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Upgrades for Mount Vernon Recreation Center

Modernization to the interior and parking are part of the plan.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

Just past the front door of the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, it becomes obvious that an expansion is needed for this community amenity. The front lobby is sharing its small space with the stationary bicycles that once belonged in the workout room but were pushed out into the lobby because of space.

From her vantage point in the audience at a May 6 recreation center meeting, Ingrid Butler pointed this out. “Exercise machines are out in the lobby,” she said, but noted that she has made friends over the years at the recreation center, and calls it “a little community, I have no intention on going anywhere else,” she said.



Alexandria residents Sam Steiman and his son Joe are hoping for another hockey rink at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck kicked off the meeting in front of a packed room. Joining him was Eric Inman of the Fairfax County Park Authority and several

engineers involved with the project. They first started renovation talks in 2014 and finally got the \$20 million from a 2016 park

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The hillside location presents challenges for the rec center visitors as well as the engineers that are designing an expansion.

Event Teaches Residents to Prepare for Emergencies



Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck with volunteers at the PAW – Preparedness Awareness Weekend at Gum Springs Community Center in Alexandria.

Preparedness Awareness Weekend (PAW) took place on Saturday, May 5, at the Gum Springs Community Center in Alexandria. The event empowered families to prepare for sudden emergencies both natural and man-made.

The program provided hands-on, developmental training in: free car seat checks; hands-on CPR; disaster meals; family emergency planning; and assembling a disaster kit. The event had a display of emergency kits from infant through adult, including pets and individuals with special needs.

Families also learned how to make an emergency plan (evacuation, emergency contact, etc.).

Community partners gave information to families about keeping their families safe for any emergency that might arise in our community.

“Preparedness Awareness Weekend is just that. With a number of wonderful county partners, my office has an event to have folks come in, get key information that they need to then prepare the next day for how to respond to any kinds of disasters or emergencies that we have — whether they’re individual, a house fire — whether it’s flooding or derechos or storms or hurricanes that have passed our way over the last many years,” said Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck.

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2017 FHLL Majors team — winners of Virginia State Championship.

Fort Hunt Little League Celebrates Opening Day

Fort Hunt Little League (FHLL) held its 62nd opening day ceremony at Carl Sandburg Middle School's Red Stevens Field last month. The festivities featured Barry Meuse, FHLL president, and John Donaldson, District 9 Administrator, welcoming players, families and friends.

West Potomac Varsity Baseball players

were introduced and their coaching staff spoke about the importance Little League play has in the development of future high school baseball players

Fort Hunt Little League Division Commissioners introduced their team managers and coaches, followed by players taking the field and high-fiving the West Potomac varsity players on their way around the bases

The national anthem was sung by West Potomac Junior Adrianna DeLorenzo.

Commemorative first pitches were thrown by a player from each of the Fort Hunt Little League's Divisions as well by the West Potomac Varsity Team. Those players include:

- ❖ T-Ball: Lexington "Lex" Cohoon
- ❖ Single A: Mason LoCascio

- ❖ AA: Crawford Baker
- ❖ AAA: Daniel Taylor
- ❖ Minors: Abby Beddis
- ❖ Majors: Matthew Leonardo
- ❖ West Potomac Varsity: Kurt Sullivan.

A representative from state Sen. Scott Surovell's office was on-hand to present an official plaque of the State of Virginia Com-

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West Potomac Junior Adrianna DeLorenzo performs national anthem.



Barry Meuse, FHLL president, receives plaque of the State of Virginia Commending Resolution recognizing 2017 as the most successful season in FHLL history from state Sen. Scott Surovell's office representative.



From left: Barry Meuse, FHLL president; Rene Belanger long-time FHLL manager and volunteer, and Jason Hescok, new West Potomac Baseball Head Coach.



Abby Beddis throws out commemorative first pitch on behalf of FHLL Minors Division.

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Mother's Day

Johannah Murphy with her three sons (from left), Jack Murphy, (age 21); Charlie Murphy (age 14); and Peter Murphy (age 18). Johannah Murphy homeschooled all of her boys from birth to 8th grade. The Murphys will soon be celebrating the high school graduation of Peter, who is the valedictorian of Bishop Ireton High School. Jack, the oldest, has just completed his junior year at the College of William and Mary, and Charlie, the youngest, is finishing up his 8th grade year of homeschooling and will attend Bishop Ireton next fall. Johannah Murphy shepherded them through Eagle Scout projects and year-round sports, mentored them in religious education, exposed them to a wealth of cultural experiences through The Kennedy Center, outdoor adventures, and her own field trips. On behalf of Jack, Peter and Charlie Murphy, this is submitted in honor of their mother.



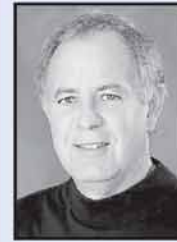
Debbie Fairbanks and Stanhope Fairbanks at Great Wolf Lodge on Williamsbug on vacation.



Steve Fill sent in this Mother's Day photo of his wife Amber along with their son Stephen and daughter Breanne.



Maggie Hagood with son Collin Marquis on his first trip to England and a visit to Stonehenge.
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Opinion

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Your best shot at ensuring you can vote is to vote early.

How To Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail.

If you want to be sure you get to vote, voting early if you qualify is a good choice. Early voting, called absentee voting in person in Virginia, is already underway for the primary.

There are many valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location.

Voting absentee by mail? You can now apply for an absentee ballot online with the state's new Citizen Portal. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver's License to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

In Person Absentee Locations, Fairfax County

- ❖ Fairfax County Government Center
- ❖ Franconia Governmental Center
- ❖ Lorton Library
- ❖ Mason Governmental Center
- ❖ McLean Governmental Center
- ❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center
- ❖ North County Governmental Center

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

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MONDAY/MAY 14

Mount Vernon Voice Community Celebration. 6-8 p.m. at Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Mt. Vernon. Community Open House to thank Steve Hunt and Marlene Miller for producing the Mount Vernon Voice for more than 16 years, and for being a "Voice" for the community.

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Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has voter identification requirements; plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Primary Election Day.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; Tribal enrollment or other tribal ID issued by one of 11 tribes recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

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What's on the Ballot for Primary Election June 12?

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District 11, Gerald Edward Connolly (unopposed)

U.S. Senate, Timothy M. Kaine (unopposed)

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

US House of Representatives

District 11, Jeff A. Dove, Jr. (unopposed)

United States Senate

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Primary: Tuesday, June 12

❖ Deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration, for the Tuesday, June 12, General Election is Monday, May 21,.

❖ Deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you is 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 5. Request must be received by your Registrar by 5 p.m.

❖ Deadline to request an absentee ballot by appearing in-person is 5 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Absentee in person voting is already underway.

provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted. Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to meet the identification requirement.

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South County Task Force Meeting.

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Remember It's 'Teacher Appreciation Week'

By Paul Krizek
State Delegate (D-44)



This is "Teacher Appreciation Week" in Virginia, and I want to thank our teachers for their personal dedication, skill, and experience they provide our children, including my daughter, every school day. I must also thank the many teachers in Fairfax County Public Schools that taught and inspired me. I join Governor Northam commemorating teachers this week, and en-

courage all Virginians to thank and recognize teachers for their hard work and dedication to all of our children not just this week but every single day. This is an especially good time to thank them because they are dealing with that stressful time of year when students have their final exams, SOLs, AP tests, end-of-year projects and upcoming graduations. Our teachers do a fantastic job fostering a nurturing, creative environment where students can thrive.

