

# Community Policing, Not Sanctuary, in County

### Resurgent gang activity also discussed at Public Safety Committee.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Fairfax County is not a sanctuary, but police officers aren't picking up anyone in the country illegally on behalf of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. That was a primary message from Fairfax County Police Department Chief Edwin Roessler to the Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee on March 21 with regards to ICE activity in the county.

Committee chair Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) said the regional director for ICE was invited to attend and speak at the meeting, but declined.

Roessler spoke to the level of involvement his department has with ICE, mainly to say that officers do not participate in ICE administrative raids.

Once a prisoner — any prisoner — is handed off to the Sheriff's Office for processing, they're fingerprinted and checked into a national database, Roessler said. ICE has access to the prisoner database and it's up to them to respond to the Sheriff's Office for a detainee.

Roessler said that with regards



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Panelists speaking to the Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee about the Diversion First program included (from left, after Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth) FCPD CIT coordinator Lt Ryan Morgan, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board deputy director Daryl Washington, Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Chief Judge Thomas Sotelo, Fairfax County General District Court Chief Judge Michael Cassidy, and Director of Systems Transformation Laura Yager.

to ICE raids taking place in Fairfax County, the expectation is that ICE gives FCPD some awareness of activity taking place in certain areas. ICE agents may not be dressed as law enforcement officers, Roessler said, and he wants to prevent situations where residents might see ICE conducting a raid and call police. "ICE knows that well," Roessler said.

Chairman Sharon Bulova said in the interests of community policing, it's important to maintain a separation between the adminis-

trative work of ICE and the work of FCPD.

The "trust of the community," Bulova said, is important for people to "report crime, ask for help."

That being said, Cook said Fairfax is "not a sanctuary county," that FCPD will comply with and enforce federal law.

Deputy County Executive Dave Rohrer reiterated that anyone who is arrested in Fairfax County "will be treated the same," but that the jurisdiction is "not a sanctuary ...

in our mind ... in any way."

Supervisor Pat Herrity asked if Roessler was aware of increased ICE activity over the last several months — coinciding with executive action by President Donald Trump calling for increased immigration enforcement.

Roessler said he hadn't been handed any data that showed ICE has been more active in Fairfax County. However both men agreed there is perception and fear in the community of increased ICE presence.

Roessler said he's received many emails from concerned residents, and that the department is out in the community trying to reassure people, "We want to protect you, not deport you."

**"We want to protect you, not deport you."**

— FCPD Chief Edwin Roessler

**THERE HAVE BEEN SEVEN** gang-related homicides around

northern Virginia since the fall of 2016, one in Fairfax County, Roessler. Remains of a 15-year-old Gaithersburg, Md. girl were found in the 7100 block of Wimsatt Road in Springfield on Feb. 11. Ten arrests were made in that case.

The chief said there were no gang-related homicides in the county last year, and two in 2015.

Roessler and Jay Lanham, director of the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, said they are seeing increased gang activity across the region.

The resurgence includes heavy recruitment in schools, as well as an uptick in gun, drug and sex trafficking, they said.

When asked by the supervisors if his department had everything they need to combat the problem, Roessler replied in the affirmative, but said "we need help from community members and parents."

Lanham said that while gang communication and activity used to be primarily observed through graffiti, the expansive use of social media for gang communication and recruitment has made it much more difficult to keep up.

Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason) said that while the supervisors created a gang unit in 1998 and it "worked well for a long time," the work being done has become "lackadaisical" and law enforcement needs to step up again.

Gross advertised a town meeting in Mason District to further discuss gang activity, police response and community effort to better engage youth and prevent them from taking up with gangs.

"We should be angry about this," Gross said.

**THE MEETING ON GANG ACTIVITY** is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, at 7 p.m., at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale.



Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh speaks to the Public Safety Committee on March 21. He said he's "fine" with an administrative investigation being conducted simultaneously with a criminal one, but that there are some concerns and those involved must "tread carefully."



Director of Systems Transformation Laura Yager (left) gives an overview and summary of first year successes of the Diversion First program for diverting individuals with mental health or other special needs away from incarceration and into appropriate treatment.

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The nine members of the Civilian Review Panel marked with \*: Gerarda Culipher, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court; Randy Sayles,\* Oak Hill; Rhonda VanLowe,\* Reston; Kathleen Davis-Siudut,\* Springfield; Adrian Steel,\* McLean, chairman of the panel; Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Judge William Webster; Supervisor John Cook, chairman of Public Safety Committee; Jean Senseman,\* Lorton; Douglas Kay,\* Fairfax; Hollye Doane,\* Oakton; Steve Descano,\* Springfield; and Hansel Aguilar,\* Fairfax.

## Civilian Review Panel Sworn In Inaugural meeting of the Fairfax County Civilian Review Panel

The nine members of the Fairfax County Civilian Review Panel were sworn in at the panel's inaugural meeting on Monday, March 20.

Judge William Webster, former director of the FBI and CIA, spoke on the importance of civilian oversight of law enforcement. "Civilian oversight is important in a country where we want people to feel safe," Webster said. He urged panel members to consider the promise he made when he joined the FBI: To do what the citizens expect in the way that the Constitution allows.

The nine members appointed by the Board of Supervisors are: Hansel Aguilar, Fairfax; Kathleen Davis-Siudut, Springfield; Steve Descano, Springfield; Hollye Doane, Oakton; Douglas Kay, Fairfax; Randy Sayles, Oak Hill; Jean Senseman, Lorton; Adrian



Judge William Webster and Adrian Steel, chairman of the inaugural Civilian Review Panel. Steel was special assistant to Webster at the FBI.

Steel, McLean, chairman; and Rhonda VanLowe, Reston. They were among more

than 140 applicants for the volunteer position.

"This is historic," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Board of Supervisors. "The creation of this panel and the creation of the independent auditor position were two of the primary recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission."

Bulova appointed the 30-member Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission in October 2015 in the wake of public concern after the police shooting death of John Geer in August 2013. The commission, which included full participation of the Fairfax County Police Department, made 140 recommendations, most either already implemented or in process.

