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## Fall Fun

Mount Vernon Estate will hold its Fall Family Harvest Days Oct. 22-23. See Fall Fun & Entertainment, pages 17-24.

## Hospital Praised as Community Anchor

### Celebrating Community Day and Mount Vernon Hospital's 40th anniversary.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and Inova Mount Vernon Hospital partnered to co-sponsor Community Day and the hospital's 40th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Sept. 24.

This is the fourth year the chamber sponsored a Community Day to recognize and celebrate local businesses, non-profits and Mount Vernon and Lee residents. Since Mount Vernon Hospital was planning to celebrate its 40th anniversary, the chamber decided to join celebrating Community Day simultaneously with Mount Vernon hospital.

"Mount Vernon Hospital is the heart of our community and we were very excited about the opportunity to celebrate the Hospital's Anniversary with them," said Holly Dougherty, executive director of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce.

A crowd of over a thousand families, business representatives, and nonprofit organizations, entertainers, former patients, hospital staff, and community and political leaders gathered Saturday on Mount Vernon Hospital's grounds to celebrate 40 years of health care service to the community. Those who came enjoyed music, children's games, food, and visited business and non-profit promotional tables. Jay McConville, member of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce board of directors, served as master of ceremonies.

It was more than an anniversary celebration; it was celebrating a rebirth and a renewal of the hospital. For long-time residents, this year's celebration marked a turn

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## Strip Mall Transformation

### Approval recommended for 375 residential units and 7,500 square feet of retail on 5 acres in place of aging strip.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE GAZETTE

Novus Property Holdings has been seeking to redevelop a 5.2 acre property in the Penn Daw Community at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Fairview Drive for the past four years, said Sara Mariska, who represents the developer.

"For those of you who know the site, I think we can all agree that this is going to be something much better than the aging strip retail that has been there for too long," said Mariska.

The property is located at 6319, 6321, 6325 and 6329 Richmond Highway and 2622, 2700 and 2716 Fairview Drive, in the Mount Vernon Planning District.

The Fairfax County Planning Commission on Thursday, Sept. 22, recommended approval of up to 375 mid-rise multi-family residential dwelling units with

7,500 square of retail use on the ground floor of Land Unit G of the Penn Daw Community Business Center.

"We've worked really hard to make it a walkable, pedestrian-friendly redevelopment. We think this is a good example of how a development can be when you have the community, developers and the county all working together," said Bill Brinley, vice president of Spring Bank Community Association.

Brinley and Josh Delmonico, president of Spring Bank Homeowner Association testified before the Planning Commission on Thursday, Sept. 15. The community association has been working with the developer, Inovus, and county for the last two years, said Brinley.

"High-quality architecture, landscape design, and pedestrian amenities" were promised, according to staff reports, as well as high-quality facade treatments on all four sides.

According to staff reports:

"Building height and massing should taper, or other architectural elements such as balconies, or pitched rooflines should be employed to reduce the effect of the building height and bulk on the adjacent residential neighborhoods to the south and east."

"Adequate buffering and screening landscaped with year-round vegetation should be provided to minimize the visual impact of any development on the adjacent neighborhood."

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— Bill Brinley, Vice President, Spring Bank Community Association



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From left are State Sen. Scott Surovell; CEO Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Deborah Addo; state Del. Paul Krizek. Each legislator presented a General Assembly Resolution from their respective legislative body commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Mount Vernon Hospital.

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# Every Student by Name and Need

Quander Road School offers focused special education experience.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

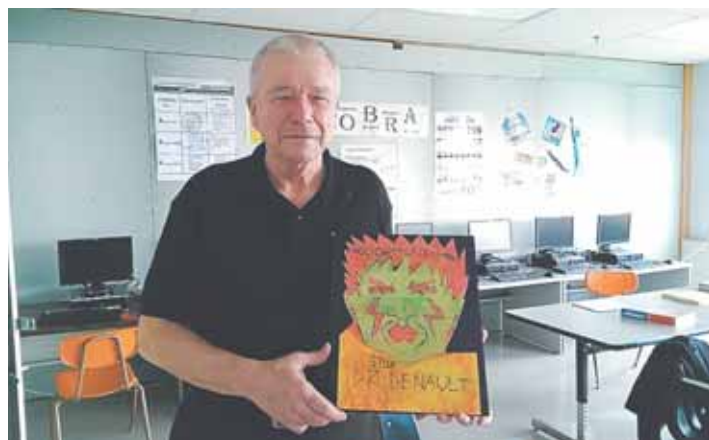
Within the first week of the 2016-2017 school year, teachers at the Quander Road School in Mount Vernon had already finished their jobs for five students. For that select group, they were ready to return to their base high school and transition back to a less restrictive educational experience.

More so than Bryant and Mountain View alternative high schools, Quander is one of two public high schools offering the most restrictive learning environment in Fairfax County, to better accommodate students with emotional, behavioral or social challenges.

With approximately 100 students in the school at a time, teachers are able to work with classes sizes of 10 to 12 and be much more flexible in the way a student's day at school is managed. If large crowds give them anxiety, they're able to spend all day including lunch in a single classroom.

Quander serves 14 school pyramids in the eastern part of the county, while the Cedar Lane Center school in Vienna offers a similar program for western schools.

Many of the students have been clinically



George Deneault, a special education teacher at Quander Road School for 22 years, displays some artwork given to him by a student.

diagnosed with either autism, schizophrenia or other mental health conditions. They may also come from tumultuous and unstable home lives that have made keeping up in their base school difficult if not impossible.

"It's a true underdog population we serve here," said Quander Principal Joe Thompson, "We meet them on their own terms, without judgments, and stack success on success until the student is in a great place."

Admission to the school is on a rolling

basis. The doors are always open for them to leave and return to their base schools as needed, not necessarily staying a full four years.

At Quander, teachers get them up to speed academically while also helping develop social skills and coping methods.

"We're teaching them to be self-advocates and communicate with adults," said Thompson, "soft skills our community needs more of."

Mount Vernon District representative to



Technology education teacher Mike Kelly said wood-working, including artistic burning, allows students at Quander a chance to "get off into their own little world — that's therapeutic."

the Fairfax County School Board Karen Corbett Sanders said Quander provides a unique and necessary pathway to graduation for the students who attend there.

"As a school system, our educators' ideals are to meet every child by name and need," she said. "Quander does — because of the size and the culture of the school, the commitment of the teachers, it really allows us to realize that objective."

Each student in the school has an Inde

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## Call for Civility in Schools' LGBTQ Discussion

Board also receives Opening of Schools report, votes on challenged materials review committee.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Robert Rigby stood before the Fairfax County School Board on Sept. 22 wearing a red polo shirt, typically a sign of unity at board meetings among parents and community members who have opposed recent policy updates in the school system surrounding students who identify as transgender.

However Rigby, a Latin teacher at West Potomac High School, has been an advocate for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer issues. He's president of FCPS Pride, a faculty and employee organization promoting LGBTQ rights, and a frequent speaker at School Board meetings.

By his side was Meredith Blankenstein, who described herself as a conservative Christian and mother to two FCPS elementary school students. She was wearing a dark purple-colored shirt.

As the board was considering renewing the Challenged Materials Interdepartmental Review Committee, the pair decided to take that consent agenda item as an opportunity to address some of the heated and negative interactions between members of the sides with which they're affiliated.

"We rise today to remind the public of the necessity of civility while discussing these topics before this board," Rigby said. "It's crucial we recognize and acknowledge the good faith and valid concerns of those with whom we disagree, even though we may work to refute those concerns. Bigotry, hate, phobia and intolerance are not helpful."

"No matter what we argue about — gender identity, JEB Stuart, bathroom rights — we are all formed in the image of God," Blankenstein said. "We all hurt. We all cry. We all care and we all feel. Just like everybody else, we all struggle with brokenness. And none of us is worthy of judging others."

Blankenstein acknowledged "students who identify as transgender struggle with so much, they do not need additional stress. So many of our LGBT children are hurting and we need not make it worse."

Similarly, she said, "students, parents, faculty who disagree with policies, regulations, curricula and controversial material should not have to face demonization and name-calling by others."

The pair were speaking as a precursor to



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the board voting on Regulation 3009, which establishes an Interdepartmental Review Committee to look at challenged library and instructional materials. It came up during the board's consent agenda.

For 2016-2017 school year, board members Tammy Derenak Kaufax (Lee), Sandy Evans (Mason), Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield), Ryan McElveen (At Large), Ilryong Moon (At Large) and Jeanette Hough (At Large) each will appoint an individual to serve a one-year term on the committee. Two appointees will serve on the committee reviewing materials in elementary, middle and high schools.

The consent agenda containing this item was passed by the board.

Earlier in the meeting, FCPS superintendent Dr. Karen Garza presented the Open-

ing of Schools report for the 2016-2017 school year.

Garza, who announced Monday, Sept. 19 she would be resigning on or before Dec. 16 of this year, highlighted the more than 186,000 students now enrolled in FCPS and the more than 1,800 new teachers added to the system. She also called out several new and developing initiatives in the system including project- and problem-based learning.

Rather than present a full PowerPoint slideshow, Garza played a video with slideshow highlights, available to view online at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWWDimYBTsM&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWWDimYBTsM&feature=youtu.be).

School Board members say they have just begun to discuss an interim superintendent, but that it's very preliminary at this time.



# Hospital Praised as Community Anchor

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ing point in the history of the hospital's on and off decades-long struggle to establish a permanent presence in Mount Vernon. As part of the presentation of county and state resolutions commemorating the hospital's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Supervisor Dan Storck, state Sen. Scott Surovell, and Del. Paul Krizek acknowledged and paid tribute to those former political and community leaders who played a crucial role over the years to preserve the hospital's present location. In addition, those former political leaders — former Supervisor and U.S. Rep. Herb Harris, former Supervisor Warren Cikins, and former Supervisor Gerry Hyland — acknowledged and thanked community activists such as Anne Andrews and Louise Cleveland who many years ago participated in preparing the report recommending that the hospital stay open and remain in Mount Vernon. As the community has matured, a growing number of residents have emerged as donors and vocal advocates of the hospital. Jeff Veatch and his family chose to donate to the creation of the Veatch Family Emergency Department that will be opened at the end of this year. He explained why he chose to donate a \$2 million matching gift to the hospital: "This is my home. This is where I've spent most of my life. I developed into the man I am today because of the people in this community. My family, great teachers, great coaches, great leaders, and great friends all impacted me greatly. ... Every great community needs a great hospital. I wanted to find a place where I could give back and make a real difference. Where better to help build a world class facility? Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is a place that will one day likely serve every person in this community or someone they know. The emergency department is the front door of any hospital. It's the only part of the hospital 90 percent of the people in this community will ever see. ... This is going to be a place that will help keep the amazing doctors we already have and attract new ones. And it might be a place that will one day save your life. ... I could not think of a better way to say thank you."

Patients came forward during the anniversary celebration eager to comment on the care they received at Mount Vernon Hospital. Francis Imbriglia, a patient diagnosed with West Nile virus encephalitis, said, "My wife transferred me in a comatose state from a Maryland hospital to Mount Vernon Hospital. The infectious disease doctors established a medical care plan to care for me and treat the West Nile virus. I eventually came out of the life-threatening condition and it was because of the conscientious and intense monitoring, repeatedly icing me down to avoid dangerously high temperatures, and applying medications. Then the rehabilitation staff helped me to begin to improve and gave me hope and dignity. ... I can't thank Mount Vernon hospital enough for their compassion and quality medical care; they saved my life."



From left are Benefactor Jeff Veatch and his wife Amiya standing on the new Helipad, a part of the Veatch Family Emergency Medicine Department scheduled to open at the end of this year; Dr. Rett Embrey, chairman, Emergency Medicine; and Deborah Addo, CEO, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.



