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The Williamsburg Alumni Drum and Fife Band perform at Mount Vernon's Neighborhood Friends Picnic that took place Aug. 21 on the Bowling Green portion of George Washington's estate.

Estate Hosts Picnic for Friends

Promoting a sense of community.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon's Neighborhood Friends Picnic attracted hundreds of neighborhood friends and contributing members who live within the original five-farm estate of President George Washington. The Aug. 21 event was held on the Bowling Green portion of George Washington's Estate.

"We found early American farm equipment on our property," said life-long resident Bill Russ, a Mount Vernon area coach and community activist, while hosting several of his neighbors with his mother, a longstanding member of the Friends of George Washington, Dorothy Russ.

Asked why they were contributing as members for many years to the Mount Vernon Ladies Association (MVLA), their one repeated word was to promote "community."

Other picnic invitees who attended had similar sentiments — support for history, etc. — and are viewed by the MVLA as an important part of George Washington's Mount Vernon constituency and source of sustained financial support.

Carolina Camargo, Mount Vernon's director of advancement, said that over the past, more than a decade, the local friends have donated an average of approximately \$350,000. Annually. Mount Vernon also receives local business sponsorship and several were present this past weekend. The rainy and threatening weather reduced the normally heavy turnout for the popular annual event. But still it was estimated there were more than 800 attendees, not counting the firefighters, musical entertainers, event volunteers, and support staff.

The designated five historic George Washington Farms, on which the Friends live, are: River, Union, Mansion House,

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PHOTO BY GERALD A. FILL/THE GAZETTE

Longstanding neighborhood friend and contributor Dorothy Russ with her son, Bill — a resident of the Mount Vernon area once described as Muddy Hole Farm.

Great Beginnings, Greater Expectations

1,200 teachers and instructional staff begin Fairfax County Public Schools orientation.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Growing up with two parents who immigrated to the United States from Egypt, Wala Osman of Springfield faced many challenges as a young student at Glasgow Middle School in Lincolnia.

But Osman remembers having an "awesome seventh grade teacher" at Glasgow.

"My middle school teacher was always there for me," Osman said. Since that experience, she's always wanted to be a teacher, "to give back."

Osman is transitioning from a job in furniture sales to becoming one of Fairfax County Public School's newest faces in the front of the classroom this year. She joined around 1,200 teachers and instructional staff Monday morning Aug. 22 for the 21st running of FCPS "Great Beginnings" orientation for new teachers and teachers new to the county. The event is based out of South County High School in Lorton.

Teachers are divided into cohort by subject matter to begin forming relationships immediately with other new hires and coach-mentors that will work with and guide them throughout the year.

Osman will be teaching self-contained science classes for students with emotional disabilities at Mark Twain Middle School in Springfield. Her cohort for special education teachers was led by Kelley Brown of Mount Vernon High School and Dawn Simpkins of Falls Church High School.



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

Kelley Brown of Mount Vernon High School speaks to incoming FCPS special education teachers.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY this week were scheduled to include motivational speeches and instruction, and onboarding for FCPS culture. Wednesday is a visit to the coaches' schools to see model classrooms. On Thursday teachers return to their base school for localized orientation.

"They work on classroom management, building relationships and establishing processes and routines," said Richard Culp with the newly formed FCPS Office of Professional Learning and Family Engagement, who's in his ninth year of organizing the Great Beginnings program.

For beginning teachers, "there's so much to learn and know right away," Culp said. "And on the emotional side, they need support too. We know that supported teachers

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From left: Carolina Camargo, director of advancement for the MVLA; the early American character “Wash” Parke Custis; sponsor representative Britt Patterson of the Patterson Group; the early American character and wife of “Wash”, Mrs. Eleanor Parke Nelly Custis; sponsor representative Phyllis Patterson; and Tammy Eddy, manager, MVLA, membership and business sponsorship.

Estate Hosts Picnic for Friends

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Dogue Run, and Muddy Hole farms that made up 8,000 acres of the George Washington estate. A map of the five farms is available online through the Mount Vernon website. The Mount Vernon estate and its programs are supported entirely through private contributions.

The annual picnic thanking and honoring the friends of George Washington has been going on since the year 2000 to support essential functions such as: Greenhouse roofing, reforestation, the seawall and spinning house, gardeners house, constructing and endowing the blacksmith house, restoring the Greenhouse slave quarters, among other needs. This year the Friends were asked to contribute toward upgrading the fire suppression equipment to preserve and protect the historic Mansion and other buildings.

FRIENDS PROJECT

George Washington’s Neighborhood Friends sponsored project this year is to raise money to finance the purchase of fire suppression equipment to preserve and protect the historic buildings on the Estate Grounds. According to a recent statement prepared from George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate:

“Fire is one of the timeless and ongoing threats to the Mansion. ... In December, 1740 George Washington’s family home in Fredericksburg, Va. was

damaged on Christmas eve by fire and, the family, including his parents and four younger siblings, were forced to spend the holiday in the detached kitchen. This incident made George Washington keenly aware of the devastation of fire at an early age of only 8 years old. Even after the Ladies Association purchased the estate they relied on only water to quell fires on the grounds of the Mansion. In 1923, Henry Ford changed water suppression forever with the donation of a fire truck, and later in 1936 he gifted a more sophisticated truck. This launched the operation of a fire department on the grounds of the estate, which for many years was our primary method of fire suppression. ... Employees now live and monitor the buildings and grounds round the clock, and are trained in operating existing fire suppression equipment as first responders. ... With the donations for the new equipment the new system will be very effective in reducing the impact of both fire and water damage. ... The high pressure water mist system creates a fine mist of extremely small droplets, using less water than traditional sprinkler systems with equal or better performance. ... It is vital to install this state of the art system as soon as possible to protect the innumerable priceless artifacts in the Mansion and of course, the treasured home of George Washington.”

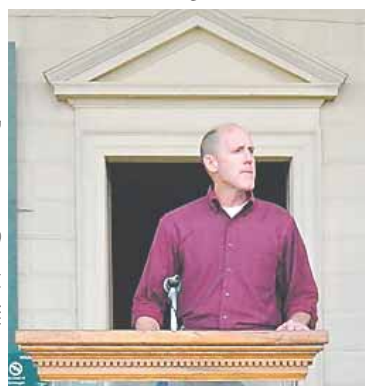
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Jamie Bosket, vice president for guest experience, with Wegmans representatives Rhonee Uhlir (right) and Allena Conley (left).



Stephen Fahy, chairman, Neighborhood Friends of Citizens Steering Committee.



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

Around 1,200 teachers and instructional staff descended upon South County High School in Lorton on Monday morning Aug. 22 for the 21st running of FCPS “Great Beginnings” orientation.

Great Beginnings, Greater Expectations

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stay in the profession longer. They come here, plan out their first few days and have lots of friends.”

FCPS superintendent Dr. Karen Garza welcomed the new and transitioning teachers to the South County gymnasium, recalling her own roots starting her career as a kindergarten teacher.

Garza emphasized Fairfax County as a great place to work and learn, and promoted some of the school system’s progressive pedagogy.

She said FCPS is working to “minimize the focus on high stakes testing and maximize the focus on authentic learning, authentic engagement.”

This she said is part of the sweeping “Portrait of a Graduate” guiding vision for student development.

“How do we make this a reality for every child in our school system,” Garza said.

Of the 1,600 teachers FCPS hired for the 2016-2017 school year, 811 are new to FCPS the superintendent said. Some are new to teaching, others are coming from other school districts. All have different reasons for coming to teaching in Fairfax County.

Sean McCormally of Fairfax will be teaching special education chemistry at South County High School. McCormally didn’t begin medicating for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder until he was 25 — he then raised his grade point average in undergrad more than a full point in graduate school.

“I didn’t receive service in high school,” McCormally said. “I appreciate what some of these students are going through. I want to help.”

For Candice Tenerelli, she’s been a special education instructional assistant in math and Strategies for Success in kindergarten and high school for the last five years. A mother with one student of her own off to college and another getting close, “It was the right time in life” to upgrade her teaching to full time, she said.

FCPS School Board Vice Chairman Jane Strauss also stressed the vital role of teachers in forming close relationships with students. “For many it will be a pivotal one in their life,” Strauss said. “Twenty years from now, you may not know you touched someone.”

“The work of FCPS is only as successful as you are successful,” said Strauss.

New teacher Simon Chang of Centreville is already well-versed in relationship building, having worked for a non-profit that does counter-sex trafficking work. Chang decided he wanted to transition to teaching, and spent last year as an instructional assistant at Mountain View High School.

Chang said he loves working with students with emotional disabilities, a role he’ll be taking at South Lakes High School this fall.

“Maybe they don’t have anyone to show them love or affection,” Chang said. “I do my part, and show them that I care about them, that I respect them.”

Working To Reduce Erosion, Silting, and Flooding

Mount Vernon Country Club project includes using a hybrid Bermuda grass.

By MICHAEL K. BOHN

Members of Mount Vernon Country Club have been seeing more bulldozers than birdies during the past three months. The club closed its golf course in mid-June, and since then crews have been reshaping parts of the 128-acre greensward.

“We believe we have to be good stewards of our portion of the environment in the Mount Vernon area,” said Nick Greksouk, the club’s president. “So we undertook this project to not only improve the golf course but also try to manage it in environmentally sound ways.”

Greksouk explained that the necessity to revitalize the club’s silted-up irrigation ponds precipitated the current construction project. “We needed to dredge those ponds because they were no longer functional, and that was degrading the golf course.”

Greksouk said that a companion project is reconfiguring the banks of one of streams entering the golf course to reduce erosion, downstream silting and reduce flooding of fairways after heavy rains. The club had similarly fixed other streambanks in 2004 and had won praise and a cash award from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. For this project, the foundation awarded the club a \$65,000 Small Watershed grant to help with expenses.

The third facet of the undertaking is changing the grass on the fairways. “We want a more sustainable grass that has benefits for the players and helps the environment,” Greksouk said. “We are planting a hybrid Bermuda grass that has been proven to be more environmentally friendly than our current Bent grass.”

The project required an 18-month process of coordination with local, state and federal authorities; public hearings and notifications; and permitting. Fairfax County officials determined that the club needed an amendment to its Special Exception to the county’s zoning ordinance. The club engaged a land-use lawyer, Inda Stagg from the law firm Walsh Colucci Lubeley & Walsh PC, to help with that process. Additionally, the members hired Stantec Con-



Irrigation sprinklers water small sprigs of Latitude 36 Bermuda grass in the tan area of the first-hole fairway. The blue material is mulch containing Fescue grass seed that was sprayed on disturbed areas of rough adjacent to the fairway.

sulting Services to create plans for the streambank, pond dredging and storm-water management initiatives.

Stantec’s George Rhodes oversaw obtaining permits from the Army Corps of Engineers, Virginia Marine Resource Commission, Fairfax County Wetlands Board, and Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. Rhodes also coordinated the selection of native plant species for planting after construction ends. He received inputs on the best vegetation from Fairfax County’s Urban Forestry Division, the Fairfax County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the county Wetlands Board. “All of the regulatory and permitting agencies that reviewed the project saw it as a means to improve the local environment and water quality,” Rhodes said.

The club’s first public step in the project was to send informal letters in May 2015 to residents living on the periphery of the country club to advise them of the club’s plans. The following August, Stagg sent letters via registered mail to adjacent property owners to notify them formally of public meetings and hearings about the project. Greksouk said all of the neighbors who spoke up ultimately voiced their support after hearing the details of the work. The next action was to brief the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Association.

The county supervisor in the Mount Vernon district, currently Dan Storck, traditionally has relied on MVCCA to take a position on projects such as this one in a Special Exception amendment process. So club staff and members, led by Lou Haley, plus Stantec’s Rhodes, began briefing members of two committees within MVCCA — Planning & Zoning, and Environment & Recreation — in September 2015. Committee members, as well as neighbors of the club, asked many questions that ranged from details of the pond dredging to effects of the project on local wildlife. Club representatives and consultants returned in October and November to answer everyone’s

questions. Cathy Ledec, chair of the Environment and Recreation Committee lauded the club’s attempts to meet every concern. “Mount Vernon Country Club is working very hard to be good stewards of their land, and the members recognize the importance of their greenspace.”