FCPD Police Chief Edwin Roessler pledged his support to the panel on Monday, saying that it would help "build upon the trust the

public gives us."

The Civilian Review Panel will act as an independent avenue for residents to submit complaints concerning allegations of abuse of authority or misconduct by a FCPD officer. The panel will have the authority to request and review completed Police Department internal administrative investigations regarding a civilian complaint against an officer. The panel may hold public meetings to review police administrative investigations and walk through with members of the community how the investigation was conducted, including findings of fact, evidence collected and witness statements.

The Civilian Review Panel will not address use of force by police that results in serious injury or death; those will be monitored by the newly hired Police Auditor, Richard G. Schott.

## Connolly's 23rd St. Patrick's Day Fete Rallies Dems

### Northam, Fairfax winners in straw poll.

BY TIM PETERSON

Anti-President Trump sentiment was strong among Democrats who packed the ballroom of Kena Shriners' Temple in Fairfax for U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) 23rd annual St. Patrick's Day Fete on Friday, March 17.

Connolly began hosting a St. Patrick's Day event in 1995, when he was first elected to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. What began as a minor social affair at his home has grown into one of the largest gatherings of Democrats in the Commonwealth.

Walter Carlson of Mantua originally knew Connolly as a neighbor, and has been attending the Fetes since they were in Connolly's home.

"They're good for the party, for morale, to build up the team and talk to leaders," said Carlson, who particularly enjoys the baked salmon and corned beef served at the event.

Carlson said this year was as well-attended as he's seen at a Connolly Fete.

"Even more important in this political climate — this crowd, it's because of Trump."

The anti-Trump rhetoric was running hot, after the President announced in the past week a revised version of an executive order banning travel from several majority-Muslim countries and the refugee program, as well as proposed a budget that would make significant cuts to federal programs including the Environmental Protection Agency and State Department while increasing funding to U.S. defense and nuclear programs by \$54 billion.

Lt. Governor Ralph Northam, campaigning to replace Gov. Terry McAuliffe, called Trump a "narcissistic maniac," who they

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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova (center) introduced local elected officials behind her — supervisors, delegates and senators, past and present — as "your team."

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## CRIME REPORT

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

**ROBBERY:** 7100 block of Mint Place. March 20, 8:44 p.m. A 42-year old man was walking toward his apartment building when he was approached by two men who asked him for money. The victim attempted to run away, but the suspects caught him, knocked him to the ground and repeatedly kicked and

punched him. A passerby saw this and yelled, causing the suspects to stop the assault and run away. The victim was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The suspects were described as black, in their early 20s, both skinny and wearing all black clothing.

**BURGLARY:** 2200 block of Huntington Avenue. March 18, 5:03 p.m. A witness saw two unidentified men break

the front glass door and enter the business. The witness went to another nearby business to call police. The suspects fled in what is believed to be a red Dodge Durango.

**SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE:** 6000 Block of Richmond Hwy. March 14, 4:58 p.m. A man arrived at the business around noon carrying a large black

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**Chamber Networking Event.** 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Embassy Suites, 8100 Loisdale Road, Springfield. Free for Chamber members and their guests, \$25 for others. Contact Mount

### CRIME REPORT

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duffle bag. He sat down in the business center to use a computer. He got up several times and walked around the business. He then placed a mask over his face and stated that they needed to evacuate the business. He retrieved two packages that were wrapped in paper, that he had apparently placed in front of the business. He also took a large knife from his duffel bag and waved it in the air. He demanded that the business call the police, which they did. Officers arrived on scene and took the suspect into custody. They found the packages and set up a wide perimeter outside the business. The business was partially evacuated and the Explosives Ordnance Disposal Unit, also known as the bomb squad, was contacted and responded to examine the packages and the duffle bag. An X-ray of the packages and duffle bag revealed a

number of random, non-lethal items. The suspect, 31-year-old man from Louisiana was charged with utilizing a hoax device, threats to burn, and wearing a mask in public.

**ROBBERY/ARREST:** Arlington Drive/Republic Court, March 10 around 8:38 p.m. The victim was walking outside when a man and two teenaged boys approached him. One suspect displayed a handgun. The victim attempted to flee but the suspects assaulted him and took his wallet. All three suspects were located and arrested a short time later. An 18-year-old man from Lanham, Md., was charged with robbery with the use of a weapon and use of a firearm in commission of a felony. The other suspects, 15 and 16 years old, were each charged with robbery with the use of a weapon and use of a firearm in commission of a felony.



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# County Cannot Ignore Low Salaries of Police

To the Editor:

As we have heard for many years now, Fairfax County is once again in a budget crunch. Since the economic crisis of 2007 and 2008, like many people, Fairfax County employees have seen their buying power shrink substantially. Pay grades have been decimated by the county's inability to consistently pay market rate adjustments, and the scales are tipping with 26 percent of general county employees' salaries falling behind inflation. All of this could have been prevented if not for the insatiable appetite to grow county government beyond its revenue streams.

The County Executive proposed budget states in part; "\$2.71 million for pay scale leveling for uniformed police and sheriff pay scales." The unpleasant part of this statement is that many citizens and even board members do not know that the words "Pay Scale Leveling" do not describe what is actually about to occur. The Public Financial Management, Inc. (PFM) report is not published on the Police Chief's website or any site readily available to the public. The lack of transparency is a stark contrast to the reality that every other study completed in recent years is listed at the Chief's site, to include, PERF, CALEA, and the Ad-Hoc Commission.

This so called "leveling" is necessary, because for many years Fairfax County has avoided the growing problem of recruiting police officers. As the issue has become more acute in recent months, Chief Roessler stated at the December 2016 public safety meeting, "We're just keeping our heads above water right now." Fairfax County has realized that it can no

longer ignore the low salaries of its police force if they expect to hire individuals who have clean backgrounds, are able to perform under the pressures of the work environment, accept the danger, and maintain their integrity, while displaying professionalism in ever-evolving situations.