From left: Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck presents a Board of Supervisors Resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital to Mount Vernon Hospital CEO Deborah Addo. Also present was President of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Jane Gandee. The chamber co-sponsored the celebration event with the hospital.

**Dr. Roger Gilsofi, medical director, Inova Mount Vernon Rehabilitation Center, with Occupational Therapist Ashley Meadows working with patient Pollyanna Resto Corino inside Mount Vernon Hospital's 5th floor rehab therapy gym area. This is part of the new rehab therapy area of the Mark and Brenda Moore Patient Tower which opened in 2014.**



## Details

### MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL

**In 1976:** 76 Beds

**In 2016:** 237 Beds

**2013:** Opening of the new Lorton Health Plex, a Mount Vernon Hospital Emergency and Referral Service

**2014:** Opening of the Mark and Brenda Moore Patient Tower that added 40 private patient rooms

**2016:** Opening of the Veatch Family Emergency Department which expands the number of emergency room Bays from 20 to 35.

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is now the home of the nationally recognized Joint Replacement Center, the Inova Rehabilitation Center, and Wound Healing Center.

### 2015 Hospital Statistics

1,015 employees

532 physicians

312 registered nurses

300-plus volunteers

36,417 volunteer hours

12,125 chaplain volunteer hours

### Annual Mount Vernon Hospital Activity

11,177 admissions

2,826 inpatient surgeries

1,443 outpatient surgeries

42,437 emergency department visits

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## 40 Years

Deborah Addo, CEO of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, spoke at the anniversary celebration:

"Forty years is a major milestone for this organization and community. This is a partnership that has been cemented over time. As the community grows and evolves, we want to ensure that we are nimble enough to address those unique needs. Also, as the community ages, our service lines need to grow and intentionally address those unique needs."

"Patient needs have changed, be it a need for quality, service, privacy, enhanced technology or aesthetics. The opening of the Mark and Brenda Moore Patient

Tower in 2014 provided 40 new patient rooms. Additionally, the fast approaching opening of the Veatch Family Emergency Department in November will provide 35 emergency Bays, up from the present 20.

These initiatives align with all of the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital goals. I am pleased that our employees, volunteers, physicians, the Inova Health System, donors, and the community have all joined forces to help deliver the kind of health care our patients and families deserve. Inova Mount Vernon Hospital has a proud past and a promising future. 40 never felt so good."

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Quander music teacher Nicholas Roher (center, rear) introduces students to world music cultures and new instruments. Getting them to play, he said, helps with their self-advocacy, getting them to be more willing to talk and cope with the trauma in their lives.

## Inside Quander Road School

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pendent Education Plan, which is developed with the parents, teachers and psychologists and social workers based in the school full time. Quander has two each of psychologists and social workers.

While the base schools like Mount Vernon and West Potomac have special education and inclusion programs for students with this profile, they still may not be able to handle the full load of the traditional school life. Elective classes and special academy courses offered at base schools allow Quander students the ability to transition back at various speeds.

There are also special work-study opportunities open to Quander students to develop job skills, such as a program with Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

Math teacher John Michals said he sometimes has

difficulty managing the spectrum of ability levels in his classes, from pre-calculus to AP and IB programs. But having a much smaller class allows him to really get to know the students.

"It's not 30 in, 30 out," he said. "I can ask, 'Is something going wrong?' and get to the bottom of why they're being stubborn, re-teach social skills. If they need an extra year, they have it. The flexibility is really cool."

George Deneault has taught at Quander for 22 years. He said the satisfaction of seeing the changes in his students "is unbelievable."

Though he said he tends not to read a student's psychological makeup immediately, he has no issues calling up their clinician and asking "Is this an off-day?"

"The power of Quander Road School is non-isolation," Deneault said. "It's a community process, we can be intimate with the families, mitigate those negative events. Nobody's alone, it's so tight."

Thompson said he believes a stigma has been attributed unfairly to students who come to Quander because of their attendance and behavioral problems in their base schools. "The trauma in their lives at different times has lead them to not trust. We're willing to build relationships with students not used to building relationships."

"Once they believe you trust them," Deneault added, "the students feel welcomed and safe."

Quander Road School is located at 6400 Quander Road in Alexandria. For more information, visit [www.fcps.edu/QuanderRoadSchool](http://www.fcps.edu/QuanderRoadSchool).



Quander Road School student Alex Janvier practices on a drum set in the school's music studio.



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# OPINION

## Independent Police Auditor Marks History

**Kudos to Board of Supervisors for unanimous approval of independent police auditor; now on to the Civilian Review Panel.**

**T**he Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to create the position and office of independent police auditor on Tuesday, Sept. 20, creating the first civilian, independent oversight of law enforcement in Fairfax County. The unanimous vote demonstrated the board's commitment to the ongoing process that began early in 2015 when Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova established the 32-member Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

Police Chief Edwin Roessler expressed strong support for two key-stone recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission, the auditor and the Civilian Review Panel, next up for consideration and implementation by the Board of Supervisors.

Many commission recommendations have already been approved, including the establishment of the Diversion First program providing treatment rather than jail for people in mental health crisis, development of an overriding use of force policy, and more transparency in police communications.

Independent oversight and civilian participation in reviewing police use of force, officer-involved shootings and citizen complaints will play a vital role in maintaining Fairfax County

Police Department's reputation as being one of the very best law enforcement organizations in the nation.

Some critics complain that the final language approving the auditor limits the independence of the office, but the auditor will be briefed on investigations contemporaneously, providing a window of oversight and sunshine not previously in place. There are more than 200 different civilian oversight structures around the

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country. While civilian oversight is a national best practice, the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing recommends that every community have community oversight of police, with each community developing the model that is best locally.

Public Safety Committee chair John Cook (R-Braddock) is tasked with shepherding major recommendations through the Board of Supervisors. He pointed out that the specifics of the approval for the auditor are not locked in stone; revisions after a period of experience would not be surprising.

Recommendations by the Independent Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee for the Fairfax County model included establishing the Independent Police Auditor and establishing a Civilian Review Panel to respond to commu-

nity concerns or complaints about alleged incidents of abuse of authority by the FCPD.

The panel as proposed would not conduct investigations and would not be involved in the disciplinary process for any officer, but would review select investigations after they are complete. The panel would also not overlap duties with the auditor.

The panel could issue public reports, and meet with the auditor periodically, providing its views to the Board of Supervisors and the chief of police as to policy and practices changes that may be warranted. The panel could also hold periodic public forums around the county to gather information and suggestions about the FCPD, public perceptions and recommendations for policy and procedure, involving other police advisory committees and members of the Board of Supervisors as appropriate.

Indications are that there will be some modifications to the proposal for the Civilian Review Panel over the coming weeks. It's a good time for those with interest to tune in.

The board's Public Safety Committee will discuss the creation of a Civilian Review Panel at its next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Read more at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/pdf/adhoc-final-10.8.15.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/pdf/adhoc-final-10.8.15.pdf)

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Food for Thought

To the Editor:

The meals tax has come forward at this time as a possible way of providing much-needed income to the schools. Broadly speaking, the schools have cut budget for 10 years and held teacher salaries flat through most of that period. (I believe 2016 is the one exception to that trend thanks to the leadership of Karen Garza.) Now Fairfax County schools have larger class sizes and lower paid teachers than surrounding systems.

We have to recognize that these trends bode ill for the long-term quality of our schools and our neighborhoods. Any argument about taxes in Fairfax County has to address the school issue and the much needed public discussion about the kind of county we want to build together for the future.

One of the main reasons my wife and I moved here with three young children 13 years ago was because of the record of Fairfax County schools. After 13 years here, I reject the claim that the schools or the county are mismanaged or in-

effective. I have deep respect for the quality of our elected and non-elected county employees many of whom I have worked with throughout the past 13 years. Having a master's degree in education, more than 10 years experience teaching in elite private schools, and having sent three children through Fort Hunt, Carl Sandburg, and West Potomac, I have the highest regard for the caliber of teacher and administrator at every level of our school system.

I believe you will find consensus that quality schools require investment in teachers and in teaching as a career. Compensation has to be at a level designed to secure high quality people who want to make a career of teaching, not teach as a way station to a more lucrative calling. Enough quality teachers have to be employed to keep class sizes manageable if not ideal for learning. Right now both goals are slipping away from Fairfax County because the budget has not capacity for paying more teachers well.

As little as I like taxes I prefer this tax to what I imagine will take place when our schools reflect continued long-term lack of invest-

ment in teaching. Over time, people with children who can afford to move will choose to live somewhere else in the metro region. That doesn't mean our area has to decline. I can imagine a business model built around attracting wealthy people without children, and tourists, and the higher end services they want. I can imagine other futures. But the future I prefer has more to do with the Fairfax County I have come to know and love — a service-oriented county filled with people who care about helping people of all sorts and conditions at every stage of life fulfill their promise and find health in community. At the center of realizing that vision is a big investment in public schools that serve everyone well.

As we look to replace the wonderful Karen Garza with an equally committed and talented leader we would do well to realize we are at kind of a watershed moment. The School Board has a strong case to make if in November we provide the new superintendent with some short-term income for paying teachers. If we vote against the tax without providing a viable alternative, we are weakening their

hand. That isn't to say that our great institutions depend upon great leaders to make them work. But when leaders know there is waning support for one future, they reasonably make plans for another. Our vote will say something about the future we want for our county and that will in turn determine the quality of leadership we get.

Jay Spiegel suggests an alternative to the meals tax is 3 percent more funding from the Virginia legislature. He is right. I would gladly work with him and others to build a coalition to make that happen. I'll bet Paul Krizek and Scott Surovell will be first in line. But building that coalition of northern Virginia delegates to take on Richmond will take persistence over a long time. It is not a solution for the 2017-2018 budget.

The only other source of income allowed to the supervisors to address the current crisis is property tax. Increasing property tax would be a fair way to fund schools since one of the great benefits to great schools is high property values. I would probably support it, but I

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## CRIME

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

**COMMERCIAL ROBBERY:** 2200 block of Huntington Avenue, Sept. 24 between 9:25 and 9:40 a.m. An investigation determined two men entered the business, one of them displayed a gun and demanded money from the clerk, a 30-year-old woman. The suspect allegedly pushed the victim, took an undisclosed amount of cash from a drawer then both suspects ran out of the store to a car waiting nearby then fled the area. Both suspects were described as black, with their faces covered. One suspect was about 5 feet 11 inches tall and 195 pounds, wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans; the other was about 5 feet 6 inches tall and 155 to 170 pounds. The vehicle was described as a silver, four-door. The victim did not require medical attention.

**POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY/ARREST:** Backlick Road/Richmond Highway, Sept. 23 around 5:52 p.m. Two men were arrested for being in a stolen car after an officer was dispatched to assist a disabled motorist on the roadway. The officer determined the car was stolen from another state, called for backup and took the driver and passenger into custody. A Newark, N.J. man and an Irvington, N.J. man were taken to jail and charged with possession of stolen property.

**ROBBERY:** Lawrence Street/Steadman Place, Sept. 22, around 9:43 p.m. Policeresponded to a report of a robbery. An investigation determined a 15-year-old boy was riding his skateboard when a car pulled up. A man exited from the passenger side of the car and approached the victim. The suspect

allegedly pushed him and demanded money. The victim refused and the suspect grabbed the victim's cell phone and fled. The suspect was described as black, between 18 and 25 years old, wearing a white T-shirt and blue pants. The car was described as a black sedan. The victim did not require medical attention.

