

## 'Our Big Moment' VDOT hosts Route 1 Widening meeting: Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Over the last five years, there have been 461 crashes within the three-mile stretch of Route 1 between Jeff Todd Way and Napper Road. Two of those included pedestrian fatalities, making it one of the most dangerous roadways to walkers in Virginia. That data was part of Mark Gibney's presentation on the Virginia Department of Transportation project to widen that area of Richmond Highway from four to six lanes.

The project, estimated to cost \$215 million, is anticipated to begin construction in the spring of 2023 and be open to traffic by 2026. Gibney is the project manager. He presented at the first major public information meeting about the widening on Tuesday evening April 18 at Mount Vernon High School, alongside VDOT special projects manager and lead for the widening Amanda Baxter.

Baxter said VDOT is in the middle of the environmental assessment process and going through a noise wall procedure.

A primary concern for many residents and business-owners is how they will be impacted by right-of-way land acquisitions to make way for the widened highway. That portion of the project is estimated to cost \$120.6 million alone and begin in spring 2019.



More than 200 community members came out to Mount Vernon High School for the first public information meeting regarding the widening of Route 1 from Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road.

Baxter tried to calm some of the anxiety by saying each right of way impact case will be unique, and there "could be temporary easements or partial acquisitions" in certain scenarios.

Gibney's slides included a draft graphic of a typical segment of the improved roadway, which will include protected elements for bicycles and pedestrians. Design isn't expected to be approved until late in the year 2018, after two more major public hearings anticipated for late this year and mid-2018.

He also showed traffic volume

projections, which he said are based on the current Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. They don't take into account the county's EMBARK initiative to bring Bus Rapid Transit and Metro expansion to the corridor, not to mention the increased population density those would bring with them.

"It's necessary," said state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36). "Route 1 is simply no longer functional, it inhibits further growth for the community."

While Surovell said the impact widening will have from right-of-way acquisitions is unquestionably upsetting and disconcerting, it's important to keep in mind the vision of many tens of thousands more people coming to the Mount Vernon area with both the widening and EMBARK projects.

"BRT, Metro expansion," he said, "will bring a 300 percent increase in businesses in the area. These people, they all have to eat, shop, go somewhere."

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) agreed there are difficult decisions that have to be made in carrying out the widening, but that's expected in transportation projects of this magnitude. He compared it to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Springfield Interchange.

"This is our big moment," McKay said, "our chance to get money here, congestion dealt with. We've

been deferring those decisions for too long. We need to see action down here."

McKay encouraged anxious residents and business-owners to be patient with the acquisition process, that some cases may be

grandfathered in, and he's confident individual concerns would be worked through.

Mount Vernon High School graduate and lifelong Mount Vernon resident Matthew Thompson said he understands change is inevitable, but wants to make sure all residents, including those from second and third-generation Mount Vernon neighborhood families — like those in Washington Square, Woodlawn Gardens, or Mount Vernon Apartments — will be remembered in the upgrade process.

"I'm excited about the increased pedestrian safety and the prospect of quick transportation up and down Route 1 that VDOT and EMBARK will provide," Thompson said. "My hope is that there is still affordability in regards to the housing, so that families that have been here for generations will be able to enjoy the added amenities and changes to the local community."

Thompson referenced some business institutions he remembers growing up with, including Johnny Mac's Rib Shack and Elsie's

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Mount Vernon resident Matthew Johnson referenced some business institutions he remembers growing up with, including Johnny Mac's Rib Shack and Elsie's Magic Skillet. "This is one of the oldest communities in the county, rich with history, and I hope those that have deep roots here are able to afford the community in which they were raised when it's all said and done."



Left, Del. Paul Krizek (D-44) talks with Mount Vernon resident Matthew Johnson over concerns for the impact of Route 1 widening on established neighborhood families—like those in Washington Square, Woodlawn Gardens, or Mount Vernon Apartments — and whether they'll be remembered and included in the upgrade process.

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**The Rev. Dr. Johnnie L. Abram of Harvest Assembly Baptist Church in Gum Springs officiated at the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service.**



**Music for the morning's sunrise service was provided by Dan Doxzen, music minister, organist and cantor at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Reston.**



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## Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

**The Rotary Club of Mount Vernon sponsored the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Historic Mount Vernon. Participants included the Rev. Dr. Johnnie L. Abram, organist Dan Doxzen, and Scout Troop 993.**



**Residents gathered April 16 for the Easter Sunrise Service at Historic Mount Vernon.**



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**Members of Scout Troop 993 move towards the tomb of George Washington to lay a wreath.**

# Inova Mount Vernon Receives National Safety Awards

**I**nova Mount Vernon Hospital has received two patient safety awards from national patient advocacy organizations.

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is one of 823 hospitals nationwide to receive an A hospital patient safety ranking by The Leapfrog Group, a national patient safety

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## NEWS

# Man Tased, Children Recovered

## Barricade incident in Fort Hunt area.

A barricade incident in the Fort Hunt area involving a man experiencing a crisis and his two young children was resolved shortly after 1 p.m. on April 17 when the children were able to exit the home safely, according to police. They were taken into protective custody, police said, and are now with family.

The man exited and re-entered the home in the 8600 block of Thomas J Stockton Parkway, not cooperating with police negotiators. Ultimately they tased him when he last came out of the house. Police took him into custody, he was then taken to the hospital to be treated and evaluated.

MPO Don Gotthardt with FCPD said a temporary detention order was issued for the 41-year-old man who was the subject of the barricade scenario. Gotthardt said the man is still under the care of a mental health facility and that "there are no supplements to the report indicating that any charges will be filed."

The incident began the previous night around 8 p.m. when police said they received a call from a concerned friend who thought the man was having a mental health crisis.

Officers made contact with the man in question inside the house but were not allowed to come inside, police said.

After it was discovered there were two children in



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

**A barricade incident in the Fort Hunt area involving a man experiencing a crisis and his two small children was resolved shortly after 1 p.m. on April 17 when the children were able to exit the home safely, according to police.**

the house with the man, police obtained an Emergency Custody Warrant. Crisis negotiators continued an intermittent dialogue with the man into the early afternoon the following day.

Police said they never confirmed if the man had any weapons inside the house. They said they were concerned for the welfare of his children, but that the man never made any threats to harm them.

— TIM PETERSON

## CRIME REPORT

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

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING:** 8400 Richmond Highway (Pema's), April 16, around 2 a.m. Officers responded to a report of a fight at the restaurant. An investigation determined a 41-year-old man had been stabbed in the hand. He was treated for minor injuries at a local hospital and released. The suspect was described as a Hispanic man, 20 to 30 years of age, with long hair and wearing a tan hat and brown jacket.

**ROBBERY:** 7700 block of Richmond

Highway (The Home Depot), April 8 around 6:15 a.m. A man entered the store, picked up merchandise and walked toward the exit. As he passed an employee, he threatened her and left the store. The investigation is ongoing.

**BURGLARY:** 6400 block of Cavalier Drive, between April 8 and April 10. Homeowners reported that while they were away for the weekend someone entered their home and took property.

**ROBBERY:** 2700 block of Arlington Drive, April 8 around 10:25 p.m. A man was robbed by two acquaintances. The victim was sitting outside when the sus-

pects ran up to him. One of them displayed a knife; they stole cash from the victim and fled. The victim did not require medical attention. The investigation is ongoing.

