

## Lockard Proposes \$2.8 Billion FCPS Budget

FY2018 focuses on employee compensation and classroom resources.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Fairfax County Public Schools interim superintendent Steve Lockard is asking for \$130.4 million more for the school system's FY2018 operating budget than the previous year, a 4.9 percent increase, to a total of \$2.8 billion.

Lockard spoke at the school board's regular business meeting, announcing the budget, on Jan. 12.

"This really is a basic needs budget," Lockard said in an interview. He stressed that two key priorities of the proposed budget are employee compensation and classroom resources.

"Our programs are what separate Fairfax County from other school systems," he said. "We're only as good as the people we have leading them."

Fairfax County Public Schools' population has eclipsed 188,000 students at around 200 schools and centers. The staff is nearly 28,000 employees, 90 percent based in the schools.

In 2016, former superintendent Dr. Karen Garza led a charge for increasing teacher salaries, which she said have been lagging behind the market average and are causing Fairfax County to lose teachers to surrounding jurisdictions as well as fail to attract high quality new instructors.

Last year's approved budget managed a step increase for employees and began a four-year plan for bringing salaries to the market average.

"We really started in earnest last year," Lockard said, "the biggest part of the budget proposal continues that work."

The FY2018 proposed budget includes \$44 million for an average step increase of 2.5 percent for all eligible employees, including teachers and non-teachers. As part of that multi-year market average-matching plan, there's also a \$33.2 million investment for teacher pay.

Another \$41.2 million covers "anticipated increases in health insurance and contributions to the retirement systems," according to a release from FCPS.

Kimberly Adams is president of the Fairfax County Council of



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PTAs. She's also a librarian at Mantua Elementary School.

"The most encouraging thing is the superintendent kept class size and teacher compensation at the forefront," she said.

But getting a 5.7 percent raise over FY2017 in the transfer from

the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors "is going to be a struggle," said Adams.

Lockard said the FCPS budget requires 72.2 percent of the total revenue from the county.

"We're so appreciative of our funding partners at the Board of

Supervisors for the collaborative work last year," he said. "We wanted to advocate for the needs that we have, but we need to be prepared should the funding not occur. We recognize the challenge

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## Walt Whitman Principal Roger Vanderhye Dies

Previously spent 12 years as principal at Spring Hill Elementary in McLean.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Walt Whitman Middle School principal Roger Vanderhye, 60, died last week following complications from a recent surgery, an announcement from Fairfax County Public Schools assistant superintendent Douglas A. Tyson said on Jan. 13.

"Mr. Vanderhye was a caring, thoughtful and optimistic person with a wonderful sense of humor," Tyson wrote. "He will be greatly missed."

Before being named principal at Walt Whitman in July 2015, Vanderhye spent 12 years as principal at Spring Hill Elementary School in McLean, where he was also a resident.

"Roger positively impacted countless numbers of students and staff during his distinguished career," Tyson continued. "He worked tirelessly to partner with parents to support their children's learning and development. Those who knew Roger understood him to be a person of integrity and an innovator whose dedication to his students, staff and community remains an inspiration to all of us."

Mount Vernon representative to the FCPS school board Karen Corbett Sanders said the sudden loss was devastating.

"He chose to come to Walt Whitman, he chose to put all his energy in it, into our community," Corbett Sanders said.

"He went well beyond what anybody could've expected," she continued, explaining that Vanderhye

started Saturday School for students struggling to prepare for SOL testing and reached out to the West African and Hispanic communities and had special parent meetings with each.

"He really was just an educational leader," Corbett Sanders said, "empathetic, inspiring for his staff."

Vanderhye had upwards of 40 years of experience in education and came to FCPS with an international background. He served as principal in Belgium, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Chile, Africa, and also Arizona and Colorado.

"We owe the parents the best education for their child and we're going to provide that," Vanderhye said in a 2015 interview with Steve Hibbard for the Gazette in the fall of 2015 when he began working

at Whitman. "We want to be known as a world-class middle school; we want to be known as the school to attend."

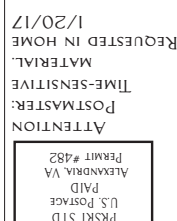
In spring 2016, Walt Whitman became fully accredited.

"He was bigger than life," Corbett Sanders said. "Everybody who knew him, knew he was not only an educational leader, but a strong leader too. He really set the bar high for everybody who was on his team. He expected only the

best from himself, beyond the best from his team."

Vanderhye's wife Cecelia is principal of Belvedere Elementary School in Falls Church. The couple's two sons Nick and Alex are both in their 20s and FCPS graduates.

There will not be a funeral service, FCPS spokesperson John Torre said, however, a celebration honoring Vanderhye's life will be scheduled for a later date.





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# Senators: Clean Up by 2020 or Lose State Funding

Lawmakers poo poo city efforts to flush raw sewage.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

Members of the Virginia State Senate say they're tired of hearing excuses about sewage from city officials in Alexandria, and they're pushing ahead with a plan that one senator calls "the nuclear option." Earlier this week, the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee approved a bill that sets a firm deadline for Alexandria to clean up its act — 2020. If city officials are unable to stop dumping more than 10 million gallons of raw sewage into the Potomac River every year, Alexandria would lose all state appropriations until the problem is fixed.

"I don't want to hear any more excuses from Alexandria," said state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36). "The truth is that they're more interested in building Metro stations and schools than they are solving this problem."

At issue is an outdated series of underground pipes that mix raw sewage with stormwater runoff, a system known as a "combined sewer overflow." As a result, almost any amount of rainfall sends raw, untreated human waste directly into the Potomac River at four different locations in



State Sen. Richard Stuart (R-28) and state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36), left, testify before the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee.

Old Town know as "outfalls." City officials have a long-term control plan to close three out of the four outfalls. But they have not yet completed studies for figuring out what would be necessary to clean up the outfall at Oronoco Bay, which is responsible for about half of the sewage the system dumps into the Potomac River.