**BURGLARY OF AN OCCUPIED DWELLING:** 7900 block of Janna Lee Ave, Sept. 21, 1:24 p.m. A resident reported seeing four teenaged boys kick in a window at his home and enter. The victim ran out and called police. The suspects rummaged through property but nothing was found to be missing. All of the suspects were described as being in their teens. The first suspect was described as Hispanic and wearing black hat and no shirt. The other three suspects were described as black. One was wearing a blue hooded windbreaker; the second was described as tall and thin, with braided hair, and wearing all black; the third was described as short, with bushy hair.

**MOTORCYCLE THEFT/APPREHENSION:** 2700 block of Arlington Drive, Sept. 21, 4:02 a.m. A resident looked out the window and observed two men pick up a motorcycle and place it into a trailer. The suspects then drove off but patrol officers responded within minutes, located the suspects and arrested them. A 25-year-old man and a 20-year-old man, both of Woodbridge, were transported to jail. The first was charged with grand larceny and possession of burglarious tools. The second was charged with grand larceny.

**UNLAWFUL ENTRY:** 6900 block of Westhampton Drive, Sept. 20 between 9 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. An investigation

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# LETTERS

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can't vote for it directly.

I prefer the meals tax. In part, because, admittedly, I don't eat out a lot. Breakfast at Elsie's once a week. Anniversary and birthday dinners mostly from Hunan. The meals tax would cost me about \$10 on my weekly bowl of oatmeal annualized and another \$10 per year for family dinners. Not much compared to what I expect from good teachers every day. But I also like the idea that I can vote for it.

While Jay and I work with Paul and Scott to secure additional funding from Richmond, lacking a short-term alternative to higher property tax, a meals tax, or languishing schools, I will speak up and vote for the Meals Tax. It is Food for Thought.

**Tuck Bowerfind**  
Saint Luke's Church

## Costs of Capital Projects

To the Editor:

There are two capital projects in the Mount Vernon District being proposed for the upcoming Bond Referendum. Neither of these projects seem merited based on their projected costs.

The project to renovate the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter is projected to need about \$11MM of the Bond Proceeds. This is a renovation for 50 beds. Nearby is a Comfort Inn with over 130 rooms with an as-

sessed value of about \$3MM. Thus the county could buy the Inn at less than one-third the cost the renovation and have four to five times as many beds for the Shelter. How is that \$11MM cost justified?

Similarly, the other capital project, a community center in Lorton has a projected funding of \$18.5MM. This project seems to roughly compare to the Golds Gym on Richmond Highway. The Golds Gym is assessed at a little over \$8MM. Thus the county could buy the Golds Gym at less than half the cost of the projected community center. Again, how is the projected Bond Funding justified?

Surely a more realistic solution to meet these project goals can be found than the excessive renovation spending.

**Jay Jupiter**  
Alexandria

## Meals Tax Or Slush Fund?

To the Editor:

Recent discussions of the proposed meals tax can be stated as three large problems.

The meals tax proposal contains no details or commitments on how the new revenue will be spent within the school system, no information at all about what problems would be solved. The proposal would have been more credible if it committed to spend 100 percent of the new money to strengthen math and reading programs; since it doesn't, the new money will easily be frittered away on parts of the school budget that don't give students better skills and preparation to succeed after graduation.

An additional tax that targets meals throughout the county is inherently unfair to both those business owners and the workers in those businesses. What possible justification is there to single out only those businesses for the burden of a discriminatory tax? The harm to economic activity in Fairfax County will begin the day that this tax goes into effect and will only grow as business owners decide that our county supervisors aren't friendly to their businesses.

Thirty percent of the new tax will be diverted to unknown uses. Although the proposal lists several possible uses for this large amount of new revenue, there are again no

specific commitments. The mention of property tax relief is one example; if the supervisors truly intended to transfer part of the tax burden from property owners to meals purchasers through the meals tax, then they should have included a specific commitment within the tax proposal.

As it now stands, the meals tax proposal is little more than a slush fund with a label designed to appeal to voters. It is misleading as to both the promised benefits and the harm that it will cause. Fairfax County voters can help the school system, restaurant workers, and businesses by voting "no" on the meals tax proposal.

**Wayne Meeks**  
Alexandria

## Pay To Fix Meals Tax Brochure

To the Editor:

In my letter to the Gazette two weeks ago, I discussed a brochure sent to Fairfax County residents at the behest of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) discussing the Meals Tax Referendum and pointing out that the brochure only set forth reasons to support the Referendum and no reasons to oppose it. In my letter to the Gazette last week, I reported on my request to the BOS that they vote to send a new brochure that discusses pros and cons of the proposed new tax. I also reported that the BOS did not do so at its meeting on Sept. 20.

The BOS represents all of us, not just those who voted to elect individual supervisors. Sending residents a one-sided propaganda piece is deceptive and clearly done to conceal from voters information they need to have in order to make an informed decision concerning whether to vote for or against the referendum. As such, I suggest that all supervisors who voted to approve the one-sided brochure should be required to reimburse the county treasury, from their supervisor salaries, for all costs attributable to drafting, revising, typesetting, printing and mailing the brochure. The integrity of our BOS is called into question by their politically-motivated action in this matter, and this must promptly be rectified.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

## CRIME REPORT

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determined someone entered a home through an unlocked door while no one was there. Nothing was reported missing from the home.

**ROBBERY/ARREST:** Central Park/Longworth Square, Sept. 18, 2:12 a.m. Police responded to a report of an alleged robbery. The victim was walking along the street when he saw a man lying in the road. The victim went to check on the man who demanded cash and threatened to stab him. A 26-year-old man from Philadelphia was arrested, transported to the adult detention center, and charged with robbery. The victim did not require medical attention.

**ROBBERY:** Fielding Street and San Leandro Place, Sept. 14 around 10:15 a.m. Police were called to a report of a robbery. An investigation determined the victim, a 28-year-old woman, was walking outside when a man approached her from behind. The suspect was allegedly holding a knife, grabbed her, took her wallet and ran. Police searched the area but did not locate the suspect. He was described as black, between 30 and 35 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, with a beard. He wore a blue shirt, black shorts and white shoes. The victim did not require medical attention.

**BURGLARY:** 6300 block of 10<sup>th</sup> St., Sept. 13, 10:23 p.m. A homeowner reported that someone entered the home and removed property. Two suspects were described as black males in their early to mid-20s.

**ROBBERY:** 6700 block of Richmond Highway, Sept. 13, 10:24 a.m. Police responded to a report of a man who entered a business, approached two employees, displayed a handgun, and took an undisclosed amount of cash. He fled on foot towards Tower Drive, while police were arriving on-scene. Multiple resources responded to assist and attempted to locate the suspect. The suspect was described as black, about 6 feet tall, wearing a light gray shirt, black jeans, and a black hat with a red stripe. The victims did not require medical attention.

**ROBBERY:** 6300 block of Richmond Highway, Sept. 12, 5:47 p.m. A man reported that while he was in the parking lot, an unknown man approached him, displayed a knife, and demanded cash. The suspect took cash and fled on foot. He was described as white, approximately 30 years old, about 5 feet 5 inches tall, 150 pounds, wearing a blue shirt, blue jeans, and carrying a dark backpack. The victim did not require medical attention.

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY:** 8100 block of Richmond Highway, Sept. 11, 2:06 a.m. An officer responded to a commercial burglary alarm and observed the front door to a business was shattered. The owner of the business responded and noted that nothing was taken. The case is under further investigation.

**FOOT PURSUIT/RECOVERED FIREARM:** 7900 block of Janna Lee Avenue. Sept. 2, 5 p.m. Two men standing near a car, fled at the sight of approaching Neighborhood Patrol officers who were conducting saturation patrols. One man had an active arrest warrant and was quickly apprehended. The second man was apprehended later that evening and found to be in possession of illegal narcotics. A subsequent search of a related vehicle yielded two handguns; one with an illegal, extended magazine. Both suspect's names are being withheld due to the ongoing investigation.

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# SPORTS



Senior Mark Ellis threw for three scores Friday night against the host Bruins.



Wide out and kick returner Brandon Lisenby puts the Wolverines in good field position after a kickoff return.

PHOTOS BY RICHARD MAPLE

## Lost in Overtime



Khalil Williams-Diggins hauls in a 41 yard pass for a 2nd quarter touchdown.

**W**est Potomac fans traveled to Lake Braddock on Friday, Sept. 23, for the showdown of the two undefeated teams. The game held up to the billing as the two teams traded scores and were tied at 21 when time ended.

The overtime was not as kind to the visitors as the Bruin defense sacked the Wolverine QB twice during the possession. After getting the ball, the Bruins were held out of the end zone by the West Potomac defense. On fourth down and the game on his foot, the Bruin kicker sent the ball through the uprights for the homecoming victory 24-21.



Brandon Lisenby hauled in a 4th quarter TD to tie the game.

## West Potomac Freshman Commits to Auburn Softball



West Potomac High School freshman Claire Davidson (left) and Auburn University softball head coach Clint Myers (right) attend a recent Auburn football game.

On a recent unofficial visit to Auburn University, West Potomac High School freshman Claire Davidson committed verbally to play softball at the college.

At the end of the 2016 season, Auburn was the SEC conference champion and finished second in the NCAA national championship.

Davidson is a left-handed pitcher and power hitter ranked 72nd nationally for the class of 2020 by the website FloSoftball.

The Fort Hunt area native began playing T-ball and switched to softball at seven years old. By eight, she joined the travel softball team Mount Vernon Magic.

Davidson transferred to play with the Vienna Stars, with whom she grew into an ace left-handed pitcher and hitter. She ended the last season with an ERA of 1.49, .439 batting average, 11 home runs and 78 runs batted in.

Davidson currently plays on the



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Claire Davidson led her softball team with a .439 batting average and 11 home runs.

school's freshman volleyball team. She intends to go out for softball team in the spring.

— TIM PETERSON

### SPORTS BRIEFS

## FHYAA Basketball Registration Begins

Registration for the 2016-2017 Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association basketball season, for grades 3 - 12, is now open.

Late fees for grades 3 - 8 will apply after Monday, Oct. 17. There is a limit to the number of players per grade and registration will close once the limit has been reached, so register as soon as possible.

Because of gym space, grades 1 - 2 basketball registration will open at a later date. See [www.FHYAA.org](http://www.FHYAA.org).

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DISPLACED ITT TECH STUDENTS

**Northern Virginia Community College** has been working to create a pathway for ITT Technical College students who were displaced when their college suddenly closed earlier this month. NOVA offers staggered course start dates, which may help ITT Tech students get back on track. The next eight-week session begins Oct. 19, 2016 and the spring semester begins Jan. 9, 2017. For details on where to start, ITT Tech students should visit [www.nvcc.edu/itttech/](http://www.nvcc.edu/itttech/) where there are links and contact information available. Just follow the steps to transfer. Once students have researched the website, they can contact the NOVA campus nearest them by calling 703-323-3000.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

**AARP Foundation Tax-Aide** is seeking volunteers to participate in a free, non-profit program, offered in conjunction with the IRS, that provides tax filing assistance to people of low- and middle-income, with special attention paid to those aged 60-plus. Training will be available in December and January to help taxpayers Feb. 1-April 18, 2017. Visit [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide).

SECOND WEDNESDAYS

**Art Making as Meditation.** 7-8:30

p.m. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Art making as meditation can be an active form of contemplative practice. Each session begins with a short reading and a brief introduction to materials. Silence for making and meditation lasts an hour followed by sharing images or insights gained through the process, if desired. Children able to participate in silence are welcome to come with a parent's quiet supervision. RSVP not necessary for attendance, but helpful for planning purposes. Call 703-360-4220, email [info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org](mailto:info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org) or visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening).

