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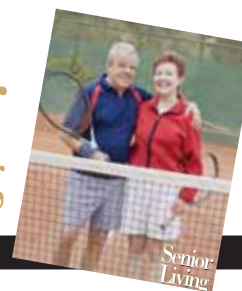
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Easter Sunrise Service

The Rotary Club of Mount Vernon held its 37th Easter Sunrise Service at Historic Mount Vernon on Sunday, April 1. Ahnna Lise Stevens-Jennings, director of Youth Ministries at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, officiated.



Norman Weeks, a member of the music team at Harvest Assembly Baptist Church, provided music for the service.



Evangelist Desire T. Christian, associate minister at Harvest Assembly Baptist Church, was the song leader.



Laura Derby read the Gospel Reading of John 20:1-18.

PHOTOS BY MIKE JONES

RSVP Northern Virginia Honors 21 Volunteers

With President's Volunteer Service Awards.

RSVP Northern Virginia bestowed the President's Volunteer Service Award upon 21 of its volunteers, March 7, during a recognition event at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts in Vienna.

The 2017 honorees volunteered a combined total in excess of 4,000 hours in 2017. To qualify for a President's Volunteer Service

Award one must volunteer a minimum of 100 hours in a calendar year.

Shelley Brosnan of Fairfax recorded the highest number of hours among RSVP volunteers, clocking more than 540 hours. City of Fairfax resident Martin Siskin completed 329 hours of service while Ken Kozloff of Springfield contributed 310 hours of his time to the community through his

RSVP work.

RSVP Northern Virginia, the largest senior volunteer group in the region, provides support to 30 nonprofits in Fairfax and Arlington counties and in the City of Alexandria. To become an RSVP volunteer, one must be 55 years old or better.

"We are so proud, not only of our President's Volunteer Service Award winners, but of all our volunteers for the incredible work they did this past year," said Carly Hubicki, RSVP's volunteer specialist and interim program manager. "Our volunteers bring such a high level of experience and expertise to their volunteer work every day. They are truly incredible," Hubicki said.

The 2017 honorees' hours spread across more than two dozen nonprofits and agencies, ranging from staffing the front desk of Capital Caring's Halquist Center in Arlington, to teaching children with disabilities how to swim, part of the Fairfax County Park Authority's Adapted Aquatics Program.

RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability

insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group service projects and social gatherings. RSVP offers its members more than 200 volunteer opportunities.

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD HONOREES

Shelley Brosnan, Fairfax, 540 hours (Volunteer Fairfax); Martin Siskin, Fairfax, 329 hours (Volunteer Solutions/Lincolnia Senior Center); Kenneth Kozloff, Springfield, 310 hours (Junior Achievement, Fairfax County Park Authority, Northern Virginia Senior Olympics); Kristin Ramkey, Falls Church, 261 hours (Volunteer Fairfax, PRS); Betty Gentile, Alexandria, 256 hours (Volunteer Alexandria); Gordon Hay, Falls Church, 245 hours (Capital Caring, Literacy Council of Northern Virginia); Michael McCormick, Arlington, 231 hours (VITA program); Celia

Boertlein, Fairfax County, 229 hours (Huntley Meadows, New Hope Housing); Janet Dwire, Fairfax County, 216 hours (Fairfax County Park Authority); Rose Haldeman, Fairfax County, 200 hours (INOVA volunteer); Louise Williams, Fairfax County, 197 hours (Volunteer Alexandria); Miguelina Leon, Fairfax County, 186 hours (United Community Ministries); Jeanine Lauth, Fairfax County, 169 hours (Volunteer Fairfax); Denise Mackie-Smith, Alexandria, 160 hours (New Hope Housing, Volunteer Fairfax); Carol Bracey, Fairfax, 158 hours (FACETS); Debbie Williams, Fairfax County, 153 hours (Vinson Hall Treasure Shop); John Reshore, Clifton, 132 hours (Northern Virginia Family Services); Ellen Alvino, Fairfax, 124 hours (Fairfax County Office for Women and Domestic and Sexual Violence); Cynthia Cadden, Vienna, 119 hours (Capital Caring); Kenneth Mass, Falls Church, 107 hours (Computer Core) and Loren Brandman, Fairfax, 106 hours (Volunteer Solutions/Meals on Wheels).

RSVP Northern Virginia is a program of Volunteer Fairfax, Volunteer Arlington and Volunteer Alexandria.



PHOTO BY ROB PAINE/RSVP NORTHERN VIRGINIA

RSVP Northern Virginia volunteer Ken Kozloff of North Springfield is shown during a break in a Fairfax County Park Authority Adapted Aquatics class he teaches at the Providence Recreation Center in Falls Church. Kozloff was one of 21 RSVP volunteers who earned a President's Volunteer Service Award. He volunteered more than 300 hours in 2017 supporting Junior Achievement, the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.

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Advocate Elizabeth Benson asked members of the Board of Supervisors to raise their hands if they supported Sheriff Stacey Kincaid's termination of an intergovernmental service agreement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Advocates Praise Sheriff's End to ICE Contract

Sheriff will no longer hold detainees for extra time.

BY KEN MOORE

The "Sheriff's Office will no longer hold inmates past their release date unless an ICE administrative request to detain the inmate is accompanied by a criminal detainer issued by a court," according to Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid.

Kincaid informed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in late January that the Sheriff's Office will officially terminate its intergovernmental service agreement (IGSA) with ICE on May 23, 2018, following the required 120-days notice.

"We intend to comply with all federal obligations as they pertain to ICE. ... We found it expedient to no longer have an agreement that required us to extend our resources beyond these obligations," according to Kincaid.

ADVOCATES EXPRESSED support for Kincaid's decision at the next available public comment period before the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 20.

Elizabeth Benson, a member of Fairfax for All Coalition, said: "The cancellation of the agreement was fought for over the course of a year."

"We appreciate the stance taken by the sheriff to cancel the IGSA and how this is a vital step in Fairfax County towards protect-



Elizabeth Benson, Fairfax for All Coalition



Rabbi Jeffrey Saxe



Michelle Larue



Penny Anderson, ACLU

ing our communities and recognizing that we are an integral part of this county," said Michelle Larue.

"I urge every member of the Board of Supervisors to strongly and publicly support Sheriff Kincaid's termination of Fairfax County's IGSA agreement with ICE," said Penny Anderson. "She should be applauded not vilified for doing so."

BUT IMMIGRANTS WHO LIVE in Fairfax County also live in constant fear of law enforcement and immigration agents, said Anderson.

They also fear becoming active members in the political process, educational process and in the community, said Larue.

"If I stand idly by and watch or hear about families being torn apart, people avoiding sending children to school, people afraid of getting health care they need, and the examples are endless, then I am complicit in this travesty," said Anderson, a member of ACLU's People Power.

Rabbi Jeffrey Saxe of Temple Rodef Shalom said: "Every faith tradition has its own particular ways of addressing the need to

be welcoming to those who come into the community. In Judaism, we are commanded to welcome the stranger and treat him or her as our own," he said.

He told his family's history, relating that his grandparents escaped Hitler and Nazi Germany in 1938. They married two days after their arrival in America, with only four people present at the wedding.

"They were able to build good lives for themselves, not just because of their own strength, but because of the support of others in the community, people who didn't know them but wanted to help," said Saxe.

"I wonder what would have happened to them if they would have come into this country today," he said.

WORK NEEDS TO CONTINUE, the advocates said, for the county to adopt policies to "secure equal justice for all residents of Fairfax County regardless of immigration status," said Benson. "Our coalition has made additional suggestions about how to cement these protections in policies."

The political environment has changed with the current administration, said Larue,

which has allowed ICE "expanded enforcement efforts which only serves to generate fear in our communities and actually undermines public safety in our county."

"Now it's time for the county to also take concrete steps in protecting our community and not collaborating with ICE," said Larue.

SEVEN SUPERVISORS raised their hands when Benson asked if they supported the termination agreement, with the exception of Braddock Supervisor John Cook and Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity. (Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth was not present during the informal tally.)

"It was the sheriff's decision not the Board of Supervisors. I think she did the right thing," said Bulova. "Fairfax County is a very diverse community and we value our immigrant community in Fairfax County and we also keep our community safe through community policing."

According to Kincaid's statement, the Sheriff's Office will continue to cooperate with ICE, as it does with other local, state and federal authorities.

Bulova said the sheriff's action would not put the community at risk.

She also urged people to stay involved in reporting crimes and when they are victims of crime.

