

Session Brings Sea Change

Wave election swamps Richmond with freshman members eager to make their mark.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

This year's General Assembly will be like no other. For starters, the members walking the halls of the Capitol will not look the same. The crop of freshman includes the first transgender woman to serve in the Virginia General Assembly, the first lesbian, the first Asian-American woman and the first two Latinas. Gone are the 12 Republican members who were unseated, all white males. Also gone are the three members who got out before the bloodbath that flipped their seats from red to blue, also all white males. In their place is a diverse and young group of new members who are eager to make their mark on the commonwealth.

At the top of the agenda for the Democratic freshmen is expanding Medicaid to 400,000 people who would be eligible under the Affordable Care Act.

"I think what's really important for us, as Democrats, is to identify on the other side who we could have come over and join us," said Kathy Tran, who flipped a formerly Republican seat held by Del. Dave Albo (R-42) for more than 20 years. "We're going to have to reach out and basically identify who's really vulnerable and who's going to be in a position where they're going to have to be supporting the progressive values that were voted in as a wave across the commonwealth."



Republicans were unseated in 12 House districts, and Democrats flipped three seats where GOP incumbents decided against running in a year that ended up being a Democratic wave.

Even if they're successful navigating the diminished House Republican caucus, House Democrats will still have to deal with a Republican-controlled Senate. But the culture in the Senate is more moderate, and Republican senators have a history of supporting bills that have been routinely blocked in the House.

For example, Senate Republicans have a

history of supporting the effort raising the threshold for grand larceny. That's an issue that Democrats have been pushing unsuccessfully for years that may now finally have a chance in 2018.

"We heard during the gubernatorial campaign, Ed Gillespie was supporting an increase so this is one of those issues that — especially with the outcome of the election

— I think you can see some support behind," said Del. Patrick Hope (D-47), who is introducing a bill that raises the threshold from \$200 to \$500. "If someone makes a dumb mistake and walks out of a store with something small we shouldn't make a felon out of them."

THE WAVE ELECTION of 2017 was widely seen as a reacting to the Trump administration, and some of the bills that are now being crafted are also a reaction to the Republican agenda in Washington. State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) is putting together a tax reform plan as a Virginia answer to federal tax reform that gives tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations. Marsden wants to eliminate the food tax, reinstitute the inheritance tax and increase the gas tax. His tax-reform plan also taxes some services for the first time. For example lawn care and dry cleaning would be taxed but lawyers and doctors would not.

"Ever since I've been in the legislature I've heard complaints that we have a 19th century agriculture and manufacturing tax base but we're now a service economy. So this will start to tax some of those services," said Marsden. "We're trying to draw a distinction and get the discussion going around which services are optional for people and which ones are really necessary that we shouldn't burden them with taxes on."

Democrats are also eager to finally get

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Park Service To Evaluate Parkway Traffic Safety

Study to include safety improvement recommendations.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE GAZETTE

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) issued a statement on Dec. 20, which, among other matters, addressed proposed traffic safety measures on the Mount Vernon leg of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. As reported by the Gazette during 2017, Mount Vernon residents are concerned about the parkway's traffic volume, vehicle speeds and dangerous intersections.

Beyer announced the National Park Service, which administers the parkway, has responded positively to a multilevel government request for measures to increase traffic safety on the parkway. State Sen. Scott Surovell, Del. Paul Krizek and Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck joined Beyer in the appeal.

In response, NPS has advised Beyer that it will conduct a traffic survey on the parkway in 2018 that will include evaluation of key intersections. NPS will

use the study to "recommend safety improvements," and, in the meantime, "undertake traffic monitoring upgrades."

Krizek said that NPS plans to solicit input from area residents and parkway users during the study.

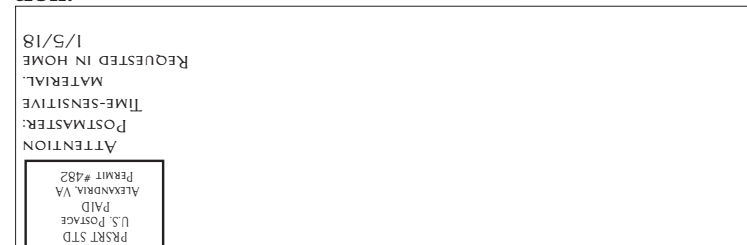
"Gathering good data is the first step toward arriving at solutions," Surovell said, "and I am excited that the Park Service has listened to our concerns and found the resources to study this safety problem on one of our local crown jewels."

"I am pleased that the first steps to improving the safety of this now major commuter roadway begins in 2018," Storck said of Beyer's announcement. "Our residents should not have to play 'dodge-'em' to access our scenic parks, river or parkway whether by walking, biking or driving. I sincerely appreciate Congressman Beyer's federal leadership and the unanimous state and local officials' support to finally move this long-time community issue a step forward."

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Volunteers help children pick out toys at the annual Firefighters and Friends toy distribution day Dec. 12 at Penn Daw Station 11. More than 3,500 toys, bikes and gift cards were distributed to children and families in need from the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County.



Fairfax County Firefighter Dave Saunders, with his 15-year-old son and chief elf Hunter Saunders, greet a child from the county's Head Start program during the annual Firefighters and Friends toy distribution day Dec. 12 at Penn Daw Station 11.

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To the Rescue

Firefighters and Friends distribute toys to families in need.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Christmas arrived early for more than 250 children from local Head Start programs and Hopkins House as they picked out toys and visited with Santa during the annual Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue toy drive distribution day Dec. 12 at Penn Daw Fire Station 11.

"We distributed over 3,500 toys, bikes and gift cards to 80 schools, shelters and nonprofits in Alexandria and Fairfax County," said Alexandria City Councilman and Fairfax County Battalion Chief Willie Bailey, who founded the toy drive 18 years ago. "Prior to the distribution to school representatives, we escorted and gave toys to local preschool kids."

Bailey said that 800 new coats were also given out to children in need. More than 80 volunteers were on hand to help with the distribution, including firefighter Dave Saunders and his son Hunter as Santa and his elf, and Caring Angels Therapy Dogs and their handlers.

Sponsors of the toy drive include: Firefighters & Friends to the Rescue; Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department; Apple Federal Credit Union; Whole Foods; Ken & Kelly Savittiere; Jack Taylor Toyota; Nationwide Credit Corporation; Caring Angels Therapy Dogs; Progressive Firefighters of Fairfax; Local 2068; Union Street Public House Restaurant; Bruce Witucki; Fairfax Fire & Rescue Retirement Association; Promax Realtors; Fairfax County Federation of Teachers; Mission BBQ; InspirLit (provider of 100's of new books); FCAC Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Saint Stephens & Saint Agnes Middle School; Fairfax County Police Department; Fairfax County Sheriff's Office; Primo Family Restaurant; Modern



A volunteer with Caring Angels Therapy Dogs visits with a child at the Firefighters and Friends annual holiday toy distribution Dec. 12.

Technologies Solutions; Irish Times Restaurant; Anthem Health Keepers Plus; and Gates Hudson.

"So many organizations came together today to make this a wonderful event not only for the kids but also for the volunteers," Bailey said. "We had staff from the local schools telling us that some families were deciding whether to pay a bill, purchase food for the household, or buy gifts for the kids. Hopefully today we were able to take some of the pressure off of those families and make that decision a little easier."