In December the MVCCA voted to support the country club’s project. The county Planning Commission approved the Special Exception Amendment on March 2, 2016, followed by the Board of Supervisors’ approval on March 15.

The project’s initial phase began in early spring when club staff cut down trees that interfered with the dredging, streambank renovations and associated grading. The timing was meant to minimize the impact on nesting periods of local birds. The club staff felled 73 trees, and will plant 713 replacement trees and 386 new shrubs over the next three years.

Silt in the water flowing onto club grounds had built up in the irrigation ponds

over the years, drastically reducing their capacity. The club had the sediment tested before the project began and found nothing harmful to humans or wildlife. Additionally, personnel from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries carefully removed all fish from both irrigation ponds last May. They transferred the native species to an undisturbed third pond, and disposed of a few invasive species, including Snakeheads.

Dr. J. D. Kleopfer, the state’s chief herpetologist, advised the club on how to ensure turtles could safely move on their own from one pond to another while each pond was sequentially dewatered.

Once the first pond had been drained, workers excavated the accumulated silt and increased the overall depth. They placed the dredging spoils on an adjacent fairway to dry. When ready, the crew will spread the material on existing holes and shape it to help channel rainwater off fairways into streams. The upper pond now has a deep area where the water first enters, a “forebay,” that will contain a rip-rap structure to capture incoming silt. The club’s staff will clean it periodically to help manage the expected future silt accumulation. Once the upper pond was refilled, the crew began repeating the process on the lower pond, which will not have a forebay.

Workers have reshaped the streambanks next to Old Mill Road to better handle storm water and reduce erosion. The new, sloped banks were seeded with native plants and grasses and covered with protective coir matting made of biodegradable coconut fiber. Additional vegetation will be added later.

Portions of the Mid-Atlantic region on the East Coast provide serious turf management challenges to golf course superintendents. Elliott Dowling, an agronomist with the United States Golf Association who works with Mount Vernon, recently described the

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Spoils dredged from one of the irrigation ponds drying before being moved and shaped. The golf ball visible in the foreground had been hit into the pond before dredging.



An especially deep end of the upper pond will slow the water entering from upstream neighborhoods, which will allow silt to settle for future removal.

Reshaping Club's Greensward

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difficulties in the region. They arise because the hot summers bedevil golf courses with cool-season grasses, such as creeping Bent and Rye, and the winters can kill warm-season varieties, largely Bermuda hybrids. Consequently, the USGA sponsored research at Oklahoma State University to develop Latitude 36, a new Bermuda hybrid designed for the Middle Atlantic area.

"Latitude 36 improves both playing conditions and turf management," Dowling said. "From a golfer's perspective, it provides a uniform playing surface that can handle the summer heat. From a management and environmental standpoint, the grass requires fewer inputs than the most common cool-season fairway grasses. The hybrid needs less water, fertilizer, insecticides and fungicides." Dowling called Latitude 36 "a home run for Mount Vernon."

Mount Vernon's golf course superintendent, Mike King, welcomes the renovation of the ponds, streambank restoration, and the shift to Latitude 36 fairways. "First, the greater pond depth will give us a more consistent water quality and eliminate algae blooms in the shallow water," he said recently. "The reshaping of the streambanks will cut erosion and reduce flooding. The new fairway grass will allow us to reduce our annual irrigation requirements by 50 percent, and save the club up to \$50,000 a year on the cost of fungicide, pesticide, and fertilizer." Another benefit, King said, is that the quality of the water flowing out the golf course into the Potomac will be improved.

King said the only downside to the new fairway



PHOTO BY MICHAEL K. BOHN

A portion of a streambank that workers have reshaped to reduce erosion and local flooding. Biodegradable coconut fiber mats cover the new bank, and the blue material is a mulch containing seeds for native plants and grasses that ultimately will stabilize the banks.

grass is the difference between irrigation needs of the Latitude 36 and the surrounding rough, which is mostly Fescue grass. The latter needs more water during the growing season, so he may have to reconfigure sprinkler head patterns and locations.

The new fairway grass had grown in on six holes by Aug. 11, so the club opened them for play. The entire project will be finished by the end of October.

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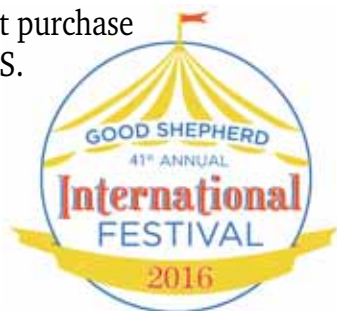
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Sailing: So Near to the City but So Far Away

Lessons on the water.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE GAZETTE

Joan Darrach walks down the wooden pier to the Flying Scot. “Hold on to the mast while you step on the boat,” she says to Sarah White, a summer employee who is out for a refresher. Darrach is a senior sail instructor at the Mariner Sailing School at Belle Haven Marina.

“We use Flying Scots. I can’t say enough about this boat. It is so stable. In reality it is hard to tip over. It’s perfect.” Darrach picks a spot to sit on the boat and pulls out the chart of the local area from the Wilson Bridge to Fort Washington. “See — 4 feet here and 6 feet here. The markers tell you



Joan Darrach, senior sailing instructor at the Mariner Sailing School at Belle Haven Marina, looks out at the water. “Sailing — what a skill. There aren’t many activities that in 10 hours can give a person the ability to do something.”

where to stay. This year is a particular challenge due to the heavy growth of grass.”

White adds, “It’s a mat of thick hydrilla.”

Darrach says it is a perfect sailing day for children, a light breeze. “It’s all about the wind.” Belle Haven offers a 15-hour basic sailing camp for youth from 8-15 years old who sail on a Sunfish. “In fact three of my neighbors are taking the youth course this week. See these kids. To me it’s fabulous. There they are now.” She waves, and arms shoot into the air, waving enthusiastically back.

Darrach says she mostly teaches the adult course on the weekends which is 2.5 hours on Saturday morning with a repeat in the afternoon and the same on Sunday. “There are few activities that in 10 hours can give a person the ability to do something. It’s pretty magical, just you and the wind.” Darrach says as long as a person wants to be there and has a sense of humor she is willing to teach anyone.

Darrach said she takes three adults out on the 19-foot Flying Scot and she may have a person who is an expert sailor who just wants a refresher, a person who wants to know all of the technical details about sail-

ing and a person who has never sailed before. “The challenge is to reach everyone by keeping the experienced sailor interested while still teaching the basics to the beginner. Sometimes at the end of the weekend I have no voice left.” She says, “I try not to be too technical; get the concept first and the terms will come.”

Darrach says the marina requires that you wear a life jacket. “The whole marina strategy is safety first but also you have to have fun.” But she adds that personally she likes to have a person be able to dog paddle or tread water before they go sailing. The Flying Scot is headed out to deeper water toward three orange cone markers, nicknamed Bob. Darrach said she finally figured out that Bob got the name because the cones bob up and down in the water.

The blue sky is dotted with puffy cumulus clouds. Darrach looks up. “The sail is luffing, not quite full of wind.” Sarah pulls in the sail. “Being able to get out on the water — see there is the Washington Monument. I mean what a skill.” She continues, “We are in the middle of the city but out here we are so far away. No cell phones. It is so peaceful.”

The wind has shifted again. “Whoops the wind is being tricky.” Push the tiller way over; now Sarah pull in. Yah, yah yah — perfect. “Our challenge is the wind is coming from where we want to be. We’ll have to do some ziggy zagging to get back. She tells Sarah, “Now let go of that one. Pull in

this jib sheet. We’ve got to get enough of an angle to get the wind. It was easier going out than coming in. The tide may be going out, too.”

Darrach says she grew up in Massachusetts with the water right outside her front door. “I probably gave my first sailing lesson when I was 12 years old.” She taught sailing for the YMCA while she was in high school and taught later in college. “Then I went into the Navy for three years and stayed for 30 as a naval intelligence officer. She has been teaching at Belle Haven Marina since 2002. “I’ve been recreating myself.”



Joan Darrach’s neighbors are taking the 15-hour youth sailing class at the Marina. They wave back at Darrach as they sail back to the pier.

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE GAZETTE



Joan Darrach takes out the charts of the local area from the Wilson Bridge to Ft. Washington and studies the angles of the wind as Sarah White is ready to man the jib.

West Potomac Dance Team Earns Nationals Bid

The West Potomac High School Varsity and JV Dance Teams engaged in a three-day, nine-hour-per-day audition with the Universal Dance Association (UDA) that culminated on Aug. 10 with the Varsity team being awarded an invitation to attend UDA’s Nationals Competition at Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla. in February 2017.

Additionally, Varsity team members Madison Harden, Victoria Rulapaugh, Hannah Nobles, Vera Abankwa, and Lauren Williams and JV team members Hannah Roverse, Grace Merkli, and Anna Rizzi won UDA All American titles. The Varsity All Americans were awarded the opportunity to dance at a New Year’s Parade in London and the JV All Americans were awarded the opportunity to perform in a Thanksgiving parade in Philadelphia.

Dance Team Captains Madison Harden,

Helen Kitrosser, Vera Abankwa, Victoria Rulapaugh, Katie Martineau, Hannah Nobles, Bela Starinchak, Anna Ustun, and Jenni Wheaton won the Leadership Award and an opportunity to perform in a Christmas Parade in Orlando, Fla. Both the Varsity and JV teams won Spirit Awards for their teamwork and spirit.

Both teams had to learn three dances in two days then perform them for evaluation on the third day. The Varsity team received a Superior rating for their efforts.

Both Varsity and JV dance teams are supported through their own fundraising, which this year will include Varsity efforts to raise the funds necessary to get to Orlando for Nationals. Both teams are practicing 20 to 30 hours per week in August to prepare for Nationals and for their performances for West Potomac football game halftime shows.



West Potomac High School Dance Team poses with UDA clinicians/judges and awards on final day of three day evaluation/competition qualifier camp.

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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.

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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OPINION

Lifesaving Conversations Every Day

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

By Wendy Gradison
CEO, PRS, Inc.



Wendy Gradison.

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

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.

COMMENTARY

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

aged 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

week. Anyone can take the pledge by visiting www.prsinc.org/mindsmatter or the Connection 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.

County Schools: Teaching for 21st Century

What's new at Fairfax County Public Schools.

By Dr. Karen K. Garza
SUPERINTENDENT,
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Karen Garza.

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year in Fairfax County Public Schools. With each new school year, we have the wonderful opportunity to build upon our previous successes and continue to improve our work with our students.

We are continuing to look to our Portrait of a Graduate and our strategic plan in shaping our future work. Our most pressing challenge is making this vision a reality for every child in our system. How do we refine what we do to ensure that all of our students graduate well-prepared for this rapidly changing world? We acknowledge that this is a daunting challenge, but there is no school system in the United

States more well-prepared and well-equipped to effectively respond to these important issues.

The goals of education can no longer simply be to provide the basic literacy skills for the majority of the students, while

reserving the teaching of skills for higher order 21st century thinking for a select few. As we learn more about the skills our students will need for success in this changing world, we recognize the need to innovate — to consider new and different ways to design instructional practices to support the development of these essential skills.

We are also working to define contemporary teaching and learning practices while better integrating technology. For example, through a pilot program we are calling FCPSON — this

year we begin evaluating how digital resources can best scaffold that model — and how we provide teachers and students with the tools and policies needed to facilitate the use of that technology. One change you will see this school year is a new central website and a new FCPS logo. Our new website will better serve everyone — it is mobile responsive, features more modern design — and search will work. As we modernized our website, we also believed it was time to reimagine the FCPS logo. While the previous logo has served us well for 40 years, we heard from many that it was time to transform our logo to one reflective of who we are now and who we aspire to be in the years to come.

Our new logo includes a tie to our legacy, while representing our role as a catalyst — sparking curiosity, learning and excellence for our students, employees and community.

I wish all students, teachers, parents and the entire FCPS community a very successful and fulfilling school year in FCPS where all are engaged, inspired, and thrive.