"While I may disagree with you on your first two points, I very emphatically agree with you on the last one," said Herrity, following Bulova's remarks. "Our police don't do immigration enforcement, they never have."

His remark drew scoffs.

"I would encourage you to change that opinion," Herrity said.

Annual 5K Walk and Tribute to Crime Victims This Sunday

Join the Fairfax County Police Department's Victim Services Section on Sunday, April 8, at the new Public Safety Headquarters located at 12099 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, as they launch the 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, with the 6th Annual 5K Walk and Crime Vic-

tim Tribute.

For this free event, crime victims, survivors, family members, friends, and the community are invited to come out to raise awareness for victims' rights in Northern Virginia and show their support for all victims of crime. Participants are encouraged to arrive at 4:30 p.m. to check in. After

check in participants will have the opportunity to listen to the music of the Ohio-bred blues band, 41 North, while visiting the vendor tables featuring local organizations and service providers who work directly with victims of crime in Northern Virginia. Guest speakers this year include: Julie Carey, NBC4 News, as the Master of Cer-

emonies, Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray F. Morrogh, Fairfax County Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr., and Carmen Lodato daughter of murder victim, Ruthanne Giammittorio Lodato.

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OPINION

Marking 50th Anniversary of Dr. King's Death

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



April 4 marks the 50th anniversary of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination, to whom local faith and nonprofit groups will pay tribute to the slain civil rights leader at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 at Bethlehem Baptist Church. I will attend. It is important to recognize that 50 years later our society still struggles with racial and economic injustice that Dr. King gave his life to change.

This is an auspicious time to commemorate this anniversary, as the loss of this great man to gun violence parallels the epidemic of gun violence plaguing our communities today. His nine-year-old granddaughter, Yolanda Renee King, spoke at the March for Our Lives event last weekend, which attracted over 800,000 people in D.C. and about 7 million people worldwide. Despite the incredible size of the event, I ran into many members of our community marching down Pennsylvania Avenue on that historic day, returning to Mount Vernon and Lee passionately ignited by this experience, with the realization that inaction is no longer an option if we want to do anything about the scourge of gun violence.

King recognized that while we can't pass laws that will make people get along and accept each other, we can and should pass laws to protect people from the threat of violence, gun-related or otherwise. He said in a 1966 speech at Southern Methodist University that "It may

be true that morality can't be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. It may be that the law cannot make a man love me, but it can restrain him from lynching me."

While many people know of Dr. King's heroic efforts to promote civil rights for black Americans, most people don't realize that he was a strong advocate for our Union brothers and sisters, American Indians and for all the poor and oppressed.

Indeed, King was supporting striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tenn. when he was assassinated.

He also said in his 1961 address to the AFL-CIO, "The labor movement did not diminish the strength of the nation but enlarged it by raising the living standards of millions, labor miraculously created a market for industry and lifted the whole nation to undreamed-of levels of production. Those who attack labor forget these simple truths, but history remembers them."

It is important also to commend Dr. King for his recognition of the tragic treatment of our continent's Indigenous people. In his 1963 book, "Why We Can't Wait," King noted that colonial European's slaughter of American Indians began as soon as they reached these shores.

"Our nation was born in genocide when it embraced the doctrine that the original American, the Indian, was an inferior race. Even before there were large numbers of Negroes on our shores, the scar of racial hatred had already disfigured colonial society. Indeed, even today we have not permitted ourselves to feel remorse for this shameful

Day of Remembrance

Commemorating 50 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ventures in Community presents a Day of Remembrance, Saturday, April 7, 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria.

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episode. Our literature, our films, our drama, our folklore all exalt it."

Please consider attending this tribute to the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's death on April 4, 1968, put on by Ventures in Community (VIC), a local coalition of faith communities and nonprofits, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria.

The event features essays by high school students answering the question, "How to End Racism in America: What Would Dr. King Do?" Three local church choirs will perform, and all in attendance will be asked to recommit to ending racism. Finally an informal cookie-and-punch reception will follow. The event is free and open to all.

The commemoration is sponsored by Ventures in Community, a community group of about 60 faith communities, nonprofits, and county agencies in the south county area formed 45 years ago to provide volunteer support to the hypothermia shelter at Rising Hope Methodist Mission Church. It holds monthly meetings, which I attend, and sponsors other events, including this choir concert to celebrate the life of Dr. King. See VIC on Facebook and follow me on Facebook at Paul Krizek for Virginia for more information.

State Legislature Fails, Time for Local Action

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)



The March for Life put a spotlight on the country's and Virginia's permissive firearms regulation culture. The young people's outburst of civic activism and the new efforts of others who have not been very politically active is inspiring.

Historically, I have proudly supported reasonable, bipartisan measures to allow Sunday hunting, reduce fees and cut paperwork for concealed carry gun holders. Unfortunately, sensible measures to prevent firearm violence have been at a stalemate in Virginia. Until there is broader political change in Virginia, we must take some steps at the local level.

Currently, Virginia law allows local governments to ban loaded shotguns and rifles, including semi-automatic rifles like AR-15's, on public highways. Nineteen localities, including Alexandria and Loudoun and Fauquier counties, have adopted this approach. I can think of no reason anyone needs to carry a loaded AR-15 or a shotgun on a Northern Vir-

ginia highway.

Although, I raised this issue with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2015, they chose not to act. I have asked them to revisit this again. In Prince William County, Woodbridge Supervisor Frank Principi has agreed to propose an ordinance.

Since 2009, I have also advocated other measured approaches

to reduce firearm violence: In 2012, I cosponsored legislation to limit ammunition magazines to 20 rounds after Jared Loughner shot Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. A committee killed the bill on a 5-0 bipartisan vote.

Current Virginia law prohibits people who have been adjudicated mentally ill and involuntarily committed or ordered into outpatient mental health treatment by a court from owning a firearm. In 2014, I introduced legislation to add ammunition to that prohibition. A committee killed that bill.

Since 2014, I have repeatedly introduced legislation requiring universal background checks, including The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence's signature universal background check bill. It contains numerous fair exceptions

but died every session, often on a bipartisan vote.

In the 2015 Session, I fought measures to grant universal reciprocity for out-of-state concealed weapon permits by adding requirements that reciprocal states have restrictions paralleling Virginia's prohibitions for the mentally ill, drug addicts and dealers, domestic assault convicts, violent criminals, sexual batterers, drunk drivers, those illegally present in the United States, people dishonorably discharged from the military, individuals with pending felonies and fugitives. The House of Delegates killed every one of my attempts on a mostly party-line vote. Unfortunately, former Governor Terry McAuliffe signed a universal reciprocity bill into law after Attorney General Mark Herring invalidated existing reciprocity agreements with over a dozen states and forced a compromise.

In 2016, I introduced legislation prohibiting anyone on the Terrorist Watch List from purchasing a firearm. It died in committee.

This session, I also supported Sen. Adam Ebbin's effort session to ban bump stocks. The Senate Courts Committee passed the bill, but the Senate Finance Committee killed it. The

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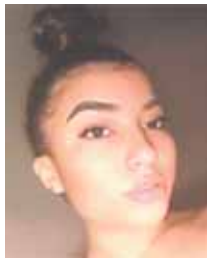
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Detectives are asking for the public's help to find missing 16-year-old Angelica Flores from the Alexandria area of Fairfax County. The police have been actively investigating since first receiving the missing persons report on Feb. 17. She was last seen in the City of Fairfax. Information developed recently leads police to believe Flores may be in danger. She is known to be affiliated with gang members and associates.

Flores is 4 feet 11 inches tall, about 110 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair, possibly dyed red.



Anyone who has seen Flores, or has any information about her whereabouts, is asked to please call Detective Craddock at 703-223-4046. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org>, or calling 1-866-411-TIPS. They can also be sent in via text by texting "TIP187" plus the message to CRIMES (274637). Text

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MARCH 30 LARCENIES

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MARCH 29 LARCENIES

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1700 block of Hackamore Lane, property from vehicle
1200 block of Olde Towne Road, property from residence

MARCH 28 LARCENIES

6700 block of Tower Drive, jacket from business

MARCH 27 LARCENIES

2300 block of Huntington Avenue, liquor from business
2600 block of Huntington Avenue, license plate from vehicle
8700 block of Richmond Highway, purse from business

OPIOID AWARENESS FORUM

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Alex/Potomac Valley \$562,000
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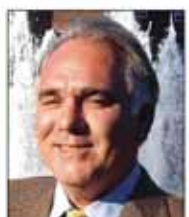
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Embark Planning Process Highlights SFDC's Role

BY MARK VIANI
PRESIDENT, SOUTHEAST FAIRFAX
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Great news for Richmond Highway! After years of planning and community meetings, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors gave its approval on Tuesday, March 20 of the most substantial overhaul of transportation and land use planning along Richmond Highway since its construction.

