



Visitors tour the grounds of the Pope-Leighey House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, in Mount Vernon.



Visitors tour the grounds of Woodlawn Mansion, which was part of George Washington's Mount Vernon and acquired by the National Trust.

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## Touring Cultural Corridor

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE GAZETTE

Several dozen people took a familiarity tour with Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) of the Woodlawn Historic District in Southern Fairfax County along Route 1 on Saturday, Sept. 23.

The one-mile walk included interpretations at Woodlawn Estate, Arcadia Farm, and Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House as well as the George Washington Distillery and Gristmill. The area is part of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, which connects communities to natural areas, scenic vis-

tas, historic landmarks, and rivers and streams. The tour showcased opportunities for historic tourism and outdoor recreation in the Mount Vernon area.

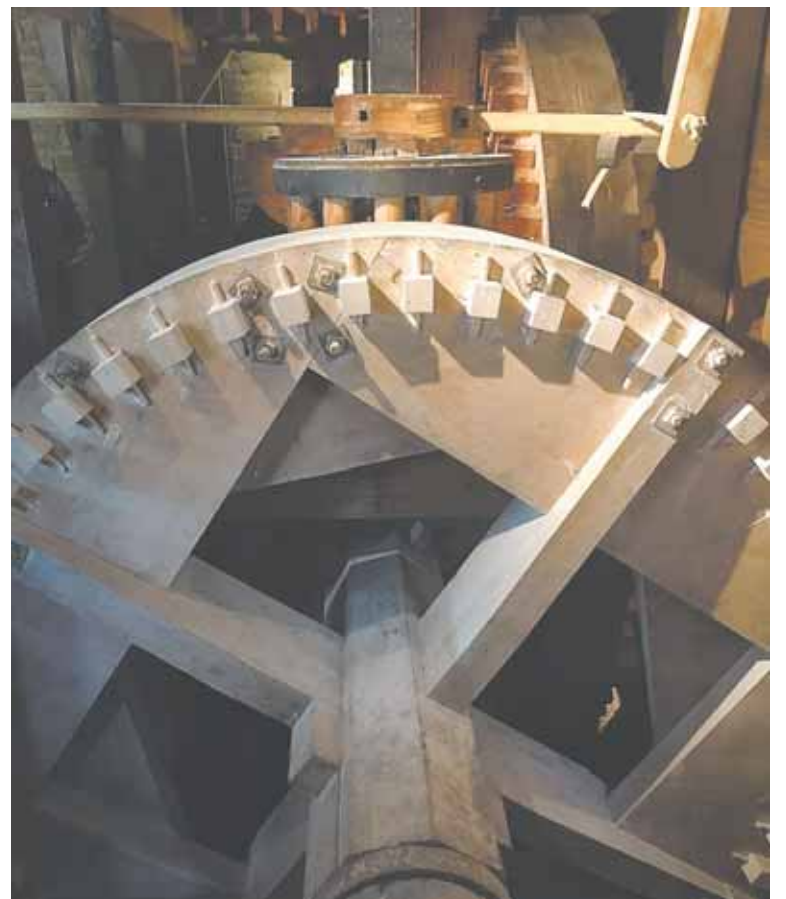
"I call this area the Cultural Corridor or maybe the Colonial Corridor," said Storck. "It's really the center of the Mount Vernon Heritage and Historical area; you have Mount Vernon here, the Woodlawn Estate, you have Arcadia, the Frank Lloyd Wright house, you have Gristmill, and just a mile or two down the road you have Mount Vernon Estate, and further beyond that you have Fort Hunt Park, which used to protect Washington and was a former Prisoner of War Camp. And then we have the trail that we all love and enjoy."

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NVRC and Storck give tour of Woodlawn, Arcadia Farm, and Pope-Leighey House.



The tour stopped at George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill in Mount Vernon off Route 1.



The wooden gristmill at George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill in Mount Vernon.

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# Providing End-of-Life Care

Capital Caring offers hospice care and grief counseling.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

Most have considerable familiarity with day care for children; shelter for the homeless; disability help organizations, and other social service organizations serving the community. On the other hand, how many are aware of an organization dedicated to providing health care for dying or seriously ill patients? Or grief counseling for families and friends who have a seriously ill family member or friend, or who have lost a family member or friend?

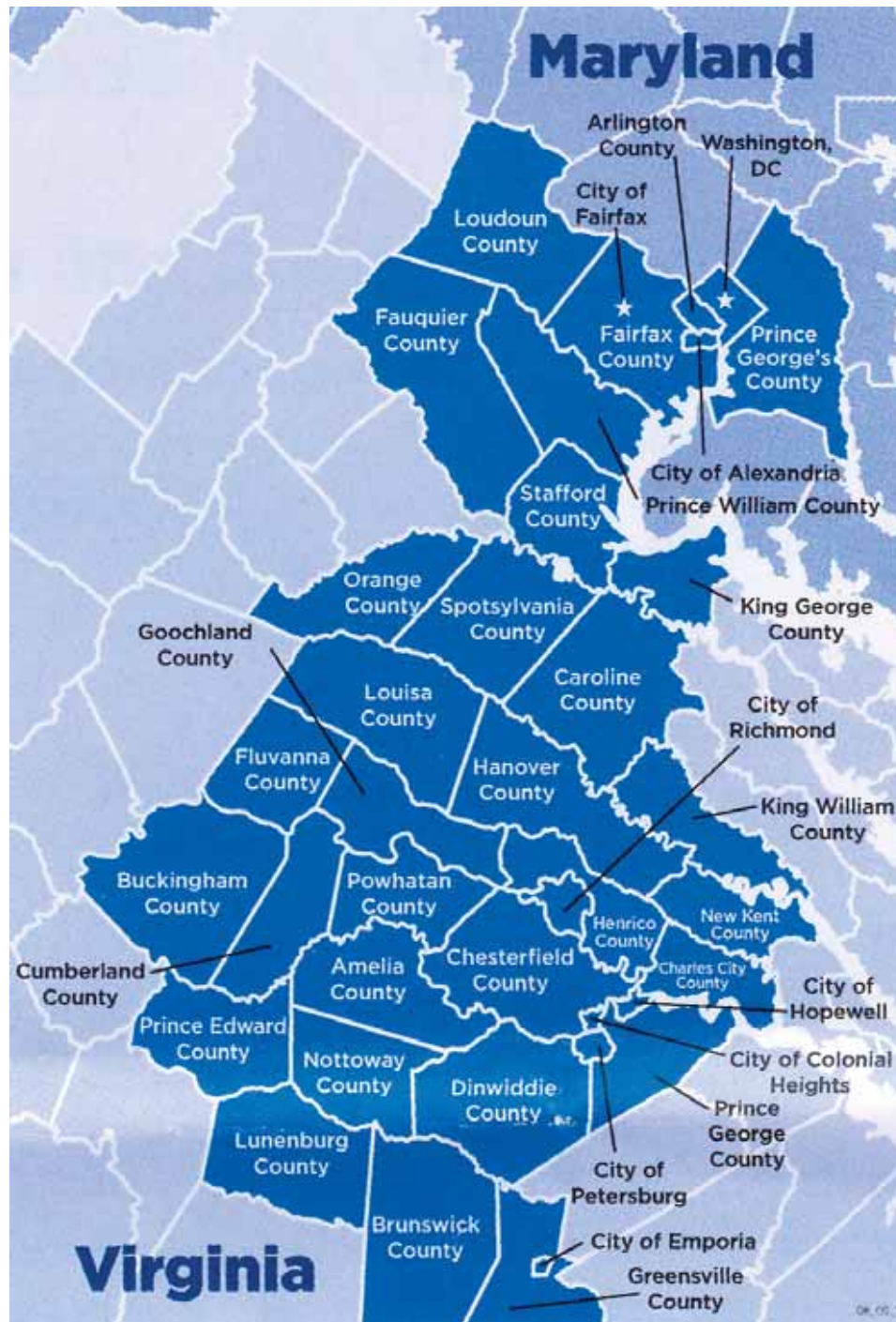
Capital Caring is a hospice care or end-of-life care nonprofit organization for a patient and counseling for family and friends of a dead or dying person.

Despite its size — annually serving 12,000 hospice care patients and grief counseling for patients, family and friends — Capital Caring is not nearly as well known as other social service organizations within the Washington metro community. Last year Capital Caring served 7,000 hospice patients and completed 5,300 grief counseling sessions with family or friends, and 60 pediatric patients.

Capital Caring operates as a licensed hospice and grief counseling service for most of the Washington metro area, south to Richmond and to the North Carolina border. The organization has been providing compassionate professional, health care services for 40 years.

With a staff of 750, it includes critical care interdisciplinary teams made up of a doctor, nurse, social worker, rehab specialist, and volunteers. After the doctor certifies that the patient is eligible for hospice care, the team conducts an evaluation of what the patient needs and wants to make her or his life as comfortable as possible. This includes helping the patient navigate through what they would like to happen and how the Capital Caring team can make the patient's final days or weeks as comfortable as possible.

