



Fairfax County police officers, in foreground, provide security to President Donald Trump's limousine as it makes its way through the streets of Washington during the Inauguration Day parade Jan. 20. More than 3,000 officers from across the country were sworn in to assist with Inauguration activities, including law enforcement officers from the Alexandria Sheriff's Office and Police Department.

Inauguration Day Duty

Local officers provide security for inaugural events.

More than 100 officers from Fairfax County and the City of Alexandria reported for duty during the pre-dawn hours of Jan. 20 to help provide security during Inauguration Day activities in Washington, D.C. The local officers, including 105 from the Fairfax Police Department and 13 from the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, were among more than 3,000 local law enforcement officials sworn in to assist with

security during the inauguration of Donald Trump as 45th president of the United States.

Officers began arriving in D.C. around 2:30 a.m. and worked throughout the day, ending their shift around 10 p.m. that night. Alexandria Sheriff's Office deputies were posted in front of the Trump International Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue with APD officers nearby.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

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MARK MOGLE/THE GAZETTE

Mental Illness Takes Center Stage in Richmond

Death of Fairfax County inmate among recent controversies prompting action.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

The death of a woman who struggled with mental illness at the Fairfax County jail is among the many recent controversies in Virginia correctional facilities, a reform effort that spans from changing how deaths behind bars are investigated to how law-enforcement officers interact with suspects who suffer from mental illness.

"When you talk to pilots about planes crashing, they don't say it's

any one thing that happens. It's a multitude of things," said Del. Patrick Hope (D-47). "And each piece of legislation that we have will have some sort of stop gap to make sure that it doesn't happen again."

Back in 2015, an African-American woman diagnosed with schizophrenia named Natasha McKenna died after being hit four times at the Fairfax jail with a Taser stun gun while she was restrained. The medical examiner eventually ruled that she died from "excited delirium," although critics say that's

a designation created to protect law-enforcement officials.

More recently, an inmate at the Hampton Roads Regional Jail named Jamycheal Mitchell, who also had mental illness, died of starvation. His family was in Richmond last week lobbying lawmakers to take action now.

"We plead with legislators to ensure that changes are made in the law to better protect young men like Jamycheal who suffer from mental illness," said Roxanne Adams, his aunt, during a press conference in Richmond last week. "We ask that real changes be implemented at Virginia jails to prevent another mentally ill young man like Jamycheal Mitchell from dying."

MENTAL-HEALTH REFORM is at the top of the agenda of lawmakers on both sides of the aisle yet again, prompted by the most recent cycle of tragedy and reform. But it's an old story, one that dates back to the deinstitutionalization of psychiatric hospitals decades ago. The last major round of reforms came after state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) was attacked by his son, who struggled with mental illness and died from suicide immediately after the attack on his father. Deeds sought help for his son on the day of the attack but

was turned away.

Since that time, Deeds has been engaged in an ongoing effort to reform mental health services, including reshaping the community service boards that provide those services in the Commonwealth.

"Because the changes are significant and costly, we have adopted a staged approach to implementation," said Deeds in a written statement. "The first step is to require same day access to service."

Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe put mental-health reform at the top of his agenda this year, mentioning it first in his list of priorities for the year. The governor's budget includes new funding to allow community services boards across the commonwealth to offer same-day service for people in the midst of a behavioral-health crisis. McAuliffe says that will allow them to serve Virginians rather than turning them away, as happened in the Deeds case.

"One result of our challenged

mental health system is that too many individuals who suffer from behavioral health disorders wind up in jail, where there are not enough resources to properly care for them," said McAuliffe. "To solve that problem, I have proposed legislation and funding to expand mental health screenings in local and regional jails."

THE INTERSECTION of law-enforcement officials and people who suffer from mental illness is a major theme of legislation this year. One of the changes that's already receiving agreement from both sides of the aisle examines how these deaths are investigated. A Republican senator from Chesapeake is pushing for the state Department of Corrections to investigate all deaths behind bars, which he says will provide some consistency to a haphazard system that varies greatly from urban areas to rural parts of the commonwealth. SEE MENTAL ILLNESS, PAGE 15



FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputies restrain Natasha McKenna at the Fairfax County Jail, where she was hit with a Taser stun gun four times while restrained. Her death led to questions about how deaths behind bars are investigated and how law-enforcement officers interact with people who suffer from mental illness.

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BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Reshaping the Region

Commercial, residential and historic projects are changing the landscape.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

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Huntington Club condos - 2601 Indian Drive

The Huntington Club Condominium Association is reviewing development group IDI's proposal for a mix of residential types, retail and hotel and office space.

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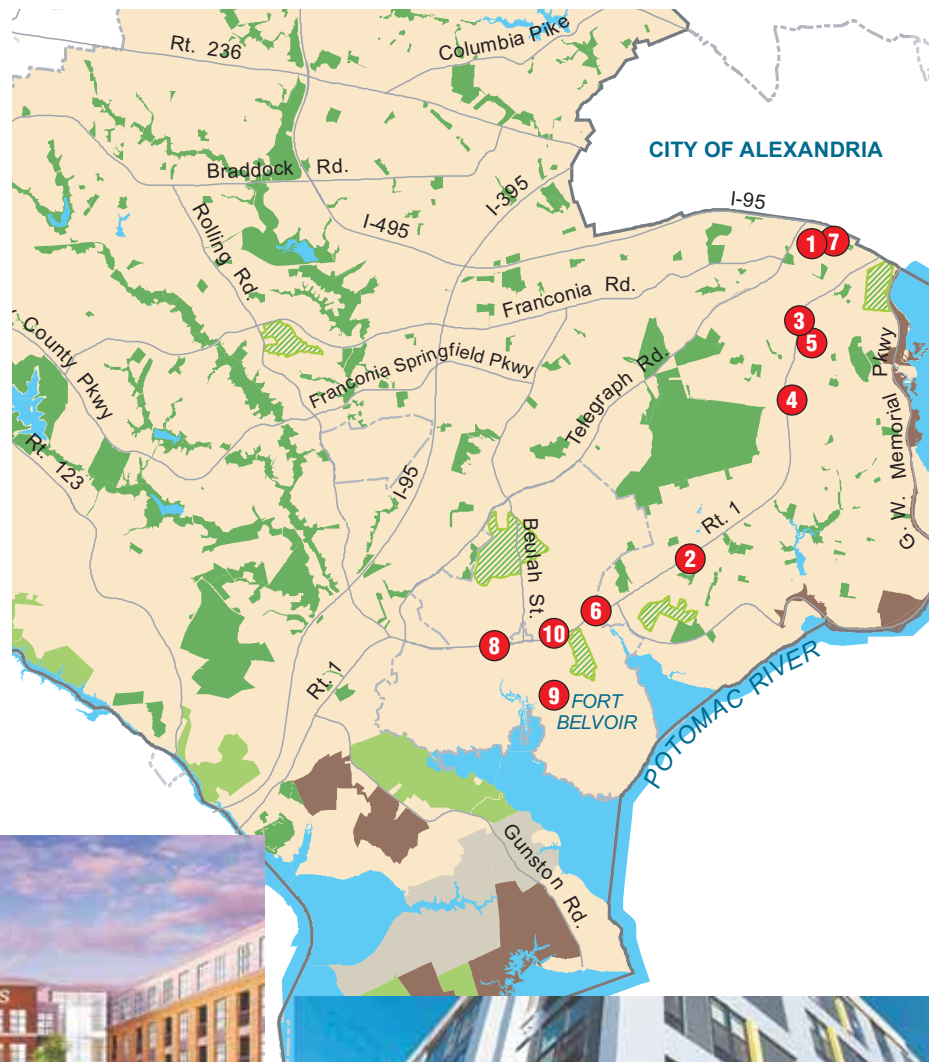
Penn Daw area of U.S. Route 1: South Alex

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



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE SOUTHEAST FAIRFAX DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The development in the former Penn Daw Plaza shopping center is set to include 400 apartments and 41 townhomes.



3

Novus Property Holdings - Richmond Highway at Fairview Drive

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

4

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

In March 2015, members of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority voted in favor of moving forward with interim agreement to develop the remaining 33 acres of North Hill. (Fifteen acres out of a 1981 land purchase have been developed as Woodley Hills Estates.) The Community Housing Partners of Virginia and Philadelphia-based developer Pennrose partnership have proposed building 278 multi-family apartments in six separate buildings, up to 195 townhomes and leaving some space for a park. A number of the units would be designated for households with lower incomes. More information is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/north_hill. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have yet to adopt Comprehensive Plan changes that would allow the plans to move forward.