For the eighth year, students at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Middle school assisted Bailey in collecting toys for families in need.

"I have been asked for so many years why I do this," Bailey said. "All I can say is that I learned to give not because I had much but because I know exactly how it feels to have nothing. The best gift I have received for the past 18 Christmases is watching the smiles on the kids' faces."



Trudi Rohr helps a child pick out a toy at the Firefighters and Friends annual toy distribution.



Students from St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Middle School pose for a photo with Visual Arts teacher Kati Towle, second from left, City Councilman Willie Bailey and Parks and Recreation Department representative Michael Johnson after collecting more than 160 toys for the annual Firefighters and Friends holiday toy drive.

Trees in County Continue To Be Targets of Insects

Traps set for cankerworms.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

The odds are against trees in Fairfax County in terms of soil compaction, construction, air pollution and insects as the Urban Forest Management Division sets its sights on cankerworms this winter. Unlike the emerald ash borer that went for the trunk and branches of ash trees, the cankerworm goes for the leaves in the canopy. “The cankerworm larvae (caterpillars) feed on the leaves of a wide variety of trees,” said Troy Shaw, coordinator of the Forest Pest Program in the Fairfax County Urban Forest Management division. Shaw said the cankerworms target the first set of leaves, causing the trees to produce another set of leaves, which depletes the tree’s stored food reserves. The Urban Forest Management are currently trapping the females with a brown band of treated paper wrapped around trunks of trees that is “coated with a glue-like material that is intended to capture female cankerworm moths as they climb the tree in the winter months,” Shaw said. “We use the data collected from these traps to try to predict where defoliation is going to occur the following spring,” he added. The

cankerworm is not fatal to every tree it defoliates but defoliation may cause tree mortality, and the county is targeting the Lee and Mount Vernon districts this winter. In the past, up to 5,000 acres in the county have been defoliated by cankerworms.

In years past another insect, the emerald ash borer, was threatening the ash trees across the area, resulting in many of them to be cut down to deprive this wood-boring beetle food it needs for survival. The emerald ash borer will kill ash trees within three years of infestation, and this poses a danger as a dead limbs can break off and cause injury. For this reason, the county cut down many ash trees, and treated a few that were on county-owned property. Treating an ash tree for this pest involves injecting pesticide into the trunk of the tree, according to Shaw, but the borers are so widespread “it was never a viable option.” If homeowners are interested in protecting individual trees on their private property, the county can provide them with advice on how best to pro-



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The emerald ash borer is an invasive species that wreaked havoc on the ash trees in Fairfax County.



PHOTO BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION

In Newington, the county is preventing female cankerworms from climbing into the leaved canopy and defoliating in the spring.

ceed. The county has released emerald ash borer parasites in suitable areas of the county in the hope that they will provide control in the future, Shaw said.

Although the emerald ash borer is a non-native species that can be introduced to the area in imported firewood, or trees cut from other locations, the cankerworm is a native species, so the trees in this area have a natural defense to some extent.

Fall cankerworms feed on a variety of trees but tend to prefer maples, hickories, ashes, and oaks, all of which are found in abundance throughout Fairfax County, according to the county website. Homeowners can

fight back though if infestations are detected in their yard. Fall cankerworms are a source of food for wildlife, such as birds and beetles. Residents can create an inviting habitat for wildlife on their properties if they are looking for a natural control for fall cankerworms or other undesirable pests, according to information released by the county.

General Assembly Delegation to Hold Public Hearing at Government Center

The Fairfax County delegation to the General Assembly will hold a hearing for public comment regarding the upcoming 2018 session on Saturday, Jan. 6. The forum begins at 9 a.m. in the boardroom of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax with parking available in front of the Government Center Building. Only Fairfax County residents may register to speak, and individuals may speak on their own behalf or on behalf of an organization serving County residents.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova will welcome the

delegation to the Government Center on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and deliver brief remarks. Fairfax County residents who want to sign up in advance to speak at the hearing should register online using the form or contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151, TTY 711, by noon on Friday, Jan. 5. Requests for ADA accommodations should be made as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the public hearing.

All speakers are asked to personally register for their speaking slot (residents needing assistance will be helped on a case by case basis). Organizations are encouraged

to limit their number of speakers to a maximum of five. Additional attendees in support of said organization at the public hearing may be recognized by the chair. Speaking slots will be numbered based on a first come, first served allocation. Point of contact for other questions or requests for ADA accommodations: Arielle McAloon (703-324-2649) or Chris Camarca (703-324-2683).

Each speaker will be allocated three minutes to address the delegation. Speakers must be present when called to the podium, and people who miss their turn will be added to the end of the list of speakers. The

Chair reserves the right to modify the guidelines on site for the smooth operation of the public hearing.

The hearing will be televised live on Fairfax County Television Channel 16 (Channel 1016 in HD on Cox; Channel 16 on Verizon or Comcast), and can also be viewed on-line through the Channel 16 stream.

Further information on the public comment hearing is available from members of the Fairfax County legislative delegation. Contact information for individual delegation members is available at whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov/

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The Eagle Scouts of Troop 1906 presented an Eagle Scout plaque to Bethlehem Baptist Church.

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On Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017, the Eagle Scouts of Troop 1906 — Emmanuel K. Lewis, Stephen Jabari Redmon, and Bryce Furlow — presented Bethlehem Baptist Church with an Eagle Scout plaque.

The Rev. Dr. Darrell K. White, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, welcomed home Troop 1906 Eagle Scouts for the special ceremony.

Lewis, a May 2017 Cum Laude graduate in International Business and Finance from the University

of South Carolina; Redmon, a 4th year cadet at the US Air Force Academy; and Furlow, a freshman at Northern Virginia Community College, presented the plaque to the church on behalf of the Troop.

Troop 1906 is co-chartered by the Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Boys ages 7 to 10 are eligible to join the Cub Scout program and boys ages 11 up to their 18th birthday are eligible to join the church's Scouting programs.

For more information, contact the church office at 703-360-4170, extension 0; email the Cub Scout Program at cubscouts1906@bbc-nva.org; or email the Boy Scout Program at troop1906@bbc-nva.org.

CRIME REPORT

MALICIOUS WOUNDING/ASSAULT ON A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ARREST: 4800 block of Eubank Street, Dec. 31 around 2 a.m. A man was stabbed by an acquaintance. The victim is expected to survive. During the investigation, the suspect, who was still on scene, kicked an officer. A 29-year-old man from Alexandria, was charged with malicious wounding and assault on a law enforcement officer.

ARMED ROBBERY: 7200 block of Harrison Lane, Dec. 28 around 1:20 p.m. A man was robbed while attempting to sell a cellphone and its accessories to someone who responded to an ad he placed online. The suspect asked to see the phone, then displayed a gun. The suspect took off with the phone. The victim was not injured. The investigation is ongoing.

ROBBERY: 8600 block of Beekman Place, Dec. 22 around 9:40 p.m. The victim, who is a delivery man, was delivering a pizza to a residence. He was approached by a man who sprayed the victim with pepper spray and took the pizza. The victim had non-life-threatening injuries and the case is ongoing.