Capital Caring consists of 10 regional offices that ensure that the hospice care team is local and personal in nature. Its approach and philosophy is that hospice care should be administered in the home whenever possible, and involve the patient's family, friends, unless circumstances and the patient's condition do not permit it. In that



Map of Capital Caring's service area.

case Capital Caring has three in-patient hospital care units for those patients.

**JOYCE MONTGOMERY**, a Capital Caring counselor who has worked 13 years performing hospice care services, described what she does: "I help improve the care of someone suffering from a life threatening illness by helping the patient be where they want to be in their home surrounded if possible by their loved ones. I help the patient and family to make the most of their situation, whatever that may be."

She has a Master's degree in clinical social work and is licensed to perform clinical social work.

"My own personal experience with death inspired me to help others focus in their final stages of life, and to be present at a time to honor the patients' wishes in their final

days," Montgomery said. "Being a hospice caregiver allows you to be present at a sacred time of their life. I help a patient to deal with the reality of their final days of life in the best possible way. To help them prepare to die, and to find out what matters most to them and help them come up with their own solutions. What a privilege it is to help patients and their loved ones to be more at peace with themselves, and improve care and the quality of life during the time they have left."

Montgomery quoted the following passages from her resource literature which she uses when working with patients and families: "Life is a constant sunrise which death cannot interrupt, anymore than night can swallow up the sun" and "Nothing dies; death and birth are a threshold crossing; back and forth as it were through a veil."

Chesley Simpson, a grief and bereavement counselor for Capital Caring for 3 years, described her role: "To help clients discover their inner strengths. I do this by offering a safe space to talk about their loved one, help them work through their tangled web of emotions and incorporate successful coping strategies in their daily lives. Every grief journey is different and I am humbled to walk this path towards resiliency with my clients."

Simpson has a Masters degree in clinical social work and is licensed to perform clinical social work.

"Capital Caring provides dedicated grief and bereavement counselors in each of the local neighborhoods where we are present. In addition, Capital Caring offers a variety of bereavement services, individual counseling, group sessions as well as a variety of workshops. We realize that everyone grieves differently and therefore offer a host of programs," Simpson said.

**CAPITAL CARING** provides for end-of-life hospice care reimbursed by Medicare, or Medicaid. Capital Caring donates the cost of care through its private fundraising efforts where the patient or family has no insurance. Last year, Capital Caring raised \$8 million for those services not reimbursable.

This year Capital Caring is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

It will be hosting its annual fundraising gala: "Passion for Caring" on Nov. 11 at the MGM Grand National Harbor Resort in Maryland. Its website, [www.Capitalcaring.org](http://www.Capitalcaring.org), will provide the background information about the gala.

In addition to the patient services it performs, Capital Caring conducts educational seminars and workshops.

Capital Caring began its existence in 1977, coinciding with the acceptance of the concept of hospice care in the U.S. Its leader and founding member was a physician, Dr. Josefina Magno, who wrote and published a book entitled "Hospice in America." Beginning in 1976 she promoted and cared for terminally ill patients and counseled families in Northern Virginia who were facing end-of-life issues before the concept of hospice care was widely accepted and approved for reimbursement by the federal government.

Her initial hospice planning meetings were a makeshift office operating out of the back of her car.

## Details

Anyone who needs help can access Capital Caring's care navigation, palliative care (pain and symptom management) counseling, and hospice services, regardless of their ability to pay. Capital Caring helps patients and loved ones make the most of every moment together by offering coordinated care, comfort, and dignity to those living with serious illness.

See [www.Capitalcaring.org](http://www.Capitalcaring.org) or call 1-800-869-2136.

## Resources

- ❖ "Hospice in America," by Dr. Josefina Magno, Founder, Capital Caring
- ❖ "Good Mourning: A Resource for Healing," by Robin McMahon and Kathleen Persson
- ❖ "Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience and Finding Joy," by Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant
- ❖ "The Sun Still Rises" by Shawn Doyle
- ❖ "When a Man Faces Grief: 12 Ideas for Helping Him Heal from Loss," by James E. Miller and Thomas R. Golden



# Take It to the Limit Joe Walsh and friends kick off VetsAid at Eagle Bank Arena.

By JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

**J**oe Walsh, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and multi-GRAMMY Award recipient, took to the stage Sept. 20 at the Eagle Bank Arena to kick off VetsAid, the first annual concert to support veterans and their families.

Walsh was joined on stage by fellow GRAMMY awards winners Keith Urban, Zac Brown and Gary Clark Jr. as well as Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois, an Iraq War veteran and double amputee.

“War is hell for everyone involved,” said Walsh, a Gold Star family member whose father died while on active duty in Okinawa, Japan. “I lost my father when I was a baby, before I could even make a memory of him. I stopped counting the number of friends I lost in the Vietnam War or that came home forever scarred mentally or physically or both. We’ve only just begun to appreciate the long-term impacts on our troops home from Iraq. So veterans issues have always been important to me.”

Walsh founded the 501(c)3 nonprofit VetsAid earlier this year and chose Fairfax to debut the concert, which he styled after Willie Nelson’s FarmAid.

“This is our coming out party,” said Walsh,



PHOTO BY MARK MOGLE/THE GAZETTE

**Joe Walsh pays tribute to service members of the U.S. military during the Sept. 20 VetsAid concert at Eagle Bank Arena.**

“and we wanted it to be in the D.C. area to bring awareness to what we are trying to do for our veterans. I am very grateful to Eagle Bank Arena for offering us this location.”

Walsh is no stranger to helping veterans. He has assisted various veterans charities over the years and visited Walter Reed Medi-

cal Center, where he offered free guitar lessons to wounded veterans.

“In my touring, I was constantly seeing a lot of smaller charities that are in the trenches and doing a lot of good in their communities,” Walsh said. “But they often lacked the profile or manpower to raise funds. These are the charities that I want

to help.”

Proceeds from the inaugural VetsAid concert will support veteran- and caregiver-focused charities including: Operation Mend, Hire Heroes USA, Warrior Canine Connection, TAPS, Semper Fi Fund, Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation, Stop Soldier Suicide and Swords to Plowshares.

Walsh plans to use this platform to raise funds and awareness for the urgent and significant needs of returning soldiers. Through the establishment of VetsAid and its annual benefit concert, he hopes to give back to those who have sacrificed for our country as well as bring Gold Star families together.

“We allocated tickets to Gold Star families for the concert,” Walsh said. “I feel that bringing these families together is the first step in healing. We want them to know they are not totally alone.”

Walsh plans to continue the VetsAid concerts every year in different parts of the country. “I had to do something and seeing as though rock-and-roll seems to be what I do best,” Walsh continues, “it’s also the least I could do for those who have served and continue to serve our country. We’re all in this together as Americans and seems to me lately that people are forgetting that.”

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

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**Tori Andrea-Babington, an immigration lawyer with Just Neighbors, says USCIS is processing about half of the DACA applications “super fast “and half are taking about six months.”**



**A DACA applicant begins the process of a two-year renewal of her DACA status on Saturday, Sept. 23. Applications for renewals must be filed by Oct. 5 to be considered.**



**Erin McKenney, executive director of Just Neighbors, says, since 2012, there have been around 2,000 people with DACA status in Northern Virginia. Over 50 percent of their clients are from Fairfax with 16 percent in Arlington and others in Loudoun, Alexandria and Prince William.**

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE GAZETTE

# The Last DACA Clinic

Applications for renewals must be filed by Oct. 5.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE GAZETTE

A sign outside Annandale United Methodist Church on Saturday, Sept. 23 read, “Welcome - Just Neighbors DACA Clinic.” What the sign didn’t say is that this would be the final DACA Clinic.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced President Donald Trump’s Executive Order on Sept. 5 repealing Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Current DACA recipients with a work permit due to expire before March 5 can apply for a two-year renewal but no new first-time DACA applications can be filed.

DACA is a program that allows individuals meeting certain requirements, who either entered the country illegally as children or remained, to receive a renewable two-year deferred action from deportation and be eligible for a work permit. However, a DACA permit is only a temporary protection and not a not a path to legal citizenship.

Erin McKenney, director of Just Neighbors Ministry, says 12 people were preregistered for Saturday’s clinic with some walk-ins. Immigration attorneys would review the required paperwork to minimize errors and the possibility of missing the deadline. McKenney observes there haven’t been a lot of people at the clinics recently. She speculates that maybe they are filling out the paperwork themselves. “I hope so.” She says when they had “know your rights” clinics early this year, a lot of the people who first came out for the clinics were later afraid they would be identified and people stopped coming. They were worried that their families were unprotected. McKenney added, “In general the immigrants feel let down by the repeal. They feel they are as American as anyone and have never known any other country.”

