading resource for economic data, customized reports, development maps, real estate insights and information on tax and financial incentives for businesses and commercial real estate professionals. 625 N. Washington St., suite 400. 703-739-3820 or www.AlexEcon.org

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

Alexandria is home to one of the largest chambers in the Greater Washington region, with 850 professional business members and partners employing more than 49,000 people region-wide. Founded in 1906, it serves as the voice of the business community in the City of Alexandria through lobbying efforts at the local, state and federal levels. 2834 Duke St. 703-549-1000 or

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Patricia Washington is president and CEO of Visit Alexandria, the city's convention and tourism marketing agency.

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As your local, weekly newspaper, the Gazette Packet's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to try to make sense of what is happening in your community, to gather information about the best things in and around your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an updated version of our award-winning Insider's Guide to the Parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an email or call us, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon,

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supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, being sure to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a photo.

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to

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— THE REV. TIM BOBBITT
SENIOR PASTOR

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Stroll Through Simpson Gardens

VCE Master Gardeners who maintain Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens will be in the garden on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 11 a.m. to noon to welcome visitors, answer gardening questions and describe what's blooming in the garden.

Simpson Park Gardens are located at 420 E. Monroe St., Alexandria, by the YMCA. They comprise a series of gardens that demonstrate what plants do

well in a variety of situations: the Waterwise Garden, the Flagstone Garden, the Tufa Garden and a new Shade Garden. There is also a Butterfly Garden containing plants attractive to butterflies, and a Scented Garden.

For more information, contact the VCE Help Desk at 703-228-6414 or by email at mgarlalex@gmail.com.


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Schools Benefit from Community Support

BY DR. ALVIN CRAWLEY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

As Alexandria City Public Schools starts the 2016-2017 school year, we would like to welcome all of our families.

ACPS is a very special place. Our schools are the heart of Alexandria. They are a rich and diverse collection of communities that come together to make up one school division. We pride ourselves on our diversity and celebrate the fact that, with students from more than 80 different countries speaking more than 60 languages, we are one of the most diverse school divisions in the United States.

Our schools are places where communities gather before, during and after school. They are places where new friendships are made, many of which will last a lifetime. Our schools are also places where students can feel safe and cared for, and where every student has the opportunity to succeed.

ACPS continues to demonstrate steady increases in student achievement through a relentless focus on becoming a high-performing school division.

High-performing schools are characterized by a clear focus; expectations for all students; a strong instructional program; collaboration and communication; alignment with state standards; frequent moni-



toring; ongoing staff training; and a supportive learning environment. These characteristics are well-aligned in the school division's 2020 Strategic Plan and its mission of ensuring that every student succeeds through six bold goals: Academic Excellence and Educational Equity; Family and Community Engagement; Exemplary Staff; Facilities and Learning Environments; Health and Wellness; and Effective and Efficient Operations. These goals are supported by department and school education plans that are focused on ensuring the success of all students, and that there are strong systems of accountability and interventions in place through our multi-tiered systems of support.

There are several key initiatives in action to strengthen our supports to students and staff. We are forward thinking in technology, with the expansion of Chromebooks for students in grades four through 12. The school division is undergoing a comprehensive curriculum evaluation, with Phase I results expected in September.

There are planned evaluations of our Tal-

ented and Gifted and Special Education services. This information will help us to implement a rich, rigorous and engaging instructional program that meets the needs of all students.

We are also moving forward with the continued implementation of restorative practices and cultural competency initiatives to promote equitable practices within and across schools.

ACPS benefits from the strong support of our City Council, the business community, community partners, community organizations, faith-based institutions, and non-profit organizations.

We also benefit from connected Parent Teacher Associations and Booster clubs that together create a strong network of support for our students, programs and infrastructure. We look forward to nurturing and deepening these relationships even more through the opening of our new Office of School, Community, and Business Partnerships.

Whether or not you have children in ACPS schools, I encourage you to volunteer, partner with us and to be a champion for our school division.

I am proud to be your superintendent of schools and look forward to another exciting school year filled with opportunities to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and staff.

Welcome

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us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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How to Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail.

The Alexandria ballot will include President and Vice President of the United States, U.S. House of Representatives (Eighth Congressional District), and two proposed amendments to the Virginia Constitution. There are no local ballot questions or local offices particular to Alexandria on the ballot this year, but voter turnout in the City of Alexandria could well have an impact on the outcome of the presidential contest in Virginia.

Absentee Voting in Person in Alexandria

Voting begins Sept. 23, and with record turnout possible, voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible. <http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to

make sure it is up-to-date. If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location. There are two locations in Alexandria, the Office of Elections and the Beatley Library.

Office of Voter Registration & Elections

132 North Royal Street, Suite 100 (beginning Friday, September 23)

In-person absentee voting at the Voter Registration Office begins on Friday, Sept. 23 at 8 a.m. and ends on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.

Regular hours for in-person absentee voting are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed on Monday, Oct. 10.)

Extended hours for in-person absentee voting:

Saturdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

Thursday, Oct. 27, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 3, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

You may complete your absentee application when you come to vote.

Beatley Library, beginning Thursday, Oct. 27

5005 Duke Street

The hours will be as follows:

Thursday, Oct. 27, noon to 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28, noon to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 31, noon to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 1, noon to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 2, noon to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 3, noon to 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4, noon to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has a stringent voter identification requirement, plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Election Day.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an in

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Upcoming Deadlines

On Election Day Polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

To determine whether you are eligible and registered to vote in this election, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at <http://elections.virginia.gov/> or call Fairfax Elections office at 703-222-0776.

♦ Sept. 23: In-Person Absentee Voting Begins <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

♦ Oct. 17: Voter Registration Deadline - In-Person: 5 p.m., Online www.vote.virginia.gov 11:59 p.m.

♦ Nov. 1: Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail, Fax, Email or Online: 5 p.m.

♦ Nov. 5: Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting

♦ Nov. 8: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: 7 p.m.

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Call the Alexandria Voter Registration Office at 703-746-4050

Email anna.leider@alexandriava.gov

www.alexandriava.gov/Elections

Work as an Election Officer

Alexandria will need up to 500 election officers to cover the 200 polling places. These officers are needed to maintain a high level of service throughout Election Day. For more information call 703-746-4050 or visit 132 North Royal St.

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A SAMPLING OF ALEXANDRIA PARKS

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FEATURING WINKLER BOTANICAL PRESERVE
MAP BY LAURENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD



1 Armistead Boothe Park

520 Cameron Station Blvd.
Citywide Park
Size: 10.81 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, picnic pavilion, restrooms, tennis courts, and walking/biking trails.

2 Ben Brenman Park

4800 Brenman Park Dr.
Citywide Park
Size: 59.3 acres, Features: ADA accessible picnic benches and pathways, Amphitheatre, athletic fields, dog park, parking, picnic pavilion with grill, playground, pond, restrooms, and walking/bicycle trails.

3 Brookvalley Park

5599 Holmes Run Parkway
Citywide Park
Size: 22.03 acres, Features: Garden plots, natural area, playground, picnic areas, walking/bicycle trail, home to Bicentennial Tree.