**SHOOTING INTO AN OCCUPIED DWELLING:** 7900 block of Audubon Avenue, April 8 between 12:10 and 12:30 a.m. and April 9 around 11:40 p.m. Detectives are investigating two reports of gunshots fired near apartment buildings. The first incident occurred on April 8. Bullets struck at least five cars and the glass door of an apartment. In

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## CRIME REPORT

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the second incident, several gunshots were fired into an apartment of a different building. No one was injured in either incident and officers checked the area on both nights but did not locate any suspects. Detectives are looking into whether these incidents are related to each other or to a shooting that occurred nearby on April 6.

**UNLICENSED DOG:** 7900 block of Audubon Avenue, April 11 around 12:25 p.m. Animal Protection Police (APP) officers responded to a home for a report of a welfare check on a 6-month-old Pit Bull mix. The owner was home, so APP officers spoke to him at length about properly caring for dogs, laws pertaining to owning pets and provided him a brochure, "Your Pets and the Law." The man was issued a summons for not having a dog license.

**ROBBERY/ARREST:** 2800 block of Fairhaven Avenue, April 11 around 4:20 p.m. A man was arrested after attempting to rob a 27-year-old woman. The victim was walking outside when the man approached and asked for money. When she refused, he displayed a small knife and demanded money. The victim ran to safety. Officers responded and located the suspect nearby in his apartment. A 30-year-old man from Alexandria was arrested, taken to the Adult Detention Center and charged with robbery. He was also served with an outstanding assault warrant. The victim did not require medical attention.

**ROBBERY/ARREST:** 2500 block of Huntington Avenue, April 11 around 11:05 p.m. Two men were arrested for robbing another man. The victim, a 27-year-old man, was at a bus stop when the two men asked him for money. The victim gave them a small amount of money then one of them asked for the bag he was holding. When the victim refused, the suspects implied they had a gun, took the victim's bag and boarded a bus to escape. Officers located the bus, stopped it and took the suspects into custody. Two men, both of Springfield, were taken to the Adult Detention Center and charged with robbery. The victim did not require medical

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### APRIL 11 LARCENIES

5900 block of Grand Pavilion Way, cell phone from residence

### APRIL 10 LARCENIES

6800 block of Fort Hunt Road, purse from vehicle  
6300 block of Gentile Court, cash from vehicle  
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Along with players, coaches, and other members of the community are (from left) David Bowden, Dennis Dunn, Shawn Bertani, Jeff C. McKay, Daniel G. Storck, Linwood Gorham, Deputy Director of the Park Authority Sara Baldwin, and Park Authority Board Member Michael W. Thompson, Jr. (Springfield).

## Ribbon-cutting for Ball Fields

On Saturday, April 8, local officials, players and coaches cut the ribbon on the renovated McNaughton Park ball fields in the Mount Vernon area. Attending the ceremony were members of the Woodlawn Little League, which has used these fields since the 1960s.

A presentation of the colors by the Fairfax County Public Safety Honor Guard was followed by the National Anthem sung by

Genevieve Kirk. Speakers included Mount Vernon District Supervisor Daniel G. Storck, Park Authority Board Member Linwood Gorham (Mount Vernon), Lee District Supervisor Jeff C. McKay, President of the Woodlawn Little League Dennis Dunn, Director of the Park Planning and Development Division David Bowden, and Senior Director of Community Relations for the Washington Nationals Shawn Bertani.



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# OPINION

## Mother's Day

The Gazette is seeking submissions for its annual photo gallery.

**M**other's Day is Sunday, May 14 this year and as usual every year at this time, The Gazette calls for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery.

Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, with children or without children in the photos. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. We will not print your full address or contact information.

You can upload photos and information directly to [www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/) or email to [gazette@connection](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com)

newspapers.com.

Immediately after we publish our Mother's Day photo galleries, we will begin to ask for submissions for our annual Father's Day galleries. Each year we seem to receive many more photos for Father's Day.

We've always been curious whether that is because it is the second of the set so readers are more aware or because mothers are more likely to send in images of the fathers in their life.

Throughout the year, we ask for community submissions. Twice a year we ask you to tell us stories about your pets and how they have come into, touched and left your lives.

In late summer, we invite readers to share

what they know about their community for neighbors and newcomers alike.

And wrapping up the year, we gather writing and art from local students to fill our holiday edition. Each year, through an enormous effort by area teachers and school staff we receive more material than is possible to publish for most of our 15 editions.

In addition, regular contributions to our entertainment calendars, community bulletin boards, school notes, and business notes help us to share news in your community. We also always welcome photos and captions from community organizations (Scouts, sports teams, faith groups, school activities, etc.) and local businesses.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## County Poised for Continued Growth

To the Editor:

The April 12 article, "Uncertainty Amid Growth," might have left readers wondering about the strength and future of Fairfax County's economy.

Much of the uncertainty arises from concerns about the direction of the federal budget, because many employers in Fairfax County and northern Virginia are involved in government contracting. However, more than two-thirds of the federal procurement dollars won by Fairfax County companies in fiscal 2016 involve three departments for which President Trump has indicated he would seek increased funding: Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs.

For that reason and others, I think the Fairfax County economy is poised for continued development. In 2016, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority worked with 194 companies that added nearly 7,500 jobs to the county economy. Many of those companies are in the professional and technical industry sectors that will generate the most prosperity for the community.

Just since the beginning of 2017 the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority has

announced several companies that are adding hundreds of jobs here. Some, like Favor TechConsulting or IOMAXIS, focus on work with federal customers. Others such as All Traffic Solutions and Global Guardian, focus on private-sector customers. This is the hallmark of a mature economy: companies working in a variety of sectors and for a variety of customers and finding the kind of skilled talent they need to thrive. This kind of economic diversity is what every community longs to attain.

This work is never done, of course. In addition to Fairfax County's traditional business strengths, my office has targeted cybersecurity, data analytics and translational medicine as industry sectors with great growth potential here. The foundation is firmly in place to help Fairfax County achieve even greater economic stability and prosperity in the years ahead.

**Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D.**  
President and CEO  
Fairfax County Economic  
Development Authority  
Tysons Corner

## Good Use for Dirt

To the Editor:

Stratford Landing Elementary School on Riverside Road is currently undergoing a taxpayer-

funded \$25 million renovation. To the left of the school, a large mound of dirt is sitting there as a result of the excavation that took place as the renovations began.

To the left of the school, a small park is located. Whenever it rains, for many years, the park becomes a swamp with standing water remaining there for days after each rain event. This is a likely breeding ground for mosquitos and other insects that may very well cause harm to the children from the school who often play there. It is surprising to me that, year after year, the Mount Vernon supervisor and the School Board representative have done absolutely nothing to mitigate this serious health concern for the children of our community who attend the adjacent school.

I have a suggestion: Why not take the mound of dirt and spread it over the park to raise its elevation sufficiently in conjunction with providing appropriate drainage pipes so that rainwater drains off the park during rain events so that it is no longer a health hazard for the children.