DISTRIBUTION OF MARIJUANA/OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: Boswell Avenue/Richmond Highway, Dec. 22 around 3:30 p.m. An officer

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

observed a car with defective equipment. A traffic stop was conducted and the officer was able to smell the odor of marijuana coming from inside the car. Both the driver and passenger were asked to get out of the car but they refused. Eventually, they got out of the car and officers found narcotics inside. They were both arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and obstruction of justice.

ROBBERY: 5946 Richmond Highway (Best Smokes), Dec. 24 around 3 p.m. Two men entered the store and demanded money. The suspects were able to get an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing the store. The victim was not injured and the case is ongoing.

BURGLARY: 7500 block of Coxton Court, Dec. 19 around 3:30 p.m. Someone entered the residence and took personal items.

BURGLARY: 7100 block of Fairchild Drive, Dec. 20 around 11:15 a.m. Someone entered the residence and took electronics.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY: 7700 Richmond Highway (China 1), Dec. 20 around 5 a.m. Someone entered the business and took cash.

JAN. 2 — LARCENIES
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2000 block of Huntington Avenue, sunglasses from business
6300 block of Richmond Highway, cell phones from business

7800 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
7800 block of Richmond Highway, tip jar from business

8600 block of Richmond Highway, liquor from business
9100 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from business

DEC. 28 — LARCENIES
13900 block of Metrotech Drive, wallets from business

DEC. 27 — LARCENIES
6300 block of South Kings Highway, bicycle from business

DEC. 26 — LARCENIES
6600 block of Cavalier Drive, license plate from vehicle
6000 block of Richmond Highway, airbag from vehicle

6000 block of Richmond Highway, door from vehicle
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7700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
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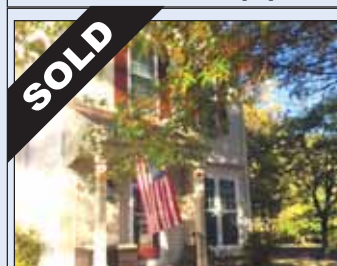
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OPINION

2018 A Happy New Year? At least some cause for hope

Virginia's election last November, just two months ago, was the first in the nation since the current administration took over in Washington.

Here in Virginia there was some anxiety and uncertainty rolling into Election Day. First, at least one race will not be decided until later this week. Second, the Democrats swept the statewide races, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General.

EDITORIAL

Democrats hoped to make gains in the House of Delegates. It's fair to say no one anticipated the Democrats taking the House. After all, Republicans held a 66-34 majority, a nearly insurmountable advantage.

Democrats gained at least 15 seats in a turnabout that could leave the House split 50-50.

New members include the first transgender woman to serve in the Virginia General Assembly, the first lesbian delegate, the first Asian-American woman delegate and the first two Latina delegates.

Virginia's success has generated buzz about pursuing sweeping change in other state legislatures around the country.

Del. Marcus Simon said it well recently (on Facebook): "If someone had told me on Jan. 1, 2017 that one year later Democrats would have picked up no fewer than 15 and probably as many as 17 seats in the Virginia House of Delegates I would have said, 'Love your optimism, but don't get carried away.'"

"My advice to anyone running for office or thinking about running for office, or working for people running for office in 2018: Get carried away."

The new look and balance in the General Assembly could provide progress on some long stalled issues. (More Democrats in office do not equate to progress in all of these areas, it's important to note.)

❖ Expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act to cover hundreds of thousands of poor people without coverage

❖ Nonpartisan redistricting and use of national best practices when it comes to drawing

political district boundaries after the next census.

❖ Progress in transparency, and making public information public. This includes lawmakers killing most proposed legislation with unrecorded voice votes in subcommittee, with no accountability or record of how members voted. It should also include rolling back some of the many exemptions to the Freedom of Information Act passed by the General Assembly.

❖ Ethics reform, campaign finance reform.

❖ Making it easier, not harder, to vote.

❖ More control over utility rates and pollution.

❖ Criminal justice reform, including raising the threshold for a felony from \$200 to \$500.

❖ Tax reform.

A "wish list" could go on at some length. The 2018 session of the Virginia General Assembly begins Jan. 10.

— MARY KIMM

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Not Smart, Not Right, and Not Fair

BY DON BEYER
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-8)

On the day the House passed the Republican tax bill, I took to the Floor to oppose the bill.

My colleagues from both parties who opposed this bill did a thorough job illustrating the compelling reasons to oppose it: the regressive nature of the tax cuts, which will mostly flow to the very wealthy, the attacks on the Affordable Care Act which will lead to 13 million more uninsured Americans, the trillions of dollars it will add to the national debt.

I share this opinion, but also had another perspective to offer.

I worked for four decades to build a successful small business in Northern Virginia. So I'll be honest with you: this bill cuts my taxes.

I still voted against it.

I voted no in part for my constituents, who overwhelmingly opposed this immoral bill, but I also voted no for my employees.

The people we've employed over the years are the business. I've always tried to treat the women and men who work for me well and pay a living wage. It's rewarding to see them get married, start families, and chase their dreams.

My employees simply will not benefit from this bill the way that I do.

They will get small cuts that expire, and many will eventually see tax increases. They'll get a tiny child tax credit, much smaller than the one millionaires get. The cuts for businesses, raising the estate tax threshold to protect families that worth \$11 million, and other benefits billionaires will remain after the meager cuts for the middle class expire. Eighty-three percent will go to the wealthiest 1 per-

cent of the country by 2027.

Their kids will be stuck with the tab for the trillions of dollars this bill will add to the national debt, debt which itself may be used to attack Social Security and Medicare soon.

As a member of the Joint Economic Committee I also know that U.S. companies are sitting on \$17 trillion in capital. Yet, for some reason, Republicans claim against all evidence and advice from economists that giving these same companies more is going to spur magical levels of growth that will somehow trickle down to working people.

We all want a healthy, vibrant economy, but we'd do better by focusing on workforce development, human capital, building skills, and repairing infrastructure.

Unfortunately, Republicans rejected that path in favor of pursuing tax cuts for people like me at the expense of the middle class.

It isn't smart, it isn't right, and it isn't fair.



Fire on Christmas

The Mount Vernon Antique Center at 8101 Richmond Highway burned down on Christmas night. The nearly 16,000-square-foot building was home to more than 30 vendors.

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WEDNESDAY/JAN. 10

EMBARK Public Meeting. 6:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane. County Staff will present the draft amended comprehensive plan for the EMBARK area on Richmond Highway. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/embark-richmond-highway.

SATURDAY/JAN. 13

Office Hours. Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck will host Saturday office hours. Email mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov.

❖ 9-11:30 a.m. at Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton.

❖ 12:30-3 p.m. at the Mount Vernon district office, 2511 Parkers Lane, Mount Vernon.

SUNDAY/JAN. 14

Film Screening. 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. Mount Vernon AAUW presents a screening of the film "GerryRigged: Turning Democracy on Its Head." Representatives from the League of Women Voters and OneVirginia2021 will lead the discussion afterwards. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available. Call 703-780-8494 or visit mtvernon-va.aauw.net. Free.

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NEWS

Parkway Safety Study

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Beyer's Dec. 20 statement also addressed several other of his initiatives that affect area residents. His proposal to construct a visitors' center at the Marine Corps War Memorial has been signed into law. Further, Beyer helped obtain funding to "repair and rehabili-

tate" Arlington Memorial Bridge beginning in the fall of 2018. Regarding the noise generated by aircraft approaching and departing Reagan National, Beyer is working with state and local leaders and the Federal Aviation Administration to re-route aircraft over the Potomac River instead of above area homes.