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

**Fall Preview Concert.** 11 a.m.-noon at River Farm, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive. Fall Preview Concert, featuring works of Poulenc, Stravinsky, and more. The Southside Singers are directed by Sam Post. Light refreshments will be provided. Free. Email [SouthsideSingersVA@gmail.com](mailto:SouthsideSingersVA@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/SouthsideSingers](http://www.facebook.com/SouthsideSingers).

**Oktoberfest and Kinderfest.** 3-7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Live music from an oompah band, specialty sausages and beer, and silent auction. Kinderfest from 3-5 p.m includes petting zoo, pumpkin decorating, cake walk and more. Visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com).

THURSDAY/OCT. 6

**Caregiver Seminar.** 7-8:30 p.m. at SEE BULLETIN BOARD, PAGE 26

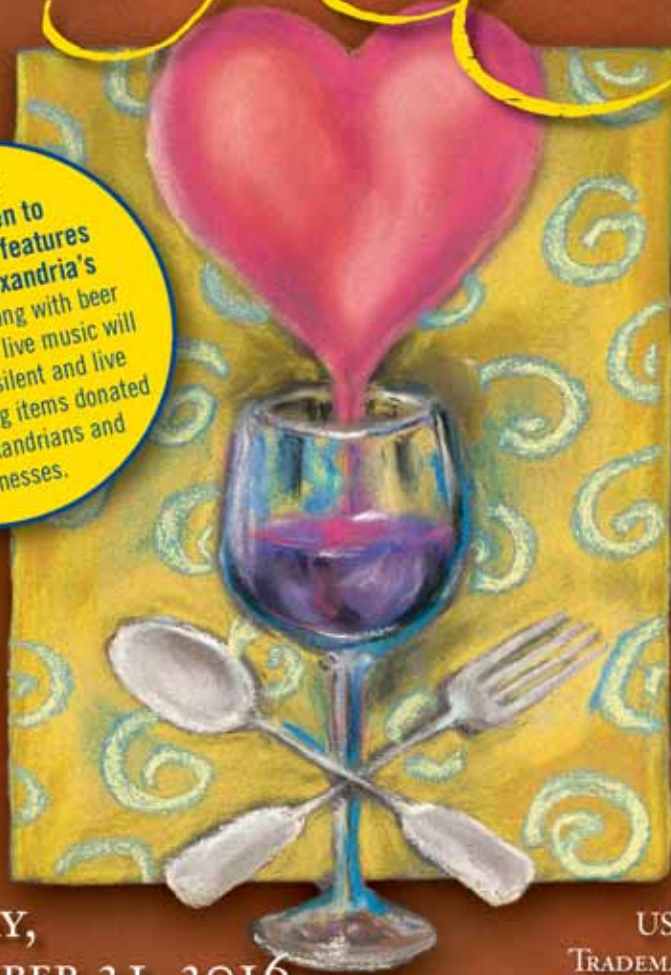




# Taste for Giving

TO BENEFIT ALEXANDRIA CHARITIES

A festive evening open to the public that features the best of Alexandria's restaurants. Along with beer and wine tasting, live music will compliment a silent and live auction featuring items donated by local Alexandrians and businesses.



FRIDAY,  
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7:00 - 10:00 P.M.

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## Taste for Giving 2016

Alexandria  
Rotary Foundation



The Alexandria Rotary Foundation's 9th Annual "Taste for Giving" will be held on Friday, October 21, 2016, at the US Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria. A festive evening open to the public that features the best of Alexandria's restaurants. Along with beer and wine tasting, live music will compliment a silent and live auction featuring items donated by local Alexandrians and businesses. Alexandria Rotary Foundation President Tom Roberts said, "the 'Taste for Giving' is a highlight of each Rotary year and is a wonderful way for the community to support so many outstanding service organizations which help the underserved and disadvantaged citizens in our community - the evening exemplifies the Rotary mission of 'Service Above Self.'"

"Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities. Taste for Giving is the vehicle that we utilize to raise significant funds to support local charitable and service organizations in our community," said Event Chair and Alexandria Rotary Club President Tom Roberts.

Tickets for "Taste for Giving" must be purchased in advance.

For more information and tickets go to: [rotaryclubofalexandria.net/taste-for-giving-2016](http://rotaryclubofalexandria.net/taste-for-giving-2016)

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**T**hroughout its existence, the **Rotary Club of Alexandria** has focused its interest on the welfare of the children of Alexandria. This past June, the Alexandria Rotary (Club) Foundation along with the “Alexandria Day Nursery & Children’s Home”, an affiliated Alexandria Rotary corporation, distributed over **\$85,000 to 38 local Alexandria nonprofits at our Annual Contributions Day**. Many of these local Alexandria nonprofits work to help the underserved and disadvantaged members of our local Alexandria community.

The money raised at the **Annual Taste For Giving** provides the Alexandria Rotary (Club) Foundation’s funding for Contributions Day.

**In addition to Contributions Day, The Rotary Club of Alexandria has a long history of service and commitment to other local Alexandria community projects, and international service efforts.**



*“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”*

— PAUL P. HARRIS, FOUNDER

## 2015-2016 Accomplishments

- Monthly Meals On Wheels, Alexandria Senior Services.
- 2 College Vocation Career and Technical Scholarships totaling \$5000
- Salvation Army Holiday Bell Ringing Campaign raising over \$8,400.
- The Alexandria Rotary “Cliff Dochterman Good Scout Service Award” was presented to Rotarian Gant Redmon, raising \$9,000 for the Boy Scouts of America.
- Sponsored a **Holiday Party** for needy seniors of a local Alexandria retirement home, providing holiday cheer, clothing and gifts.
- Our Club’s jazz ensemble, “The Rotary Rooters” played Christmas carols.
- Supported and sponsored Alexandria Little League.
- The Scottish Walk to support the Campagna Center.
- Our Club’s Rotary Youth Exchange Student hosted a student from Columbia, South America.
- Funded a water project at the United Orphanage Academy, Moi’s Bridge, Kenya.
- With a Rotary District 7610 Global Grant, the Club partnered with the Vienna Rotary Club on a health-screening program in Sierra Leone.
- Partnered with the Rotary Club of Tirupatturwith, India, for a 5 year sustainable water works project.
- Sponsored a Global Grant Scholarship Applicant (Melissa Skorka) and a Rotary Peace Scholarship Applicant (Jennifer Golden).
- Our own Rotary President, Dr. Tom Roberts, participated in a children’s Rotary dental mission project in Swaziland, South Africa which was supported by the Rotary Club of Mbabane, Swaziland and the Rotary Club of Dundee, South Africa.
- The 8th Annual Taste For Giving (2015) Along with the Alexandria Day Nursery donation, the Rotary Club of Alexandria was able to distribute over \$85,000 to 38 local Alexandria nonprofits.



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## ROTARY CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA Contributes to the Community

The Alexandria Rotary (Club) Foundation together with its affiliate, the Alexandria Day Nursery & Children's Home, Inc., continued its decade-long tradition of awarding grants to local Alexandria nonprofit organizations at their Annual Contributions Day luncheon at Belle Haven Country Club this past June. On that occasion, checks were presented to 38 nonprofit organizations serving the Alexandria community for a total of \$85,500. These Rotary grants support programs as diverse as the Campagna Center, Rebuilding Together Alexandria, Child & Family Network Center, ALIVE!, Alexandria Neighborhood Health Clinic, and Volunteer Alexandria (connecting volunteers with nonprofits). The Neighborhood Health Clinic, for example, was awarded a grant to help purchase a "Spot Screen" tester for early detection of childhood vision problems in low-income Alexandria children, which if left untreated, can result in mild to severe irreversible loss of vision.

Our keynote speaker for this year's Annual Contributions Day program was WJLA's Leon Harris. During his time in Washington, Leon has consistently worked to improve the lives of children as demonstrated in

his remarkable weekly "Harris' Heroes" series which has featured some of the Alexandria organizations supported by our Rotary Club of Alexandria. Leon's Contributions Day message was that we should not underestimate the great influence a mentor can have on a struggling youth – it changed his life, and he in turn has made it a life goal to be as positive influence on as many lives as he can. In his words, "We can be change agents to ensure that young people are a sail, not a leaf in the wind". Leon congratulated the 38 Alexandria organizations receiving grants from the

Rotary for being the wonderful mentors and change agents that they are, and thanked them for the great work they do. He also congratulated the Rotary Club of Alexandria for the outstanding financial and volunteer support it gives to these community organizations, and concluded by encouraging everyone to attend and support the 2016 Taste for Giving.



### ROTARY CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA

## The 38 Alexandria Organizations Receiving Rotary Grants in 2016

- Alexandria Police Foundation
- Alexandria Seaport Foundation
- Alexandria Symphony Orchestra
- Alexandria Tutoring Consortium
- ALIVE! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically)
- Best Buddies
- Beverly Hills Church Preschool
- Bridges to Independence
- The Butterfly House, Virginia Theological Seminary
- The Campagna Center
- Carpenter's Shelter
- Casa Chirlagua
- Child & Family Network Centers
- Community Lodgings
- Concerned Citizens of Alexandria
- Dream Dog
- Emmanuel Episcopal Preschool
- First Night Alexandria
- Grace Episcopal School
- Friends of Alexandria Mental Health
- Liberty's Promise
- The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia
- Alexandria Neighborhood Health Clinic
- Rebuilding Together Alexandria
- Resurrection Children's Center
- St. Clement Episcopal School
- SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now)
- Senior Services of Alexandria
- Space of Her Own
- The Reading Connection
- Together We Bake
- Valley Drive Cooperative Preschool
- UpCycle Creative Reuse Center
- Volunteer Alexandria
- Washington Street United Methodist Church Preschool
- Urban Alliance
- Westminster Weekday Preschool
- Wright to Read



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# WELCOME TO ROTARY

We are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good.

*With you, we can accomplish even more.*



Our organization started with the vision of one man – Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

ROTARY is a grass roots world-wide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional and community leaders that volunteer time, talent and resources in order to remedy vital community needs. Our motto is Service Above Self.

Members of rotary clubs provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and

peace throughout the world. Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to make a difference, to give back to the community and to connect with likeminded leaders and friends. As signified by the motto Service Above Self, Rotary's main objective is service – in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world.

## Come and Join Us

The Rotary Club of Alexandria welcomes new members. If you are community minded, live or work in the Alexandria area, and have a soft spot for fellowship, charity and enlightenment, why not contact us and ask about joining? We are happy to have you drop in on a few meetings to find out more about what we do. There are no secret handshakes – we don't need them. The secret is to give more than you receive. The secret is to participate. Rotary is an international network of influential, successful people. In this age of networking, what better place to call home than your local Rotary Club of Alexandria?



## YOU ARE THE MISSING PIECE.



## Rotary Membership Provides the Opportunity to:

- Become connected to your community
- Work with others in addressing community needs
- Interact with other professionals in your community
- Assist with Rotary International's global humanitarian service efforts
- Establish contacts with an international network of professionals
- Develop leadership skills
- Involve family in promoting service efforts

**Come and join us.** The Rotary Club of Alexandria meets every Tuesday at 12:15 pm at the Belle Haven Country Club on Fort Hunt Road. For more information, please visit our website at:

[www.rotaryclubofalexandria.net](http://www.rotaryclubofalexandria.net)

Or contact President Tom Roberts at [mobj501@aol.com](mailto:mobj501@aol.com)

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

### OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1 Is it the TRUTH?
- 2 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
- and 5 Is it FUN ?

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# FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

## Curse Leaves Citizens Hopelessly Stupid

ACCT stages Neil Simon's "Fools."