When I visit our schools in our Mount Vernon and Lee community, I always come away impressed by the vitality and excitement that teachers bring to the classroom,

theatre and gym and it's all possible because of the great educational environment they work hard to create. I would be remiss if I did not thank the wonderful members of the Virginia Education Association who never stop fighting for our children.

This year marks the third annual "Thank a Teacher" campaign, sponsored by the Virginia Lottery in partnership with the Virginia Tourism Corporation and the Virginia Parent Teacher Association. In the first two years of the campaign, according to the Governor, Virginia teachers received more than 70,000 thank-you notes, due to overwhelm-

ing support from parents, students and community members. "Teachers are the backbone of our Commonwealth's economy and we should recognize them every day," Governor Northam said. "During Teacher Appreciation Week, I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to thank the people who help shape young individuals into educated adults, ready to work the jobs of today and create the jobs of tomorrow." Someone once said that "It takes a big heart to help shape little minds."

Thank you to all of our wonderful educators for your big hearts shaping our children's minds and preparing them for the workforce of tomorrow.

Commentary

An Enthusiastic 'Bye Bye Birdie' at MVHS

By Jordan Post
Teens and Theatre Company

It was an enthusiastic take on the famous Broadway show "Bye Bye Birdie" by Mount Vernon High School. Set in 1958, the show is about Conrad Birdie whose story is based on Elvis Presley.

When Conrad gets drafted into the military, his manager, Albert Peterson, gets worried about his money. Albert decides that before Conrad leaves there needs to be a last hooray.

Albert's secretary and girlfriend, Rose Alvarez, comes up with the idea of one last kiss from a fan for Conrad on the Ed Sullivan Show. The lucky girl that was chosen, Kim MacAfee, was just pinned by Hugo Peabody, a young boy in the town who easily gets jealous. When Conrad arrives to the small town of Sweet Apple, Ohio, his fan club is waiting for him with eager hearts. Albert and Rose do all that they can to make sure Conrad doesn't get into any trouble. Rose can't wait till all of this is over so that Albert can become an English teacher and they can

get married. Sadly Albert's mother does all that she can to keep them apart. Things start to really get out of hand when Kim runs off with Conrad and the kids of the town say they're not going back home. After Conrad gets arrested and bailed out by Albert he heads off to war. Albert finally proposes to Rose. Hugo gets back together with Kim and the town goes back to the way things were.

Mount Vernon High School's cast is easy to love and full of energy. Ttendo Williams plays Conrad Birdie with swag and style. He is very believable as a rock star who just wants to have fun. His night on the town with Kim MacAfee who is played by Keeley Bryant doesn't go as planned. Kim wants to be treated as a woman. Her protective father, Harry MacAfee portrayed by Maruro Gomez, doesn't like the look of this kid. Maruro played him perfectly. He made the audience laugh uncontrollably. He has great comedic timing, is full of energy, and has a strong singing voice.

A good counter character is Rose because of Maggie McClelland. We were able to see the struggling character. Maggie has a beautiful voice and deliberate moves. The school



Photo by Laura Marshall

Maggie McClelland and Samuel Zarek in Mount Vernon High School's production of "Bye Bye Birdie."

had four student choreographers who definitely did their homework on the time period. The choreography was fun, exciting and incorporated everyone in the cast.

The ensemble created an electric environment for those around them. Christian Reid

was part of the ensemble but really shined in the background. The set designers put a lot of time and effort into the look of the backdrop. The show is full of singing, dancing, and love and was executed very well by Mount Vernon High School.

Chamber Partners with Fort Belvoir to Clean Highway

About 25 volunteers turned out last month to cleanup the trash on Jeff Todd Way from Telegraph Road, past US Route 1 where the road becomes Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway to Fort Belvoir's Walker Gate. Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Belvoir Installation Command hosted their annual "spring clean" highway cleanup, collecting 57 bags of trash and an old desk. Event partners were Candlewood Suites, IGH Hotels Staybridge Suites on Fort Belvoir for providing a shuttle to transport volunteers, and FCPD Mount Vernon Police Station for providing safety support for the cleanup.

Volunteers are ready to be transported to the highway cleanup by IGH Staybridge Hotel shuttle.



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HomeLifeStyle

Ready for Summer

Time to dust-off and spruce up patios for a season of al fresco entertaining.

By Marilyn Campbell

When designing the patio of her McLean home, interior design professor Jean Freeman of Marymount University, relied on the natural surroundings to create a backdrop for her outdoor oasis.

"I have an area in the backyard that has small stones and lounge furniture," she said. "Our backyard is next to Pimmit Run Trail and has lots of trees, some of which I planted. Also, I planted several holly trees so that the area would attract more birds and sometimes the bird chirping gets quite loud and wonderful."

Gentle breezes and mild temperatures are some of the pleasures of spring that beckon many outdoors for parties and family dinners, but turning a winter-worn patio into a space for entertaining can feel daunting. Breathing new life into a landscape dulled by snow and frost or creating an entirely new outdoor space might be easier than it appears.

When considering a patio furniture purchase, avoid the battle against Mother Nature by selecting pieces that can stand up to the elements. "The number one rule in furnishing your patio is to purchase quality furniture," said Anne Walker of Anne Walker Design LLC. "There are a lot of outdoor furnishings that look alike, but they are not all the same. Dedon, based in Germany and Janus et Cie, based in California, make excellent outdoor furnishings that will stand the test of time ... [and] will not fade, warp or degrade even if left outdoors in the elements for years.

Less expensive look-alikes will fall apart after just a few years or months of exposure to the elements, continued Walker. "I can't stress it enough: invest in high-quality outdoor furnishings or you will just be throwing your money away. Buy the best you can afford, and work little by little if need be to complete your outdoor space. You won't be sorry."

When choosing fabrics for that furniture, Todd Martz, co-owner of Home on Cameron in Old Town Alexandria, says, "Accessories like pillows and draperies as well as chairs, sofas and rugs are all available in low maintenance fabrics."

Selecting smaller, easy-to-move pieces of furniture over large sectionals will produce a design plan with versatility. "You'll be happy to have the flexibility to move things around when you entertain or when the sun shifts and you want to get into or away from the direct sun," said Walker.



Kelley Proxmire suggests using plants and planters in a variety of sizes — such as these blue and white ceramic pots to create a light and airy patio space.



Photo courtesy of Anne Walker

One design technique that Anne Walker has incorporated into the design of her own patio is choosing smaller, moveable pieces of furniture — like these Dedon Barcelona lounge chairs — over large sectionals to allow for a versatile design plan.

Incorporating potted plants into the landscape design offers versatility. "Mix several sized plants ... very large as well as different types of plants in smaller planters," added Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Proxmire, Inc. "Vary the textures as well as the color of green leaves such as ferns, palms and flowering plants."

Use planters to create architectural features like walls and borders. "The plants will add beautiful visual interest, and the planters are moveable, allowing flexibility in use and design," said Walker.

For those who want to build a stone patio, go for variety, but establish a solid base to avoid costly repairs later. "Combinations of flagstone and brick are elegant and more interesting than use of only one type of materials," said Walker. "Make sure you have a professional set your patio in concrete. It's much less expensive to set the stone in stone dust, but within a year or less the stones will begin to shift and weeds will grow through the gaps."