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Happy New Year

Frigid temps, fireworks usher in 2018.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Despite frigid temperatures, thousands of revelers descended on Alexandria to ring in the New Year as a midnight fireworks show ushered in 2018 and concluded the 23rd annual First Night Alexandria celebration.

"We had a few less attendees this year but those who did come out had a great time," said First Night Alexandria executive director Ann Dorman, who estimated a crowd of about 8,000 compared to 10,000-12,000 last year. "Hotels reported a few cancellations but said that those who attended are already booking for next year."

More than 150 performances took place at 24 venues in Old Town and Del Ray, with live music, dancing, children's face painting and games. A Fun Hunt took place during the day and a Battle of the Local Stars at the Durant Arts Center featured a special appearance by local favorite Keira Moran, who used the evening to record a live performance with the T.C. Williams Orchestra.

A graduate of T.C. Williams High School, Moran's six-song performance with the 22-piece orchestra was recorded for a special set that will be available on iTunes early next year. One hundred percent of proceeds from sales on iTunes will go to APCS.

"Unfortunately this is probably Keira's last performance with us," Dorman said. "She's living in L.A. now but we were lucky to have her back."

After 17 years at the helm of First Night Alexandria, Dorman is stepping down. She was recognized for her efforts by former U.S. Rep. Jim Moran at the Durant Arts Center.

"I'm really proud of how First Night has grown," Dorman said. "There was no First Night in 2000. Then in 2001, in spite of 9/11, we pulled off a great event that has become a signature event for the city."

The First Night concept was launched in Boston in 1975. While hundreds of First Night events across the country have disappeared since that time, First Night Alexandria has continued to grow and thrive, becoming one of the largest and most successful events in the region while adhering to the original concept of charging one price for an array of family-friendly entertainment.

"I'm sorry we did not go out with a banner year," Dorman said. "Next year will be a transition period for the First Night organization so I'll still be around. But I also plan to go out and see some of these great entertainers I've been hiring all these years."



PHOTO BY JOHN BORDNER/THE GAZETTE

Ray Hume and Billy Coulter perform "Nowhere Man" at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.



PHOTO BY JOHN BORDNER/THE GAZETTE

Stella Mazzeo poses for a photo with Professor Arts Safari (Ander Bordner).



PHOTO BY WILL NICCOLLS

Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun perform at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center.

For more information, visit www.firstnightalexandria.org.



PHOTO BY JOHN BORDNER/THE GAZETTE

Fireworks light up the sky over the Potomac River to usher in 2018 as part of the First Night Alexandria celebration.



PHOTO BY JOHN BORDNER/THE GAZETTE

Classic rock music by The Dr. Robert Band gets the crowd dancing at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

Ready for the Cold

Preventing, recognizing and treating hypothermia and frostbite.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Frigid temperatures and the chill of winter can usher in dangerous health conditions, particularly for those most vulnerable: the elderly and young children. Two of the most prevalent cold-weather ills are hypothermia and frostbite. For those who have to be outside when it is dangerously cold, knowing the warning signs and prevention techniques for these conditions are the keys to keeping them at bay, say health care providers.

“Even a typical winter in this area can be dangerous,” said Amy Talbot, Ph.D. of George Mason University. “But extreme conditions can make it even worse for those most vulnerable.”

Hypothermia, which occurs when one’s body core temperature drops, can develop more quickly than many people realize, says Talbot. “Obviously feeling very cold is a warning sign, but also shivering and experiencing signs that the cold is affecting your brain, so feeling disoriented, stumbling or losing balance easily, unusual speech pattern or changes in personality.”

Frostbite is when the skin and underlying tissue are damaged by cold temperatures, says Beth Lowe, RN, a private-duty nurse in Arlington. “During the beginning



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Record cold temperatures can lead to frostbite and hypothermia.

stages of frostbite, you might see your skin turn red and you’ll feel numb or tingling or stinging,” she said. “The main thing to remember is not to try to re-warm your own skin, because you can do more damage. It’s best to seek emergency medical treatment.”

Dressing in layers and wearing shoes that are appropriate for extreme cold are keys to preventing hypothermia and frostbite, advises Carolyn Johnson, Ph.D. of Montgomery College. “When it’s extremely cold you want to wear clothing that traps your body temperature and protects you from cold air and wind,” she said. “A basic formula to keep in mind: a base layer that should be made from a fabric that wicks away moisture. The second layer should trap heat so it should be made of a polyester fleece over something similar. The top layer should be waterproof and windproof.”

Lowe recommends avoiding cotton clothing during the extreme cold because if it gets wet, it can make you cold. “Many of these preventative measure are things that most people already know, but may not think about until it’s too late,” she said.

Another preventative component, says Talbot, is nutrition. Both food and liquids can help keep one’s body warm. “Skipping a meal can make you more susceptible to hypothermia and frostbite,” she said. “It’s important to eat carbs and protein for energy when you’re going to be outside for a prolonged period of time, like if you’re hiking or playing sports.”

If you believe that you are beginning to develop frostbite or hypothermia, Lowe says

LOCAL SHELTERS

For those who are not able to seek shelter, social service providers in Virginia and Maryland are ramping up efforts to provide shelter to those who need to get out of the cold. For more information:

Fairfax County
703-691-2131 or fairfaxcounty.gov

City of Alexandria
703-548-7500 or alexandriava.gov

Montgomery County
240-777-3289 or montgomerycountymd.gov

Arlington County
703-228-1300 or 703-228-1010
publicassistance.arlingtoncounty.gov

in order to avoid advancing the seriousness of the condition, move your body by doing jumping jacks or some other vigorous movement and get out of the frigid elements. “There’s no set amount of time that it takes for [hypothermia or frostbite] to develop, so it’s important to keep an eye on those who are most vulnerable. But once you notice the warning signs you can try to stop the conditions before they advance, by drinking plenty of fluids, eating carbs and getting inside to a warmer temperature.”

New Faces and Issues at State Legislature

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some traction on gun control, which House Republicans have blocked for years. Back in 2015, Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe was able to forge a deal with Republicans to make state police available for voluntary background checks at gun shows. Now Democrats are hoping that newly reconstituted House committees and subcommittees might give them a chance to at least get gun control legislation on the floor rather than having it killed in subcommittee, a strategy Republicans used that allowed them to avoid being on the record voting against banning assault weapons, for example. State Sen. George Barker (D-39) is introducing a bill that would allow judges to confiscate firearms from individuals they consider dangerous.

“It would have to go to court, and a judge would have to issue a ruling that there’s probable cause and it’s a serious situation and the gun should be temporarily removed,” said Barker. “In some states, it allows police officers to confiscate it. But the bills that we are putting in do not. You would have to go to court.”

MANY OF THE BILLS lawmakers are working on involve unfinished business from previous sessions. State Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36) is working on a bill that would force Dominion to clean up decades of pollution at several coal ash ponds throughout Virginia. Dominion Energy plans to seal the pollution in place and put

a cap on the ponds, which is significantly cheaper than cleaning up the pollution. But Surovell wants to require that the utility recycle the coal ash into concrete or ceramics. And, Surovell adds, it won’t actually be more expensive for Dominion at all because the utility will end up passing along the cost to people who are paying for electricity.