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE GAZETTE

**A**ldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) is presenting Neil Simon's comic fable, "Fools," from Sept. 30 through Oct. 16. The play is set in the village of Kulyenchikov, Ukraine, during the 19th century, which has been plagued with a curse that leaves its inhabitants stupid. The curse can only be broken if the doctor's daughter, Sophia, can be educated. A schoolmaster arrives in town believing he has landed a terrific job in an idyllic village. He encounters a vendor, postman, magistrate, butcher and a shepherd — none of whom understand a thing about their jobs. He learns he must break the curse, and promptly falls in love with Sophia. He must accomplish this in 24 hours or else he, too, becomes an idiot.

Director Becky Patton said this tightly written work is an under-rated play that is one of the most frequently performed for community and high school theater groups, generating large amounts of money. "There are a lot of good messages in the show, about how we accept labels without challenging them and what really does matter. But the show uses good, old-fashioned humor (both physical and punny) to provide first-rate entertainment," she said.

Patton added: "This show has some real timing challenges in it — it's not very long, but there are a lot of gags, shtick and twists that need to be lightning quick while still leaving time for audience response."

She first produced and stage managed "Fools" over 30 years ago and she directed it 10 years ago under conditions that were very technically and budget constrained. "The opportunity to direct it in a great space, with fabulous tech support and excellent actors is really a dream come true," she said of Aldersgate tackling it.

Jim Pearson plays the role of Snetsky, the town shepherd, wool merchant, and Philosopher Fool. "His days are filled looking for sheep, enjoying the company of his fellow Merchant Guild members, and crafting aphorisms that show a grain of wisdom beneath a bushel of nonsense," he said.

He said the wordplay of Neil Simon is so wonderfully precise, and the word choice and order are not natural to him. "Working to say the lines as written, then finding Simon Snetsky in them, has been the greatest and most rewarding challenge of this play," he said.

Gil Jones plays the role of Mishkin, the Postman. He said Mishkin has been dumb for 51 years and wanders around the village in ignorant bliss with the sole purpose of delivering the mail. "He has a good heart and is well liked by the village people," he said.

He said the biggest challenge is to understand and learn the mannerisms of the period for the character. "Also, staying in character is always a challenge. The other actors in the production are so talented and play their parts so well that I have to keep my focus on being in the play and not enjoying the play," he said.

Howard Soroos plays the role of the self-important magistrate who declares that "law and order must be preserved." He said: "Maintaining order and any sense of decorum among the daffy villagers proves challenging as he attempts to conduct a solemn wedding ceremony in which every vow or pronouncement seems to lead to an unexpected twist or turn in the proceedings."

He added: "Fools' is a fun play, and I hope the audience will enjoy the humor of the well-crafted lines by Neil Simon. Apart from the humor, the play does have an important moral which in a way is quite similar to the 'The Emperor's New Clothes.' Don't let the beliefs or expectations of others limit your own expectations or judgment. It takes the little boy in the fable or the outside school teacher in the play to point out the truth and help people see the light."

Joyce Tischer plays the role of Yenchna, the vendor who is quite savvy despite be-



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ing cursed with "stupidity" like the rest of the town. "She is hard-working and is always trying to make money ... She is highly curious and determined to succeed in life," she said.

For audience takeaways, she said, "Always to believe in yourself and (don't) allow others to control your thoughts and emotions. This town believed they were stupid, thus acting likewise, but in reality, most characters had depth and intelligence they were not aware of. Thus, don't let others determine who you are; be true to yourself and you will succeed."

Scott Stofko plays the role of Count Youskevich, who is as modest as elephants are small. "He is your classic villain, with a few missing pages torn out of the handbook. A schemer at heart, who will stop at nothing to stop the schoolmaster from tying the knot with doctor's daughter," he said.

"There's a lot of good messages which are relevant to today's society as it was back in olden-day Kulyenchikov. I also think certain individuals have been cursed like the people of Kulyenchikov. Some are definitely more obvious than others," he added.

Karen Toth plays the role of Lenya Zubritsky, whose world revolves around her husband and mainly her daughter. "She subconsciously wants her daughter to have the life that she never had," she said.

She said she generally does musicals, so the lack of singing and dancing was a huge change for her. "I had to find new ways to figure out how to really get into character. More specifically, Lenya is very reactive, so while on stage it takes a lot of watching and building interactions in addition to the lines," she said.

She hopes audiences will see "that not everyone who acts like a fool is really a fool — there's frequently something to be learned or gained from people whom you wouldn't expect to be insightful," she said.

*Aldersgate Church Community Theater is presenting Neil Simon's "Fools" from Sept. 30 through Oct. 16. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and \$15. The venue is located at 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22308. Visit [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org) for tickets.*

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#### ONGOING

**Photography Showcase.** Gallery hours at Broadway Gallery Fine Art and Custom Framing, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Photographic works by Fred Eberhart, Geoff Livingston, Hannele Lahti, Joseph Romeo, and David Sloane. Free. Visit

[www.broadwaygallery.net](http://www.broadwaygallery.net) for more.  
**Deadline: Call for Artists.** Through Oct. 2. Now in its third year, the Post-Graduate Residency Studio at the Torpedo Factory Art Center is seeking applicants for the 2017 program via [torpedofactory.org/PostGradCall](http://torpedofactory.org/PostGradCall).

**Exhibit: "Impressive Expressions: Patterning in Clay."** Through Oct. 2, 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](http://www.scopegallery.org) for more.

**Exhibit: "The Art of Politics."** Through Oct. 2, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Through a street art aesthetic, artist

Michael Fischerkeller offers a commentary on today's political, economic, and social issues. His stark yet elegant paintings span large canvases, the size and weight consistent with the gravity of the issues to which they speak. Using acrylic spray paint, a street artist's medium, Fischerkeller boldly and symbolically relays his message, as the "street" is most often and most deprived of social justice. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

**Exhibit: "Explorations Part II."** Through Oct. 2, 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:

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#### Art Exhibit: "Fire and Earth."

Through Oct. 2, 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](http://www.delrayartisans.org/exhibits).

**Blackberry Daze.** Through Oct. 9,

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](http://www.metrostage.org) for more.

**Crybaby Art Studio.** Thursdays through Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. CryBaby Art Studio is an art class designed for parents with infants (0-1) to relax and exercise their creativity learning watercolor techniques each week with baby by their side. Registration is \$100 for four-week series / \$25 per class (art supplies included). Visit [www.metamorphosisaec.com](http://www.metamorphosisaec.com).

**Photo Exhibit: "Never Forget."**



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Through Oct. 16, 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](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) for more.

**“A (Mis)Perceived Physique: Bodyscapes by Three Women Artists.”** Through Oct. 16, gallery hours at Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibition space for the Torpedo Factory Art Center, presents work by three women who use the female body to explore issues of equity, power, politics, and memory. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Exhibit: “Garden Muse.”** Through Oct. 23, 9-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-4:30 p.m. Sunday at Green Springs Garden – Horticultural Center, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Horticulture Center at Green Spring Gardens is featuring the award-winning photographs of Cindy Dyer, a graphic designer, photographer and USPS Stamp Artist. Free. Visit [www.gardenmuseshow.com](http://www.gardenmuseshow.com).

**Exhibit: “The Fanciful in Daily Life.”** Through Oct. 23, gallery hours at The Associates' Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. “Upside Down: Inside Out: The Fanciful in Daily Life” features three-dimensional work by Erika Cleveland. This imaginative fiber artist explores the fanciful in daily life with her needle-felted dolls, from life-sized to small, flying from a trapeze to hanging from a vine. Free. Call 703-524-5723 or email [assoc.gallery@gmail.com](mailto:assoc.gallery@gmail.com) for more.

**Exhibit: “Song of the Woods.”**

Through Oct. 24, 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](http://www.artis.com/maryexline) for more.

**Exhibit: “In All Things.”** Through Oct. 29, gallery hours at The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. The Convergence Arts Initiative will feature the work of artist and educator, Glenn Howell in his latest exhibit, “In All Things.” The title of Howell's photography and print show reflects the diversity of his image making and his belief in the promise of redemption of all things. It is a juxtaposition of the “dystopian” elements seen in our world with a vision of Heaven as evidence of God's grace. Free. Visit [www.ourconvergence.org](http://www.ourconvergence.org) for more.

**“Oh The Joy.”** Through Nov. 6, Gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Artists from across the region were asked to interpret the theme, “Oh! The joy!” The selected entries represent the wealth of art being created in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

**John M. Adams: “Current Interrupted.”** Through Nov. 13, gallery hours at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive. Free. Visit [www.thefullempy.com](http://www.thefullempy.com) for more.

**Matthew Grimes: “(In)Material” and “Pliant.”** Through Nov. 14, gallery hours at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive. Free. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 28

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

**“Making Arlandria Home.”** 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Prince St. Alexandria began as a tiny port town on a wide spot in the Potomac River, founded by a small group of local farmers, Scottish tobacco buyers, and their African slaves. Two and a half centuries later, it's a city of more than 148,000 people, with nearly 30 percent of those people born outside of the United States, and more than 100 native languages spoken among its' school children. Much of this change occurred in the 20th century, and Professor Krystyn Moon has studied its impact in the Arlandria neighborhood of Alexandria. An associate professor of history and director of American Studies at Mary Washington University, Moon presents “Making Arlandria Home: The Changing Face(s) of an Alexandria Neighborhood, 1960's-1980's.” Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Visit [alexandriahistoricalsociety.wildapricot.org](http://alexandriahistoricalsociety.wildapricot.org).

**Mature Spirituality: Engaging with the Mystery.** 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Dr. James Hollis, well-published author and renowned Jungian analyst, is the Executive

Director of the Jung Society of Washington. Join him for a discussion on the development of a mature spiritual life woven out of our own experience. Free. Visit [www.staidanepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening](http://www.staidanepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening).

## 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](http://www.easeyogacafe.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 29

**Soil to Soul Block Party.** 6-9 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. The evening will feature seasonal food from local farms and restaurants prepared by local chefs from Jackson 20, Vermillion, Ashiar and Brabo by Robert Wiedmaier utilizing ingredients and produce available at Old Town Farmers' Market. The evening will also feature live entertainment and a cash bar featuring a selection of Virginia wines and local beers. Several Old Town Farmers' Market vendors will be onsite for a special night time pop-up market with treats and products for sale, including Dimitri Olive Farm, Amalthea Ridge, and Senzu Juicery. Tickets are \$35 per person in advance, or \$40 at the door, and include light bites from participating restaurants and vendors. A cash bar will offer alcoholic beverages. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/OldTownFarmersMarket](http://www.alexandriava.gov/OldTownFarmersMarket) for more.

**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](http://www.campagnacenter.org) for more.

**Soil Evaluation and Composting.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The program will cover the basics of evaluating soil and how to turn yard clippings, kitchen waste and fall leaves into compost, a natural and environmentally friendly soil amendment that will nourish landscape plants. No more need for bagging leaves. Free. Visit [mgnv.org](http://mgnv.org).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 30-OCT 1

**Virginia Genealogical Society Conference.** 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday at Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center (RELIC) at Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Hilton Garden Inn, 2500 Neabsco Common Place, Woodbridge. Virginia Genealogical Society and the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society are giving a conference. Free on Friday, \$44-\$55 on Saturday. Visit [www.mvgenealogy.org](http://www.mvgenealogy.org) for more.

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## FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

# James E. Ross To Lead ASO in Season Opener

BY MELYNDA WILCOX  
ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**O**n Saturday, Oct. 1, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will open a season of renowned guest conductors presenting some of the most beloved masterworks of the orchestral repertoire.

James E. Ross, professor and director of orchestral activities at the University of Maryland and associate director of the Juilliard conducting program, will conduct the joyous and energetic first program, which features Beethoven's Symphony No. 3

("Eroica") and Sibelius' Symphony No. 3. Maestro Ross has conducted such esteemed orchestras as the Leipzig Gewandhaus, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic and the National Symphony Orchestra. He studied conducting with some of the greatest names of the field, including Kurt Masur, Seiji Ozawa and Leonard Bernstein.