Under the proposed budget, each police pay grade will be altered to provide even progression through pay steps. This change provides a small financial increase of less than \$700 for each rank, which is necessary. However, five new grades are being proposed that happen to fall within the range of command and administrative staff officers. These ranks will see raises as much as \$11,862.40. What does this do for recruiting? Absolutely nothing. Adding to the dismay of many, FCPD Majors and Captains have in recent years, already received large raises outside established Fairfax County human resources practices, all while the Fairfax County Police Department is unable to recruit a full academy class of new police officers. Every rank within the FCPD should be brought within Fairfax County's philosophy of market rate, just like any other county agency. The FCPD cannot boast about strong leadership while supporting a plan that favors 5 percent of the agency's employees and tells the other 95 percent, we'll get to you later. This rhetoric has become urban legend with FCPD officers, and this new strategy ignores the findings of the Ad Hoc sub-committee on recruitment, vetting, and diversity which found that there is currently no financial incentive to become a police Sergeant.

Policing has become extremely dangerous,

highly litigated, and requires technical skills and abilities. Because of these environmental issues, policing is quickly becoming a profession that demands higher pay. Without higher pay, many jurisdictions will continue to suffer from recruiting issues and worse yet, civil litigation due to poorly trained and/or underperforming officers. The inability to compete monetarily, has led to an ever increasing percentage of officers who live outside Fairfax County. Currently, just 25 percent of county police employees live in Fairfax County, which weakens the ability to have officers with a vested interest in their community.

The FCPD "Pay Scale Leveling" is damaging cohesiveness within the ranks due to the history of the agency's selective pay raises. If you find this information as troubling as we do, we encourage you to contact the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and also validate this information by asking for a copy of the PFM study. These are serious public safety issues. The citizens of Fairfax County rightfully expect continued service by well trained, professional and ethical officers who have, and will always fulfill the duties they have sworn to uphold. Adoption of the proposed pay plan would represent selective treatment and would negatively impact morale among the rank and file who would feel resentment, frustration and a lack of support from Fairfax County administrators.

**Joe Woloszyn**  
President,

Virginia Police Benevolent Association  
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## Save National Service

To the Editor:

As an active community volunteer as well as a member of the Governor's Advisory Board on Volunteerism and Service, I have collaborated with many organizations that match passionate volunteers with service projects designed to meet the needs of the community. One of these outstanding programs is AmeriCorps, a public service organization that employs over 80,000 members nationally in public service positions each year, including 5,600 in Virginia.

AmeriCorps members are active across our Commonwealth, working to meet education, health, economic, environmental and other needs in local communities. Since the program's founding in 1994, AmeriCorps members have served an incredible 26 million hours in community service in Virginia. Those hours translate into dollars. AmeriCorps is partially funded by the federal government through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Through public-private partnerships, grants and sponsors, CNCS leveraged \$1.2 billion nation-wide from outside resources in 2015.

Columbia University research estimates that every dollar invested in community service programs yields a \$3.95 return to society. AmeriCorps has become an investment in our communities, improving the quality of life for Virginians through civic engagement. Unfortunately, federal funding for AmeriCorps is threatened.

The latest White House budget proposal could eliminate funding for CNCS and AmeriCorps. During a time when communities in Virginia are benefiting from the much-needed services provided by AmeriCorps, cutting these investments would be detrimental to our neighborhoods and quality of life.

Please contact your member of Congress and ask that funding for AmeriCorps and CNCS not be cut from the federal budget.

**Jessica Bowser**

Governor's Advisory Board on Volunteerism and Service

## Importance of Names

To the Editor:

I read with great interest your article "Committed to Peacemaking" [The Gazette, March 16] about all the truly inspirational stories of local students promoting peace and justice. Such a powerful story of our local youth standing up and making a difference.

However the name of one group — "Blossoming Beauties" — also caught my eye but for a very different reason. While the goals and work being done by this group are indisputably laudable, the name is con-

cerning. With the challenges facing us today — women's rights and human rights under assault nationally and globally — the focus for young women on beauty and the attendant baggage that goes along with that distracts from the good works, strength and courage of these young people. There is power in names and I would urge these groups to consider carefully how they choose their monikers.

**Anne Holloway**  
Alexandria

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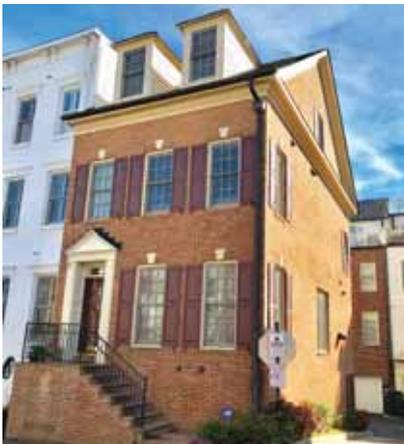


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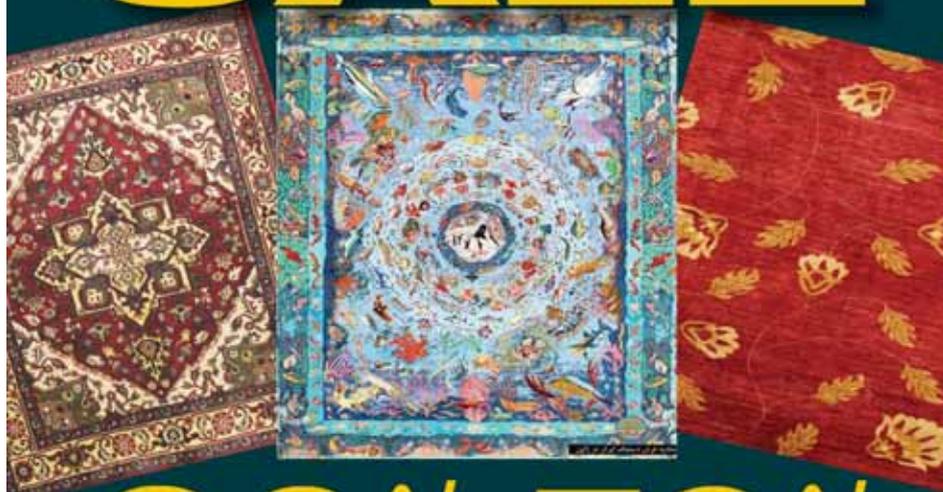


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**From left, U.S. Rep. Connolly's Fairfax outreach representative Alex Robbins chats with Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation executive director Edythe Kelleher and her sons Brian and Dan.**

## Rallying Dems Against Trump

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needed to keep "on the other side of the Potomac River."

