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Days before Joshua Owusu died, Stratford Landing Elementary School staff members and their families participated in the St. Jude's Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer. They raised money in his name.

Celebrating Joshua Owusu's Life

Stratford Landing student loses brain cancer battle.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Joshua Owusu's bell-like soprano voice floated through the reception hall, carrying the words "Maybe we found love right where we are," from singer Ed



Over the summer Joshua Owusu (left) and his father Sylvester Owusu Agyemang (right) attended a Washington Redskins football practice and preseason game.

Sheeran's hit "Thinking Out Loud."

A video projected on one side of the hall showed Owusu, a sixth grader at Stratford Landing Elementary School, performing confidently and innocently onstage, sharply dressed with suspenders and a clip-on bow tie.

Some of those gathered took videos of the projection with cell phones, others watched and smiled, tears coming. Others looked away.

Owusu was diagnosed with brain cancer — glioblastoma — in March earlier this year. On Sept. 26, he died while in the care of INOVA hospital and with family members.

The reception on Oct. 8 directly followed Owusu's funeral at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria. The service included a poem inspired by the young student and a choir of his sixth-grade classmates singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" directed by Lianne LaFleur.

Many wore green, Owusu's favorite color, while others wore ornate black and white dresses and robes with geometric and flowery patterns.

Near the center of the room, the boy's parents sat at a table accepting a steady stream of embraces, words of condolence and other caring hands reaching out for them.

"Joshua had an incredible smile and spirit of life," said Stratford Landing counselor Stephanie Kasperek. "It seemed as though every moment was a new adventure for him and he took risks, inside the classroom and outside with peers. That thirst for knowledge did not dissipate even after brain surgery and radiation treatments."

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Focusing on Student Success

Bryant seeks to ensure students have plans for their future.

BY RIKKI GEORGE
THE GAZETTE

Bryant Principal Tanganika (Tangy) Millard isn't basking in last year's graduation success. Millard is working to ensure her students receive individualized and real-time attention required to succeed as adults.

Located at 2709 Popkins Lane, Bryant Alternative High School is part of Fairfax County Public Schools which educates 186,000 students from K-12. Of that, Bryant serves 310 students, ages 17-22, in grades 9-12. Many of Bryant students are eli-

gible for free and reduced-price meals.

Millard's vision for Bryant is based on innovation and three core values: Educating the mind, building character and nurturing the spirit. She also brings a new perspective to alternative school thinking.

"I realized after June's graduation that students needed more focus on what comes after graduation."

— Tangy Millard, Principal

"What usually comes to mind when you think about alternative schools is bad kids," Millard said. "This is not true."

Around 90 percent of Bryant students choose Bryant because of its flexibility. Some enroll in Bryant to advance their progress. Others want to finish.

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Lockard Named Interim Superintendent

Garza leaves Dec. 19.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Dr. Steven Lockard will take over for Dr. Karen Garza as Fairfax County Schools superintendent for the interim period while the School Board searches for her replacement.

The school system announced the decision Oct. 6, just over two weeks after Garza's announcement

on Sept. 19 that she would resign.

Garza said she will take the role of president and chief executive officer of Columbus, Ohio-based Battelle for Kids, a not-for-profit education organization.

Her resignation will take effect by Dec. 19 this year, she said.

Lockard has worked as deputy

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Steven Lockard

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Bryant Focuses on Enhancing Student Success

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ish faster for personal reasons. The remaining 10 percent attend because of a mistake they've made at a base school. These are the second-chance students.

EDUCATING THE MIND

Flexibility is a common component of alternative high schools. Bryant operates on a 4x4 schedule, where students enroll in four classes per semester rather than eight. According to Millard, this allows students to focus on learning while balancing other life responsibilities. Students also complete diploma requirements in small class size settings of 10-15 students on average, thus allowing greater student-teacher interaction.

With the new hire of Apex Coordinator Jennifer Diglio, who has had 17 years in FCPS, Millard has stepped up flexible options for students. Apex is an online high school curriculum that allows students to work from school and home to complete courses. According to Diglio, any Bryant student can sign up for an Apex course. "It offers students the option to move through courses at their own pace, the ability to take courses not offered at Bryant, such as pre-calculus, and it provides real-time results on quizzes," said Diglio who monitors progress in person, online and by cell phone.

Millard hired Courtney Ben in 2016 from Carl Sandburg Middle School by eking out funds to expand and adjust learning modules for special education students.

"Literacy is a huge area of need," said Ben, the special education English teacher. With



Principal Tangy Millard (right) with teachers Jennifer Diglio (center), Celeste LaCour-Williams (left) and Courtney Ben (in front).

Ben's addition, the special education department totals five, each teacher with their own specialty, including math and science.

BUILDING CHARACTER

"I realized after June's graduation that students needed more focus on what comes after graduation," Millard said. "Graduation is a huge achievement for these kids [many are firsts in families to graduate] but there is more than that." One goal is to help students envision a future beyond a \$10 hourly job.

That's why she's employed Celeste LaCour-Williams, career development coordinator and national certified counselor. She



Students cheer at convocation on the first day of class.

helps students with the process of self-awareness, career exploration and post-secondary planning. Before graduating, LaCour-Williams said, "All students have a plan."

As many Bryant students know, the journey forward is not always easy. Shortly after Bryant's Sept. 6 Convocation to celebrate the new academic year, the school experienced a tragedy with a shooting of a 17-year-old Bryant sophomore in Lorton. Millard gathered students and teachers together to express what they were feeling. "We need to talk about this as a family," she said to the group. "We need to take care of each other."

Get Involved

Bryant Alternative High School has a number of opportunities for businesses to get involved in the skills and workforce development of Bryant students. For more information, call Tangy Millard or Celeste LaCour-Williams at 703-660-2001.

Millard, Diglio, Ben and LaCour-Williams are happy at the changes they've seen since that event. Students are back on track. Class attendance is 80 to 85 percent. "It's a miracle," one of them said. "It's the way we deliver lessons," said the other. "It's the leadership of Principal Millard," LaCour-Williams concluded.

Habitat NOVA Celebrates Completion of Two New Homes

Two families are joined by 90 volunteers.