I checked the county maps and the park is not in a resource protection area (RPA). As such, there is no environmental impediment to getting this done. The sooner, the better.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

### BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

#### APRIL

**Coffee for Campers.** April is the Month of the Military Child, and to honor our nation's littlest heroes, the National Military Family Association is asking if you'll give up your coffee shop coffee and donate that extra \$5 a day to send a military kid to Operation Purple Camp. Visit [www.militaryfamily.org/get-involved/donate/coffee-for-campers.html](http://www.militaryfamily.org/get-involved/donate/coffee-for-campers.html) to learn more.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**GrandInvolve** recruits adult volunteers who are interested in mentoring,

providing reading and math tutoring, as well as assisting in the classroom at Fairfax County's Title I schools. They are currently seeking a core group of community volunteers for the GrandInvolve Steering Committee in the Mount Vernon District. Tasks include developing timelines, establishing goals and objectives, networking in the community, and developing community partnerships. Email [GrandInvolve@gmail.com](mailto:GrandInvolve@gmail.com).

#### THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

**Mobile DMV.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sherwood Hall Library. Two programs, DMV Connect and DMV 2 GO, will provide full DMV service to the Route 1 area. At the Sherwood Hall service centers, customers can apply or renew their ID cards, drivers licenses, take road and knowledge

tests, apply for special ID cards, get copies of their driving records, obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals and transcripts, order disabled parking placards or plates, purchase an EZ-Pass transponder and more. A full list of services is available at [www.dmv.virginia.gov](http://www.dmv.virginia.gov).

#### SUNDAY/APRIL 23

**Healthcare Discussion.** 2-4 p.m. Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host a discussion on healthcare insurance challenges, the healthcare gap affecting 19-34 year olds in Virginia, and the Medicaid gap in Virginia. The keynote speaker is Emma Goodacre, Young Invincibles' Healthcare Political Activist. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.fcacd.org](http://www.fcacd.org) for

more.

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 26

**The Spirituality of Recovery.** 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Guest speaker is Maureen Schneider. Call 703-360-4220 or visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com) for more.

#### DEADLINE FRIDAY/APRIL 28

**Mount Vernon Lee Chamber Scholarships.** At least \$12,000 will be awarded to local graduating seniors pursuing further education in business. Students may apply online at [www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/scholarship-application](http://www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/scholarship-application) or call 703-360-6925 to request an application.

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## OPINION

# Ready for Next Phase of Diversion First

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN C. COOK  
DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK)



**F**airfax County continues to make substantial progress on a program called "Diversion First." This program provides treatment instead of incarceration for people with mental health issues or developmental disabilities who come into contact with law enforcement for low-level offenses. With Diversion First, an officer can identify a suspect as needing supportive services, and can bring him or her to the Community Services Board (CSB) instead of making an arrest. Instead of making an arrest, officers bringing low-level offenders to the CSB saves the County money, time, and resources. Last year, 375 people were diverted from arrest into treatment- which represents a huge accomplishment. This is not the only opportunity for diversion, however. The County is now pursuing the next phase of the Diversion First program, with a focus on making diversions after this initial contact with law enforcement.

### COMMENTARY

Imagine you or I were arrested for a low-level crime, such as trespassing or disorderly conduct, on a Saturday night. We may be held until Monday or Tuesday. We could then probably post a bond for a few hundred dollars and be released. People with mental illness or developmental disabilities, however, often have troubled employment histories, and do not have that money. They are often detained for months awaiting trial.

During this time, the County is paying approximately \$200 per day to hold them, all while their mental state is deteriorating. By their next hearing date, these individuals have often spent as much or more time in jail awaiting their day in court than if they had been found guilty of the original charges, resulting in a release based on "time served." They leave in a worse condition than when they entered. Eighty percent of the time, they will repeat their criminal behavior.

Diversion First breaks this cycle. It provides

judges with a treatment alternative at the bonding hearing, when the judge can offer "supervised release" instead of bail. Supervised release requires mandatory treatment, with supervision by a trained probation officer. The person gets treatment and can recover. Then they can be released from criminal charges later if treatment is successful.

Studies show this treatment alternative can reduce the reoccurrence of criminal activity to as low as 20 percent.

That means a 60 percent reduction in crime (from 80 percent to 20) from this population. Literally hundreds of crimes can be prevented each year. With jail costing around \$200 per day, and treatment only a few thousand dollars per year, over time the County will save significant funds.

This program is a win-win. Treatment improves lives. Crime will be reduced. Taxpayers will save long-term money. We must continue the progress of Diversion First by implementing these new avenues for diversion. This will allow the County to direct resources more efficiently, allow the Police to save time, and help people with disabilities improve their lives.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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### SATURDAY/APRIL 29

#### Operation Medicine Cabinet

**Cleanout.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Franconia District Station, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Drop off unused or expired medications at a Fairfax County Police district station (pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles). Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb) or email [wwwcsb@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:wwwcsb@fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

### SATURDAY/MAY 13

**Community Shred.** 9 a.m.-noon at Mount Vernon District Police Station, 2511 Parkers Lane. Shred unwanted paper items. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/) for more.

### ONGOING

**Art Making as Meditation.** 7-8:30 p.m. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Art making as meditation can be an active form of contemplative practice. Each session begins with a short reading and a brief introduction to materials.

Silence for making and meditation lasts an hour followed by sharing images or insights gained through the process, if desired. Children able to participate in silence are welcome to come with a parent's quiet supervision. RSVP not necessary for attendance, but helpful for planning purposes. Call 703-360-4220, email [info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org](mailto:info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org) or visit [www.staidanepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening](http://www.staidanepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening).

#### Mount Vernon Preservation

**Challenge.** George Washington's Mount Vernon has embarked upon a special year-end fundraising campaign that will help ensure the ongoing preservation of the estate of this nation's first president. As the country's most popular historic home, Mount Vernon does not accept government funding, instead relying upon donations from patriotic individuals and organizations. Through the Preservation Challenge, Mount Vernon hopes to raise enough money to perform critical repairs and restoration work on original structures located in the historic area. The funds raised through the Mount Vernon Preservation Challenge will support the following projects:

\* **The Spring House:** This building

currently does not have a roof. Money originally slated for this project was reassigned to perform emergency repairs in the Mansion.

\* **The Ice House:** There is a serious crack in the masonry that may result in long-term structural damage if not promptly addressed.

\* **The Mansion:** Mount Vernon has just begun a five-year "rustication" project, which is the method used in George Washington's time of cutting, beveling, and sand-casting wood siding to make it appear as if it is stone.

For more information, visit [www.mountvernon.org/donate](http://www.mountvernon.org/donate).

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### Peer Facilitated Mental Health

**Support Group** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Gartlan Behavioral Health Center, 8119 Holland Road. Facilitated by trained peers with lived-experience dealing with mental health challenges. 571-414-9072 [sharonmartinbsa@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonmartinbsa@yahoo.com)

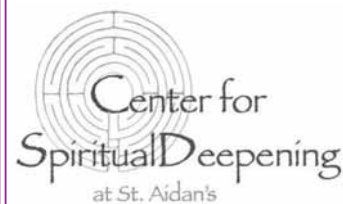
**Family Support Group.** 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Gartlan Center, 8119 Holland Road. Opportunity for discussion, information and support for families with members

experiencing symptoms of mental illness. Professionally facilitated. Program varies, may include guest speakers, movies.

Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required. Free. For more information contact Nga Nguyen at 703-799-2726, TTY 711.

**Telephone Support Group.** 7-8 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For family caregivers of older adults. Discuss "Keeping Organized as a Caregiver: What Works?" Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Free. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices).