Running to replace Northam as lieutenant governor, Justin Fairfax said after just 60 days in office, "Trump is the worst President we've had in history."

Connolly, acting as master of ceremonies between candidates' speeches, joked, "Boy, did you just make James Buchanan's night."

Norham and Fairfax were winners in the evening's straw polls for their respective hopeful offices, the former soundly beating Tom Perriello and the latter winning the majority of attendee votes over Susan Platt and Gene Rossi.

Fairfax was among the attorneys who volunteered to provide legal services to people being detained at Dulles Airport immediately following Trump's first executive order banning travel with seven majority-Muslim countries. He said the work was among his proudest moments.

"He doesn't know what he's touched off," Fairfax said. "The rebirth of activism ... we will resist, fight for each other."

Getting in the final words for the evening, Connolly referenced the Women's March on Washington following Trump's inauguration. He said it should not be a "one-day feel-good event."

The politicians conveyed messages of resistance and persistence.

State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) said the full house was reminiscent of town hall meetings he attended during the recently concluded Virginia General Assembly session.

"People are coming up to me like electrical plugs," he said, asking "where can you plug me in?"

More and more people want to do something, in what he called the "desperate situation the country is in," in fear of the President's "unstable behavior."

Marsden said he is still hoping for Trump to do well: "He's my President. Bull all signs point to him not being prepared to do this job."

The Virginia primaries will be held June 13. The deadline to register to vote or update an existing registration is May 22.



**From left, Lauren Bachand and Jalen Stubblefield of Alexandria, and Tommy Bennett of Danville show their support for Justin Fairfax, running for lieutenant governor of Virginia. Bennett said after he and other members of the Lesbian Gay Bixexual Transgender community interviewed all the candidates for lieutenant governor, he was so impressed with Fairfax he decided to offer to work for his campaign.**



**U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) held his 23rd annual St. Patrick's Day Fete and Democratic rally on March 17 at the Fairfax Kena Shriners' Temple.**

# SCHOOLS



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## Dr. Seuss Read-a-thon

The children of St. Aidan's Episcopal Day School celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday recently, with Director Suzanne Odom and Librarian Lynda Dunne reading "Green Eggs and Ham" to the entire school at once. As part of its Dr. Seuss Read-a-Thon, school families read over 2,000 books.

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**Rhealiza Ambanta**, of Alexandria, earned a place on the fall 2016 dean's list at Mary Baldwin University (Staunton, Va.).

**Carla Cisneros**, of Alexandria, earned a place on the fall 2016 dean's list at Mary Baldwin University (Staunton, Va.).

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# SPRING FUN, FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT

## Cafes, Bars Bring in Springtime-Worthy Beers

BY HOPE NELSON  
THE GAZETTE

**S**ure, you could stick with the same favorite brews all year long — but where's the fun in that? As the weather changes, so do local restaurants' beer menus. Here's what made the cut.

### Lost Dog Café, 808 N. Henry St.

Don't get too comfortable with Lost Dog's beer list at any given time — the pizzeria and sandwich purveyor tends to keep the menu lively with tap takeovers and frequent substitutions depending on what's in season and what looks fun. The taps are numerous — sporting nearly two dozen varieties on draft at any give time — and visitors are sure to find something that piques their interest.

As with many other bars and restaurants of late, Lost Dog breaks out its menu in specific varieties — fruity, hoppy, dark, and the like. And one of the café's current best selections sits squarely in the fruity arena — though a cider it's not. The Mandarin Nectar from Alpine Beer Company screams spring — from the sweet notes stemming from orange blossom honey and orange zest to spiciness of coriander, this brew is worthy of a sip (or a second order).

### The Majestic and No. 9 Lounge, 2000 Mount Vernon Ave.

Adjacent to its sister restaurant, Evening Star Café, the Majestic and upstairs No. 9 Lounge are always available for a weekend, happy-hour, or late-night beer. (Don't con-



**Alpine Brewing's Mandarin Nectar is a sweeter beer that's light enough to enjoy with a pizza or sandwich at Lost Dog Café.**

fuse this Majestic with the Majestic restaurant on King Street — they're not related.) Cozy and comfortable for catching a March Madness game on the bar TVs or catching up with friends at a table, both the upstairs and downstairs bars are the perfect place to try a new brew.

On tap right now, among many other options: Manatees at the Power Plant, a beer brewed in partnership between D.C.'s 3 Stars Brewing and Miami's J. Wakefield Brewing. It's labeled as a Berliner Weisse, but don't expect this to be a light-and-airy



**Del Ray's Majestic is a comfortable, homey spot to try a new beer while watching a game or catching up with friends.**

beverage. Instead, it's essentially a sour beer, thanks in large part to the ugly fruit it's brewed with. But don't let that put you off — rather, it should pull you in.

### Rustico, 827 Slaters Lane

Long considered a go-to spot for quality craft beer, diners will always find something new and exciting to try at Rustico, which bridges the neighborhoods of Old Town and Del Ray quite nicely. When the weather's nice, sit outside the restaurant and watch the world go by; when it's still too cool, the

popular indoor bar will meet your needs very well.

If you're looking for a mild, easy-to-drink beer that still carries a great deal of character, you could do much worse than the Bare Bones Kolsch from D.C.'s Hellbender Brewing. Hoppy and slightly bitter, the Bare Bones will help you toast spring in style without overpowering your taste buds.

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### ONGOING

**UCM Raffle Tickets.** Ongoing, the United Community Ministries is raffling off a trip to Cancun at the 'Give From the Heart' Gala on May 6 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. \$175 admission, \$25 raffle ticket. Visit [www.ucmagency.org](http://www.ucmagency.org) for more.