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Fairfield Inn & Suites - 6421 U.S. Rt. 1

The Hersha Group has nearly finished constructing a new 108-room development.

SEE OUTLOOK, PAGE 16



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PARKER AT HUNTINGTON METRO

The Parker at Huntington Metro luxury apartment building is open and taking on tenants.



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



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NEWS

Prisoner Reentry: The Problem

Employment and housing prove to be major hurdles.

Part I

A three-part series focusing on prisoner reentry in Northern Virginia.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

In Virginia, 38,000 citizens were incarcerated in 2016. Almost 90 percent of those released return home.

What happens next? As one former prisoner put it, they give you a \$25 check and take you to a Metro stop and remind you to see your parole officer in the next 24 hours. What do you do next? Where do you go? The barriers toward survival "on the outside" include difficulty finding employment due to reluctance of employers to hire an ex-offender, complex family relationships, cultural shock as they reenter the community and difficulty finding housing.

Harold Clarke, director of Corrections in the Commonwealth of Virginia, says the major obstacle right now is employment, "A number of employers are reluctant to provide employment because they are concerned about the criminal history." He says that the "ban the box movement" instituted by the governor is a step in the right direction since a former prisoner is not disqualified immediately. "But," Clarke said, "the criminal history will come up later in the job application process." Clarke adds that national research shows that people with a criminal history have a 40 percent less chance of securing employment.

Elizabeth Jones Valderrama, executive director of Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR), an organization working with formerly incarcerated prisoners in Arlington, Alexandria and Falls Church, says she thinks the major problem is job retention. "We can usually find them a job, although it may not be at a livable wage. But the formerly incarcerated person isn't used to waking up on their own, deciding what to have for lunch, keeping a schedule. Everything in prison is decided for you."

Mary Ulrich, in Virginia state prisons for 8.5 years, had been trained in horticulture in prison, earning a technical certification in seven areas. When she got out of prison she went to every gardening place in Northern Virginia and was rejected when they found out where she had received her training. After a suggestion from a staff person at OAR she decided to start her own business. "It had been in



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Terry Garrett with Gov. Terry McAuliffe: "I walk by my former drug dealers all the time in Alexandria."

the back of my mind," she said.

So she bought a scooter and with a saddlebag full of gardening tools and plants juggled between her knees, she found a client. Now she owns a Chevy Tahoe which she says will be paid off next month. While she is still struggling, she is making a business designing and landscaping yards and businesses.

Terry Garrett, a former prisoner who was released in March 6, 2006 said, "It is discouraging sometimes. You know the rejection is coming. You have to find that one person who will give you a chance." In her case, it was the Salvation Army, but it triggered her asthma and she ended up in

The Numbers

38,000 incarcerated in Virginia
1,100 sentenced in Fairfax County
800 sentenced in Arlington County
11 per 10,000 incarcerated in Fairfax County

25-40 per 10,000 incarcerated in Arlington County*

For comparison 112-176 per 10,000 in top group includes Bristol, Martinsville and Danville

*grouped with other similar counties
Numbers are included in the Virginia Department of Corrections FY2014 Judicial Mapping Project

the hospital, "so I had to quit. I applied for disability and worked at Cosi's on King Street until my disability came through." Now she is a public speaker for Guest House

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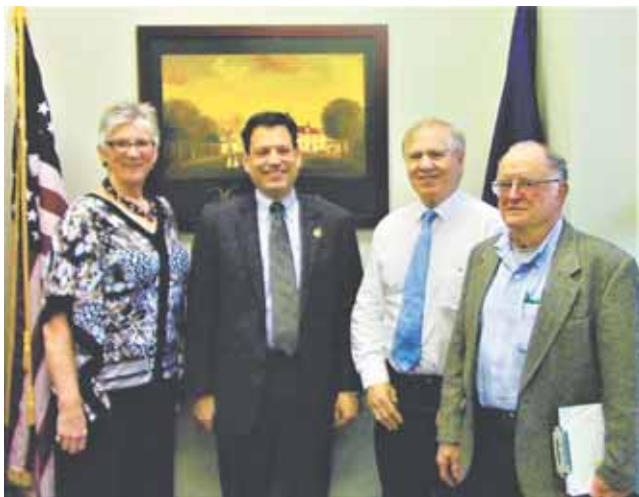
State Sen. Scott Surovell (D-44) has scheduled a pair of town hall meetings to discuss work being done at the General Assembly with constituents. For Mount Vernon District, the meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane. State Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) and Del. Paul Krizek (D-44) will also participate at the meeting.

A meeting in Lee District is scheduled for

Saturday, Feb. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hayfield Elementary School, 7633 Telegraph Road. State Sen. George Barker (D-39) and Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) will join this meeting.

Supervisor Jeff McKay will hold two town hall meetings and annual open house on Saturday Jan. 28. The first town hall starts at 9:30 a.m., joined by Barker and Sickles, at Island Creek Elementary School 7855 Morning View Lane, followed by an open house at the Franconia Government Center at 11 a.m. A second town hall will be at 1:30 p.m. with Ebbin and Sickles at Mount Eagle Elementary School, 6116 N Kings Highway.

Center, state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36) meets with members of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust during the 2017 General Assembly session in Richmond.



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Members of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church meet with (center) state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36) in Richmond.



Hayfield Secondary School students travel to Richmond to talk with (center) state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) about the VA STAR (Virginia Student Training and Refurbishment) program.



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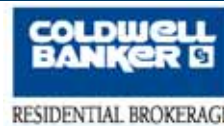


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OPINION

Not Helping the Local Economy

Federal hiring freeze will have rippling effect.

The hiring freeze announced earlier this week, will not help the local economy which has struggled in recent years due to the sequester, automatic cuts and limits to federal spending. The federal government is a critical part of the local economy and had helped recession-proof the Northern Virginia area, but more recently it has been a negative.

Kudos to U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) for speaking out against a foolish freeze on federal hiring. As the lone Republican representing Northern Virginia in Congress, her opposition is important.

"The federal budget cannot be balanced on the backs of our federal workforce. I don't support this type of across-the-board freeze and think it is better to look at priorities and areas where appropriate cuts can be made and where we can consolidate efforts or identify unnecessary costs that can be eliminated," Comstock wrote. "As the General Accounting Office has previously reported, past hiring freezes in both Republican and Democrat administrations have cost the federal government money in the long-run because of staffing problems, or problems in recruiting or disruption of key government operations and required services to the American people. We will be monitoring and highlighting the results of this freeze and how it is impacting the mission of various agencies."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) identifies the freeze as one of many "anti-federal workforce policies" in the works.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just the Beginning

To the Editor:

On Jan. 21, a chilly and misty day in our nation's capital, one of the largest peaceful protests in U.S. history took place. I was there and I was overwhelmed by the inspirational power of the hundreds of thousands of people who overcame disabilities, fear, financial constraints, and a myriad of other barriers, to attend this rally known as the Women's March on Washington and its sister marches worldwide.

I understand that some may have a different view of this march and its purpose. But, for me, the message of the Women's March on Washington was simple. For me, this worldwide protest — uniting almost 5 million people across the globe — was about basic human rights. Our country is founded upon the principles of "liberty and justice for all" but sadly many suffer deep inequalities and injustices in this country and globally.

Nelson Mandela said, "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." Putting aside some of the issues that may divide us, the power of that peaceful demonstration came from a united desire to respect and enhance the freedom of others.

The protest on Jan. 21 was just the beginning. Now the real work begins. The march was the easy part and now it's up to each of us who believe in the principles that inspired that rally to remain activists on behalf of women's rights and human rights everywhere. As a result of the march many local groups have begun to form to promote initiatives aimed at bringing about these needed changes. I am encouraged and motivated by these grassroots efforts. Eleanor Roosevelt highlighted the importance of our participation when she said, "Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home — so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the

world. ... Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerned citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world."

Millions of women, men and children joined in solidarity that January day across the planet. It was inspiring and moving and it was not in vain. It's just the beginning — march on.

Anne Holloway
Alexandria

Uphold One's Oath

To the Editor:

When a member of the House of Representatives enters office, he or she is required to take the following oath:

"I, (state your name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that

"Past hiring freezes in both Republican and Democrat administrations have cost the federal government money in the long-run because of staffing problems, or problems in recruiting or disruption of key government operations and required services to the American people."