Ross is internationally recognized for his work advancing the future of orchestras through cross-genre collaborations, and describes himself as "a believer in the meteoric impact of classical music on the lives of those it touches."

The pairing of Beethoven's and Sibelius' Third Symphonies will give concert-goers the opportunity to hear two symphonies that, as Ross describes, "both talk to each other and contrast with each other in interesting ways." The less-often-performed Sibelius Symphony No. 3 is similar to the "Eroica" Symphony, says Ross, in that both discover their own power and destiny over the course of the performance.

The remaining four concert weekends in the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's 73rd Season will feature Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" on Nov. 5 and 6, Mozart's Symphony No. 41 "Jupiter" on Feb. 11 and 12, Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" (in partnership with the Choral Arts Society of Washington) on April 1 and 2, and Dvořák's Symphony No. 9 "From the New World" on May 20. For these four concerts, the orchestra has lined up guest conductors Kathleen Kelly,



Kathleen Kelly (above) and Michael Rossi are guest conductors.



Michael Rossi, Scott Tucker, and Emil de Cou. In the meantime, the orchestra continues its international search for a new permanent music director and conductor.

The fully-professional Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs at both the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center and the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Ticket prices: \$20- \$80 adult, \$5 youth, and \$10 student with military, senior and group discounts available. To order tickets and for more information, visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) or call 703-548-0885.

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diverse music scene and musicians, as well the clubs, bars, restaurants, shops and venues that feature and promote live music in Alexandria. This year there will be over 50 participating venues and over 300 performances, including a full schedule of music during Del Ray's Art on the Avenue. Admission varies by venue. Visit [www.livemusicweek.com](http://www.livemusicweek.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 1

**Wounded Warrior Caregiver 5K.** 9 a.m. at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Operation Homefront is a national nonprofit organization that helps the families of servicemembers, veterans and wounded warriors by offering emergency and other financial assistance, caregiver support initiatives, back-to-school supplies, and programs that provide short-term transitional housing and mortgage-free homes. The registration fee is

\$30 through Sept. 25 and \$35 from Sept. 26 through Sept. 30. Visit [www.Caregivers5KAlexandria.com](http://www.Caregivers5KAlexandria.com) or e-mail [Sponsorship@Caregivers5KAlexandria.com](mailto:Sponsorship@Caregivers5KAlexandria.com).

**Grand Opening Ceremony: "Lives Bound Together."** 9:30 a.m. at George Washington Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. George Washington's Mount Vernon will open a new exhibition that shares the personal stories of the enslaved people who lived and worked at Mount Vernon and exploring the first president's evolving views on slavery. Admission is \$9-20 and free for children 5 and under. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Civil War Soldiers Fighting in Style.** 10 a.m. at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 431 W. Braddock Road. Civil War interpreters wearing several types of uniforms will conduct the program, discussing the evolution, symbolism and style of military clothing and accessories of the period. Presenters will address

questions such as: Why was wool a preferred material for uniforms? How was color used to designate branches of the service? How did foreign military styles influence American Civil War uniforms? Free. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) for more.

**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](http://www.artontheavenue.org) for more.

**Lecture: Historic Homes in Mount Vernon.** 1 p.m. at Norma Hoffman Visitor Center - Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Join author Michael K. Bohn for a photo tour of the history-rich Mount Vernon

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## FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

# It's a Family Affair at Thanida Thai

Newcomer in space formerly owned by Thailand Royal Street has brought a taste of Thailand to North Old Town.

BY HOPE NELSON  
THE GAZETTE

Walk past the location of the most recent restaurant addition at 835 N. Royal St., and it's easy to miss the facelift from years past. What was long the venerable Thailand Royal Street, and then the erstwhile Casa Felipe, has once again taken up the Thai mantle — only under new leadership, with a new name, and with big plans for the future.

One thing is certain: Thanida Thai has entered the neighborhood, and while it's building on its predecessor, it's quickly developed its own personality despite its lineage.

And that lineage runs deep: The former owners of Thailand Royal Street (which in later years moved to Fairfax Street and became Royal Thai) sold the business to Jaruvan "Yui" Simuang and Songyodh "Noom" Tantiyangkul, who launched Thanida Thai in June. Both Simuang and Tantiyangkul have a lengthy history in the restaurant business and were eager to pounce on the opportunity.

"I worked with the previous owner (of Royal Thai), Ms. Kim, for about four years," Tantiyangkul said, and that relationship laid the groundwork for taking over the restaurant.

### DETAILS

**Thanida Thai**, 835 N. Royal St.  
**Hours:** Monday-Thursday 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4:30-9:30 p.m.; Friday 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4:30-10:30 p.m.; Saturday noon-10 p.m.; Sunday noon-9 p.m.  
**Hidden gem:** The Moo Ping skewer. "It's a grilled marinated pork on a skewer and served with sticky rice," Simuang says. "We call it breakfast in Thailand. Everybody has it in the morning, in a rush before they go to school or go to work."

Adds Simuang: "His own restaurant is (Tantiyangkul's) dream, so we used to mention to Ms. Kim that 'Whenever you want to sell the business, please let us know.' And then one day she came up and said, 'You know what, they're going to transform the building to be a new condominium. It's about time (to sell),' she said "... Then we transformed the Mexican place here back to a Thai place."

Thanida is a family affair. Indeed, the restaurant is named after the couple's daughter, 2-year-old Thanida, who has quickly become a restaurant mainstay and unofficial greeter to customers. And Simuang and Tantiyangkul are a hands-on presence — in the kitchen and in the front of the house.

But they do have help. Their chef, Wanchai Deedanklang, is a 15-year-plus veteran in Thai kitchens and has added complexity to every dish, making the fla-

vors sing off the plate.

And the food is what's been keeping Thanida Thai's tables full — and phones ringing for takeout and delivery — since the restaurant opened.

"We try to make the food authentic Thai. When you come to Thanida Thai, it's like going to Thailand," Tantiyangkul said.

For something with a little kick, try Thanida's Sassy Shrimp, named after the couple's daughter, Simuang says.

"It's very tasty. ... We batter the shrimp and deep-fry, make it very crispy, and then we stir-fry those shrimp with chili basil sauce — the chili basil sauce is the signature sauce for Thai food."

Another popular item is the Ped Ka Prao, Simuang says. One of her personal favorites, the Ped Ka Prao is "a crispy duck, also stir-fried within a chili basil sauce. This one never disappoints customers. Everybody



The veggies chu chee offers a plethora of vegetables with a kick. Tofu adds protein.

tries it."

While the Tantiyangkul and Simuang are launching a restaurant, they're also working to create a community, Simuang says.

"Besides the good food, we have good service and we're really friendly," she said. "I try to recognize all the customers. ... We refer to everyone like friends. We make friends."

And for Thanida Thai, the more the merrier — and its network continues to grow. The restaurant has expanded its delivery radius to two miles and is also venturing into catering. But look for some new specials within the restaurant's walls, as well: "We plan to do a happy hour and a weekly special" in the coming weeks, Tantiyangkul says.

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community. \$5 per person. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park).

**Oktoberfest.** 3-7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and Day School, 8531 Riverside Road. German food: knockwurst, bratwurst, potato salad; sides, beer and cold drinks, live Oompa band, bake sale, children's games, petting zoo, moon bounce. Free. Visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com).

**Country-Western Dance.** 6-7 p.m. lessons, 7-9:30 p.m. dance at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. Couples and singles welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Visit [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) or call 703-860-4941.

**IX DC Dance Challenge.** 6-10 p.m. at The Westin, 400 Courthouse Square. The organizers of DC Dance Challenge live in Alexandria. Their goal is to share the joy and benefits of dancing with their hometown residents. Tickets are \$75. Visit [www.DCDanceChallenge.com](http://www.DCDanceChallenge.com), or [www.facebook.com/dcdancechallenge](http://www.facebook.com/dcdancechallenge).

**Alexandria Symphony Orchestra: "Eroica Symphony."** 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Ave. Beethoven's "Symphony No. 3," Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," and Sibelius' "Symphony No. 3." Adult tickets range \$20-\$80, \$5 youth and \$10 student with military, senior and group discounts available. Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org).

### SUNDAY/OCT. 2

**Blessing of the Animals.** 4-5 p.m. at Fairlington Presbyterian Church, 3846 King St. Please bring your pet in a carrier or on a leash. Attendees are encouraged to bring a water bowl to donate to A Forever Home Dog Rescue. Free. Call 703-931-7344 or visit [www.fpcusa.org](http://www.fpcusa.org).

**Music Together Vivo.** 4-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon United Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Music Together Vivo will host a concert for young children (birth-age 8) and their families. The concert will feature Music Together Vivo staff and teachers singing favorite Music Together songs, and a special guest appearance by recording artist Gerry Dignan. "Uncle" Gerry is featured on the CDs given to the thousands of families worldwide who take Music Together classes. Concert proceeds will benefit Arcadia, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a more equitable and sustainable local food system in the Washington, DC area. \$20 suggested donation per family. Visit [www.musictogethervivo.com](http://www.musictogethervivo.com).

### MONDAY/OCT. 3

#### Garden Sprouts: Nature

**Playgroup.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Preschoolers enjoy nature-themed activities while playgroup parents meet up one Monday a month. A staff member is on hand to put out nature sensory bins, direct games and activities or lead a garden walk. October's theme is "Harvest Time." Tickets are \$6 per child. Visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 402 8702 or call 703-642-5173.

### 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 [mgaralex@gmail.com](mailto:mgaralex@gmail.com).

**National Chamber Players.** 7:45 p.m. at Episcopal High School – Pendleton Hall, 1200 N. Quaker Lane. Free. Visit [www.episcopalhighschool.org](http://www.episcopalhighschool.org).

### OCT. 4-NOV. 6

**Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery: "Salute to Secondary Colors."** Gallery hours at 105 N. Union St. The secondary colors orange, green, and purple are the theme for this show. Artists were challenged to use these hues individually, paired, or in a triadic color scheme. Free. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com).

### OCT. 4-NOV. 17

**Young at Art Exhibition.** Gallery hours at Durant arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Calling all senior artists. This annual event is cosponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and Goodwin House Foundation. The Call for Art is Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20 fee to submit up to three works of art. Visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or call Mary Lee Anderson at 703-836-4414, ext. 111 or Jeanne Jacobs

at 703-824-1345.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 5

**Longwood Gardens Nightscapes.** 12 p.m.-12 a.m. leaving from Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Get away to Pennsylvania to experience Longwood Gardens' artistic light and soundscaping, where color, light and sound emerge outdoors to become one night garden experience you'll never forget. Enjoy the gardens before dark, have dinner at the cafe or beer garden on your own, then take in this amazing light installation as you walk the gardens at night. Tickets are \$108 per person includes motor coach, entrance fee and tickets to Nightscape. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 493 4201 or call 703-642-5173.

**Senior Services Oktoberfest.** 6-9 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Please join Senior Services of Alexandria for 5th annual Oktoberfest Tour and Tasting at Port City Brewing Company. Tickets are \$50. Call 703-836-4414, ext. 110.

**"The Journal of Anne Reading."** 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Anne Hastings from "Mercy Street" is based on a real nurse named Anne Reading, who journeyed from England to work in the Mansion House Hospital during the Civil War. "The Journal of Anne Reading" documents her early training and work with Florence Nightingale, her later service in Alexandria, and some of her life after the war. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased in advance at The Lyceum or by going to

[shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov).

### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 6-8

**Preview: "By the Seashore."** 10:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Join Arts on the Horizon for a special sneak peek performance of this work-in-progress. From birds and fish, to sand and water, and everything in-between, young audience members explore the shore, ocean, and the sky. Using an imaginative mix of puppetry, movement, and sound, this sensory-filled production is specifically designed for babies and young toddlers. Tickets are \$3. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) for more.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 6-27

**"Co-Creating the Cosmos."** 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Frank Frost is an award-winning documentary film producer. His current work – The Teilhard de Chardin Project – is a television biography in production for public television on the life and thought of the revolutionary Teilhard de Chardin: Jesuit priest, paleontologist, visionary. Registration is \$25. Visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening).

### FRIDAY/OCT. 7

**Family Art Night.** 6-8:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Pizza, soda and water will be on hand, complements of the Office of the Arts. Choose from painting,



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mosaics, cardboard games and poetry pictures. Advance per person reservations: \$5 residents; \$10 nonresidents. At door: \$10 residents; \$15 nonresidents. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac](http://www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/ 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](http://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](http://www.delrayartisans.org) for more.

## OCT. 7-30

**Art Exhibit: "Local Flavor."** Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Local Flavor" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans showcases member artwork that highlight the things they adore, crave, and experience in their beloved neck of the woods—and celebrate the special touches found in community. Free. Visit [www.DelRayArtisans.org](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 8

**Plants and Birds and Rocks and Things.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Geologist Tony Fleming, author of the recently published *Geologic Atlas of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and Vicinity* (2016) and several other publications on local geology, will guide us through the history and structure of the atlas, and highlight how to use it to answer questions about the local landscape using several geologically-dependent natural communities as examples. Free. Visit [www.vnps.org](http://www.vnps.org).

**Art Safari.** 12-4 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Resident and visiting artists lead young visitors in an afternoon full of hands-on creative activities such as papier-mâché, fiber, and printmaking. Enjoy the Alexandria Archaeology Museum's special activities featuring their collection of 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century pottery and china, as well as The Art League's popular Gallery Scavenger Hunt. Free. Visit [www.TorpedoFactory.org](http://www.TorpedoFactory.org).

## Family Fun: Leaf Critter

**Crafternoon.** 1-2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Children will enjoy creating animal images from different leaf shapes, glue and wiggly eyes. Make one to take home and one to hang in our nature gallery. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. This family-friendly nature program is intended for ages 5 and up. Tickets are \$6. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 487 3801 or call 703-642-5173.

**Poetry Exchange.** 1-4 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. The Poetry Society of Virginia invites you to its annual Poetry Exchange. Bill Glose, author of "Personal Geography," and Henry Hart, author of "Background Radiation," will read from their works. Free. Call 703-930-5214 for more.

## Gardening With Virginia Natives.

2-3:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Learn the best management practices for growing plants native to Northern Virginia. Master Gardeners of Arlington and Alexandria will cover the basics of sustainable landscaping practices that make the most of available water, improve soil health and reduce maintenance. Free. Visit [www.mgnv.org](http://www.mgnv.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 9

**Opera Nova Brunch.** 12:30 p.m. at Washington Golf & Country Club, 3017 N. Glebe Road. Opera singers including Jose Sacin will perform opera arias and Broadway show tunes, as well as selections from "Treemonisha," Scott Joplin's opera, to be staged for children next spring by Opera Nova. Tickets are \$60. Visit [www.operanova.org](http://www.operanova.org).

## MONDAY/OCT. 10

**Riley Etheridge Jr and Leon Russell.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit [www.thebirchmere.com](http://www.thebirchmere.com) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 12

**Asleep at the Wheel.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Touring in support of their Grammy Award-winning album "Still the King: Celebrating the Music of Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys," Asleep at the Wheel perform. Tickets are \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 13

**Yacht Haven Garden Club Fashion Show.** 10 a.m. at Fort Belvoir Officers Club, 5500 Schulz Circle, Fort Belvoir. Fashions for women of all sizes will be provided by Details of Occoquan. Tickets are \$40. Call 703-354-3728 for more.

**Community Partner Night.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Alexandria City Hall, 301 King St. The Alexandria City Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. will host "A Salute to Community Service and Partnership" in honor of its 10-year anniversary. Free. Email [alexcitytld@gmail.com](mailto:alexcitytld@gmail.com) for more.

**Lecture: "Foreign Policy Issues and Election 2016: More Light than Heat."** 7-8:30 p.m. at Cameron Station Clubhouse, 200 Cameron Station Blvd. Dr. Larry Korb will discuss the foreign policy positions of the candidates with time for your questions. Free. Call 202-494-9796.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 14

### Garden Talks with Master

**Gardeners: Fall Beauty.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Master Gardeners show off a variety of gorgeous perennials, shrubs and trees in rich gold, burnt orange, brilliant burgundy and vibrant red shades that can add to an existing plantings for remarkable, colorful results. Tickets are \$10. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 488 5101 or call 703-642-5173.

### Port City Black Veil Happy Hour & Female Stranger Mystery

**Quest.** 6-8 p.m. happy hour, 8-10 p.m. mystery quest at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Join Port City Brewing Co. and Gadsby's Tavern Museum to celebrate the release of the Long Black Veil, a special craft beer inspired by the famous tale of the Female Stranger. Ticket prices not yet announced. Visit [shop.AlexandriaVA.gov/Events.aspx](http://shop.AlexandriaVA.gov/Events.aspx)

for more.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 15

### The Mount Vernon Masonic

**Temple Open House.** 8:30-11:30 a.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. Free breakfast will be served. Visit [mountvernonlodge219.wordpress.com](http://mountvernonlodge219.wordpress.com).

### Beauty in Sustainability

**Symposium.** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. In this double header program, learn how to plan and plant a home garden that is a source for beauty, labor savings and environmental change. Get to know lovely native alternatives to some common exotic plants. These natives

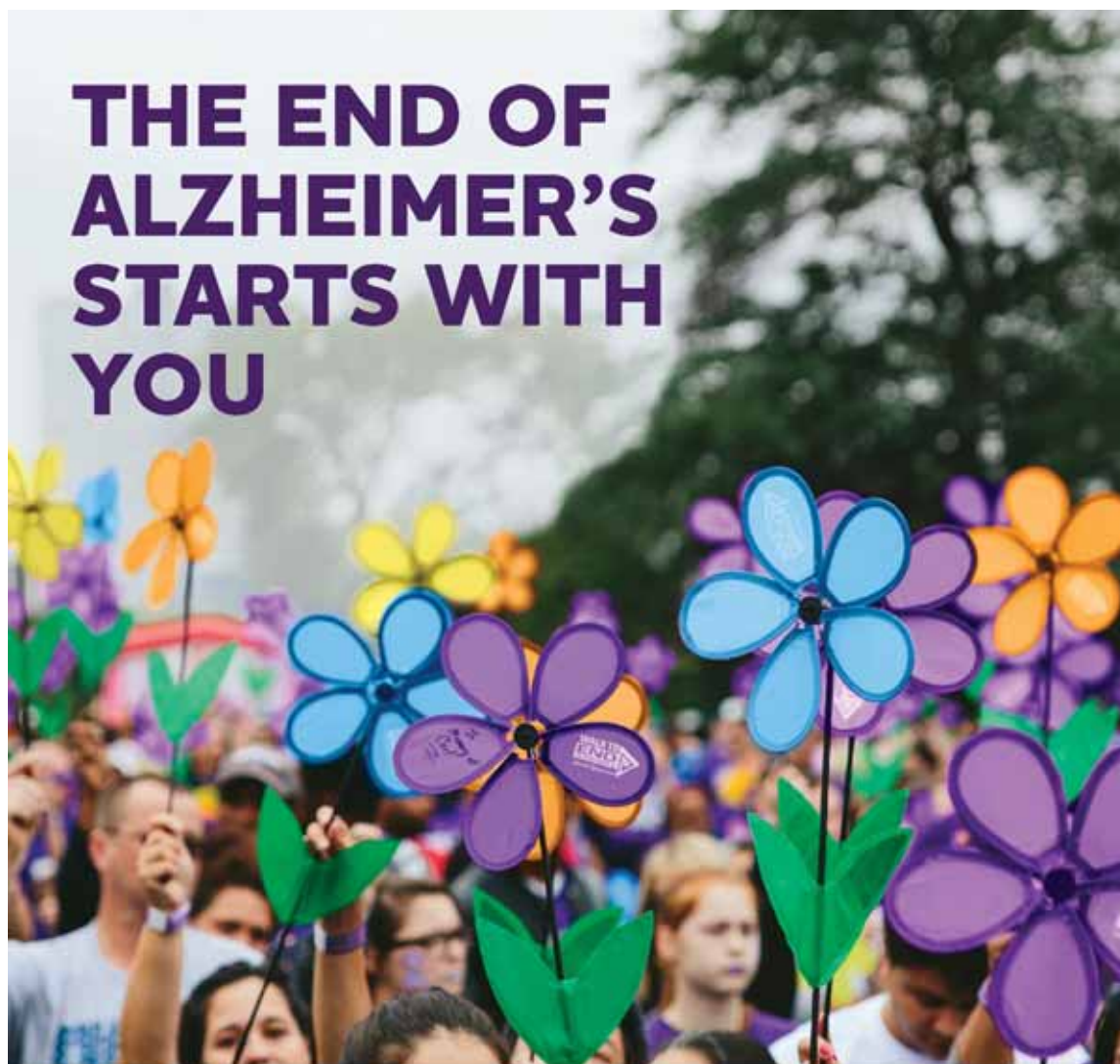
will not only provide lasting beauty to your garden, but also benefit native wildlife. Rethink some traditional, labor intensive gardening practices that are at odds with nature's rhythms. Tickets are \$38. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 484 7201 or call 703-642-5173.

**Hollin Hall Senior Center Annual Mega Bazaar/Craft Fair.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1500 Shenandoah Road. Find more 30 crafters, silent auction, bake sale, and door prizes. Free. Call 703-765-4573.

**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.

**Burgundy Fall Fair.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. Family fun for all ages: pumpkin painting, zombie run, moon bounce, craft mart, used book and kids' closet sale, food tent. Free admission. Proceeds from activity tickets and food and merchandise sale benefit student financial aid. Rain or shine. Visit [www.burgundyfarm.org](http://www.burgundyfarm.org) or call 703-960-3431.



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**Oral History Project.** 2-3 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Bring your family heirloom and stories for a history “show-and-tell” co-sponsored by the Alexandria Library and Office of Historic Alexandria. Oral historians will be on hand to document the objects and stories as part of the City’s oral history archive. Participants should arrive a few minutes early to complete consent forms. All are welcome to come and enjoy local history through the perspective of fellow residents. Free. Visit [www.historicalexandria.org](http://www.historicalexandria.org).

**Port Wine Tasting Party.** 4-6 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Revive the lost art of the aperitif and the digestif. Discover the history and flavor nuances of port and sample different styles of this versatile Portuguese wine with a range of foods from cheeses to chocolates to reveal your port palate. Tickets are \$44. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 16

**Walk to Bust Cancer.** 8 a.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. The Walk to Bust Cancer will bring together breast cancer survivors and their families, those currently facing the disease, and anyone who wishes to walk to show their support. Registration is free for children, \$15 for children ages 7-12, and \$35 for adults. Visit [www.walktobustcancer.org](http://www.walktobustcancer.org) for more.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 18

**Following the Trails – Migration Routes in America.** 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Genealogist Sharon Hodges talks about major trails, waterways, and roads used by migrating families from colonial times to 1850. Free. Visit [www.mvgenealogy.org](http://www.mvgenealogy.org).