4 Cameron Station Linear Park

5131 Brawner Place
Citywide Park
Size: 7.56 acres, Features: Biking/walking/jogging trail

5 Chinguapin Park/Forest Park

3210 King St.
Citywide Park
Size: 52.89 acres (Chinguapin: 32.08 acres; Forest Park: 20.81), Athletic fields, basketball courts, garden plots, picnic area with grill, parking, playground, tennis courts, recreation center with an indoor swimming pool, and wooded area.

6 Four Mile Run Park

3700 Commonwealth Ave. and 4131 Mount Vernon Ave.
Citywide Park
Size: 46.75 acres (an additional 1.47 acres has recently been acquired and a planning process is currently underway for the additional land),

Features: Athletic fields, basketball, biking/jogging/walking trail, bird and river watching, fishing, playground, picnic benches, and seating.

7 Holmes Run Scenic Easement

Holmes Run Parkway
Citywide Park
Size: 8.02 acres, Features: Natural wooded area, walking and biking paths.

8 Joseph Hensley Park

4200 Eisenhower Ave.
Citywide Park
Size: 21.66 acres, Features: Softball fields, soccer field, restrooms, on-site parking, picnic area, park shelter with grill.

9 Potomac Greens Park

700 Carpenter Road
Citywide Park
Size: 18.47 acres, Features: Playground, seating area, wooded area with trails

10 Potomac Yard Park

2501 Potomac Ave.
Citywide Park
Size: 23.4 acres, Features: ADA accessible picnic tables and pathways, special events area with outdoor stage, athletic fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts, picnic area, interactive fountain, ADA playground, stormwater management ponds, and walking/bicycle trails, passive seating areas and historical interpretation. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily

11 Tarleton Park

4420A Vermont Ave.
Citywide Park
Size: 6.14 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, nature area with trails, open play area, playground, walking/biking trails, and sitting area.

12 Witter Recreational Field

2700 Witter Drive
Citywide Park
Size: 13.7 acres, Features: Athletic fields (two synthetic turf rectangular), cemetery, park shelters, parking, and restrooms.

13 All Veterans Park

4725 Duke St.
Citywide Park
Size: 37.78 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, trail, observation deck to view Bicentennial Tree.

14 Eugene Simpson Stadium Park

426 E. Monroe Ave.
Citywide Park
Size: 9.94 acres, Features: Baseball fields, basketball court, dog exercise area, garden, playground and tennis.

15 Armory Tot Lot

208 S. Royal St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.18 acres, Features: Playground/tot-lot, sitting area.

16 Fort Ward Park

4301 W. Braddock Road
Historical/Destination
Size: 43.46 acres, Features: Amphitheater, dog exercise area, museum, park shelter, parking, picnic areas, playground, and restrooms.

17 Founders Park

351 N. Union St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 4.67 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, volleyball court, benches, walking paths.

18 Freedmen's Cemetery

638 North Alfred Street
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.43 acres.

19 King Street Park

1 King St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.38 Acres, Features architectural design, farmers market, flower beds, plantings, and sitting areas

20 King Street Gardens Park

1806 King St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.80 acres, Features open play area, playground, park shelter, and sitting area

21 Market Square

300 King Street
Historical/Destination
Size: 1.11 acres, Features: Event space, farmers market, open plaza with fountain and planting beds

22 Old Town Pool

1609 Cameron St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 2.71 acres (0.48 acres Facility Area), Features: Basketball court, parking, picnic area, and swimming pool with handicap accessible wading pool

23 Oronoco Bay Park

100 Madison St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 5.08 acres, Features: Event

space, parking, picnic areas, and walking/biking/jogging trails

24 Point Lumley

1 Duke St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.38 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area

25 Roberdeau Park

1 Wolfe St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.23 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area

26 Shipyard/Harborside Park

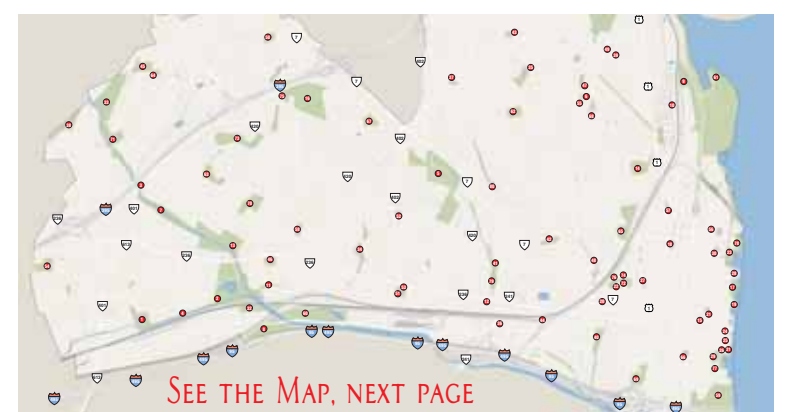
1 Wilkes St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 1.52 acres, Features: Trail and riverside seating

27 Waterfront Park

1A Prince St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 1.37 acres, Features: Boat docking, open lawn space, riverfront seating, and walking trails

28 West's Point Park

1 Oronoco St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.07 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area and observation deck



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PARKS



29 Windmill Hill Park

501 South Union St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 3.43 acres, Features: Basketball court, playground, riverfront seating, and sand volleyball

30 Wythe Street Plaza

705 North Fairfax St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 0.44 acres, Features: Seating area and flower beds

31 Harborside/Shipyard Park

1 Wilkes St.
Historical/Destination
Size: 1.52 acres, Features: Trail and riverside seating

32 Clermont Natural Park

4551 Eisenhower Ave.
Natural Area
Size: 5.95 acres, Features: Wooded area

33 Dora Kelley Nature Park

5750 Sanger Ave.
Natural Area
Size: 46.61 acres, Features: Environmental programs, sitting areas, walking/biking trail, Nature Center, and wooded natural area.