**The Hand Print Workshop.** Through April 2, various times at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Dennis O'Neil's Hand Print Workshop exhibit features a wide representation of the prints created by these artists in his Alexandria studio, including some by William Christenberry and Renee Stout, as well as works by O'Neil himself. Opening Reception, Sunday, Feb. 26, 4-6 p.m. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

**Pick-Up Hockey.** Ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-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/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/)

[rec/mtvernon/](http://rec/mtvernon/) or call 703-768-3224 for more.

**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.

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

**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.

### THROUGH MARCH 26

**Spring Book Sale.** 4-8:30 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. \$3 or less, unless specifically marked: hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and

audio-visual items. All genres. \$1 day on Sunday, March 26. Visit [www.beatleyfriends.org](http://www.beatleyfriends.org) or call 703-746-1702 for more.

### THURSDAY/MARCH 23

#### Greendale Women's Golf League.

1:30-3:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre Drive. The Greendale Women's Golf Association is an 18-hole league that plays once a week on Thursday mornings at the Greendale Golf Course on Telegraph Road. The league is open to experienced golfers of all abilities. Join the information session to discuss the upcoming golf season. Call 703-399-6496 or visit [gwgl.wordpress.com](http://gwgl.wordpress.com) for more.

**Kasey Chambers in Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Seth Walker opens. Visit [www.birchmere.com/](http://www.birchmere.com/) for more.

### THURSDAYS-SATURDAY/MARCH 23-25

**Used Book and Art Sale.** Various times at the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Email [mary.paden@gmail.com](mailto:mary.paden@gmail.com) or call 703-298-2176 for more.

### MARCH 24-APRIL 16

**Water Taxi to National Mall.** Departing at 11:10 a.m., 1:35 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. from the waterfront at Cameron and Union streets. Potomac

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### FRIDAY/MARCH 24

#### Women of Civil War Alexandria

**Tour.** 11 a.m. Tour starts at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Presented by the National Women's History Museum. \$15. Call 703-461-1920 or visit [www.nwhm.org/get-involved/events/walking-tours](http://www.nwhm.org/get-involved/events/walking-tours) for more.

**Photographer Lecture.** 7-9 p.m. Gallery at Convergence, 1081 N. Quaker Lane. Nina Tisara's photographic series: "Converging Paths and United in the Spirit," and "Witnessing Worship: Connecting through the lens of faith," will run March 17 to June 17. Call 703-998-6260 for more.

### SATURDAY/MARCH 25

**Bike-A-Thon: Wolverine Green Fundraiser.** 8-10 a.m. at Fort Hunt Park, Fort Hunt Road. Ready, Set, Ride for the West Potomac High School Wolverine. Email

[ride4thefunofit@gmail.com](mailto:ride4thefunofit@gmail.com).  
**Volunteer Open House.** 9:30-11 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Explore what it takes to volunteer at Gadsby's. Call 703.746.4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for more.

**"Beyond the Battlefield" Walking Tour.** 10 a.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Take a trip down "Mercy Street" in this 1.75-mile walking tour featuring locations featured in the PBS drama. \$15 in advance, \$20 the day of the program. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum) or call 703-838-4994.

**Friendship Firehouse Museum Tour.** 11 a.m.-noon at the Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred St. Learn about the Friendship Fire Company's firefighting procedures and equipment, as well as the different roles the organization played in serving the community. \$5 for adults and \$4 ages 10-17. Visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) or by call 703-746-3891 for more.

**Artist Reception.** 2-4 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. Artist Lina Alattar highlights her show "At the Seams," which runs March 17-April 30. Call 703-575-4705 for more.

**World Freerunning and Parkour Federation.** 6-10 p.m. at Urban Evolution Alexandria, 5505 Cherokee Ave. Athletic competition for a slot in

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# SPRING FUN



**The Spring Garden Market at River Farm, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive, runs Friday-Saturday April 21-22. Vendors from across the Mid-Atlantic region will offer a large selection of plants such as vegetable seedlings, natives, unusual trees, and pollinator favorites. Garden art, tools, and other accessories also will be available. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer gardening questions. \$5. Call 703-768-5700 or visit [www.ahsgardening.org](http://www.ahsgardening.org).**

## SATURDAY/APRIL 1

**Japanese Culture Drinks.** 4:30-6 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Explore the fusion of liqueur and fruit that is umeshu or Japanese plum wine. \$38. Ages 21 and older. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/) or call 703-642-5173 for more.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 8

**Ikebana Workshop.** 10 a.m.-noon at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Ikebana is a Japanese art of flower arrangement. Learn its rich symbolism and fundamentals, and take home a flower arrangement. \$38 and supplies extra. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/) or call 703-642-5173 for more.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 11

**Garden Experts Answer Questions.** 11 a.m.-noon in Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Stop by and chat with the VCE Master Gardeners who maintain the Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens and see

what is springing to life. Visit [mgnv.org](http://mgnv.org) for more.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 22-23

**Barley & Music Fest.** noon-6 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Craft brews from 18 artisanal breweries, live entertainment, and food vendors. Email [barleymusicfest@gmail.com](mailto:barleymusicfest@gmail.com) for more.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 30

**Creating a Bird-Friendly Garden.** 1-3 p.m. at Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Learn easy tips to entice birds and other beneficial pollinators to the yard. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov) for more.

## SATURDAY/MAY 6

**Spring Art Market.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans' Spring Art Market showcases original artwork from local artists in a wide range of mediums. Visit [www.DelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket) for more.



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# SPRING FUN

## 3 Al-Fresco Dining Spots for Spring

BY HOPE NELSON  
THE GAZETTE

As the weather warms up, restaurants' patios, porches, and sidewalks find themselves dotted with tables and chairs just waiting for visitors. Here are three can't-miss locations for dining outside.

### Lena's Wood-Fired Pizza and Tap, 401 E. Braddock Road

Lena's patio is quickly becoming one of Alexandria's most popular spots for outdoor dining, and for good reason. Though the pizzeria is on a busy corner, the patio feels secluded, private, without being isolated. Want to make friends? Sit at the fire pit and strike up a conversation with your neighbors. Or choose a table for two and enjoy a date night. If the temperature drops when the sun goes down, don't fret; the restaurant will fire up some outdoor heaters and hand out blankets to keep your legs warm.