Lighting matters, says Proxmire, and she suggests that when designing or even sprucing up patio, “Use different sources of light [such as] inside-outdoor lamps, different sizes of lanterns, candlesticks with glass hurricanes,” she said. “The candles with batteries are great for using outside because the wind isn’t an issue.”

Now that summer is on the horizon, Walker has a plan for getting her patio guest-ready. "I will power wash with my personal home power washer, plant a few flowers and boom! Ready to entertain," she said. "We love to entertain on our patio. It's our favorite space."



Todd Martz of Home on Cameron designed this patio and says that exterior spaces can be treated like an indoor room by using bright, fresh fabrics designed specifically for outdoors.

Photos by Stacy Zarin Golder

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ONGOING

Customer Appreciation Week and National Public Gardens Day.

Through Friday, May 11 at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Stop by Green Spring Gardens May 7-11 for free gardening discussions, demonstrations, or tours at 11 a.m. and afternoon refreshments in honor of Customer Appreciation Week and National Public Gardens Day (May 11). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

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.

Mathematics Show.

Through May 20 at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Featuring the work of Mary Ann Robinson and Sylvia Saborio. The beauty of mathematics will be on display: hyperbolic geometry, fractal art, the golden ratio, the Fibonacci series — all serve as rich sources of inspiration for this theme. Call 703-548-0935 or visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Atomic Dog Exhibition.

Through May 27 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The exhibit inspired by man's best friend, "Atomic Dog," is presented by Del Ray Artisans and The Dog Store. It features photography, painting, sculpture and mixed media. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits.

Attics and Alleys Tours.

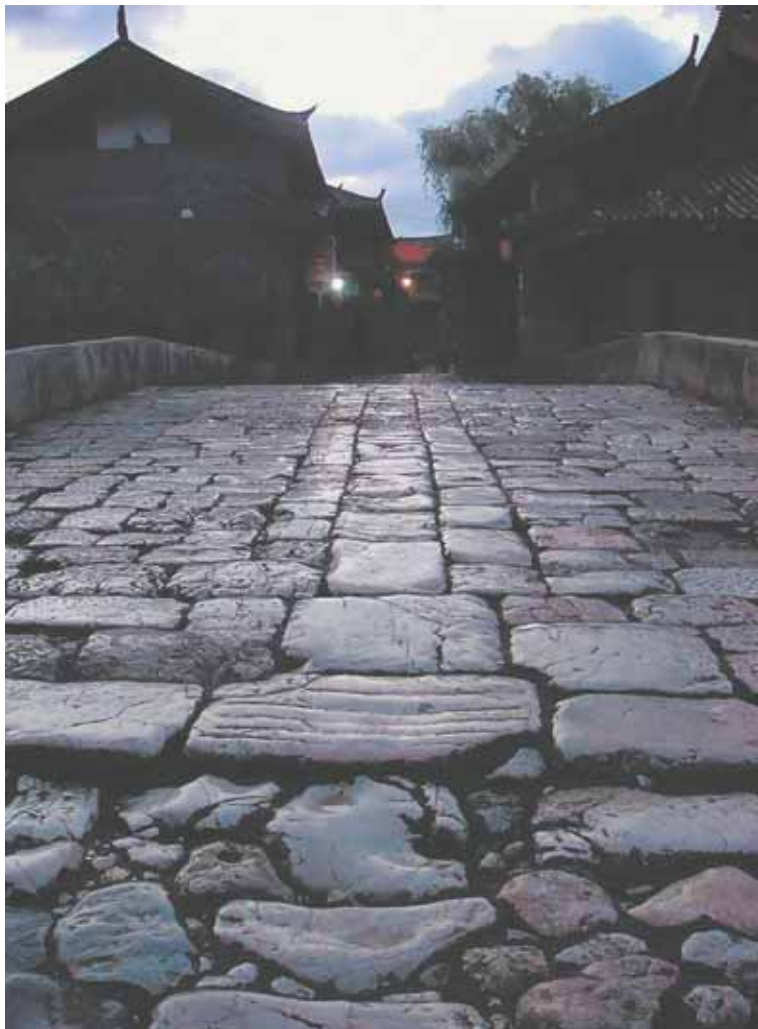
Saturdays in May, tour begins promptly at 9 a.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco Street; tour ends at Carlyle House by the Market Square parking garage around 11:30 a.m. What mysteries lie in the attics of the city's historic sites? Ever wonder what is behind that brick wall? In honor of National Preservation Month, explore spaces not normally open to the public at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Carlyle House, Lee-Fendall, and the Apothecary Museum. Tour highlights include historic graffiti, hidden architectural fragments, and alleys that connect the city. This tour includes walking over many city blocks, stairs, and access to confined spaces. Walking shoes required, bottled water suggested. Held rain or shine. Tickets must be purchased ahead at alexandriava.gov/Shop.

Benson Bond Moore Landscapes.

Through May 31 at Studio Antiques and Fine Art, 524 North Washington St., Alexandria. Free admission. Over 70 paintings and numerous natural history prints from the estate of a private collector will be on display. Examples include views of Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Call 703-548-5188 or visit www.studioantiques.net

Art Exhibit.

Through June 3 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Two Solos: Brian Williams and Sophie Blondeau. Williams' paintings on metal want viewers to consider if humans can adapt without catastrophe.



“Road” by Jing Wang.

Photography Exhibit: China in My Eyes

Presented by the Confucius Institute at George Mason University, China in My Eyes offers a window into China today, taken by a diverse group of photographers living in northern Virginia. A reception will take place Sunday, May 20, 2-3:30 p.m. The exhibit will run through June 24 at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Free. Call 703-746-1714 or visit alexlibraryva.org.

Blondeau's canvases explore memory and perception through the lens of her formative years in France. Visit www.nvfaa.org/events/.

Art Exhibit: “A Sense of Herself.”

Through June 3, gallery hours at the Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21 (located in the Torpedo Factory Art Center). Watercolorist Deborah Conn celebrates inner resilience and strength through luminous, large-scale portraits of women in “A Sense of Herself.” “A Sense of Herself” coincides with the recent swell in the women's movement, a coincidence that Conn, a vocal supporter of women's rights, finds serendipitous.

Get herbs, garden plants, and flowers.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through mid-June at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, Greenhouse, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Volunteers grow dozens of tomatoes and vegetable varieties, herbs, and flowers from seeds and cuttings using organic practices. Visit www.Mvuc.org.

New Photography By Fred Zafran.

Through June 17 at Multiple Exposures Gallery, in The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Studio 312, Alexandria. With “Along the Poet's Narrow Road,” Zafran returned to Japan in 2016 to photograph along the pilgrimage of Japan's most famous poet Matsuo Basho. The journey unfolded along two paths: an external journey of things observed, and an internal journey of images that moved the traveler's heart and mind. It was this

second path that Zafran traveled and photographed along the way. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

China Photography Exhibit.

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Mount Vernon Farmers Market Opens.

Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Every Wednesday (through Dec. 19), 15 local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; dairy products and eggs; herbs; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

Open for Tours.

Through December. At 9000 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Woodlawn and Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House is open for tours Friday through Monday, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. (last tour at 3 p.m.) Not open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. To learn more about National Trust Sites, visit savingsplaces.org/historic-sites.