— U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-VA10)

scapegoating. "The number of federal workers is at its lowest level since the 1960s, and over 30 percent will be eligible to retire in the next year," Beyer said. "A report by the General Accounting Office (GAO) on previous federal hiring freezes stated such freezes are not an effective strategy for shrinking the size of the workforce, and only serve to disrupt agency operations and in the long-term increase the cost of government operations."

Bills to Watch in General Assembly

In no particular order, more to come next week:

- ❖ SB 1005 Community services boards and behavioral health authorities; services to be provided, in particular, access to same-day access to mental health screening services.
- ❖ SB 923 raises felony larceny threshold to \$500 (\$1,000 would have been better).
- ❖ SB 1379 that discourages universities from stockpiling cash, and instead lowers tuition for Virginia students and families.
- ❖ SB 931 removes the exemption for "working papers and correspondence" for university presidents.

❖ SB 1376, requires a 30-day notice from the Board of Visitors before tuition can be raised.

❖ SB 1102, records of closed investigations of unattended deaths were not exempt from the state Freedom of Information Act.

❖ SB 1442, requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to identify an evidence-based, standardized instrument for mental health screening for anyone incarcerated in local, regional, and community correctional facilities.

❖ Various proposals for nonpartisan redistricting.

I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

Two of our local representatives, Don Beyer Jr. and Gerald Connolly, joined in on the Congressional boycott of Donald Trump's inauguration. I question whether this act complied with the oath of office in which these representatives swore to "bear true faith and allegiance" to our Constitution.

At the heart of the American experience is the peaceful transfer of power from one President to the next President. This is in accordance with the Constitution. Citizens have the right to expect that their elected representatives will represent them by their presence at this solemn ceremony. Neither of these representatives was elected unanimously. In fact, in the case of Mr. Beyer, over 110,000 voters voted for someone

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OPINION

What's a Couple Thousand Bills, Anyway?

BY ADAM P. EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)

Jan. 11 marked the beginning of the 2017 General Assembly 46-day “short” session. My colleagues and I have begun considering the more than 2,394 bills introduced to date, including 35 of mine. And this week, when a Senate page collapsed in the chamber, we learned just how lucky we are to have a world-class pediatric neurologist presiding over the Senate.

The Senate welcomed four new members this year including Sen. Monty Mason (D-Williamsburg), who succeeded late John Miller, a friend and highly regarded education advocate, and Sen. Lionell Spruill (D-Chesapeake), who succeeds the now-Mayor of Norfolk, Kenny Alexander. I’ve enjoyed meeting Sen. Mark Peake (R-Lynchburg) and serving again with Jennifer McClellan (D-Richmond) who were both elected in special elections on Jan. 10. It’s a real pleasure to have my former colleagues in the House of Delegates, now-Senators Spruill and McClellan join me in the “higher body.”

While the sheer volume of legislation and

short timeline pose a unique test for Virginia’s legislature, it’s not difficult to envision some of the other pressing challenges we have ahead — from codifying non-discrimination protections and defending the rights of all Virginians (SB783), to pushing forward towards common-sense criminal justice reform by updating our marijuana laws (SB1091, SB1269) and ending the practice of using driver’s license revocation as a punishment for those who cannot afford to pay court costs (SB1280). I’ll also be promoting several adjustments to our Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) including ensuring local input is considered when siting ABC stores and removing red tape for restaurateurs (SB1382).

I’m proud to work in concert with Governor McAuliffe’s priorities he laid out in his State of the Commonwealth Address last week to continue to build a new Virginia economy that is open for business (SB783), that invests in emerging technologies (SB1258), and that stands against policies that would set us backwards, morally and fiscally (HB1612); and, to promote a Virginian democracy that is accessible to its citizens and makes it a priority to break down barriers to the ballot box through no-excuse in-person absentee voting (SB1002,

SB792) and automatic voter registration (SB1051).

I’m continuing my work to prevent gun violence, seeking to make it illegal to open carry while intoxicated (SB1267), or to allow toddlers to handle firearms (SB1266). I’m a proud founding member of the American State Legislators for Gun Violence Prevention, and it’s my pleasure to work organizations like Everytown and MOMS to end gun violence in the Commonwealth.

These bills reflect the progress that many Virginians desire. Nobody, from Alexandria to Wytheville, should face criminal penalties for marijuana possession (SB1269). It’s also paramount for government officials to operate with transparency and accountability (SJ289).

While I continue to strongly support progressive principles, I also renew my commitment to work with senators on both sides of the aisle on the General Laws and Technology Committee; the Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee; and the Privileges and Elections Committee as well as on the Senate floor. I am grateful for the chance to make progress towards the conservation both of nature, and of our democracy. Amid a flurry of committee meetings, briefings, and session, it is wonderful to get to connect with folks from home. Thanks to those who joined me on their lobby days on Martin Luther King Day

and throughout the first week of session. I thoroughly enjoyed learning from passionate Hayfield High School students Mahad, Aaron and Mosha about the Virginia Student Training And Refurbishment (STAR) program, and representatives from the Center for Alexandria’s Children and the American Cancer Society. It was my pleasure to be joined by gun safety advocates from Moms Demand Action, the Mount Vernon Unitarian Universalist Church and Everytown Against Gun Violence and gun rights proponents from the Virginia Citizens Defense League as well.

Please join me and other local General Assembly legislators at my Alexandria, Mount Vernon, and Lee District town meetings where we will answer your questions and provide an update on the 2017 legislative session.

♦ Alexandria: Saturday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Mt. Vernon Community School – 2601 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria, 22301, with Del. Mark Levine.

♦ Lee District: Saturday, Jan. 28, 1:30-3 p.m., Hayfield Elementary School – 7633 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria, VA 22315, with Del. Mark Sickles and District Supervisor Jeff McKay.

♦ Mt. Vernon: Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Whitman Middle School – 2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, 22306, with state Sen. Scott Surovell and Del. Paul Krizek.

Bills Moving Forward

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)

The General Assembly Session is in full gear and legislation has begun to move through the process as we start to take action on 3,000 bills.

First, three of my bills have been passed by the Senate and moved on to the House. Mostly importantly, we reached a compromise solution that will require the City of Alexandria to have measures in place to prevent 95 percent of all raw sewage discharges into the Potomac River by 2025. Reaching this conclusion was not easy and the city is not happy about it, but water quality is a concern to all Virginia’s regardless of political party. The resolution would not have occurred without the help of City of Alexandria Sen. Adam Ebbin and Committee Chairman Richard Stuart who represents the Northern Neck.

Second, I also introduced legislation this session to require Virginia to take the initial steps to start regulating internet lenders. Today, Native American Indian Tribes and foreign companies are making loans to Virginians over the internet. Interest rates between 300 percent and 5,000 percent have been documented in the state. My legislation passed the Senate with bipartisan support and headed to the House of Delegates.

Also, we received mixed news on the funding of widening U.S. 1 and the construction of bus rapid transit. Two years ago, the General Assembly enacted legislation to require all transportation projects to be objectively scored for congestion relief, eco-

nomics development, safety, environmental benefits, and relative cost before being acted upon by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The intent was to remove politics from the road funding process.

First, the 36th District has more users of the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) than any other district in Virginia. The funding analysis recommended \$92 million of funding to help capacity improvements for VRE. VRE already takes one lane’s worth of cars off I-95 and improving VRE is critical to reducing congestion on I-95.

However, Fairfax County submitted two applications for the widening of U.S.1 and the construction of bus rapid transit. Fairfax County’s applications were ranked 40 and 41st out of 60 in Northern Virginia and were not recommended for funding although two other projects in western Fairfax County were recommended for \$100 million of funding. Myself, Senator Ebbin, and Delegates Krizek and Sickles have already met with the Department of Transportation to examine how to improve our application when funding is re-examined in two years.

Also, all of Prince William County’s applications for U.S. 1 funding were ranked poorly and not recommended for funding. I will be setting up meetings with my Prince William colleagues to improve those applications.

This week, I have several bills up in committee to improve cycling safety. Also, my bill to require 30-days notice before any university can increase tuition will be considered. Tuition costs have skyrocketed and the public deserves more notice and input before tuition is increased.

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OPINION

Life and Death of Bills

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

The legislature has already heard about half of the bills I patroned this session, and I have a few wins and defeats.