Two families achieved their dream of building and owning their own home, thanks to Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia (Habitat NOVA). On Sept. 18 the Mansaye and Omar families were joined by more than 90 volunteers, Habitat NOVA board members and staff, project partners, and guests in celebration of their newly completed homes. Dan Storck, supervisor for the Mount Vernon District of Fairfax County, served as guest speaker. The new homes were designed pro bono by Sanchez Palmer Architects & Triad Engineering. Key corporate partners included E*TRADE, The Stafford Foundation, Capital One, Leidos, Inc., Wells Fargo, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, and Bean, Kinney & Korman, P.C. Community volunteers worked more than 1,500 hours over the course of 19 months to build the two Clayborne Avenue homes. In addition, each family completed 400 hours in "sweat equity" to finalize the construction. Built to EarthCraft Gold standards, each house is

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The Mansaye Family stand in front of their new home, made possible by Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, community volunteers, and corporate sponsors.

energy-efficient while maintaining long-term affordability. The homes are also Habitat NOVA's first construction projects to feature solar panels. "More than just addresses of our latest construction project - to our two families, these are the most beautiful homes in the world," said Jon Smoot, ex-

ecutive director of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. "The Mansaye and Omar families earned the right to own these homes. They worked so hard to establish great credit. They have long, solid, good work histories showing their ability to repay our zero-interest, 30-year mortgage. In



The Omar Family stand in front of their new home, made possible by Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, community volunteers, and corporate sponsors.

addition, they poured hundreds and hundreds of hours into hands-on building of their homes." Storck underscored the necessity of more affordable housing in the region and how Habitat NOVA leads that effort. "Along with Supervisor Jeff McKay [Lee

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Stratford Landing Student Loses Brain Cancer Battle

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Owusu was enrolled in the Advanced Academic Program center at Stratford Landing. His base school was Groveton Elementary.

"He touched a lot of people in the short time he was there," said Stratford Landing assistant principals Shirley Shannon and Christine Prahl.

"If you did not have the pleasure of encountering Joshua, he was a happy, charismatic child, whose smile could brighten anyone's day," said Stratford Landing principal Maureen Marshall. "He was loved by all who knew him."

The Stratford Landing and Aldersgate communities came together to raise money help Owusu's family with the funeral and burial costs. "So they could grieve without worrying," Marshall said.

They also created sign-ups for families to provide food for Owusu's family, as well as the reception.

"The generosity of the Aldersgate and Stratford Landing communities was astounding," Kasperek said, "especially since most donors had never met Josh or his family." In his homily at the funeral service, the Rev. Jason Micheli explained that Joshua wanted to be a pastor when he grew up.

"If I'd had more time with Joshua I might've tried to talk him out of being a pastor," Micheli said. "After all, it's not a gig that pays very well but, then, Josh is smarter than me and he already had a plan figured out for that wrinkle."

As a kind and non self-conscious peace-maker among his friends, siblings and even parents, Micheli said that Joshua was "already a pastor, to you all."

"Josh was filled with a spirit that could've only come from Jesus Christ," Micheli said, interpreting from the Bible's book of Matthew: "I can't begin to an-



Joshua Owusu

swer why Josh isn't here, but I do know where Josh is now. I know because whenever anyone asks Jesus about heaven in the Bible, Jesus responds by saying, 'You've got to know this kid.' You've got to become just like him."

At Stratford Landing, students and staff had already been spending time learning about dealing with cancer in their immediate community.

On Sept. 23, the school hosted a Lemon Face Contest to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer.

Mother Michelle Crabtree also spoke to the school recently about her first grade son, who is in remission from leukemia.

"You don't think about children with cancer until your child is diagnosed with cancer," Crabtree said in a statement.

"Childhood cancer is considered rare, yet in the 2015-2016 school year, there were four students either currently fighting cancer or that were cancer survivors at Stratford Landing.

"Awareness is key in helping to get more research dollars dedicated towards childhood cancer," Crabtree continued. "Maybe a student from Stratford will grow up to be a researcher that helps find better treatments and one day a cure for childhood cancer." Rain fell steadily outside the church during Owusu's reception. His burial service was held that afternoon at Mount Comfort Cemetery.

"Tragedy should not befall children, but that is the harsh reality that sometimes needs to be faced," Stratford Landing counselor Kasperek said. "Joshua looked his tragedy in the eyes, and chose to live in spite of it."

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is located at 1301 Collingwood Road in Alexandria.



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BULLETIN BOARD

Lockard

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superintendent for FCPS since August 2014. In that role, he's been the supervisor of the chief academic officer, region assistant superintendents, school support executive director, hearings office and the student activities and athletic programs.

"Steve Lockard is a skilled, collaborative administrator who understands how our school district works," FCPS School Board chair Sandy Evans said in a statement. "He is a champion for students and ensures that student achievement is at the forefront of everything we do." Prior to working for FCPS, Lockard was deputy superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools in Maryland. He's also worked in education as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and director.

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

SOBER-RIDE FOR HALLOWEEN

Free Cab Rides. Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 30, 6 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI (8294) and receive a free (up to a \$30 fare) safe way home. AT&T wireless customers can dial #WRAP for the same service. Visit www.soberride.com.

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/ 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.

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 or visit www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening.

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 or call 703-360-6925.

OCT. 17-NOV. 4

Food Drive. At Sheehy Honda of Alexandria, 2434 Richmond Highway. Sheehy Auto Stores will collect canned goods and non-perishable food as part of the company's annual Fall Harvest Food Drive to benefit Feeding America.

TUESDAY/OCT. 18

Lions Meeting. The Mount Vernon Lions dinner meeting will be at

Pema's restaurant with social at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Lion Richard Bell will speak on the White Cane Project. Public invited. Call Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

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. 19

Antiques Club Meeting. 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The Alexandria/

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Join Walk to Bust Cancer

The National Breast Center Foundation will hold its first Walk to Bust Cancer at Fort Hunt Park on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 8 a.m.

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. It will be a morning of fellowship, activities for children, music provided by local band Route 66, dance and parkour demonstrations and more. For more information about the walk, go to www.walktobustcancer.org or email info@walktobustcancer.com.