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

Write Like A Woman

Facilitated by poet and author KaNikki Jakarta, Write Like A Woman Networking Workshop welcomes women writers ages 18-100. Each workshop focuses on different writing styles and allows the participants to enhance their own writing skills as well as share pieces for listening or critiques. The meetings are for amateur and professional writers. Every session includes writing exercises and networking. The regulars chip in for cookies and tea during the sessions. Free and open to the public. Saturday, May 12, 1 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Please RSVP to admin@nvfaa.org.



KaNikki Jakarta

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 for more.

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

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 for more.

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.

THURSDAY/MAY 10

Special Access Tour of the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House and Happy Hour.

5:30-7:30 p.m., at 517 Prince St. Enjoy touring this 18th-century house, recently purchased and now owned and operated by the City of Alexandria. After the tour, stop by a happy hour in the garden to catch up with other preservationists. \$10 donation requested, cash bar. Advance registration recommended at alexandriava.gov/Shop.

Spring Garden Party.

6-8 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Host Chef Patrick O'Connell, founder of the Inn at Little Washington, will share inspiring stories about his journey to culinary acclaim. Enjoy signature cocktails and light fare inspired by O'Connell's recipes. Tickets are \$150 for Mount Vernon members and \$175 for non-

members. Visit mountvernon.org/gardenparty.

Opening Reception: “A Sense of Herself.”

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Ascension Day Choral Evensong.

7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S. Pitt Street, Alexandria. Grant Hellmers, organist-choirmaster of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, will direct the Adult Choir in music by Archer, Ayleward, Byrd, Murrill, and Near. Donations and non-perishable foods will be accepted for St. Paul's Lazarus Ministry, raising hope for those in need. Contact Grant Hellmers at 703-549-3312, or grant@stpaulsalexandria.com.

Sunset Tour of Local History.

7:30-8:30 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Historic Huntley sits high upon a hill overlooking Hybla Valley and Huntley Meadows Park. It's a dramatic setting made all the more stunning by the setting sun. Join an after-hours tour of the historic property to see the house in a different light. After the tour, enjoy light refreshments. For adults, \$5 per person. Dress appropriately for the weather. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley.

Jury Panel Talk: 2018 Emerging Artists.

8 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. They were selected by a jury panel consisting of Ksenia Grishkova, director of Touchstone Gallery; Blair Murphy, independent curator; and Jack Rasmussen, director and curator at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center. Visit torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery.

FRIDAY/MAY 11

Alexandria After Work Concert Series.

6-8 p.m. at the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, 517 Prince St. The

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Friday, May 11, 2018

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Entertainment

Noodle Box Brings Fast-Casual Asian Fare Back to King Street

By Hope Nelson

For more than a decade, noodles, rice and Asian fare have been a mainstay at 602 King St. For years, Red Mei was in residence; now, after several months of vacancy, Noodle Box has made itself right at home.

The two restaurants are unrelated, says Noodle Box co-owner Ken Nimmannit. The owners of Red Mei were planning for retirement; when they did, Nimmannit and his business partner, Tommy Kanavivatchai, swooped in to take over the space, keeping an Asian fast-casual focus on the forefront of King Street.

"We came up with the idea that we want to be able to serve the food, the authentic food — the same kind of food that is served in fancy restaurants," he said.

One of the first things Nimmannit and team did was freshen up the space's décor. After more than a decade as Red Mei, the eatery had become a bit dated; Noodle Box is now bright and airy, with a modern feel.

But what really brings in the customers is the food — and Noodle Box has a wealth of options from which to choose. Whether looking for a meat-based plate or a vegan-inspired entrée, with either rice or noodles, Noodle Box has diners covered.

The menu selections run the gamut from the familiar to the more exotic.

"One of the best sellers is pad Thai ... and we have another popular dish that they don't serve anywhere

and at the beginning I thought 'that's not going to sell.' It's called spicy basil chicken. It's chicken stir-fried with vegetables with basil and chili sauce."

Served with jasmine rice, the spicy basil chicken has become somewhat of a sleeper classic, Nimmannit says.

"At the beginning, I even told my friend that I wanted to remove it, but now we have to keep it," he laughed.

Noodle Box has faced the usual growing pains of a new restaurant — occasional lengthy waits for meals and longer than usual lines. But Nimmannit is committed to working through that, he says, emphasizing the balance between cooking from scratch and keeping the kitchen efficient.

"Our restaurant — we cook to order. Sometimes when we have a lot of business ... it might take some time. I hope customers understand. We cook everything from scratch, it's properly cooked," he said.

By the looks of things on a regular weeknight, customers don't seem to mind the occasional wait for food. And while Noodle Box has already become a destination for the work-day set, Nimmannit says he hopes to see more neighbors drop by at night.

"I would love local people, other residents, any day they don't want to cook for themselves, come by and we'll cook for them," Nimmannit said. "They can eat properly cooked food at our place and the price is really reasonable."

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

If You Go

Noodle Box, 602 King St.

Hours: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. daily.

Try this: The spicy basil chicken. "People may be hesitating because they've never seen it. When you say the name pad Thai, yakisoba, (or) red or green curry, they've seen that already. ... Once they try it, they like it," says co-owner Keng Nimmannit.

Calendar

Folklore Society of Greater Washington and The Office of Historic Alexandria sponsor a concert on the second Friday of the month with locations rotating between the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, Lloyd House, and The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum. The May 11 concert features father/daughter duo Michael & Paty Sevens with their boleros, rancheros, and other Spanish folk songs. \$15 suggested donation for the musicians, light refreshments available, and a cash bar. Visit www.fsgw.org.

History by the Glass. 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Ever wonder about the history behind your alcoholic beverages? Enjoy drinks at the tavern, which historically served a wide variety of beverages, and learn about the history behind them. Special featured gin will be the Founding Farmers Gin from Founding Spirits distillery, based in Washington, D.C. \$50 per person, includes two drink tickets and light hors d'oeuvres. Tickets can be purchased through alexandriava.gov/Shop or by calling the Museum at 703-746-4242.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 11-12
"Pirates of the Curry Bean." Friday at 7 p.m.; Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Edison High School, 5801

Franconia Road, Alexandria. Presented by Rose Hill Elementary School's Rose Hill Players. Tickets are \$7/adults; \$5/children; \$1/children at matinee. Call 703-765-6046.

SATURDAY/MAY 12

Car "Boot" Sale. 8 a.m.-noon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Sell items from the trunk of your vehicle. Cost: \$20 to rent a parking spot, free to attend, open to the public. Email Dawn McMillin at mcmillin23@cox.net or call 703-780-9418.

Build a Rain Barrel. 9-11 a.m. at Alexandria Renew Environmental Center, 1800 Limerick St., Alexandria. Interested in living green and protecting the Chesapeake Bay? Rain barrels collect rain water and reduce erosion from a downspout and help save money on water bills. Attach a hose to a rain barrel and use it to water plants and flower beds. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/rain-barrel.

"La Bella Strada: An Italian Street Painting Festival." 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Along Mount Vernon Avenue between Bellefonte and Hume avenues in Alexandria. The event will center on 20 community-based professional artists creating sidewalk paintings using chalk as an artistic medium. Visit

www.labellastradadelray.com.