My legislation to allow seniors to renew their IDs — not driver's licenses — online every time was amended to sync the ID renewal period to that of the driver's license renewal period, to 8 years from 5 years. The amended legislation passed the subcommittee unanimously, and the full committee with only a couple votes in opposition. It will then come before the full House of Delegates on Monday.

Another bill that I am carrying for the administra-

tion on reporting of aliens to the criminal records exchange via a method of the Department of Corrections' choosing passed through subcommittee unanimously, and will be heard in the next full Courts of Justice committee.

My legislation to allow seniors 80 and older to vote absentee without needing an excuse was tabled in Privileges and Elections, and my legislation to require seat belt use in the back seat was tabled with a 4-4 vote. The transportation subcommittee also tabled my legislation to require new school buses to come equipped with seat belts.

In the coming week, I'll have hearings on several more bills and hope to have my first bill of the session pass the House.

Kitchen Fire Damages Center

Fairfax County Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish what was described as "a small fire" in the kitchen of Huntington Community Center on Wednesday, Jan. 18. But not before the fire caused an estimated \$93,750 in damage.

Units from the Penn Daw Fire Station 11 were first dispatched to the 5700 block of Liberty Drive for a fire alarm report around 5:30 p.m.

While they were on their way, a community center employee called 9-1-1 reporting seeing smoke and flames coming from the kitchen. That drew reinforcement firefighters from Fairfax County and the City of Alexandria to the scene.

All employees and occupants were able to exit the building safely, and there were no reports of injuries to either civilians or firefighters.

The fire was ruled an accident: It started when an employee turned on the community center's gas stove while there was a plastic tray resting on it, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue said.

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue spokesperson Bill Delaney said the nearly \$100,000 damage assessment is just an estimate by fire investigators. Insurance adjusters could come in and either raise or lower the amount, depending on what they find.

The damage estimate "involves physical elements, as well as the

contents of the building," Delaney said, when asked if the total seemed high for what was described as a "small fire."

"That could include cabinets, tiles, light fixtures — the whole gamut," Delaney said, "not just the stove. They might have to replace a whole system."

Delaney added perceptions of what constitutes a "small" or "big" fire can be relative; what may seem small to firefighters and their effort to douse it could seem larger to someone else.

— TIM PETERSON

Register for Little League

Baseball season is almost here and Fort Hunt Little League (FHLL) spring baseball registration is open. Register at forhuntlittleleague.org

Early registration closes on Feb. 3, player assessments are Sunday, Feb. 5, 8 a.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School. Make-up assessments are Feb. 12. Challenger Baseball is back for its second season. FHLL Opening Day is on Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. at Red Stevens Field at Carl Sandburg Middle School.

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THURSDAY/JAN. 26

Mount Vernon Community Presentation. 7-9 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane. Presentation about the proposed changes being considered for Bock Farm, located at 2405 Parkers Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon for more information.

SATURDAY/JAN. 28

West Potomac Crew Ergathon. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. For

more information or to donate, email wpcrewergathon@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY/FEB. 4

30th Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting. 7:45 a.m.-noon at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt Vernon Road. Call 703-780-7518 or email mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov for more information.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 8

Free Financial Education classes. 6-9 p.m. at United Community Ministries, 7511 Fordson Road. Free. Call 703-273-8829.

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This year is the 285th anniversary of George Washington's birth in his hometown of Alexandria, where historians are serious when they say "George Washington slept here." The following is a list of activities to learn and celebrate the life of the country's first president.

FEB. 18-19

Presidents Day Breakfast Sampler. 9 a.m.-noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Hwy., Join "General Washington" for a sample of hoecakes prepared by Mount Vernon staff. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ or call 703-780-2000 for more information.

Visit with George Washington. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Hwy. Mingle with costumed characters from George Washington's world, followed by an 18th-century dancing demonstration, birthday cake and wreath-laying ceremony. Adults, \$20; children ages 6-11, \$10; and children under 5 free. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ or call 703-780-2000 for more information.



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On Monday, Feb. 20, from 1-3 p.m. the George Washington Birthday Parade occupies the streets of Alexandria, featuring historical groups, Scouting groups, animals, bands and more. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

MONDAY/FEB. 20

George Washington's Birthday. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Hwy. Celebrate the national observance of George Washington's Birthday by visiting his home and burial site free of charge on this day, and watch a variety of activities. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ or call 703-780-2000 for more information.

costumes and demonstrating authentic 18th-century weaponry. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday for more information.

Wonders of Science. 1-4 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St. Hands-on demonstrations of the scientific interests of George Washington, including period medicine, inventions, and espionage. \$6 per person. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday for more information.

veterans, active military, and their families with music, games, and activities for children with military vehicles, demonstrations, informational booths, and displays. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

George Washington Birthday Parade. 1-3 p.m. starts at the intersection of Gibbon and S. Fairfax streets. Expect nearly 3,500 participants including historical groups, youth from Scouting groups, animals, bands and more. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 22

Lecture: George Washington the Entrepreneur. 7:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Using Washington's financial papers, Edward G. Lengel, chief historian of the White House Historical Association, chronicles the story of how Washington built the Mount Vernon estate into a resource to win the war of independence. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

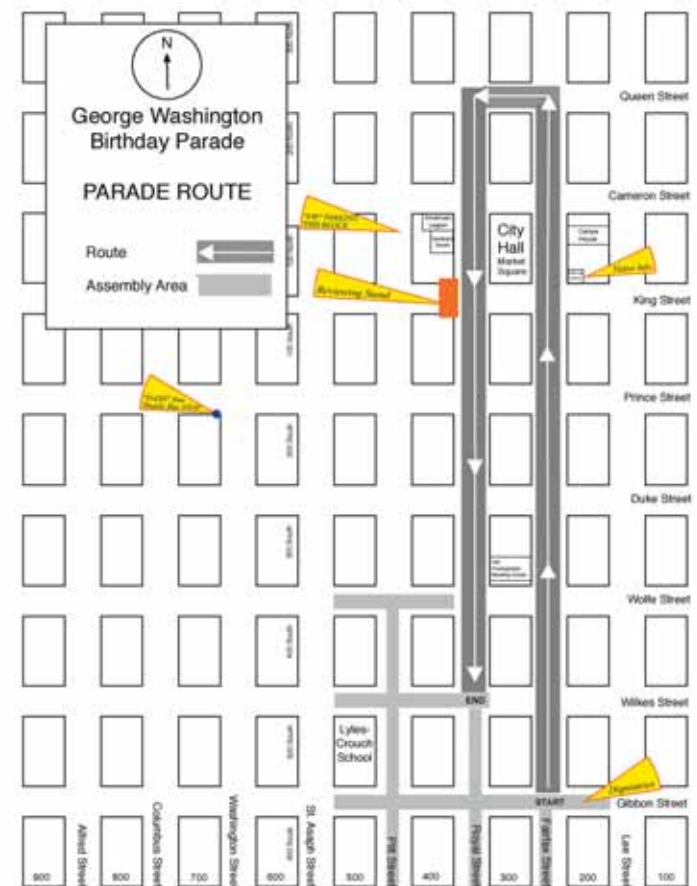


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Parade route map

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SATURDAY/FEB. 18

George Washington Birthnight Banquet and Ball. 5:30-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Set in 1799, the evening includes an 18th-century banquet, English country dancing, dessert collation, character reenactors plus the General and Mrs. Washington. Period costume optional; "after-five" attire encouraged. Tickets are tiered starting at \$125. Advance reservations required. Call 703-746-4242 for more information.

SUNDAY/FEB. 19

Revolutionary War Reenactment. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Historic camp and tactical demonstrations throughout the day, including a Revolutionary War skirmish at 2 p.m. between the Redcoats and the Colonial Army. Participants include renowned reenactment units from around the United States dressed in authentic period

MONDAY/FEB. 20

Historic Alexandria Open Houses. Times vary at the Carlyle House, Christ Church, Friendship Firehouse Museum, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday.

Fire Engine Association Breakfast. 9-10:30 a.m. at The Alexandrian, 480 King St. Sponsored by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, features "George Washington's" first appearance of the day plus an address by retired Four-Star General John H. Tilelli, the awarding of the Ben Lynt Award. \$35. Visit www.friendshipfire.net or call 703-751-6416 for more information.