Tori Andrea-Babington, an immigration lawyer with Just Neighbors and director of Legal Services for Northern Virginia Family Services, says about half of the applications are being processed by the United States Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) “super fast and about half are taking about six months. I think there has been a serious effort to turn them around quickly.”

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The immigration lawyers stood outside a room of eight tables where applicants worked through a pile of papers. The lawyers will review the paperwork before it is sent to USCIS.

McKinney calls the lawyers her “bullpen.” She said, “They are the saviors,” and added, “we don’t send anything forward that we think won’t be approved. That just puts the applicant in jeopardy.”

McKenney estimates there have been about 2,000 people with DACA permits in Northern Virginia since President Obama established the program by Executive Order on June 15, 2012. The Executive Order was issued after several failed attempts by Congress to pass permanent immigration legislation referred to as the DREAM Act bill. There were an estimated 800,000 individuals enrolled in the DACA program nation-wide as of September 2017.

**A MOTHER SITS** along the wall of the reception area with her 10-year old and 4-year-old daughters who translate for her. The mother is illegal, having come to the United States in 2005. Her two youngest daughters were born in the U.S. and therefore are U.S. citizens. They are waiting for the 17-year-old daughter to finish her DACA renewal application. The oldest daughter joins them in the lobby and said, “I’m kind of upset. I don’t remember much about El Salvador, and my friends whose work permits expire after March 5 won’t be able to get a renewal.” They will be eligible for deportation.

To be eligible for DACA, a recipient must have come to the U.S. before their 16th birthday and prior to June 2007 and have been living continuously in the U.S. since June 15, 2007. They must have been under the age of 31 on June 15, 2012 and with no lawful status at that time. They must have completed high school or a GED, have been honorably discharged from the armed forces or be enrolled in school. They cannot have been convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor. Just Neighbors Ministry Inc. is a non-profit organization providing legal services to low-income immigrants in Northern Virginia, focusing on humanitarian cases. Fifty-eight percent of their clients live in Fairfax with 16 percent in Arlington and others in Alexandria, Prince William and Loudoun. Eighteen percent of their cases are for DACA. They have moved to a new location at 7630 Little River Turnpike in Annandale.

This is the first part of a series focusing on DACA.



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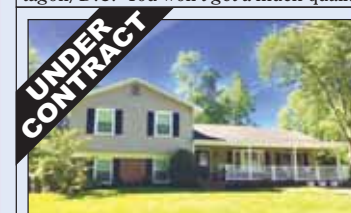
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## NEWS

# Opposing Fracked Gas Pipelines

Citizens from the Alexandria, Springfield, and Mount Vernon areas recently participated in Wednesday Prayer Vigils and the Thursday People's Pipeline Protests as part of statewide actions at all seven DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) offices across the state.

The protesters want the permits for two proposed fracked gas pipelines (Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Mountain Valley Pipeline) planned to cross Virginia's mountains, private farms and waterways to be denied by Gov. Terry McAuliffe and the DEQ.

As one of the featured speakers, the Rev. Kate Walker of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church spoke to those who attended the Woodbridge DEQ Prayer Vigil. The Rev. Laura Martin from Rock Spring Congregational Church was also a key speaker. Participants were from varying faith traditions including Catholic, Quaker, Lutheran, Congregational, Indigenous, and Unitarian Universalist. Music was led by a group from 350 Loudon.

The vigil was co-coordinated by Maddie Smith and Laura File Long of Interfaith Power and Light and Dannie Fulmer of Chesapeake Climate Action Net-



**Participants at the recent Wednesday Prayer Vigils and the Thursday People's Pipeline Protests.**

work. Four Northern Virginia activists were arrested in Richmond after blocking the DEQ office entrance for more than an hour in peaceful protest. Among 19 arrested were area residents Clark Herbert, Pete McDowel, Bruce Tinker, M.D., and Pam Tinker.

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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.

### 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).

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 28

**Business Roundtable Speaker Series.** 8:30-10 a.m. at Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 6055 Richmond Highway. Visit [www.sfdc.org/](http://www.sfdc.org/) for more.

### SEPT. 29-30

**Fall Children's Consignment Sale.** 9 a.m.-8 p.m., at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia

Road. Some items are half price on Saturday. To become a seller, email: [CUMC.CCS@gmail.com](mailto:CUMC.CCS@gmail.com), or visit [www.cameron-umc.org/](http://www.cameron-umc.org/).

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 4

**WPHS - Senior Parents.** 6-7 p.m. in the library at West Potomac. There will be a meeting for all West Potomac High School senior parents. Jessica Statz, senior class administrator, and Sher Miller, senior class sponsor, will share important information about senior class activities, celebrations, the All Night Graduation Party, senior dues and other senior events held throughout the year. Senior dues of \$100 can also be paid at the meeting.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 12

**Chamber Breakfast.** 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Meet the two candidates for Virginia Lieutenant Governor at Mount Vernon Lee Chamber's October Business Breakfast. Competing in the November election, Justin Fairfax, Democrat, and Jill Vogel, Republican, will share their vision for the future of Virginia with the business community. \$25 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-Chamber. Register at [www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org](http://www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org) or call 703-360-6925.

### IN-PERSON, TV DEBATES

**The League of Women Voters** of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) will hold four in-person forums and three televised forums for the public and the press to learn about the candidates who are running for election to the Virginia House of Delegates. The League invited all certified candidates campaigning for office in their respective districts. At the in-person forums, question-and-answer sessions will be followed by an opportunity for informal conversations with individual candidates. The public and press are encouraged to attend. For more information about the candidates' priorities and positions, visit [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).

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# OPINION

## Dire and Urgent

Does current repeal effort set the stage for billions in tax cuts for the wealthiest?

**“D**ire and urgent.” Those are the words used by U.S. Sen. Mark Warner to describe the need to turn back the most recent attempt to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

In addition to repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act with a plan that would result in chaos, the Graham-Cassidy bill also repeals Medicaid as we know it, Virginia’s senators said in a call with reporters last week.

“Why are they going after Medicaid?” asked U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine. Per capita caps on Medicaid have “nothing to do with the Affordable Care Act.”

The proposed cuts include \$243 billion less between 2020 and 2026 for the ACA’s expansion of Medicaid, and cuts to the rest of Medicaid of \$175 billion during the same period, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities analysis.

The cuts would grow dramatically in 2027, with nearly \$300 billion more in cuts that year alone.

“Why go after Medicaid? Why?” Kaine asked again. Kaine is pretty sure he knows the answer: To generate money for billions in tax cuts for the wealthy.

“Senators who support this [repeal], who think that the Federal government should not be paying for health care for the poor, for the aged, for the disabled, are planning to give this money to the wealthiest Americans in tax cuts. “We must resist that at all costs.”

While the Graham-Cassidy bill appears to lack the votes to pass right now, and many people predict that the Senate will move on from trying to repeal and replace the affordable care act, vigilance is still required.

These ongoing efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act also threaten the quality of coverage for everyone by shredding protection on pre-existing conditions, by stripping funding for addiction and mental health treatment in the midst of a nationwide opioid epidemic, by allowing lifetime caps on coverage that would leave the most seriously ill patients without coverage, by undermining what constitutes “essential benefits,” the very definition of what one expects to be covered by insurance.

— MARY KIMM  
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## Improving Infrastructure Improves Economy

BY PAUL KRIZEK  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

**S**erious infrastructure improvements are necessary to grow Virginia’s economy and will be a focus of mine in the upcoming General Assembly session. Investments in infrastructure create many thousands of well-paying jobs that cannot be offshored. I have seen estimates that for every \$1 billion invested in transportation construction projects, like the Richmond Highway widening project and expanded Metro, creates upward of 25,000 jobs.

Moreover, our infrastructure is in need of major investment, repair and basic maintenance. Our energy and transportation needs are evolving. We need to face these challenges head on with legislative initiatives that are innovative and focus on modernizing and repairing roads, bridges, public transit, schools, energy and the electrical grid, and even water systems. We must increase Virginia’s infrastructure investment to fuel a first-class economy.

That is how we attract companies like Amazon and its 50,000 jobs. Indeed, a serious investment in infrastructure will have a “multiplier effect” on the region’s economy, benefiting employment, GDP, worker incomes, more transportation options, consumer activity, public health and safety, tax revenues and our state’s overall competitiveness.

We should continue to leverage public-private investments in capital-construction projects and project-labor agreements to create structured, specialized career-training opportunities for Virginia’s workers, so that well-trained workers are able to provide for their families and complete projects safely, on-time and under-budget.

We can’t rebuild crumbling infrastructure with untrained workers. If we want roads, bridges, power grids, green energy like solar and wind, sewer and water systems, and schools that last for decades, we need highly-trained, skilled workers who can deliver safe, quality projects on time and on budget. That means making Project Labor Agreements/Community Labor Agreements the standard for all capital-investment projects using taxpayer funds so we can get the best value for what we pay.