“You eliminate the possibility that this toxic gunk will continue to leak arsenic, lead and other chemicals into our groundwater forever,” said Surovell. “Landfilling is the short-term cheap solution. But long-term it has the worst potential effects because the stuff continues to leach out chemicals and give people cancer and poison fish and birds and ruin our groundwater.”

State Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) is also returning to a familiar theme: decriminalizing marijuana. Several states across the country have already done this, and now that California has legalized pot for recreational use many feel that the tide may be turning on this issue. According to a recent report by the Virginia State Crime Commission, law enforcement officers have arrested more than 130,000 people for possession of marijuana in the last decade — 84 percent of them first-time offenders.

“I think people are realizing how inappropriate it is to give people a criminal penalty for a drug that so many people have tried and used and is arguably less significant and harmful than alcohol,” said Ebbin. “It’s still a tough fight. But we’ve got Senate Majority Leader Tommy Norment supporting it generally. And we’ve got Governor-

elect Ralph Northam supporting it, generally.”

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL last year, Republicans and Democrats both supported several key agenda items — an indication that members from both sides of the aisle may end up working together this year on certain issues. One of those is ethics reform, a hot topic in Virginia since former Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell was convicted of corruption then cleared of wrongdoing by the U.S. Supreme Court. During the campaign last year, Republican candidate for governor Ed Gillespie and Republican candidate for lieutenant governor Jill Vogel both talked about closing a loophole that allows candidates to use campaign money for personal use. That’s an issue that already has support among Democrats, although drawing a distinction between official use and personal use can be a gray area.

“I think we’ve got a consensus that we need to do something,” said Del. Marcus Simon (D-53). “Whether we make it a weak ban or a strong ban — a civil violation or a criminal act — I think we’re going to outlaw it one way or another.”

Another issue where Republicans and Democrats are in agreement is expanding broadband to rural areas. Of course the details of how to make that happen and who benefits are where lawmakers get divided, although this is one of those issues where party ideology is less important than regional ties. Last year, for example, Republicans were divided about whether to create

new hurdles for local governments to set up broadband networks in places where that might create competition for private providers. This year, the issue of broadband will once again be an important topic of conversation.

“I’m looking at ways to reduce regulatory burdens,” said Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86). “So I’m talking about including broadband in your municipal comprehensive plan, setting up a dig-once policy and creating a data governance board for smart communities.”

IT MAY SEEM like the elections never cease in Virginia, where voters go to the polls multiple times every year. And although Washington is already focused on the 2018 campaign, Richmond is already preparing for an epic election in 2019. Not only will that election include all members of the House and the Senate, it will also set the scene for who controls the redistricting process. Both parties are eager to control as much of the process as possible, and Democrats have already won a major victory by electing a governor who will have veto power over the maps drawn by lawmakers.

“The one piece of this that I’m interested in doing is having a factor of competitiveness and competition being part of the equation,” said Del. Mark Keam (D-35). “Right now all the standards that they use for redistricting are things like partisanship, demographics and minority status. But there’s nothing that talks about whether a district is competitive or not.”

ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Potomac Fiber Art Show. Through Jan. 7, various times at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 29. The show will be supplemented with juried items on Dec. 5. The Torpedo Factory has new hours, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily and weekends, and 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Visit torpedofactory.org.

The Artist's Process Lecture.

Through Jan. 7, various times at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Featuring sketches and studies by members of the Washington Society of Landscape Painters, this exhibition focuses on the process of painting in the field and trying to capture the essence of what may be in the final work. Created quickly, these studies serve as shorthand that informs the creation of the final pieces. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Cameras and Clay. Through Jan. 21 at Potomac Fiber Art show through Jan. 7, various times at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 29. Featuring the work of 34 photographers and clay artists. Visit torpedofactory.org.

“Terracotta Warriors” in Market Square.

Through March 11, all day in Market Square, 301 King St. Two replicas of the famous “Terracotta Warriors.” Each replica stands six feet tall and weighs about 500 pounds, and will be on display through March 2018. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour.

Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series “Mercy Street,” accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com for more

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History.

Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's 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.

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/ or call 703-768-3224.

Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit.

Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/fortward for more

Alexandria's Nurses and Hospitals



Visitors

“Terracotta Warriors” in Market Square, on display in Market Square, 301 King St. Two replicas of the famous “Terracotta Warriors.” Each replica stands 6 feet tall and weighs about 500 pounds, and will be on display through March 2018. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

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.

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

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

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

Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired “Mercy Street,” the new PBS' series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-

549-2997

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

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

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

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

548-1789.

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

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 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 served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$7 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Evenings at the Athenaeum.

Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is

open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

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

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 St. near Motley Fool. The cafe will feature coffee, live music to help commuters start the day off right and donuts from Sugar Shack. maurisapotts@gmail.com

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

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(Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus, rehearses on the 2nd and 4th 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, or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

FRIDAY/JAN. 5

Exhibit Space Sale Begins. Various times at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St. Target Gallery's annual special exhibition and art sale, March 150 show. Exhibition Dates: March 10-25. Annual Art Party, scheduled this year for Friday, March 23. Visit torpedofactory.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 7

Meet the Plant Artist. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Botanical Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Great Falls artist, Betty Ganley will be presented with the First Place award for her watercolor, La Plumage at the event. Vienna Art Society multi media art exhibit, “Up Close To Mother Nature” will be on exhibit until Feb 25. Call 703-642-5173.

O Luminous Night. 6-7:30 p.m. at Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Savour the joy and peace of the holiday season with ensemble Armonia Nova in an evening of music from northern European lands. Call 703-549-1450 or visit armonianova.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 8

Ballroom Dance Classes. 7-9 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Led by Gary Stephans, class focuses on the Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Salsa, Merengue, Rumba, Cha-Cha and Samba. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

JAN. 9-FEB. 4

“Déjà Vu,” Art Exhibit. Various times at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 29. Potomac Fiber

ENTERTAINMENT

Arts Gallery show “Déjà Vu,” highlights the work of artists Elizabeth Davison, Elise Miller, and Dianne Harris Thomas. Visit torpedofactory.org.

THURSDAY/JAN. 11

Local Author Thursdays. 7 p.m. at The Old Town Shop, 105 South Union St. Ralph Peluso, the featured author of the week will be talking about his book “512.” Visit theoldtownshop.com.

Native Plant Interactions. 7:30 - 9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. A talk by Charles Smith, to kick off the lecture series looking at the interactions and relationships in plant communities from the visible framework of our living world. Visit <http://vnps.org/potowmack/events/>.

FRIDAY/JAN.12

Concert at Blessed Sacrament. 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. Free. Email mcushmac@comcast.net or call 703-548-1176.

SATURDAY/JAN. 13

Watercolor Workshop: Painting on Yupo. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Paint on slick plastic called yupo with in-structor Marni Maree. \$90. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

SUNDAY/JAN. 14

Puppy Training Seminar. 3 p.m. at Head to Tail Spa dog grooming, 430 Hume Ave. Dog grooming and a seminar by dog expert Jodi Goldberg.

Call 703-400-4401.

Meet the Artist. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ellyn Weiss discusses Form and Void, her exhibit that will be on display from Jan. 11-Feb. 25. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

TUESDAY/JAN. 16

Ancestry Lecture. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com: genealogist Sharon Cook MacInnes speaks on how to successfully search the ancestry.com website's billions of records and family trees. Call 703-768-4101.