Floral Design Workshop Tropical Flowers. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. For 16-adult. Warm up to the flowers of Hawaii and the exotic tropics to create a contemporary style arrangement. Designer Chuck Mason leads participants through the project. Register for both program (\$38/person) and supply fee (\$30/person). Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 290 233 3901 for the program and 290 233 3902 for the supply fee, or call 703-642-5173. Visit www.greenspring.org.

Carnivorous Plants Container Workshop. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. For ages 16-adult. Construct a take home container of carnivorous plants with the help of Horticulturalist Judy Zatsick. Cost is \$38/person for the program, with a \$35/person supply fee. Register for both the program and the supply fee. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 290 287 4101 for the program and 290 287 4102 for the supply fee, or call 703-642-5173. Visit www.greenspring.org.

Mother's Day Craft Workshop. 10 and 11:30 a.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Looking for a heart-warming gift the



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Entertainment

La Bella Strada: An Italian Street Painting Festival

Reviving the street painting tradition of Renaissance-era Europe, La Bella Strada will offer patrons an afternoon of interactive public arts programming. The event will center on 20 community-based professional artists creating sidewalk paintings using chalk as an artistic medium. Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Along Mount Vernon Avenue between Bellefonte and Hume avenues in Alexandria. Visit www.labellastradadelray.com.



Patrick Kirwin has been an art teacher at the Art League in Alexandria, since 1994. He has also been an art teacher at the Fine Arts Workhouse in Lorton for two years, The Smithsonian Associates for 10 years and the Corcoran College of Art and Design for three years.

Photos by
Leslie Duss



Nicole Flaig, of Arlington, has been participating in Street Painting festivals across the United States since 2004. She began painting alongside her mother, Beatrice Flaig, in Florida and continued on to win competitions, such as People's Choice awards in both Colorado and Connecticut. She strives to try different techniques at nearly every festival, sometimes including 3D perspectives. More often than not, you will find her paintings to be dynamic, bright, and boldly colorful.

kids can make for Mother's Day? Meet in the Watson Reading Room where instructors and local artists will guide children in the art of crafting with yarn. Crocheting, knitting, sewing, and weaving are all forms of needlework and textile handicrafts. Admission for children

ages 4+ is \$5, adults are \$2. Space is limited; reserve space at 703-746-4356.

Mother's Day Jazz Brunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Featuring the Dan Lamaestra Trio, a formidable group of jazz musicians.

Buffet brunch is \$35 per person. Children ages 12 and under \$15. Bottomless mimosa bar is \$15 per person, single mimosa \$7. Tickets available at Eventbrite.com, search "Jazz Brunch."

2018 Del Ray House and Garden Tour. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Some of the 12

homes on this year's tour include a stunning renovation to a classic Del Ray rowhouse, new, custom construction, a re-imagined Victorian, an old farmhouse carefully renovated for a young family, an open floor plan highlighted by art and color, and a bungalow updated by its architect owners. This year the proceeds will be donated to the Del Ray Gateway Project and the Nancy Dunning Memorial Garden. Rain or shine. \$30. Tickets can be purchased at www.delraycitizens.org or at the Del Ray Farmers Market.

Write Like A Woman. 1 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Facilitated by poet and author KaNikki Jakarta, Write Like A Woman Networking Workshop welcomes women writers ages 18-100. Each workshop focuses on different writing styles and allows the participants to enhance their own writing skills as well as share pieces for listening or critiques. The meetings are for amateur and professional writers. Every session includes writing exercises and networking. Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to admin@nvfaa.org.

Water's Edge Reception. 2-6 p.m. at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive, Alexandria. The solo exhibit by Christine Lashley, "Water's Edge," explores her fascination with water in more than 40 paintings of fragile watersheds, shorelines, and gardens. The artist will do an art demonstration on Saturday, May 12, from 2-3 p.m., followed by an opening reception from 3-6 p.m. Visit broadwaygalleries.net.

Poetry and Tea, Honoring Mothers Through Poetry. 2:30-4 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605

Cameron St., Alexandria. Enjoy some tea and read a poem that honors your mother or other nurturer. Remember to bring them with you to this one of a kind event. Visit the Office of the Arts' website at www.alexandriava.gov/Arts, email the Poet Laureate at poet@alexandriava.gov, or contact Cheryl Anne Colton at cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov.

Edible Landscaping. 3-4:30 p.m., Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Small Space Gardening: Edible Landscaping – even if space is tight in the yard, edible plants can be incorporated into a garden design. Discuss how to reshape a small yard into a more sustainable landscape, and how to install and maintain new edible plantings. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgaralex@gmail.com.

MAY 12-JUNE 13

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SUNDAY/MAY 13

Mother's Day Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Registration required. Celebrate the special day with afternoon tea and a reading of classic poems about mothers that explore the many aspects of motherhood, from the emotional to the entertaining, the heroic to the humorous. \$45/person. Call 703-

STAYING SAFE TOGETHER

May 18 is Bike to Work Day.
Here are some safety tips to remember.

Sharrows indicate a shared lane for bicycles and cars. Slow down and watch for bicyclists. Motorists may cross the double yellow line to pass when it is safe to do so.

Bike lanes give bicycles their own space, making it safer to pass. Do not drive or park in a bike lane.

When turning right in a car, merge into the dashed bike lane and turn at the curb. Do not merge across solid bike lane.

Join us for the National Bike Challenge - May 1-31
Bike to Work Day - May 18
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NAVY BAND IN CONCERT

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Visit with Dolley Madison. 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. On Mother's Day, First Lady Dolley Madison will be at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Guests tour the museum will be able to have informal conversations with her as Mrs. Madison recalls her experiences with motherhood and public life. Included in the regular museum admission of \$5 per adult, \$3 per child under 12. Special for Mother's Day, all adult women enter for free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

The President's Own Band. 2 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus. Marine Band: Leonard Bernstein Centennial Celebration. Visit www.nvcc.edu.

Mother's Day Tea. 2:30 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Cost is \$45/adult; \$25/child (6-12); children under 5 free. Treat your mother, grandmother, or another special woman to an elegant afternoon tea. Relax in the beautiful setting of the Magnolia Terrace and enjoy personalized tableside service and food catered by Calling Card Events. Registration required; no refunds. Visit www.novaparks.com.

MONDAY/MAY 14

Writing Poetry: Building Bridges. Writing poetry about building bridges. What are the bridges in your life that you notice: bridges in need of repair, bridges that allow you access, bridges that you wish for, bridges that you dream about? Wendi R. Kaplan, Poet Laureate, City of Alexandria invites you to join her for three Mondays in May where poetry can be read and written. RSVP at poet@alexandriava.gov.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

Family Stories in Genealogy. 1-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Board-certified genealogist Chuck Mason will speak on how to handle family stories in the course of your effort to figure out the trust about ancestors. The talk is called "Myths, Fairy Tales, and Stories Grandma Told." Visit www.mvgenealogy.org.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 16

AHA Anniversary Celebration. 2-4 p.m. at the Cameron Club, 200 Cameron Station Blvd. At Home in Alexandria (AHA) invites the community to celebrate seven years of service to the Alexandria community. The event is free and open to the public. Free. Call 703-231-0824 or visit www.athomeinalexandria.org.

Trumpet, Violin, Organ, Piano Concert. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S. Pitt Street, Alexandria. Music will be by composers Cazzati, Gardner, Bach/Vivaldi, Messiaen, Rachmaninov and others. Contact Grant Hellmers at 703-549-3312, grant@stpaulsalexandria.com.