"The 2020 deadline, I'm going to be very frank with you, it's an impossibility," said Alexander Macaulay, a Richmond lobbyist representing the city on this issue. "This is not realistic. There's no way that we could build this facility in this timeframe."

Senators were considering a number of different proposals on the issue, everything

from putting together a study committee to setting a deadline of 2027. In the end, a majority of members on the committee decided to go with the most extreme version — setting deadline only three years away and putting all state funding at risk for failing to comply. Most of the senators on the committee, Democrats and Republicans, said setting a hard and fast deadline was the only way they felt they could get action.

"They didn't just start dumping this today," said state Sen. Richard Stuart (R-28). "They've been dumping this in for a long, long time, and they haven't done anything about it, and we've got to have some mecha-

nism to hold their feet to the fire."

Three members of the panel voted against the bill. State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) called the idea of removing all state funding a "nuclear option," one he couldn't support. State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) said he was a "reluctant" vote against the bill. And state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) called the bill "draconian."

"I would rather give the attorney general — as the ability under other state laws — the ability to sue the city if they don't meet my requirements," said Ebbin. "That would be more reasonable."

The House of Delegates will be debating similar legislation later this month.

## Senate Panel Cracks Down on Internet Lending

Bill would subject unregulated loans to rules that apply to consumer-finance loans.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

The Wild West of online lending might be about to become a little tamer. That's because a state Senate panel narrowly approved a bill that would subject internet loans to the same restrictions that currently exist for consumer finance loans, a move that would cramp the anything-goes culture of online loans in Virginia.

"These international companies and Indian tribes shouldn't be able to run around and do things that companies here in Virginia are not allowed to do," said state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36), who introduced Senate Bill 1126. "This bill would basically make it clear that Virginia's Consumer Finance Act does apply to companies who make loans over the internet, and it would make it clear that State Corporation Commission has the authority to license them."

The shadowy world of internet lending allows companies from all over the world to offer loans at interest rates from 600 percent to 5,000 percent.

Recent years have seen a proliferation of Indian tribes also getting into the act, tak-

ing advantage of the uncertainty of a law that crafted regulations in 1918. Surovell's bill would make the companies apply for the same kind of license that other consumer-finance companies.

"This will provide for a level playing field," said Dave Irvin, manager of the Predatory Lending Unit at the Office of Attorney General. "They will be subject to the same limits on their rates under existing law."

Consumer-finance loans are currently subject to an annual limit on the amount of interest that can be charged, 36 percent for loans that are worth less than \$2,500. A separate bill introduced by Senate Democratic Leader Dick Saslaw increases that threshold to \$4,000, although that has not yet been considered in committee. If successful, that bill would mean all consumer-finance loans offered over the internet would be subject to a 36 percent limit on the annual interest rate if the loan was for less than \$4,000.

"IN THE ABSENCE of action, the internet becomes a lawless place that plays by different rules than traditional commerce," said Kevin Mauer, associate director of the Virginia Catholic Conference. "Without pro-

tection regulation, the commonwealth's vulnerable consumers may fall prey to more and more opportunistic lenders."

Nobody spoke in opposition to Surovell's bill, which passed the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee with an eight-to-five vote.

"I just think it's helpful to make sure we regulate the internet like we do Virginia companies," said state Sen. Steve Newman (R-23), who made the motion to report the bill out of the committee to the Senate floor.

LAST YEAR, lawmakers considered and ultimately rejected a bill that would have legalized online lending in Virginia. It was an effort pushed by an Indiana-based company known as OneMain Financial. Company officials approached Del. Terry Kilgore (R-1) about legalizing internet lending in Virginia, and Kilgore agreed and introduced legislation to do just that.

"I don't want to get between somebody and their money and somebody and what they want to do," said Kilgore at the time. "That's something that, as far as payday or title loans, I've not done that. If you want to borrow the money and that's the last person you can borrow it from then, you know, you may be in a position where you

can borrow the money."

When Kilgore's bill was considered in House committee, Ken Kinion of OneMain disagreed with the idea that his company should have a physical location in Virginia.

"When you're making loans over the internet for synergy purposes, it's better to be done at a central location because it just comes through a wire in your home," said Kinion. "So it would be prohibitively expensive for us to set up an internet location in each state."

Del. Greg Habeeb (R-8) took issue with that.

"I find it frankly a little bit suspicious that somebody says well we don't want to set up an office in Virginia because man that's cheap to do," said Habeeb.

In the end, the committee killed the bill. Democratic Del. Mark Keam was happy the bill died but displeased at what the episode represented. "This is a classic example of how in Virginia at the state General Assembly unfortunately lobbyists and special interests come up with a business plan for themselves. They come to the government to get the government to endorse and approve their business plan and then they go out and do what they want to do."



# Lockard Channels Garza

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ing fiscal times.”  
Pre-empting the school board’s adoption of this budget and an advertised transfer from the supervisors, Lockard has already reconvened a budget task force that spent six months combing through the budget last year looking for inefficiencies and opportunities to trim.

“The group will examine work from last year, but also, any additional things we haven’t considered,” Lockard said, adding that the group is already at work.

One added stress contributing to what Lockard anticipates will be a \$90 million shortfall is a change in the schedule for paying into the Virginia Retirement System. An earlier plan had the school system paying a \$25 million obligation in FY2019, however that has been pushed up to FY2018.

“We’ve been actively lobbying to see if there’s any way that can get moved back,” Lockard said.

FCPS had also hoped to benefit from a meals tax that was on the ballot last November and could have contributed an estimated \$70 million to the school system. The measure was voted down, much to the dismay of teachers like Precious Crabtree, who teaches K-6 art at Deer Park Elementary School in Centreville.

“I was devastated as an employee,” Crabtree said. And looking at the FY2018 budget, she acknowledged, “the reality is we’re not going to get all of it.”

But Crabtree added that she and other teachers are still hopeful, encouraged by the ambitious proposal.