Known as "Embark Richmond Highway," (the "Embark Plan") this new plan recommends widening Richmond Highway to a consistent six lanes, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities and a dedicated transit spine for bus rapid transit (BRT) from Huntington Metro Station to Fort Belvoir, and the eventual extension of Metrorail's Yellow Line.

Central to the Embark Plan is the reinvention of four community business centers (CBCs) at Penn Daw, Beacon Hill/Groveton, Hybla Valley/Gum Springs, and Woodlawn. Each CBC is planned with a walkable pedestrian-friendly grid of streets and higher density development, and in a manner that

highlights, respects and builds upon its character.

Over the course of two and a half years, 24 Advisory Group meetings and six community open houses, SFDC served as bridge between the communities along Richmond Highway and the Fairfax County Government staff, whose tremendous efforts cannot be understated.

Additionally, as a non-profit, we served as the critical partner for the county's application and subsequent award of a \$400,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration.

The Embark Plan evolved from the "Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis" led by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). That analysis, the funding of which was secured by Senators Toddy Puller and Scott Surovell (then a delegate), recommended a "Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system to be constructed in three phases in the short term and a three-mile extension of the Metrorail Yellow Line to Hybla Valley in the long term." You can read that study at www.drpt.virginia.gov/transit/planning/route-1-multimodal-alternatives-analysis/.

Upon completion of the DRPT analysis, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

authorized the Embark study on May 12, 2015. Shortly thereafter, the 13 member Embark Richmond Highway Advisory Group was formed, comprised of representatives from Mount Vernon and Lee Magisterial Districts.

Six of the 13 advisory group members were also members of SFDC's board, including the co-chairs, Walter Clarke and Dick Knapp. The advisory group worked with the county staff community advocates, ranging from environmental organizations to historical preservationists, to refine and tailor Embark Richmond Highway.

As the economic development organization for the Richmond Highway Corridor, SFDC is uniquely positioned to assist with Embark's planning and implementation. Our staff and board members (designers, urban planners, engineers, developers,

bankers, small business representatives and representatives of Mount Vernon and Lee civic groups) are dedicated to marketing Richmond Highway as a place to bring your business. Additionally, our professional expertise and local roots ensure that development projects contribute to the revitalization of the corridor.

Although many issues remain, particularly related to funding and housing affordability, I could not be more proud of our work. Many thanks to Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck, and former Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland for their efforts in shepherding the Embark Plan. I am looking forward to continuing our partnership with Fairfax County and working to attract development and business to Richmond Highway. The future is bright.

Time for Local Action

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House of Delegates killed an identical bill. I fought the repeal of Virginia's "One Gun a Month" law enacted in 2012. I have also fought bills to allow guns in churches, restrict employers' ability to limit concealed firearms on their property, streamline the sale of machine guns and flamethrowers, allow "constitutional carry" (concealed carry without a permit), allow firearms in airports, give fired prosecutors concealed weapon privileges without permits, make concealed carry permit information secret

and to make Virginia a "Stand Your Ground" state.

My efforts are examples of reasonable steps we can take to prevent future, senseless gun violence. Gun violence must stop, as those who marched a few weeks ago across the country so eloquently expressed, especially those impressive teenagers who stepped forward and pointed a finger at the elected officials who dodge and dawdle.

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Student Artist Awarded

Alex Stewart, 8th grader at Walt Whitman Middle School, has been awarded both the Chief Academic Officer's Award and Superintendent's Award for his art work. Pictured with him from left are Assistant Principal Matthew Johnson, teacher Joanne Mayerswalker, Principal Craig Herring, teacher Shunnie Chough, student Alex Stewart, Lead Counselor Colleen Hooper, and in front, teacher Carol Burroughs.



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Never Too Early to Prepare for Senior Olympics

New this year: canasta, croquet and beach ball wallyball.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE GAZETTE

It may seem like a long time until September when the 36th year of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) kicks off.

But not for 83-year-old Chuck Toftoy from Arlington, who often enters 20 events, and says he practices all year long.

Opening ceremonies for this year's events are scheduled for Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington, and the competition is scheduled to end on Sept. 26.

The NVSO began in 1982 with about 80 people competing; last year there were 752 competitors signed up for one or more of the 70 events offered. The events ranged from tennis, baseball throw, bocce, orienteering, swimming and diving, golf, corn hole toss, volleyball, and pickleball.

Three new sports have been

added to the competition this year including canasta, croquet and beach ball wallyball. Herb Levitan, a member of the NVSO Board, explains beach ball wallyball is like volleyball but played on a racquetball court with a beachball which is bigger and softer than a volleyball. Levitan is currently preparing for the Virginia senior games coming up soon where he swims four freestyle events.

Alease Brooks, 85, has been competing for 14 years and participated in 13 different sports in 2017. But her favorite is pickleball. Her children have bought her T-shirts in different colors for her games and often come to watch her and cheer her on.

Toftoy says this year he plans to reduce the number of sports he enters so that he can concentrate on pickleball since he plans to enter singles, doubles and mixed

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Northern Virginia Senior Olympics includes bocce competition.

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Kim Aderman competes in last year's diving match.

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competition this year.

Last year, 93-year old Henry Colette from Oakton was one of 19 bocce competitors. But for the last several years he has been guaranteed a win because there was no one else in his age group competing.

Last year's oldest competitor was 101 years old with her sport of choice was duplicate bridge.

Seniors participate for many reasons — some because they like to stay busy and fit, others because they are returning to a high school

or college sport, some because they like the community of friends they see every year and others because they still “like to dream big.”

This year's games are expected to be held in 29 venues including community centers, parks, high schools and other locations across Northern Virginia. Registration for this year's NVSO will open June 1. This year NVSO is hoping to bring back the 5k run and looking for an event director for that event. Those interested in volunteering can call 703-403-5360.

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FRIDAY/APRIL 6

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SATURDAY/APRIL 7

Caregiver Bootcamp. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Join IMCC for a special day-long training event covering essential caregiving topics. Contact Lindsey Vajpeyi, lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org, 703-204-4664 or visit InsightMCC.org.

Living with Alzheimer's: For Middle-Stage Caregivers. 10 a.m.-noon at Ravensworth Baptist Church, 5100 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Part one of three-part series. Join the Alzheimer's Association for this free three-part series and hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's. For more information and to register, call 800-272-3900.

MONDAYS/APRIL 9-MAY 14

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TUESDAY/APRIL 10

Dementia Caregiver Support Groups. Noon-1:30 p.m. Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke sponsors a monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for caregivers to learn and to share with others experiencing similar challenges. Before attending, contact the facilitator, Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 14

Community Shredding Event. 8 a.m.-noon at I-95 Landfill, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton. Shred event is open to Fairfax County residents along with residents of the Towns of Vienna, Herndon and Clifton and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church. Documents from businesses will not be accepted. All cars must be in line by noon. Residents will be asked to remain in their vehicles. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/secure-document-shredding-event.

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WEDNESDAY/APRIL 18

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SATURDAY/APRIL 28

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The flagstone patio immediately outside the master bedroom is linked to a network of walkways that segues to a gazebo, an herb garden and an exercise area for the family Irish setter. Owner Fred Saalfeld, who walks with the aid of two canes, says the remodeling changes have created a major quality of life improvement that has made it much easier to enjoy the home.



Before remodeling, the home's existing backyard ascended at a 20 degree angle from the rear door. To install the concrete base needed for the new addition, remodeling Michael Nash had to remove and re-compact approximately six tons of dirt.

One-Level Master Suite Enables Aging-in-Place

Solution addresses long-term needs arising from spouse's stroke.

BY JOHN BYRD

Red and Liz Saalfeld had occupied their four-bedroom 2,800-square-foot Colonial in Springfield for nearly five decades when the unexpected caused them to reconsider basic housing needs. Without warning, Liz Saalfeld suffered a heart attack. Her mobility — previously hampered by arthritis — now became seriously compromised.

Looking ahead, a wheelchair-access plan also now seemed prudent to Fred Saalfeld, who increasingly relied a pair of canes to get around.