MVHS Teacher Studies at Estate

Kenneth Trotman, a history and social studies teacher at Mount Vernon High School, was one of 160 educators from across the nation selected to participate in the George Washington Teacher's Institute, a four-day residential professional development program, at the Mount Vernon Estate this summer. Institute participants included K-12 teachers, librarians, and media specialists in a competitive application process.

In addition to studying the context of 18th century slavery and the individual lives of members of Mount Vernon's enslaved population, institute participants learned about Washington's, and their

own, ideas about slavery. They used primary sources and archaeological evidence to explore ways to broaden students' understanding of slavery and the challenges of teaching slavery and race in today's classroom.

Trotman has been with FCPS for five years and taught at Mountain View Alternative Learning Center before coming to Mount Vernon High School. He also taught at a Juvenile Detention Center in Fredericksburg, as well as an International School in Cambodia. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, including two young sons, as well as playing pick-up basketball and riding bikes.



Kenneth Trotman

Habitat NOVA Completes New Homes

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District, Fairfax County], I deeply believe in providing people opportunities to live, work, and play and be part of this community.

Habitat for Humanity NOVA is a key facilitator, a key organization helping to make that happen. I'm thankful for them and their work."For Amna Mansaye,

Sunday's celebration marks a milestone in fulfilling her family's goal toward greater stability and resilience. "I want to thank Habitat NOVA, the volunteers, and the donors for helping my family achieve the 'American Dream.'

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PEOPLE

Graves Places First Runner Up In Ms. Senior Virginia America Pageant.

Betty Ann Crews Graves, 78, of the Mount Vernon/Gum Springs area placed First Runner Up in the Ms. Senior Virginia America Pageant on July 14 in Falls Church.

She also was voted Miss Congeniality by the other seven contestants.

If for any reason that the current Queen, Rebecca Nunn of Kilmarnock, Va. cannot serve, Graves will represent Virginia for the year of 2016.

Graves was also recognized for her community service, and the most ads in the pageant's souvenir book, as well as selling the most tickets and raffles for the pageant.

Her talent for the pageant was reciting a poem by



Betty Ann Crews Graves.

her favorite poet, Maya Angelou, "Phenomenal Woman." Graves won the talent competition in the pageant in 2005, when she recited another poem by Angelou, "Still I Rise."

Graves is a retired Fairfax County Public School special education teacher. She is the mother of three: Debra, George and Michael. She has eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She is also a cancer survivor of 13 years.

Graves represented the seniors at The Gum Springs Community Center.

Her other interests are reading, bowling, and traveling. Graves recently spent two weeks touring South Africa from Johannesburg to Cape Town.

BULLETIN BOARD

FROM PAGE 4

Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature Charlie Davis, a retired Marine Corps and airline pilot whose research and program will give us the history of the three airports located in the Mount Vernon area a number

of years ago. He is now a volunteer at Huntley Meadows Park, which was originally put together to make an airport for blimps. Free. Public invited.

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OPINION

Students May Apply to Amundson Institute

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

This coming Legislative Session I will host the seventh annual Amundson Institute, continuing the tradition of Sen. Scott Surovell and his predecessor, former delegate, Kris Amundson. The program, sponsored by Cox Communications, is an outstanding opportunity for young leaders to learn about legislative and public service careers.

The Institute provides an educational opportunity for four high school juniors and seniors who live in or attend a school located in the 44th district on the role of the Virginia state government and top government relations pro-



fessionals. Selected students will have a chance to watch the law-making process in action, attend General Assembly sessions of both the House and Senate chambers, attend committee hearings, meet policy advisors, cabinet officials and tour historic state buildings.

Each student will complete a project where they identify a shortcoming in the Code of Virginia and propose legislation to fix the law.

There will be a mandatory orientation in early January (date and time to be announced), and the Institute will take place Jan. 30-31, in Richmond. This program is provided at no cost to students and their families, other than personal incidental expenses. It includes funding for all transportation, meals, daytime activities and sleeping arrangements.

In the past, students have met with Gov. Terry McAuliffe, former Secretary of Education Anne

Holton, former Secretary of the Commonwealth, Levar Stoney, state Senator Adam Ebbin (D-30) and former Delegates Amundson (D) and Chris Saxman (R).

Amundson created the institute, called the Young Leader Program, to introduce high school students in the Mount Vernon area to the Virginia State Government process. Then Delegate Surovell continued the program and renamed it the Amundson Institute after her retirement, in honor of her tireless commitment to educational opportunities for young leaders.

Last year, four wonderful students from West Potomac and Mount Vernon High School participated, and I am looking forward once again to meeting more of the 44th district's high school leaders. Application forms can be found on my website at www.paulkrizek.com and must be turned in by Nov. 30, 2016.

COMMENTARY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Establish Ground Rules

To the Editor:

Clarification on one issue might help people decide how to vote on the meal tax referendum.

If the meal tax passes, will 70 percent of the new funds be used to increase the existing school system budget? Or will it be cut and then replaced with those new funds?

Either way, future FCPS budget cuts could occur anytime, so establishing the ground rules up front is important. There's usually no such thing as a temporary tax, regardless of where the money ends up being spent.

Dwight Wernecke
Alexandria

New Taxes Should Be Last Option

To the Editor:

All governments need tax revenue to administer essential programs and services. Therefore, they should be very frugal in their decisions to spend the taxes collected from hardworking taxpayers. They also should ensure that all programs and services are essential and run efficiently and effectively before raising or asking for new taxes.

But, does Fairfax County follow those standards? Keep the following in mind when you go to vote on the meals tax question.

In the last two to three years the Board of Supervisors (BOS) spent \$10 million on bonuses to employees whether they earned it or not, spent \$30 million to bail out of a bank because it did not have a secure loan from an

arts foundation in Lorton, bought property at prices substantially higher than assessed value, the county subsidized housing in plush communities where units are valued from \$800,00 to \$1 million. Also, BOS gave themselves a hefty pay raise to \$95,000 per year, although they were being paid substantially more than surrounding jurisdictions.

I sent the BOS an email before the 2017 budget hearings setting forth major programs and services that should be evaluated before any taxes are raised and that email was ignored not even extending me the courtesy of an acknowledgement. Unless the BOS can assure us that all programs and services are essential and are administered efficiently and at the least cost, stop wasting money, no new taxes should be imposed. Raising or adding new taxes should be the last option not the first.