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 24

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.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 31

Catch 'Em All. 11 a.m.-2p.m. at The Workhouse Arts Center, 9815 Workhouse Road, Lorton. Fairfax County residents are encouraged to

come and enjoy the "PokeLures" that will be activated throughout the event. Learn Pokémon Trainers Safety Tips from the FCPD at the Crime Prevention Tent, tour the Workhouse Art Galleries and visit with local artists. This is a family-friendly event. Parking and entry to the Workhouse are free. Free ice cream and on-site fire truck display. Visit www.workhousearts.org/event/pokemon-go-workhouse-arts-center-mount-vernon-district-supervisor-dan-storck/ for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

Meet School Board Members. 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Get an update on how tax dollars support education in Fairfax County and what's happening with local schools. Karen Corbett Sanders, Mount Vernon District; Tamara Kaufax, Lee District; and Jeanette Hough, At-Large will be present as well as FCPS Superintendent Karen Garza. Visit

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Who Runs Mount Vernon?

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Who's in charge here? It's a simple question with a multi-faceted answer in our Fairfax County communities. For different aspects of life in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria, there are elected officials at several levels responsible for making sure things run smoothly, safely and most important, better.

At the county level, parts of this area span both the Lee and Mount Vernon magisterial districts and are represented respectively by Supervisors Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon).

The nine-member Board of Supervisors is Fairfax County's central, elected governing body that sets policy, approves the budget, sets local taxes and approves land use plans.

The largest portion of that budget goes to the Fairfax County Public Schools system, which, with more than 180,000 students, is in the top ten in the country. Karen Corbett Sanders is the Mount Vernon representative and Tammy Derenak Kaufax serves Lee District on the County's School Board (also elected).

Though citizens can contact supervisors' offices directly with questions, concerns and comments about county operations, there are a number of homeowners and civic associations that also work to address the



Diane Donley



Katherine Ward



Louise Sloan

needs of Mount Vernon residents.

One primary organization is the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, which includes 52 member associations that span parts of Fairfax Station, Lorton and the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria. Diane Donley, John Thillmann and Katherine Ward are the three elected co-chairs of the MVCCA board of directors.

They too can provide a single representative voice to the supervisors. One of those 52 is the Mount Vernon Civic Association, led by president Louise Sloan.

Another body is the South County Federation, headed by Dan Rumberger. Their goals include facilitating the exchange of viewpoints and information on local, regional, state and national issues, and reviewing land use applications and providing recommendations to the Fairfax County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Representing the Mount Vernon area interests and needs in Richmond at the Virginia General Assembly are delegates and senators — the Virginia version of the U.S. members of

Congress.

Delegate Paul Krizek (D) serves the 44th District, while the state senator for the 36th district is his predecessor Scott Surovell (D).

A map gallery of magisterial and other government districts is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/gallery.htm.

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Become a Docent

Gunston Hall docent Carol Coose discusses 18th-century cooking with 2nd graders from Alexandria's Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy in the hearth kitchen in June. George Mason's Gunston Hall is looking for volunteers who love history and would enjoy sharing that passion with young people. Volunteer docents lead school tours about Mason and his ideas, as well as life in the 18th century. Training starts in October. For more information or to receive an application, call 703-550- 9220 x238 or write to rebecca.martin@gunstonhall.org.

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A Look at Ongoing Issues Facing Residents

Setting the stage for the future.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Here's a look at some of the top ongoing issues to watch around Fairfax County and in the community.

Fairfax County Public Schools

Budget

FCPS superintendent Dr. Karen Garza made news in January 2016 when she announced a \$2.67 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2017 that would make “no further cuts.” Garza prioritized raising employee salaries with an extra kick for teachers to make the positions more competitive with surrounding school districts. Making that budget a reality required a significant bump in the annual transfer from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors — without it, FCPS at one point was looking at a deficit of upwards of \$70 million. There was a strong campaign of organized community support, including the hashtag #SaveFCPS.

After an increase in the transfer, coupled with increased funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia and the supervisors raising the real estate tax an extra cent, the deficit reduced to where the School Board was able to better manage balancing the budget.

With a rising student population and other projected cost increases, the FY2018 budget has already been projected by FCPS for around a \$74 million structural deficit. Which means the school system leaders and supervisors will have to again negotiate and come up with solutions for continuing to fund the schools without losing any valuable programs or employees.

More information on the adopted FY2017 budget is available at www.fcps.edu/news/fy2017.shtml.

Transgender Student and Employee Regulations

In May 2015, the FCPS School Board voted in favor of adding “gender identity” to its lengthy list of characteristics for which no student or employee within the school system could be discriminated against. They brought in a special contractor to help develop a set of regulations for implementing this policy, though several board members insisted the change in policy was merely formalizing what has already been done in practice throughout FCPS. Those regulations reached the School Board at the beginning of the summer; however due to pending legislation pertinent to the topic, they decided to postpone discussion and implementation of the regulations indefinitely.

Work Group Formed to Consider

School Name Change

After a student group from the Falls Church high school JEB Stuart, backed and aided by the Fairfax County NAACP, petitioned the school board to change their school's name, the board voted at the end of July to create a working group to dive into the topic. The students say the school's namesake was a Confederate cavalry leader and a traitor to the Union, making him unfit to have a school named after him. The working group — to be made up of students, parents, community members, alumni and business leaders — will look at the extent of support and cost for the change, and explore public-private partnerships that could finance a possible change. Findings and recommendations are due back to the School Board by March 2017.

Public Safety

Police Transparency and Accountability

In August 2013, Fairfax County Police Officer Adam Torres shot Springfield resident John Geer in the doorway of his home. Geer was unarmed at the time, and had been talking with two officers with guns drawn for more than 40 minutes. It took a lawsuit from Geer's family a year after the shooting to force FCPD to release information about the shooting to them, much less the public, including Torres' name. Torres was charged with murder, a first for a Fairfax County Police Officer, but worked out a plea deal with the Commonwealth's Attorney to bring the offense down to felony manslaughter. Torres was sentenced to a year in prison, which had served by that time after the indictment. He was released in July.

Outrage over the handling of the Geer case by police and the Board of Supervisors was widely seen as motivation for Board Chairman Sharon Bulova to form an Ad Hoc Commission last year to review police policy and practices. The commission presented its recommendations in several areas including use of force, oversight and communication to the supervisors in fall 2015. Since then, Police Chief Edwin Roessler says he's already begun to implement some of the recommendations. Others that require more discussion, including adopting body cameras for police officers and creating an independent auditor and civilian review panel for police, are being reviewed by the Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 13, when chair Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) expects more discussion on the creation of an independent auditor position before it coming to a vote at the board's business meeting the following week. The civilian review panel he said is up for further discussion at the committee's October meeting, with a vote hopefully coming in November.

More information about the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/

policecommission.org.

Natasha McKenna, Mental Health and Law Enforcement

In February 2015, a 37-year-old female inmate from Alexandria named Natasha McKenna died after being tasered multiple times by a Fairfax County Sheriff's deputy while in custody. McKenna had a history of mental illness, including schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. When she resisted deputies who were trying to prepare her for transport to Alexandria police, they restrained her arms and legs, and covered her head with a spit hood. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined her death was caused by “excited delirium” related to a mental health crisis. Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh then concluded none of the deputies had committed a criminal act associated with the death. The Sheriff's Office has completed an administrative review of the event, however no results of the investigation have been released. However, tasers have since been banned for deputies at the jail. Outside the jail, they may still be carried, if the deputy has completed training for the device.

McKenna's death brought about more discussion and change in the way individuals with mental illness are served by law enforcement. One significant development was the launch of the “Diversion First” program in Fairfax County in February this year. The goal is to prevent people with mental illness from unnecessarily ending up in jail, where Sheriff Stacey Kincaid said they make up about 40 percent of the inmate population. Before Diversion First, deputies might bring an individual with mental illness to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board for evaluation or treatment, but then be responsible for waiting with them, sometimes for many hours, until they could be seen. Now, a deputy and police officer are stationed at the Merrifield Center for

21.5 hours every day for other officers and deputies to hand of custody and then return to duty.

Both the Sheriff's Office and Police Department are also working towards having 100 percent of their deputies and officers trained in Crisis Intervention Team practices.

Meals Tax Referendum

This fall, Fairfax County voters will not only choose to shape the direction of the country by selecting a new President, but will also have the choice of whether to allow the Board of Supervisors to levy a tax on prepared food and beverages, at a rate not to exceed four percent. As proposed, 70 percent of the estimated \$99 million in additional revenue generated by the tax would be dedicated to Fairfax County Public Schools. The remaining 30 percent would go to county services, capital improvements and property tax relief.

Re-Use of Original MVHS

The original Mount Vernon High School, built in 1939, has housed the Islamic Saudi Academy since 1989. With that organization's lease expiring earlier this year in June, the Board of Supervisors are exploring revitalizing and re-filling the historic property at 8333 Richmond Highway. That includes the 10.6-acre structure and 30 acres of surrounding athletic fields. There has been discussion of making the grounds a one-stop-shop for different types of community services, including housing the non-profit United Community Ministries. In the short-term, there are plans to provide a teen center and pre-kindergarten education space.

Join in Annual 9/11 Heroes Run

The Travis Manion Foundation will host the Alexandria 9/11 Heroes Run 5K race and 1 Mile Fun/Run Walk at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 10 at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, and the Annapolis 9/11 Heroes Run 5K race and 1 Mile Fun/Run Walk at 2 p.m. on Sept. 11 at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md.

The annual races seek to remember the nearly 3,000 lives lost on 9/11, as well as to honor the military and first responders that serve the country and the communities. This year's race in Alexandria is organized by Jim O'Farrell, who serves as the local race director, and the race in Annapolis is organized by General Dave Papak and Natanya Levioff.

Proceeds from the 9/11 Heroes Run will benefit the Travis Manion Founda-

tion, which empowers veterans and families of fallen heroes to develop character in future generations.

In addition, the Alexandria race location will donate a portion of their race proceeds to the local Fisher House on behalf of the Travis Manion Foundation's mission to directly assist local community veterans.

The 9/11 Heroes Run series was inspired by Marine 1st Lt. Travis Manion, who was killed by a sniper in Iraq in April 2007 as he protected his battalion. Before his final deployment, Travis visited Rescue One in New York City — famous for losing almost all of their men on 9/11 — and returned home with deeper passion about why he was fighting in Iraq.

To learn more and to register for a race, visit www.911heroesrun.org.

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Public Comment. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is soliciting public review and comment on basal resource materials under consideration for use in social studies courses in kindergarten through high school. Hard copies of the resources as well as access information for digital resources will be available in the welcome center at Willow Oaks administrative building located at 8270 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax. Willow Oaks is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Extended hours will be provided until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23, and Thursday, Sept. 8.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Supervisor Dan Storck holds open office hours at the Lorton Library (9-11:30 a.m.) and at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center office (12:30-3 p.m.) on the second Saturday of each month (except August). Call 703-780-7518 for a 15-20 minute appointment, which could result in a longer subsequent meeting during the work week, if needed. He may meet with walk-ins as time permits between appointments.

Family Hunger Action Day. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Capital Area Food Bank's Northern Virginia Distribution Center, 6833 Hill Park Drive, Lorton. Pack bags of nutritious groceries for children and seniors at risk of hunger. Open house tour of the facility that distributes 14 million pounds of food across Northern



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George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill

The fully functioning gristmill and distillery, located down the street from George Washington's estate, has become a popular attraction for both tourists and residents of the area. Tours are available April through October and are included in general admission when visiting the Washington estate. George Washington's whiskey, distilled at this very location, is also available for purchase.

Virginia each year. Sample lunch featuring ingredients the Capital Area Food Bank provides to children, courtesy of Jeffery's Catering. Free, space is limited. Register at www.capitalareafoodbank.org/family-hunger-action-day.

SEPT. 10-21
2016 Northern Virginia Senior

Olympics. Online registration will open July 5. Registration forms will be mailed to previous participants in late June and will be available at community and senior centers, senior residences and event venues. The registration fee of \$12, which covers multiple events, remains the same. Three events have an added fee, ten pin bowling, golf and orienteering. Deadline for registering is Aug. 27

(by mail), Sept. 3 (online). Call 703-830-5604 or email nvso1982@gmail.com for more. To volunteer, call 703-403-5360.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Mount Vernon Day To Serve. 9-11 a.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 8503 Fort Hunt Road.