**Alzheimer's Association support groups** provide a place for people with Alzheimer's, their caregivers, family members, and/or friends to share information, caregiving tips and concerns. Groups are facilitated by trained group leaders and are ongoing, free and open to the community. Call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time to verify meeting information, obtain directions or other information about the group. A complete list of all groups in the National Capital Area region can be viewed at [www.alz.org/nca](http://www.alz.org/nca).



## The Spirituality of Recovery

April 26, 7:30-9:00 pm

Maureen Schneider

Twelve Step recovery programs can be helpful to anyone seeking a progressive deepening into a God-centered life, whether or not recovery from addiction is a part of their spiritual journey. Maureen will discuss the Twelve Steps, their underlying spiritual principles, and how they can be "lived" as a way of transformation. All are welcome.

Maureen Schneider holds a Master's degree in counseling from Trinity College in Washington DC and has presented workshops, talks, and retreats focused on spirituality and recovery. She has been a recovering and grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous for over 40 years.

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## NEWS

# Celebrating with an Easter Egg Hunt



Eileen Serice (left) and Agnes Kelly (right) pose with Brisa Marisol Vazquez and the Easter Bunny at the Spring Hills Mt. Vernon Assisted Living Easter egg hunt.

Easter came early for the senior residents and their families at Spring Hills Mt. Vernon Assisted Living on Saturday, April 8. After enjoying a BBQ lunch, families and residents participated in an Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny was part of the fun while posing in an Easter-themed photo booth with the children and the seniors. Once all the eggs were found, Kate Keeler entertained the group with popular songs by Rodgers & Hammerstein and more.

**Spring Hills Mt. Vernon Assisted Living resident Agnes Kanitz gives the Easter Bunny a kiss.**



**Anna Imrie (left), Anne Imrie (middle) and Frank Murphy (right) snap a picture with the Easter bunny at Spring Hills Mt. Vernon Assisted Living.**



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## UCM To Honor Hyland at Gala

United Community Ministries (UCM) will honor retired county Supervisor Gerry Hyland. UCM will present the inaugural Gerry Hyland Humanitarian Award to Hyland himself, the long-time Mount Vernon supervisor, at its annual fundraiser "Give from the Heart Gala" at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in Old Town Alexandria on Saturday, May 6.

Hyland represented the Mount Vernon district for 28 years before his 2015 retirement and was instrumental, among other successes, in the redevelopment of the Route 1 corridor and keeping the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital anchored in the community. He also served on the UCM board of directors from 1981-1987. "Hyland has been a valuable

asset to the vitality of the Mount Vernon community," said Ken Disselkoen, chair of the UCM Board of Directors.

UCM offers a social services program that includes after-school activities, early child-care and learning, emergency assistance, ESL and adult education, and college scholarships.

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# Weighing Long-Term Benefits of Summer Camp

**Camp experiences can enhance social and psychological development, say experts.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**A**s the end of the school year draws near, so does the beginning of summer camp experiences. Child development experts say that summer camps offer more than just fun; they present opportunities for emotional, social and psychological growth and development.

"Summer camps provide children with a sense of community where they can feel safe and learn through first-hand experiences, said Stacie Gottlieb, director, Bullis Summer Programs at Bullis School in Potomac, Md. "Within this setting, campers develop a sense of independence as they try new adventures in an environment different from the norm."

Children benefit from the nurturing structure of a summer camp in a way that is different from the structure they get during a school year, says Jim Supple, associate dean of students and director of Summer Programs at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "Summer camps allow children to be children," he said. "They allow them to make new friends, try new things,

and learn how to be part of a group. These are attributes of camps that will promote not only healthy interaction among peers, but also building a healthy image of what type of child they want to be."

A summer camp where children engage in new and memorable activities will sow seeds for learning during the upcoming academic year, said Shannon Melideo, Ph. D. associate dean of the School of Education & Human Services and associate professor of education at Marymount University. "For example, if your child's summer camp takes a field trip to a historical site that your son finds fascinating and then during the school year, the teacher introduces [the] same historical events and location, he has schema for the lessons. He is more likely to participate, learn more, be better prepared to read his social studies textbook, and even perform better on the exam."

"Summer camp can be a terrific opportunity to grow your child's sense of competence and mastery over something that they love," added Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology, Northern Virginia Community College. "By picking a camp where your child has an interest, they can

be mentored in a passion in ways that a typical school day often can't."

When selecting a camp, Melideo advises parents to consider a complete picture of their child. "For example, while your daughter, Sophia loves softball, find a summer camp where she can refine [her] batting and pitching skills and engage with books, perform in skits, play math games, and try something new," she said.

A child's social skills can be boosted at camps which provide children with opportunities to make new friends or nurture existing friendships, says Colleen K. Vesely, Ph. D., assistant professor of Early Childhood Education and Human Development at George Mason University. "Developing new social and cognitive skills outside the physical walls and social boundaries of school can help promote healthy self-esteem in children, while spending time in nature can boost children's overall health and well-being." Camps offer an opportunity for children to gain skills that lead to independence. "For older children, over 8-plus years old, typically, sleep away camp offers opportunities to develop independence and self-reliance by providing children with space to navigate daily life away from the directing of parents but under the guidance of trusted adults," said Vesely.


For some parents, there are mixed emotions around enrolling a child in camp.


"Sometimes working parents feel guilty for enrolling their children in summer camps because of the need for child care during the work day," said Ivy Beringer, Ed.D., professor of Early Childhood Education and Dean for Social and Professional Sciences at Northern Virginia Community College. "However, children are usually very excited to attend summer camps. This is especially true if the children have input into the camp selection."

"Summer camps allow for continuous learning that extends beyond the regular school year [and] provide a relaxed atmosphere that stimulates their brains for creative learning without the assessment anxiety that often accompanies school classroom learning," said Beringer. "[Summer camp] enhances self-esteem by offering special interest learning in small group situations and often with a lower adult-student ratio in school settings."

"A mother recently called me with a concern that her son only wanted to attend soccer camps this summer and she felt this was too limited of an experience," continued Beringer. "My response to her was that if he was interested in improving his soccer skills she should view this in a positive light. After all, he will be outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine everyday, exercising his body, and enhancing skills in a sport he loves. What's not good about that choice?"

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## ONGOING

**“Breaking the Glass Ceiling – The Sky’s the Limit”** exhibit. Through April 30, 7-9 p.m. at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. at Del Ray Artisans. Artists reflect on this metaphor of pushing through barriers. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) or call 703-838-4827.

**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.

### Water Taxi to National Mall.

Through April 16. Departing at 11:10 a.m., 1:35 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. from the waterfront at Cameron and Union streets. Potomac Riverboat Company offers a 30-minute direct water taxi to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to access events of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, including the Blossom Kite Festival. \$28 round-trip for adults, \$16 one-way for adults; \$16 round-trip for children under 12; \$8 one-way for children under 12. Visit [www.potomacriverboatco.com/water-taxi/national-mall/](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com/water-taxi/national-mall/) or call 703-684-0580 for more.

**The Mercy Walk Tour.** Saturdays and Sundays through April 16, 2:30 p.m. Tour starts at the Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St. The Mercy Walk tour will give visitors and locals alike a feel for what it was like to live in an occupied city during the Civil War. \$13 adults; \$7 children; \$12 seniors Call 703-519-1749 or visit [www.alexcolonialtours.com/themeracywalk](http://www.alexcolonialtours.com/themeracywalk) for more.