34 Fort Williams Park

501 Fort Williams Parkway
Natural Area
Size: 8.3 acres, Features: Wooded nature area with a walking path.

35 Monticello Park

320 Beverley Drive
Natural Area
Size: 6.24 acres, Features: Bird watching, dog area, stream, walking trail

36 Old Cameron Run Channel Park

2551 Mill Road
Natural Area
Size: 2.83 acres, Features: A nature area with stream

37 Robert Leider Park

3002 Valley Drive
Natural Area
Size: 1.3 acres, Features: Nature area with trail

38 Rynex Nature Park

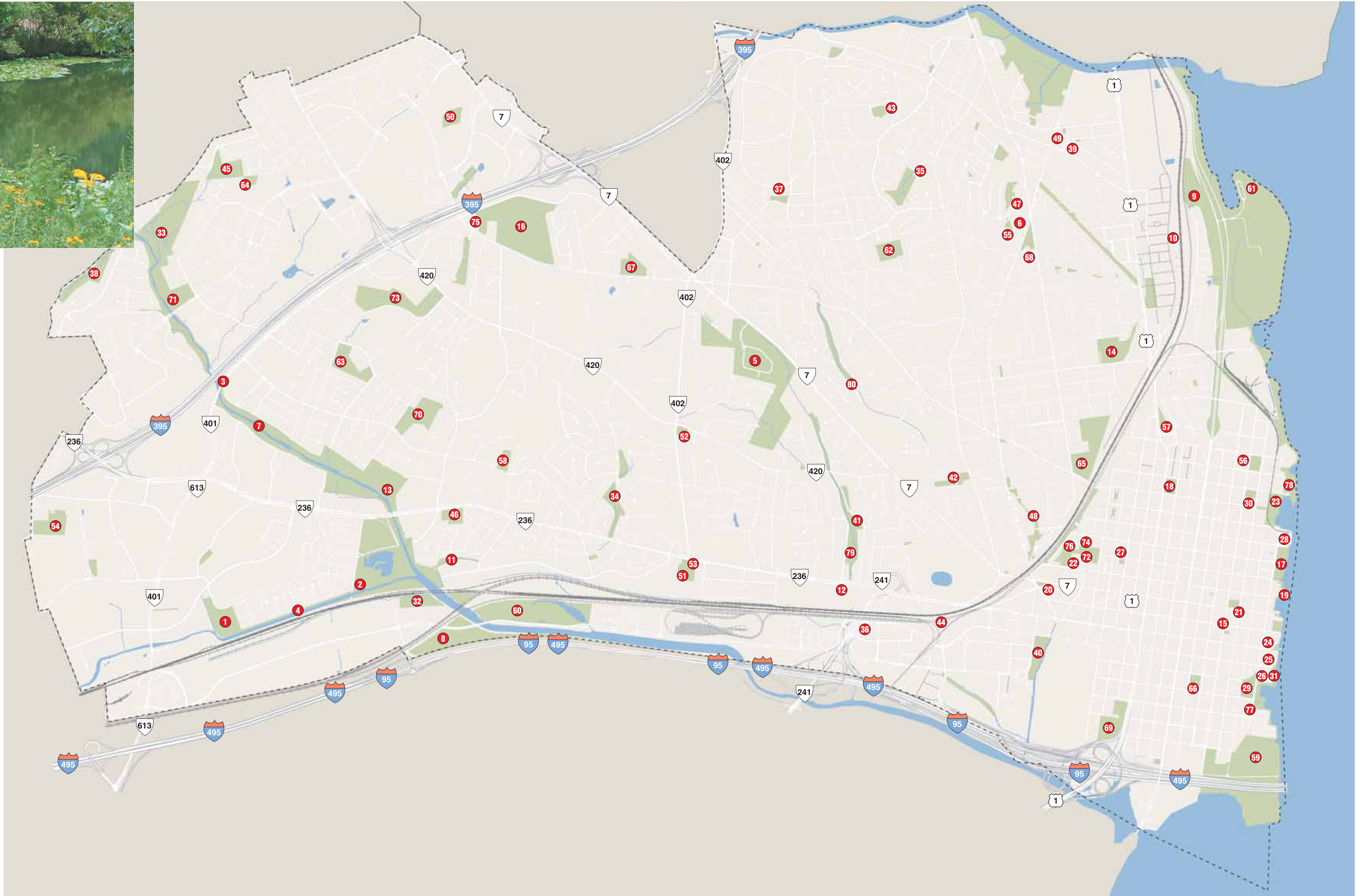
1500 North Chambliss St.
Natural Area
Size: 9.32 acres, Features: Heavily wooded nature area

39 3550 Commonwealth Avenue

3550 Commonwealth Ave.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 0.53 acres, Features: Adopt-a-Garden

40 African American Heritage Memorial Park

500 Holland Lane
Neighborhood Park
Features: One-acre 19th century African American Cemetery, memorial sculptures, park design includes part of the original landscape of the cemetery and a wetland.



PARKS

41 Angel Park

201 W. Taylor Run Parkway
Neighborhood Park
Size: 10.34 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, and shelter with grill.

42 Beach Park

201 Rucker Place
Neighborhood Park
Size: 1.42 acres, Features: open lawn area with seating, playground.

43 Beverley Park

620 N. Overlook Dr.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 1.74 acres, Features: Hard court play area, playground with a park shelter and picnic tables, sitting areas, and wooded nature area.

44 Carlyle Dog Park and Tennis Courts

450 Andrews Lane
Neighborhood Park
Size: 2.96 acres, Features: Fenced dog exercise area, tennis courts, parking

45 Chambliss Park

2505 N. Chambliss St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 8.16 acres, Features: Parking, tennis courts, wooded nature area with a walking trail

46 Ewald Park

4452 Duke St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 3.88 acres, Features: Basketball court, open space/field, parking, playground, swimming pool and bathhouse

47 Goat Hill Park

33 Kennedy St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 2.47 acres, Features: Playground equipment, sitting areas, natural wooded area.

48 Hooffs Run Park and Greenway

18A E. Linden St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 4.53 acres, Features: Basketball half court, dog exercise area, garden, tennis court, and playground.

49 Hume Springs Park

100 Dale St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 0.53 acres, Features: Playground and sitting areas.

50 James Mulligan Park

3300 28th St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 3.55 acres, Features: Natural wooded area, picnic area, and playground.

51 Luckett Field

3540 Wheeler Ave.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 3.31 acres, Features: athletic fields

52 President Gerald R. Ford Park

1426 and 1422 Janneys Lane
Neighborhood Park
Size: 1.13 acres, Features: open lawn and seating areas

53 Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skateboard Park

3540 Wheeler Ave.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 0.99 acres, Features: skateboard ramps

54 Stevenson Park

300 Stultz Road
Neighborhood Park



Size: 8.49 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, park shelter with grill, playground, and seating

55 Timberland Park

66A Kennedy St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 0.53 acres, Features: Passive park area

56 Montgomery Park

901 N. Royal St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 2.01 Acres, Features: Fenced dog run, tennis courts, tennis practice board, picnic tables, playground, shelter, and water fountain

57 Powhatan Park

1010 Douglas St.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 1.47 acres, Features: Basketball court, playground, and tennis court

58 Taney Avenue Park

4149 Taney Ave.
Neighborhood Park
Size: 2.57 acres, Features: Open play

courts, tennis courts, parking, playground, and sitting area

63 James K. Polk Field

5000 Polk Ave.
Shared Use
Size: 8.44 acres, Features: Located on Polk School grounds, athletic fields, basketball courts, and playgrounds

64 John Adams Park

5651 Rayburn Ave.
Shared Use
Size: 1.54 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, and playground.

65 Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park

1005 Mount Vernon Ave.
Shared Use
Size: 7.09 acres - Braddock Field / 2.61 George Washington Fields, Features athletic fields

66 Lyles-Crouch School

530 S. Saint Asaph St.
Shared Use
Size: 1.39 acres, features small ballfield and playground

67 Minnie Howard Field

3701 W. Braddock Road
Shared Use
Size: 5.38 acres, Features: Lighted athletic field with synthetic turf, lighted tennis courts, parking, and rest rooms

68 Mount Vernon Field & Recreation Center

2600 Mount Vernon Ave.
Shared Use
Size: 1.58 acres, Features: Athletic fields and tennis court

69 Nannie J. Lee Center

1108 Jefferson St.
Shared Use
Size: 14.6 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, recreation center, tennis courts, and volleyball court

70 Patrick Henry Field

4643 Taney Ave.
Shared Use; Size: 11.56 acres, Features: Athletic fields, tennis courts, wooded area

71 William Ramsay Field

5700 Sanger Ave.
Shared Use
Size: 10.94 acres, Features: Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, and tennis courts recreation center with a full basketball court, and adjacent activity/game room.