Mount Vernon community volunteers will be preparing meal packets in support of Food for Others which provides for children in Fairfax County Public schools in the Mount Vernon area. Contact Mary Oliver at 703-341-6179 or olivermary@cox.net.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

Mental Wellness for Older Adults.

1-2 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. For Older Virginians' Mental Health Month in September Fairfax County is hosting three community presentations with licensed county therapists and specialists in wellness resources for older adults. Call 703-324-7006 for more information and ADA accommodations.

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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

ENTERTAINMENT

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 mgaralalex@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

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Museum, 902 Wythe St. In honor of 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

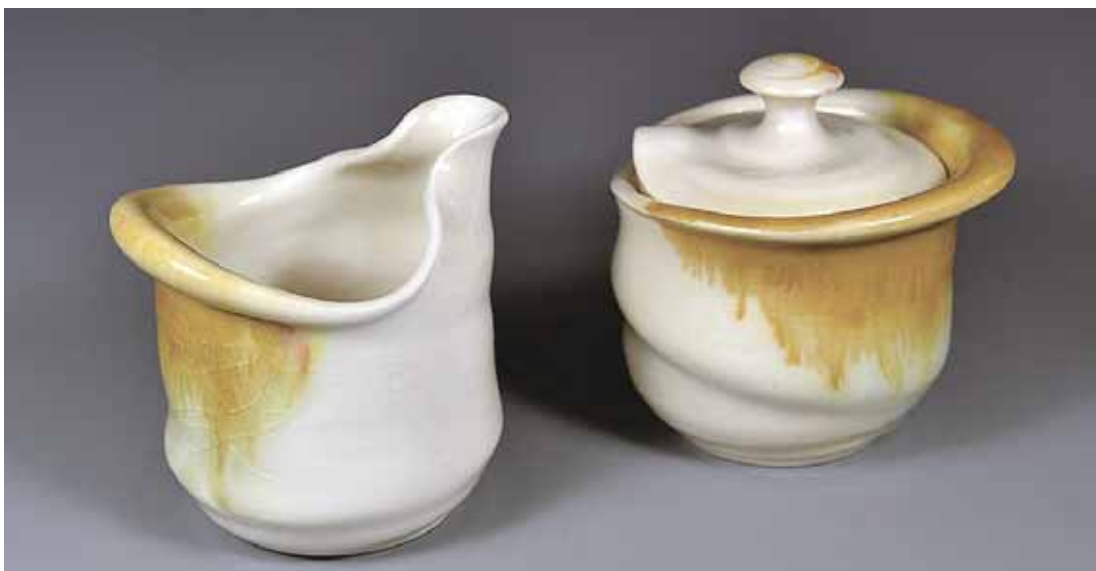
The George Washington Patriot Run. 8 a.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Run the first USATF-certified road race to enter George Washington's Mount Vernon. Organized by Mount Vernon and the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, the race will take runners up 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



Swirled, altered expressionist cream and sugar set by Debra Vardon of Bethesda.

'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.

manages the U.S. Geological Survey 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 Tkciik 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 mountvernonfleaemarket.wordpress.com

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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.

Family Fun: Fall Flower Tea Party. 1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Make a small bouquet to take home and sample different flower teas. Admission is \$15 for county residents, \$17 for out-of-county residents. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

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.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/SEPT. 28-29

Yoga and Music with Wah! 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Ease Yoga and Cafe, 3051 Mount Vernon Ave. Wah! teaches yoga and plays live music at the end of class. Registration is \$40 per session. Visit

www.easeyogacafe.com for more.

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 for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

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 for more.

TUESDAY/OCT. 4

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 mgarlalex@gmail.com.

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, October 7: \$40; Saturday, October 8: \$48; Sunday, October 9: \$36. Visit www.mountvernon.org/calendar.

OCT. 7-25

Silent Auction: "Birdhouses of Del Ray." Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans' artists have created one-of-a-kind birdhouses for the "Birdhouses of Del Ray" silent auction fundraiser. Artists used a wide range of materials to create and decorate their birdhouses. Free to participate. Visit www.delrayartisans.org for more.

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. 29

Walking Dead Footsteps Zombie Event. 6-9 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Visitors will experience firsthand some encounters with zombies from the 18th-century, a-la-walking dead style. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

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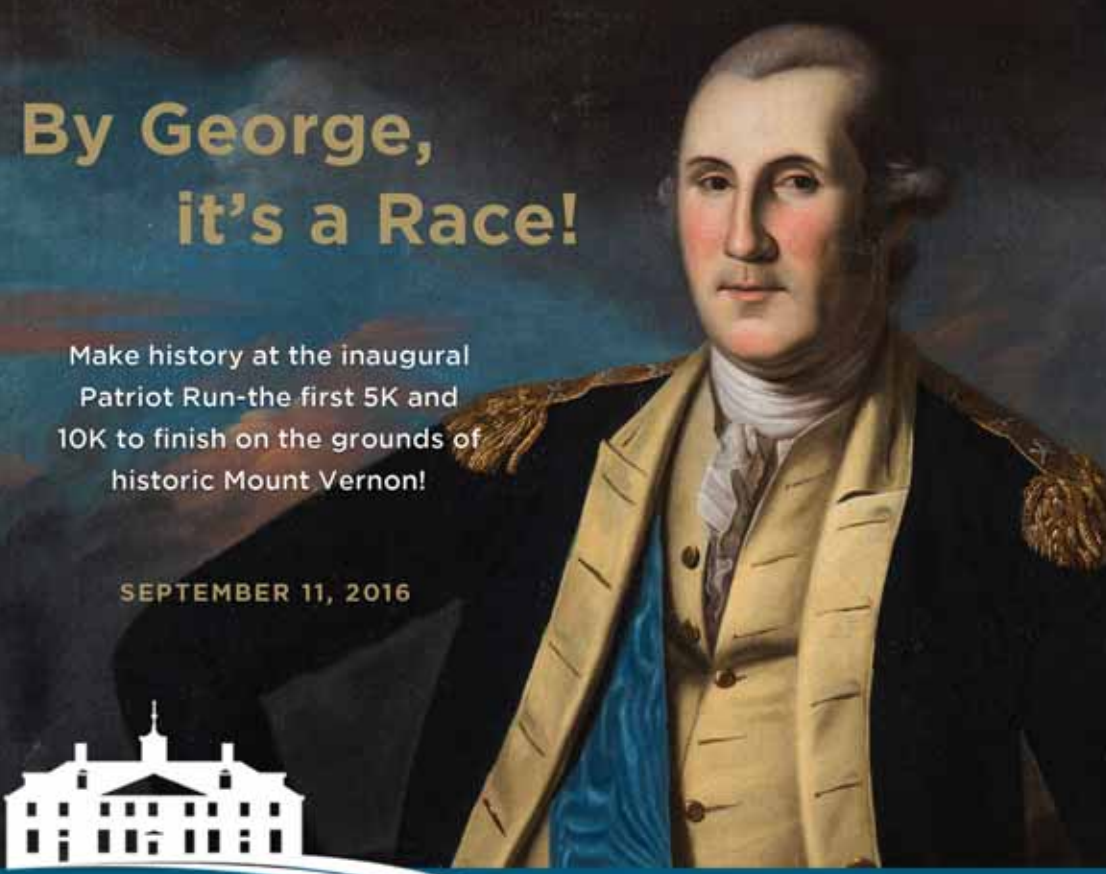

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REDMON, DOROTHY MILLER

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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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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YANINA TULL, Personal Representative
of VIKTOR CHORNYI,

Plaintiff,

Case No: CL 15001224

v.

Kathleen M. Cleland, M.D., et als.

Defendants

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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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.



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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.

ACR offers adult learn-to-row, novice and

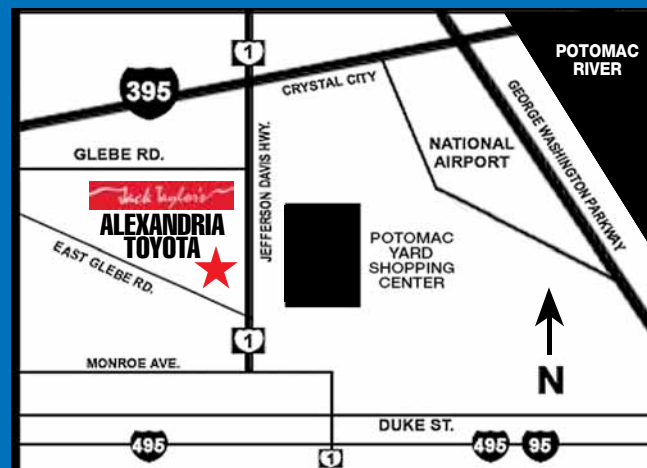
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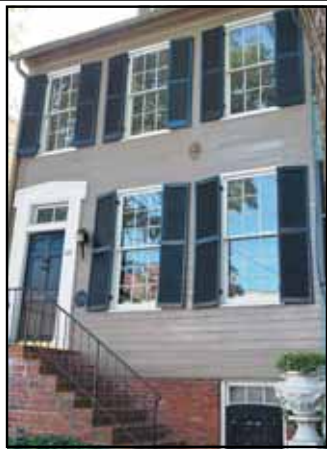
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What's Ahead?

Commercial, residential and historic projects reshaping the area.

The Gazette keeps a running list of land use projects being planned, under construction and nearing completion in the community. The list is updated quarterly.

— TIM PETERSON

Huntington Club condos

2601 Indian Drive

The Huntington Club Condominium Association is reviewing developer bids for a new mixed-use project that would include 1,200 to 1,800 housing units, 600,000 to 1 million square-feet of office space and 127,000 square-feet of retail space.

Towne Place Suites by Marriott

Construction is underway on a 92-room Baywood Hotels extended stay hotel in the Woodlawn area, at the corner of Richmond Highway and Woodlawn Court, adjacent to Woodlawn Shopping Center. The hotel should be completed by the fall.



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Rendering of the extended stay Towne Place Suites by Marriott planned for the Woodlawn Area.

Penn Daw area of U.S. Route 1: South Alex

The former Penn Daw Plaza shopping center was rezoned as part of a 2012 Comprehensive Plan amendment for the Penn Daw area and is set to be replaced by a mixed-use development. The development, now named "South Alex," will feature 400 apartments, 41 townhomes and 44,000 square-feet of ground-level retail space. Work on the site plan is underway, as is



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A rendering of the new South Alex multi-use area planned for the site of Penn Daw Plaza.

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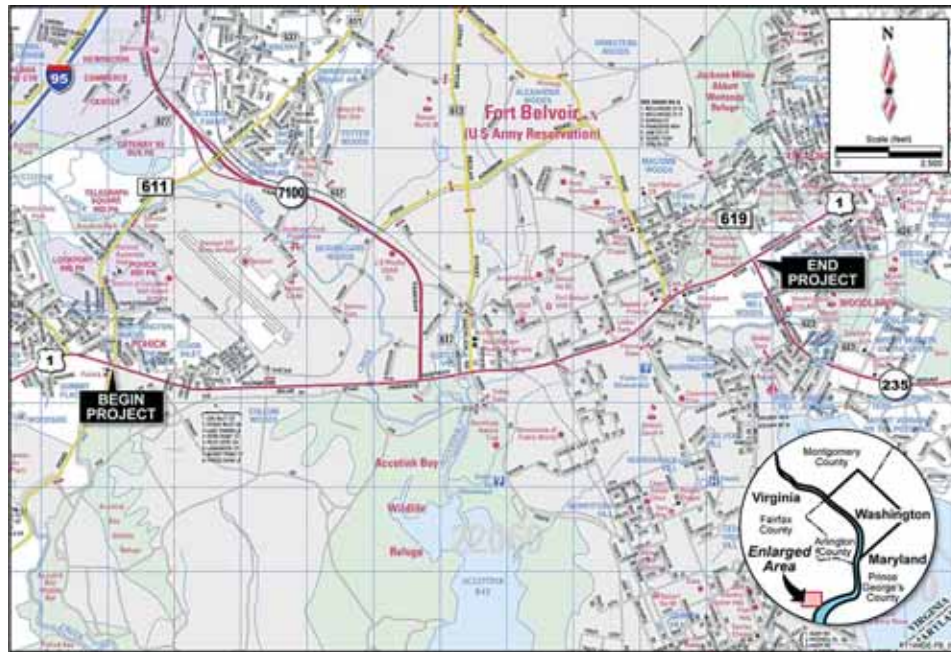


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Richmond Highway Widening over 3.5 miles is expected to be completed by winter 2016.

demolishing, clearing and grading. Construction should last from a year and a half to two years.