NOVA Community Chorus

Auditions. 7 p.m. at the NVCC Alexandria campus, 5000 Dawes Ave. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday nights and begin on January 16, under the leadership of director Chad Steffey. Contact NOVA Alexandria Music Faculty member, Lisa Eckstein, at leckstein@nvcc.edu or 703-845-6252.

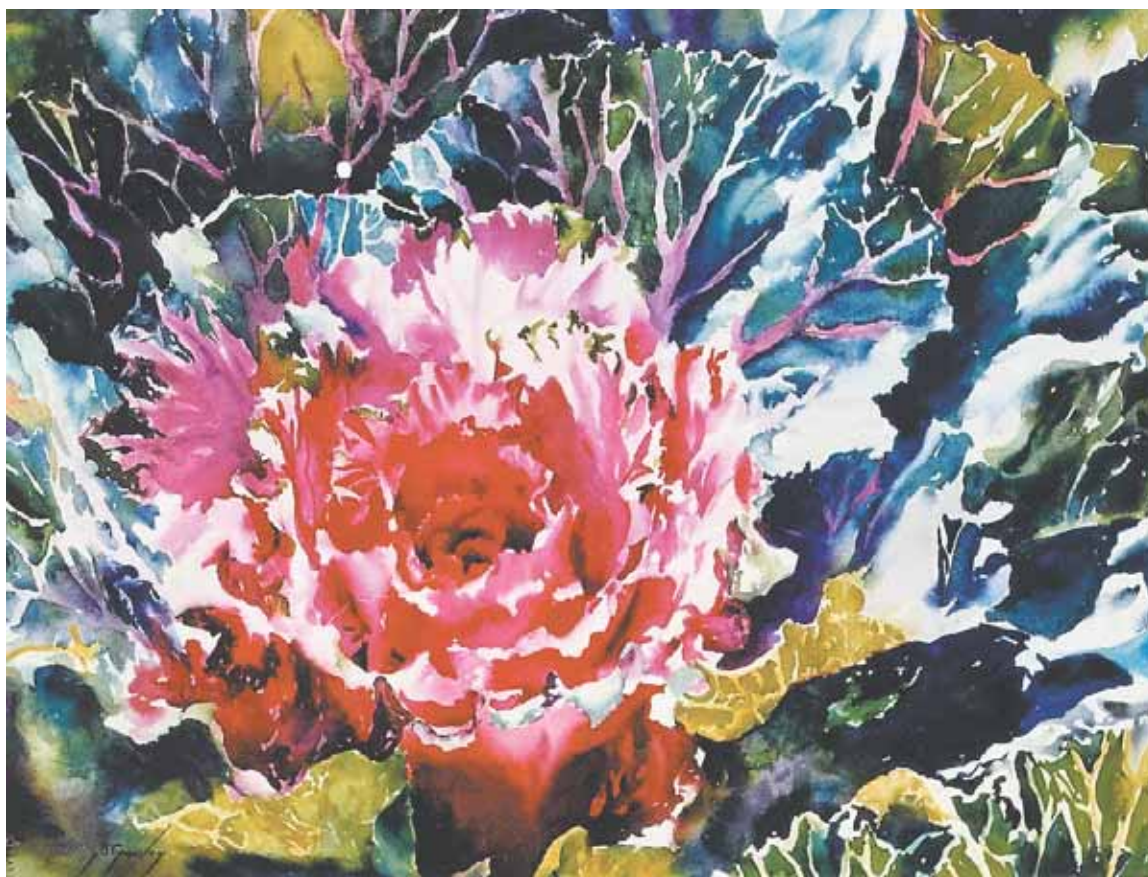
THURSDAY/JAN. 18

Meet the Author. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Dwight S. Hughes discusses “A Confederate Biography: The Cruise of the CSS Shenandoah.” \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Air Force Band Concert. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall 4915 East Campus Drive. Special appearance by tubist Patrick Sheridan. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/.

FRIDAY/JAN. 19

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500



Meet the Artist

Meet the Plant Artist on Sunday, Jan. 7 from 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Botanical Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Great Falls artist Betty Ganley will be presented with the First Place award for her watercolor, La Plumage, at the event. Vienna Art Society multi media art exhibit, “Up Close To Mother Nature” will be on exhibit until Feb 25. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

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ENTERTAINMENT

4 Dates to Circle for January

BY HOPE NELSON

The new year brings with it a passel of new things for food and beverage lovers to do around town. Here are some events that shouldn't be missed.

Port City Brewing

Doppelbock Release — Friday, Jan. 5

In the next installment of Port City's lager series, the brewery releases its hearty, heady doppelbock for the inaugural weekend of the new year. The malty, deep-hued lager is a formidable companion on a chilly evening, as is Port City's new fire pit, which will be roaring all night (weather permitting).

Grab a meal at the Borinquen Lunch Box, which will pull up around 5:30, and stay to listen to music at 7-10 p.m. 3950 Wheeler Ave.

Osteria Marzano

Italian Cooking Class — Saturday, Jan. 6

Channel your inner Italian and take a lesson from Chef Carmine Marzano as he teaches how to make some homestyle favorites. From grissini breadsticks to braised beef agnolotti pasta to a decadent chocolate amaretto custard and more, you'll come away

with some new culinary tricks up your sleeve. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 6361 Walker Lane. \$85 per person.

Lena's Wood-fired Pizza

Date Night Game Night — Tuesday, Jan. 9

Have the dark, cold days of winter gotten you a bit down? Spice up the week with a game night at Lena's, and bring your sweetheart along. The pizzeria will have a variety of games to bring the two of you closer together — or perhaps further apart depending on who's a sore loser. While you're there, order Lena's famous giant meatball to share or divide and conquer with the likes of a Panini and individual pizza. 4-11 p.m. 401 E. Braddock Road. Reservations recommended.

Gadsby's Tavern

History by the Glass — Friday, Jan. 19

Learn all about the genesis and history of the hot toddy alongside mixologist Branden Beasley at this event in what is arguably Alexandria's most storied tavern. This event isn't a spectator sport; lift a glass of a hot beverage or two throughout the evening while learning about how the beverage intersects with Alexandria and American history. Nibble on an appetizer or two along the way. 7-9 p.m. 134 N. Royal St. \$50 per person.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com.

CALENDAR

Shenandoah Road. Third-Friday Community Dance with the Mount Vernon Swing Band. Live music conducted by Owen Hammett. Open to the community. \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

SATURDAY/JAN. 20

Winter Tree Day. 10-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Take a walk in the woods to examine trees in their wintry state. Get to know some evergreens and learn how critters use trees as their homes during our coldest months. \$6. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

Tea Tasting: A Tea for Each Continent. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Sample teas from each of the seven continents of the world. \$25. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

SUNDAY/JAN. 21

NOVA Community Chorus Auditions. 7 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Contact Herb Levy at Herb@FocusMusic.org or 703-380-3151.

MONDAY/JAN. 22

Ballroom Dance Classes. 7-9 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Led by Gary Stephens, class focuses on the Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Salsa, Merengue, Rumba, Cha-Cha and Samba. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

JAN. 26-FEB. 4

Alexandria Winter Restaurant Week. Various times in neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray and the West End. \$35 three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two; select locations offering lunch from \$10-20 per person. Visit



www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com.