Frank Medico
Mt. Vernon Virginia

Annual Swing Pink Charity Event Returns

The Mount Vernon Athletic Club (MTVAC), a fitness and tennis club, will hold its 11th Annual "Swing for Pink" tennis charity event for Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Oct. 28 from 6:30-11 p.m. The event is open to the public. Since 2006, the club has been hosting this event and has raised over \$124,000 for the cause. The funds raised by Swing for Pink are used at the Breast Care Institute at INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital and the Joseph Viar and Bonnie Christ Cancer Center at INOVA Alexandria Hospital to help patients face the challenges of this disease, including assistance with coordinating appointments, nutrition, and questions about their various conditions.

The charity event is open to the public and includes a tennis round robin, a silent auction, dinner, wine tasting, and more. In addition to event sponsor, Joan Van

Metre, and host sponsor, Kihomac, Inc., major 2016 sponsors include: Blue Chip Tennis Academy and Dr. Brian Bodnar of Bodnar Chiropractic. Gordon and Anita Murchie and the Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association (aswawines.org) will provide the wines and oversee the wine tasting portion of the evening and member Stephanie Melvin of Wisteria will provide the flowers/arrangements. MTVAC is located at 7950 Audubon Avenue in southern Alexandria. See www.mtvac.net

From left are Melissa Huffman; Lori Powell, regional manager of the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation; Maggie Carragher, foundation development officer with Inova Mount Vernon Hospital; and 2016 Swing for Pink Committee Chair Deb Oelschlager.



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Home Improvement for Holidays

Local contractors say there is time to spruce up your house and yard

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Changing temperatures and falling leaves are a signal the holidays are near. From Thanksgiving through the New Year, homes are filled with guests and schedules are stacked with parties. Getting one's home guest ready by the holidays may be daunting, but it's doable with proper planning and realistic expectations, say local contractors.

Now is the time to begin projects that don't require elaborate planning, building permits or products on back order. "A window and door replacement project could be completed before the holidays if you started the process right away," said Michael Winn, president of Winn Design + Build.

Fall is a perfect time to begin projects that depend on outdoor elements, he noted. "The weather in the fall is generally ideal so it can be a great time to take on those exterior projects," said Winn. "Be ready, be decisive and start now. The fall is a great time to undertake exterior improvements such as new siding, trim, roofing, painting and landscaping."

He added that he recently "renovated a front porch, [adding] new windows, new trim and exterior painting. A fresh coat of paint can do wonders and satiate your remodeling urges until after the holidays when you have the time to tackle something a bit more ambitious."

While there probably isn't time to complete an extensive kitchen remodeling project, Winn says that smaller projects like adding new countertops, updating plumbing, changing electrical fixtures, painting and refinishing wood floors can be completed before the onslaught of holiday entertaining and breathe new life into a tired bathroom or kitchen.

"A bathroom may be a candidate if it's a 'pull-and-replace' [meaning that] the layout remains the same and the materials you select are stock or have a quick lead time," said Winn. "If you're not already well into the design process, your kitchen or renovation is probably best postponed until after the holidays."

Still, minor cosmetic improvements can give the illusion of a major change. "We recently designed and built a new entryway with built-ins for a client that creates a welcoming first impression for guests as well as needed storage for the owners," said Bruce



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Adding built-in shelves, like these by Wentworth, Inc., can transform an entertainment space in time for the holidays.

Wentworth, president of Wentworth, Inc.

A pragmatic approach to a project is an important factor in increasing the likelihood that it will be ready in time for holiday entertaining. "If homeowners start early and have a realistic scope of work, it could be done," said Wentworth. "Quality work is important with home improvements and fast is not always part of that formula."

Architect Kai Tong of Hopkins and Porter Inc. in Potomac, Md., recently finished a project that he says offers a strategy and timeline that, if started now, would easily result in having an entertainment space by the holidays. His client wanted space for his television and sound equipment, so Tong designed a custom built-in unit for media and display.

"The design was intended to be the visual anchor of the new entertainment space, and to be harmonious with an existing lighted cove ceiling, adjacent columns and other architectural features in the room. The medium-stained cherry wood furthered that harmony," said Tong.

A millwork shop completed the design within six weeks. During that time, audiovisual specialists wired the space while the Hopkins and Porter team completed other renovation work, including preparing the wallpaper and removing existing wall sconces.

Tong said that overall, there was "very minimal on-site disruption."

Securing a contractor to begin a project could be a stumbling block, but not one that is insurmountable. "Most of the better contractors are in-demand and have production backlogs of two to six months," said Winn. "If your project is small and your timing is flexible, you may be able to squeeze [it] into their schedule. Many contractors have 'gaps' in-between their projects, while they're waiting for a permit to be issued or if they finished a project ahead of schedule. They may be able to accommodate your project if the timing is right."

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Public Notice for Proposed Plan and Public Meeting

Please join us for a Public Meeting on
October 20, 2016
7:00 p.m. at the
Fairfax County South County Center
8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA

The U.S. Army, in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality announces a 30-day public comment period, from **October 17, 2016 to November 17, 2016**, for the Proposed Plan for five Munitions Response Sites (MRSs) including the T-16 Range, Demolition Area-01, Demolition Area-USACE, Grenade Court, and Booby Trap Site at the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The public comment period meets Section 300.430(f)(2) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan and Section 117(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The Proposed Plan is available for public review at the following locations:

<p>Kingstowne Library 6500 Landsdowne Centre Alexandria, VA 22315-5011 703-339-4610</p>	<p>Lorton Library 9520 Richmond Highway Lorton, VA 22079-2124 703-339-7385</p>
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The document is also available via Fort Belvoir's Environmental Documents website at <https://www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocs.asp> under the Environmental Cleanup link.

The Army will conduct the public meeting on **October 20, 2016**, to review the Proposed Plan, which identifies the Preferred Remedial Alternative for the five sites. Identified in this Proposed Plan are the options for addressing the Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) and recommended approaches. Written and/or oral comments on the Proposed Plan will be accepted at this meeting.