While you're out there, best to enjoy some food. You'd be crazy not to order the polenta fries to share; the polenta-parmesan sticks have a salty-savory taste that will leave you scooping up every crumb. On to the main course: The prosciutto and arugula pizza offers up slices of meat accompanied with the peppery tang of greens; the mushroom pizza highlights wild mushrooms with a creamy garlic sauce and truffle oil to top it off.

### Carluccio's, 100 King St.

Though it's true that Carluccio's indoor space is also quite nice, the Italian eatery's outdoor seating is the perfect place to people-watch. Its sidewalk location puts visitors in the heat of the action near the King Street waterfront, and there's always something interesting to see as tourist and neighbors alike amble by.

Order a glass of wine and peruse the menu. Olive lovers will enjoy the giant variety offered as a starter;



Carluccio's sidewalk alongside King Street is a great place to dine outside and people-watch at the same time.

bruschetta is also a great choice. For a main course, the penne giardiniera — penne pasta with fried spinach balls and zucchini — is an unusual and hearty choice. Or consider the risotto del giorno; you'll be happy with whichever of the rice dish varieties is on the docket for the day.

### Taqueria el Poblano, 2400-B Mount Vernon Ave.

The front patio at Del Ray's Taqueria el Poblano could be compared to a postage stamp in size, but it's highly coveted real estate in Alexandria's Mexican-dining circles. It's worth the sometimes-lengthy wait to snag one of the half-dozen or so tables on the patio; there's nothing quite like feeling the spring breeze while sipping your margarita, after all.

While you enjoy that frosty beverage, peruse the menu and spy a couple of favorites right off the bat. The chile relleno, a poblano pepper stuffed with cheese and topped with ranchero sauce, is a winner no matter your mood. Or order one of the taqueria's burritos — options include bean and cheese, green-chile pork, beef, and more — and expect to be full for hours.

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the championship in Las Vegas. \$35 for participants, \$5 for spectators. Email [salil@urbanevo.com](mailto:salil@urbanevo.com) or call 855-646-5271 for more.

**The Migration Project.** 7:30 p.m. at the Durant Art Center, 1605 Cameron St. Stories of relocation explore the push and pull of human flight, featuring Jane Franklin Dance, artists Rosemary Feit Covey and Dawn Whitmore. Call 703-746-5560 for more.

**Concerts at St. Luke's.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Ft. Hunt Road. Oscar Paz-Suaznabar, an 11-year-old virtuoso pianist including works of Scarlatti, Haydn and Chopin and Marion Baker, one of Washington area's premier cellists performing unaccompanied cello works by Bach and Sibelius. \$20 adult, \$15 senior and free to 18 yrs and under. Visit [www.saintlukeschurch.net/events](http://www.saintlukeschurch.net/events) for more.

### MARCH 24-25

**"Not My Baby."** Friday show at 7 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 7 p.m. at the Richard Kauffman Auditorium, 1108 Jefferson St. Visit [notmybaby.bpt.me](http://notmybaby.bpt.me).

### SUNDAY/MARCH 26

**Dressage Riders.** 10:30 a.m.-1:30

p.m. at the Laurel Hill Equestrian Center, 8400 Lorton Road. Free. Dressage riders from Little Burgundy Farm, Alexandria, will launch the 2017 show season. Email [inquire.ces@gmail.com](mailto:inquire.ces@gmail.com) or call 703-395-3299 for more.

**Ides of Bark Dog Festival.** 1-5 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. All canines of Fairfax County and their human companions are invited to come learn pet care, CPR, and first aid techniques from experienced pet technicians, connect with local dog vendors, win cool prizes, and enjoy a demonstration by the Fairfax County Police Department K9 Unit. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/idesofbark/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/idesofbark/) for more.

**18<sup>th</sup>-century Medical Science.** Every 30 minutes between 1-4 p.m. at The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St. This hour-long program includes a tour of the museum and hands-on demonstrations of science led by re-enactors. Visit [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org) or call 703-746-3852.

**Asian Brush Painting Exhibit.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. See the Asian brush painting of the National Capital Area Chapter of the Sumi-e Society of America. Free. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 29

**Ann Wilson of Heart.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Part of a 20-date solo tour. \$110. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

**Lectio Divina.** 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Listening with the Ear of the Heart. Susan Robbins Etherton. Visit [www.staidanepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening](http://www.staidanepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening) or call 703-360-4220 for more.

### THURSDAY/MARCH 30

**Civil War Music.** 6:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Join historian Carson Hudson and fiddler Arden Clark as they musically explore the story of a time when America was at war with itself in the 1860s. \$25. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum) or call 703-746-4994 for more.

### FRIDAY/MARCH 31

**Opening Reception.** 7-9 p.m. at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Breaking the Glass Ceiling - The Sky's the Limit" exhibit at Del Ray Artisans runs March 31-April 30. Artists reflect on this metaphor of pushing through barriers. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) or call 703-838-4827.

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## SPRING FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

# ACCT Presents 'Connecticut Yankee'

**Mark Twain farce about American who is transported back to 6th century England.**

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE GAZETTE

**A**ldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) is presenting "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" from March 24 to April 9. This farce is about a modern-day American who finds himself transported back to 6th century England where royalty, knights, ladies of the court, an all-too-perky page, and a dastardly wizard all come together in a story about political intrigue in the Court of King Arthur.

Producers Jayn Rife and Marg Soroos wanted to do a classic show and decided that humorist Mark Twain had not been done in a long time, and that the community would enjoy it.

Director Rich Amada said using his own inimitable style, Mark Twain wrote the 1889 novel as a lighthearted romp through a period of time known as the Dark Ages, and playwright John G. Fuller tried to remain true to that spirit with his whimsical stage adaptation. "My goal as director is to maintain the darkly comic farce that's the hallmark of this classic tale," he said.