Armed Forces Community Covenant Ceremony. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Honor the nation's

SATURDAY/FEB. 25

George Washington Symposium. 1-3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Mark Tabbert, the Memorial's director of collections, discusses contemporary research on the life of George Washington. Free. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

Annual Birthday Gala. 5:30-9:30 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Black tie affair, featuring The presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award. \$125. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640 for more information.

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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

Simply Abstract" Art Exhibit.

Through Jan. 29 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Features local area artists' expressions of abstract art using shape, form, color, and line in 2- and 3-dimensional work. Artists tossed their colors and media in the air to release their inner energy in this display of artwork.

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 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, email at 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

"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 or call 703-765-5950 for more.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking

Tour. Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series "Mercy Street," accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era

Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com for more

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. 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

Medical Care for the Civil War

Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit 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

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WINTER FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Pick-Up Hockey. 11:30-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224 for more.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 25

Dyke Marsh Walk. 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Dyke Marsh, 6401 George Washington Memorial Parkway. 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/ for more.

SATURDAY/JAN. 28

Polar Bear Plunge Benefit. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at National Harbor, 165 Waterfront St. Benefit to raise funds to keep the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers clean. Email info@nationalharbor.com for more.

MONDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 30-FEB. 5

Restaurant Week. Participating restaurants offer multi-course \$35 dinner, \$22 lunch, and, for the first time, \$22 brunch menus, exclusively available during Restaurant Week. Visit www.rwdmv.com for more.

FRIDAYS IN FEBRUARY

RockNBlades. 8:45-10:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Skating with music.



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Winter Fun

The Mount Vernon RECenter features an ice skating rink where there are skating lessons, pick-up games of ice hockey, and free skate periods with skate rentals. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224 for more.

\$12 admission includes rental skates.

FEB. 3-MARCH 5

Ceramic Guild show. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Customer Appreciation: Welcome to our World" Ceramic Guild show at Scope Gallery. Visit www.scopegallery.org, www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope or call 703-548-6288 for more.

SATURDAY/FEB. 4

World Wetlands Day. noon-2 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Come celebrate the importance of wetlands and learn why these unique ecosystems are significant to people, plants and animals. Ages 4 and older. \$8 county residents, \$10 non-county. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park for more.

Happy Birthday John Carlyle.

Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. A 1770s Celebration for the town founder. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Country-Western Dance. 6-7 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit

www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941 for more.

SUNDAY/FEB. 5

Winter Warmer Tea. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Choose from a variety of 18th-century desserts while sipping John Gadsby's special blend of tea or take a cup of American Heritage Chocolate. Historic guest Martha Washington will catch you up on the

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Super Bowl Blitz. 5-11 p.m. at Chadwicks, 203 Strand St. Watch the game on a big projection screen and enjoy unlimited appetizers and drink specials. \$20. Tickets are limited. Call 703-836-4442.

FEB. 17-26

Winter Restaurant Week.

Neighborhood restaurants throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and the West End. \$35 three-course dinner for one or \$35 dinner for two; select locations offering lunch from \$10-20/person. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com or call 703-746-3301 for more.

MONDAY/FEB. 20

Wreath Laying Ceremony. 11 a.m.-noon at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution, at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 S. Fairfax St. Join the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution as they host colonial military and civilians to honor the soldiers of the Revolution. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday for more.

TUESDAY/FEB. 21

Winter Gardening Lecture. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Learn early season practices that will save you time, money and labor. Free. Email

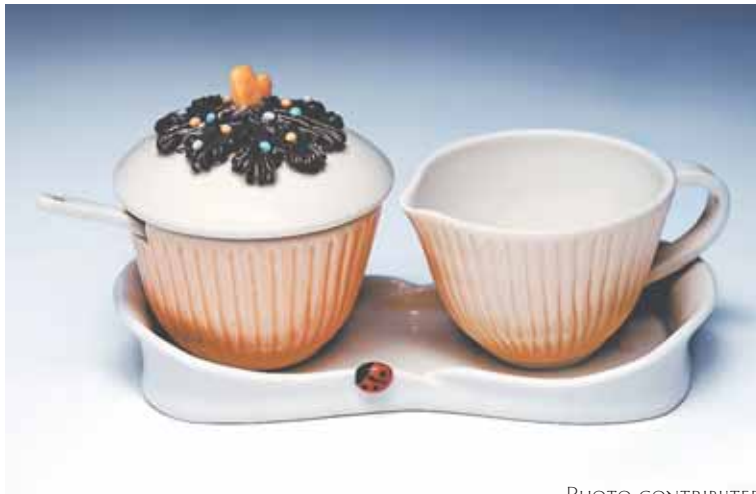


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This embellished ceramic cupcake cream and sugar set by Hiromi Minemura, of Rockville, Md., is one of the pieces of art at the Ceramic Guild show, Feb. 3-March 5, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.scopegallery.org, www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope or call 703-548-6288 for more.

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SATURDAY/FEB. 25

Winter Birds and Feeder

Workshop noon-2 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Learn about the birds that call Huntley Meadows Park and your backyard home during winter. Learn how to identify winter birds through calls, games and activities. Children

must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. \$8 county residents, \$10 non-county. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park for more.

Civil War Winter Drill Day. 1-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Members of the 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry, Company K, will interpret the life of the Union soldier on Civil War in the winter. Visit www.fortward.org, or call 703-746-4848 for more.

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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 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.

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 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 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.

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.

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.leefendallhouse.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 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 for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. Visit 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.

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 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

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

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

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

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.

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 for more.

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 for more.

SATURDAY/JAN. 28

Watercolors in Workshops.

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. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/ for more.

"Hands on: Collaborate

Abstractly" 2-3:30 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Workshop students partner up to create abstract art. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/hands-on for more.

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 for more.

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 for more.

JAN. 29-MAY 21

A New Beginning Exhibit. Various times at Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. Part of Del Ray Artisans Gallery Without Walls program. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/GWW for more.

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 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 an



Del Ray Artisans

Eileen O'Brien's leaves are one work in the "A New Beginning" exhibit featured at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery Without Walls program, Jan. 29-May 21, at the Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/GWW for more.

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overcoat, designer furniture and the author's golf cart. Email Lucie@potomackco.com or call 703-684-4550.

MONDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 30-FEB. 5

Restaurant Week. Participating restaurants offer multi-course \$35 dinner, \$22 lunch, and – for the first time – \$22 brunch menus, exclusively available during Restaurant Week. Visit www.rwdmv.com for more.

THURSDAY/FEB. 2

Coffee and Connections. 8-9 a.m. at Alexandria Renew Enterprises, 1800 Limerick St. Join Alexandria Chamber's Professional Women's Network for its first Coffee and Connections event of 2017. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Visit alexandriavacoc.wliinc33.com for more.

FRIDAY/FEB. 3

Garden Talks: Plants that Bully.

1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Master Gardeners highlight the invasive plants and show native alternatives to grow instead. \$10. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/ for more.

Heflebower's Cobblers and

Cocktails. 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Come taste tavern keeper Samuel Heflebower's 19th-century cocktails, learn a bit of tavern history. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

The Bottle Rockets Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. In concert with Marshall Crenshaw. \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

FEB. 3-MARCH 5

Ceramic Guild Show. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Customer Appreciation: Welcome to our World" Ceramic Guild show at Scope Gallery. Visit www.scopegallery.org, www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/ or call 703-548-6288 for more.

SATURDAY/FEB. 4

12th Annual Alexandria Warehouse Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square.

Discounts from some of Alexandria's boutiques. Visit www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com or www.AlexandriaWarehouseSale.com.

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 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 or call 703-548-1789 for more.

Pipeline Playwrights Launch

Party. 3-6 p.m. at the National Arts Education Association, 901 Prince St. The launch party will feature scenes from the four new plays in the spring reading series. Visit www.arteducators.org or call 703-860-8000 for more.

Country-Western Dance. 6-9:30 p.m. at the Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association dance. \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941 for more.

MONDAY/FEB. 6

Garden Sprouts: Nature

Playgroup. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Preschoolers participate in nature-themed activities while parents meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. \$6. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/ for more.

TUESDAY/FEB. 7

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 homes with Laura Clerici. Call 703-360-4220 or visit www.staidansepiscopal.com.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 8

Justin Hayward Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Hayward is the vocalist-songwriter-guitarist of The Moody Blues. Visit www.birchmere.com.