72 Jefferson Houston Elementary School Park

1501 Cameron St.
Shared Use
Size: 8.44 acres, Features: Basketball court, playground, open field.

73 Hammond Upper and Lower Fields

4646 Seminary Road
Shared Use
Size: 18.91 acres, Features: Athletic fields, running track, asphalt track and soccer field, lit roller blade hockey rink

74 Buchanan Park

1501 Cameron St.
Size: 0.3 acres, Features: Basketball court and playground.

75 Fort Ward Athletic Facility

4421 W. Braddock Road
Size: 5 acres, Features: Synthetic Turf Athletic Field, Tennis Courts and Parking.

76 Metro Linear Park

300 Buchanan Street
Size: 3.83 acres, Features: A pathway connects the Buchanan Street neighborhood community to the Metro Stations at Braddock Road and King Street.

77 Pomander Park

600 S. Union St.
Size: 0.84 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting area

78 Rivergate City Park

2 Montgomery St.
Size: 2.84 acres, Features: Riverfront sitting, picnic areas, and volleyball

79 Taylor Run Park

Taylor Run Parkway East
Size: 3.34 acres, Features: Wooded area

80 Timberbranch Parkway

Timberbranch Parkway
Size: 6.19 acres, Features: Dog exercise area, and wooded area



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Voting

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stitution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.


A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up. You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to satisfy the identification requirement.



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August 2016

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.

September 2016

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 9-11

Hope Fest. Various times at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Find youth concert and community basketball game. Free. Email Info@cityofhopemetro.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

9/11 Heroes Run. 8:30 a.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. Honor our military and first responders and remember those who died on 9/11 and in the wars since. Registration is \$22.50-80. Visit www.911heroesrun.org for more.

SEPT. 10-21

34rd Annual Senior Olympics. Various times at various locations. Participants over 50 years old will participate in track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, golf, miniature golf, ten pin bowling, Wii bowling, scrabble, duplicate bridge, cribbage, Mexican train dominoes, pickleball, racquetball, handball, volleyball, badminton, bocce, eight ball pool, cycling, horseshoes, yo-yo tricks, American style Mah Jongg, 5K run and more. Admission varies based on event. Visit www.nvso.us.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

The George Washington Patriot Run. 8 a.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Run the first USATF-certified road race to enter George Washington's Mount Vernon. Organized by Mount Vernon and the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, the race will take runners up the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Return down the Parkway to trace Washington's footsteps through the historic area at Mount Vernon. Registration is \$50, spectator tickets are \$10. Visit www.mountvernon.org/run.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Scottish Heritage Outlander Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Events will include three Scottish and Celtic storytelling performances during the afternoon, an appearance by the Bransford School of Highland Dance, a concert by the Devil's Tailors, and a bagpiper.

Barley & Music Fest. 12-6 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park. Attend the inaugural Barley & Music Fest to find over a dozen craft breweries, music, and more. Admission to the festival is free, but drink tickets are \$15 for 5, additional tastes may be purchased for \$1. Visit www.barleymusicfest.com.



Menu items from previous Alexandria Restaurant Weeks

Alexandria Restaurant Week

Every year near the end of summer, Alexandria's Restaurant Week offers diners a prix fixe menu at some of the city's best restaurants for a great price — generally, \$35 per person or per couple depending on the establishment. Also look out for a Winter Restaurant Week near January. Visit www.alexandriarestaurantweek.com.



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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY/ SEPT. 17-18

Colonial Market And Fair. Saturday and Sunday/ Sept. 17-18

9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Visit the 18th century at this colonial celebration featuring crafting demonstrations, puppet shows, military drills, and traditional food and music. Tickets are \$9-17. Children age 5 and under are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

King Street Art Festival. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 480 King St. The festival features art displays, art giveaways and sales and live music. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/artfest.

Kingstowne Area Arts Show. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Center, 6450 S. Van Dorn St. Work in a variety of media will be on display. Free. Visit www.kingstowneartists.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Outlander Tea. 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Celebrate Scottish Heritage at the oldest stone house in Alexandria, home of John Carlyle. Attend the tea and fashion show and specialized tour. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

SEPT. 18-24

ReelAbilities Film Festival. Various times and places throughout Northern Virginia. The 5th Annual ReelAbilities Film Festival is a lineup of award-winning feature and short films and a preview of guest speakers and special events. ReelAbilities is the largest film festival of its kind in the nation dedicated to showcasing films by and about people that experience a disability. Opening and Closing Nights: advance tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for JCCNV members, seniors (65+), and for groups of 10 or more, \$10 students with valid student ID. All tickets are \$20 the day of the opening and closing events. Other ticket prices vary. Visit www.northernva.reelabilities.org.

SATURDAY/ SEPT. 24

Mount Vernon Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. The

flea market features: furniture, art, china, glass, porcelain, pottery, books, photographs, lighting, tools, comic books, vinyl records, novelties and more. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Free. Visit mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com for more.

St. Luke's Annual Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Mount Vernon. Connect with old friends and neighbors. Cold drinks and luncheon items from the St. Luke's grill will be available, along with a bake sale featuring cakes, pies, cookies and brownies. Also, fresh produce from a nearby farm, entertainment provided by a guest guitarist and two local pianists. For children, there will be a moonbounce, face-painting and games. Visit www.saintlukeschurch.net or call 703-765-4342 for more.

75th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Old Town Alexandria. For the 75th annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour, the public may visit six historic homes and gardens in Old Town Alexandria, all within walking distance of one another. Proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital. Tickets are \$35 through Sept. 25 and may be purchased online. Thereafter, tickets are \$40 and may be purchased at The Twig's Thrift Shop, 106 N. Columbus St. Visit www.thetwig.org/homes-tour for more.

Mount Vernon Celebration! A Community Showcase. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parkers Lane. The 2016 Celebration will feature a church choir competition. Inova will provide health screenings and the Bloodmobile will come for a community blood drive. Free. Visit www.celebrationmvl.org.

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Family Fall Festival. 12-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Find activities for kids, live music, food trucks, beer, wine, and more. Tickets are \$20 for adults, free for children 13 and under. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25

Run! Geek! Run! 8 a.m. at Potomac Yard. All proceeds from Run! Geek! Run! will go directly to support the nonprofit Capitol Post. Capitol Post offers veterans in the Washington, DC., region personalized guidance through mentoring, business counseling, and access to key resources, programs, and leaders. Registration is \$30-50. Visit www.rungeekrun.net.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 29

New Neighbors Oktoberfest. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. The 2016 school year marks the 15th anniversary of The Campagna Center's New Neighbors program and the many contributions it makes to adult refugees and immigrants in Alexandria who strive to improve their English skills. Celebrate with a night of beer, brats and more. Tickets are \$60. Visit www.campagnacenter.org.