“If you don’t ask, say what you need, you don’t get anything,” she said.

Lockard is continuing Garza’s work, she said, though the school

board hopes to have a new superintendent in place by the end of the current school year.

“We need someone who is strong,” Crabtree said, “who isn’t going to back down. It’s frustrating that every year is a struggle, that you have to fight.”

Lockard said since 2008, FCPS has cut half a billion dollars from the operating budget, including 2,200 positions.

“We’re constantly peeling back the layers of the onion to try to continue to become as efficient as possible,” he said. “There comes a point where you begin to impact services you can provide.”

Part of the proposed budget includes preliminary changes to the ERSC local retirement fund. Though perhaps not as visceral of a threat as cutting fourth grade strings, Fairfax Education Association president Kevin Hickerson said that potential change stops short of providing more competitive compensation overall.

“We cannot provide the level of education our students deserve if we are short staffed, stretched thin and losing employees to surrounding areas,” Hickerson said in a statement.

Lockard emphasized that this proposed budget is just the beginning of a long budget process, and that the Commonwealth of Virginia has yet to sign into law its budget, which will have an impact on that FCPS shortfall.

“We remain hopeful and recognize the challenge,” he said. “We’re preparing ourselves to roll up our sleeves, figure out how to best meet our budgetary needs and continue to provide excellent services students deserve and have come to expect in FCPS.”

A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Jan. 30. For more information, visit [www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget/FY2018](http://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget/FY2018).



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## NEWS

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"This is a simple PCA to allow the housing authority to go forward with a grant application," said Lee District Planning Commissioner James Migliaccio.

The Planning Commission approved the minor change on Wednesday, Jan. 11, that allows "the existing 200 multi-family dwelling units to remain at a density of 23.98 dwelling units."

The 8.34 acre property includes 17, three-story multi-family buildings and 308 parking spaces.

"Fairfax County Tax Records indicate that the three-story apartment complex was constructed in 1971 for affordable housing for low-income families," according to planning staff documents; 204

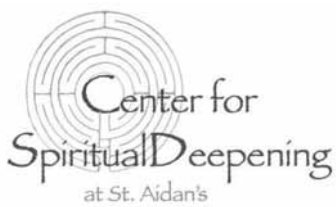
garden apartments were constructed.

The county rezoning the land to the R-20 (residential district, 20du/acres) and HC Overlay districts in 1993 which changed the number of units on paper from 204 to 195 dwelling units. According to planning documents, the county's Redevelopment and Housing Authority "intended to reconfigure 10 residential units into five larger units to accommodate large families who lived in the complex at the time."

"The reconfiguration of the 10 units into five units was never implemented for reasons unknown to staff," according to planning documents. "Therefore, the property continued to have 200 residential units but was rezoned for 195 residential units."

The county also filed a parking reduction request for 12 fewer spaces, according to Planning Commission documents, to conform with zoning requirements and because of the "development's proximity to the Richmond Highway Express bus route."

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In Virginia, Clinton won 49.75 percent to 44.43 percent over Trump; 1,981,473 votes for Clinton to 1,769,443 votes for Trump.

In the City of Alexandria, Clinton won 75.56 percent of the vote, with 17.54 percent voting for Trump; 57,242 to 13,285 votes.

In Arlington, Clinton won 75.83 percent of the vote, with 16.64 percent voting for Trump; 92,016 to 20,186 votes.

In Fairfax County, Clinton won 64.43 percent of the vote, with 28.61 percent voting for Trump; 355,133 to 157,710 votes.

Most people in this area didn't vote for the

kind of changes that might be coming with this change of administration and party. They didn't vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act. They didn't vote to give massive tax breaks to the nation's wealthiest families, in many cases millions of dollars per family. Certainly they didn't vote for broadside attacks on Medicare, or to undo progress on climate change. This list could go on for some time.

### EDITORIAL

With all of this and much more under consideration, we rely on our members of Congress, including our two U.S. senators, to fight, to stand up and resist changes that are against the values and beliefs of most Virginia voters, to sound the call to action in every case it is needed.

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer says he will not attend the inauguration.

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly and U.S. Sen. Mark Warner rallied with thousands in Alexandria

last weekend to oppose the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

Even the one Republican member of Congress from the region, U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10), spoke out against Trump during the election.

Comstock could play an important role standing up for the values of voters in her district, and will play an important role in representing the interests of the region.

Call your representatives and tell them what matters to you. Every Virginia resident is represented by Virginia's two U.S. senators and one member of Congress. Of course this pertains to those who supported Trump as well.

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### LETTER

## Encourage More Comment

To the Editor:

Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck has scheduled a meeting on Jan. 26 at Walt Whitman Middle School from 7-9 p.m. to provide an update on the proposal to re-develop 4.38 acres of the 11 acre Bock Farm at the corner of Parkers Lane and Hinson Farm Road.

The proposal was the subject of a Planning Commission public hearing and hearings before the Board of Supervisors culminating in the decision to defer the final vote to Feb. 14. Over the past month, there have been discussions between the developer, the supervisor, and various neighbors concerning the proposal and a few alternative options are now being considered.

Of interest to me is the fact that Supervisor Storck has stated he will not permit any public comments or discussion at the meeting. I strongly disagree with this decision. In 2010, the Federal Court in Alexandria decided the case New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC v. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Case No. 1:10-cv-283. In that decision, Judge Leonie M. Brinkema agreed with the decision of the Board of Supervisors to deny a permit application to construct a cell phone tower at the Mount Vernon Masonic Lodge on Fort Hunt Road. The underpinning of Judge Brinkema's decision was her view that the concerns of the closest adjacent neighbors most potentially impacted by the proposal should carry the greatest weight.

The MVCCA and the Planning Commission favored construction of the cell tower. The opponents were residents of Plymouth Road adjacent the Lodge. Those residents are not members of any civic association but Judge Brinkema accorded their opposition the greatest weight. Her decision was affirmed by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond.