The T-16 Range (FTBL-027-R-01), approximately 232 acres, and the Demolition Area-USACE (FTBL-025-R-01), approximately 489 acres are located in the northeast corner of the Fort Belvoir Main Post. The Grenade Court (FTBL-007-R-01), approximately 100 acres, is near the center of the Main Post. The Booby Trap Site (FTBL-024-R-01), 4 acres, is located in the southern portion of Main Post. The Remedial Investigation determined that the potential for MEC to remain at these four sites is plausible, but not high. **The recommended alternative for these sites to address MEC is Alternative 2: Land Use Controls.** This remedy is recommended for these sites since there are no known areas of elevated density of MEC or munitions debris (MD).

Demolition Area-01 (FTBL-018-R-01), 312 acres, is located in the northeastern portion of FTBL Main Post. Approximately 45.5 acres of the Demolition Area-01 were identified during the remedial investigation to have an increased density of MEC/MD in an area where mine training occurred. **The recommended alternative for this site to address MEC is Alternative 3: Focused MEC/MD Removal and Land Use Controls.** The focused removal would be implemented in the high MEC/MD density area of the site.

Please provide written comments to the address below by November 17, 2016.

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Senior running back Annan Justine led the Wolverine attack with 130 yards rushing and 1 touchdown.

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RICHARD MAPLE



SCHOOL NOTES

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

Henry Chastain, a former member of FHYAA lacrosse, Northern Virginia Ice Dog Hockey, Gonzaga College High School lacrosse and ice hockey, and current University of Maryland student, is a finalist in the 2016 Abbvie Pharmaceuticals Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Scholarship Contest. One undergraduate student with CF and one graduate student with CF will be selected to earn a \$24,000 scholarship for college. Seventy percent of the competition is academic record, extracurricular activities, essay, and creative presentation, while 30 percent of the competition is voting from the General Public throughout the United States. Voting began Sept. 13 and will continue through 11 a.m., Oct. 14. The public is encouraged to vote for Henry and watch his CF video located at <https://www.abbviefcscholarship.com/profiles/2016/henry-c.html>. The public can vote again by Texting VOTE10 to 23000. Each person can only vote two times: once online and once by text.

Kelle Lyn Scott, who taught math at Robinson Secondary School for the past seven years, is one of 213 teachers nationwide recognized with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Scott, who is part of the grades 7-12 award cohort, is one of four teachers in Virginia to be recognized. At Robinson, Scott taught mathematics 7, mathematics 8, Algebra 1, and some math intervention courses. She also served as a department chair and coach of first year math teachers. Currently, she is an instructional coach at Rose Hill Elementary School. Scott earned her bachelor's degree in French and master's degree in secondary education from Valparaiso University in Indiana. She has been employed by FCPS for 10 years.

Phoebe Otchere of Alexandria, a freshman enrolled at Youngstown State University, is among more than 1,200 students awarded scholarships for academic excellence for the Fall 2016 semester. Otchere, a graduate of Mt Vernon High School now majoring in Combined Science C at YSU, received the Deans' Scholarship, Provost Scholar-

ship, Honors Program Scholarship and Honors Housing Scholarship.

The new principal at Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School, **Clint Mitchell**, most recently served as principal of Bel Air Elementary School in Prince William County, which was named a School of Excellence seven times by the Prince William County School Board. He also worked as an assistant principal and classroom teacher in Prince William, and has 15 years of experience as an educator. In 2013, he was named Principal of the Year in Prince William. Mitchell earned his bachelor's degree from City University of New York, and his master's in education from George Mason University.

Nick Ducceschi of Alexandria was named a member of the 2016 James Madison Men's Soccer roster as announced by head coach Tom Foley.

Cameron Thomas Kahl of Alexandria earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Bachelor of Arts in economics at Denison University's (Granville, Ohio) 175th commencement ceremony, which was held May 14.



MVHS Field Hockey Kelly Ventura-Blanco in Mount Vernon High School's game against West Springfield on Tuesday, Oct. 4. West Springfield won 5-0.



Coach Jessica Edwards gives her team a new plan of action.

**MVHS's
Nicole
Segura**

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Support Volleyball Dig Pink

West Potomac Volleyball is hosting its annual Dig Pink Rally at its regularly scheduled match (5, 6 and 7:15 p.m.) against rival Mount Vernon High School on Thursday, Oct. 13. The Dig Pink Rally is aimed at promoting breast health/cancer awareness and to raise

money for the research and patient support projects that the Side-Out Foundation funds. To raise funds, the team has set up an online fundraising campaign through the Side-Out Foundation. Its goal is to raise \$2,000. See <https://giving.side-out.org/campaigns/11793>.

Rugby Registration

Registration is open for the 2016-2017 FHYAA rugby year.

There are competitive programs for girls and boys high school rugby, with the boys being the 2012, 2014, and 2016 VA state champions, currently ranked

fourth in the country. There is also middle school (7th/8th grade) and youth (5th/6th grade) rugby for boys and girls.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Mystery and History Mix In Port City-Gadsby's Event

Port City Brewing, Gadsby's Tavern, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church commemorate 200 years since Female Stranger's death.

By HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

Long before Alexandria's current heyday, when the Port City was in the middle of becoming a port city, a mystery woman came to Gadsby's Tavern with her gentleman caller, became ill, and died, her final resting place the St. Paul's Cemetery. "To the memory of a Female Stranger," the gravestone reads in part, launching two centuries' worth

APPETITE of lore and theory about her identity, her companion, and her presence in Alexandria in the first place.

On Friday, Port City Brewing teams up with Gadsby's and St. Paul's Episcopal Church to commemorate the 200th anniversary of her death, with the release of the

brewery's annual Long Black Veil black IPA and a series of events at both the tavern and the cemetery that evening, following a beer-only release event at Port City on Thursday night from 4-9 p.m.

"We're very excited for it," said Port City's Chris Van Orden. Visitors "can just come to the happy hour, which is at Gadsby's Tavern. ... Then there's the Quest, where you actually take a shuttle to St. Paul's Cemetery to visit the grave of the Female Stranger."

The event at Gadsby's will feature Long Black Veil as well as some of Port City's other offerings, paired with some appetizers and light fare. Tavern docents will be on hand to offer tours and provide a bit of historical context before daring event-goers board a shuttle to travel across Old Town to the St.

Paul's Cemetery to view the gravesite for themselves.