Novus Property Holdings

Richmond Highway at Fairview Drive
Novus, LLC (Cafritz Interests) is planning to replace the Wendy's Tai Kwon Do studio and Title Max loans building on a 5.3-acre site with a 340-unit multifamily dwelling building. The developer has filed a rezoning application, however there aren't any hearings scheduled thus far.

North Hill area

33-acres along U.S. Rt. 1 by Lockheed Blvd.

In March 2015, members of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority voted in favor of moving forward with interim agreement to develop the re-

maining 33 acres of North Hill. (Fifteen acres out of a 1981 land purchase have been developed as Woodley Hills Estates.) The Community Housing Partners of Virginia and Philadelphia-based developer Pennrose partnership have proposed building 278 multi-family apartments in six separate buildings, up to 195 townhomes and leaving some space for a park. A number of the units would be designated for households with lower incomes. More information is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/north_hill.

New Fairfield Inn & Suites

6421 U.S. Rt. 1

The Hersha Group has finished with demolition of the Fairview Motel and obtained construction permits to move forward with a new 108-room development renamed Fairfield Inn & Suites. Construction is ongoing.

Widening of Richmond Highway

3.5 miles of U.S. Rt. 1 between Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and Telegraph Road

The \$180 million project to widen Route 1 from four to six lanes, while also accommodating mass transit, bicycles and walking, is expected to be completed in five segments between late summer and early winter 2016.

Embark Richmond Highway

Embark includes transportation and land

use planning for Route 1, with Bus Rapid Transit and Metro Expansion. The planning team is a collaboration of Fairfax County staff from various departments and agencies working with a 13-member citizen advisory group to help coordinate community input. Goals of Embark Richmond Highway include implementing a Bus Rapid Transit System running along dedicated lanes on Route 1 from Huntington Metro to Fort Belvoir, and then extending the Yellow Line Metrorail to Hybla Valley.

"This has great potential for revitalization and economic development along the highway," said Edythe Kelleher, executive director of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, "with a lot more and better access for people getting back and forth from home to work to shopping to whatever. For bringing tourists down, and other visitors, there's great potential."

For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/embarkrichmondhwy/meetings.htm.

Lennar multi-family housing development "Huntington Crossing"

The project team has filed a re-zoning application for the 6.3 acres site adjacent to the Huntington Metro and right up against the water. The draft plan calls for five stories and approximately 360 multi-family units. Access will be from Metro View Parkway.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PARKER AT HUNTINGTON METRO
The Parker at Huntington Metro luxury apartment building is open and taking on tenants.

Accotink Village re-named

Belvoir Square

Richmond Highway between Fairfax County Parkway and Fort Belvoir's Tulley Gate

Construction is underway on a mixed-use development sitting on 6.6 acres of historic Accotink Village by the

Chesapeake Realty Partners. The project includes 283 units of one and two-bedroom apartments (170 one-bedroom, 113 2-bedroom), as well as 12,000 square-feet of retail space. Building is anticipated to be completed by January 2017.

National Museum of the U.S. Army

Fort Belvoir

The Army Historical Foundation is continuing to raise money for construction of a brand-new National Museum of the U.S. Army to be located on a 41-acre campus at Fort Belvoir. The 185,000 square-foot main building will showcase 15,000 works from the Army Art Collection as well as 30,000 rare and never-before-seen artifacts, document and images from the service branch's 200-year history. A memorial garden, amphitheater and parade ground are planned for the exterior grounds. An overview video

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Welcome to Mount Vernon District

BY DAN STORCK
MOUNT VERNON
DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Welcome to the best District in Fairfax County.

My name is Dan Storck and I am pleased to meet you and to serve as your Mount Vernon District Supervisor. I hope you agree that Fairfax County is one of the

best places in the country to live — full of intellectual energy, great schools, diversity, plenty of recreational activities, and vast opportunities for cultural enrichment. Additionally, Mount Vernon is comprised of wonderful people, abundant resources and a rich history. First and foremost, I would like to invite you to stop by my office to meet me and my staff. We'll be happy to talk with you about our community, provide information about Fairfax County and its many opportunities, and respond to any questions you may have. We're at 2511 Parkers Lane next to the Fire Station and Mount Vernon Hospital and we share the building with the Mount Vernon Police Station.

My priorities for my first year as supervisor are to better fund and support our schools, accelerate Richmond Highway's revitalization, increase jobs and economic opportunities, improve our roads and provide more transit options, ensure our public safety, and continue to strengthen our quality of life.

My number one priority is always to engage deeply and frequently with the people of Mount Vernon, and provide timely, outstanding constituent service as we continue to build the ideal community to live and thrive. We are here to make a difference for each and every resident and to get things done. My staff and I have extended office hours on Thursdays and the second Saturday of each month at the Lorton Library and the Mount Vernon District Office. As always, I welcome your concerns and compliments. Walk-ins and appointments welcomed.

My team and I have committed to performance standards to ensure that we are a responsive, transparent and informative office. We will respond to your communications within two business days or less, advise you of your staff contact and connect you with the county or community resources you



Dan Storck

need.

Our office staff include a transportation and human services aide, communications director, and a full-time staff specialist in community development and land use planning to help me engage you and be more responsive. What makes Team Mount Vernon unique is our diversity of backgrounds and intense commitment to serve. Come meet our whole team at our upcoming Open House on Sept. 26, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

In Mount Vernon, we are fortunate to have many wonderful parks, as well as historical sites and community events to enjoy. The following are some of my favorites.

1. George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens: One of the nation's most visited historic sites, Mount Vernon offers an authentically interpreted 18th century home, lush gardens and grounds, intriguing museum galleries, immersive programs, and first-rate dining and shopping. Open 365 days a year, Mount Vernon is an incomparable national treasure. Visit Mount Vernon by bike. Hop on a bike and ride to Mount Vernon from Washington, D.C. on the Mount Vernon Trail. Nearly 18 miles long and fully paved, the Mount Vernon Trail follows the Potomac River's Virginia shoreline. Mount Vernon Estate is one of the most notable historical sites in the country. (<http://www.mountvernon.org>)

2. Gunston Hall: Gunston Hall is the home built for George Mason IV, the author of the Bill of Rights, located on Mason Neck where we also have a state park, a regional park, and federally protected land. The mansion stands as a testament to a single architectural moment in colonial Virginia. After its completion in 1759, few changes were made. As a result, Gunston Hall remains as a vital example of the Georgian style washed upon Virginia's shores. A visit to Gunston Hall begins with an introductory film on George Mason. Visitors then can view the center's exhibits which highlight details of George Mason's civic career and the lasting influences of his most famous document, "The Virginia Declaration of Rights." (<http://www.gunstonhall.org>)

3. Woodlawn and Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House: The Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey Houses are sites of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, located on the same historic grounds. Visitors are encouraged to explore the contrasting

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Mount Vernon District staff include Theodore "Tae" Choi, community development and land use aide; Christine Morin, chief of staff for Dan Storck; Jeanene Harris, communications director for Dan Storck; Allison Miessler, staff aide for Dan Storck; and Donna Slaymaker, staff aide for Dan Storck.

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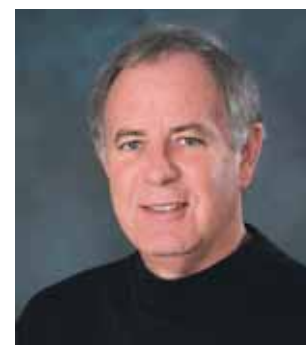
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By COLONEL EDWIN C. ROESSLER JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



**Colonel
Edwin C.
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Jr., Chief
of Police.**

Dear Community Members: The Fairfax County Police Department was established on July 1, 1940 and today we have an authorized strength of 1,406 sworn law enforcement officers. Our greatly engaged community exceeds 1.1 million residents which continues to assist us in preventing and fighting crime, increasing the culture of safety to preserve the sanctity of life for all, and to keep pace with rapid urbanization.

Your Police Department proactively undertook an independent review of its use of force training, and related policies and procedures conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum. A further review generating additional change recommendations has been conducted by the County's Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. The core theme of change is adopting the philosophy of the sanctity of life in all we do. As I have discussed in multiple public forums to include the Public Safety Committee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, your police department embraces reengineering the law enforcement profession and we are proud to be national leaders truly engaged with creating change with an engaged community.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has endorsed our reengineering of the policies governing the use of force which value the sanctity of human life. The Police Department has adopted policies and practices which utilize the Critical Decision Making Model to ensure that all actions are proportionate, lawful, accountable, necessary, and ethical. Your Police Department has mandated annual in-service training on use of force critical decision-making because the essential knowledge and skills are considered "perishable," therefore rendering training on an annual basis a necessity.

The final report issued by the Ad Hoc Commission included recommendations made by its Independent Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. These recommendations, the subject of current delibera-

tion by the Public Safety Committee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, propose the creation of a Police Auditor position and establishment of a Civilian Review Panel. The Police Department welcomes immediate implementation of both as they maximize accountability through transparency, and will lead to higher levels of public trust and confidence in the Police Department.

The Police Department is committed to enhancing its transparency at all levels and we have established policies and procedures in coordination with the Board of Supervisors to achieve maximum communication with the communities we serve. Throughout the remainder of 2016 and into 2017 we will continue to reengineer our profession in many operational and administrative areas to achieve effective change while increasing community engagement.

In 2014 the Police Department began a self-assessment process to align its policies and procedures to comply with 484 national standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The required on-site assessment was conducted by assessors from outside Virginia in early 2016, and CALEA accredited status was awarded on July 30, 2016.

The Police Department, along with the Community Services Board, other public safety agencies, and mental health advocates partnered to implement the Diversion First program which provides a viable jail diversion alternative for those in mental health crisis. Our police officers receive Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to prepare them to recognize when persons are experiencing a mental health crisis and how best to de-escalate such initial encounters.

Our CIT-trained officers now have the Merrifield Crisis Response Center, as well as two Mobile Crisis Units, enabling them to offer persons in crisis the mental health services they may require.

Welcome to Fairfax County and we encourage you to engage with your Police Department as we all continue to make our County a great place to live, work, play, and grow old.

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Volunteers are needed for local transportation to medical and personal appointments, errands, and grocery store trips; light handyman chores and home technology to name just a few. No minimum number of volunteer hours are required.

Contact Mount Vernon At Home at 703-303-4060, email info@mountvernonathome.org or visit www.mountvernonathome.org to learn more.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area

5901 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Aims to help youth become confident, civic-minded, responsible adults through programs focused on education/career development, health and life skills, leadership, the arts, sports and recreation, and mentoring. Call 703-304-8631 or visit www.bgcgw.org/fairfax

Mount Vernon Recreation Center

2017 Belle View Blvd. A fitness center with a 25-meter heated indoor pool with poolside spa, a beach area with play features, locker rooms with showers and sauna, Fitness Center with Cybex VR2 equipment, pro shop items for sale, dance room, multi-purpose rooms and a year-round 200 foot by 85

foot indoor ice arena. Call 703-768-3224 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mvrec.htm.

Christian Relief Services

8301 Richmond Highway, Suite 900. Incorporated in 1985, in Virginia, through partnership with 14 agencies, Christian Relief Services offers up to 24 months of transitional housing, case management and supportive services for homeless people. Around the country, operates the affordable housing units. Call 703-317-9086 or visit www.christianrelief.org.

Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services

8305-17B Richmond Highway. The goal of Good Shepherd, created in 1974,

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Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS



Sharon Bulova

Welcome to Fairfax County, one of the greatest places in the nation to live, work, play and raise a family. Fairfax County is home to a thriving business community, vibrant entertainment and shopping destinations, a world class university, beautiful parks, and a diverse population of engaged residents. Whether you are a long-time resident or are new to the county, I hope you'll take some time to visit some of our most popular spots to enjoy what Fairfax County has to offer.