THURSDAY/FEB. 9

Fort Belvoir Update Breakfast. 8-9:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Col. Holbrooke will provide an update on planned improvements. \$25 for Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber Members and Guests, \$35 Non-Chamber. Email info@mtvernon-leechamber.org.

FEB. 9-MARCH 19

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery.

Torpedo Factory, Studio 29, 105 N. Union St. Cosmic Sights and Sounds, comes as the winter night sky's grand collection of brilliant stars begins to give way to the vernal equinox. This show will also highlight the work of featured artists Carol Bodin, Mickey Kunkle, and Lynda Prioleau. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

SATURDAY/FEB. 11

Artists' Reception. 2-4 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. Artists' reception for three exhibiting shows for artists Winston W. Harris, John M. Adams and Lonnie Pauls. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.

Nocturnal Animals. 5:15-7:15 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Look and listen for owls, beavers and other animals that are active at night. \$8. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/ or call 703-768-2525 for more.

FEB. 11-12

All-Mozart Concert. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E Campus Drive. The concert has a focus on musical masterpieces, led by five conductors, anchored by a classical "popular" favorite from the symphonic canon. \$20-\$80, \$5 youth and \$10 student with military, senior and group discounts available. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885 for more.

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Fort Ward Winter Drills

On Saturday, Feb. 25, members of the 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry, Company K, will interpret the life of the Union soldier on Civil War in the winter from 1-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Visit www.fortward.org, or call 703-746-4848 for more.

Prisoner Reentry: The Problem of Employment and Housing

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and a part-time monitor there. Guest House is a community-based program located in Del Ray for recently incarcerated women. She says next week she has been invited by Gov. Terry McAuliffe to a ceremony celebrating voting rights for former prisoners.

Jennifer Male, parole and probation officer in Alexandria, says the major issue she sees in her caseload is not employment but is lack of housing. "In Alexandria you can have a good job, but if you are a felon, you can't live here. In Alexandria 99 percent of the time you won't get accepted."

Another challenge facing returning prisoners is family relationships which are often complicated and difficult. The prisoner may want to reconcile, but often the family is disillusioned and reluctant or they don't know how to begin the process after years of estrangement. It is difficult for a prisoner to maintain a relationship with family since most of the prisons are south of Richmond and travel distances can be long and trips to visit are expensive. Phone calls are difficult to make from prison and one call can cost \$6-10. By the time a prisoner is released families have given up.

Jones Valderrama recalls one of the families of a prisoner who couldn't get there for a visit. But OAR has a van and can sometimes drive a family member over to see the prisoner. "It is powerful to see the reunion," she said.

Garrett said that she had to wait two days before she could get into Guest House so she stayed with her daughter. "It was hard and emotional. They were bitter. My daughter said if you use again, I'll never speak to you again. I was broken. I didn't think they would ever come around."

Ulrich added, "I see post traumatic stress in my children. I found out later they were scared I would show up at their door and they would have to take care of me."

Kari Galloway, director of Guest House, said, "Children are what keep a lot of these women going. The women don't want to disappoint them. But when the clients first



Elizabeth Bowers, resident at Guest House: "I didn't think anyone cared."

come here, some of them see children they haven't seen for a long time. It is very emotional. They want to be a mom but they don't know how. They have the feeling but not the relationship."

Jones Valderrama, said, "We often say everyone in the family goes away and the silent sufferers are the kids of the prisoners." Jones Valderrama recalls that she first thought about this when she was assistant to the principal at Patrick Henry Elementary and parents would let the school know that their child had a parent who was incarcerated. "The number started to grow."

Another issue is cultural shock when the ex-offender is suddenly out in the community. What it takes to stay alive in prison is almost opposite of what it takes to survive outside. Ulrich said, "When I was leaving and they were packing me out, I couldn't sleep the night before. This was the day I'd been anticipating for 8.5 years and it was nerve wracking." She said, "I'd gotten close to people, like my greenhouse instructor and it was bittersweet to leave. It was scary."

Ulrich said she was released on Jan. 7, 2013. For the first time she wasn't handcuffed. "They give you a check for the wages you have earned if you had a one of the scarce jobs in prison. They took me to a bank and told me to go on in. I didn't know what to do. It was the first freedom I'd experienced." She continued, "You can't make any

decisions in prison." She remembers going in to a 7-11 to get a coffee. "I just stared at the 12 different cream choices. In prison you had the blue packet or the yellow packet."

Ulrich had to make a choice what to do next and decided to apply for Guest House.

Galloway said, "It's all about second chances or third or 12th but it is not one size fits all. She said the women who come there have had a lot of trauma from abuse or violence and face so many barriers. "One woman came and during the first required three-day black-out period where they can't go anywhere, she was totally overwhelmed. She sat on the couch and cried for a solid three days."

Clarke says a lot of things can make a difference in the culture of the community. If the former prisoner goes to a conservative community, it may be hard to integrate. And if they return to where they came from, sometimes the conditions are still alive and well in the community that got them in prison in the first place. It is difficult.

Galloway added, "They have to practice, not falling back, avoiding the old triggers."

Garrett said, "I pass my old drug dealers all the time when I walk around Alexandria. But I told them I had stopped using and they respect that and don't bother me. At first it was hard but I acknowledge them and keep going."

Elizabeth Bowers, a resident of Guest House since November 2016, says she experienced shock from nine months in jail coming to a city like Alexandria. "I'm from Briery Branch in Pennsylvania that no one has ever heard of and I've never seen this many houses." It took two weeks to figure



Mary Ulrich, ex-offender: "I looked forward to the day for eight and a half years and when the time came to get out, I was scared. You can't make any decisions in prison."

out the right buses to get to her appointments. When she tried to take the Metro to a job interview at Tysons Corner, "I got on the wrong Metro and I was supposed to transfer from the blue line to the yellow line and I couldn't even get to my interview." She says even on bad days she doesn't want to give up: "I want to deal with it." Galloway said, "We have to build trust. In prison everybody wants something and no one trusts anyone else. We have to get down in the dirt with them. It took a long time with Terry — she really gave me a hard time."

Bowers said, "After coming to Guest House now I open up more about my issues. I didn't think anyone cared." Garrett says the women are like a bouquet of closed rose buds.

"But every time I come back I see a rose opening up. Elizabeth has made a lot of progress since she came here. Every few days when I come I see a difference."

Galloway said, "We have an incredibly robust volunteer program. People care about the women here who don't even know them and it is amazing to the clients. But they think, why do you want to help me; what do you want from me. This program is three months residential within a group home environment filled with structured services and support. The aftercare can last 6-9 months and is considered mandatory to successfully complete the program. Galloway says, what these women do is hard work: "I greatly admire they have made it this far."

The next part of the series will focus on solutions.

Mental Illness Takes Center Stage in Richmond

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wealth.

"It's not trying to point fingers," said Sen. John Cosgrove (R-14). "It's just trying to find out what may have gone wrong. Was there negligence on anybody's part?"

Cosgrove's bill, which has bipartisan support, would require the Virginia Department of Corrections to investigate all deaths, write a written report and submit it to the General Assembly and the governor. That would apply for all deaths behind bars, which could clear up some of the confusion and ambiguity caused by investigations that happen behind closed doors and without accountability. The bill has received no opposition from sheriffs or police chiefs so far.

"There appeared to be an absence of responsibility and accountability for those reviews and investigations" said Brian

Moran, secretary of Homeland Security and Public Safety. "So the governor has led with the Board of Corrections. They have expertise currently. They have some relationship with jails."

ONE OF THE BILLS would replicate the concept of Fairfax County's Diversion First program at the state level, giving law-enforcement officials more discretion to help a suspect find help rather than locking them up behind bars. The bill, introduced by Hope, would give officers the ability to transport suspects to a crisis-stabilization unit in misdemeanor cases if the officer believes the suspect suffers from mental illness. That would include misdemeanor cases when victims want to press charges.

"This is a bipartisan effort, and I can't stress that point enough," said Hope. "We've

had a number of deaths over the last year and a half that we know about, and who knows if there are others in the past. This is too much, and many of it is preventable."

Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31) has introduced a bill that would require mental health training for all correctional officers at Virginia jails.

The idea is that they would be able to recognize the signs of mental illness — signs like Natasha McKenna biting Alexandria officers who responded to a call for service or Jamycheal Mitchell slowly starving behind bars after being incarcerated for stealing \$5 worth of snacks.

"Now is the opportunity for us to make our voices heard," said Favola. "It's sometimes so unfortunate we have to suffer a horrific tragedy to move the policy agenda forward."