At the cemetery, visitors will be treated to docent-led tours of the gravesite, including the Female Stranger's, and will even be treated to a 1800s-era funeral service reenactment.

But back to the beer. Long Black Veil "is a black IPA, which is a very hoppy beer with some dark malts in there as well. It looks like a stout or a porter but drinks closer to an IPA," Van Orden said. First brewed in October 2014, "it's got citra and centennial hops, which are citrusy and piney ... with a little bit of dark, slightly chocolately character to it too."

Can't make it to the Female Stranger festivities? Long Black Veil will be available at



Details

Female Stranger 200th Happy Hour and Quest

Where: Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St.

When: Friday, Oct. 14, 6-10 p.m.

Price: \$25 per person for happy hour; \$75 for the Quest

the brewery and on tap at various restaurants around town for the next few weeks. But don't delay: Port City has brewed just one batch, as is its custom.

"It will be on draft for a little while, but it's a not a beer that lasts forever," Van Orden said.

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

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

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.

Photo Exhibit: "Never Forget."

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 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 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 for more.

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 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 for more.

Silent Auction: "Birdhouses of Del Ray."

Through Oct. 25, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans' artists have created one-of-a-kind birdhouses for the "Birdhouses of Del Ray" silent auction fundraiser. Artists used a wide range of materials to create and decorate their birdhouses. Free to participate. Visit www.delrayartisans.org for more.

"Co-Creating the Cosmos."

Thursdays, through Oct. 27, 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.

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 for more.

"The Greatest Show of Earth: Clay Circus."

Through Oct. 30, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center's Scope Gallery, 105 N. Union St. In conjunction with the Torpedo Factory Art Center's annual hands-on children's art event, Art Safari, sculptural and functional clay art goes wild with all manner of animals making an appearance. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit: "Local Flavor."

Through Oct. 30, 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.

Poe Immersive Theater: "A Dream Within a Dream."

Through Oct. 31, 8 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. This show is a surreal interpretation of the life, works, and mad genius of Edgar Allan Poe, as seen through the lens of the characters in his works and the people in his life. Tickets are \$5-40. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/ Poe for more.

"Transformations: Tapestries in Glass."

Through Nov. 6, gallery hours at The Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Anita Bucsay Damron's vibrant mosaics draw from many sources, both traditional and contemporary. Inspired by tapestries from Rajasthan and Gujarat, India, her pieces incorporate crystal from Austria and the Czech Republic, specialty glass from Murano, Italy, and found objects such as beads, brooches, and cameos. Damron notes

that "new applications of mosaic art encourage recycling and reuse," and her creative reuse of materials is what gives this ancient art form its exciting new sparkle. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery:

"Salute to Secondary Colors."

Through Nov. 6, 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.

"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 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 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 for more.

Young at Art Exhibition. Through Nov. 17, 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 or call Mary Lee Anderson at 703-836-4414, ext. 111 or Jeanne Jacobs at 703-824-1345.

Thursday Mornings with Kathryn Coneway. Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. The themes in the book, "The Artist's Rule," will be a foundation to share experiences with creative practice. Each session will begin with a quiet time and exploration of materials before transitioning to a discussion of the themes and practices outlined in the chapter. Participants should purchase a copy of "The Artist's Rule" and read the introduction and first chapter prior to the first meeting. Registration is \$50. Visit www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening for more.

Art Making as Meditation with

Kathryn Coneway. Second Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. 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. Email info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking

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

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local

History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Goldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations.

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Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to “be the curator” and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum’s collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria’s history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

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

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

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

Community Yoga. Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45

p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit www.532yoga.com.

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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 for more.

Ghost Stories of Historic Alexandria. 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. Special guest will be from Alexandria’s Footsteps to the Past and will recount stories of paranormal activity at Alexandria’s historic landmarks. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Lecture: First Ladies and Scandals in the City. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Join Washington, D.C., Tour Guide Elaine Flynn as she brings to life some of the first ladies and political scandals of their times. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov 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.

The Retrocessionists. 8 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. An evening of off-the-cuff comedy with The Retrocessionists, a popular local improv group. Participate by offering scenarios this talented group will turn into skits and games for your enjoyment. Tickets are \$15. RSVP to Kelly@nvfaa.org.

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 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 for more.

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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.

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 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.

En Plein Air Painting at Mount Vernon. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Join Mount Vernon for this rare opportunity to create your own watercolor masterpieces while enjoying the beauty of the estate. Instruction includes how to find and focus on a landscape subject, create a small value sketch, and complete several paintings. Both days conclude with a thoughtful and positive group critique. The class is limited to 15 participants. Tickets are \$95 per person. Supplies are not included. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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.

Women of Civil War Alexandria Walking Tour. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Learn more about women’s roles during the Civil War in Alexandria. Alexandria was in a unique position during the Civil War. It was a city with Southern sympathies continuously occupied by the Union Army and virtually operating as a Northern supply depot due to its proximity to Washington, D.C., and its transportation infrastructure. The women who remained in Alexandria and those who came during occupation experienced the War not as a battle but a day-to-day way of life. This tour will explore the stories of a diverse group of women and their experiences living in Civil War Alexandria. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nwhm.org/get-involved/events/walking-tours.

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 or call 703-960-3431.

National Diversity Awareness Month Poetry Reading. 1-3 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501

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The Invited Artist Prize Winner: David Carlson, The Other Side of Empty, oil and acrylic on canvas, 60 x 72", 2016

'Oh! The Joy!' Now On Display

The theme "Oh! The Joy!" invited artists to reflect on a moment of pure joy. It was inspired by Lewis and Clark's expedition across the uncharted North American continent to reach the Pacific Ocean. Artists included in the show were selected by Gallery Director Twig Murray. Megan Beyer, Executive Director of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, reviewed the exhibition and determined that the \$1,500 Invited Artist Prize would go to David Carlson, and that the \$1,000 Open-Call Artist Prize would go to Karen Fitzgerald. The exhibit will hang Nov. 6. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Commonwealth Ave. Wendi R. Kaplan, Alexandria Poet Laureate, will read poetry that highlights diversity and welcomes others to share poetry and stories about diversity. Free. Visit alexlibraryva.org.