The American Society of Civil Engineers gave Virginia a C- for its average infrastructure rating. Virginia’s infrastructure is aging and affects Virginia’s quality of life, the safety of its citizens and its economic well-being. With the proper investment, leadership and planning we can meet the needs and challenges of the 21st century, including a balanced energy portfolio including more renewables and “smart-grid” investments in that sector.

We will know we have succeeded in improving our infrastructure when the investment begins to pay for itself through best-value savings, and a stronger, healthier economy that gives us the quality of life we deserve in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## Taking the Call

BY LIZ BARNES  
PRS CRISISLINK  
VOLUNTEER

**B**eginning as a volunteer at PRS CrisisLink started for simple, altruistic reasons. I wanted to make a difference and show myself and my family the importance of giving back to others. The experience at Northern Virginia’s hotline and textline was something far more than I imagined it would be.

Training taught me that before you can help, you must listen. You must listen to understand, not listen to solve a problem. This is easier said than done because when someone is suffering, all anyone wants to do is fix it for them.



Volunteers at the PRS CrisisLink call center.

I learned people have incredible strength which turns into resilience and despite how much I love to give advice, people are already experts in their own lives. I also learned how many people feel lonely even when they are surrounded by others mostly because of the shame and isolation their experiences bring them. Above all, I learned how important it is to always maintain a community connection through volunteering. If we can give back, we must; the need is never going away.

Taking calls on the hotline has changed my life and all my experiences at PRS CrisisLink have made me a better human being. The passion I have for helping others has only intensified the more I listen. So many people have

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## OPINION

# Taking the Call at PRS CrisisLink

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said to me “Oh, I could never work on a crisis hotline. It’s too scary.” Sometimes I would laugh and reply gently about how helping is important.

Now, after five years, I am a little bolder. Yes, it can be anxiety provoking to answer calls in which people are concretely thinking about ending their lives. Yes, having to make life-saving decisions on a phone line is stressful. However, it is an extreme privilege to witness the courage and vulnerability each person must have to reach out when they are in that much pain. Furthermore, I

am honored to be the person to listen in the moments where someone is lonely and hurting with no one else to call.

The honor I felt in these moments left me desiring to train other volunteers. I joined CrisisLink’s training team. Through this, I have learned what it takes to be successful in this kind of work. Empathy, a desire to learn consistently, distress-tolerance, life-experience and a sincere desire to help others is the make-up of every one of our team members. Our volunteers include lawyers, teachers, stay-at-home parents, veterans, human service workers, architects, nurses, students, clergy, law enforcement, and more

— each offering 3-4 hours a week for an entire year to our life-saving services.

Mental illness impacts more than the one person experiencing the crisis. It impacts our families, friends and community at large. This September, PRS is supporting National Suicide Prevention Month through the #CallTextLive Campaign, which has a number of ways to get involved that encourage dialogue about suicide. Talking about suicide will help more people feel comfortable to call or text a hotline. When they do, I stand ready to listen.

To volunteer, contact PRS at 703-531-6351.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Misguided Vote

To the Editor:

As the race for Virginia’s next Governor heats up, so does the rhetoric. Ed Gillespie is catching considerable flak from the left for running an ad that portrays Ralph Northam as soft on crime, particularly regarding MS-13, the violent Central American gang.

MS-13 has been a problem in Virginia for decades now, but a recent spike in gang violence is forcing elected officials to look for

more immediate solutions. Ralph Northam proved recently that he is not up to the challenge.

Northam can’t have it both ways. He can’t claim to be tough on crime when he voted to allow for sanctuary cities in Virginia. It would be one thing if he had cast this misguided vote years ago, long before such tragedies as the Kate Steinle murder. But that’s not the case. Northam cast that vote this year. Ed Gillespie, on the other hand, has laid out a strong public safety agenda that protects Virginians from violent offend-

ers. His willingness to adopt proven law enforcement strategies, such as Project Exile, means

that Virginians are well positioned to be beat back the scourge of gang violence.

While Ralph Northam continues to work on behalf of the interests of dangerous foreign nationals, Ed Gillespie has demonstrated that he will put the interests of Virginians first. Virginians deserve that commitment from their next Governor.

**Mike Costigan**  
Alexandria

### Clothes Dryer Causes Fire

On Monday, Sept. 18, at approximately 12:43 p.m., units from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and the City of Alexandria Fire Department were dispatched for a reported townhouse fire in the 2500 block of Windbreak Drive in the Hybla Valley section of Fairfax County. First arriving units reported no smoke or fire was visible from the exterior of the townhome.

Upon further investigation, firefighters discovered a fire in the basement. The fire was extinguished and contained to the basement. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries reported.

No one was home when the fire was discovered. Neighbors saw smoke coming from the dryer vent and called 9-1-1. Two adults were displaced as a result of the fire. Red Cross assistance was offered and accepted.

Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in the laundry room in the basement. The fire was caused by a malfunctioning clothes dryer.

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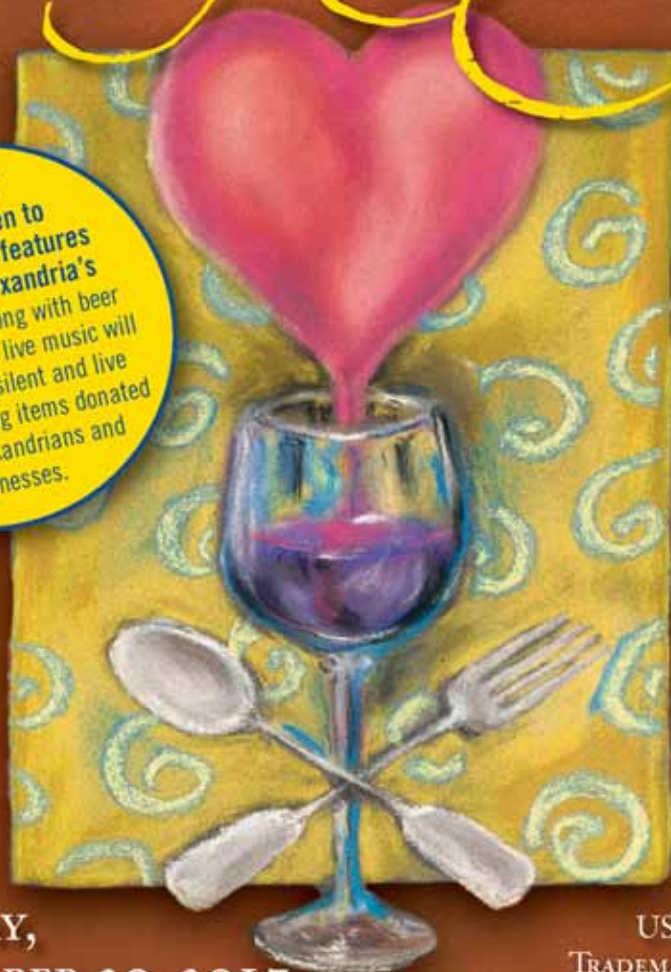
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"Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities. Taste for Giving is the vehicle that we utilize to raise significant funds to support local charitable and service organizations in our community," said Event Chair and Alexandria Rotary Club President Mike Wicks.

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The money raised at the **Annual Taste For Giving** provides the Alexandria Rotary (Club) Foundation’s funding for Contributions Day.

**In addition to Contributions Day, The Rotary Club of Alexandria has a long history of service and commitment to other local Alexandria community projects, and international service efforts.**



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- Salvation Army Holiday Bell Ringing Campaign raising over \$6,300
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- Monthly recognitions of local Alexandria high school students who demonstrate “Service above Self” in addition to their regular academic/athletic responsibilities
- Donated \$1,000 to support, and sponsor the Alexandria Little League
- Monthly service projects supporting the Mount Vernon Avenue Salvation Army, the Campagna Center, the Alexandria Recreation Center, and Rebuilding Together Alexandria
- Walked the Scottish Walk to support the Campagna Center
- The Rotary Club of Alexandria donated \$10,400 to Polio Plus to help eradicate polio worldwide
- Partnered with the Northern Virginia Strategic Water Alliance to provide funding for clean and accessible water sources in Zambia, Africa.
- Contribution of \$2000 for a water storage and purification project at the United Orphanage Academy, Moi’s Bridge, Kenya
- The Rotary Club of Alexandria Gordon Peyton, Jr. Community Caring Awards were presented to non-Rotarians Gerry Cooper, and Susan Grandy
- 8 Alexandria Rotarians attended the International Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia and celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation
- With the help of a Rotary District 7610 Designated Grant, Our own Rotary Club President, Dr. Tom Roberts, along with 8 other dentists from the US, Finland, South Africa, Swaziland and Switzerland participated in a children’s Rotary dental mission project in Dundee, South Africa
- The 9th Annual Taste For Giving (2016) netted over \$63,000. And along with the Alexandria Day Nursery donation, the Rotary Club of Alexandria was able to distribute over \$108,000 to 44 local Alexandria nonprofits at our Annual Contributions Day in June



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# ROTARY CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA Contributes to the Community

The Alexandria Rotary (Club) Foundation together with its affiliate, the Alexandria Day Nursery & Children's Home, Inc., continued its decade-long tradition of awarding grants to local Alexandria nonprofit organizations at their Annual Contributions Day luncheon at Belle Haven Country Club this past June. On that occasion, checks were presented to 45 nonprofit organizations serving the Alexandria community for a total of \$108,000. The Rotary contributions proudly support programs such as the Alexandria Police Foundation which serves local law enforcement, Bridges to Independence which helps families secure affordable permanent Housing and Operation Warm, Inc. that provides winter coats to children in Alexandria.