It is my understanding that a number of closely adjacent neighbors did not testify before the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors. I do not know why this was the case but do note the inconvenience of traveling to the "Taj Mahal" for such meetings. The meeting scheduled by Supervisor Storck at a more convenient location would be an ideal opportunity for anyone else who has comments concerning the various proposed alternatives to comment in a public forum and engage in a public discussion. This may be the last opportunity to do so before the Board of Supervisors votes on Feb. 14.

Stifling free speech is never a good idea. I strongly urge Supervisor Storck to permit public comment and discussion at the meeting so that those neighbors closest to the farm will have the opportunity to weigh in. Doing so may also reduce the county's exposure to litigation should a decision be made by the Board of Supervisors that goes against the wishes of the majority of those closely adjacent neighbors most impacted by the proposed development.

H. Jay Spiegel  
Mount Vernon

## Initiatives in the Legislature

BY SCOTT SUROVELL  
STATE SENATOR (D-36)

Several of my bills are moving quickly in the General Assembly's "short," 45-day.

First, the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee passed my bill to require the City of Alexandria to expedite its cleanup of its primary raw sewage discharges into the Potomac River after consolidating my bill with Committee Chairman Sen. Richard Stuart's bill. Many legislators agree that we cannot tolerate 70 million gallons of untreated sewage pouring into the Potomac River for the next 30 years while the city addresses the rest of what's called a "combined sewer overflow" system dating from the 1800s. Water quality is a nonpartisan issue. I will continue to expedite this legislation with Senator Stuart and Del. Dave Albo who is carrying similar legislation in the House of Delegates.

I have also introduced three bills to address the ongoing pollution of the Potomac River by coal ash. One seeks to stop the importing of 600 cargo containers of Chinese coal ash into Virginia every year by requiring electric utilities to recycle coal ash currently polluting the Potomac River. Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina are taking this approach and Virginia should too.



This week, my legislation to prohibit the operator of a motor vehicle to drive with a digital device in his or her hand goes before the Senate Transportation Committee. Traffic deaths are on the rise in the United States for the first time in 50 years. I am optimistic that my bill will be approved this year.

Also, my legislation requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue driver's licenses for all Virginia residents regardless of immigration status will be heard in committee on Wednesday along with my bill to prohibit using bike lanes to pass vehicles.

I also introduced a bill requiring further transparency and accountability in Virginia higher education. One bill prohibits universities from considering tuition increase without providing 30 days notice, an explanation and a public comment period to all students. My second bill requires the rector and vice-rector (chair and vice-chair) of university governing boards to be Virginia residents. Governing boards are supposed to look out for Virginians and Virginia taxpayers, not their own allegiances and alma mater. It is important for Virginians to serve in those positions.

I filed a bill requiring a study of reserve funds at all Virginia uni

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**The Kids4Peace Interfaith Summer Camp is aimed at helping to break down religious stereotypes.**

# Planning for Summer Camp

**Local camp fairs help families navigate the maze of summer camp offerings.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

**I**n an effort to confront religious intolerance, a group of local middle school students will attend a camp aimed at bringing together children from different religions and giving them the chance to come together, make new friendships, visit houses of worship, learn about other traditions and practice dialogue to confront Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism.

"Campers will get experiences in synagogues, mosques and churches," said Shoshana Abrams of Kids4Peace. "They'll see how others pray, how they celebrate and what they believe. It's helping to break down stereotypes. A lot of interfaith action is needed to combat Islamophobia and bring together people of different faiths."

Kids4Peace's Interfaith Day Camp is one of a diverse variety of summer camps available to local children. From performing arts, wilderness adventures and sports to language immersion, standardized test prep and community service, the summer offerings in the Washington region are plentiful. Though warm weather is months away, this is the time to start planning for camp and finding the best fit, say child development experts. "You want to include your child from the beginning of the process," said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "Explore options by following their interests. I like to ask kids 'What problem would you like to solve?' For instance, would

## For More Information

### 2017 CAMP & SUMMER FUN EXPOS

**Sunday, Jan. 29:** The Montgomery County Camp & Summer Fun Expo/Hilton Hotel & Executive Meeting Center/Rockville, Md.

**Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 25-26:** The Northern Virginia Camp & Summer Fun Expo/Dulles Town Center Mall, Dulles, VA.  
[www.washingtonparent.com/](http://www.washingtonparent.com/)

**Kids4Peace Camp:** <http://www.k4p.org/chapters/washington-dc/>

**Tips on Trips and Camps:** (Feb. 12, 1-3:30 p.m.) Walt Whitman High School, 7100 Whittier Blvd. Bethesda, Md., 301-881-0547 or <http://tipsontripsandcamps.com/dc/>

they like to learn how to play basketball, how to make a rocket, how to see other galaxies, how to paint with acrylics, how to star in a play? These [questions] will point you in a direction that is good for both you and your child."

Local camps fairs such as the Northern Virginia Camp & Summer Fun Expo, offer access to a variety of both day and overnight options in one location. "We want parents to know that there are many different options out there, and they're going to find out all the specifics about many camps," said Jacky Dooly, of Northern Virginia Camp & Summer Fun Expo and Washington Parent in Bethesda, Maryland. "There will be specific sports camps like swimming

and martial arts. Maybe child has academic issues and they need to get caught up. If so, there are academic programs."

Before attending a camp fair, Dooly suggests that families prepare themselves, and there are questions that she recommends parents ask prospective camp officials. "Does the camp offer early morning care as well as later evening care?" she asks. "Find out information about the

food that is offered at the camp. How much activity will your child get during the day? If you're interested in a particular camp, find out if it fits within your budget."

"I'd also want to know how they are going to keep your child safe, how they encourage participation, and the percentage of returning camp counselors and campers," added Lorente. "If you have a camp with high return rates that indicates that it is a place where people want to be."