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other than him. Mr. Connolly ran unopposed but, remarkably, 34,185 voters wrote in someone other than him.

Once elected, these representatives represent every voter and every non-voter in their districts. I consider their absence at the inauguration ceremony to be a dereliction of their duty to represent their districts, each of which includes about 700,000 people. While they should be ashamed of themselves, their voting records, virtually in lockstep with that of Nancy Pelosi, lead me to the conclusion that they have no shame.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

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Reviewing Commercial, Residential and Historic Projects

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Embark Richmond Highway - Route 1 from Lorton to Huntington area

The Embark planning team is a collaboration of Fairfax County staff from various departments and agencies working with a 13-member citizen advisory group to help coordinate community input and information dissemination. Goals of Embark Richmond Highway include implementing a Bus Rapid Transit System running along dedicated lanes on Route 1 from Huntington Metro to Fort Belvoir, and then extending the Yellow Line Metrorail to Hybla Valley. "This has great potential for revitalization and economic development along the highway," said Edythe Kelleher, executive director of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, "with a lot more and better access for people getting back and forth from home to work to shopping to whatever. For bringing tourists down, and other visitors, there's great potential."

"This is finally going to transform this section of the county in a way like we've never seen before," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee). "It will be slow, not overnight, people have been talking about revitalizing the highway since I've been alive. It's a really exciting ride."

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

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Lennar multi-family housing development "Huntington Crossing" - Adjacent to the Huntington Metro, up against the water, Huntington Avenue at Metroview Parkway

The draft plan calls for five stories and approximately 360 multi-family units. Access will be from Metro View Parkway.



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Washington Real Estate Investment Trust has purchased the Riverside Apartments complex (constructed in 1971) that currently includes 1,222 units on 15 floors in three high-rises.



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A 41-acre campus at Fort Belvoir is planned for the National Museum of the U.S. Army

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

Construction is underway on a mixed-use development sitting on 6.6 acres of historic Accotink Village by the Chesapeake Realty Partners. The project includes 283 units of one and two-bedroom apartments (170 one-bedroom, 113 2-bedroom), as well as 24,000 square-feet of retail space. Building is anticipated to be completed this month

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National Museum of the U.S. Army Fort Belvoir - 41-acre campus at Fort Belvoir

The Army Historical Foundation is continuing to raise money for construction of a brand-new National Museum of the U.S. Army to be located on a 41-acre campus at Fort Belvoir. The 185,000 square-foot main building will showcase 15,000 works from

the Army Art Collection as well as 30,000 rare and never-before-seen artifacts, document and images from the service branch's 200-year history. A memorial garden, amphitheater and parade ground are planned for the exterior grounds. An overview video is available on the museum's website at <https://armyhistory.org/about-the-museum>. A construction timeline depends on funding.

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Sitco Property - 8800 Richmond Highway

An eight-acre property at this location is currently zoned C-8 and R-2. Stanley Martin Company is in the process of having it rezoned to bring a density of up to eight residences per acre.

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Riverside Apartments - 5860 Cameron Run Terrace

Washington Real Estate Investment Trust has purchased the Riverside Apartments complex (constructed in 1971) that currently includes 1,222 units on 15 floors in three high-rises. They're in the process of renovating existing units including replacing decades old windows, and have applied for rezoning to increase the density of the site in order to construct additional apartment buildings. The hearing is scheduled in the next nine months.

Sources: District Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) and land use aide, District Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and land use aide, Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, and the Army Historical Foundation.

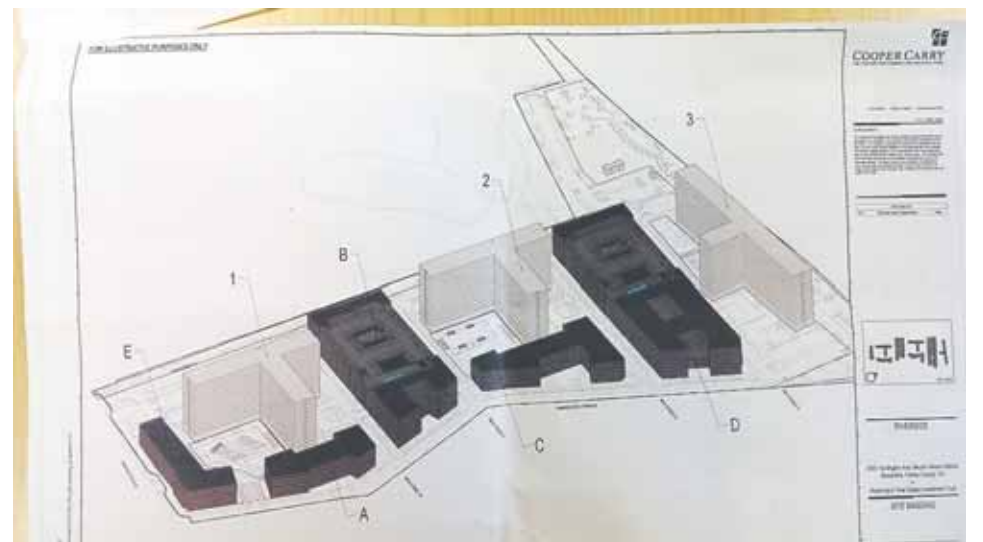


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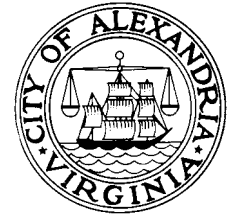
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TAKE NOTICE

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.

For more information, please call 703-746-4550.

Jacqueline M. Henderson
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Lead Agency: Department of Army

Title of Proposed Action: Supplemental Environmental Assessment of Communications Line Extension, Davison Army Airfield, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Affected Jurisdiction: Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Prepared By: Directorate of Public Works, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Approved By: Colonel Angie K. Holbrook, Commander, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Abstract: This Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) documents potential impacts to the physical, biological and human environments associated with the extension of a new underground communications line from the main garrison area of Fort Belvoir to Davison Army Airfield (DAAF). The proposed ductbank is required to provide enhanced voice and data telecommunications connectivity to DAAF from the existing communications network within Fort Belvoir. After evaluating communications network needs at DAAF, Fort Belvoir network personnel identified a single viable alternative, extending the ductbank along the Poe Road corridor (Proposed Action). This Poe Road Alternative was selected based upon the location and availability of existing network infrastructure connection hubs at either end of the alignment and required communication system diversity needs. The No Action Alternative was evaluated to provide a baseline for evaluating impacts of the Proposed Action. None of the impacts associated with the Proposed Action are considered significant. As a result, it is anticipated that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) will be published in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Review Period: Interested parties are invited to review and comment on the EA and draft FNSI during a 30 day period. Please submit any comments to Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, Attention: Directorate of Public Works, Building 1442, 9430 Jackson Loop, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5116 or email your comments to: usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil.

The EA and draft FNSI were available for review on the internet at: <http://www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocssection2.asp>. Documents were also provided for public review at the following libraries for a period of 30 days:

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Obituary

Virginia Clarke Gray Backus, 95, of Alexandria, died peacefully on January 18, 2017 at Goodwin House, her residence of many years.

She was born on March 16, 1921 to the late Reverend Dr. Hawes P. Clarke and Jessie Ham Clarke in Suffolk, VA. Daughter of a United Methodist minister, she lived in several locations in Virginia. She graduated from Greensboro College in 1942. Upon her marriage to the late Dr. S. Nelson Gray, an Alexandria dentist, in 1944, she remained in Alexandria the rest of her life. In 1989, she remarried the late Judge Franklin P. Backus, an Alexandria Circuit Court judge.

Virginia was a life-long United Methodist; she was passionate about her church, Washington Street United Methodist, where she was a member for close to 75 years. There, she served in many voluntary leadership capacities, including chairmanship of the Administrative Board, membership and teaching in a Sunday School class for decades, president of the United Methodist Women, member of the church trustees. She was also a delegate to the Virginia Annual Conference for many years.

Virginia was on the Board of Trustees of Greensboro College, served as president of the Red Hill Garden Club, and was a member of Belle Haven Country Club.

Virginia was loved for her generosity, her hospitality and gregarious nature, her sense of humor, and her fierce and loving loyalty to family and friends. If one was related to her in any way, one felt enveloped by her love, support, and strong opinions, which she always freely shared.