Film Screening: Rosenwald. 7-9:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. In honor of Preservation Month in Alexandria, Preservation Virginia, the Office of Historic Alexandria and the Alexandria Historical Society will host a screening followed by discussion of the film, Rosenwald. This documentary tells the story of how businessman and philanthropist Julius Rosenwald partnered with Booker T. Washington in the early 20th century to construct 5,500 schools in rural African American communities in the South. Admission is free. Refreshments will be



Mathematics in Art

Featuring the work of Mary Ann Robinson and Sylvia Saborio. The beauty of mathematics will be on display: Hyperbolic geometry, fractal art, the golden ratio, the Fibonacci series — all serve as rich sources of inspiration for this theme. Through May 20, gallery hours at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0935 or visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com

available for purchase. On-line registration is required at Shop.Alexadndriava.gov.

FRIDAY/MAY 18

FHP Food Fest. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Featuring food trucks plus face painting, petting zoo, balloon animals, yard games, crafts and more. Entrance: \$5 person, \$20 max per family, and children under 2 are free. Visit www.FortHuntPreschool.com.

Community Celebration and Scholarship Fundraiser. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Howard Gardner School, 4913 Franconia Road. Join The Howard Gardner School community for their annual HGS Community Celebration and Scholarship Fundraiser. The evening's events include a cocktail hour, silent auction, dinner buffet provided by La Prima, live music by The Tyler Rose Band, raffle, door prizes and a live auction finale. Admission is free. Visit hgsauction.weebly.com.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music with the Mount Vernon Swing Band. Open to the community. \$4, at the door. Call 703-765-4573, TTY:711.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 18-20

Spring Wine Festival and Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Hwy., Mount Vernon. Sample wines from Virginia's finest wineries while enjoying views at the estate. Celebrate the history of wine in Virginia with exclusive evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by George and Martha Washington, and a live music. Tickets: \$38-\$48. Visit mountvernon.org.



Untitled by Sylvia Saborio, Macramé necklace.

"Whirlwind" by Mary Ann Robinson, Brioche hand-knit scarf

SATURDAY/MAY 19

The Big Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. More than 40 local garden vendors descend on Green Spring Gardens with beautiful and unusual plants to fill spring gardening needs. Growers and Master Gardeners are on hand to help with plant selections and gardening advice. Proceeds benefit the gardens. FROGS members receive 10 percent off plants in the Garden Gate Plant Shop. Visit www.greenspring.org.

Fort Tours. 10-11:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road. Soldier-led tours of historic Fort Ward will be held in honor of Armed Forces Day. Tours are free, and begin in the Museum. No reservations are required. Tours are weather dependent. Visit www.forward.org or call 703-746-4848.

T&ES Open House. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at 2900 Business Center Drive. Join the City of Alexandria in recognizing the contributions of public works professionals during National Public Works Week. The City's Department of Transportation & Environmental Services (T&ES) will kick off the week by hosting its second annual Open House. This free event will take place rain or shine. Activities will include: Touch-a-Truck; Children's Traffic Garden; Composting Station; and representatives from GO Alex, DASH, Capital Bikeshare, Vision Zero, and Eco-City Clean Waterways will be on hand to talk about these programs and initiatives. Visit alexandriava.gov/TES.

Photography Reception. 2-4 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery, in The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Studio 312, Alexandria. With "Along the Poet's Narrow Road," photographer Fred Zafran returned to Japan in 2016 to photograph along the pilgrimage of Japan's most

famous poet Matsuo Basho. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

"Troubles & Triumphs." 3 p.m. at Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 E. Windsor Ave. *Sopranessence* presents its last show of the 2017-18 season to raise funds and awareness for the Alexandria-based nonprofit, We Will Survive Cancer. "Troubles & Triumphs" is a concert of songs that will take you from the trials and tribulations of everyday life to the triumphs that thrill. Tickets are \$25 at www.sopranessence.org.

Paws for the People: Dog Show. 3-6 p.m. at Market Square in Old Town Alexandria. The Olde Towne School for Dogs and Frolick Dogs Canine Sports Club will sponsor Paws for the People. The event will be comprised of three show rings running concurrently: Obedience, Agility, and The Center Ring. All proceeds benefit the Lazarus Food Pantry of Christ Church Alexandria, a supermarket-style food pantry in Alexandria. Competition slots will be limited; online registration can be found at bit.ly/Paws4thePeople.

Country-Western Dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m.; open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance; a DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. 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.

Navy Band Concert. 7 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive. The United States Navy Band will perform a wide variety of bluegrass and country tunes that follows the band's history throughout the years. Free, open to the public and no tickets are required. Call 202-433-4777 or visit www.navyband.navy.mil.

SUNDAY/MAY 20

Senior Walk. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park near United Way Worldwide Building, 701 North Fairfax St. Help us to get seniors on their feet and walking. The event will raise funding for Alexandria non-profits. Net proceeds benefit United Way of the National Capital Area. \$25. Call 703-539-2549 or visit www.seniorwalk.org.

Classics & Critters: A Celebration of Spring. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The Mount Vernon Flutes, a quartet ensemble from the Mount Vernon Community Band, will perform a seasonal concert with lush melodies, interesting harmonies, and engaging rhythms drawn from a variety of genres. Free. Call 703-548-0035 or visit nvfaa.org.

Photography Exhibit Reception. 2-3:30 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Presented by the Confucius Institute at George Mason University, China in My Eyes offers a window into China today, taken by a diverse group of photographers living in northern Virginia. The exhibit will run through June 24. Free. Call 703-746-1714 or visit alexlibraryva.org.

The Ocean Orchestra in Concert. 7 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Sponsored by FocusMusic, Ocean Orchestra is where ancient ballads meet cutting-edge electronics, where the Bagpipes meet the Beatles, and where fans of all generations and musical tastes can enjoy the same concert. Tickets are \$18 in advance at www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets and for members, \$20 at the door.

MONDAY/MAY 21

Writing Poetry: Poetry about Diversity. Celebrate the richness and importance of diversity; address the issues of race, culture, sexual orientation, and other topics of diversity through poetry. Wendi R. Kaplan, Poet Laureate, City of Alexandria invites you to join her for three Mondays in May where poetry can be read and written. RSVP at poet@alexandriava.gov.

Garden Buds. 10-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. For ages 2-3. Meet in the Children's Discovery Garden one Monday a month. Children enjoy different sensory materials out in the garden, rain or shine. Cost is \$5/child. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 290 202 8602 or call 703-642-5173. Visit www.greenspring.org.

TUESDAY/MAY 22

Twilight & Tipple Tuesday Tours. 6-9 p.m. at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. A rare opportunity to experience Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House by twilight. This tour is a chance to see one of Wright's houses illuminated against a night sky, bring a new dimension and radiance to the typical tour experience. Grab a drink, included in the price of the ticket, and take an informative and fun guided tour with plenty of time to take stunning photos. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org.

MAY 22-JUNE 24

Doubling Up Show. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily at The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. The theme focuses on duality, as in the use of two or more techniques in one piece or work created collaboratively with another gallery artist. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors.

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 23

Lecture: Exploring the Covert Capital.

7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St. The Alexandria Historical Society and the Office of Historic Alexandria present Dr. Andrew Friedman's Covert Capital. Learn how U.S. foreign policy following World War II played out in the suburbs of northern Virginia, which furnished cover for clandestine activity. \$5 for non-members, and free to members of the Alexandria Historical Society. Memberships can be purchased at the door. Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 24

Getaway to River Farm and Mount Vernon.