The proposed retrofit was a tall order, however. The master bedroom was on the second floor; the laundry room in the basement. There was an open carport, but no extra storage space. The master bathroom was just too narrow for a wheelchair — assuming there was a way to mount the stairs.

Equally relevant, the home's surrounding landscaping was undeveloped, with a steep hill in the backyard. There were places to sit, but no quiet places to stretch out and relax.

Acting decisively, Saalfeld sought fresh ideas from local remodelers — eventually deciding on Michael Nash Kitchens and Homes who had previously remodeled his kitchen.

"Michael Nash was very responsive to our needs, and really understood Aging-In-Place considerations," Saalfeld said.

Part of that responsiveness arose from Sonny Nazemian, Michael Nash's founder and president, and a Universal Design Certified Remodeler (UDCR), who commenced drafting design ideas with the Saalfelds on the first meeting.

"Aging-in-place (AIP) is becoming one of the high-demand remodeling services segments," Nazemian said. "But it's a specialty area — and requires staying on top of ever-evolving ADA (American with Disabilities Act) regulations, and strict building codes."

From the first, Nazemian pictured an addition extending from the rear elevation. The Saalfeld would gain expanded sleeping quarters and each spouse would have

their own walk-in closet. A wheelchair-friendly bathroom replete with in-shower bench, grab bars and hand-held body spray nozzles would be specially designed. The laundry room would be moved to the first floor

At 1,200 square feet, the new master suite addition features a 14-foot cathedral ceiling and double French doors that segue to a flagstone patio. To create the needed 28'

x 42' footprint, Nazemian excavated down three feet from the existing surface, removed six metric tons of earth and — to achieve the necessary compaction — planted a grove of Tock's shrubbery.

To control water runoff, designers introduced a French drain and swell linked to an infiltration trench.

With the foundation issues resolved, attention turned to the new addition's space plan and design. Exterior brick cladding was matched to the home's original masonry creating a seamless enlargement of the existing house. Interior floors were, likewise,

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The Saalfelds added a wheelchair friendly master suite to the four bedroom colonial they had occupied for over 50 years. The 1,200-square-foot addition extends from the old rear elevation into a formerly hilly backyard. The new addition includes a laundry, a spacious ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) master suite with "his" and "her" wardrobe closets. The French doors access a flagstone patio, and newly landscaped grounds surrounded by a privacy fence. The addition also has a dedicated HVAC system



The shower is equipped with grab bars, a bench and hand-held nozzles — all of which Fred Saalfeld uses in his daily bathing routine.

Senior Living



With a pair of walk-in wardrobe closets on the left, and access to a first level laundry and master bedroom on the right, the access corridor from the main house is spacious. The French doors open into the dining room. Michael Nash matched the original hardwood flooring to create a seamless unity between the old house and the new addition.

Remodeling for Aging-in-Place

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milled and finished to blend with the hardwood floors in the existing structure.

"The interior style is very consistent throughout," Saalfeld said. "It's very much one house."

To ensure natural light and comfort, Nazemian specified low-E, double Argon-filled glass for all windows including a pair of double French doors that lead to the patio. A smaller louvered door was created for the family's Irish setter who exercises in a side yard.

A new split-system HVAC unit was installed to provide the new addition with dedicated heat and air control. The solution proved to be a money-saver, since it concentrates temperature requirements in rooms where the couple spend most of their time.

The master bathroom (at 200 square feet) is a masterpiece of efficiency and warmth. The door from the bedroom is 32" wide with the 90 degree swing radius required by the ADA-regulations — yet the interior design is soft and earthy, porcelain tiling offset by walnut cabinet facings and a granite-topped vanity.

Best yet, a series of well-defined walkways link garden focal points with a mid-yard gazebo. Surrounded by a privacy fence, the grounds are a nicely protected Eden, perfect for quiet enjoyment.

For more information, call 703-641-9800 or visit MichaelNashKitchens.com

John Byrd has been writing about home improvement for 30 years. He can be reached at 703-715-8006, www.HomeFrontsNews.com or byrdmatx@gmail.com. Send photos of interesting remodeling projects to: b2b@homefrontsnews.com.



The louvered door on the right is for the family's Irish setter, who exercises in the side yard. All doors are at least 32 inches wide and have a 90 degree clearing width.

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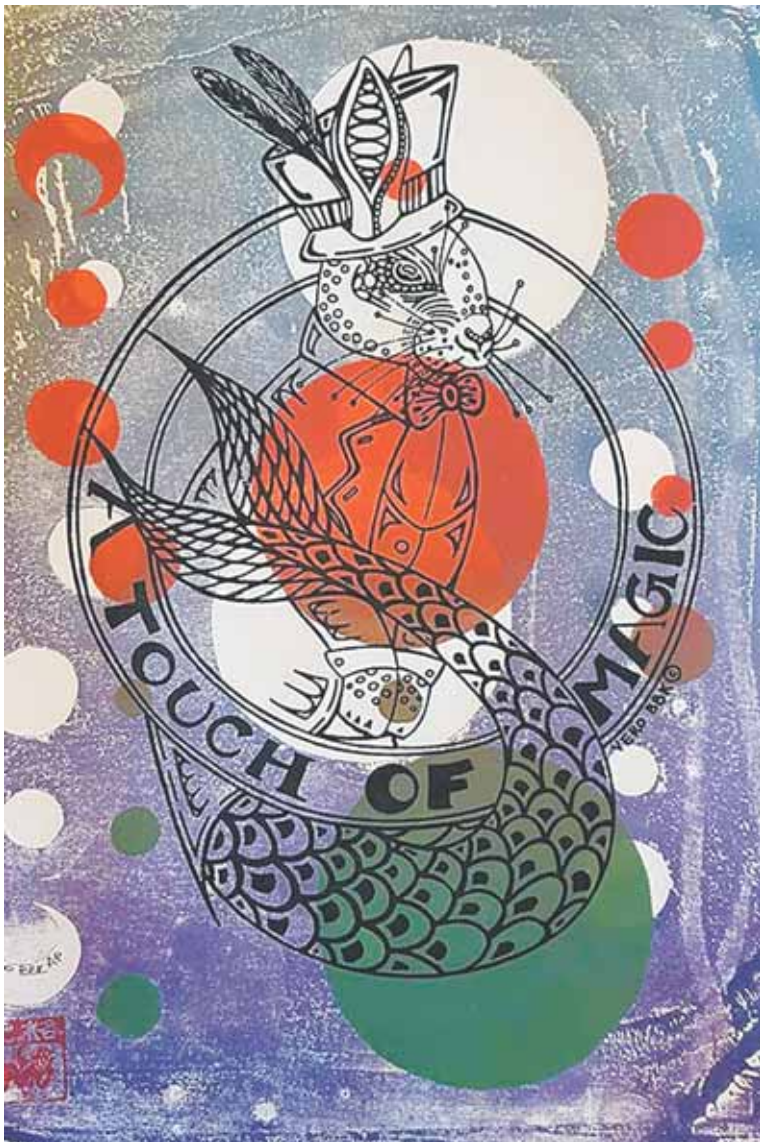
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Del Ray Artisans “A Touch of Magic” exhibit is inspired by the subtle, simple, complex, or bold magic that creates life’s special moments, fulfilled dreams, rare experiences, and fosters the recognition of beauty. The art will be on display from April 6-29, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Opening Reception is Friday, April 6, 7-9 p.m. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

“Parallel Lives.” Various times, through April 15, at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. In Parallel Lives transcultural humanity is on display. Curated by Brigitte Reyes, five artists (Antonius Bui, Amy Chan, Nekisha Durrett, Muriel Hasbun, and Jeff Huntington) bridging diverse cultures and aesthetic traditions embrace and explore their place in the world. visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Art Exhibit: Renewal. Through April 15, gallery hours at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. Gallery artists producing themed work may draw on any aspect of “renewal” for inspiration. This show will highlight the work of gallery artists Debra Lee, Cheryl Roesel, and Julia Stephens. visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

Art Exhibit: Beasts Beyond Boundaries. Through April 29, daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursdays until 9 p.m. at Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., ground floor Studio 19 of

the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Kiln Club artists highlight “Beasts Beyond Boundaries: Cultural Creature-centric Connections,” corralling critters on gallery shelves. Call 703-548-6288 or visit www.scopegallery.org.