Tysons Corner and Fair Oaks Malls, Reston Town Center, Fairfax Corner, Springfield Town Center and the Mosaic District are great places to shop, eat and spend time with friends. For cultural destinations, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts are two of my favorites. And for enjoying the arts along with community gatherings like Springfest and Brewfest, the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton is a must. For fresh air and exercise, I recommend our extensive network of trails, parks and RECenters.

While there are a lot of fun things to do in Fairfax County, our community is notorious for our "work hard, play hard" ethic. Time Magazine has described us as the epicenter of the Washington region's job boom and one of the great economic success stories of our time. Fairfax County is home to eight Fortune 500 company headquarters, more than 8,400 technology firms, and over 116.2 million square feet of office space.

Fairfax County has one of the best public school systems nationwide with a graduation rate topping 90 percent. Our school system is the 10th largest in the country with nearly 187,000 students and 196 schools and centers.

After high school graduation, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College are located just down

the road for affordable higher education opportunities in many different subject fields. Our business-friendly economy ensures career opportunities for both our older and younger residents.

On the local government level, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is constantly hard at work to ensure quality public services for our residents. Our 10-member Board of Supervisors strives to maintain positive community engagement, while strategically planning for the future with land use and infrastructure decisions. Some recent accomplishments include updating many of our police policies, establishing a Diversion First program for people with mental illness who become involved with law enforcement, and successfully extending Metrorail to Tysons and Reston, with Phase 2 of the Silver Line currently under construction all the way to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County. Fairfax County offers opportunity and quality services for residents of all ages. People from all over the globe have made Fairfax County their home, enriching our community with their diverse cultures and entrepreneurship. Please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov or www.fxva.com to learn more about what Fairfax County has to offer you and your family.

As chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am elected at-large by Fairfax County residents.

My office is here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov or give my office a call at 703-324-2321. I hope you will sign up to receive my monthly Bulova Byline newsletter that will keep you up-to-date on what is happening in your community! Welcome to your new home.

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is to help bring an end to homelessness while promoting the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals with programs in counseling, grant services and housing location assistance. Call 703-768-9494 or visit www.goodhousing.org.

New Hope Housing

Founded in 1977, New Hope Housing is an award-winning nonprofit agency in Northern Virginia committed to finding creative and lasting solutions to end the cycle of homelessness by offering homeless men, women, and children the services they need to change their lives and succeed. Each year, New Hope Housing serves more than 1,500 people in outreach, shelter, and housing programs. Call 703-799-2293 or www.newhopehousing.org to volunteer or learn more.

United Community Ministries (UCM)

7511 Fordson Road. Founded in 1969 as a

grassroots movement to assist low-income families and individuals living along the Route One Corridor, UCM provides four different housing programs as well as a Workforce Development Center to help prepare people for moving forward with their jobs. Call 703-768-7106 or visit www.ucmagency.org.

Progreso Literacy and Citizenship Center

A program of United Community Ministries, Progreso empowers immigrants to improve the quality of their lives and of their communities through education, immigration services, and leadership development. Visit www.ucmagency.org/progreso-center-for-literacy-citizenship.html.

Mount Vernon Rotary Club

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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 organiza-

tions, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and longtime 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, 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 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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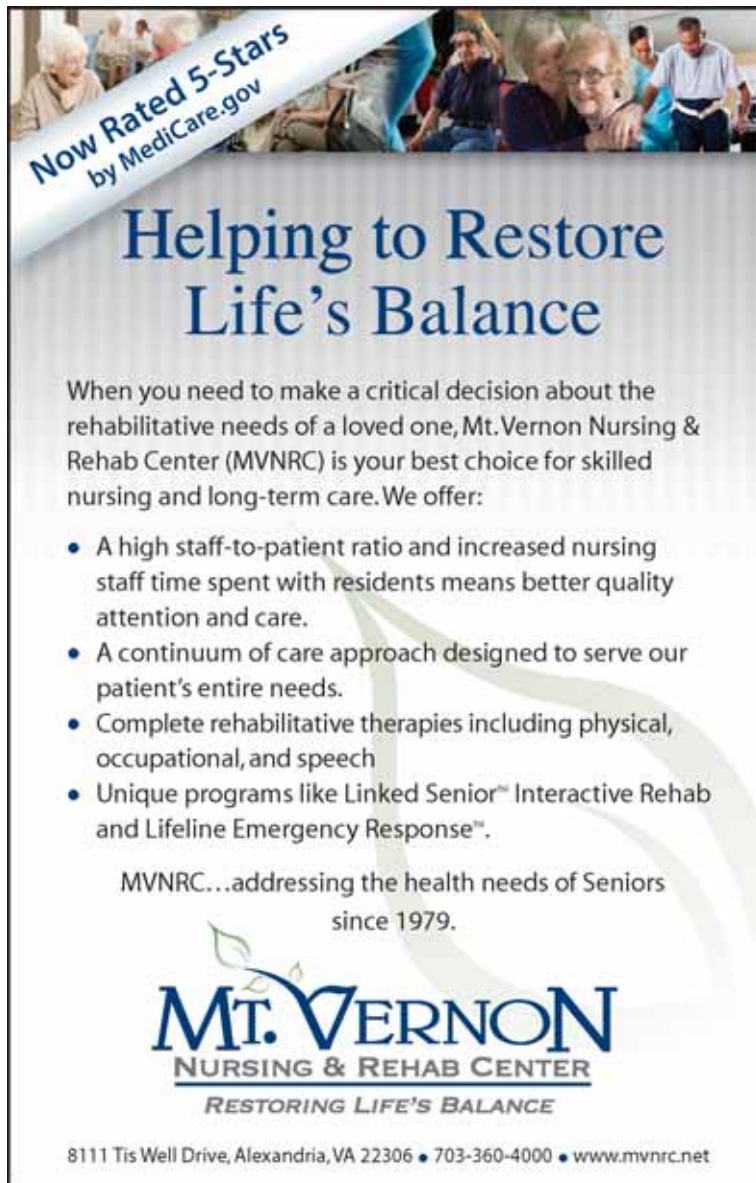
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Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association

MVCCA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of citizens' associations in the Mount Vernon Magisterial District of Fairfax County which represents and promotes the interests of its member associations with eight standing committees including Budget and Finance, Consumer Affairs, Education, Environment and Recreation, Health and Human Services, Planning and Zoning, Public Safety and Transportation. Visit www.mvcca.org

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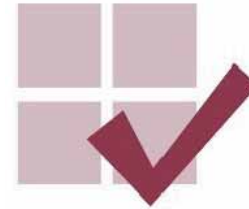
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National Parks

GF Great Falls National Park

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Great Falls Park is open daily from 7 a.m. until dark. The Visitor Center and bookstore are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, spring through fall seasons. Picnic, hike along the Potomac River. Swimming and wading in the Potomac are prohibited.

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WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

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The only national park dedicated to presenting the performing arts. From May through September, multiple amphitheaters in the park present musicals, dance, opera, jazz, and popular and country music. Explore the park without the crowds from October - April. The Barns at Wolf Trap offer indoor entertainment through the winter months.

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MN Mason Neck State Park

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The park's visitor center was expanded in 2010 to include a new exhibit room, gift shop and meeting room. There are several exhibits in the center, and with a view of Belmont Bay. Visitor center staff can answer questions and provide information on park trails, facilities and local points of interest. Pond study, bird watching, canoe trips, nature walks and talks, and GPS adventures are just a few of the exciting programs offered by park rangers.

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

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www.greatwaveswaterpark.com/
703-960-0767

Cameron Run Regional Park offers a variety of recreation facilities in an urban area, including Great Waves Water Park. Catch a wave in the wave pool, twist and turn down four-story water slides, take a plunge down speed slides, play with friends in the shallow waters of the play



pool. The park also features a deluxe miniature golf course, a nine-station batting cage, picnic shelters, and a special events pavilion.

CH Carlyle House Historic Park

121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park/
703-549-2997

The historic Carlyle House was completed in 1753 by British merchant John Carlyle for his bride, Sarah Fairfax of Belvoir, member of one of the most prestigious families in colonial Virginia. Their home quickly became a center of social and political life in Alexandria and gained a foothold in history when British General Braddock made the mansion his headquarters in 1755. On the National Register of Historic Places, Carlyle House is architecturally unique in Alexandria as the only stone, 18th-century Palladian-style house. Daily tours of the house, programs for schoolchildren, special events, exhibits and lectures explore the life and times of John Carlyle in pre-Revolutionary Alexandria. The site may be rented in the evenings for private functions and weddings.

FH Fountainhead Regional Park

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/
703-250-9124

The observation deck of the Marina Building at Fountainhead commands a spectacular view of the widest point of the Occoquan Reservoir. Summer activities include catfish tournaments, children's fishing tournament, paddleboat tours and more.

HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

13220 Yates Ford Road, Clifton
www.nvrpa.org/park/hemlock_overlook/
800-877-0954; 571-281-3556;

Hemlock Overlook Regional Park offers a variety of outdoor and environmental education. Programs at Hemlock Overlook are open to the public and groups by reservation. Only the hiking and horse

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna
www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens/
703-255-3631

This 95-acre complex of large ornamental display gardens and unique native plant collections is open year round and include walking trails, lakes, more than 20 varieties of cherry trees, irises, peonies, an extensive shade garden, native wildflowers, gazebos, birds, butterflies, seasonal blooms and foliage. The Atrium's indoor tropical garden setting is a popular meeting, reception, wedding and workshop location. Interpretive displays accompany a restored 18th-century cabin.

OR Occoquan Regional Park

9751 Ox Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan/
703-690-2121

This park offers 400 acres of recreational space and a touch of the past with its historic brick kilns and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Park lands, trails and associated waters are part of the Fairfax Cross-County Trail. Kayak rentals. One hour Tour Boat Rides on the Occoquan River to Belmont Bay and back. Offered Saturdays noon-5 p.m., Sunday 1-8 p.m., April 2 through Nov. 27. \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, under age 4 are free.

PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/
www.piratescovepohick.com
703-339-6102

Pohick Bay is located on the Potomac River, 25 miles south of the nation's capital. The boat launch facility is one of only three public access points to the Potomac River in northern Virginia. Pohick Bay offers canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and jon boats for rent on the weekends, as well as family and group camping, hiking, picnic areas and a large play area for children. The park offers one of the largest, outdoor freeform pools on the east coast. Pohick Bay Regional Park, located on Mason Neck Peninsula is an ecologically fragile land that shelters an abundance of wildlife, including the bald eagle. Pirates Cove Waterpark is located at Pohick Bay Regional Park. Visitors can cool off under the 300-gallon dumping bucket, fire the water cannons and splash down the waterslide or search for buried treasure at Buccaneer Beach sand play area. Pirates Cove

Sources: National Park Service, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Virginia State Parks and Fairfax County Park Authority. Map courtesy of Fairfax County Park Authority. Designed & compiled by Jean Card and Laurence Foong. Photos by Renée Ruggles.



also features picnic pavilions, a deck for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Captain's Galley snack bar features food, beverages and sweets. Pirates Cove is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

PB

Pohick Bay Golf Course

10301 Gunston Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay_golf_course
703-339-8585

This scenic golf course is located on the Mason Neck Peninsula in Lorton. Pohick Bay's practice facility features a driving range with practice putting and chipping greens, and lessons from PGA pros. A full-service pro shop features an array of name-brand golf clubs, equipment and apparel. Other services include club making, custom club fitting, regripping, reshafing and tournament coordinating.

PO

Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center

2845 Marcey Road, Arlington, VA 22207
www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook/
703-528-5406

On the Potomac Palisades in north Arlington, Potomac Overlook offers 70 acres of peaceful woodland, trails, educational gardens, a small picnic area and a Nature Center. The Nature Center features brand new exhibits called the "Energerium," offering visitors a fun and accessible way to learn energy basics and ways they can help create sustainable energy solutions. The Nature Center also houses live animals and natural history exhibits.

SR

Sandy Run Regional Park

10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/
703-690-4392

The park is open to the public for the purpose of education, training, practice, and racing for competitive and recreational sculling and rowing. Only shells and other boats authorized by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority may be launched from the docks or shoreline of Sandy Run. Sandy Run offers a facility for team training and competition for Olympic, college, high school and club canoe, kayak and crew athletes.