October 2016

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Charity 5k. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Cameron Run Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Run or walk to promote traffic safety. \$20-35 per person, depending on when you register. Visit www.theartofdriving.org/ART_5K!/.

Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue. Art on the Avenue is a multicultural arts festival celebrating the community's diversity through the arts. The event takes place along Mount Vernon Avenue in the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria, and features over 350 artists, live music, free children's crafts and entertainment, artist demonstrations, a pie-baking contest, and more. Free. Visit www.artontheavenue.org.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 7-9

Wine Festival and Sunset Tour.

6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Learn about the successes and failures of George Washington's wine endeavors, listen to live music and tour where Washington stored his wine. Friday, Oct. 7: \$40; Saturday, Oct. 8: \$48; Sunday, Oct. 9: \$36. Visit www.mountvernon.org/calendar.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Family Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Armistead L. Booth Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd. A family favorite event featuring fall activities such as scarecrow making, pumpkin and face painting, arts and crafts, exhibitors, food vendors, puppet show, pony rides, and band performance. Free to attend. Call 703-746-5592 for more.

SATURDAY/ OCT. 22

VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 23-24

Halloween Pumpkin Hunt. 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 1:30 p.m.; 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St. Elementary school-aged children and younger may participate in the hunt and will receive a toy pumpkin. The event will also feature Halloween crafts, food and drink, ghost stories and a costume parade. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$12 for children participating in the hunt. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or contact John Christiansen at 703-548-1789 or contact@leefendallhouse.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY /OCT. 22-23

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pioneer Farm in George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Celebrate the beginning of autumn with the family at Mount Vernon with activities including wagon rides,

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Green Escapes

Alexandrians enjoy green escapes with parks. There are parks with basketball courts, dog parks and even kiddie parks, such as this one on North Montgomery Street.

Shopping

Old Town Alexandria offers fashion boutiques, home décor, antiques and more.

Plan Ahead: First Night Alexandria

Alexandria will be celebrating the 22nd anniversary of First Night on Dec. 31, 2016. This New Year's Eve party — showcasing singers, dancers, actors, magicians, visual artists and musicians — includes 28 indoor venues with multiple stages featuring performances from 7-11:30 pm. A finale begins at 100 p.m. in the first block of King Street (closest to the water) followed by fireworks on the Potomac River at midnight.

Everything takes place within four Old Town "Spotlight" areas and one in Del Ray. Attendees can take the metro, King Street Trolley, buses or drive and park, walking to their favorite venues and award-winning restaurants. Links with details will be available in October at www.FirstNightAlexandria.org and #ALXFirstNight.

Start the afternoon with the Eighth Annual First Night Alexandria Fun Hunt, a

scavenger hunt throughout Old Town that combines geography, history and knowledge of local businesses. Complete the Hunt and turn in answers by 5:30 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center where prizes will be awarded to six lucky entrants. Details will be posted at <https://www.firstnightalexandria.org/events/fun-hunt>.

Purchase admission badges online starting Oct. 1.

Want to come for free? Volunteer for three hours during the evening and get free admission for one, a souvenir apron and box dinner. Sign up on the web site; do it early and choose the venue and time.

In addition to the Fun Hunt, dozens of other activities are being planned for the afternoon this year. They will be posted in the fall at www.FirstNightAlexandria.org and #ALEXFirstNight.

ists' studios, galleries, workshops, and the Alexandria Museum of Archeology, the Torpedo Factory showcases art in a variety of different forms. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org

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Del Ray Artisans

2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans is a nonprofit group that organizes different themed art exhibitions from local and community based artists. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

THE ARTS

Alexandria Archeology Museum

105 N. Union St., #327. Showcases Alexandria's 13,000 year old history through artifacts and exhibits. Call 703-746-4399.

Alexandria Black History Museum and Watson Reading Room

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Upcoming Development in Alexandria

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underway in 2018, Jinks says the city is anticipating the environmental impact statement in fall 2016 and spending 2017 looking for additional development in the area. The lease for the AMC movie theater currently at the site of the Metro station is set to expire in December 2018.

"[The theater site] is one of the touchstone points for entry to North Potomac Yard," said Jinks. "It basically will be developing into mixed use development that will have entry to the Potomac Yard Metro Station."

The National Institute for the Blind will also be moving into the area, and Jinks said the city is still looking for occupants for other spaces.

"There's interest in other parts of North Potomac Yard," said Jinks. "In southern part, a number of land bases that haven't been developed."

The Waterfront

For residents of the city, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership President Stephanie Landrum says it's important to know what's going on along Alexandria's waterfront.

"People driving along the waterfront see a couple projects under construction, but people don't know that [these areas] will be a great public space in the future," said Landrum.

While most of the Waterfront is moving forward with development plans, at least one site has faced recent setbacks. Plans for the hotel, retail, and residential complex at Robinson Terminal North collapsed in late July when CityInterests Inc. and Rooney Properties announced that the project was being put on hold.

"The project had costs where, at the end of the day, the market could not support those costs," said Jinks. "It was not economically feasible. This is going to force them to rethink the project and have discussions with the city about what a new project might be."

The plans for the site were approved by City Council in 2015, and Jinks said any alternate construction at the Robinson Terminal North would need to go through the approval process at City Council

again.

"We would expect, through the next 12 months, there will be discussions within the community and a process for whatever they come up with," said Jinks. "It will most likely have to go back to the Planning Commission and the City Council."

Further south, at the end of King Street, Jinks says the new Boat Club building will be going up this fall to replace the recently demolished Beachcomber building.

"When the Boat Club leaves, their site [is] turning into an interim waterfront park at the foot of King Street," said Jinks. "That process is funded for fiscal 2017 budget. We will be ready to go when the Boat Club moves out."

Jinks estimated that it would probably be between 12 to 18 months before the Boat Club was ready to move into its new location. Jinks said the city's goal was to time the move so that as soon as the Boat Club moved out, the city would be ready to step in and build the park.

"The public has been expecting access to the foot of King Street to enjoy that section of water that's been blocked off for decade," said Jinks. "Once it's in our hands, they'll expect us to deliver. That's our goal." A few blocks south along The Strand, the warehouse at Robinson Terminal South is going down while the Carr Hotel site across Duke Street is on the rise. Jinks said the hotel is currently undergoing interior work and construction of the building's facade.

"The whole purpose of waterfront plan is public access all along the river in Alexandria," said Jinks. "That has been a city goal for probably over three decades. Gradually we have achieved that. With these last pieces: Robinson South, the Strand, and Boat Club property, we will be achieving that access."

Robinson Terminal North is the last piece. With that, we will have public access from Dangerfield all the way down to south of Jones Point. That's a really major accomplishment and benefit to the public. The development has gotten a lot of the attention, but the benefit is the public will be getting a new set of parks along the Potomac."