The keynote speaker for this year's Annual Contributions Day program was CEO of Alexandria Community Trust (ACT), John Porter. John has dedicated his career to serving the citizens and charities of Alexandria. His

message to the not for profit organizations present and to the members of the Rotary Club of Alexandria emphasized the continued need in our community for the support we collectively provide. He encouraged all of the organizations present to continue to work together to improve the lives of our citizens. Together we can and do make a difference.

In addition to honoring the contributions that these nonprofits make to the local community, the annual Rotary luncheon provides a time for the leadership of these organizations meet, talk and find opportunities to collaborate

## ROTARY CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA

# The 45 Alexandria Organizations Receiving Rotary Grants in 2017

- Alexandria Police Foundation
- Alexandria Seaport Foundation
- Alexandria Symphony Orchestra
- Alexandria Tutoring Consortium
- ALIVE
- ALIVE! Inc
- Beverly Hills Church Preschool
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington
- Bridges to Independence
- Bryce Project
- The Butterfly House at the Virginia Theological Seminary
- The Child and Family Network Centers
- The Campagna Center
- Carpenter's Shelter
- Casa Chirilagua
- Community Lodgings
- Emmanuel Preschool
- Fairlington Preschool
- First Night Alexandria
- Focus Music
- Friends of Guest House
- Grace Episcopal Preschool
- Literacy Council of Northern Virginia
- Neighborhood Health
- Next Step Pilates
- Northern Virginia Family Services
- Operation Warm, Inc.
- Ratcliff Thomas Foundation
- Rebuilding Together Alexandria
- RunningBrooke
- Saint Clement Episcopal Church
- SCAN(Stop Child Abuse Now)
- Senior Services of Alexandria
- Space of Her Own Incorporated
- The Arc of Northern Virginia
- The Reading Connection
- Together We Bake
- Upcycle Creative Reuse Center
- Urban Alliance
- Valley Drive Cooperative Preschool
- Volunteer Alexandria
- Washington Street United Methodist Church Preschool
- Westminster Weekday Preschool
- The Kathy Wilson Foundation
- Wright to Read



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# WELCOME TO ROTARY

We are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good.

*With you, we can accomplish even more.*



Our organization started with the vision of one man – Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

ROTARY is a grass roots world-wide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional and community leaders that volunteer time, talent and resources in order to remedy vital community needs. Our motto is Service Above Self.

Members of rotary clubs provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and

peace throughout the world. Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to make a difference, to give back to the community and to connect with likeminded leaders and friends. As signified by the motto Service Above Self, Rotary's main objective is service – in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world.

## Come and Join Us

The Rotary Club of Alexandria welcomes new members. If you are community minded, live or work in the Alexandria area, and have a soft spot for fellowship, charity and enlightenment, why not contact us and ask about joining? We are happy to have you drop in on a few meetings to find out more about what we do. There are no secret handshakes – we don't need them. The secret is to give more than you receive. The secret is to participate. Rotary is an international network of influential, successful people. In this age of networking, what better place to call home than your local Rotary Club of Alexandria?



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- Work with others in addressing community needs
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- Assist with Rotary International's global humanitarian service efforts
- Establish contacts with an international network of professionals
- Develop leadership skills
- Involve family in promoting service efforts

**Come and join us.** The Rotary Club of Alexandria meets every Tuesday at 12:15 pm at the Belle Haven Country Club on Fort Hunt Road. For more information, please visit our website at:

[www.rotaryclubofalexandria.net](http://www.rotaryclubofalexandria.net)

Or contact President Mike Wicks at [mike.wicks@kwccpa.com](mailto:mike.wicks@kwccpa.com)

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

### OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1 Is it the TRUTH?
- 2 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
- and 5 Is it FUN ?

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# FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

## ACCT's Trial of the 19th Century

Playwright Rich Amada's world premiere of "The Judicial Murder of Mrs. Surratt."

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE GAZETTE

**A**ldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) is presenting "The Judicial Murder of Mrs. Surratt" from Sept. 29 to Oct. 15.

The play follows the aftermath of April 14, 1865, inside Ford's Theatre when actor John Wilkes Booth assassinated President Abraham Lincoln. Shocked by its first presidential murder, the U.S. government launched a dragnet to round up every suspect it could. Among those arrested was Mary Surratt, the widowed owner of a boardinghouse where Booth and others were alleged to have conspired. She was charged with conspiracy to commit murder and, along with seven male co-defendants, tried before a military tribunal convened by President Andrew Johnson especially for the occasion. The play is based on that trial.

Playwright Rich Amada said the Lincoln assassination trial was 19th century America's trial of the century. "Yet, most people today know little if anything about anyone implicated in the conspiracy other than John Wilkes Booth," he said. "I, myself, stumbled upon alleged conspirator Mary Surratt's story totally by accident. She holds the dubious distinction of being the first woman judicially executed by the United States government, so I thought to myself immediately that there must be a compelling drama behind that landmark moment in history."

He said that more than 150 years later, people still debate her guilt or innocence. "This play dramatizes the actual evidence the tribunal weighed, much of it in the exact words spoken by the people involved. That gives the audience the opportunity to be a surrogate jury, to sit in judgment of the play's main character, and decide for itself whether she got what she deserved or

was railroaded to the gallows," he said.

Director Eleanore Tapscott said although she does not believe Mrs. Surratt was intimately involved with the assassination plans, she believes she knew more than what she let on. "The focus for me is not so much about Mary's guilt or innocence, but what was actually done to her: her primary attorney, though ultimately diligent in his fight to have her sentence commuted, had no courtroom experience, and although a civilian, she was tried by a military tribunal rather than civil court. She was not allowed to speak in her own defense," she said.

She added: "Mary's experience shows how government can become tyrannical when given the opportunity, particularly when passions are at a fever pitch, as they were following Lincoln's assassination."

Producer Marg Soroos decided to produce the play because she knew the author and thought that the script was well written. "The chance to do a world premiere of a show was also an incentive to do this show. It is a part of our Civil War history that is not as well known," she said.

She said a challenge was trying to find a way to depict the many different locations on the stage. "The play needs to seamlessly move from flashback to trial and back to flashback with a minimum of distraction," she said.

Charlene Sloan plays the role of Mary Surratt, a compelling Southern Catholic, but above all a mother. "Her love for her children is the driving force in her decision-making and her fate," she said.

She said playing the role presented several challenges for her. "She was a real person but there aren't many clues as to what she sounded like or how she moved. So, I did a lot of research, which included reading news articles from the time period and visiting her house in Maryland and the original courtroom at Fort McNair," she said.



PHOTO BY HOWARD SOROOS

**Actors rehearse for "The Judicial Murder of Mrs. Surratt" at Aldersgate Church Community Theater. From left are Mytheos Holt (Frederick Aiken), Charlene Sloan (Mary Surratt), Michael Schwartz (John Lloyd) and Jim Pearson (John Bingham).**

She hopes audiences will learn more about the case and maybe change or enrich their understanding of Mary Surratt and her role in the Lincoln assassination plot. "Any time a play changes minds, strengthens beliefs or just stirs conversation it's a major win," she said.

Michael Schwartz is playing two characters: John Lloyd and John Surratt, who is Mary's son. "John Lloyd runs Mrs. Surratt's tavern. However, I think he'd rather be a patron than an employee since he is known to enjoy a drink or two. He is quite good with his hands and does work around the farm. While I believe he means well, he tends to put his foot in his mouth," he said.

He says that his other character, John Surratt is "very passionate about his political beliefs. John is somewhat of a lost soul and is very impressionable when he believes something can give his life meaning."

The most difficult challenge, he said was making sure he created two distinct characters. "I don't want the audience to think when they see John Surratt that is just John Lloyd regurgitating lines in a different costume. They talk, walk, and communicate in completely different ways. Their moti-

vations in life couldn't be more opposite. I want to audience to see that," he said.

Nicholas Barta also plays two different characters: John Wilkes Booth and Louis Weichman. "Louis is a good friend of the Surratts and is called to testify during Mary's trial. Louis is an honest man who loves to spend time with Mary and her daughter Anna. So when he is called to testify he takes it pretty hard and is almost pushed to the breaking point," he said.