Mandarin immersion, public speaking and science exploration are among the choices that will be available this summer at BASIS Independent Summer McLean. Noting that this will be the camp's inaugural summer, Asha Bruot, spokeswoman for McLean BASIS, says that there will also be "a traditional day camp for students in first through fifth [grades] with thematically-linked activities, classroom projects, outdoor games, drama, music, and art."

"Summer camp should be a place for your child to explore, play [and] become," said Lorente. "The school year has become so structured. I would want a camp that has embedded in it time for child-directed exploration [and] free-time."





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## ONGOING

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### Portrayal of Women in Visual Arts Exhibit.

Through Jan. 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. George Gallery, 105 N. Alfred St. The artist’s perspective of women inspired by in part by their experiences residing in Ethiopia. [Alexandria@StGeorgeofEthiopia.com](mailto:Alexandria@StGeorgeofEthiopia.com) or 703-299-9495

### DASHing Words in Motion.

Through Feb. 1, The City of Alexandria Office of the Arts and the Alexandria Transit Company have joined forces to host a poetry contest “DASHing Words in Motion.” Possible inspirational ideas might stem from the Alexandria Transit Company’s DASH buses motto which is “Keep Alexandria Moving,” or bus stops, neighborhoods, roads, or other modes of transportation within the City of Alexandria.

[www.alexandriava.gov/Arts](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Arts), email at [poet@alexandriava.gov](mailto:poet@alexandriava.gov), or by phone at 703-746-5565.

### Multiple Exposures Gallery.

Through Feb. 12 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, #312, 105 North Union St. Colleen Henderson’s A Study in Contrasts, and Sandy Lebrun-Evan’s McDowell County, WVA. [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com)

“Sanctuary.” Through Feb. 18 in the Commons Fireplace Alcove of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Selected black and white photographs from Nina Tisara’s “Sanctuary” series, shot in Huntley Meadows Park. A closing reception will be held on Feb. 18, 6:30-7:15 p.m., followed by a concert by Nova Chamber Orchestra beginning at 7:30 p.m. Email Nina Tisara at [ninat@ninatisara.com](mailto:ninat@ninatisara.com) or call 703-765-5950 for more.

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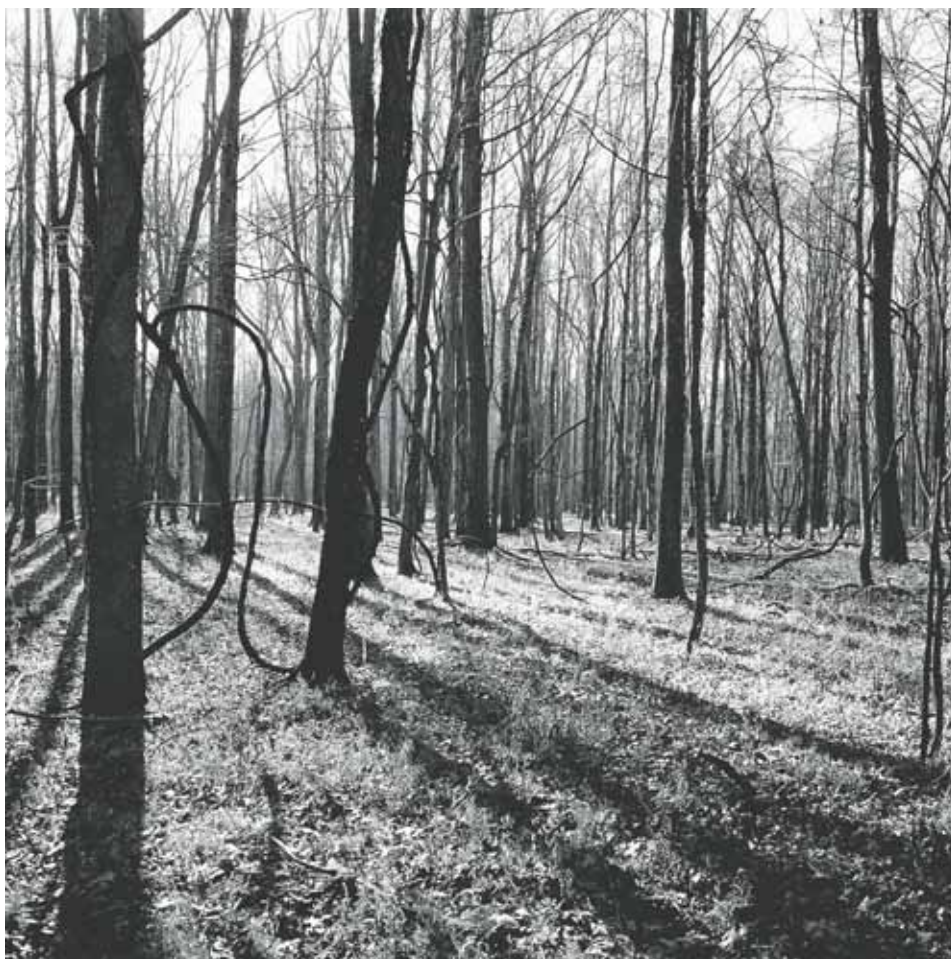


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instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/fortward](http://www.alexandriava.gov/fortward) for more.

### Alexandria’s Nurses and Hospitals During the Civil War.

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

### Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit.

Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include military passes issued by Provost Marshal’s Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington’s defenders. 703-746-4848 or [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

### Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit.

Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired

“Mercy Street,” the new PBS’ series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) or call 703-549-2997

### “Ancient Art of Movement.”

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

### Color Disorder Exhibit.

Ongoing, Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A joint exhibition of artists Katie Baines and Amy Chan who use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. [www.nfaa.org](http://www.nfaa.org) or 703-548-0035.

### Flamenco Show.

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit [www.latascausa.com](http://www.latascausa.com).

### French Movie Night.

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

### Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812.

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

### Alexandria Cars and Coffee

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

### Fifty Years of Collecting.

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

### Dinner for the Washingtons.

12 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

### Second Thursday Music.

Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 p.m.