Art Exhibit A Study of Manhattan. Through May 6, gallery hours at the Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21, in the Torpedo Factory. Paintings by Robert Gilbert: A Study of Manhattan: Power, Dominance, and Excitement. Opening Reception takes place Thursday, April 12, 6:30-8 p.m. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Art Exhibit: 2018 Emerging Artists. Through May 20, daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday until 9 p.m. at Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 2. Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibition space of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, introduces a new annual exhibition series featuring the work of emerging artists of the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia region. This inaugural year’s exhibition features the work of Katie Barrie, Ronald Jackson, Hollis McCracken, and Holly Trout. Visit torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery.

Pick-Up Hockey. Ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating,

7 Dates to Circle in April

BY HOPE NELSON

The weather is slowly warming up in Alexandria, day by day, and with that comes more activity — cherry blossoms in bloom, sports teams gearing up for spring and a heavy docket of food-and-drink events to carry hungry diners through it all. Here are some of the month’s top picks around town.

Vola’s Oysterfest, April 7

Start spring off with a passel of oysters down on the water at Vola’s Dockside Grill. Go raw with some fresh-shucked oysters or taste the fried and broiled varieties, plus oyster stew and some wine or beer to wash it all down. 101 N. Union St. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets \$84.24.

Ben and Jerry’s Free Cone Day, April 10

Free ice cream? What’s not to love? Celebrate the beloved Vermont-based creamery’s anniversary with a free handout of their mainstay product. And come prepared to make some tough decisions: Despite the celebration’s name, visitors can choose a cone or a cup ... and name their favorite flavor. But bring some patience: The lines are often out the door. 103 S. Union St. Noon-8 p.m.

Cocktails and Correspondence at The Hour, April 11

April is National Letter Writing Month, and stationery shop Penny Post has teamed up with cocktail-party purveyor The Hour to spark some creativity and reconnect loved ones via the written word. In support of the national #Write_On campaign, Penny Post is asking would-be writers to commit to posting 30 letters in 30 days. Learn some new cocktail recipes and put pen to paper while you’re at it. 1015 King St. 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$20.

Chocolate Through Time at Lee-Fendall House, April 14

Learn about chocolate’s sweet (and sometimes

unsavory) past with food historian Joyce White at one of Alexandria’s historic homes. From the industrialization of the chocolate market to the sweet treat’s cultural significance throughout time, the cocoa-based confection has a lengthy backstory. Stick around to taste some chocolate-based recipes. 614 Oronoco St. 2-4 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

Carpenter’s Cook-Off, April 22

Carpenter’s Shelter takes over The Birchmere for a good – and filling – cause. Take part in the shelter’s largest fundraiser of the year and dive headfirst into delicacies from more than 20 area restaurants. Taste special dishes from the likes of Stomping Ground, Hard Times, Dishes of India and Sugar Shack – among many more – and help the shelter achieve its financial goals in the process. 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Noon-3 p.m. Tickets \$100 for VIP, \$50 for adults, \$20 for kids 12 and under.

Murder Mystery Dinner at the Carlyle Club, April 22

Join the Carlyle Club for a night of murder and mayhem – and dinner – at their “A Murderous Matrimony” evening. Put on by the Michael Murder Mystery Players, the 90-minute show features the nuptials of Marsha and Billy Bob, complete with plenty of dysfunction. 2050 Ballenger Ave. 6 p.m. Tickets \$25.

Schlafly Beer Dinner at Stomping Ground, April 24

The Southern outpost in the heart of Del Ray is pairing some good Midwestern beer with five courses of down-home cooking and invites you to be a part of it. Schlafly’s founding brewer, Stephen Hale, will be in attendance to guide diners through the evening’s pairings. 2309 Mount Vernon Ave. 7-10 p.m. Tickets \$65.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

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.

THURSDAY/APRIL 5

Local Author Thursday. 5-7 p.m. at The Old Town Shop, 105 South Union St. Book signing by Craig Roach, “Simply Electrifying: The Technology that Transformed the World, from Benjamin Franklin to Elon Musk.” Light refreshments. Call 703-684-4682 or visit www.TheOldTownShop.com.

Author Talk with Ann Bausum. 7 p.m. at the Nannie J. Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria. Free. The author of Sergeant Stubby will read from her books as part of All Alexandria Reads, facilitated by the Alexandria Library. Call 703-746-5405.

Ain’t Nobody More Surprised. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. By Spoken Word Artist 13 of Nazareth. In the form of

storytelling, poetry, and verse, spoken word artist 13 of Nazareth shares observations and experiences gathered along the road of a life. Free. Call 703-548-0035 or visit the website at www.nvfaa.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 6

Fools’ Day Merriment. 6-8:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Wear crazy hats and clothes to celebrate April Fools’ Day. The Alexandria Singers will be on hand to teach juggling. The Mobile Art Lab will be on hand to lead interactive art activities. \$9 per person. Children must be accompanied by one adult. To purchase tickets, visit tiny.cc/yhysry.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 6-15

Architecture at its Best: An Exhibit of Projects by Local Architects. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Visit the Torpedo Factory to view an exhibit of winning projects from AIA Northern Virginia’s Design Awards Program, on display in the ground floor lobby.

This event, co-hosted by the Torpedo Factory, is offered in celebration of AIA Northern Virginia Architecture Week. Admission to both the Torpedo Factory and the exhibit are free and open to the public. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 7

Spring Cleaning in the Parks. 9-11:30 a.m. at 10 different Fairfax County parks: Cub Run RECenter, Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, Hidden Oaks Nature Center at Roundtree Park, Hidden Pond Nature Center,

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Huntley Meadows Park, Lake Accotink Park, Lake Fairfax Park, Riverbend Park, Scott's Run Nature Preserve, and Sully Historic Site. More than 750 volunteers will join the Fairfax County Park Authority and The Nature Conservancy for annual "spring cleaning" efforts to kickoff Earth Month. The volunteers will remove trash and debris, while also assisting scientists and conservationists by recording data about what they remove. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/.

Garden Gate Plant Shop Reopens.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. You will find shrubs, native plants, wildflowers, ornamental grasses and unusual perennials and annuals. All proceeds from the shop benefit the gardens at Green Spring. Friends of Green Spring (FROGS) receive a 10 percent discount. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/shops.

Playwriting for Young Audiences Workshop

9 a.m.-noon at National Art Education Association, 901 Prince St., Alexandria. Guest playwright Martha King DeSilva will discuss writing and developing new plays for younger audiences. Registration fee: \$45; early bird fee \$35 (before March 30). Email PipelinePlaywrights@gmail.com for registration information.

The "Grandest Congress" - The French and Indian War in Alexandria

12-4 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Free. Visitors to the Carlyle House will experience Maj. Gen. Edward Braddock's visit there and the French and Indian War firsthand through costumed interpreters. Visit



Nicholas Hersh

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra

Guest Conductor Nicholas Hersh's program focuses on contrasting styles, featuring Johannes Brahms' Symphony No. 2 in D Major, C.P.E. Bach's Symphony in E-Flat Major and Astor Piazzolla's Tangazo: Variations on Buenos Aires. Saturday, April 7, 8 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive; Sunday, April 8, 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Tickets are \$20-\$80. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

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Horse and Carriage Re-Enactment.

Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Horse and Carriage Re-enactment with Col. Washington and his bride. Experience the reenactment of Colonel and Martha Washington's 1759 arrival to the estate in a horse-drawn carriage. Included in admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/arrival.

50-Year Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center.

Luther King, Jr. 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road. To remember the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's death on April 4, 1968, a local coalition of faith communities and nonprofits, Ventures in Community (VIC), will sponsor a tribute to him. An informal cookie-and-punch reception will follow. The event is free and open to all. Visit www.bethlehemofalexandria.org.

Country-Western Dance Lessons.

6-7 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. Open dancing 7-9:30 p.m. with a DJ who provides music. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

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SUNDAY/APRIL 8

Bagels and Bach Concert.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Enjoy classical music, learn how to appreciate classical music, and be treated to a light brunch. Features Low Brass Orchestral Highlights (featuring excerpts from works by Wagner, Mozart, Schumann, Mahler, Berlioz, Hindemith and more.). Featured musicians will be: Tyler Castrucci and Stephen Omelsky, tenor trombone; and Adam Stokes, bass trombone. Tickets are \$9 per person; children under 5 are free. Reserve tickets at tiny.cc/yhsryr or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arts.


Alexandria Symphony.

3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Nicholas Hersh's program focuses on contrasting styles, featuring Johannes Brahms' Symphony No. 2 in D Major, C.P.E. Bach's Symphony in E-Flat Major and Astor Piazzolla's Tangazo: Variations on Buenos Aires. Tickets are \$20-\$80/adults. visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

Walking Tour of Historic Old Town Alexandria.