"John Wilkes Booth, as we all know, is the young assassin of President Lincoln. But this play delves a little bit deeper into what happened with Booth leading up to the assassination. We get to see a young, charismatic actor with a dark secret," he added.

Jim Pearson is playing the role of John Bingham, the Special Judge Advocate and Prosecutor. "John Bingham is a godly man, a politician, and a close associate of Abraham Lincoln's. His soul cries for justice in this unheard of event – the assassination of the President and Commander in Chief. He is focused, relentless, and will crawl through anyone to get to his chief

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### CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

#### ONGOING

##### **Cinderella, The New Musical.**

Through Oct. 1, various times at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. An Infinity Stage production. \$15-35 online, \$20-\$40 at the door. Visit [www.InfinityStage.com](http://www.InfinityStage.com).

##### **"Aqueduct: Stone Ruins in Maryland & Virginia."**

Various times through Oct. 1 at The Art League, 105 North Union St. Printmaker M. Alexander (Alex) Gray illuminates forgotten local history through the images in his exhibit, "Aqueduct: Stone Ruins in Maryland & Virginia." Gray, a lifelong

Virginian, wants to bring these lesser-known, historic sites back into the public eye. Call 703-683-1780 or visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

**Local Artists Exhibit.** Through Oct. 3, various times at River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive. Patricia Miller Uchello, award-winning artist and Alexandria resident for over 30 years, is showing 86 floral paintings in oil on canvas. Call 703-768-5700.

##### **Fall 2017 Native Plant Sale.**

Through Oct. 15 at the Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Ave. The Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities is offering a native plant sale to help grow Alexandria's tree canopy and undergrowth. Call 703-746-5559 or visit [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov).

**Artists Exhibit.** Various times through

Oct. 31 in the Fireplace Alcove, Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Dolly Rowe's hooked artworks called "Painting in Wool and Silk" will be on display. Contact [dollyrowe73@yahoo.com](mailto:dollyrowe73@yahoo.com).

##### **Alexandrians Fight The Great War.**

Various times through Nov. 11 at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. This exhibit shares some of the stories of Alexandrians during the war and their more active participation in the American war effort after April 1917. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum) or call 703-838-4994.

##### **Mount Vernon Farmers Market.**

8 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays, through Dec. 14. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm).

##### **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).

##### **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.

**Alexandria Cars and Coffee** invites

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

##### **Fifty Years of Collecting.**

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

##### **Dinner for the Washingtons.**

11 a.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





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### SATURDAY/OCT. 2

**OktoberFest.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Benefit for The Campagna Center and the New Neighbors Program. Visit [www.portcitybrewing.com/](http://www.portcitybrewing.com/) for more.

### OCT. 6-8

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour.** 6-9 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy. Meet “George and Martha Washington” on the Mansion’s piazza. Guests experience an evening tour of the Washingtons’ home and are invited to visit the basement where he stored his wine. Call 703-780-2000 or visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 7

**Art on the Avenue.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. More than 300 artists such as jewelers to silversmith and beaders, woodworkers, pottery makers, soap crafters, glass makers, unique painters, sculptures, and fabric artists, and musicians. Visit [www.artontheavenue.org](http://www.artontheavenue.org) for more.

**Port City Oktoberfest Party.** noon-9 p.m. at Port City, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Call 703-778-0874 or visit [www.PortCityBrewing.com/the-brewery/events](http://www.PortCityBrewing.com/the-brewery/events) for more.

**Oktoberfest.** 3-7 p.m. St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church and Day School, 8531 Riverside Road. German food such as knockwurst, bratwurst, potato salad; sides, beer and cold drinks, live Oompa band, bake sale, children’s games, petting zoo, moon bounce. Visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com) or call 703-360-4220 for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 14

**Burgundy Fall Fair.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Family fun for all ages: Zombie run, pumpkin painting,



**It’s Oktoberfest at the brewery, Saturday, Oct. 7 at Port City, 3950 Wheeler Ave.**

moon bounce, live music, used book and kids’ closet sale, food tent. Free admission. Proceeds from activity tickets and food and merchandise sale benefit student financial aid. Rain or shine. Visit [www.burgundyfarm.org](http://www.burgundyfarm.org) or call 703-960-3431.

### OCT. 14-15

**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Virginia Wine Festival.** noon-6 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Wine tasting from many Virginia wineries, festival access to the Virginia Oyster Pavilion, and all concessions and musical entertainment. \$35-65. Call 202-244-3700 or visit [www.virginiawinefest.com](http://www.virginiawinefest.com).

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 25

**WPHS Orchestra Spooktacular.** 5:30-7 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. West Potomac Orchestra’s annual Spooktacular Carnival and Concert. Free. Call 703-718-2587 for more.

## CALENDAR

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**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).

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/SEPT. 28

**“Twisted Masterpieces.”** 6-9pm at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Del Ray Artisans host silent auction of 2D and 3D artwork and live auction of furniture. \$25. Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/event/twisted-masterpieces](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/twisted-masterpieces).

**Artists Reception.** 7-9 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Nina Tisara will discuss her photo-documentary studies of worship in Alexandria. Email [KKincannon@aldersgate.net](mailto:KKincannon@aldersgate.net).

### CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

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

**The Harmony Heritage Singers** (Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 29

**Georgetown Saxatones.** 7 p.m. in The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Proceeds, to benefit the Saxatones’ preferred charity the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. \$15/\$10 members. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

**Mummies in Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Funk rock band “Here Come the Mummies,” in concert. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 30

**Film and Discussion.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History

Museum, 902 Wythe St, Alexandria. In the 23-minute film, Sam Ford, local television reporter, talks about being a descendant of Africans owned by Native Americans. \$5. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/BlackHistory](http://www.alexandriava.gov/BlackHistory).

**Alexandria Seaport Foundation Festival.** noon-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 Prince St. Community festival celebrating the mission and programs of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation featuring live music, wooden boat display, Anything that Floats race, children’s activities, nautical activities, beer/wine and local food. Visit [www.alexandriaseaport.org](http://www.alexandriaseaport.org).

**Write Like a Woman Workshop.** 1:30-3:30 p.m. in The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A networking workshop with KaNikki Jakarta for women writers that uplifts and inspires through writing. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

**Mansion House Whiskey Tasting.** 7-9 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Local historian, Rich Gillespie, will share stories of the Civil War in Virginia and guide the whiskey tasting journey. \$100. Call 703-549-2997 or visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 2

**Floral Workshop.** 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Professional floral designer Betty Ann Galway, you learn tips and tricks of the trade to apply to your floral arrangements at home, and Halloween designs. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) or call 703-642-5173.

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### TUESDAY/OCT. 3

#### Yoga on the Magnolia Terrace.

5:30-6:30 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Join yoga instructor Barbara Douglass for vinyasa flow yoga on Carlyle House's Magnolia Terrace, every Tuesday in October. Please bring water, a towel, and yoga mat. Classes are \$5 each or \$20 for 5 classes. Call 703-549-2997 or visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

### THURSDAY/OCT. 5

**Essential Oil Workshop.** noon-1 p.m. at Caring Acupuncture, 2111 Eisenhower Ave., Suite 402. Free class — Essential Skin Care: How to Nourish and Maintain Healthy, Beautiful Skin with doTerra Essential Oils. Email [jennamdaniel@gmail.com](mailto:jennamdaniel@gmail.com) or call 479-426-2525.

**Swan Lake Ballet.** 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Drive. The first time the Russian Grand Ballet has ever performed in Virginia. Visit [www.RussianGrandBallet.com](http://www.RussianGrandBallet.com).

### OCT. 5-NOV. 5

**On the Stage.** 8:30-12:30 p.m. at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal Street. "Are you Now or Have You Ever Been..." written and conceived by Carlyle Brown. Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org) or call 703-548-9044.

### OCT. 6-8

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour.

6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy. Meet "George and Martha Washington" on the Mansion's piazza. Guests experience an evening tour of the Washingtons' home and are invited to visit the basement where he stored his wine. Call 703-780-2000 or visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 7

#### Mount Vernon's Blue Room Reopens.

7-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. The Blue Room in the Mount Vernon Mansion will reopen marking the completion of a major seven-month restoration. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

### OCT. 6-14

#### Alexandria Live Music Week.

Various times at venues throughout the City of Alexandria. Over 50 venues and more than 175 artists are set to perform over the course of the nine days. Visit [www.alexandrialive.com](http://www.alexandrialive.com).

### OCT. 6-21

#### Drumming with Dishes on Stage.

Various times at Arts on the Horizon, The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. A children's story about a girl and her imaginary friend, who discover they can use ordinary kitchen objects to make extraordinary music together. Visit

## Trial of the 19th Century

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target, Jefferson Davis. Mary Surratt and her son John are in the way," he said.