9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Meets at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Cost is \$98. Includes motor coach, admission and lunch. Visit the home and gardens of the American Horticultural Society at River Farm. Tour the gardens and enjoy a picnic lunch. Then visit George Washington's Mount Vernon to tour the mansion and the gardens followed by a sightseeing cruise on the Potomac River. Visit www.greenspring.org.

Garden Tour and Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Tour the springtime demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent telling stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English tea. Programs are by reservation only. \$32/person. Call 703-941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988. Visit www.greenspring.org.

Celebrate Mount Vernon At Home.

4:30-7 p.m. at George Washington's River Farm, American Horticultural Society, 7931 East Blvd. 10th annual gala celebration for Mount Vernon At Home honors Executive Director Barbara Sullivan who will be moving out of the area. Gala features food, entertainment, silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$75, available at www.mountvernonathome.org.

MAY 25-JULY 15

Caroline Hatfield: Unearthing.

At Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Growing up in a Southern Appalachian coal mining community, the subjects involving environmentalism and land use have a lot of personal significance to Hatfield and she recalls the region's ironic juxtaposition of protected wilderness and mined land as a major influence on her work. Hatfield's work explores concepts of utopia and science fiction through the experience of sites, landscape, and materiality in her interdisciplinary practice. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 27

An Afternoon with Good Queen Bess.

1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Actress Mary Ann Jung gives a performance as Queen Elizabeth I, the monarch who presided over England's Golden Age from 1558 to 1603. Setting aside politics, Good Queen Bess demonstrates the lighthearted aspects of the Elizabethan court, including food, fashion, manners and dance. Programs are by reservation only. \$45/person. Call 703-941-



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AHA Board Chair Jane King and Alexandria artist Carol Siegel at the 6th Anniversary Celebration in May 2017 held at the Cameron Club.

AHA Anniversary Celebration

At Home in Alexandria (AHA) invites the community to celebrate seven years of service to the Alexandria community. The event is free and open to the public. The theme of the party will be "Music for Life" and will feature live music by AHA member Lynn Falk and her mandolin group, as well as a discussion with violinist Jennifer Wade and retired music teacher Jane White about the value of music throughout the lifespan. Wednesday, May 16, 2-4 p.m. at the Cameron Club, 200 Cameron Station Blvd. Free. Call 703-231-0824 or visit www.athomeinalexandria.org.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 2

Writer's Workshop.

9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Led by author Sheila Moses. Learn to tell a good story, what publishers look for in a new author and how to make story ideas a reality.

Continental breakfast and snacks provided; bring lunch. Cost is \$75 which must be paid online by May 31 at shop.alexandriava.gov. Call 703-746-4356.

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Sports



Third baseman Jennavieve Miller, left, and shortstop Katie Jo Moery are two of the West Potomac softball team's top producers.



West Potomac pitcher Annabelle Bates threw two shutout innings on Monday against T.C. Williams.

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New Coach, New District, Continued Winning

WPHS softball eyes consecutive district titles.

By Jon Roetman
The Gazette

A new head coach and a new district haven't stopped the West Potomac softball team from experiencing success. One year after winning the Patriot Conference championship in then-head coach Craig Maniglia's final season, the Wolverines find themselves in position to compete for another title under a different set of circumstances.

Kara Davis, former West Potomac JV head coach and varsity assistant, is now head coach of the varsity squad, which is part of the new Gunston District. While some of the details — and several of the players — have changed, the winning has continued for the Wolverines, who improved to 6-1 in district play with a 14-4, five-inning victory over T.C. Williams on Monday at West Potomac High School.

The Wolverines batting order included six players who were freshmen or sophomores. That didn't stop West Potomac from exploding for nine runs in the first inning and cruising to victory.

"I think overall they came [into the season with a] high [level of] confidence — and with this game, confidence is key," Davis said. "We are a very young team and we have a lot of our starters that weren't here last year, so I think it's kind of a battle between knowing where we came from and knowing what we can do for the future."

Freshman leadoff hitter Katie Jo Moery's performance Monday gave West Potomac fans reason for optimism not only for this

season, but for the remaining three years of her high school career. The middle infielder went 2-for-3 with three RBIs, including a solo home run to lead off the bottom of the fourth inning.

"It was high, inside, [in] my wheelhouse — that's usually where I hit it," Moery said of the pitch she deposited over the fence in right-center. "Luckily, she gave it to me."

Moery played second base for most of the season but recently moved to shortstop. Davis, who played college softball at George Mason, praised No. 21's versatility and softball IQ.

"Any freshman coming in and being as talented as she is, it's difficult to know your place because you belong, obviously, but you don't want to step [on] anyone's toes being a freshman," Davis said. "But with her, she brings in a level of talent as a freshman that you just don't see that often."

Fellow freshmen Asia Reeves and Trystany Urdininea also had big games for West Potomac. Reeves went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and an RBI, and Urdininea finished 2-for-2 with a triple and an RBI.

"I wasn't really sure what we had coming in," Davis said. "... I had no idea that our freshman class coming in this year was as stacked as they are so it's very exciting to know that we have three, four years ahead of just pure talent."

Not every Wolverine is a newcomer, however.

Sophomore pitcher Claire Davidson was the MVP of last season's Patriot Conference tournament but has been battling a back injury of late, Davis said. Junior Annabelle Bates started in the circle on Monday, pitching two scoreless innings.

Junior infielder Jennavieve Miller is in her third varsity season and was a member of last year's all-tournament team. Miller played shortstop for most of the year before recently moving to third base. On Mon-

day, she went 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs.

Miller said last season's run to a conference championship, which included a victory over Patriot power Lake Braddock in the tournament semifinals, was a confidence boost and the team is looking forward to the next challenge.

"It was amazing," Miller said. "... We finally beat Lake Braddock, we beat West Springfield, we got the championship, so what's next?"

Last year's Patriot Conference title was West Potomac's first conference/district

crown since 2005. With the Gunston District tournament approaching, the Wolverines have their sights set bringing home a second straight championship.

"I would very much like to win the [district] — it's kind of my big ... goal," Davis said. "Overall, I think we are very, very talented and I think they need to see that. I think it's hard being young, because in the back of their mind they always think, 'I have another year, I have another year.' If they can just capitalize on the talent they have now and then use that going forward, they're going to be hard to beat."



Pirates

Browne Academy's Advanced Handbells Ensemble participated in the Washington Independent Schools Handbell (WISH) Festival, held at Landon School in Bethesda on April 30. The event brought together middle and high school handbell groups from the Washington area for a day of performance and collaboration. Browne's ensemble, consisting of 15 6th-8th graders, performed "Pirates of the Caribbean," with music teacher Brittany Brandt conducting.

Sports



Photos by Lauren Colunga

2017 FHLL Seniors team — winners of Virginia State Championship.

Fort Hunt LL's Opening Day

From Page 3
mending Resolution recognizing 2017 as the most successful season in the Fort Hunt Little League's history with its 10Us, Majors, Intermediate and Seniors teams winning Virginia Little League District 9 Championships and with the Majors and Seniors teams both moving on to clinch the Virginia State Championship in their divisions.