**Lecture: “William the Conqueror.”** 7-9 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Ave. This October marks the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings, where William of Normandy became “William the Conqueror” of England. But the Norman invasion of England in 1066 should not have succeeded. Dr. Paxton will discuss the military tactics and strategy combined with incredible good luck that changed the course of history. \$5 suggested donation. Visit [williamtheconqueror.eventbrite.com](http://williamtheconqueror.eventbrite.com).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 20

**Garden Tour and Tea.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour the glorious demonstration gardens with Master Gardener docents. Hear about Green Spring’s fascinating history, our educational mission and how we can help your gardens grow. Afterward, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House. Tickets are \$32. To make reservations, call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 21

**Fine Arts, Flowers, and Tea.** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. leaving from Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Get away to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond to enjoy the 13th Fine Arts & Flowers exhibit, which features dazzling floral design interpretations of masterpieces from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Have a light lunch at the museum and end the day at the Jefferson Hotel with an afternoon tea under the Tiffany stained-glass ceiling of the Palm Court lobby. Tickets are \$103 per person includes motor

coach, exhibit entrance fee and full English tea. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 493 4101 or call 703-642-5173.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 22

**Garden Program: Fall Tree ID Walk.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the basics of fall tree identification and practice our skills while admiring the lovely colors of the season. Tickets are \$18. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 401 5701 or call 703-642-5173.

**The General’s Tour.** 1 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. The tour will highlight locations and stories associated with Robert E. Lee’s life in Alexandria, his hometown from the age of 5 and residence of his “earliest and oldest friends.” The tour will last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 through the museum’s website, or for \$15 at the door. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

**Nerf Attack.** 6 p.m. at Oronoco Park, 100 Madison St. Zombies-Nerf Attack is a live action zombie simulation. It’s a two-hour game in which participants immerse themselves in a zombie apocalyptic environment. Every 20 minutes the living will rotate. Tickets are \$100. Visit [www.zombiesthemovie.com](http://www.zombiesthemovie.com).

**Fall Dance Concert.** 7 p.m. at St. Aidan Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. The members of Choreographer Collaborative Project team up for a concert. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 seniors and teenagers, and free for children. Visit [www.ccpdance.org](http://www.ccpdance.org) for more.

**A Mansion House Whiskey Tasting.** 7-9 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come join history lovers and fans of the PBS drama series “Mercy Street” for an inspired evening of Mansion House Hotel elegance. This bourbon tasting will harken back to the Civil War era and include a delicious menu of small bites and cheese pairings. Must be 21+ to attend. Tickets are \$50. Visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 23

**A Cranberry Cornucopia.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the story of this American native fruit, share innovative recipes, and offer ideas for holiday decorating with cranberries. Sample and take home a cranberry sauce. Tickets are \$32. To make reservations, call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 25

**Centenarians Luncheon.** 12-2 p.m. at The Fairfax, 9140 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Fort Belvoir. Celebrate the life of Northern Virginia’s oldest citizens. This year’s speaker will be Lynn Peters Adler, J. D., a centenarian expert and older adults advocate. Tickets are \$40, available start Sept. 16. Visit [www.celebratecentenarians.com](http://www.celebratecentenarians.com) for more.

**The Female Stranger: The Making of a Legend.** 1-2:30 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Hear the story of the Female Stranger and how it has evolved over time as we explore this local legend through the centuries. Combines history and language arts. Tickets are \$8 per child, adults free. Pre-registration is required. Visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov).

**Lecture: “Can’t We Get Along? Washington’s Break with Two Virginias.”** 7:30 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.



## Slavery Exhibit Opening Oct. 1 at Mount Vernon

George Washington’s Mount Vernon (3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway) will open a new exhibition that shares the personal stories of the enslaved people who lived and worked at Mount Vernon. “Lives Bound Together” opens Oct. 1 with a special ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Following the grand opening, guests are invited to take part in Mount Vernon’s annual Slave Memorial Commemoration Ceremony at 11 a.m. featuring special musical performances and keynote remarks from Pulitzer Prize-winner Annette Gordon-Reed. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).



While many people look back to the “good old days” when everyone got along, it is interesting to note that over time Washington completely severed his relationship with five famous Virginians. In this lecture, the focus will be on James Madison and James Monroe. Professor Henriques will examine these breaks and see if there is a common thread between them. Tickets \$12 per person, \$10 for GTMS members and volunteers. Visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov).

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

**The Spirituality of Parenting.** 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. A child’s first understanding of God and the spiritual life comes from its parents and extended family. How can children’s faith be nurtured in such a way as to lay the foundation for a spirituality that will support them throughout their lives and deepen their relationship with God and Christ? And how can parents deepen their own faith in the process? Rev. Matthew Kozlowski is an associate at the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary. Free. Visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 27

**Workshops: “Come Play with Collage Cut Ups.”** 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Activity lead Millie Mateu will guide participants through an art activity. She will start by doing some creative exercises, then create some simple collages that have high impact, using “Local Flavor” as inspiration. Free for Del Ray Artisans members and \$10 for non-members. Visit [www.delrayartisans.org](http://www.delrayartisans.org) for more.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 28

**Garden Talks with Master Gardeners: Injecting Color & Structure.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Let Master Gardeners show you how trees and shrubs can provide structure and year-round interest, and how to add seasonal splashes of color with annuals and perennials to make your house pop. Tickets are \$10. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**Bark or Treat Canine Cruise.** 5:30-7 p.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. Come out with your costumed canine and cruise to some Halloween tunes along the Potomac. Tickets are \$16 adults; \$10 children; dogs ride free. Visit [www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com](http://www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com).

**The Gadsby’s Tavern Ghost Tour.** 7-9 p.m. (tours start every 30 minutes) at 134 N. Royal St. Follow a colonial-costumed guide through the eerie Alexandria streets, visit a cemetery, and enter one of the most haunted buildings in Old Town. Hear the tragic story of the Mysterious Female Stranger. Tickets are \$20 adults; \$10 kids ages 7-17. Visit [www.AlexColonialTours.com](http://www.AlexColonialTours.com).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 28-30

**State NAACP Convention.** Various times at West Hotel, 400 Courthouse Square. The theme is “NAACP: Let’s Go.” Registration is \$15-225. Visit [www.vscnaacp.org](http://www.vscnaacp.org).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 29

**Poisonous Plants Garden Tour.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. A Master Gardener docent tells tales of wicked plants hiding in plain sight, showcasing obvious culprits and some surprises. Learn which to weed out and which we can live with.

Enjoy refreshments at the Historic House, including edible flowers. Tickets are \$12. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 483 2001 or call 703-642-5173.

**Cat-urday Toy Making Workshop.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Celebrate National Cat Day by making toys. This workshop gives the tools needed to make felt mice and birds, wine cork candies, and a classic stick with string taunting toy, as well as an optional T-shirt cat tent. \$5 supplies fee. Instruction free for Del Ray Artisans members, \$10 for non-members. Visit [www.delrayartisans.org](http://www.delrayartisans.org) for more.

**Halloween Pumpkin Hunt.** 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Alexandria’s ghosts and goblins will fill the museum’s garden with hundreds of colorful toy-filled Halloween pumpkins for local children to discover. Other activities include crafts, refreshments, spooky stories, and a costume parade. Every participating child will receive a toy pumpkin. Advance tickets are \$12 for participating children, and \$5 for adults. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org) for more.

**Let’s Grow Garden Club: Garlic Planting.** 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Help with planting garlic. Tour the garden grounds to view the changing fall colors all around us and learn a little about pumpkins. Tickets are \$15 per child. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 402 8901 or call 703-642-5173.

**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](http://www.novaparks.com) for more.



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RFP No. 00000634, Consulting Services for Employee Engagement, Organizational Development and Educational Support

RFP Closing Date and Time: October 31, 2016, 4:00p.m., prevailing local time

For general inquiries contact Cynthia Davis, Contract Specialist II at 703.746.3921.

### Norfolk Probate and Family Court

Docket No. N015D0963DR  
35 Shawmut Road  
Canton, MA 02021  
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To the Defendant Joseph E. Morris.  
The Plaintiff, Elizabeth Morris has filed a complaint for Divorce requesting that the court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. You are hereby summoned and required to respond your answer, if any at or before 11/10/16. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court.  
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Request for Proposals No. 00000633, Development of the Bridging Documents for the West End Transitway Project  
Closing Date and Time: October 24, 2016, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

The City will hold a Non-Mandatory pre-proposal conference on Thursday, October 6, 2016, 9:00 AM prevailing local time, 100 N. Pitt Street, Suite 301, Purchasing Conference Room, Alexandria, VA 22314

For general inquiries contact Michael F. Hauer, CPPO, CPPB, Deputy Purchasing Agent at 703.746.4295.

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

### OBITUARY Helen Marie Malone, 90

Helen Marie Malone, a third generation Washingtonian, entered eternal rest on September 25, 2016. Born in Washington, D.C. on November 30, 1925 to Ossian and Marguerite Ryan, she was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, James T. Malone, Jr., sister's Louise Fabrizio and Margaret Burton and brother Joseph O. Ryan. She is survived by her sons Michael, Robert, Christopher (Nancy), and Paul, seven grandsons, two granddaughters, two great grandsons and one great granddaughter. Marie attended grammar and high school at Holy Trinity Georgetown and attended Dumbarton College. She worked for the Alexandria Unit of the American Cancer Society as a volunteer and unit director for 37 years and was honored by the City of Alexandria for her lifelong devotion to the American Cancer Society. In retirement she remained an active volunteer arranging rides and offering support to cancer patients. She was a longtime member of the Board of Lady Managers at INOVA Alexandria Hospital and a supporter of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra League. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:00 p.m. on September 30, 2016 at St. Rita's Catholic Church, 3815 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305. Visitation will precede the Mass beginning at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider memorial contributions to the Board of Lady Managers INOVA Alexandria Hospital.

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### ABC LICENSE

Portner Brewhouse, LLC trading as Portner Brewhouse, 5770 Dow Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine & Beer On & Off Premises w/Keg & Mixed Beverage & Brewery license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages, Merrygate Hospitality, LLC  
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at  
www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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## News

# Strip Mall Transformation

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“Well-designed, publicly accessible urban plazas or parks should be included to create a sense of place and provide recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, consistent with the Urban Parks Framework.

“Development should dedicate 89 feet from the centerline of Richmond Highway for planned transportation improvements.

“The walkability and multi-modal connectivity of the redevelopment should be enhanced through the addition of sidewalks, streetscaping, and bicycle facilities. Safe pedestrian and bicycle connections that provide direct access to nearby transit, amenities and retail uses should be provided. Safe pedestrian crossing of Fairview Drive is essential with any redevelopment.”

According to Planning Commission documents, the Board of Supervisors directed the Planning Commission staff in June 2015 to evaluate the potential for the project.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Fairfax County's free Caregiver Seminar/ Webinar Series features experts in Medicare, dementia care, mental health and wellness, nutrition and elder law. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults). Click on Caregiver Seminars under Hot Topics or call 703-324-5205, TTY 711.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 7

**School Open House.** 9-11 a.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Childcare available. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit [www.burgundyfarm.org](http://www.burgundyfarm.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 8

**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.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 13

**Chamber Business Breakfast.** 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Don Beyer and Charles Hernick will speak at the monthly Business Breakfast of Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce. These candidates will talk about their views on issues facing local businesses. There will also be a presentation on the proposed Meals Tax. Cost is \$25 per person for Chamber members and \$35 for non-Chamber. Register at [www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org](http://www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org) or call 703-360-6925.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19

**Admission Open House.** 9 a.m. in the Browne Academy Center for Athletics and Performing Arts, 5917 Telegraph Road. Browne Academy, a PS 3-Grade 8 independent school, will host an Admission Open House. Call 703-960-3000, ext. 1001 to register or to schedule a private tour.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

**“The Spirituality of Parenting.”** 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Call 703-360-4220 or visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening) for more.

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