He said the challenge was balancing Bingham's sense of morality — the treatment of women, his fellow man, his religious beliefs — with his burning desire to see justice. "These emotions are in constant conflict," he said.

Emily Golden is playing the role of Anna Surratt, who is Mary's 22-year-old daughter. "During the pre-assassination flashback scenes, Anna is portrayed as a happy young woman initially infatuated with John Wilkes Booth, the famous actor who comes to their boardinghouse. However, we also see Anna become increasingly distraught in the present time after the arrest of her mother, throughout the court proceedings, and just before her mother's execu-

tion as the full magnitude of the situation hits her," she said.

She said the hardest part was trying to stay true to the historical truth of the character while finding a way to bring raw emotion to her portrayal on stage. "Some of the more emotional scenes in this play have pushed me further as an actress than I have had to previously explore. Feeling the weight of the energy needed to invest in these emotions while simultaneously remembering that Anna Surratt was a real person was extremely difficult," she said.

*Aldersgate Church Community Theater is presenting "The Judicial Murder of Mrs. Surratt" from Sept. 29 to Oct. 15. Tickets are \$12 to \$15. Or \$10 for group of 10 or more tickets. The venue is located at 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org).*

[www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org](http://www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 7

#### Art on the Avenue.

10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. More than 300 artists such as jewelers to silversmith and beaders, woodworkers, pottery makers, soap crafters, glass makers, unique painters, sculptures, and fabric artists, and musicians. Visit [www.artontheavenue.org](http://www.artontheavenue.org).

#### Garden Experts Lecture.

8:30-12:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Presenter Marianne Wilburn shares "Big Dreams, Small Garden" and Pam

Beck imparts "Movement Through the Landscape." Call 703-642-5173 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/).

#### Port City Oktoberfest Party.

noon-9 p.m. at Port City, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Call 703-778-0874 or visit [www.PortCityBrewing.com/the-brewery/events](http://www.PortCityBrewing.com/the-brewery/events).

#### 'Rip the Runway' Benefit Fashion Show.

4:30-7 p.m. at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Every dollar raised will directly support the Vola Lawson Breast Cancer Memorial Fund, a memorial fund established to raise money that contributes to the cost of annual mammograms for the women in

Northern Virginia. Call 909-245-9661.

**Oktoberfest.** 3-7 p.m. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and Day School, 8531 Riverside Road. German food such as knockwurst, bratwurst, potato salad; sides, beer and cold drinks, live Oompa band, bake sale, children's games, petting zoo, moon bounce. Visit [www.staidanepiscopal.com](http://www.staidanepiscopal.com) or call 703-360-4220.

**Saturday Cinema at Carlyle.** 6:41 p.m. on John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle St. Featuring Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds." Free. Visit [www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun](http://www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun).



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# FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

## SUNDAY/OCT. 8

**Museum Geek Tour.** noon-1 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St. Basement tour. Call 703-746-3852 or visit alexandriava.gov/apothecary.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 12

**Fashion Show and Luncheon.** 10 a.m. at the Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. The Yacht Haven Garden Club is presenting their 34th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Floral Fantasy." Proceeds will go to several agricultural projects. For further information and tickets contact: Kathy Ichter, Ichter@verizon.net or call 703- 780-8700

## OCT. 13-15

**2017 National Kids Yoga Conference.** 7 p.m. at the Nannie J. Lee Community Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Learn the art of successfully bringing yoga, mindfulness, and social emotional learning to the youth in your community. Visit conference.yokid.org/.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 14

**Drawing Workshop.** 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist and instructor Caroline Hottenstein shows how to use pen and ink, watercolor, graphite and colored pencils to capture and highlight details in insect illustration. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.  
**Watershed Cleanup Day.** 9-11:30 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701

Lockheed Blvd. Opportunity for individuals, students, families, scouts and other community groups to be part of this year's International Coastal Cleanup. Help clear the earth's arteries by collecting tires, bed springs, bottles, cans and other debris from your local waterways. Visit bit.ly/FCPAwatershedClean.

**Burgundy Fall Fair.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Family fun for all ages: Zombie run, pumpkin painting, moon bounce, live music, used book and kids' closet sale, food tent. Free admission. Proceeds from activity tickets and food and merchandise sale benefit student financial aid. Rain or shine. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org or call 703-960-3431.

**Touch-A-Truck.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane. An interactive event that allows children to see, touch, and explore their favorite big trucks and heavy machinery, as well as to meet the personnel who protect, serve, & build the Alexandria community. \$5, children under 2 are free. Visit www.FortHuntPreschool.com.

**Scottish Heritage Day.** noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Scottish music, dancing, and fashion as well as tours of the Carlyle House. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.CarlyleHouse.org.

**Painting in the Park.** noon-4 p.m. at John Carlyle Square in the Carlyle District of Alexandria. 300 John Carlyle St. Free. Visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun

**Outlandish Event.** 1-4 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St. Tour the historic apothecary and learn about a few of the herbal medicines featured



## Swan Lake

**Swan Lake Ballet, Thursday, Oct. 5 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M.Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Drive, The first time the Russian Grand Ballet has ever performed in Virginia. Visit RussianGrandBallet.com for more.**

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**Beer Tapping and Pet Adoption.** 2-5 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Port City Brewing Company and Lost Dog Café have partnered to support Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation by brewing a limited-edition IPA for National Adopt-a-Dog Month in October. Lost Dog Rescue Ale will be available for the first time in the Tasting Room that day. Visit www.portcitybrewing.com/ or

www.lostdogrescue.org.

**Long Black Veil Happy Hour.** 6-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy Port City beverages. \$25. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov/events.aspx.

**Members Support Party.** 7-9 p.m., at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association invites members and friends to join us for La Vie en Rose, a French evening in the Athenaeum Gallery. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

## OCT. 14-15

**42nd Annual Virginia Wine**

**Festival.** noon-6 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Wine tasting, festival access to the Virginia Oyster Pavilion, and all concessions and musical entertainment. \$35-65. Visit www.virginiawinefest.com.

## DEADLINE OCT. 15

**Photo Contest.** Submit photos taken in the city with the theme "Support the well-being of Alexandria's residents by ensuring access to a variety of quality recreation, park and cultural experiences." Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation for more information.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 15

**Walk to Bust Cancer.** 8 a.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. National Breast Center Foundation's Walk to Bust Cancer to increase awareness and celebrate survivorship. Email Martha Carucci at Martha.carucci@nationalbreastcenter.org or visit www.walktobustcancer.org.

**George V. Johnson Quintet.** 4 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St. Jazz at Meade, \$20 donation, free street parking, free intermission buffet. Call 267-463-7936.

**Free Speech Forum.** 7 p.m. at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Visit www.wmal.com/freespeechforum/ or www.birchmere.com for more

## OCT. 17-NOV. 26

**Multiple Exposures Gallery.** Various times at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, #312. Photo exhibit. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

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Current and recent Battelle-UCM Scholarship recipients attend a recent scholarship orientation and mentoring program with Regina B. Schofield, Battelle Director of Corporate Engagement and Education Outreach. From left: Faizan Tariq, 2016 Battelle-UCM Scholarship recipient, who is majoring in computer science engineering at Virginia Commonwealth University; Schofield; Mount Vernon High School graduating senior Noorjahan Sheikh, 2017 Battelle-UCM Scholarship awardee; and 2016 awardee Imad Arouna, who is in his second year at Northern Virginia Community College studying Electrical Engineering. Not pictured: 2017 awardee Ana Villalobos, graduating senior at West Potomac High School.

## Battelle-UCM Scholars Awarded

United Community Ministries, Inc. (UCM) and global research and development organization Battelle announced the Battelle-UCM Scholarship awardees for 2017. Funded by a grant from Battelle, the competitive college scholarships are designed to encourage economically-challenged Mount Vernon area high school seniors to pursue college studies in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Graduating seniors at Bryant Alternative High School, Mount Vernon High School, and West Potomac High School are eligible.

"Earning a college degree is key to economic opportunity and financial independence," says UCM Executive Director Alison DeCoursey. "It means a significant increase in lifetime earnings. The advantages of studying in a STEM field are even more substantial. We appreciate our partnership with Battelle and its commitment to invest in access to opportunity. Their team truly understands the power of investing in young people so that they can create a better future for themselves. Together, we are truly changing lives."

Scholarship candidates must demonstrate leadership, confidence in dealing with challenges, commitment to goals, and active participation in community service, extracurricular activities, or work. The 2017 Battelle-UCM Scholars are:

❖ Noorjahan Sheikh graduated from Mount Vernon High School and will attend Virginia Commonwealth University to study biology with the goal to become an emergency room physician.

❖ Ana Villalobos graduated from West Potomac High School and will attend Virginia Commonwealth University to pursue her dream to become a dentist.