Navigating the ABCs of Alexandria

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www.alexchamber.com

The Del Ray Business Association - DRBA

The Del Ray Business Association is run by volunteers who are themselves business owners. Started almost 45 years ago, DRBA now has over 200 members and sponsors several events in the Del Ray community each year. www.visitdelray.com.

Old Town Business and Professional Association - OTBPA

Open to businesses of any type, OTBPA is the result of a merger of two organizations – Old Town Business (OTB) and King Street Metro Enterprise Team (KSMET). OTBPA's most visible project is the annual Alexandria Retail Coupon Book. www.otbpa.com

Alexandria Small Business Development Center - SBDC

The Alexandria Small Business Development Center is Alexandria's economic development program that focuses on small businesses, which comprise the

largest segment of Alexandria's economy. SBDC offers individual and confidential assistance without cost to City of Alexandria businesses and Alexandria residents with businesses elsewhere. 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400. 703-778-1291 or www.alexandriasbdc.org

West End Business Association - WEBA

The West End Business Association is comprised of West End Businesses and those that do business on the West End of Alexandria. WEBA provides members with networking opportunities, education and growth opportunities and representation before the city and economic development officials on matters important to the West End of Alexandria. www.alexandriaweba.com



Eisenhower Partnership

The Eisenhower Partnership is a group of commercial and residential property owners and occupiers along the Eisenhower Avenue Valley corridor. The Valley is anchored in the East by the Patent and Trademark Campus and in the West by the Victory Center development/Van Dorn Metro Station. www.eisenhowerpartnership.org

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Ann Michael has lived in Alexandria for 38 years. Michael enjoys “the small town feeling about the city and the historical background.” She recommends that newcomers enjoy the sites that Washington D.C. has to offer, but also to look to Alexandria for their interests. She also enjoys Alexandria’s farmer’s markets and its convenience to Washington D.C.



Paula Dubberly, a Christ House parishioner, helps manage the gardens. Christ House has a “vibrant congregation.” It is diverse, she says, and an exciting time to rediscover the church with a new rector coming on board in September. She also recommends Jones Point Park. It has basketball courts, playgrounds and walking paths.



Karen Whelan, visiting Alexandria’s Kate Waller Barrett library branch, moved from Australia to Del Ray. She didn’t want to live in the suburbs. “Del Ray is great for families, close to Old Town and ... no commute.”

What residents say about Alexandria

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Gordon Elcan Booker III, a graduate of T.C. Williams High School, likes Alexandria, its “history from the 1700s to now” and stories about slaves.

Gordon is studying to be a Jehovah Witness like his mother. He said, “A family that prays together, stays together.”



Louis Sabb, soon to be 70, has lived in Alexandria for 47 years. In his youth, he’d go swimming ... borrow a boat and “bring up” smelt. “Alexandria is a clean city,” he All cities have the same faults.”

said. “It’s not bad the same faults.”



Maria Calloway was born and raised in Alexandria. She recommends Saint Joseph Catholic Church on N. Wythe and N. Columbus. She also likes Old Town’s waterfront.



Araia Ghebremeskel, with cart in hand, says Alexandria is “very good.” From Eritrea, he’s lived in Alexandria for three years.



Joel Sachs has lived in Boston and Annapolis prior to residing in Alexandria — all similar port cities, being historical and walking towns. Joel says Alexandria is a

dog town, with friendly people, and good, inexpensive restaurants and bars. “The city has put a lot into events”



Barbara Brown, a government retiree, dog walks to keep busy. She’s lived in Alexandria for over 50 years. She bought at Cameron Station at the right time. She likes the parks. Alexandria is “friendly.” And she likes the new mayor — Allison Silberburg.

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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ALIVE!

Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically (ALIVE) is a nonprofit organization of volunteers from over 40 religious congregations and the community working together to help those in need. ALIVE provides emergency food assistance, emergency financial assistance, shelter, year-round preschool, furniture and housewares. ALIVE offices are located at 2723 King St. Call 703-837-9300 or visit www.alive-inc.org.

Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA)

AWLA provides pet adoptions, spay and neuter assistance, education and community service and outreach. AWLA is located at 4101 Eisenhower Ave. Call 703-746-4774 or visit www.alexandrianimals.org.

Ballyshaners

Join the Ballyshaners (Gaelic for “Old Towners”) to organize and host Alexandria’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade, and the Annual Irish Festival each August. There are fundraising events to help cover the costs associated with the parade. Meets once a month from April through December at a local restaurant, then weekly from January until the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Visit www.ballyshaners.org.

At Home Alexandria

Part of a national “village movement” of small nonprofit groups forming in communities all across the country, At

Home Alexandria’s (AHA) mission is to help residents ages 55+ in Alexandria live independently and in their homes for as long as they can. AHA provides an array of services like transportation, light home maintenance, errand running, gardening, technical support, snow shoveling, and light housekeeping. It also organizes a variety of social and educational events. The offices are located at 3139 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-231-0824 or visit www.athomeinalexandria.org.

Carpenter’s Shelter

Carpenter’s Shelter serves nearly 750 homeless individuals and families and formerly homeless children and adults each year. It offers continuous services that assist shelter residents to independent living. Volunteer opportunities available. 930 North Henry Street. Call 703-548-7500 or visit www.carpentersshelter.org.

The Campagna Center

The Campagna Center operates children’s programs related to Alexandria Head Start, the Campagna Early Learning Center, Afternoon Adventures, before- and after- school tutoring/child care, tutoring and mentoring with Building Better Futures and education programs for immigrants and refugee families with the New Neighbors program. 418 South Washington Street. Call 703-549-0111 or visit www.campagnacenter.org.

Center for Alexandria’s Children

The Center for Alexandria’s Children (CAC) is a public-private partnership based on the Children’s Advocacy Center Model, which has been shown to improve outcomes for families and victims of abuse. The center provides services for victims and their families and coordinates the response between victims and nonprofits aiming to serve them. The Center is located at 1900

North Beauregard St. Call 703-746-6008 or visit www.centerforalexandriaschildren.org.

Child and Family Network Centers

This nonprofit provides free and fully accredited preschool education for children living in poverty in Northern Virginia, including free family support, literacy, job training, and health programs to the parents of students. Currently, Child and Family Network Centers serve nearly 200 children and their families each year at six program sites throughout Alexandria and Arlington. The home office is located at 3700 Wheeler Ave. Call 703-836-0214 or visit www.cfnc-online.org.

Community Lodgings, Inc.

Community Lodgings’ mission is to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency through transitional-in-place housing, affordable housing and youth education programs. Volunteers needed. Main office is at 3912 Elbert Ave., Suite 108. Call 703-549-4407 or visit www.communitylodgings.org.

Computer C.O.R.E.

This organization helps low-income adults acquire the technological and life skills they need to pursue their career aspirations; tuition is free, and accordingly, donations are needed. The main office is located at 5881 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Call 703-931-7346 or visit www.computercore.org.