### 3-Dimensional Views Artshow.

Through April 23, various times at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 N. Union St. This show will also highlight the work of



three featured artists: Emma Bednar, Gayle Roehm, and Emma Thompson. Free. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com) or call 703-548-0935 for more.

### Native Plants, Herbs, and

**Heirloom Tomatoes.** Various times through mid June at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church Greenhouse, 1909 Windmill Lane. Visit [www.mvuc.org](http://www.mvuc.org) for more.

**Costumes of Mercy Street.** Through Sept. 1, at The Lyceum: Alexandria’s History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. To learn more about The Lyceum, visit [alexandriava.gov/Lyceum](http://alexandriava.gov/Lyceum) or call 703-746-4994.

**All the President’s Pups.** Saturdays 10 a.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. All the President’s Pups Walking Tour, along the way, learn about George Washington’s love for dogs, his dogs’ unusual names, and his efforts to improve the quality of his hunting dogs through breeding. \$7. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) 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](http://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 Coldsmith 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](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) for more.

**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/rec/mtvernon/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/) or call 703-768-3224 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](http://www.alexandriava.gov/fortward) for more

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

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

**Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit.** Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired “Mercy Street,” the new PBS’ series

inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) or call 703-549-2997

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

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

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

**Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812.** Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria’s citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://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](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-



## Opening Reception

**Artist Avis Fleming’s opening reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Printmakers Inc., Studio 325 (third floor) of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. A one-artist show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics runs May 1 through June 28. Call 703-683-1342.**

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

**Second Thursday Music.** Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

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

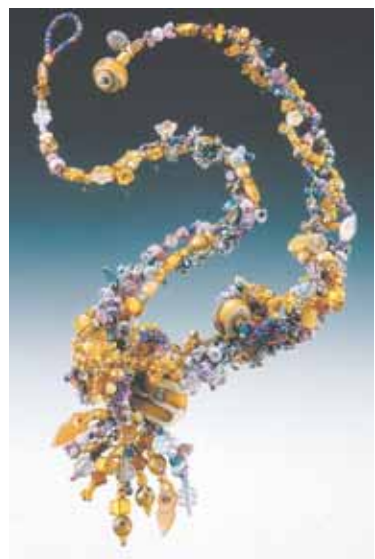
**Civil War Sundays.** 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more Free. Visit [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org).

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

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

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## ‘Singing the Blues’

Joanne Bast’s work “painted desert necklace” is part of the juried show “Singing the Blues,” at the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. The show runs April 25-May 21. Call 703-548-0935 or visit [www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com) for more.



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every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

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

**The Harmony Heritage Singers** (Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus, rehearses on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome for fun or to book for a performance. Visit [www.HHSingers.org](http://www.HHSingers.org), or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 20

**Jazz Musicians.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Tom Teasley and Seth Kibel create a blend includes Jewish klezmer, Arabic rhythms, and American jazz. \$15 or \$10 for NVFAA Members Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 21

**Third Friday Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m., Room 112, Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The performers are with the Mount Vernon Swing Band under the leadership of Mr. Owen Hammett. \$4. Visit [www.hollinhallseniorcenter.org](http://www.hollinhallseniorcenter.org) or call 703-765-4645 for more.

## DEADLINE APRIL 21

**Fair Housing Poster Contest.** "Alexandria is a Welcoming Community" is the theme for this year's contest. Submissions of posters will be accepted from all Alexandria students in grades Kindergarten through 7. Posters should be original artwork and represent the theme. Call 703-746-3079 or visit [www.alexandriava.gov/housing](http://www.alexandriava.gov/housing) for more.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 22

**Mount Vernon Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. An assortment of goods for sale. Free. [Mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com](http://Mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com) for more info.

**Garden Day Herb & Craft Sale.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Celebrate spring with the Friends of Carlyle House's Annual Garden Day Herb and Craft Sale. \$5 for adults; \$3 for children; free for Friends of Carlyle House. Call 703-549-2997 for more.

**Groundbreaking Ceremony.** 8:30 a.m. at Windmill Hill Park, 501 South Union St. The project consists of replacing the failed bulkhead and eroding shoreline along the river with a "living shoreline," as approved by City Council in June 2015. Improvements will also be made to Union Street adjacent to the park, consistent with the Union Street Corridor Study. Rain or shine. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov) for more.

**Earth Day Clean Up.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. West Potomac High School volunteers to complete a beautification project as a part of an Earth Day celebration. The project will include planting the foundation of a learning island and other general clean-up. Please bring gardening tools if possible. Visit [www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacHS/](http://www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacHS/) for more.



## Concert

**The Everly Brothers Experience, 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, on April 27, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.**

**Garden Tour.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. The members of the Garden Club of Alexandria and The Hunting Creek Garden Club are sponsoring a tour of five homes in Old Town. \$45 in advance, \$55 day of tour. Visit [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org) for more.

**Raptor Rapture Birdshow.** 10 a.m.-noon at the Belle Haven picnic area of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Celebrate Earth Day by learning more about raptors, a family that includes owls, hawks, and falcons. Visit [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org) for more.

**Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon.** 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC, 1301 Collingwood Road. Advance tickets \$25. Limited tickets at door \$30. Call 703-765-6555.

**RecExpo.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Aquatics, Exercise & Fitness, Sports, Enrichment, Creative & Performing Arts, Environmental Education, Out of School Time and Summer Camp programs. Visit [apps.alexandriava.gov](http://apps.alexandriava.gov) for more.

**Author, Lecturer and Historian.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. C.R. Gibbs will host a discussion of "Hidden Heroes: African Americans, NASA and The Quest for the Final Frontier." Free. 703-746-4356.

**Discovery Day at Historic Huntley.** 1-4 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Enjoy activities for the whole family while discovering how Historic Huntley changed over time. Suggested donation \$5, children under 10 free. Call 703 768-2525 for more.

**Firefighting History Walking Tour.** 1-2:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 Alfred St. "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting History" tour. \$6 for adults and \$4 ages 10-17. Visit [www.shop.alexandriava.gov](http://www.shop.alexandriava.gov) or call 703-746-4994 or 707-746-3891.

**Artists Reception.** 6-8 p.m. at the Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive. "Levels of Abstraction," show featuring the works of Hiromi Ashlin, Genna Gurvich, Sandi Ritchie Miller, and Buck Nelligan. Show continues April 22-May 31. Visit [www.broadwaygallery.net](http://www.broadwaygallery.net) or call 703-354-2905 for more.

**Fort Hunt Little League Challenger Baseball.** 4 p.m. at the Hollin Hall field, 1909 Windmill Lane. The Challenger Division is Little League Baseball for boys and girls, ages 6-15, with special needs that preclude them from participating in a traditional Little League program. Visit [www.forthuntlittleleague.org](http://www.forthuntlittleleague.org)

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**Magi-Whirl 2017.** 7 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School Theater, 201 Cambridge Road. An evening of magic and illusion featuring four world-famous magicians. \$15/person or \$20 at the door, benefits Bishop Ireton Theater Technical Department and IBM Ring 50. Email [daniel.selnick@yahoo.com](mailto:daniel.selnick@yahoo.com) or call 703-347-5540 for more.