The Battelle-UCM Scholarship program was initiated in 2014. Scholarship awardees are invited to interact with past recipients in supportive focus groups, including mentoring opportunities. Over the years, Battelle's contributions to UCM have supported other activities such as early childhood education to engage preschoolers in technology for future academic success in mathematics; and youth development, including out-of-school time activities focused on math and science.

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Steve Bashore, director of Historic Trades and Distiller, gives a tour at George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill in Mount Vernon.

# Touring Cultural Corridor

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Corey Miles, senior environmental planner with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, said the goal of the tour was to promote the Woodlawn Historic District and the historic sites and landmarks that are located within the district itself as part of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.

"With recent road improvements and trail connections being constructed right now along Route 1, planned for construction down towards the Gristmill in Mount Vernon, the ultimate goal is to show people that you can actually walk or bike from the attractions at Woodlawn Historic District all the way down to Mount Vernon," she said.

Storck said what's also being constructed on 80 acres at Fort Belvoir is the National Museum of the United States Army, which will be a major draw for the area when it opens in 2019. "I think it will draw a million visitors each year ... And we've got the Workhouse Arts Center and Gunston Hall, George Mason's home. So this area is a draw," he said.

He said money has already been allocated for bicycle trails to be built between 2019 and 2020 in the area. "It could be a bicycle trail or a walking trail but it will connect us from here to Gristmill Park up to Mount Vernon Estate," he said.

He continued: "We also have the

National Historic Trust putting money, time and effort into having Woodlawn and Arcadia realize its potential. This has been a gem that has in many ways been behind trees for a number of years now."

According to Amanda Phillips, director of Site Interpretation and Partnerships at Woodlawn, "We're looking for Woodlawn and the Pope-Leighey House to be part of the cultural center that we hope to build along with all of our other partners and sites in this corner of Fairfax County. We're hoping that this site will be a beacon within the Cultural Corridor that's being created by all the partners in the

Woodlawn Historic District."

Added Debbie Spiliotopoulos, senior environmental planner with Northern Virginia Regional Commission: "Our goal is to promote community awareness and the connections between the natural areas and the cultural historic areas and landmarks in this part of Woodlawn. This is a real gem in Fairfax County and a lot of people don't know about it."

She added: "It's connected through the Potomac Heritage Trail for longer routes for hiking, cycling, and paddling throughout the whole area, and the Potomac Heritage Trail goes from Stafford County all the way to Pittsburgh."



Amanda Phillips, director of Site Interpretation and Partnerships, talks at Arcadia Farms in Mount Vernon.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I don't want to praise the Lord too much for providing me with such a trivial and mundane benefit but, I sure am grateful when my 112 pounds of cat litter arrives/is delivered to my front porch, mere feet away from our cats' litter boxes. "Auto Ship," baby. No more am I lugging 28 to 44 pound boxes of cat litter into our five-indoor-cat household from the local supermarket and/or pet superstore. I don't want to plagiarize a television "spokesthing" from my youth so I'll give "Speedy" from Alka Seltzer proper attribution when I write as enthusiastically as I can: "Oh, what a relief it is!"

The litter is my second auto-ship of substance; having made an earlier/similar commitment to 16 pound bags of dry cat food. I do get some fancy, multi-vitamins auto-delivered and my wife, Dina, as well receives special eye vitamins in the mail, but I thought that was the only way to purchase them, given that the manufacturers were out of town so I never considered them an auto-type ship. Previously, I had always resisted inquiring about getting products delivered from a national company when they are available locally. My thinking had been that since I'm home during the day, and regularly in and out doing errands at many of the stores that sell this merchandise, why ship it when I can shop it? It seemed redundant.

Now however, given the pleasure I felt when I saw that litter sitting on the porch without my having had to life one finger; well, a few fingers initially when I "keystroked" my way through this company's online registration, the light has come on. Moreover, given the neuropathy I have in my feet, I'm tired of walking around those giant warehouse stores. Sure, the local proximity and availability is helpful but the bigger the buyer, the more effort the unloading/restocking is required at home. Perhaps I've simply come to a realization, and not necessarily an accommodation to my age, that less effort equals more overall value. And if in addition to less effort, I can buy products at equal or even lower cost than doing so locally, than I am sittin' pretty in high cotton, if I may double-down on the benefit?

Not that I'm overworked and underpaid for the household duties I perform but, I'd rather be under worked and overpaid, if you catch my drift? And given certain realities to the many tasks now performed by hand, it's up to me to reinvent the wheel, so to speak. And so, I'm starting to consider very seriously, ordering more stuff this way, especially bulky/weighty stuff and to let my fingers do the clicking rather than my arms and legs doing the walking and carrying. Let commercial/corporate America do the driving and delivering. I don't have to prove my shopping mettle anymore. I'm ready to sit back and let the boxes do my talking.

I'm not quite ready to order food/perishable however. I feel a certain sense of calm and serenity wandering down supermarket aisles taking mental inventory of what's present and what's not — and what's new and what everything costs. Not that I try many things as anybody who knows me knows, but occasionally, Entenmann's or Hostess or Nabisco will surprise me with a new item and thus will have made the visit all the more sweeter. I wonder if I'll have the same sensation perusing and clicking my way through a site that so far has been unseen — by my eyes, anyway. I guess it can't hurt to explore a bit. I mean, it's not exactly the dark web. (Is it?) Nor do I expect to use bit coins or have to create an avatar for myself. Nevertheless, the process does seem a little daunting; changing habits that have become habitual, and routines which have become routine. Seems a bit like turning an ocean liner around after it's headed out to sea. They don't turn on a dime and neither do I. Still, I'm intrigued by the possibilities, and besides, I'm nearly out of laundry detergent.

Perhaps a test is in the offing. I don't think I'm quite ready to join a club/pay a membership fee, but I am open to investigating. Time will tell I suppose, as will my first bill.

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## CRIME

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

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING:** 6700 block of Tower Road, Sept. 25 around 12:20 a.m. Officers responded to the address for a report of a person being stabbed. They found a victim with multiple stab wounds. The victim was taken to a local hospital with serious injuries. A 50-year-old man was arrested at the address. He was transported the Adult Detention Center and charged with aggravated malicious wounding. He is held on no bond. The incident is domestic related.

**WARRANT/ARREST:** Eureka Court and Sacramento Drive, Sept. 25 around 6:15 p.m. Officers attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle which was driven by a person wanted by Virginia State Police. The driver of the vehicle was previously involved in a hit and run on Sept. 19. The driver of the vehicle then attempted to run away and was arrested by officers. A 26 year-old man from Alexandria was charged with disregarding signal by law enforcement officer and duty of driver to stop in event of accident involving injury or death or damage to attended property.

**ARMED ROBBERY:** 7800 block of Richmond Highway, Sept. 24, around 12:40 a.m. The victim was sitting on the curb using her cell phone when the suspect approached her from behind. The suspect grabbed her wallet that was on the ground next to her. He pointed a knife at her and grabbed the cell phone from her. The suspect ran to a nearby bicycle and rode off.

**ARMED ROBBERY:** 2305 Huntington Avenue, Sept. 22 around 3:15 a.m. A man entered the 7-Eleven, pointed a gun at the victims and demanded money from the registers. The victims gave the man money. The man ran into a nearby parking lot, got into a silver sedan and drove off. He is described as a light skinned black male, 20 to 25 years old, 6 feet tall, wearing a black long sleeve shirt, black cargo pants, black boots and a black ski mask covering his face. The investigation is ongoing.

**ARMED ROBBERY:** 7200 block of Jon Paul Drive on Sept. 16 around 10:30 p.m. A man was walking home from a friend's house when he was approached by an unknown man. The man then pointed a gun at the victim and demanded for his wallet and cell phone. The suspect was last seen going towards Route 1 and Lockheed Boulevard. The suspect is described as a 20 to 25 year old black male, 5'11, thin build, clean shaven, wearing a baseball cap, black shirt and blue jean shorts. The investigation is ongoing.

**ARMED ROBBERY:** 7500 block of Snowpea Court, Sept. 15 around 11:20 p.m. A man was standing outside a building when he was robbed at gunpoint. Two men walked up to the man, pointed a gun at him and demanded money. During the robbery, the man was assaulted, but did not go to the hospital. The investigation is ongoing.

**SEPT. 25 — LARCENIES**  
 1600 block of Belle View Boulevard, merchandise from business  
 2500 block of Huntington Avenue, wallet from business  
 3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, beer from residence  
 2200 block of Mary Baldwin Drive, bicycle from residence  
 7500 block of Snowpea Court, cell phone from vehicle

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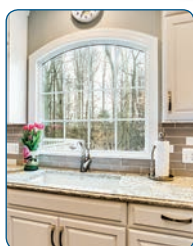
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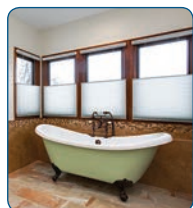


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