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design, highlighting examples from Georgian to Art Deco. This event is offered in celebration of Virginia Architecture Week. \$10 per person. Tour is open to the public, but space is limited and advance reservations are required. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

WIA Lecture Series: Architecture, Design and Cultural Space. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St. Co-hosted by the Torpedo Factory and offered as part of Virginia Architecture Week and the 2018 Women in Architecture Lecture Series. Three panelists, Ronit Eisenbach, Philippa Hughes and Khara James, will share their experiences with the design of various cultural spaces. Information about the panelists is available here. Reception at 6:30, followed by the panel at 7:30. \$12 AIA members, Torpedo Factory members, tenant artists and Factory Society members; \$10 students; \$20 non-members. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

MONDAY/APRIL 9

On the Boards – Cleveland Park Library. 6:30-8 p.m. at Virginia Tech's Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center, 1001 Prince St. This event is offered in celebration of Virginia Architecture Week. Students, architects and the public are invited to join staff from Perkins Eastman as they discuss their design for the new Cleveland Park Library in Washington, D.C. Free. No registration needed. Reception to follow presentation. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

Ballroom Dance Classes. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Led by Gary Stephans, ballroom dance instructor. Learn the Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Salsa, Merengue, Rumba, Cha-Cha and Samba. No partner needed. Cost is \$30/person; \$55/couple. Email garystephans@me.com or 703-505-5998.

MONDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 9-15

Architecture Week Book Displays. Displays of architecture-themed books for all ages will be featured at participating area public libraries. Free and open to the public. This event is offered as part of Virginia Architecture Week. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

TUESDAY/APRIL 10

Living Legends Portraits Reception. 5-6:30 p.m. at Market Square Lobby, Sisters Cities Room #1101, City Hall, 301 King St., Alexandria. The room is located on the first floor of City Hall by the Cameron Street entrance. Prior to and following opening remarks by City officials and board President Jennifer Ayers, a video compilation will show the interviews with each of this year's honored Legends.

Virtual Reality Demonstrations. 6:30-8 p.m. at the Durant Recreation Center, 1605 Cameron St. This event is offered in celebration of Virginia Architecture Week. Join local architects for a night of virtual reality demonstrations during Architecture Week, featuring design walkthroughs, historic virtual tours, 360° Photography, and more. Organized by AIA Northern Virginia Young Architects Forum and the DC Virtual Reality Meetup, this event is offered free of charge and is open to the public. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 11

Architecture's Relevance Revolution. 7-8 p.m. at The Beatley



Central Library, 5005 Duke St. In celebration of Virginia Architecture Week, Carl Elefante, FAIA, 2018 President of the American Institute of Architects, will speak about environment concerns and how architecture can make a difference. A reception will follow the presentation. \$10 (AIA NOVA 360 Mentoring participants are free.) Reservations are requested; onsite registration available. Free parking. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

THURSDAY/APRIL 12

Days of Remembrance. Noon at Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Alexandria City Council hosts the annual ceremony in commemoration of the national Days of Remembrance, April 8-15. The speaker will be Irene Weiss, a survivor of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. The event is free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Vola Lawson Lobby on the first floor of City Hall.

Kick Off Charity Dinner. 6 p.m. at Murphy's Irish Pub of Alexandria, 713 King St., Alexandria. For the One Step at a Time 20M/20K/5K Run/Walk to raise money and awareness for veteran suicide and homelessness. The race on April 14 at 8 a.m. will be held at Prince William Forest Park in Dumfries. Register for the dinner at: www.classy.org/alexandria/events/murphys-alexandria-one-step-at-time-charity-dinner/e170153 Register for the run at: www.classy.org/event/one-step-at-a-time/e162158

Opening Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. at the Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21, in the Torpedo Factory. Paintings by Robert Gilbert: A Study of Manhattan: Power, Dominance, and Excitement runs April 4-May 6, 2018. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

30 Years of Shaping the City. 6:30 p.m. wine and cheese reception; 7 p.m. program at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. In 1984, The Washington Post began publishing a weekly column called "Shaping the City." Written and illustrated by Roger K. Lewis, FAIA, the column addresses a broad range of topics and issues relevant to the built environment, among them architecture, historic preservation, housing, smart growth, sustainability, transportation, and urbanism. RSVP at admin@nvfaa.org.

Earth Care Forum. 7-9 p.m. at Fairlington Presbyterian Church, 3846 King St., Alexandria. Learn how to better care for your property. Hear from Audubon at Home Ambassadors, Earth Sangha, and local groups that have taken on projects to compost and create

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By Spoken Word Artist 13 of Nazareth. In the form of storytelling, poetry, and verse, spoken word artist 13 of Nazareth shares observations and experiences gathered along the road of a life which has lasted longer than he expected. Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Free. Call 703-548-0035 or visit the website at www.nvfaa.org.

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monarch way stations. Visit www.fpcusa.org/welcome.

Center for Alexandria's Children Gala. 7-10 p.m. at the new Old Dominion Boat Club "ODBC" Clubhouse, 200 Strand St., Alexandria. Cost is \$175 each. A benefit to raise funds for the City's primary resource for the prevention, investigation, and treatment of child abuse. Support critical programs that build strong families and keep children safe. visit the website at www.centerforalexandriaschildren.org.

Natural Discoveries: A Firsthand Account of Citizen Science. 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Talk by Jim Waggener, a naturalist who organized the public campaign that led to creation of Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Visit vnps.org/potowmack/events.

APRIL 12-28

"Outside the Lines." Play performances at 10, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Tickets are \$9. The story is about two pen pals, Bud and Vi, who brighten each other's lives from afar. Bud lives in a straight-line world of tall, tall buildings. Vi lives in a curvy-line world of rolly, rolly hills. Bud and Vi have never met, but they create a world together by exchanging lines...through the mail. Purchase tickets at: www.artsonthehorizon.org/outside-the-lines.html.

FRIDAY/APRIL 13

Cocktails by Candlelight. 6-9 p.m. at George Mason's Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Sip on period cocktails and learn to make 18th century mixed drinks and snacks; enjoy a candlelight tour of George Mason's historic home. Tickets are \$35/\$25; sold online at bit.ly/2Bd5ilY. Contact Mary Kristen Craver at 703-550-9220 ext. 240 or mkcraver@gunstonhall.org.

The Georgetown Saxatones. 6:30 p.m. wine and cheese reception; 7 p.m. program at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Tickets \$15. The Georgetown University Saxatones' repertoire includes everything from alternative to pop to soul. Proceeds to benefit the Saxatones' charity, The John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Buy tickets at www.nvfaa.org/events/.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that a brief fireworks display will take place as part of a private event at George Washington's Mount Vernon on the following date:

Sunday, April 8, 2018

between 8:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (5 minutes).

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Scrap City - Family Activities. 7-9:30 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. This event is offered in celebration of Virginia Architecture Week. Architects from AIA Northern Virginia will be on hand to help participants design and build a "Scrap City." Families are encouraged to stop and participate. Reservations are not required. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

APRIL 13-14

Spring Garden Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at River Farm, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive, Alexandria. More than 40 vendors will offer plants, vegetable seedlings, natives and pollinator favorites. Parking is \$10 (cash only) per car; waived for AHS members showing a current membership card or other proof of membership such as an online receipt. Call 703-768-5700 or visit www.ahsgardening.org/gardenmarket.

APRIL 13-29

"I Did It My Way in Yiddish (in English)." 8 p.m. at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. A play written and performed by Deb Filler, an internationally acclaimed Canadian/New Zealand Jewish comic, musician and writer. visit www.metrostage.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 14

The Old Dominion Boat Club Tour. 9-10 a.m. at 200 Strand St. This tour, led by Michael Winstanley, AIA, with Michael Winstanley Architects & Planners, the architects for the project, will explore the new three-story Old Dominion Boat Club (ODBC) completed in late 2017. This event is offered in celebration of Virginia Architecture Week. \$10. Attendance is limited and advance reservations are required. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

Sympatico Concert. 10-11 a.m. at City Hall, 301 King St., Alexandria. During the Farmers Market, Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's Sympatico performs. In partnership with Coldwell Banker's Alexandria office. Visit www.asosympatico.com or www.alexsym.org.