## Dairy Godmother Says Goodbye to Del Ray

It was a surprising move for a longtime neighborhood eatery in Del Ray: Just a few days after announcing the start of her annual winter hiatus, Dairy Godmother owner Liz Davis has revised her message and announced that the venerable custard purveyor is closing for good.

“While the almost 17 years of owning The Dairy Godmother have brought me great joy, I will not be reopening in the spring,” she wrote

on the restaurant’s website on Jan. 12. Davis has offered to sell the business, part and parcel, but will not be responding to communications until she returns from her hiatus abroad, she said.

What began as the Del Ray Dreamery has become a mainstay in the neighborhood for nearly two decades, offering up unique custard flavors (such as Cicada Crunch during the cicada outbursts of recent years) and adding extra zeal to the 2300 block of Mount Vernon Avenue daily, especially during the warmer months. In the summertime, it wasn’t unusual to spy a line snaking out the door, especially on the weekends, where frozen custard lends itself to languid after-dinner noshing, either in the café or on the benches out front.

While Davis is away, the Salt | Bagel pop-up shop that is set to open Friday will continue for the next six weeks as planned. The joint venture of Bagel Uprising and No. 1 Sons was already in the works prior to Davis’ announcement and will remain in residence through February.

— HOPE NELSON

Second Thursday of every month. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

### The Monday Morning Birdwalk

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

### Civil War Sundays.

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

### Doggy Happy Hour.

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

### Baseball Boat to Nationals Park.

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



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Thursday; round-trip \$28 Friday-Sunday. Visit [www.baseballboat.com](http://www.baseballboat.com) for more.

**Wake Up Wednesdays** featuring The Pop Up Cafe. 7-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday's near the King Street Tunnel - Carlyle Entrance located near 2000 Duke Street near Motley Fool. The cafe will feature coffee, live music to help commuters start the day off right and donuts from Sugar Shack. [maurisapotts@gmail.com](mailto:maurisapotts@gmail.com)

## CAMPS, CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

**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](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for a schedule.

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

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**Inauguration Weekend at Gadsby's Tavern.** Various times at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Free tours, ladies tea, plus other hands-on activities. Call 703-746-4242 or visit

[www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/JAN. 21

**Family Owl Outing at Huntley Meadows.** 4:30-6 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Discover the secret world of owls and learn what makes these raptors excellent predators of the night. After the presentation, hike the trail at Huntley and hopefully hear or spot one of the park's resident owls. \$7. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/) for more.

**The Lee-Fendall House as Civil War Hospital.** 10 a.m. at the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. "This Tide of Wounded" tour of the museum and grounds highlights the Lee-Fendall House's role as a hospital during the Civil War. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org) or call 703-548-1789 for more.

**Experiences of Slavery.** 2 p.m. at the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. "From Slavery to Freedom," this tour interprets the Lee-Fendall House from the perspective of its enslaved inhabitants, exploring the experiences of slavery in the city. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org) or call 703-548-1789 for more.

## JAN. 21-MARCH 5

**New Target Gallery Exhibition.** Various hours at Torpedo Factory, Studio 29, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria artist Suzanne Vigil is among the artists exploring their Individual Identities. Public reception on Thursday, Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m. Visit [torpedofactory.org/](http://torpedofactory.org/) for more.



## On Exhibit

**"My Three Sisters" by Simone Welsh** is one of the art-works in the New Target Gallery Exhibition, Jan. 21-March 5 at the Torpedo Factory, Studio 29, 105 N. Union St. Public reception on Thursday, Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m. Visit [torpedofactory.org/](http://torpedofactory.org/) for more.

PHOTO BY  
SIMONE WELSH

## SUNDAY/JAN. 22

**Classical Music Performance.** 3-4 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Enjoy a classical music performance by the Friday Morning Music Club featuring classical works by various composers. Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/](http://www.alexandriava.gov/) Lyceum or call 703-838-4994 for more.

## MONDAY/JAN. 23

**"City Elections: Are We Getting It Right?"** 6:30 p.m. at The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave. Discussion by Chris Marston, former

Alexandria Republican City Committee Chairman; Cameron P. Quinn, International Elections Law Expert and former head of the Virginia State Board of Elections; and Clarence Tong, Alexandria Democratic Committee Chair. Cash bar reception and dinner with reservations and cancellations by Jan. 20. Members \$32 nonmembers \$37. Call 703-548-7089 or [agendaalexandria@aol.com](mailto:agendaalexandria@aol.com).

**Ballroom Dance Classes.** 7:45-8:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Gary Stephens teaches the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, meringue, rumba, cha-cha, and samba. For all skill levels. \$15 per class. Call 703-

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# Hosting a President for Lunch

**Fireflies' owner looks back on the day President Obama paid her restaurant a visit.**

BY HOPE NELSON  
THE GAZETTE

The Obama administration's time in the White House comes to a close this week. During their tenure in town, the president and his family were known to venture across the river for dinner on occasion, visiting the likes of everywhere from Restaurant Eve to Del Ray Pizzeria to the Majestic. On one summer day in 2014, President Obama found his way to Fireflies in Del Ray for lunch, much to the surprise and delight of his fellow diners. Here's a look back on the occasion from the vantage point of owner Marylisa Lichens.

**APPETITE** In November 2013, Lichens wrote a letter to the president expressing her concern and dismay regarding the state of the federal government. On the heels of the government shutdown that October, Lichens wrote the president that she was dissatisfied with how the shutdown was affecting American small businesses and closed by saying she knew he enjoyed a good burger — he was welcome at Fireflies any time.

"Sure enough, (about) six months later, we got a call" from the president's staff, Lichens said. "... My chef called me and said, 'So, the president's coming for lunch.'"

There was only one problem from Lichens' point

of view: That day in June was the first Tuesday she'd taken off in months, and she was miles away. She spun the car around and headed back toward Alexandria.

"Meanwhile, I'm driving down 66, trying to get down to the restaurant in time," she said, until she received a call from the president's team, who advised her to lay off the gas pedal; Obama would be dining and leaving before she would be able to get back to Del Ray.