Dogue Run Tour. 1-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Enjoy private guided tours of the Distillery & Gristmill site and Historic Woodlawn Estate during this tour! Watch demonstrations of the Gristmill's operating system, and distillers in action as they make apple brandy, in addition to sampling Mount Vernon whiskey. From the Distillery & Gristmill, guests will move to Woodlawn, the home of Martha Washington's granddaughter, Eleanor (Nelly) Parke Custis, and her husband, Lawrence Lewis. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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.

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/parks/greenspring using code 290 483 4201 or call 703-642-5173.

Sing Out for Second Chances. 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St. Join OAR (Offender Aid and Restoration) for an evening of music and celebration of second chances for those who have been incarcerated. Several local faith choirs will provide musical selections, along with speakers from OAR to share personal reflections about the importance of giving second chances. Tickets are \$18 until Oct. 8. Thereafter and at the door, ticket price will increase to \$20. Visit www.oaronline.org for more.

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

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Apple Brandy Production at Mount Vernon. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Watch as this special distillation project utilizes a variety of apples that were grown by Washington on his Estate, such as Newton Pippin and Hughes. In addition to rye whiskey, George

Washington's Distillery produced small amounts of apple and peach brandy. Some of the brandy was sold in the market, while the remainder was taken to the Mansion and enjoyed with guests visiting the Washingtons. Included in general admission. Tickets are \$9-20, with a discount for buying online. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

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 for more.

The Native Plant Movement in North America. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. C. Colston Burrell is an acclaimed lecturer, garden designer and photographer. The late 19th century set the stage for the blossoming of a national love affair with native plants. From the Victorian passion for the outdoors and the birth of the field guide, to the environmental movement and the blossoming of modern native plant nurseries, native plants have become integral to horticulture and design in America. Free. Visit www.vnps.org/potowmack.

Ivy Hill Cemetery Tour. 4:30 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. Learn the rich history of Alexandria

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from a different perspective. Visit the graves of many of Alexandria's most prominent and historic families, including nurse Emma Green and Confederate spy Frank Stringfellow from the hit PBS series, "Mercy Street." Hear the stories of how the Civil War transformed their lives and the city forever. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Visit www.alexcolonialtours.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 18

Lunchtime Lecture: "Adventures in Preserving Nature." 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Meg Goldthwaite will discuss a video campaign called Nature is Speaking - where nature footage is narrated by people like Julia Roberts, Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, and Ed Norton who give voice to various aspects of nature. Hear a bit about both sides of this project - the importance of getting people to appreciate nature and some of her behind-the-scenes experiences. The cost is \$45 for one ticket or \$80 for two and includes a box lunch. Call Kelly Mechling at 703-548-0035 for more.

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.mvgenalogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

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.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19

Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club Meeting. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The club will host Charlie Davis, a retired Marine Corps and airlines pilot whose research and special program will give the history of the three airports that were located in the Mount Vernon area a number of years ago. He is now a volunteer at Huntley Meadows Park, which was originally put together to make an airport for blimps. Free. Call 703-360-4979 for more.

Book Discussion: "For Whom the Bell Tolls." 7-9 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Free. Call 703-746-1781.

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.

Lecture and Book Signing. 7 p.m. at

Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A lecture and book signing by historian Chandra Manning. By the end of the Civil War, nearly half a million slaves had taken refuge behind Union lines, in what became known as "contraband camps." These were crowded, dangerous places, yet some 12-15 percent of the Confederacy's slave population took almost unimaginable risks to reach them, and they became the first places Northerners came to know former slaves en masse. Ranging from stories of individuals to those of armies on the move to the debates in Congress, Troubled Refuge probes what the camps were really like and how former slaves and Union soldiers warily united there. Chandra Manning is an Associate Professor at Georgetown University specializing in 19th century American History. Free. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

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 using code 290 493 4101 or call 703-642-5173.

Ghosts of Alexandria Tour. 6:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St. This ghostly experience explores Alexandria's most haunted locations on and off the beaten path. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, active duty military and veterans, \$5 children, free for ages 5 and under. Visit discoveralexva.wordpress.com.

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 using code 290 401 5701 or call 703-642-5173.

Fort Hunt Preschool Touch-A-Truck. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane. Fire trucks, snow plows, garbage trucks, police cars, buses and more. Tickets are \$5. Visit www.facebook.com/forthuntpreschool.

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.

Alexandria International Festival. 1-7 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Alexandria values diversity and inclusion that represents over

100 or more nationalities and all seven continents and speaks over 100 languages, October is National Diversity Month Awareness celebrates heritages at the Alexandria International Festival. A day of celebration will incorporate many festive activities. Free. Call 703-746-5592 for more.

Apocalyptic Beliefs - An Alexandria Diversity Month Program. 2-4 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Studying other cultures helps to understand the social forces that lead to apocalyptic and related messianic, prophetic, and millenarian religious beliefs. Are these forces present in our society today? - presented by Mary McCutcheon. Free. Call 703-746-1781.

Raven's Night. Doors open at 5 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. A belly dance show like no other, Raven's Night offers a full course evening of sensational spectacles and otherworldly Celestial Bodies. Featuring pre-show entertainment such as tarot card readings, variety arts, sideshow performances and more. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.ravensnight.com for more.

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 for more.

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

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 22-23

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Watch as a replica of one of Washington's boats launches into the Potomac River with a costumed crew. The entire family enjoys autumn activities including wagon rides, wheat treading in the 16-sided barn, 18th-century dancing demonstrations, a straw bale maze, farrier (blacksmithing), corn husk dolls demonstrations and early-American games and music. Tickets are \$9-20, with a discount for buying online. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

OCT. 22-NOV. 12

Little Theatre of Alexandria: "A Party to Murder." various times at 600 Wolfe St. It's Halloween and six people have come to play a murder-mystery game hosted by writer Charles Prince at a rustic island cottage in Michigan. This play is a fast-paced farce, so what could go wrong? As the characters embark on a weekend of fun, ghosts from the past begin to haunt the proceedings, and it becomes clear that they are both playing for laughs and their lives. The Little Theatre of Alexandria audiences are treated to rising tensions, secret passageways,

incriminating letters, unexpected corpses, and a 25-year-old unsolved mystery that will propel the audience to...well, we don't want to give away the unexpected and terrifying conclusion. Tickets are \$19-22. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

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.