Skyline Yoga. 10-11 a.m. at 2311 Wilson Blvd., Rooftop Terrace. Enjoy a free yoga class with local architects in an architecturally inspiring place with sweeping views of the metro area. Organized by the AIA Northern Virginia Young Architects Forum, this



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Metropolitan School of the Arts students to perform for Annual Showcase: 10Plus1 at the Ernst Community Cultural Center.

Metropolitan School of Arts' Annual Showcase

Metropolitan School of the Arts Performing Arts Academy is hosting its Anniversary Annual Showcase, 10Plus 1, an innovative choreography of MSA students in tap, jazz, contemporary and hip-hop. Tickets are \$20 per person. Sunday, April 15, 5 p.m. at Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

event is free and open to the public. Please bring a yoga mat. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

"Riding with George" Java Jolt Lecture. 10 a.m.-noon at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327, Alexandria. Free. Philip Smucker will discuss his new book, "Riding with George: Sportsmanship & Chivalry in the Making of America's First President." Reservations required. Email archaeology@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4399.

Architecture Scavenger Hunt for Children. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., begins at the AIA Northern Virginia Chapter House, 1101 Duke St. A fun self-guided activity for children and their families, organized by our Architecture Lab Committee. Start by checking in at the Chapter House. There participants will receive a map identifying 12 places that are synonymous with Old Town Alexandria. After completion of the activity, bring the map to the Torpedo Factory to receive a small prize. Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Free event, but pre-registration is required. Visit

aianova.org/architectureweek.php.
Huntley's Discovery Day. 1-4 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Free. Sleuth through documents, maps, artifacts, and architecture to discover which Founding Father once owned Huntley Meadows Park. Discover the hidden history of Historic Huntley by making (and tasting) homemade butter or cranking fresh ice cream. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/.

The U.S. Air Force Strings. 1:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Free. Sixteen pieces will join in an afternoon for a traditional orchestra and strolling segment. To RSVP, email admin@nvfaa.org.

Discovery Day. 1-4 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. \$5 donation. Enjoy activities for the whole family while discovering how this 19th century villa changed over time: sleuth through Huntley photos, maps and artifacts; tour the federal-style house; participate in old-time Huntley activities such as ice cream- and

butter-making. Call 703 768-2525.
"Chocolate Through Time." 2 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. An interactive presentation led by food historian Joyce White will focus on how chocolate has changed through time. The presentation will be followed by a chance to taste an assortment of chocolate recipes. Tickets are \$15 through museum's website; \$20 day of program. Visit leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

WeLive Crystal City. 2-3 p.m. at 2221 South Clark St., #413, Arlington. WeLive Crystal City, opened in 2016, is a co-living residence with furnished living spaces and common areas to provide shared community, work and social spaces. Perkins Eastman, the project Architect of Record, transformed a 1960s Crystal City office building into a co-living, micro-unit residential building, part of the shared workspace provider WeWork. Tenant amenities include media lounges, a library, professional kitchens, co-working space, a laundry-arcade, yoga studio and a courtyard with tables and grills. Free. Register to ensure space. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

Writing Training. 2:15-4:15 p.m. at Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Learn how to write a letter to the editor. Bring an article about an issue that's important to you. Contact Stephanie Burns at sdburns13@gmail.com.

Firm Tour - Winstanley Architects & Planners. 3-4 p.m. at Winstanley Architects & Planners, 107 North West St. Tour an architecture firm located in a renovated warehouse, see impressive architectural models for projects worldwide and learn about the firm's award winning Potomac Transportation Framework Plan. The tour is free and reservations are not necessary. Visit aianova.org/architectureweek.php.

UCM Spring Gala. 6 p.m. at U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, Madison Building Atrium, 600 Dulany St., Old Town Alexandria. Join United Community Ministries for a special event of celebration, benefiting local families in need. Event emcee is NBC4 News 4 Anchor, Adam Tuss. Bruce and Joanne Malkin will be honored with the Gerald W. Hyland Humanitarian Award. Tickets \$200 per person; \$140 under age 40. Sponsorships starting at \$500 still available, including seats and publicity. Details at ucmagency.org or email info@ucmagency.org.

Springtime in Paris Ball. 7-10:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Cost is \$150. Enjoy a "joie de vivre" atmosphere with music by Doc Scantlin and Chou Chou. French cuisine, libations and silent auction. Visit www.gadsbytavernmuseum.us.

Contact Kay Zerwick, Ball Co-Chair at kay.zerwick@gmail.com.

Gatsby's Speakeasy. 8:30 p.m. at Westin Hotel, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria. Sponsored by the Orchestra League of Alexandria (SOLA) to benefit the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Ticket prices range from \$50 for the 8:30 p.m. opening (includes casino, bourbon tasting, signature cocktail (2), dancing, live music.) to full access from \$200 per person to \$5,000 for a table for 10, which begins with the Patron's Reception. visit www.501auctions.com/sola.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 14-15

Annual Daffodil Show. Saturday, 2-7 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at The Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple, 1430 West Braddock Road, Show features different daffodil forms and colors including trumpet, large-cup, small-cup, double, split-cup, and miniature. Show also includes a design category and a multi-category photography contest, with photographs to feature daffodils. Free. Visit www.thewashingtondaffodilsociety.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 15

Parallel Lives Gallery Talk. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Free. Join a Gallery Talk with the artists in Parallel Lives and exhibition curator Brigitte Reyes. The talk will be moderated by Laura Roulet, independent curator. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

Jazz at Meade Concert. 4-6 p.m. at 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. Featuring jazz saxophonist Marshall Keys at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church. Suggested \$20 donation for jazz and buffet. Visit www.meadechurch.org or email jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org.

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TUESDAY/APRIL 17

FamilySearch.org Changes. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Free. Mount Vernon Genealogical Society's Carol Kostakos Petranek will discuss recent changes to FamilySearch.org, the world's largest free family history website. Visit mvgenealogy.org or call 703-768-4101.



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'Collect for Kids' Seeks Help

Donations and help from organizations is requested.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE GAZETTE

The Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools announced their community partners are preparing for the 2018 "Collect for Kids" school supplies and backpacks drive for students in Fairfax County Public Schools. In 2017, the drive helped more than 39,000 of the 55,000 students who receive free or reduced-price meals in Fairfax County Schools. The goal for 2018 is to provide 40,000 of these children and youth with school supplies and backpacks.

"Collect for Kids" is seeking monetary contributions and help from organizations. Their online donation form states: "100 percent of your donation will be allocated for school supplies for FCPS students in need." Even though a robust and connected group of partners make

"Collect for Kids" work, the organization is also seeking help from new organizations to support their effort. Currently, more than 20 businesses, government agencies and community organization work together on the campaign, among them Apple Federal Credit Union, Britepaths, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Cornerstones, and Kids R First.

According to "Collect for Kids," "Every school in Fairfax County is touched by need. Some schools have as few as 1 percent of students living in poverty and some schools have over 90 percent of students living in poverty."

In the Oak Hill/ Herndon area, supporting partners of "Collect for Kids" serve students at Coates, Dranesville, Herndon, Floris and Hutchison Elementary Schools, Herndon and Rachel Carson Middle Schools, and Herndon High School. more information on how to donate or help with the effort visit collectforkids.org.

Help in Identify Suspect

Detectives from our Major Crimes Bureau are investigating a commercial armed robbery at M & T Bank, located at 7485 Mount Vernon Square Center. Around 12:35 p.m., March 8, a man entered the bank and passed a note to the teller announcing a robbery and implied he had a weapon.

The clerk gave him an undisclosed amount of cash. No one was injured.

Officers arrived on scene and searched the area along with K9 and our helicopter, Fairfax 1. The suspect is described as a black man, approximately 5 feet 9 inches tall, wearing a black baseball hat,

a black hooded sweatshirt, a gray scarf, dark pants with a gray skirt over top and black gloves.

Anyone who has information about this crime should contact Detective J. Hoffman at 703-246-7800. Tips can be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org>, or calling 1-866-TIPS. They can also be sent via text by texting "TIP187" plus the message to CRIMES (274637). Text STOP to 274637 to cancel, or HELP to 274637 for help. Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1000 if their information leads to an arrest.



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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I have not been collecting return-address labels for years. I have however, been receiving them for years. Either as thank yous for charitable contributions made or as inducements for charitable contributions yet to be made. Regardless of the reason, I have had an ample supply until recently. And they have served me well as both a reminder of what I have and have not done. And over time, they have most definitely served their purpose. Amazingly though, the pages of return-address labels in inventory has been shrinking of late. Due to some combination of my lack of charitableness as well as a reduction in the numbers of unsolicited charitable quid pro quos (there may be a relationship there).