"Apparently the president walked into the restaurant and said, 'Hey, where's Marylisa — I wanted her to know I read her letter,'" she said. Upon realizing she was away from the restaurant, there was only one thing for the president to do: Reach her by phone.

"The whole car ride, until he actually called me, I was practicing" what to say, Lichens said. "As soon as I heard his voice I started sobbing into the phone. ... His final words to me at the end (of the call) were: 'I hope this helps you out.'"

"I was very touched that — you kind of send these letters out into the ether and never know if they're going to touch base or not ... and I've always been a fan of his, and it was just really cool that he read it and knew my name," Lichens said.

And as for the meal of the day? Lichens can rattle it off from memory.

"He ordered the American burger, which is always on our menu — of course he had to order the American burger — but he did substitute white cheddar for the American cheese, no mayonnaise, no onions, and he added Dijon mustard," she said. "He said it was a really good burger."

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

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homes with Laura Clerici. Call 703-360-4220 or visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com).

Workshop students partner up to create abstract art. [DelRayArtisans.org/event/hands-on-Chairman's Voyage: To Boldly Go](http://DelRayArtisans.org/event/hands-on-Chairman's-Voyage-To-Boldly-Go)... 7 p.m. at Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, 2834 Duke St. Hear the future of the City of Alexandria and welcome our new Board Chair Dak Hardwick and celebrate the possibilities to come. Call 703-549-1000 or visit [www.alexchamber.com](http://www.alexchamber.com).

### TUESDAY/JAN. 24

#### Homeschool Program:

**Firefighting Technology.** 1-2:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse, 107 S. Alfred St. See how fire-fighting technology has evolved and test the scientific concepts behind how the historic equipment worked. Tickets are \$8 per child, adults free. Pre-registration is required. Visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) for more.

### WEDNESDAY/JAN. 25

**Dyke Marsh Walk.** 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Dyke Marsh, 6401 George Washington Memorial Pkwy. Join leader Tom Nardone to scan the river for waterfowl and enjoy a walk through the marsh and woodland areas. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Bird Club. Visit [www.nvabc.org/](http://www.nvabc.org/) for more.

#### Speaker Series on "Technology for Seniors."

10 a.m.-noon at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. This workshop will discuss how technology can enhance lives. Call 703-836-4414, ext. 110 or visit [Seniorservicesalex.org](http://Seniorservicesalex.org) for more.

#### Volunteer Alexandria Open House.

4-7 p.m. at 123 North Alfred St., 1st floor board room. Meet friends and learn how to get engaged in the community. Visit [www.volunteeralexandria.org](http://www.volunteeralexandria.org).

#### Iconography: Prayer in Images.

7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Learn how to read the symbolism in this art form and how icons are used in Orthodox Christian churches and

### THURSDAY/JAN. 26

#### Vegetable Gardening Part 1:

**Jumpstart With Seeds.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Get the scoop on seed selection, hybrid vs. heirloom, what seeds to start indoors, germination tips, and best bets for seed saving. Find out how to make your own starter pots, and easy-to-create lighting systems to bring the sunlight inside. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

#### Dinner with the Gray Ghost

**Winery.** 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Start the first course and conversation with Gray Ghost Vineyards, with links to the "Gray Ghost" Confederate John S. Mosby. \$125. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

#### Songwriter Scott Miller and Mac McAnnally in Concert.

7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/JAN. 28

#### Watercolors in Workshops.

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist and instructor Marni Maree demonstrates techniques and guides you in creating your own watercolor painting. \$88. 703-642-5173 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/).

#### "Hands on: Collaborate

Abstractly" 2-3:30 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave.

### SUNDAY/JAN. 29

#### Marine Chamber Orchestra Plays

**Water Music.** 2 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. Music by George Frideric Handel, Ned Rorem and John Knowles Paine. Call 703-845-6156 or visit [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com).

### TUESDAY/JAN. 31

#### Mathew Brady Civil War

**Photographs of Alexandria.** 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Alexandria historian Tom Schultz of DC Military Tours will lead a discussion on seven subject photographs and the new discoveries found in them. Wine and cheese will be served. Free. RSVP at [admin@nvfaa.org](mailto:admin@nvfaa.org) or 703-548-0035.

#### Tom Clancy Auction.

10 a.m. at The Potomack Company 1120 N. Fairfax St. Auctioning items from the estate of novelist Tom Clancy, author of "The Hunt for Red October" and "Patriot Games," including designer furniture and the author's golf cart. Preview of the Clancy items opens on Thursday, Jan. 19. Email [Lucie@potomackco.com](mailto:Lucie@potomackco.com) or call 703-684-4550.



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### ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-10-05

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for an Emergency Alert System at Francis C. Hammond Middle School and George Washington Middle School.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-10-05 Emergency Alert System will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, January 31, 2017. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8162, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPs website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/>

All questions answered will be posted as an addendum to the ACPs web site.

No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP.

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PATRICIA ANN THOMAS-SEMONIAN (Age 76)



of Alexandria, VA, passed away on Friday, December 16, 2016 in Thetford house (Assisted Living) with her husband by her side. Beloved wife of Edward Semonian, Mother of Pamela Jennings, Brett Thomas and the late Rhonda Clark. Grandmother of Meghan Crum (Jennings), Kenneth, Katie and Andy Thomas, and Nephew, Blake Ramsey.

A Memorial Service will be held in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302 on Friday, January 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Reception to follow in the Faith Activities Center at the church.