**Concerts at St. Luke's.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Paul Leavitt, a musician, composer and organist will be playing St. Luke's Visser's Opus 127, 'tracker' 3-manual pipe organ. Showcasing the music of Bach, Buxtehude, Dupre and Boely. A reception will follow. \$20 adult, \$15 seniors, free to 18 years and younger. Visit [www.saintlukeschurch.net/](http://www.saintlukeschurch.net/) events for more info.

## 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).

## SUNDAY/APRIL 23

**Meet the Artists.** 1-3 pm. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Some of the area's watermedia floral and landscape painters highlighting their exhibit "Natural Beauty: Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists," which runs April 18-June 18. Free. Visit [www.PotomacValleyWatercolorists.org](http://www.PotomacValleyWatercolorists.org) or call 703-941-7987 for more.

**Meet the Performing Artist.** 1-4 p.m. at Potomac waterfront at King Street to Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Sheldon Scott uses the history of harvesting ice from the Potomac, and the storage and use of this ice at Gadsby's, as his starting point. A Public Art Exhibition series commissioned by the Alexandria Office of the Arts. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Arts](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Arts).

**Dominion Chorale Opera.** 4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. The chorale will be joined by finalists and semifinalists of the 2016 Washington International Competition for Voice, and pianist, Thomas Pandolfi. Visit [www.newdominion.org](http://www.newdominion.org) for more.

**Jazz at Meade.** 4 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St. This year is the 10th anniversary of the Jazz at Meade series of concerts. \$20 donation, free street parking, free intermission buffet. Call 267-463-7936 for more.

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## Meet the Artists

"By July the Pansies Get Leggy" by Carolyn Marshall Wright is one of the paintings in the exhibit "Natural Beauty: Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists," running April 18-June 18 at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Meet the artists on Sunday, April 23. Free. Visit [www.PotomacValleyWatercolorists.org](http://www.PotomacValleyWatercolorists.org) or call 703-941-7987 for more.

**The Jayhawks in Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. The band is playing in support of 2016's "Paging Mr. Proust." Produced by Peter Buck (R.E.M.). Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

and Laura Savage. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com) or call 703-548-0935 for more.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 26

**Protecting Against Identity Theft.** 10 a.m.-noon at Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred St. Speakers include AARP and more. Visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org).

**2017 Public Safety Valor Awards.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Crowne Plaza, 901 N. Fairfax St. Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's 31st annual Valor Awards to salute the brave women and men of our Police and Fire Departments, and Sheriff's Office, who showed poise and courage in extraordinary circumstances in 2016. Members \$65, non-members \$75. Visit [web.alexchamber.com](http://web.alexchamber.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 27

**NOVA Student Film Festival.** 6-9 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, Bisdorf Building, Room 196, 5000 Dawes Ave. Visit [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu) for more.

**Meet the Author.** 7 p.m. at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Former FBI investigator Robert K. Wittman highlights "Priceless: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures." Free. Call 703-746-1770 for more.

**The Everly Brothers Experience.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

**Poem in a Pocket Day.** 7:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. In celebration of National Poetry Month and Poem In Your Pocket Day, Wendi R. Kaplan, Alexandria's Poet Laureate, is having a community gathering called Generating Hope. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 24

**Mount Vernon Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. An assortment of goods for sale. Free. Visit [mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com](http://mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com) for more info.

**Democrats To-Go Meeting.** 7-8:30 p.m. in the Alexandria Democratic Committee Office, 618 N. Washington St. All are welcome to this Democrats To Go outreach effort to help communicate the truth, build ADC base, and elect more people throughout the Commonwealth. Email [Petersdorathe@gmail.com](mailto:Petersdorathe@gmail.com).

## TUESDAY/APRIL 25

**Fundraising Gala.** 7 p.m. at the home of Ray and Shaista Mahmood in Alexandria, address provided when RSVP'ing. "All in for Kids," will begin with a welcome reception, followed by dinner and a performance from the renowned opera singer, Carla Dirlikov Canales. Visit [cisofnova.org/allinforkids](http://cisofnova.org/allinforkids).

**The Fabulous Lipitones.** 8 p.m. at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Proceeds benefit the Board of Lady Managers in their pledge to provide two neurological microscopes for Inova Alexandria Hospital's Surgical Services. \$25-\$65. Call 703-599-3918 for more.

## APRIL 25-MAY 21

**Singing the Blues exhibit.** Various hours at the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. Highlights the work of three featured artists Beverly Baker, Joanne Bast,

## FRIDAY/APRIL 28

**Musical Tribute.** 6-10 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Brencore Entertainment presents a tribute to the music of Marvin Gaye and Teddy Pendergrass. Music by the Brencore Allstars Band. \$30-35. Visit [www.brencore.com](http://www.brencore.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 29

**Fairfax County Anniversary.** 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Virginia Room, City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St. "A Place Called Home: Fairfax County. A 275th Anniversary Event" is a day-long exploration of the history of Fairfax County. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) or 703-293-6227, ext 6.

**Native Plant Sale.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1701 N. Quaker Lane parking lot. Fifteen vendors from four states selling native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade. Call 571-232-0375 or visit [www.NorthernAlexandriaNativePlantSale.org](http://www.NorthernAlexandriaNativePlantSale.org) for more.

**Car Show Fundraiser.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Car Show to support the graduating senior class at West Potomac High School. \$20 to enter a vehicle, attendance is free. Visit [www.angcwestpotomac.com](http://www.angcwestpotomac.com).

**Horse Riding Clinic.** 10 a.m. at Little Burgundy Farm, 5715 Sable Drive. Paul Belasik is the author of seven books on riding and riding theory and has worked for 45 years with competition riders on national and world stages, as well as with amateurs. \$20. Email [inquire.CES@gmail.com](mailto:inquire.CES@gmail.com) or call 703-395-3299.

**Meet the Author.** 11 a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Genealogist and historian Char McCargo Bah explores the historical issues surrounding the Ramsey Homes Redevelopment

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Project. Call 703-746-4356 for more.  
**"Yet I Stand."** 2-4 p.m. at the Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, "Yet I Stand," is community play about Elise, a teenager who has been sexually assaulted, the harrowing after-effects and how her family and friends encourage her to heal. Visit [www.re-creationsllc.org](http://www.re-creationsllc.org) or call 703-209-6538.

**Annual Spring Gala Fundraiser.** 6 p.m. at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. Fundraiser to support the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria. Tickets to the Gala and sponsorship opportunities are currently available at [www.501auction.com/sfa](http://www.501auction.com/sfa). Individuals or businesses interested in donating goods or services to the Gala and Silent Auction may contact the Scholarship office at 703-824-6730 or email [Beth.Lovain@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:Beth.Lovain@acps.k12.va.us).

**Transforming Lives Gala.** 6 p.m. at the Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square. Auction, cocktails, dancing and desserts to help transform the lives of families on the brink of homelessness by providing affordable housing through Good Shepherd. \$175. Visit [www.goodhousing.org](http://www.goodhousing.org) for more.

**Civil War Ball.** 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Victorian-era ball will feature the waltz, Virginia Reel, and more, as well as live music, desserts, and a cash bar. Period attire, either military or civilian, encouraged. \$45 Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for more.