Hopkins House

The mission of Hopkins House is to provide quality educational programs and opportunities to children, youths and their families, regardless of income, to help them achieve their full intellectual, economic and social potential. The central office is at 5904 Richmond Highway, Suite 525. Call 571-480-4282 or visit www.hopkinshouse.org.

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apple-roasting and a straw bale maze. The event is included with purchase of admission to Mount Vernon; tickets are \$17 for adults, \$9 for children, \$16 for seniors and free for children 5 years and younger. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 30

Del Ray Halloween Parade. 2-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ave. All are welcome to march in the parade. Parade ends in a party at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center fields featuring live music, free refreshments, games, best costume awards, and more. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com/halloween for more.

SUNDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 30-31

Poe in Alexandria. 8-10 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Actor David Keltz returns to The Lyceum's lecture hall to re-create Poe's visit to Virginia in 1849, shortly before his death. Individual works performed each year vary, but the program always includes a chilling story or two such as "The Black Cat," "The Cask of Amontillado," or "The Tell-Tale Heart," along with well-known poems "The Raven" and "El Dorado." Tickets are \$15. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov/events for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Trick-Or-Treating. 5-7 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Free. Visit www.novaparks.com to register.

November 2016

FRIDAY/NOV. 4

Art on Tap 2016. 7-10 p.m. at the Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Craft beers from local breweries have been artfully paired with a work of art from an Art League instructor. Local restaurants have chosen a brew/artwork coupling to serve as their muse to create the perfect complimentary appetizer. Enjoy the brew, bite, and artwork trifectas, then vote for a winner. Tickets are \$35-45 plus a service fee. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

TUESDAY/ NOV. 8

Election Day. General election. Visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/ and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 10-13

Alexandria Film Festival. AMC Hoffman Center 22, 206 Swamp Fox Road and Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The 10th annual Alexandria Film Festival brings together short and feature length films of all genres from emerging and established, local and international filmmakers. All ticketed events will be held at the AMC Hoffman Theater 22, with Beatley Central Library offering free programs to the public. Visit www.alexandriafilm.org.

FRIDAY/ NOV. 11

Mount Vernon Salutes Veterans. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Honored guests (veterans) are invited to place a flower at Washington's tomb, enjoy a concert by the Harmony Heritage Singers and the United States Air Force String Orchestra. Free for veterans and active duty military members, \$9-17 for everyone else. See www.mountvernon.org for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 19

Virginia Cider Week Tasting

Event. 7-9:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. In partnership with the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee, the Lyceum offers a cider tasting as part of Virginia Cider Week. Tickets are \$50-75. Visit www.show.alexandriava.gov/events for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 24

Turkey Trot. 9 a.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. A Thanksgiving morning tradition, this fast, flat, USATF-certified 5-mile course through the heart of Del Ray. Registration is \$5-25. Visit www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com for more.

FRIDAY/ NOV. 25

Tree Lighting Ceremony. 6-8 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Attend the ceremony in which the City Tree is lit and visited by Santa, the Town Crier, and other city officials. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 25-SATURDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas.

December 2016

Alexandria Winter Restaurant

Week. More than 60 Alexandria restaurants offer a \$35 three-course dinner or a \$35 dinner for two. More than two dozen restaurants are also offering lunch deals at \$10, \$15 or \$20 per person in addition to the dinner specials. Visit www.alexandriarestaurantweek.com for more.

FRIDAYSUNDAY/DEC. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18

Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday

Market. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The market offers handmade fine arts and fine crafts from local artists (including pottery/ceramics, photography, jewelry, cloth, paper crafts, and glass). Find different artists each weekend. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

46th Annual Campagna Center

Scottish Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Old Town Alexandria, the parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets. More than 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend/parade.

SATURDAY/DEC. 31

First Night Alexandria. Events take place throughout the day at numerous venues around the City of Alexandria. Visit www.firstnightalexandria.org.

February 2017

MID-FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Day.

Fairfax SkillSource Center, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Suite 300 West, Annandale. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free assistance with 2015 Federal and state tax returns for households with a total income of \$52,000 or less. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/vita.php.

April 2017

APRIL - JUNE

Relay for Life. Fundraisers participate in all-night-long events to help those affected by cancer through the American Cancer Society. Visit www.relayforlife.org for specific events and details.

SATURDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 22-29

Historic Garden Week. This weeklong statewide event provides visitors an opportunity to see gardens, as well as houses with more than 2,000 flower arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members. Visit www.vagardenweek.org.

LATE APRIL

Art on the Rocks. 7-10 p.m. at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Mixologists are paired with a piece of artwork to use as inspiration to create the most artistic cocktail and appetizer pairing and then compete for the title of Art on the Rocks champion. Ticket holders sample all of the delicious pairings and vote for their favorite at the event. A panel of experts will crown the winner of the most creative cocktail, appetizer, and artwork pairing. Tickets are \$55-65. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

May 2017

SATURDAY/MAY 13

Alexandria Tot Rock Fest. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The fun includes music, movement, and mindfulness for young children. Free. Visit www.totrockfest.com for more.

La Bella Strada. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. This modern street painting festival originates from an ancient Italian art form, featuring the creation of large-scale chalk paintings directly on the sidewalks of Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

MONDAY/MAY 23

Memorial Day Jazz Concert. 1-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, Alexandria. A variety of jazz performances take place throughout the concert. Food is available for purchase, but picnic lunches are welcome. Pets should be left at home. Admission is free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

June 2017

SUNDAY/JUNE 4

Taste of Del Ray. 1-3 p.m. at the intersection of Mount Vernon and Oxford avenues. Top neighborhood restaurants participate in this competition. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

Vine on the Waterfront Festival.

Late June, 12-6 p.m. at Oronoco Park, 100 Madison St. Formerly known as the Alexandria Food & Wine Festival, the festival will expand to include both restaurants within Alexandria and other eateries throughout the region. The event is



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A home featured in the 2015 historic homes tour.

Twig Hosts Historic Alexandria Home Tour

Last year, the Twig, the junior auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital featured six homes in their annual fundraiser highlighting homes important to the city's history. This year, the tour will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tickets are \$35 through Sept. 25 and may be purchased online. Thereafter, tickets are \$40 and may be purchased at The Twig's Thrift Shop, 106 N Columbus St. Visit www.thetwig.org/homes-tour for more.

free to attend, but tickets are \$15 per area (food or wine), \$20 after June 18. Visit www.vineonthewaterfront.com.

July 2017

SATURDAY/JULY 1

Independence Fireworks. 6 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Greet "General and Mrs. Washington" in the historic area before trying a turn at bocce ball and 18th-century dancing demonstrations. Also enjoy a fireworks show. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for youth. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

JULY 4

An American Celebration. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Watch made-for-daytime fireworks shoot off over the Potomac River. Admission is \$9-20, free for children 0-5. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JULY

Grown Ups Art Camp. Various times at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans is offering more than 30 workshops and sessions to choose from. Prices vary. Visit www.delrayartisans.org.