Amada said his greatest challenge was to find a cast that understands how to play comedy. "You know what they say — you can't teach it. Either you're funny or you're not," he said. "This play isn't a drawing room comedy with characters trading clever clips. It's a high-energy frolic, and it needs actors who can't just be funny. We scoured



PHOTO BY HOWARD SOROOS

**From left: Angelena LeBlanc (Mrs. Bennett/Queen Guinevere); Jim Pearson (King Arthur); Scott Stofko (Sir Sagramor le Desirous); Mike Dobbyn (Hank); and Ted Culler (Sir Lancelot) rehearse in ACCT's production of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court."**

high and low to find just such a cast, and we've got it. It's fun to watch them work."

He added: "I hope the audience enjoys this show as much as we've enjoyed putting it all together."

Colin Davies plays the role of Merlin, an ignorant, pompous, self-centered and self-important sexist. He called him "a man with no redeeming features. Although it is possible that at the end of the play he does have some realization of his serious character flaws," he said.

He said the challenges in his role were trying to make a deeply unpleasant person likeable in some way, making the arcane Old English come alive, and growing a beard.

He hopes audiences take away from the play that "science trumps hearsay; knowledge trumps ignorance; and decency

trumps cruelty."

Emily Golden plays the role of Morgan Le Fay, the villainess in the story. "Although she is the sister of King Arthur, she is working to overthrow him with the hope of taking over his kingdom," she said, adding: "Morgan is ambitious and not afraid to go after whatever she wants. She is used to getting her way and the playwright describes her as having a 'black' heart."

She said there were two big challenges for her in working on this piece. "First, it is really hard to memorize Old English. This was the first time that I have worked on a show that uses this kind of language, and I personally really struggled in the beginning with understanding what my lines even meant," she said.

She added: "Second, this is also the first

time that I am playing the 'bad' person in the story. It was definitely a new experience for me trying to understand the character of Morgan Le Fay and bring that character to life in a multi-dimensional, realistic way."

The main message of the show was for everyone to just get along, she said. "A lot of crazy, zany and improbable things happen along the way but, in the end, Hank tries to teach everyone that just by being a little nicer, we each can make a little bit of a difference in the world," she said.

Mike Dobbyn plays the role of Hank, a driven no-nonsense kind of man who has a tendency to get worked up when things don't go his way or when people have trouble seeing things from his point of view, which he would most likely deem the correct point of view.

He said his biggest challenge was making the mistake of trying a new method of memorizing his lines for the play. "I spent about two weeks on this method before I finally discovered that it didn't work for me at all. The method I tried works best for auditory learners, and as it turns out, I'm not an auditory learner," he said. "I went back to the method I had used on previous shows that works in spite of it being time-consuming. From my mistake, I hope we can learn a lesson: if you are going to take on a piece of work that is larger than what you are generally used to, stick to your tried and true methods; don't try that newfangled method other people swear by."

He added: "I hope that people walk away from this play with the same lesson I have learned time after time in my own life: Women are always right."

Aldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) is presenting "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" from March 24 to April 9. Tickets are \$12-\$15. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. The venue is located at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org).

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**Music.** 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Tetiana Khomenko (balalaika) and Vitalii Lyman (piano) will present an evening of diverse music. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum) or call 703-838-4994.

**Watershed Clean-Up.** 9-11:30 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Help remove bottles, cans, tires, and other carelessly dumped debris from local streams. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/).

**Forgotten Fairfax Lecture.** 11 a.m. at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax.

Forgotten Fairfax Presents Beacon Field and Hybla Valley Airports: A Talk by Anna Marie Hicks and Harry P. Lehman. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) or 703-293-6227, ext. 4.

**Gunston School House.** 5-7 p.m. at 411 Jackson Place, Del Ray. Historical setting sponsored by the Alexandria Committee of the Colonial

Dames. \$30 or \$100 for two people for the wine and appetizer party. Visit [wp.nscdava.org](http://wp.nscdava.org) for more.

**Rum Punch Challenge.** 7-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. \$50 per person, or \$100 to include both admission and a VIP pre-event tasting of Bacardi's special rums. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

### SUNDAY/APRIL 2

**Science and History.** 1-4 p.m. at The Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Highlights where science and history mixed, with a collection of medicinal herbs, shop furnishings, and apothecary bottles and equipment. call 703.746.3852, or visit [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org).

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**ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 17-02-04**

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking responses from qualified Offerors interested in Disposal of "Out of Adoption" Surplus Text Books & Library Discards.

Sealed Responses with the notation RFP# 17-02-04 DISPOSAL OF "OUT OF ADOPTION" SURPLUS TEXT BOOKS & LIBRARY DISCARDS will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, April 6, 2017. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Responses 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 703-619-8140, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPSS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing>, after registration on the Vendor Self Service system.

All questions must be submitted before 3:00 p.m., on March 27, 2017. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPSS web site.

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

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

Francine Morris, Buyer  
Procurement Department

**Obituary**

**Betty Gladys Hileman, age 93**, died peacefully on Monday October 17, 2016 at the Labier Geriatric Home located at 5707 Dawes Street, Alexandria, VA. Betty was born in London, England on July 17, 1923. She was raised by her parents Albert and Ellen Adams in London, England and survived all her British brothers and sister, Burt, Donald and Maisie.

Betty attended the Richmond County School for Girls in London on scholarship and graduated in 1939. The start of World War II prevented her from continuing her studies at the University of London. She was sixteen and went to work in London as a bookkeeper. As the war continued and America entered the war and our GI's came to England she had the pleasure to meet First Sargent Leroy Edgar Hileman of the Army Corp of Engineers from Johnstown, Pennsylvania. They became engaged and were married in a church wedding on April 1, 1944.

When World War II came to an end Betty joined her husband in Johnstown, PA, although Leroy was stationed at Fort Belvoir, VA. She traveled to the United States in February of 1946 on the Queen Mary ocean liner, still painted battleship grey, and docked in New York City. Betty then became one of 40,000 war brides from World War II, she was twenty-three years old.

With the unfortunate death of her husband Leroy on September 27, 1964, she gave up her life as a stay at home Mom and went to work full time at the National Association of Dental Laboratories to finish raising her three children. She became known as "Betty Bookkeeper", continuing her career in accounting and retired as NADL's controller after twenty-five years of service in 1989.