Larry Gray accepted the FHLL Lifetime Sponsor Award on behalf of his local hardware store, Village Hardware. Village Hardware opened its doors in

1979 and sponsored Fort Hunt Little League that year and every year since with over \$1,500 contributed each year.

"We were proud to kick off our 62 years of Fort Hunt Little League with our opening day ceremony and have been celebrating local baseball for boys and girls ever since," said Barry Meuse, president, Fort Hunt Little League board of directors.

"With almost 600 kids on 54 teams supported by more than 200 volunteers, this is what Little League is all about."



Larry Gray, owner of Village Hardware, accepts the FHLL Lifetime Sponsor Award from Barry Meuse, FHLL president.



Mike Lewan (left), previously FHLL president and starting his 27th year as a FHLL umpire, and Rene Belanger, long-time FHLL manager and volunteer and currently general manager West Potomac Baseball.

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Still Haven't Seen the Light



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Wow!. I just saved "Up to \$504 ** " (not including the two asterisks), and all I did was buy a six pack of LED light bulbs. So it says on the package anyway.

Maybe I should buy another six-pack and save even more money? There are only two problems (just two?) with this plan. First, I don't see a rebate-type form to complete and return and; in lieu there of, neither is there a guarantee, considering my health situation, that I'll even live long enough ("Lasts 13+ Years") to realize the benefit/savings of not spending additional money on light bulbs. (Are they even called light bulbs any more? I don't see it printed on the package anywhere.)

And while I'll definitely enjoy not spending money on light bulbs – or whatever they're called, I won't enjoy wondering if I've now spent money on light bulbs that I don't actually need and/or likely will never even use. I mean, I have previously – because as a country/consumer we've had no other choice, given that the incandescent light bulb ship has sailed – bought replacement light bulbs. I don't remember however, if the bulbs were LED, Halogen, Incandescent, CFL, Fluorescent or who knows what? Literally. Certainly not me.

My only light-bulb-related talent is screwing them into the fixture as I've written about previously. (Do you remember I called myself "Taurus Bulba"?). In fact, I may very well have already installed light bulbs that are going to last for years so it's possible there isn't even a need to allocate dollars and sense to bulb inventory – or even to write this column.

I suppose that if I'm serious and/or inclined to shine a light on this problem, I need to get organized, either on my computer or in pen in a notebook (Sort of like how my wife's Italian grandfather, Cesare, did regarding Christmas cards. He had years of notebooks with names listed with boxes alongside, checked or not, for cards sent and/or received) to identify which lights/fixtures have which kind of light bulbs so I'll know whether it's likely I'll actually need to spend money on replacement light bulbs.

If the light bulbs really are going to "Last 13+ years," (as is also printed on the package) then I might not need to buy them any more, for awhile, anyway. As a result, light bulbs will no longer be a regular purchase like toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, etc. Instead, they will become an irregular purchase like batteries, sponges and the like.

Now, if I really can stop this unnecessary light-bulb-redundancy, I should have a few extra dollars that I can allocate elsewhere on real necessities – like candy, cookies and ice cream.

Having sorted out the light bulb task ahead of me; in addition to saving money, I will have saved time as well. And who wouldn't want to save time and money? Everybody. However, saving it in this excruciatingly boring/mundane manner has limited appeal, I would guess.

But, we're not just saving pennies here; potentially, according to the light bulb's packaging, we are apparently saving hundreds of dollars, and hundreds are worth saving.

Unfortunately, the dollars saved are not exactly in-pocket. They're more dollars which won't be spent out-of-pocket. Not as direct as a rebate, but more like an indirect benefit such as money saved from the installation of energy-efficient windows or placing insulation in your attic.

Either way, it's money not in somebody else's pocket. I just wish the manufacturers could figure out a way to pay me today, especially since I paid them yesterday.

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News

Upgrades

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bond that voters approved.

The equipment is dated, the rooms are small, the pool needs a new filter system, the dressing areas are in need of updating, and the parking needs a total redesign. Built on a hillside off Belle View Boulevard between Richmond Highway and the Potomac River, the parking lot and entrance are major concerns to everyone involved. There are three levels of parking which can be quite a walk from the top parking level to the center. "Too many stairs," said Inman.

The plan is divided into Phase I, II and III, just as many large construction projects are. The \$20 million is just for Phase I, which would involve a new entrance, modern health and fitness rooms, updated locker rooms, and pool renovations with new plumbing and filtering additions. The "gang" showers, as one member of the audience called them, would be replaced. Glass panels would be used in many places, similar to the library which is right down the hill.

"Is the glass 'bird safe' asked one woman. Some chuckled but it was a serious question acknowledged Inman.

James W. Ritter was from Ritter Norton Architects, the firm also involved with the library construction nearby. The parking and entrance from both sides — Fort Hunt Road and Belle View Boulevard — are points of contention. "The biggest problem we have is the grade differential," Ritter said.

But Phase I only goes so far. In Phase II, which has only been funded for design, will encompass a second ice rink and relocating the parking lot entrance, and possibly add another entrance off Belle View Boulevard. It will not move forward until another bond is in place. "We're real early," said Inman, trying to quell any additional expectations from the audience. Construction is scheduled to start in 2020 and be completed in 2022.

For the Steimans, a hockey family that hauls skating equipment up a few staircases to their car, any talk of a second rink is good. "I think it's awesome," said Sam Steiman, while his son Joe pointed out that "most of the other clubs have two rinks, in Reston and Ashburn," he said.

Timeline

Milestone Schedule

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Kickoff Meeting | Jul/2017 |
| Concept Masterplan Meeting | Sept/2017 |
| Concept Options Meeting | Nov/2017 |
| Final Concept Design | Jan/2018 |
| FCPA Director & Supervisor Mtgs. | Feb-Mar/2018 |
| PAB Info Item | Apr/2018 |
| Citizen Meeting | May/2018 |
| Schematic Design Documents | Jul/2018 |
| PAB Scope Item | Sept/2018 |
| Design Development Documents | Nov/2018 |
| Citizen Meeting | Dec/2018 |
| 50% Construction Documents | Mar/2019 |
| 80% Construction Documents | May/2019 |
| 100% Construction Documents | Jul/2019 |
| Obtain Permits | Dec/2019 |
| Bid Project | Dec/2019 |
| Start Construction* | Feb/2020 |
| Final Completion for Phase I | Jul/2022 |

* Phased construction: New and updated spaces open as completed.

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JUST LISTED!



4118 Robertson Blvd
\$575,000
Classic Colonial!

Classic three level Colonial with 4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths and garage. Special features include: 4 Bedrooms on upper level. Master suite with dressing area and ample closet space, living room with wood burning fireplace, hardwoods on main two levels, basement with wet bar and full bath, 1 car garage. Hard to find three level colonial in prime Mt. Vernon location for under \$600k!

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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!



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, incredible pool, all bathrooms updated including stunning master bath and closet. Don't miss this one!

NEW PRICE!



8708 Sudbury Dr.
\$580,000
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!

CONTRACT



4800 Tarpon Ln.
\$555,000
Pristine Condition!

Unique opportunity! Two level brick home with many features on magnificent 1/2 acre lot. Just steps from River and Yacht Club. Special features include: open floor plan, thermal windows, hardwood floors, updated kitchen & baths, sun room, deck, and garage. All this for what you would expect to pay for just the lot!

CONTRACT IN 1st WEEKEND!



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!

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