SECOND SATURDAY IN JULY

USA and Alexandria Birthday Celebration. Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison Street, Alexandria. Celebrate Alexandria's 265th birthday along the Potomac waterfront with fireworks, cake and

live music. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/events/USA-Alexandria-Birthday-Celebration/6607.

August 2017

Summer Restaurant Week. Mid-August, in neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and West End. Menu options vary by location. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com or call 703-746-3301 for more.

Jane Austen Ball. Mid-August, 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.

Friendship Firehouse Festival. Mid-August, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. The festival celebrates the special role firefighters have played throughout history, especially those of Friendship. The event will feature a collection of antique fire equipment and, courtesy of the Alexandria Fire Department, a display of modern fire trucks and apparatus. Free. Visit www.friendshipfire.net.

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

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THE ARTS

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Art on the Avenue

Held the first Saturday in October, rain or shine. Saturday, Oct. 1, on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. A multicultural festival with 300-plus artists/artisans sell their work (all price ranges), creating mini-exhibits down the avenue, offering children's activities, music stage and food. Visit www.artontheavenue.org.

Aldersgate Church Community Theatre

With a home in Wesley Hall of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, the ACCT puts on plays and musicals for families. ACCT has a professional stage and are members of the Northern Virginia Theater Alliance and the Washington Area Theater Community Honors. Call 703-660-2611 or visit www.acctonline.org.

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Lane. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria

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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

A Look at Issues Facing the City

BY VERNON MILES
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It's not as visible as new construction, but the policy changes coming in Fall 2016 could have a major impact on local residents. As City Council is ramping up to resume its fall session, City Manager Mark Jinks says a number of policy questions will face Alexandria in the coming months. Some of these issues range from smaller questions about street names or food trucks, others could have major ramifications over the next decade of city development.

Jinks says the largest issue will be moving forward on discussion about the city's strategic plan. According to Jinks, the strategic plan sets the direction and priorities of the city for the next six years.

"This plan has measures of 'how are we going to know if we're successful' so we can focus our implementation efforts on activities that we believe will help reach our goals," said Jinks, noting that combating the city's crime rate is one of those priorities. "[Crime] is still trending down, but we need to focus on how we can get it down further. A strategic plan helps any organization focus on long term: what's important and develop plans to get there. When we do budgets and consider specific detailed actions, one of the questions that gets asked is how this relates to the strategic plan and

is it consistent. It sets clear guidance for the entire organization on what we want to achieve. Sometimes there are pressures on government to be all things to all people, but you can't be effective that way. Helps us stay focused and keep our resources on what's important."

On a smaller scale, Jinks says the City Council will receive a report from the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names. The group was established in September 2015 and met over the course of five meetings. Towards the end of the group's discussion and in draft reports, the group's consensus was to keep the confederate statue and most of the city's street names the same. The only major change proposed was renaming the limited parts of Route 1 through Alexandria still called Jefferson Davis Highway.

"There will be a lot of contention and passionate debate," Jinks said, "but it's not a major policy setting situation."

Stephanie Landrum, president of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, noted that a number of smaller, ongoing issues will be resurfacing for the city in the fall.

"On a smaller scale, we're going to see the continued implementation of the Bikeshare as it continues moving towards the West End of the city," said Landrum. "That's an interesting and cool advancement for the city."

Landrum also advised new residents of Alexandria interested in local business to keep an eye out for discussions about an Old Town Business Improvement District.

There's an exploratory committee in Old Town looking at what BIDs have done [in this region]," said Landrum. "The exploratory committee continues to meet. Their goal is to come forward with a possible plan that they would then start talking with stakeholders [in the fall], people like local businesses, property owners, residents, and the city council."

According to Landrum, new tax districts can only go into effect on Jan. 1. So it can either happen at the end of this year for implementation in 2017 or at some point early in 2017 for implementation in 2018.

Landrum also said the city will have to continue to have discussions about food trucks. "Food trucks are now legal in a few locations, but have you seen any?" asked Landrum. "There aren't any. We put a policy in place, but it's not viable for most food trucks. If our goal is to have food trucks come in, we need to revisit the restrictions."

For more established retail, Landrum advised Old Town residents to note the new Edens project coming online in Old Town where the former Giant and ABC store was located. Landrum said the new construction is currently getting its permits set, but when it opens will provide new retail options for North Old Town.



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Snapshot

Grotto at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. Located at the corner of N. Columbus and Wythe streets. This is a decorative structure erected in early summer 2016, which enhances the garden landscape at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church.

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Appomattox

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BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

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Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce.

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Jones Point Park

Intersecting the Mount Vernon Trail, located directly underneath the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, Jones Point Park offers both an expansive history and a variety of activities. The park is equipped with two fishing areas, two playgrounds and two separate basketball courts, along with other areas for recreation. A gravel interpretative trail explains the history behind Jones Point. The lighthouse pictured, located within the park, is the last remaining riverine lighthouse in Virginia.

Armed Forces Communication and Electronic Association of Northern Virginia

400 North Washington St., Suite 300. Based in Alexandria, the organization seeks to promote communication between private businesses in the region and government agencies. Call 703-778-4645 or visit www.afcanova.org.

SPORTS

Getting To Know TC Sports

Girls' soccer claims Conference 7 title.

School: T.C. Williams High School
Mascot: Titans
School Colors: Red, white and blue
Athletic Director: Steve Colantuoni
Football Coach: Marc Matthie (second year)
 The Titans finished 2015 with their second consecutive 2-8 and failed to qualify for postseason play.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Bryan Hill
Girls' Basketball Coach: Kesha Walton
Boys' Soccer Coach: Martin Nickley
Baseball Coach: Chris Metz
Rival School: West Potomac

What happened last year: The girls' soccer team finished a great season with a 19-3 record. The Titans defeated W.T. Woodson to win the Conference 7 title 4-1. T.C. Williams went on to lose to Battlefield in the 6A north region title game and then were beaten by Cox in the state semifinals.

Notable: The T.C. Williams football program, made famous nationally by the 2000 Disney movie "Remember the Titans," starring Denzel Washington, won state championships in 1971, 1984 and 1987. Despite success that spanned into 1990, T.C. Williams experienced a 22-year postseason drought that ended in 2013, when the Titans went 7-3 in the regular season and qualified for the playoffs.

— UPDATED BY AARON LUNDMARK



Alexandria Library: Quick Facts

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Alexandria Library Online

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Stunning renovated split level consisting of 5 finished levels. Gorgeous inside & out with welcoming front porch, year-round sunroom, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, & large, landscaped backyard.



WILTON WOODS 22310
5911 Benfield Drive
Lovely residence with superb traditional layout. Bright kitchen & breakfast room, large master bedroom with sitting area or office, finished walk-out basement, & beautiful backyard patio.



BELLE HAVEN ON THE GREEN 22307
1810 Duffield Lane
Extensively renovated townhouse in great location. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, bright gourmet kitchen, open-concept dining & living room, finished basement, charming patio, & 1-car garage.



KERRYBROOKE 22310
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4,000 square feet of impeccably maintained living space on a 1/4-acre lot. 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, two fireplaces, sunlit breakfast room, finished lower level, and enormous back deck.



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