UH

Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark

6060 Wilson Blvd., Arlington
www.nvrpa.org/park/upton_hill/
www.oceanduneswaterpark.com/
703-534-3437 or UptonHill@nvrpa.org

Upton Hill Regional Park offers visitors a wooded oasis in the heart of the most densely populated area of Northern Virginia. A large outdoor water-park complex is a sparkling attraction in this wooded, urban park, which straddles the boundary line between Arlington and Fairfax counties. The deluxe miniature golf course boasts one of the longest mini golf holes in the world; the batting cages include nine baseball and softball cages. The park is open every day for hiking, picnicking, playing on the playground and enjoying the outdoors. Located within Upton Hill Regional Park, Ocean Dunes is loaded with fun features for adults and children.

Arts Center

LAC

Workhouse Arts Center

9601 Ox Road, Lorton
www.lortonarts.org
703-584-2900

The Workhouse Arts Center consists of seven studio buildings, the main galleries and the recently opened Youth Arts Center. Visitors are encouraged to interact with artists. In addition to visual arts, the Workhouse Arts Center is home to performing arts, including theater, film institute, musical and dance performances. The education department supports both the visual and performing arts, offering classes and workshops in a variety of disciplines. Future plans for the Workhouse include an event center, amphitheater, Workhouse Theatre, restaurants, apartments, music barn and garden/horticultural area. Other buildings on site, yet to be renovated, may provide for other activities such as a visitors center, a blacksmith shop, theatre scene shops and rehearsal space.

Major Fairfax County Parks

BLP

Burke Lake Park & Golf Course

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
volleyball, driving range, 18 hole, par 3, minigolf, trails, playground, campgrounds, fishing
883.4 acres, multiple resource park



CJP

Clemyjontri Park

6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean
fitness, picnic areas and playgrounds
18.6 acres, special purpose park

ELP

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

5040 Walney Road, Chantilly
baseball, soccer/football (unlit), basketball (unlit), community center, nature center, amphitheater, trails
650 acres, multiple resource park

FPF

Frying Pan Farm Park

2717 West Ox Road, Herndon
historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, open areas, playground
135.3 acres, multiple resource park

BSG

Green Spring Gardens

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria
Community Center, historic structure, biking/hiking trails, open areas, gardens
30.9 acres, special purpose park

HPP

Hidden Pond Park

8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield
tennis (lit), nature center, amphitheater, hiking/nature trails, playground, fishing
25.6 acres, community park



HMP

Huntley Meadows Park

3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
nature center, historic structure, biking/hiking/nature trails, observation tower, boardwalk
1444.8 acres, natural resource park

LAP

Lake Accotink Park

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield
basketball, volleyball, minigolf, trails, picnic
448.1 acres, multiple resource park

LFP

Lake Fairfax Park

1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston
softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit), amphitheater, carousel, campground, tour boat, picnic shelters
479 acres, multiple resource park

FRA

Lee District Park

6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia
softball, soccer/football, tennis, basketball, volleyball, trails, treehouse, sprayground, accessible playground
138 acres, district park

MDP

Mason District Park

6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale
softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit/lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), shuffleboard, dog park, amphitheater, biking/hiking/fitness
121.2 acres, district park

NWP

Nottoway Park

9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna
baseball (lit), soccer/football (lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), trails, picnic
90.9 acres, district park

RBP

Riverbend Park

8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
nature center, historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, picnic areas, craft room
411.2 acres, multiple resource park

SRN

Scotts Run Nature Preserve

7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean
historic structure, historic/hiking/nature trails, fishing
384.3 acres, natural resource park

SRD

South Run District

7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield
baseball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, equestrian, playground, swimming
196 acres, district park

WFP

Wakefield Park & RECenter

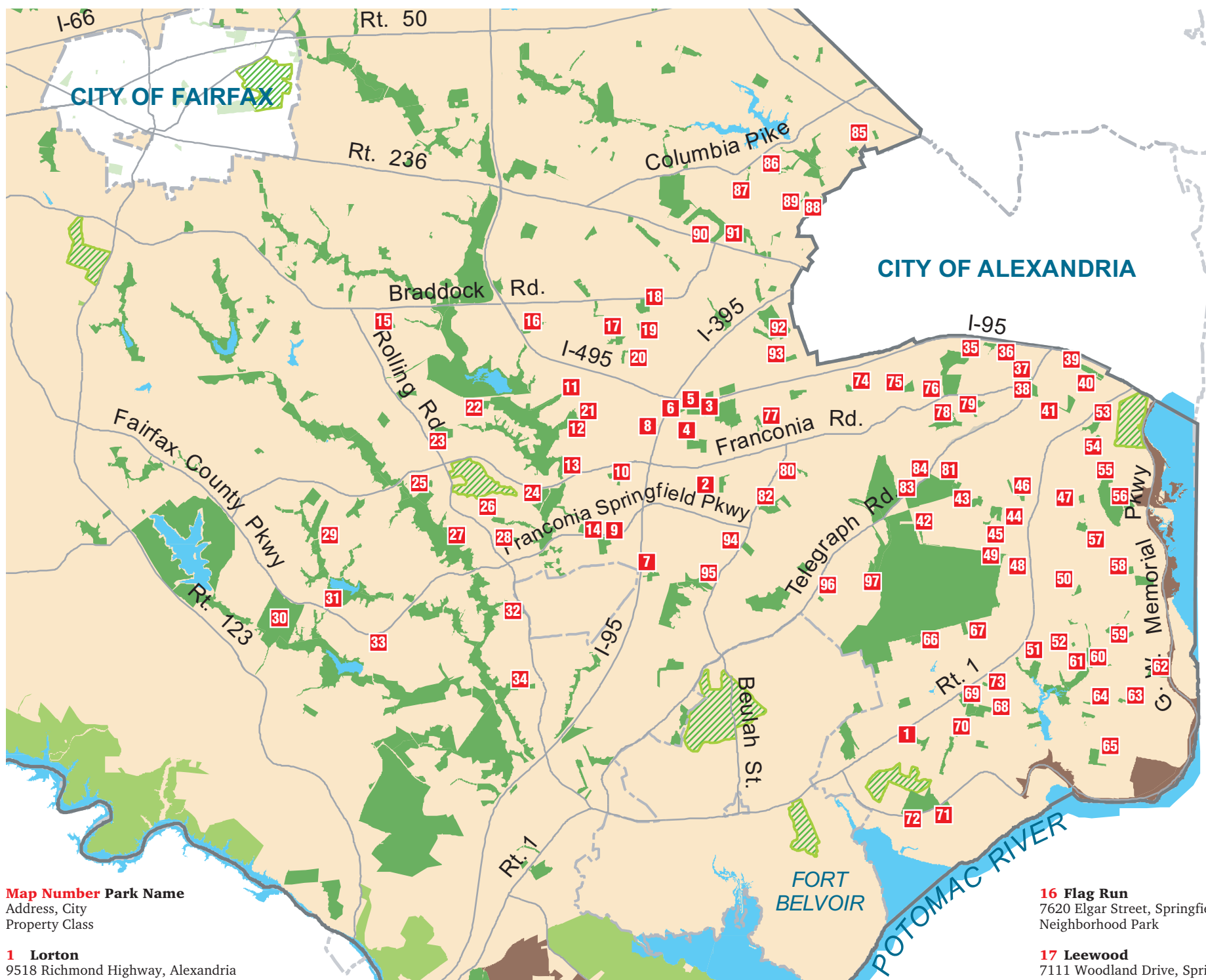
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE SPRINGFIELD & MOUNT VERNON AREAS

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FEATURING HUNTLEY MEADOWS PARK
MAP BY LAWRENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD



Map Number Park Name
Address, City
Property Class

- 1 Lorton**
9518 Richmond Highway, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park
- 2 Springfield Forest**
6400 Kalmia Street, Springfield
Neighborhood Park
- 3 Franconia**
6432 Bowie Drive, Springfield
Community Park
- 4 Lee High**
6501 Deepford Street, Springfield
Community Park
- 5 Monticello Woods**
6444 Northanna Drive, Springfield
Community Park
- 6 Trailside**
6000 Trailside Drive, Springfield
Community Park
- 7 Loisdale**
7419 Loisdale Road, Springfield
Neighborhood Park
- 8 Lynbrook**
6005 Augusta Drive, Springfield
Neighborhood Park
- 9 Hooes Road**
7233 Hooes Road, Springfield
Community Park



- 10 Springvale**
6508 Spring Road, Springfield
Community Park
- 11 Lake Accotink**
7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield
Multiple Resource Park



- 12 Brookfield**
7417 Floyd Avenue, Springfield
Community Park
- 13 Byron Avenue**
6500 Byron Avenue, Springfield
Community Park



- 14 Hooes Road School Site**
7336 Hooes Road, Springfield
Community Park
- 15 Kings Park**
8717 Trafalgar Ct., Springfield
Community Park

16 Flag Run
7620 Elgar Street, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

17 Leewood
7111 Woodland Drive, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

18 Deerlick
6821 Braddock Road, Springfield
Community Park

19 Edsall
6845 Edsall Road, Springfield
Community Park

20 North Springfield
7025 Leesville Boulevard, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

21 Royal Ridge
7417 Floyd Avenue, Springfield
Community Park

22 Carrleigh Parkway
8020 Carrleigh Prkwy, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

23 Cardinal Forest
6121 Roxbury Avenue, Springfield
Community Park

24 Hunter Village
7700 Jansen Drive, Springfield
Community Park

25 Hidden Pond
8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield
Community Park



26 West Springfield

6805 Caneel Street, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

27 West Springfield Village

6910 Loudoun Lane, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

28 Rolling Forest

7019 Flax Street, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

29 Cherry Run

7001 Cottontail Court, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

30 South Run District

7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield
District Park

31 Huntsman

9150 Dorothy Lane, Springfield
Community Park

32 Rolling Wood School Site

7511 Chancellor Way, Springfield
Community Park

33 Chapel Acres

7900 Giles Street, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

34 Saratoga

8121 North Umlerland Rd, Springfield
Community Park

35 Loftridge

5549 Janelle Street, Alexandria
Community Park

36 Burgundy

5516 Norton Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

37 Heritage Hill

5744 Telegraph Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

38 Jefferson Manor

2909 Farmington Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

39 Huntington

2121 Fairfax Terrace, Alexandria
Community Park

40 Farrington Avenue

2213 Farrington Avenue, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

41 Mt. Eagle

5919 North Kings Highway, Alexandria
Community Park

42 South Kings Forest

4505 Lantern Place, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park



43 Stoneybrooke

3900 Stoneybrooke Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

44 Groveton Heights

3429 Clayborne Avenue, Alexandria
Community Park

45 Huntley Historic

6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria
Natural Resource Park

46 Lenclair

6625 Lenclair Street, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

47 Bucknell Manor

2223 Beacon Hill Road, Alexandria
Community Park

48 Hybla Valley

3431 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

49 Huntley Meadows

3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
Natural Resource Park

50 Hollin Meadows

7603 Elba Road, Alexandria
Community Park

51 Martin Luther King Jr

8115 Fordson Road, Alexandria
Community Park

52 Stephen S. Foster

Intermediate School Site
2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria
Community Park

53 Belle Haven

6036 Grove Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

54 Fort Willard Circle

6625 Fort Willard Circle, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

55 Mount Vernon District

2017 Belle View Boulevard, Alexandria
Multiple Resource Park

56 Westgrove

6801 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria
Community Park

57 White Oaks

7100 Devonshire Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

58 Gilbert S. McCutcheon

7509 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria
Community Park

59 Hollin Hall School Site

1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria
Community Park

60 Kirk

2206 Collingwood Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

61 Williamsburg Manor

2213 Collingwood Road, Alexandria
Community Park

62 Collingwood

8200 West Boulevard Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

63 Carl Sandburg School Site

8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria
Community Park

64 Stratford Landing

2301 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

65 Fort Hunt

8822 Linton Lane, Alexandria
Community Park

66 Muddy Hole Farm

7941 Kidd Street, Alexandria
Community Park

67 Mount Vernon Woods

4014 Fielding Street, Alexandria
Community Park

68 George Washington

8426 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexan-
dria
Special Purpose Park