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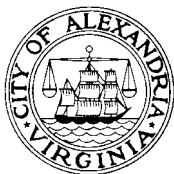


Dr. Mark William Frankena, age 73, of Alexandria, VA passed away peacefully at his home on January 11, 2017. He was born on December 7, 1943 in Ann Arbor, MI to the late William Klaas and Sadie Roelofs Frankena. Dr. Frankena earned a Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a B.A. with highest honors from Swarthmore College. Dr. Frankena served as the Deputy Director for Antitrust in the Bureau of Economics of the FTC. During his tenure at the FTC, Dr. Frankena also served as Assistant Director in the Bureau of Economics Division of Consumer Protection, and Deputy Director for Economic Policy Analysis. Between 1988 and 2004, Dr. Frankena worked as Special Consultant for Economists Incorporated. Prior to joining the FTC, Dr. Frankena was a tenured associate professor in the economics department at the University of Western Ontario. He has coauthored a book and authored or coauthored several articles on antitrust issues. Mark was an avid collector of antique office equipment and was curator of the Early Office Museum ([www.officemuseum.com](http://www.officemuseum.com))

Mark was the beloved husband of 30 years of Kim S. Frankena, loving and devoted father of Morgan and Gregory Frankena, brother of Karl Frankena.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 17th, 2:00 pm at Christ Church, 118 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA followed by a reception. Graveside services will be held at 11:00am on Wednesday, January 18th at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Alexandria, VA. The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to the Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center ([www.lombardi.georgetown.edu](http://www.lombardi.georgetown.edu)) or the International Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia Foundation ([www.IWMF.com](http://www.IWMF.com)). Please view and sign the family guestbook at [www.everlywheatley.com](http://www.everlywheatley.com). Arrangements by Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, Alexandria, VA

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### TAKE NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Alexandria will be attending VML Day at the Capitol, Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. There will be three or more Council members in attendance.

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# On Krizek's Agenda

BY PAUL KRIZEK  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



ture investments that would yield long-term cost savings to taxpayers and energy savings for our environment.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1558: Safety restraint use in motor vehicles

It's ridiculous that in 2017, people don't still have to wear a seatbelt. This bill, courtesy of constituent Jonathan Tucker (West Potomac High School), finally closes the backseat exemption and would require all passengers in a motor vehicle to wear their seat belts. In 2014, 58 percent of backseat passengers killed weren't buckled up.

HB 1561: Seat belts on school buses

This legislation requires new buses purchased by school systems to include seat belts when they replace their current fleet. Between 2005 and 2014, 106 people riding or driving school buses were killed nationwide. Five of those killed were Virginians. While buses do a good job of protecting against front and rear impacts, their safety designs do not protect against side impacts or rollovers.

HB 1453: Provides for dispensing of Nalaxone to reverse opioid overdoses

Opioid addiction is the worst drug crisis in the United States and it affects many of our family and neighbors. This legislation allows more people to be trained to administer the drug Nalaxone, which reverses the effects of opioid reversal. This is a bipartisan bill that would save lives.

## TRANSPORTATION

HB 1559: Allow people to renew their ID cards online

Current law allows Virginians 70 and above to trade in their driver's license for a special Senior ID. However, they are required to renew their ID every five years, and renew in-person every other time. This means that we are making 80-year-olds spend their time at the DMV instead of enjoying their golden years. My legislation would allow people with IDs to renew them online every time and save a trip to the DMV.

As the session progresses, I welcome your feedback. Please send me an email at delpkrizek@house.virginia.gov. Also, please come visit me in Richmond.

The 2017 General Assembly is underway. This year is a "short session" and runs only 45 days, from Jan. 11 to Feb. 25. Virginia legislators will consider more than 1,500 bills and hundreds of additional resolutions. We will also consider amendments to the current two-year state budget which has a \$1.25 billion dollar budget shortfall.

My legislative agenda makes voting easier, our roads safer, our Commonwealth cleaner, and our government better for all of us. I will continue to push for pay increases for law enforcement, teachers and other state employees; to adequately fund K-12 education; to protect universities from budget cuts; and, to embrace diversity. Here are some highlights from my legislative agenda for the 2017 session:

## ENVIRONMENT:

HB 2272: Establishes a recycling procedure for Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs.

CFL bulbs contain mercury, which is toxic to humans. However currently we have a recycling exemption in the Virginia code because most recycling facilities do not have the capacity to recycle mercury and other heavy metals. This bill eliminates the state-wide exemption, but designates authority to localities to create recycling programs similar to how we recycle printer ink.

HJ 636: Directs the DEQ to study the economic impacts of litter on fishing, farming and water quality in urban streams.

We know litter is bad for the environment, but we don't know just how bad it is for the economy. This bill, courtesy of Friends of Little Hunting Creek, would show hard data and provide better legislative guidance to address litter in our farmland and waterways, a first step towards stronger protection for our parks and streams.

HJ 575: Directs the Department of General Services to study infrastructure investments that yield energy savings.

New technologies are coming online almost every day that both save money and make our world cleaner. This bill would direct the Department of General Services to study opportunities for new infrastruc-

# Initiatives in the Legislature

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versities so that we can develop better policies governing university reserve funds. While the University of Virginia's \$2.1 billion reserve fund is exceptional, it is not clear to me that a fund of this size is necessary or prudent given that it was generated during a time when the university raised a 50 percent tuition increase. I also introduced legislation requiring universities and community colleges to publish a list of classes granted reciprocity so community college transfer students do not end up having to retake courses.

Lastly, I introduced legislation requiring

a court to impose civil sanctions against any person who improperly votes to certify a closed public meeting. Currently, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act has no consequences if extraneous matters are discussed during closed sessions of public hearings. That needs to change.

By the end of the week, I hope to have introduced 40 bills. Please see my website and online newsletter (<http://scotturovell.blogspot.com/>) for my complete agenda. If you have any questions, contact me at [scott@scotturovell.org](mailto:scott@scotturovell.org) or 804-698-7536. I am honored to serve as your state senator.



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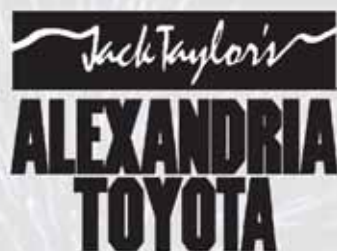
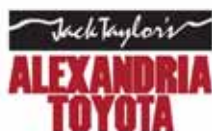
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