## APRIL 29-30

**Grand Opening Weekend.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday at Home On Cameron, 315 Cameron St. Interior designers Susan Nelson and Todd Martz announce the opening of their new shop that focuses on design concepts. Visit [www.homeoncameron.com](http://www.homeoncameron.com) or call 703-888-1475 for more.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 30

### Ballet Performance: "Cinderella."

Three seatings: noon, 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. \$12. Visit [metropolitanarts.org/](http://metropolitanarts.org/) for more.

### Creating a Bird-Friendly Garden.

1-3 p.m. at Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Learn tips to entice birds and other beneficial pollinators to the yard. Master gardeners and Audubon at Home volunteers will be on hand to offer tours, answer gardening questions, and distribute free seeds. Visit [mgnv.org](http://mgnv.org) for more.

### Book Talk with Fred Knops.

4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Alexandria resident Fred Knops has written a tour book of Old Town Alexandria focusing on its colonial heritage. Sales from the books at this event will benefit ACT, the Alexandria Library Special Collection at the Barrett Branch, the Christ Church Foundation, and the Boy Scouts Troop 1515. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

## MONDAY/MAY 1

### Garden Sprouts: Nature

**Playgroup.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Nature-themed activities to meet other playgroup parents one Monday each month. A staff member is on hand to put out nature sensory bins, direct games and activities or lead a garden walk. An adult must accompany registered child. The topics for May is butterflies and Mother's Day. \$6/child. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) or call 703-642-5173.



## Garden Tour

This garden at 607 Cameron Street is one stop on Old Town's Garden Tour, starting April 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at at the Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. The members of the Garden Club of Alexandria and The Hunting Creek Garden Club are sponsoring tour of five homes in Old Town. \$45 in advance, \$55 day of tour. Visit [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org) for more.

## TUESDAY/MAY 2

**Meet the Author.** 7:30 a.m. at the Campagna Center, 418 S. Washington St. Frank Sesno will discuss the changing role of the media in America and outline his new book, "Ask More: The Power of Questions to Open Doors, Uncover Solutions, and Spark Change." \$25. Call 703-549-0111 for more.

## MAY 4-5

**Disney's "High School Musical."** 7-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Mount Vernon High School Theatre Arts presents Disney's "High School Musical" with characters from the movie, plus some new friends, as they navigate first love, friends and family, their classes, and extracurricular activities. Visit [mvhstheatrearts.com](http://mvhstheatrearts.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/MAY 5

**Opening Reception.** 7-9 p.m. at the at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. In this "Speak Your Mind," exhibit, May 5-28, artists

express the message of what they see, feel or think through art. Visit [www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits).

## 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).

**Water Discovery Day.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1500 Limerick St. Water Discovery Day is a free, family-focused, community event that will give attendees the opportunity to go behind the water cycle scene to explore, learn and create through a series of hands-on activities. Visit [alexrenew.com/](http://alexrenew.com/) for more.

**Disney's "High School Musical."** 2 and 7 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Mount Vernon High School Theatre Arts presents Disney's "High School Musical" with characters from the movie, plus some new friends, as they navigate first love, friends and family, their classes, and extracurricular activities. Visit [mvhstheatrearts.com](http://mvhstheatrearts.com) for more.

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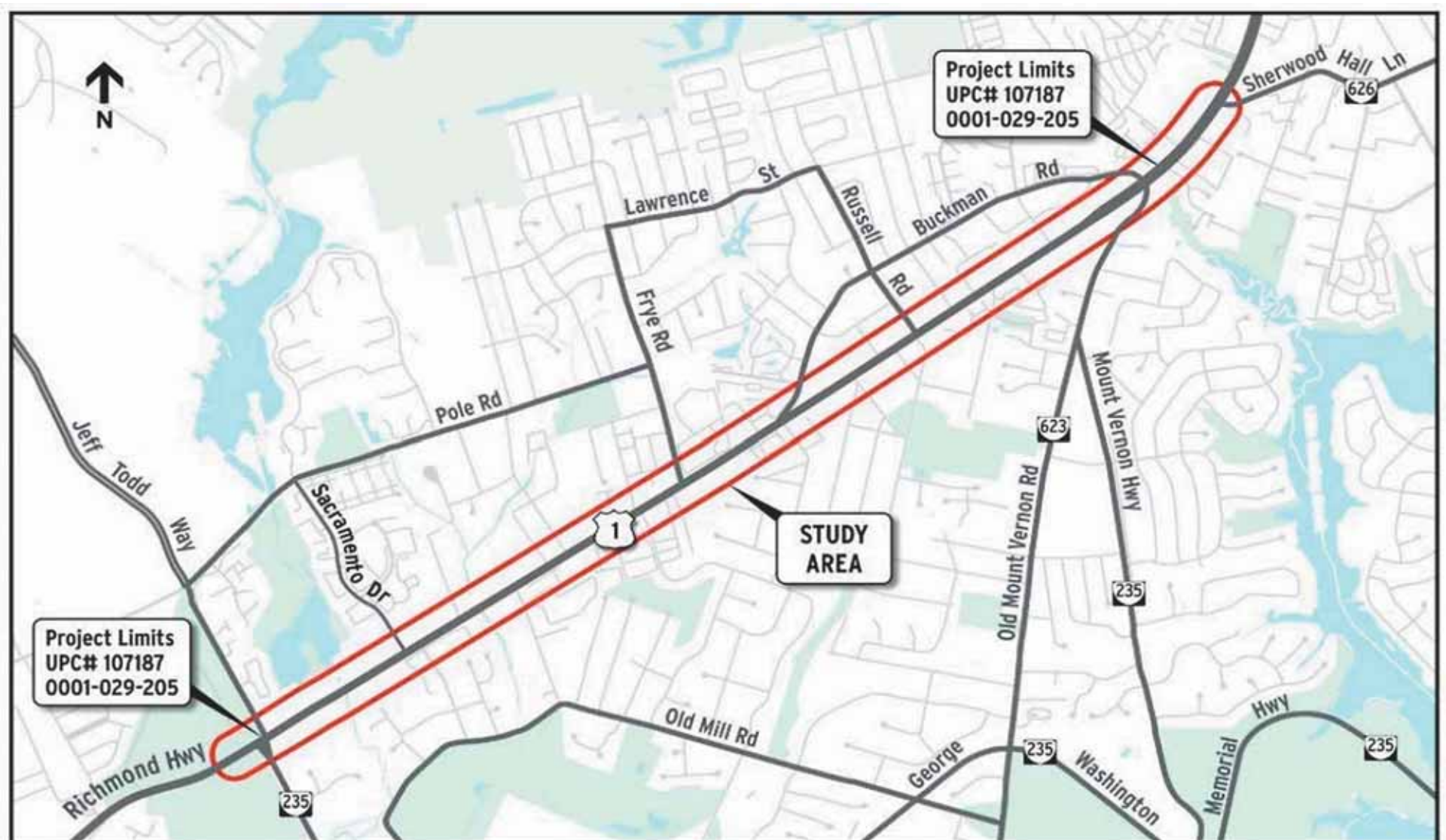


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Over the last five years, there have been 461 crashes just within the three-mile stretch of Route 1 between Jeff Todd Way and Napper Road. Two of those included pedestrian fatalities, making it one of the most dangerous roadways to walkers in Virginia. That data was part of Mark Gibney's presentation on the Virginia Department of Transportation project to widen that area of Richmond Highway from four to six lanes.