MONDAY/OCT. 24

Community Sing. 7-9 p.m. at Immanuel Chapel - Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road. Sponsored by the Center for Liturgy and Music, an evening of singing songs, sacred and otherwise, led by musicians Alice Parker, Ysaye Barnwell, and Marilyn Haskel. Free. Visit www.liturgyandmusic.com.

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.

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.

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"Ein Liedabend." 7:30 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Drive. The NOVA Community Chorus (Dr. Mark Whitmire, Director) will present its Annual Chorus Benefit Concert. This year's concert, "Ein Liedabend," features Mendelssohn's Concerto for Two Pianos, performed by Christine and David Hagan. The chorus will sing Miriam's Song of Triumph by Franz Schubert, Nachtlied, by Robert Schumann, and the famous How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place from the German Requiem by Johannes Brahms. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; free for NVCC students, faculty, and staff. Call 703-845-6097 for more.

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. 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.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

Volunteers are the Heart of Alexandria. 6-8:30 p.m. at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Volunteer Alexandria honors awardees including Kerry Donley and Day Quon Henderson. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.volunteerallexandria.org.

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Obituary

Ernest Earman, Jr., age 95, died peacefully on October 9, 2016 at his home in Alexandria, VA. He was born on March 31, 1921 in Brunswick, MD to the late Ernest, Sr. and Mary May Deck Earman.

Ernest was a proud World War II Veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of the American Legion Post 24, Alexandria, VA.

Ernest was the beloved husband of 60 years of the late Mary Elizabeth Burrough Earman. He will be dearly missed by many close friends and neighbors, including numerous fellow rose enthusiasts from the Arlington Rose Society. Ernie was an avid and unusually successful rose hybridizer. His spectacular red rose, Let Freedom Ring, was honored with multiple national and regional awards, including the Portland Rose Society Gold Medal Award in 2009, the American Rose Society (ARS) David Fuerstenburg Award for 2013, and the ARS Trial Ground Certificate Silver Medal Award.

Friends will be received from 12:00 to 1:00pm on Monday, October 17th at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA, where funeral services will be held at 1:00pm. Graveside services with military honors will immediately follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 24 (www.valegionpost24.org), 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22313, or the Arlington Rose Foundation (www.arlingtonrose.org).

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Mary Randolph, 76, formerly of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away October 4, 2016. She worked at the Alexandria Public Library for many years. Cremation was through Ashby Funeral Home. On line guestbook at Ashby Funeral Home

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MOREHEAD, David Lee (age 69) of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away October 4, 2016. Beloved husband and father survived by his wife Robbie Holden Morehead, son Matthew Lee Morehead (Beth) and grandson Samuel Lee Morehead. He was preceded in death by his son Sean David Morehead and parents William & Evelyn Morehead. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 2:00 pm at DEMAIN FUNERAL HOME, 520 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association or to the American Cancer Society. www.demainfuneralhomes.com.

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OPEN SUNDAY

8416 W. Boulevard
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\$875,000
Collingwood Stunner

Near
Waynewood
Pool!



Best value in Collingwood ~ Waynewood area! Incredibly spacious home with imposing columned front. Prime location just off GW Pkwy. Spectacular Great Room ~ Kitchen additions with cathedral ceilings & glass walls. Other features include: Hard Wood Floors, 5 BR~s, 3.5 BA~s, 3 FP~s, & oversize 2 car garage. Near Waynewood school & pool. Nothing like it for this price!



NEW PRICE!

OPEN SUNDAY

8708 Plymouth Rd.
\$1,499,500
New build just
completed!

Desirable
"Plymouth
Haven"



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



NEW PRICE!

OPEN SUNDAY

9433 Forest Haven Dr.
\$745,000
**New Orleans
Style Appeal!**

Unique New Orleans
Colonial on gorgeous
large lot in prime location
near Potomac

River. Features include: Updated custom kitchen, 3 finished levels, 4 BR's including spacious Master suite w/ balcony, 3 full baths, recently installed Andersen windows, oversize 2 car garage, expansive rear deck overlooks magnificent grounds which includes detached studio/office. Walk to nearby MV Yacht Club



OPEN SUNDAY

9314 Craig Ave.
\$635,000
Pristine Condition!

Truly exquisite property! Spacious 5 Bedroom home on gorgeous, fenced level lot in premier location.

Numerous features include: Bright open floor plan, Hardwood floors, gas cooking/heat/hot water, thermal windows, and garage. Large deck overlooks spacious grounds. Property is in pristine "move in" condition!



OPEN SUNDAY

4220 Scotland Rd.
\$598,500
Unusual Opportunity

Spacious 3 level
Five Bedroom Colonial
at remarkably
reasonable price!

Features include: Large room sizes, Hardwood Floors, Five Bedrooms, Including Master Suite with private bath and sitting room. Prime location on large corner lot in the heart of Mt. Vernon. A ton of potential!



9515 Mt. Vernon
Landing.
\$950,000

**Brick Colonial -
Steps to Marina.**

Unique nautical environment, with some
river views and steps

from marina in Mt. Vernon on the Potomac. The area's premier waterfront community. Spacious home has many features include: 3 finished levels, large room sizes, updated kitchen, brick exterior and 2 car garage. Expansive rear deck overlooks spacious grounds. A truly unique opportunity!



CONTRACT

9300 Old Mt. Vernon
\$1,289,000
**One of Mt. Vernon's
most majestic
properties.**

One of area's most admired homes! Truly exceptional estate on approximately one acre grounds in the heart of Mt. Vernon. Superlatives include: Three luxuriously finished levels, 7 Br's, 5.5 baths, stunning main level master suite, stately room sizes, elegant finishes + oversize garage. Vacation at home- custom salt water pool and hot tub!



SOLD!

4218 Dandridge Terr
\$665,000
**New England Style
Colonial!**

Magnificent 5 BR, 3.5 BA
in prime location on
beautifully landscaped lot
fronting quiet cul-de-sac.

Rare, 3 car garage! Other special features include: 3 finished levels with full walk out lower level, thermal windows, open kitchen to family room, well maintained hardwoods on both main levels, & expansive exterior decking. Home is in pristine, move in condition. Exceptional value!



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