Betty will be remembered as a strong individual who overcame many hardships in her life. She was never one to shy away from a challenge and when considering her childhood in London and growing up during the Great Depression and coming alone to America at a young age, she was very brave. Betty became a US citizen in August 1953 and was a true Patriot and proud to be an American, although she loved her homeland of England and took many trips back to London to visit her relatives.

She was a terrific seamstress and loved to knit and sew. Betty loved working in her yard and was laying pavers in her back yard in her eighties. She was very involved with the American Legion when her husband was alive and studied military history. Because of being in harm's way during World War II, she had a great dislike of war.

In her lifetime, Betty beat diphtheria as a child, colon cancer in 1975 and the bombing of London during the German Blitz of London during World War II, but she could not beat father time.

Betty is survived by her three children, Diane, Robert and Gary. She had four grandchildren, two grandsons by Robert, Rob and Michael. She also had two granddaughters by Gary, Katherine and Kristin. She had one great granddaughter that was born after she passed away, a beautiful baby girl by her grandson Rob, Caroline Elizabeth Hileman.

Betty's ashes will be buried alongside her beloved husband, Leroy, at Arlington National Cemetery on April 3rd at 11:00am. There will be a brief graveside military service. Donations are not necessary, but Betty would request you do a good deed for an individual in her memory. **DEMAINE FUNERAL HOME**, Alexandria, VA is handling the arrangements. [www.demainefuneralhomes.com](http://www.demainefuneralhomes.com)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is recommending the Four Mile Run Connector Bridge ("Project") to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation for partial funding made possible by assistance from the Recreation Trails Program. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) is soliciting public comment on the Project. The Project includes the installation of a new pedestrian/cycling bridge that transcends an unnamed tributary within the Four Mile Run Park connecting two existing trails. At this time the trail has only one entrance/exit at the western side of the newly restored Four Mile Run Park wetlands, thus leading trail users to a dead end. The Connector Bridge project would install a 115 foot bridge over the wetlands and to the eastern part of the park at the softball field, improving safety and connectivity in the park.

RPCA is accepting comments for 30 days from initial announcement with a deadline of April 21. A plan for the project is available online at <https://www.alexandriava.gov/hub.aspx?id=14042> and the RPCA offices at 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Prior to the grant award, comments must be provided in writing and may be submitted where the plans are available, by mail or email. Contact information: Dana Wedeles, [dana.wedeles@alexandriava.gov](mailto:dana.wedeles@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-5491. If awarded, RPCA will hold a pre-construction meeting with the public

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**Obituary**



**Virginia "Ginger" Speagle Lutz** of Alexandria, VA died March 13 after an extended illness and hospitalization at 74 years old. A native of Hickory, NC, daughter of Paul Speagle, Sr. (deceased) and Virginia "Lady" Speagle (deceased), Ginger received her Bachelor's degree in Education from UNC Chapel Hill (Go Tarheels!) and Master's Degree in Education from George Mason University. Ginger taught 5th & 6th grades for 4 years in North Carolina and 37 years in Alexandria, VA. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society for key women educators and 50 years as a member of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. A lifelong Lutheran and member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hickory, NC and St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield, VA and with volunteer opportunities too numerous to name, Ginger lived her faith by supporting Lutheran Marriage Encounter, St. Mark's Sunday School, and other education venues to share her knowledge. She spent many years as a Girl Scout and served 30+ years as Treasurer for Cub Scout Pack 614. She was an advocate for the arts, an avid gardener, and lover of God's creation. She is survived by Tim (husband of 44 years), son Allen (Heather), son Matthew (Katherine & 3 grandchildren), brother Rick Speagle (Pat), brother John Speagle (Nancy), and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Funeral service will be held Saturday, April 1 at 11am Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hickory, NC and Memorial service on Saturday, April 22 at 11am St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Springfield, VA. Memorial donations welcomed in support of Lupus Research Alliance [www.lupusresearch.org](http://www.lupusresearch.org), Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp [www.carolinelutheran.org](http://www.carolinelutheran.org), and Arthritis research. [www.everlywheatley.com](http://www.everlywheatley.com)

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# NEWS



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## All-Star Team

The Fort Hunt basketball all-star team made up of 11-12 graders were picked from 12 teams of more than a hundred teens from a total of seven high schools. This was after the last game of the season at Bryant High School on March 10.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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versity (Staunton, Va.).

**Shantelle Jennings**, of Alexandria, earned a place on the fall 2016 dean's list at Mary Baldwin University (Staunton, Va.).

**Katherine Mulokey**, of Alexandria, earned a place on the fall 2016 dean's list at Mary Baldwin University (Staunton, Va.).

**Robert W. Archie**, of Alexandria, will participate in a St. Lawrence University off-campus study abroad program in Denmark during the spring 2017 semester. Archie is a member of the class of 2018, majoring in economics and business in the liberal arts. Archie graduated from Episcopal High School.

**Maggie Cole**, of Alexandria, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2016-2017 academic year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Rachael Norman**, of Alexandria, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2016-2017 academic year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Rowayne Schatz**, of Alexandria, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2016-2017 academic year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Thomas Valtin-Erwin**, of Alexandria, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2016-2017 academic year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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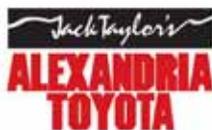
This training was very beneficial to all Fire Station 11 firefighters as these were situations that we rarely get to practice in such a realistic environment.

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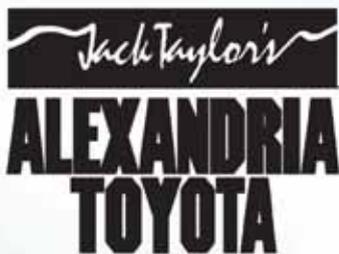
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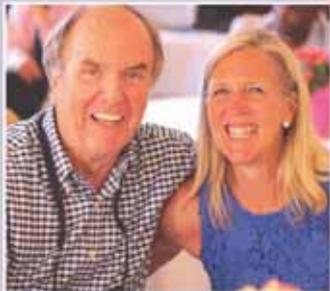
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