# Widening

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Magic Skillet.

"This is one of the oldest communities in the county, rich with history," Thompson continued, "and I hope those that have deep roots here are able to afford the community in which they were raised when it's all said and done."

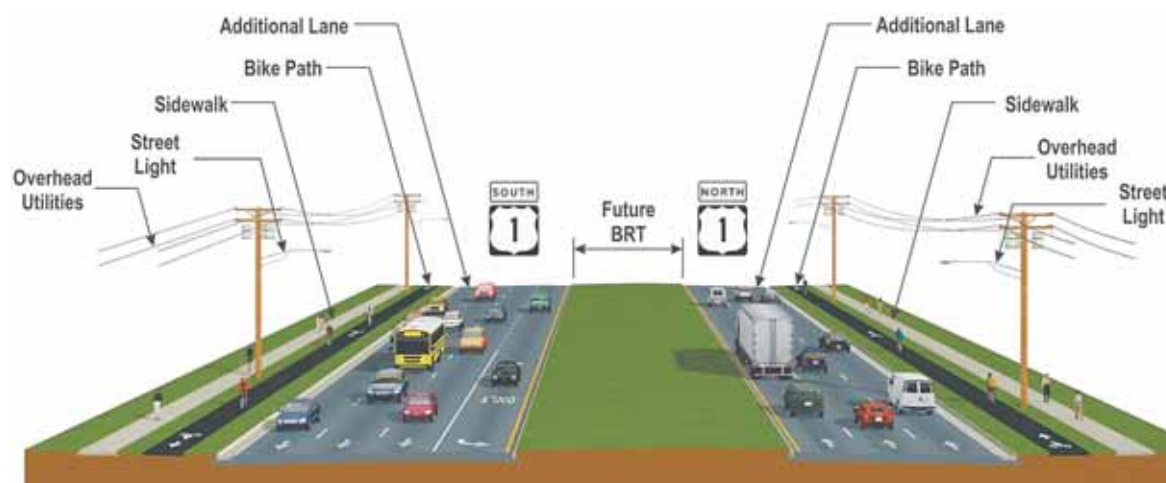
Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) summed up the balance of sadness and joy he and many in the community feel at the outset of such a project. But ultimately, he said, "This community needs this redevelopment."

For someone who's built a business over the last 25 years, Storck said he understands. "It's like birthing a child." Losing it, he admitted, could be "sad, frustrating." Or for some, through the acquisition process, a relief.

For more information, visit the VDOT project site at [www.virginiadot.org/richmondhighway](http://www.virginiadot.org/richmondhighway).

Comments can be emailed to [richmondhighway@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:richmondhighway@vdot.virginia.gov). You can also mail them to Mr. Mark Gibney, PE., 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA, 22030.

Gibney is the primary VDOT contact on the project, handling location and design. He is also reachable by email at [mark.gibney@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:mark.gibney@vdot.virginia.gov) and phone at 703-259-2734.



Mark Gibney's slides included a draft graphic of a typical segment of the improved roadway, which will include protected elements for bicycles and pedestrians.

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From left, VDOT project managers Mark Gibney and Amanda Baxter lead a public information meeting on the widening of Route 1 from Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road at Mount Vernon High School on April 18.

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VDOT's Amanda Baxter tried to calm some of the anxiety by saying each right of way impact case will be unique, and there "could be temporary easements or partial acquisitions" in certain scenarios. In the MVHS cafeteria following the presentation, additional VDOT representatives interacted with community members.



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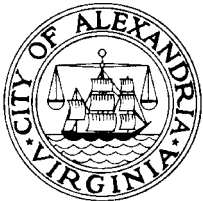
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I Never think of the future. It comes soon enough.  
-Albert Einstein

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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, April 22, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

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AN ORDINANCE to add a new Article C (STORMWATER UTILITY) to Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.  
The proposed ordinance adopts the framework of the stormwater utility and associated stormwater management fee that is based on a property's impervious surface area, to fund costly state and federal stormwater mandates.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 6-6-26 (SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE CHARGE IMPOSED, PROVISIONS FOR COLLECTION, LIENS AND CESSATION OF WATER SERVICE FOR DELINQUENT CHARGES) of Division 1 (GENERAL PROVISION), Article B (SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAIN), Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.  
The proposed ordinance increases the sewer line maintenance charge item \$1.40 to \$1.82 for every 1000 gallons of water supplied per month or quarter.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-181 (LEVIED; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-188 (CLASSIFICATION AND TAXATION OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REAL PROPERTY, and Section 3-2-189 (TIER I POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT TAX) of Division 1 (REAL ESTATE), and Section 3-2-221 (LEVIED ON TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN MOBILE HOMES, AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES, TAXICABS, MOTOR VEHICLES WITH SPECIALLY DESIGNED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE HANDICAPPED, MOTORCYCLES, CAMPERS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS; AMOUNT) Section 3-2-222 (LEVIED ON MACHINERY AND TOOLS USED IN MINING OR MANUFACTURING BUSINESS; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-223 (LEVIED ON MOBILE HOMES; AMOUNT) Section 3-2-224 (LEVIED ON AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, TRAILERS, SEMI-TRAILERS, ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES, TAXICABS, MOTORCYCLES, CAMPERS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS; AMOUNT) of Division 3 (TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MACHINERY AND TOOLS), all of Article M (LEVY AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES), Chapter 2 (TAXATION), Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance sets the city's calendar year 2017 general tax rates for (1) real property; (2) personal property; (3) machinery and tools; (4) for the additional real property taxes assessed on commercial and industrial real property; and (5) real property located in the special services tax district located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District.

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PUBLIC HEARING on the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.

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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. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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# NEWS

## Officer Down Memorial Ride

Fairfax-based non-profit Officer Down Memorial Page will host its sixth annual Officer Down Memorial Ride event April 22, centered around a 60-mile motorcycle trek.

The day-long event is meant to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, and raise awareness of officers giving their lives while serving.

In addition to the ride, which has seen more than 2,000 riders in past years and raised in excess of \$100,000, live music, raffles and a Police motor unit demonstration are also planned for April 22.

According to Officer Down Memorial Page, there are more than 22,000 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

The sixth annual Officer Down Memorial Ride is scheduled for April 22 in Haymarket, Va. For more information, visit [www.officerdownmemorialride.com](http://www.officerdownmemorialride.com).

— TIM PETERSON

## Cleanout Those Medicine Cabinets

Properly dispose of unused or expired medications during Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout Saturday, April 29, in Fairfax County, as part of the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

The Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (UPC) sponsors the event in partnership with local businesses and in collaboration with the following Fairfax County government departments: Police, Health, Public and Private Partnerships, Neighborhood and Community Services, Public Works and Environmental Services, and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. Bring unused or expired medications (just pills or liquids – no pressurized canisters or needles) to eight Fairfax County district police stations from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. Disposal is free, confidential and safe. Visit [www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org](http://www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org) or the Health Department's "Don't Flush" page for information about disposal of medications year-round.

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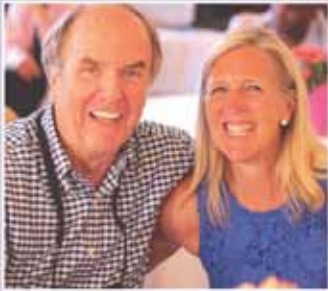
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