THURSDAY/FEB. 1

Alexandria Poetry Contest Entry Deadline. 5 p.m. at the City of Alexandria, The Office of the Arts, a division of the Department of Recreation. The "DASHing Words in Motion" poetry contest, topics edge on transportation, ideas might stem from The Alexandria Transit Company's DASH buses motto is "Keep Alexandria Moving." Call 703-746-5565 or email cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov.

Blues Night with Meigs Hodge. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Meigs Hodge explores Delta and Chicago styles through the music of Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters, and others; as well as contemporary standards and original compositions. \$10. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

SATURDAY/FEB. 3

Watercolor Workshop: Paint a Winter Scene. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn to paint a winter landscape in watercolor with the

Local Author

Another night of "Local Author Thursdays," on Thursday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m. at The Old Town Shop, 105 South Union St. Ralph Peluso, the featured author of the week will be talking about his book "512." Visit theoldtownshop.com.

help of artist Erik Hottenstein, who demonstrates techniques for translating photographs into winter scenes and provides guidance for your individual piece. \$90. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

SATURDAY/FEB. 10

Salon at the Statehouse III. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ashley and George Wilson will welcome 50 guests to their recently renovated, historical home, where dinner will be served. \$100. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

FEB. 15-MARCH 3

U-Street the musical. Various times at the Richard Kauffman Auditorium (Lee Center), 1108 Jefferson St. U-Street, the musical is an exploration of homelessness in America brought to life with 12 musical numbers, and a 30-member cast from around the D.C. metro area. The production is also a fundraiser to support programs for low-income youth in Alexandria. \$20. Call 703-640-4980 or visit www.momentumcinc.org.

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NEWS

Fireplace Ashes Ignite House Fire

Units from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and the City of Alexandria Fire Department were dispatched on Thursday, Dec. 28 at approximately 12:16 p.m., for a reported house fire in the 6100 block of Vernon Terrace in the Belle Haven section of Fairfax County.

Units arrived on scene to find a three-story, single family home with fire evident on the right side exterior and smoke showing from the second and third floor windows and roof. A second alarm was requested.

As Engine 411 (Penn Daw) was preparing to make an attack on the fire, the homeowner stated his daughter was still inside and in a third-floor bedroom. Crews from Truck 411 (Penn Daw) and Rescue Squad 411 (Penn Daw) went to the third floor, located and evacuated the unharmed adult female. At the same time, Engine 411 quickly extinguished the fire on the exterior and then entered the house to extinguish fire that had extended inside.

One of the occupants discovered the fire on the exterior of the home prior to the activation of the smoke alarms. Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started on the exterior of the home. The cause of the fire was im-

properly discarded fireplace ashes.

Approximately 60 firefighters responded to the scene. Four occupants were displaced as a result of the fire. Red Cross Assistance was offered and declined. There were no reported injuries to civilians or firefighters. Damages as a result of the fire are approximately \$211,250.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department reminds residents to be cautious and keep safety in mind when handling fireplace ashes.

The department offers the following safety tips:

- ❖ Do not discard your ashes into any combustible container such as a paper or plastic bag, a cardboard box, or a plastic trash can.

- ❖ Do not place ash containers on decks, porches, or in garages.

- ❖ Put ashes into a non-combustible metal container with a lid.

- ❖ Pour water into the container to make sure the ashes are cool.

- ❖ Keep your can outside the home, away from your fireplace or stove and anything combustible.

- ❖ Teach all family members to be safe with ashes from your fireplace or wood stove.

Estate Unveils Renovated Theater

George Washington's Mount Vernon has reopened its Revolutionary War Theater, marking the completion of the \$2 million renovation of the 4-D theater and creation of a new feature film.

The theater first opened in 2006. The new movie will place guests in the midst of the American Revolution through 4-D special effects and 9.2 channel state-of-the-art surround sound system. Mount Vernon has enhanced the theater's machinery to provide an immersive experience through falling snow, wind, wafting fog, and seats that rumble.

The new theater features a new wide aspect ratio screen and a 4k resolution projection of the new movie. Many of the pre-existing 4D features have been enhanced. The new 9.2 channel surround sound audio system will make it seem like artillery shells are flying overhead while visitor seats vibrate and rumble with the explosions.

The new 17-minute film focuses on Washington's leadership and the pivotal campaigns that secured American independence. Produced by Wide Awake Films exclusively for Mount Vernon, the updated movie includes live action sequences and cutting-edge ani-

mation. The new two-minute pre-show, also improved, will provide more background information on the events leading to the Revolution. Martha Washington and William Lee, George Washington's enslaved valet, also appear in the new production, offering a more historically accurate presentation of the war.

More than 100 reenactors took part in the filming at locations throughout Virginia, including Fuqua Farms, Richmond; Gadsby's Tavern, Alexandria; Welbourne House, Middleburg; Goose Creek Bridge; and George Washington's Mount Vernon.

The theater's 105 seat infrastructure underwent major updates to complement the improved visual presentation.

The Revolutionary War Theater is included with general admission to Mount Vernon. Visit www.mountvernon.org/the-estate-gardens/museum/revolutionary-war-4d-movie/

This new presentation is sponsored by the Robert H. Smith Family Foundation. Mount Vernon partnered with the New Orleans' Solomon Group and Kansas City's Wide Awake Films to create this new 4-D experience.

New CEO at George Washington's Mount Vernon

Dr. Doug Bradburn is the new president and chief executive officer of George Washington's Mount Vernon effective Jan. 1, 2018, as only the 11th person to hold this position since 1858, when the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association purchased the estate from the Washington family.

An American history scholar, Bradburn currently serves as founding director for Mount Vernon's Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. With his appointment as president, Bradburn expands his responsibilities to oversee the daily operations of America's most visited historic home and its research library. At the same time, he will partner with the board to shape the organization's strategic priorities surrounding preservation, education, and visitor engagement. His selection followed a national search, which began after Mount Vernon's 10th president, Curtis G. Viebranz, announced plans to step down in late 2017.

Bradburn was named the library's founding director in 2013, weeks before the facility opened. In his four years in this role, Bradburn oversaw the selection of more than 60 research fellows and developed

and executed dozens of lectures and symposia. He pioneered the launch of the George Washington Leadership Institute, which provides leadership development to government, corporate, and military officials. He also championed the restructuring of Mount Vernon's teacher outreach programs and the guided creation of a residential fellowship program for talented college juniors. He secured acquisitions of documents and manuscripts for the library's collections and spearheaded enhancements to the library's digital platforms.

Born in Wisconsin and raised in Virginia, Bradburn, 45, holds a B.A. in history and a B.S. in economics from the University of Virginia and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago. He is the author and editor of three books and numerous articles and book chapters on the history of the American founding, leadership, and the history of American citizenship. Before coming to Mount Vernon, Bradburn served as a professor of history and director of graduate studies at the State University of New York-Binghamton University and departed as chair of the history faculty.



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I'm Very Seldom Wrong, But This Time I'm Write

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Since I don't have to write for a deadline this week (12/27/17 papers have already gone to press), maybe I'll write for pleasure. Not that writing this column is ever not my pleasure, but it is time-sensitive, at least on a weekly basis. And though that "weekliness" can occasionally induce some pressure, mostly I can manage it. Besides, it contributes to what you read and my feelings about having written. As such, my columns are rarely about the past, well, only in so far as it gives the present and future concerns some context. Generally speaking however, I am writing about extremely-current events. It's not exactly real time, but the timing is exceptionally real.