Let me be clear: I am under no delusion or pressure to respond to these letters/requests for money. Just because I receive them doesn't mean I must adhere to them. They're hardly a subpoena nor are they payment for services rendered. They are merely a pre-approach-type solicitation mailed to me at my home offering goods (the labels) for services (my contribution) not yet rendered. Opening an envelope and reading its contents doesn't make me a partner in their pursuit of my dollars.

But what exactly is the protocol here? Certainly I can understand keeping and/or using the return-address labels if I make a contribution, but what if I don't make a contribution? Do I have to throw these perfectly good return-address labels away? Don't some of these labels, by their design/content – and ultimately by their use by yours truly, indirectly support the original sender's cause? Isn't their use some kind of tacit paying-it-forward-type approval/contribution on my part? I realize money and/or in-kind contributions likely help more, but is there use by a non-contributor not abuse at all? After all, I'm sort of passing the word/keeping their chain going, aren't I?

If all is fair in love and war, certainly there's a little wiggle room in the world of mailing unsolicited inducements to unsuspecting recipients? I mean, I'm not asking for trouble here, am I? I'm merely asking for some understanding and clarification. If what was sent to me – not at my request and not as part of a phone conversation securing a commitment, was not my doing, then why am I responsible for it being done?

Obviously the labels are a convenience for me, and that is worth some amount of money and time that now I'm not having to spend. Still, it feels like an intrusion of sorts, a method to their madness – presumably, but to me a presumption, nevertheless. And that's just a few letters away from an assumption, and you all know what is said about assuming?

I suppose if you cast a wide enough net you're going to catch a few contributors who don't find anything fishy about this direct mail process and who feel compelled to respond favorably – so to speak, because a good deed has been for them. And if a good deed (or a "solid," to quote Detective Andy Sipowicz/Dennis Franz from NYPD Blue) deserves another then contributions will be made and address labels will be affixed.

But after years of receiving these return-address-labels-masquerading-as-solicitations-for-contributions – to a variety of charities, some more well known than others, I don't feel the least bit stuck in my decision to use these return address labels as I see fit. In a way, I am the beneficiary of their largess and in turn, they are the beneficiary of my non-cash contribution. It's sort of a win-win. But I don't suppose that was their intention. I suppose they wanted more, not less.

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THURSDAY/APRIL 5

Original Mount Vernon High School Redevelopment Project. 7-9 p.m. Original Mount Vernon High School, 8333 Richmond Highway. Supervisor Dan Storck, County staff, the Alexander Company and Elm Street Development will discuss the overall vision and process for the redevelopment master planning. Community attendance and input is encouraged. The Open House will convene in the cafeteria. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/capital-projects/original-mount-vernon-high-school.

FRIDAY/APRIL 6

Scholarship Nomination Deadline. The National Capital Region Chapter of the National Football Foundation is accepting nominations for their 2018 Scholar-Athlete banquet. The Chapter awards five \$1,000 scholarships annually to deserving high school senior scholar athletes who played high school football. Nominees are evaluated on academic and athletic excellence, as well as contributions to their school and community. Nomination packets have been mailed to each high school head coach in the National Capital Region.

MONDAY/APRIL 9

NAACP Town Hall: School to Prison Pipeline. 7-9 p.m. at 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria. Learn if minority kids are receiving harsher punishments. Learn about the role of the school resource officer. Visit naacpalexandriava.org.

TUESDAY-THURSDAY/APRIL 10-12

FY 2019 Budget Meetings. April 10, 4 p.m.; April 11-12, 1 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (Board Auditorium), 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The advertised budget plan can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/advertised-budget-plan. Sign up to speak at the public hearings on the FY 2019 budget at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form or call 703-324-3151.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 11

FCPSOn Community Meeting. 7 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt Vernon Road. Learn more about FCPS' plans to extend student learning and increase equitable access to technology. FCPSOn provides a device for each student and allows students opportunities for deeper understanding of content and skills outlined in the Portrait of a Graduate in order to be successful in the workforce of the future. Visit www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/fcpson.

THURSDAY/APRIL 12

Economic Outlook 2018. 7:30-11 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. National and regional experts on economic development, real estate, government, and economic research and analysis will headline. Sponsor displays and buffet breakfast 7:30 a.m.; program 8:30-11 a.m. \$35 per person until April 1; then increases to \$45. Make a reservation at www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/events/details/economic-outlook-2018-3841 for the 2018 Economic Outlook.

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Park Like Back Yard!

Riverwood gem! Impeccable 4 BR/ 3.5 Bath home in park like setting on quiet cul de sac next to Potomac River! Recently renovated kitchen, family room off kitchen with

fireplace, fully finished basement with guest room, full bath and rec room. Oversize two car garage allows for extra storage space. Unique rear covered patio overlooks beautifully manicured back yard.

JUST LISTED! OPEN SUNDAY 1-4pm



**8634 Gateshead Rd.
\$699,000**

Incredible Pool Scene!

Completely refreshed 4 BR, 2 Full/2 Half Bath home with full interior paint and hardwoods on main and upper level just refinished. Oversize two car garage.

Jaw dropping sun room addition off family room/kitchen overlooks relaxing private pool scene. Ideal home with Spring and Summer right around the corner! Won't last long at this price!

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**8708 Sudbury Dr.
\$590,000**

Pristine Condition!

4 BR/3 Bath 4 level home on private half acre corner lot. Full interior paint, new carpet, and all hardwoods just refinished make this home ready for your

personal touches! 350 sq ft sunroom addition with fireplace over 2 car garage gives you views over beautifully landscaped half acre lot. Absolute bargain for this much space!

JUST LISTED!



**4405 Ferry Landing Rd.
Recently Renovated!**

Recently renovated and expanded 4 BR, 3.5 BA split level on a huge half acre lot in prestigious Yacht Haven Estates. 700 sq ft sunroom addition brings the outdoors in and brings light to every

corner. Recently renovated kitchen and baths make this home completely turn key. Circular driveway and one car garage provides ample parking. Here's your chance to get into Yacht Haven Estates!

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**9421 Old Mt. Vernon Rd.
\$698,500**

Rare Opportunity!

Rare mid-century design with private pool scene makes for ideal setting. Many updates to this 4BR/ 3.5 BA home include kitchen, roof, water heater, basement finished

and in-law suite added with full kitchen, pool work, all bathrooms updated including stunning master bath and closet. Don't miss this one!

NEW PRICE!



**9411 Mount Vernon Cir.
\$1,220,000**

Mt. Vernon on the Potomac!

Stately brick colonial in area's premier water front community. Over 6,000 sq ft of luxury! Features Include: Estate size rooms, high

ceilings, three finished levels, four BR's including 3 room master suite with stunning bath, elegant trim detail, hardwood floors, extensive rear decking, oversize 2 car garage. Located in cul-de-sac with river access.

COMMUNITY WATER ACCESS



**4417 Dolphin Ln.
\$625,000**

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.

1 Level Living!



**8307 Crown Court Rd
Incredible New Kitchen!
\$775,000**

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!

NEW KITCHEN!



**4200 Robertson Blvd
\$575,000**

Contemporary Design!

Super unique center courtyard style home in Mt. Vernon. Circle drive leads to 2 car garage. 3 bed/ 2.5 bath home with lower level rec room. Fully fenced back yard

with unique center courtyard accessible from all interior rooms. Bring the outdoors in with this rare contemporary opportunity! Won't last long!

CONTRACT IN 1st WEEKEND!



**5411 Grist Mill Woods Way
\$1,050,000
Backs to Forest!**

Truly spectacular Property! Stunning three level Colonial in premier setting on gorgeous large lot fronting quiet cul-de-sac in premier Mt. Vernon location. Special Features Include: open floor plan, high

ceilings, many major updates, finished fully walk out lower level, and 2 car garage. Walls of windows and large deck capitalize on wooded private lot!

CONTRACT IN 1st WEEKEND!



**9104 Chickawane Ct.
Main Level Master!
\$719,500**

Exceptionally spacious 6 BR home with rare first floor master suite. Major rooms on main level accommodate one level living. Other features include: three

finished levels, full walk out level, cavernous storage space, freshly painted, newly finished hardwood floors, and two car garage. Prime location on large lot with pool on quiet cul-de-sac.

CONTRACT



**3909 Rive Dr.
\$725,000
Pristine Condition!**

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!

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