Virginia is also preceded in death by her daughter, Virginia Lee Gray, her brother, Lambuth M. Clarke, and two brothers who died as children, James and Palmore Clarke.

She is survived by her son, S. Nelson Gray, Jr., her daughter-in-law, Margaret (Peggy) I. Gray, her granddaughter, Margaret Lee Gray, all of CA; her grandson, N. Taylor Gray, of FL; her sister-in-law, Alice A. Clarke; nephew Palmore Clarke; nieces Virginia Clarke Hitch, Jessica Clarke, and Leighton Clarke Krips; six great-nieces and nephews; five great-great-nieces and nephews, and cousins Mary Lou Carter, John Clarke, and Frances Clarke.

A memorial service will be held at Goodwin House, 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 23111, on Monday January 30th at 11:00AM. The Reverend Bruce Stewart will officiate. The family will host family, friends, and the Goodwin House community from 12:00-2:00 after the service, main floor reception area.

Memorial donations may be made to Washington Street United Methodist Church, 109 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or to The Goodwin House Foundation, 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 23111.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Goodwin House second floor nurses and staff, the Hospice professional staff, Dr. Temme, and the family and friends who loyally supported and cared for Virginia Clarke Gray Backus.



ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-07-04

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Early Childhood Curriculum.

Minimum experience required for any firm submitting a response to this RFP, and for providing the services therein, is three (3) years.

Sealed Proposals with the notation **RFP# 16-07-04 Early Childhood Curriculum** will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, February 28, 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 703-619-8043, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at www.acps.k12.va.us, Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services – Current Bids and Request for Proposals.

All questions must be submitted before 4:30 p.m., February 14, 2017. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS website.

A non-mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on February 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the address listed above.

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.

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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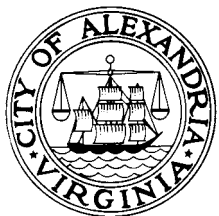


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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 310 S. Saint Asaph Street to construct and maintain an encroachment into the public sidewalk right-of-way at that location for a stoop consisting of stairs and a landing.

The proposed ordinance permits an encroachment of 51 square feet for a stoop consisting of stairs, a metal handrail, and a landing to be located in the public sidewalk right-of-way at 310 S. Saint Asaph Street as a replacement of the building's existing front stoop.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 7-202 (PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS) under Section 7-200 (PERMITTED STRUCTURES IN REQUIRED YARDS), and Section 7-2505 (FREE STANDING GARAGES TO THE REAR OF THE MAIN BUILDING) under Section 7-2500 (INFILL REGULATIONS FOR SINGLE AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES); both of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2016-0007.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2016-007 to amend and reordain Sections 7-202 and 7-2505 of City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance to increase the required setbacks for free-standing garages and other accessory buildings in residential zones in those instances which the accessory buildings are constructed in close proximity to windows of a residence on an adjacent parcel.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION), Chapter 12 (TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinances make changes to: (1) the time a taxicab authorization can be vacant before termination; and (2) the age limit of taxicab vehicles.

PUBLIC HEARING and Adoption of the proposed FY 2017 to FY 2022 City Strategic Plan.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. If the mayor finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the meeting, this meeting will be continued to the following Saturday.

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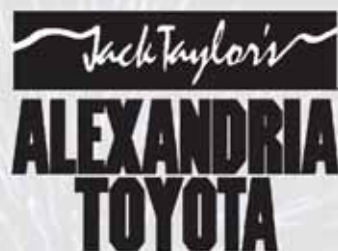
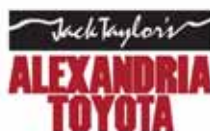
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INCLUDES: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. TCMC pads only.

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Synthetic \$10 More

INCLUDES: Change engine oil & filter (up to 5 qts.), rotate tires, inspect wear and adjust pressure, measure brake pad thickness & rotor runout, replace cabin air filter (if equipped), replace engine air filter, reset maintenance reminder light (if applicable) and multi-point vehicle inspection.

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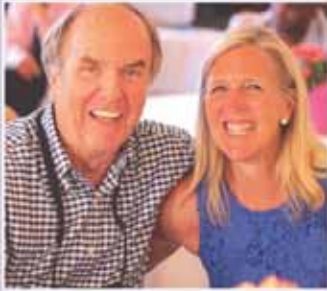
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9027 Mcnair Dr.
\$585,000

Fabulous Home!
Spacious grounds and updated home in pristine condition on half acre lot. Features include: open floor plan, updated

kitchen, hardwood floors, thermal windows, fireplace, custom screened porch with cathedral ceiling overlooks private rear grounds. Surrounded by Country Club grounds and beautiful 75 acre Grist Mill Park!



4221 Dandridge Terr
\$598,500

Beautifully Updated!

Priced to sell - fabulously updated home in Southwood, one of

the area's premier communities. Features include: 4 BR's, 2.5 updated baths, stunning Chef's kitchen open to family room with stone fireplace, hardwood floors, and side load 2 car garage, custom deck overlooks fenced rear yard. Nothing like it for under \$600,000!



4601 Cornwallis Ct.
\$475,000

VALUE!

Unique opportunity! Three level home with rare detached

two car garage for under \$500k! Home is in excellent, move in condition. Oversize two car garage has huge second level which creates many potential uses. Prime location on level half acre corner lot. Combination of features that can't be duplicated at this price!



4214 Robertson Blvd

\$619,500
Super Spacious!

Exceptional opportunity. Remarkably reasonable price for 6 Bedroom, 3 Bath

home in the Heart of Mt. Vernon. Features include: 3,400 sq ft living area, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, and oversize two car garage. Fabulous screen porch overlooks fenced rear yard. Truly special property!



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!



1604 Baltimore Rd.
\$899,000

Unique Opportunity in Waynewood School area! Best price new construction in Ft. Hunt area! Total renovation and addition totaling approximately 3,500 sq

ft of top quality construction. Features include: stunning open floor plan, high ceilings, 4/5 BR's, 3.5 Baths, luxury master suite, amazing chef's kitchen and two car garage. Patio & large fenced rear yard. Can't be duplicated close to this price! Super Value!



5427 Grist Mill Woods Way
\$899,000

Stunning 5,686 sq ft Colonial featuring dramatic open floor plan, large room sizes,

soaring high ceilings, and modern amenities typically found in \$1 Mil+ properties. Features include: 3 Fin levels, walk out lower level, 5BR's, 4.5BA's, Chef's kitchen, upgraded trim, hardwood floors, & 2 car garage. Custom deck and brick patio capitalize on gorgeous fenced grounds backing to park.



8417 Plymouth Rd.
\$1,399,000

New Build!!

New Melson II model on half acre lot in Plymouth Haven. 3525 square feet on

two main levels plus fully finished basement and 2 or 3 car garage. Open floor plan, high ceilings, upgrades throughout. Finished recreation room & bathroom in Basement. Pre-construction contract offers maximum opportunity to customize! \$10,000 towards closing costs! (Using approved lender)



8522 Riverside Rd.
\$475,000

Great Opportunity!

Best value in Ft. Hunt area! Spacious 4 BR, 3 FULL bath home with Garage in unique courtyard style setting.

Prime location near Stratford Landing School. Some updating including: thermal windows. Amazing price provides affordable price entry to highly sought after neighborhood plus the opportunity to personalize the home!



9419 Mt. Vernon Cir
\$998,500

One time opportunity to acquire true estate caliber property in Mt Vernon on the Potomac- the only community in the area with a

private marina for the exclusive use of its' residents. Imposing residence with many custom touches including open foyer with double curved stairway, custom white brick exterior, high ceilings and spacious room sizes. Columned veranda overlooks pool.



4209 Sonia Ct.
\$535,000

Immaculate!

Spacious home, pristine condition! Feels like brand new home! Dramatic large walls

of windows, high ceilings, and open floor plan combine to bring light to every corner of this exceptionally spacious home. Features include: 3 finished Lvl's, full walk out lower lvl with full Bath and fireplace, gourmet kitchen, luxurious master suite, custom deck & patio. Virtually new home at fraction of the price



9221 Patton Blvd.
\$795,000

Custom Build!

True custom home with bright open floor plan and Potomac views on half acre lot

in premier water access community. Stunning Master suite on main level! Other features include: 5 Bedrooms, 4.5 Baths, Chef's kitchen w/ granite counters, Gas cook top, wood floors, large deck and oversize 2 car Garage. Truly amazing value!



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