This sort of holiday break occurs at The Connection every year as we condense our publication schedule and finish/publish three weeks of newspapers in nine business days. And even though this "condensation" is nothing new for any of us long-sitting employees, it does present its own unique set of challenges, yet it is a schedule which has stood the test of time. Time which eventually leads to pleasure.

And time off is part of what drives this mid-to-late December rush. Because in the newspaper business, especially considering the 24/7 news cycle, with which we are all familiar, even for a weekly publication – for both editorial and sales, you are mostly on. So getting a chance to publish and then pause, gives us all an opportunity to refresh and recharge. And since I'm honeymooning, so to speak, (see column dated 12/13/17 titled "As Good As It Gets"), I have nothing particularly cancer-centric to write about and/or worry about, well, top of mind anyway. There's plenty of cancer stuff bottom of mind though. The difficulty is keeping it there.

The problem/reality is, even when you're meandering around in your head, in order to write, there is a cancer section which inevitably fights its way to the top. It's not as if I have a multiple personality disorder: Kenny-without-cancer and Kenny-with-cancer (my website, by the way: www.KennyWithCancer.com), but sometimes I think I must. Thinking one could totally compartmentalize the facts and fissures that a "terminal" lung cancer diagnosis/"13 month to two year" prognosis imposes is an admirable, much talked about goal but in truth, it's probably unrealistic and likely leads to that dual personality. But who's kidding whom? It's hard/IMPOSSIBLE to know.

So for the moment, I can pretend/presume that Kenny-without-cancer is front and center, top of mind and in control, free to wander aimlessly in print and ponder his fate as if nothing much – other than one's own mortality, is effecting his judgment. Ah, one can dream. And oddly enough, I have been dreaming more, and sleeping longer and deeper, too. I'm sure it's simply a coincidence that having five weeks off from any cancer-related activities/obligations, and likewise having nine days off from any newspaper-related activities has contributed to this semi peace and quiet. A quiet which will soon end when we leave for two days in Pennsylvania to spend Christmas with my wife Dina's cousins, which, along with the cheesesteak I plan on eating, provides it's own sort of comfort and joy.

Still, any port in the cancer storm provides a welcome respite from the – with apologies to Shakespeare – slings and arrows of outrageous misfortune (Shakespeare's quote was "fortune"), however real or imagined. To be sure, cancer is no joke, neither is being diagnosed with a "terminal" form of it: non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV, at age 54 and a half. But making fun of it and the circumstances surrounding it, has been my stock and trade since I first went public – in print, in June 2009. The means I've justified to prevent my premature end. So far, so good.

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THURSDAY/JAN. 18

The Match Game: Volunteering With Passion and Purpose. 10 a.m.-noon at Woodlawn Center at Woodlawn Elementary School, Entrance #7, 8505 Highland Lane. A workshop designed to help prospective volunteers match skills, hobbies and passion with volunteer opportunities in the community while learning about GrandInvolve — a volunteer experience that uses a volunteer's skills and experience to help students succeed in school. Email info@grandinvolve.org or visit www.grandinvolve.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Line Dance Instructor needed for the Gum Springs Senior Program once a week on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Volunteer Solutions, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711.

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STEM VOLUNTEERS. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) needs scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and physicians to assist K-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) teachers in the Northern Virginia Area, during the 2016-17 school year. In the 2015-16 school year, the numbers of STEM volunteers in Northern Virginia were: Fairfax County - 40, Arlington - 20, and Alexandria - one. Details of the collaboration are worked out between the teacher and the volunteer, and may involve giving demonstrations, assisting in lab experiments, lecturing on special topics, assisting with homework, etc. The hours are flexible, and volunteers attend a one-day training in September before being assigned to schools. To see how volunteers are assisting their teachers, view the video clips at www.seniorscientist.org. To volunteer, contact donaaldea@aol.com.

Fairfax County's Community Services Board is seeking volunteer office assistants. Volunteers are needed to assist CSB staff with greeting guests, making reminder phone calls, data entry, filing, shredding, stocking shelves, and other duties as needed. Hours are flexible, but would be during normal business hours. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/viva/volunteers.htm for more.

Yoga Teachers are needed. Help improve a person's well-being by teaching yoga classes to adults who are staying in a residential facility. The day/time is flexible, but would be during the week. Prior yoga instruction is required. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/viva/volunteers.htm for more.

The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fairfax County needs **volunteers to drive older adults** to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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**8307 Crown Court Rd
Back on the market!**

Just completed, brand new Chef's kitchen and custom lighting plan enhance this truly spectacular property. New kitchen features custom cabs, top line granite counter, brand new

appliances, and gas cooking. Other feats: 5 BR's, 5 BA's, high ceilings, two car garage and the most amazing pool and grounds you'll ever find at this price range!

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**3909 Rive Dr.
Coming Soon!**

Fabulous property in prime Belle Rive location! Major features include: 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, large room sizes, open floor plan, home has been substantially updated and Chef's kitchen

is absolutely stunning. Gorgeous setting on elevated half acre landscaped grounds in premier river front community with many multi million dollar properties!

COMING SOON



**9424 Mt. Vernon Cir.
\$975,000
Completely Updated!**

Better than new! Stunning updated home in area's premier waterfront community! Fabulous home has been renovated from top to bottom. Features include: 3

finished levels, 6 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths, designer kitchen, hardwood floors, new HVAC, new windows, doors, and 2 car garage. Spacious screened in porch overlooks expansive rear yard. Unparalleled community amenities

FULLY RENOVATED



**5125 Remington Dr.
\$1,395,000
Virtually New!**

Truly stunning custom home near river with seasonal water views from many major rooms. Exceptionally bright, open floor plan enhanced by dramatic high

ceilings on main two levels. 7,000 sq ft of luxurious custom features include spectacular custom kitchen with two islands, 5 BR's, including the most amazing master suite you'll ever see, 5 full / 2 half baths, top of the line

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**8709 Curtis Ave.
\$539,000
Recently renovated!**

Gorgeously updated home on 2 lots on quiet cul-de-sac ready for you to move in! Inviting front porch leads you to dramatic open floor plan with tons of light. New

Kitchen, windows, light fixtures, updated baths, fresh paint and landscaping make this a rare opportunity! Huge yard, pond, and hot tub complete this serene setting.

NEW PRICE



**4417 Dolphin Ln.
\$649,900
Spacious Rambler!**

Exceptionally spacious rambler in Yacht Haven Estates with expanded main level master suite with luxury bath. Gorgeous setting on

large level lot steps from Yacht Club. Features include: large room sizes, hardwood floors, 4 BR's, 3 Baths, thermal windows & finished lower level. Oversize deck overlooks expansive fenced rear yard.

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**8807 Battery Rd
\$589,000
Excellent Deal!**

Quaint setting backing to Ft. Hunt Park creates your own private oasis. Many impressive features including gorgeous kitchen which

opens into dining room area, many windows creates light filled living area and garage parking/storage. Back deck overlooks private wooded parkland. Great opportunity at a great price!

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**8745 Plymouth Rd.
\$829,000
Great Opportunity!**

Rare opportunity to get into desirable Plymouth Haven at such a reasonable price! 4 level home has many updates including

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