69 Walt Whitman School Site

8333 Richmond Highway, Alexandria
Community Park

70 Mount Zephyr

8601 Richmond Avenue, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

71 Washington Mill

4341 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy,
Alexandria
Community Park

72 Grist Mill

4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy,
Alexandria
District Park

73 Vernon Heights

8225 Central Avenue, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

74 Bush Hill

5417a Waycross Drive, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

75 Mark Twain

5920 Larpin Lane, Alexandria
Community Park

76 Clermont School Site

4100 Franconia Road, Alexandria
Community Park

77 Franconia Forest

6013 Bitternut Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

78 Ridgeview

4111 Duvawn Street, Alexandria
Community Park

79 Wilton Woods School Site

3701 Franconia Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

80 Tara Village

6417 Joyce Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

81 Virginia Hills School Site

6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

82 Manchester Lakes

6775 Beulah Street, Alexandria
Community Park

83 Greendale Golf Course

6700 Telegraph Road, Alexandria
Special Purpose Park

84 Lee District

6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia
District Park

85 Dowden Terrace

5616 Bradley Boulevard, Alexandria
Community Park

86 Glasgow

3935 Arcadia Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

87 Parklawn

6454 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria
Community Park

88 Glen Hills

6090 Larstan Drive, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

89 Heywood Glen

6210 Larstan Drive, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

90 Pinecrest Golf Course

6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria
Special Purpose Park

91 Green Spring Gardens

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria
Special Purpose Park

92 Bren Mar

6324 Edsall Road, Alexandria
Community Park

93 Backlick Run

5590 First Statesman Lane, Alexandria
Community Park

94 Beulah

7119 Beulah Street, Alexandria
Community Park

95 Amberleigh

7516 Beulah Street, Alexandria
Community Park

96 Hayfield

7611 Hayfield Road, Alexandria
Community Park

97 Wickford

7331a Wickford Drive, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

ENTERTAINMENT

A SAMPLING OF ANNUAL
COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 Danfling 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.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE



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The future Belvoir Square, formerly Accotink Village, will include 283 residential units and 12,000 square-feet of retail space.

What's Ahead?

FROM PAGE 3

is available on the museum's website at <https://armyhistory.org/about-the-museum>.

New Inova Emergency Department to open November 2016

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parkers Lane, Alexandria

An all-new 21,000-square-foot Emergency Department, scheduled to open the week of Nov. 14, 2016, will feature 35 private treatment rooms, dedicated space for

children, "Fast-Track" treatment rooms for patients with less serious injuries and two new rooms for resuscitation emergencies.

The new department is being funded largely by Jeffrey Veatch, an entrepreneur from the Mount Vernon area, who's committed a \$2 million lead matching gift toward the new construction.

Sources: District Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) and land use aide, District Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and land use aide, Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, the Army Historical Foundation and Lee Barton, Senior Project Manager for Design and Construction with the Inova Facilities Management Department.

Welcome to Mount Vernon District

FROM PAGE 5

architectural and historical backgrounds of these two unique homes. Operated as a historic house museum since 1949, Woodlawn relies on local support and engagement to succeed (<http://www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/home/>). Woodlawn Estate is also home to the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture.

The Arcadia Center has a demonstration garden used to teach people how to farm and enjoy agriculture. (www.Arcadiafood.org)

4. Workhouse Arts Center: There's always something exciting happening at the Workhouse Arts Center. Whether you're in the mood for art classes and exhibits, exciting comedy or musical performances, or even

special events, the Workhouse has exactly what you need to fuel your creativity and imagination.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, this former correctional facility property has a fascinating story involving the Woman's Suffragist movement and features over 150 of the region's finest artists. An exciting and ever-changing schedule of exhibitions in the Gallery Building includes the work of national and international artists. Explore the artists' studios where you are invited to ask questions, purchase their wares, and even participate in programs in which you can create your own masterpiece. (www.workhousearts.org)

5. Mount Vernon has two recreation centers – one located near the Belle View Shopping Center (Mount Vernon Recreation Center) and the other located across from Mount Vernon High School (George Washington Recreation Center); two off leash dog parks, one at West Grove on Ft. Hunt Road and one at Grist Mill Park located on Route 235.

6. On Aug. 31, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Mount Vernon District will host a Pokémon GO event at the Workhouse Arts Center. Visit our website for more details (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/>). Coming soon, you'll hear more about the inaugural Tour de' Mount Vernon, a bicycle tour of the Mount Vernon District from the Potomac to the Occoquan River.

Again, I welcome you to the Mount Vernon community and sincerely hope you enjoy living in the finest district in Fairfax County. It is an honor and privilege to serve you.

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How to Vote

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

FAIRFAX COUNTY:

While the Presidential election will take top billing, every seat in the U.S. Congress is on the ballot, with one hotly contested race in Northern Virginia.

In Fairfax County, voters will decide whether to enact a four percent meals tax, a topic voters will hear a lot more about in coming weeks.

The Town of Herndon will have its first November election, moving from May in past elections, with the office of Mayor and six Town Council seats on the ballot.

Fairfax County voters will decide on three bond questions, including \$120 million in transportation bonds for Metro; \$107 million in bonds for parks; and \$85 million for building and renovating senior and community centers, and homeless shelters. More at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/>

Absentee Voting in Person

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. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. Note: If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location (see locations below). Voting absentee by mail? Read below for the process of applying for your mail-in ballot.

You can now apply for an absentee ballot online with the state's new Citizen Portal. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver's License to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 23

Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 2/3,
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, 22035
Weekday Schedule:

❖ Sept. 23 to Oct. 14, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Closed, Monday, Oct. 10, Columbus Day.

❖ Oct. 17 to Nov. 4, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday Schedule: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5 is the last day to absentee vote in-person.

Absentee Voting at Satellite Locations

Saturday Schedule: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekday Schedule: Oct. 17 to Nov. 4, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Satellite Voting Locations:

❖ Providence Community Center - 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax, 22031

❖ Franconia Governmental Center - 6121

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.

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711

Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

Election Officer Info: 703-324-4735, TTY 711

ON THE BALLOT in Fairfax County:

- ❖ President and Vice President
- ❖ U.S. House of Representatives, 8th, 10th, or 11th District
- ❖ Meal Tax Referendum
- ❖ Three Proposed County Bond Questions
- ❖ Two Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310

❖ McLean Governmental Center - 1437 Balls Hill Rd., Community Room, McLean, 22101

❖ North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Dr., Community Rooms, Reston, 20190

❖ West Springfield Governmental Center - 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield, 22152

❖ Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, 22003

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center - 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, 22306

❖ Sully Governmental Center - 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, 20151

❖ Lorton Library - 9520 Richmond Hwy., Lorton, 22079 SATURDAYS ONLY (Closed Weekdays)

Ballot Question, Meals Tax

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealtax/>

Fairfax County voters will vote yes or no on establishing a 4 percent meals tax. The Connection will publish stories and letters in coming weeks on both sides of this issue.

QUESTION:

State law authorizes counties, cities, and towns to levy a tax on prepared food and beverages, commonly called a "meals tax," subject to certain restrictions. Most counties, including Fairfax County, may levy a meals tax only if the voters approve the tax by referendum.

The question presented in this referendum asks Fairfax County voters whether the Board of Supervisors should be authorized to levy a meals tax, at a rate not to exceed four percent of the amount charged for the taxable food and beverages.

70 percent of the net revenues would be dedicated to Fairfax County Public Schools; 30 percent of the net revenues would be dedicated to County services, capital improvements and property tax relief.

The question also states that the Board of Supervi-

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sors' reason for seeking authority to impose a meals tax is to reduce the county's dependence on real estate taxes. Currently, nearly 65 percent of Fairfax County's General Fund budget relies upon real estate taxes. State law limits what the county can tax and how it may otherwise raise revenue. Almost 90 percent of Fairfax County non-property tax revenues are capped, limited, or controlled by the state. A meals tax would give the County a new source of revenue, which would help diversify the County's revenue base. At the maximum four percent tax rate, a meals tax would generate an estimated \$99 million per year, with a significant percentage paid by non-county residents.

A number of area jurisdictions already impose a meals tax, including Arlington County, the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax, and the towns of Herndon and Vienna.

Bond Questions

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/>

TRANSPORTATION BONDS, Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds, in addition to bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$120 million to finance Fairfax County's share, under the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact, of the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation improvements and facilities, including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area, and to finance improvements to primary and secondary State high-

ways and ancillary related improvements and facilities?

PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES BONDS, Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds, in addition to bonds previously authorized for parks and park facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$107,000,000: (i) \$94,700,000 principal amount to finance the Fairfax County Park Authority's cost to acquire, construct, develop and equip additional parks and park facilities, to preserve open-space land, and to develop and improve existing parks and park facilities; and (ii) \$12,300,000 principal amount for Fairfax County's contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to acquire, construct, develop and equip parks and park facilities?

HUMAN SERVICES/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BONDS, Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$85,000,000 to provide funds to finance the cost of human services facilities and community development facilities, including the construction and reconstruction of community centers and shelters and the acquisition of land and equipment or interests therein?

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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.

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.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/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.

TUESDAY/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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Getting To Know ... Mount Vernon Sports

School: Mount Vernon High School
Mascot: Majors
School Colors: Maroon, gray and white
Athletic Director: Greg Miller
Football Coach: Barry Wells (seventh year)

The Majors finished 2-8 in 2015 after a promising 2-1 start and failed to qualify for postseason play.

Field Hockey Coach: Jessica Edwards

Volleyball Coach: Amy DeBok
Golf Coach: Sam Hedenberg.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Lou Golden.

Girls' Basketball Coach: India

Thomas.

Boys' Soccer Coach: Tony Garza.
Softball Coach: Daniel Coast.

Rival School: West Potomac

What happened last year: Mount Vernon sophomore Hailey Fisher won the 6A state diving championship with a state-record score of 447.1 on Feb. 19 at Oak Marr.

Fisher finished more than 42 points ahead the runner-up.

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LUNDMARK

West Potomac Sports

School: West Potomac High School
Mascot: Wolverines
School Colors: Royal blue and silver

Athletic Director: Aaron Helmick, 703-718-2560

Football Coach: Jeremiah Ross (third year)

The Wolverines finished the regular season 7-3 and defeated West Springfield in the postseason before losing to South County to finish the season with a record of 8-4.

Cross Country Coach: Jenn Dietz
Volleyball Coach: Nancy Nixon

Boys' Basketball Coach: David Houston III

Girls' Basketball Coach: Lauren Arthur

Baseball Coach: Jim Sullivan
Softball Coach: Craig Maniglia
Boys' Soccer Coach: Ahmad Sasso
Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Cindy Lopez-Yusuf

Rival Schools: Mount Vernon, T.C. Williams

What happened last year: The 2015-16 West Potomac boys' basketball team produced one of the program's best seasons in recent years, capturing its first conference/district title since 2010 and making its first state tournament appearance since 1998.

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SOLD

POTOMAC GREENS 22314

1850 Carpenter Road
Highly sought-after Carriage House model overlooking the park. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, pristine hardwood floors, open kitchen, dining, and living area, finished basement, 2-car garage.



SOLD

HUNTER'S MANOR 22308

1610 Noral Place
Classic Colonial on tranquil cul-de-sac. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, sunny eat-in kitchen, office, formal living & dining rooms, cozy family room, expansive deck, and inviting front porch.



SOLD

BELLE HAVEN 22307

6044 Woodmont Road
Historic Colonial overlooking Belle Haven Country Club, National Harbor, and the Potomac River. 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath hilltop home in a beloved Alexandria neighborhood.



SOLD

MT VERNON TERRACE 22309

5205 Burke Drive
Extraordinary waterfront home featuring 300-ft dock with 2 boat lifts, heated pool & large deck, 600-bottle wine cellar & over 4,500 square feet on main level. 5 bedrooms & 5 baths.



SOLD

COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC 22308

1103 Neal Drive
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.



SOLD

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.



SOLD

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.



SOLD

BEVERLY HILLS 22305

3305 Old Dominion Boulevard
Remodeled Cape Cod with breathtaking interior designed by premier local design group. 4 bedrooms, 2 full & 2 half baths, open-concept kitchen & family room, screen porch & deck.



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